

PERSPECTIVE

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by Matt Geiger, Editor



Strange beasts

The central teaching of Taoism is “Wu Wei.” It translates to “non-action” or “effortless action.” It is a great religious and philosophical principle for lazy people such as me.

We live in a culture that worships work and ambition far more than it should, tricking generations of people into thinking the best way to spend the short time they are gifted is by sitting in an office or trying to sell unnecessary things to unhappy people. We are nearly always governed by people whose primary belief is that of cancer; to grow and grow and grow for the sake of growth alone. To always *do* and never stop and think. They want more of everything, never content with the current state of things. The kind of people who look at a deer grazing in a verdant field or an owl perched in a stand of trees and think, “I should really turn that into a shopping center or housing development.” The type of

people who want to get rid of every strange beast that walks among us.

In truth, there is sometimes merit to inaction. Sometimes doing nothing is the most enjoyable, or the most ethical course of action. There was one study that proved how much smarter wolves are than dogs. Researchers put a chunk of juicy meat inside a box, but they made the container impossible to open. The dogs in the experiment spent hours trying to open the vessel, burning countless calories and exhausting themselves in a completely pointless pursuit of a meal they could never have. The wolves, whose brains are 25 percent larger than those of the average dog, quickly realized that giving up and taking a nap was the wisest course of action. They barely burned any calories, and they didn’t drive themselves mad with desire. They were enlightened enough to know that not every chore is worth doing. Not every task must be completed. Every box can’t be opened. Every patch of wilderness shouldn’t be plowed under

to make way for pavement. Not all work is inherently good or meaningful or productive. We modern people are deluded into thinking that working, even when we are doing meaningless or even harmful tasks, makes us useful and good.

The sage Chuang Tzu told the story of the crooked old tree. A carpenter chose not to chop it down because any boat made from it would sink, any coffin would rot, any bowls would break. The carpenter dismissed the tree as useless, he did nothing, and there it stood, for years and years, offering its wonderful shade to anyone who needed it. By doing nothing, by not chopping down the tree, he had done something wonderful for generations of people.

A few years ago, we signed our daughter up for soccer. She went to a few practices, then they had their first game. Every time the coach put her in, she immediately (and I do mean instantly) raised her hand to be subbed out. Then, she would sit on the sideline and play with the grass while joking with an equally uninspired friend. I remember being secretly pleased with her lack of urgency, happy she didn’t buy into the idea that trying hard is always good in every scenario. If you always “give 110 percent” you will have nothing left when something important shows

up and actually needs doing. She was like that with everything.

Then, a few years later, she started riding horses, and last year we bought an untrained adolescent, red dun stallion called “Turbo.” In the year since then, he has been gelded (sorry, Turbo), and (mostly) trained, and now she rides him every day. In the blazing heat. In the freezing cold. In the pouring rain.

One night, not long ago, they had one of those nights when nothing works. Things had been going well, and suddenly this human child and the 800-pound young horse she rode completely fell apart. Every simple movement was a struggle. Suddenly, even maneuvering around a barrel seemed impossible. The hours wore on. And then the sky opened up and it started to pour; a heavy, late-summer rain. We adults huddled with the other horses under a metal shelter, on which the heaven-sent water hammered, drowning out all sounds.

Hadley had been bucked off her horse a few weeks earlier. When that happened, she climbed back in the saddle before she was even finished crying, weeping as she got right back to work and running across the sand of the rural arena. But on this night, it wasn’t physical pain she was grappling with. It was something much worse, something mental. At one point I did something I hardly ever do, which was to snap at her, frustrated by her frustration, and of course only adding to it. As the storm continued, I felt guilty for my short fuse and walked out through the storm to her.

“It’s okay,” I said. “You can get off and try again to-

morrow. You have years to figure this stuff out.”

With that, this little girl, the same one who would rather play in the grass than play five minutes of soccer, flew into the most beautiful and terrifying rage.

“Are you serious?!!” she asked in the most sincere astonishment. “I’m not getting down until we get this!”

And with that she loped away, soaking wet, her body and that of a massive beast cutting a strange and ancient figure through the evening rain.

I walked back to my wife and took refuge from the meteorological and emotional storms that raged a hundred yards away.

“She says she’s not getting down,” I reported. “Maybe ever.”

A while later, they were flying into the arena, running the barrel pattern, both of them soaked in sweat and rain. It wasn’t perfect, but they had crossed whatever invisible barrier she knew they needed to cross. She ended up sleeping in a bed, and not on the back of her horse, that night. And the next day she was on him again. Every day, they work together. They quarrel. They play. Sometimes she practices barrel racing. Sometimes she ropes a wooden steer dummy, or ropes me (a dummy made of flesh and bone). Sometimes she unfurls a massive flag and rides around the arena holding it, its colors flowing in the wind they summon when they run together. Sometimes she simply sits on him and talks to him. Sometimes she crawls under him, or slides on and off his back in every conceivable way, getting him used to strange and new things. Sometimes she clambers down and pre-

tends to die, crumpling to the ground and lying motionless, then laughs when he walks over and nibbles on her to make sure she is still among the living. She recently got cap guns so she can teach him not to be afraid of loud noises. Sometimes she and her friends trail ride, walking through the perfect Wisconsin woods that have somehow escaped the insatiable appetite of the bulldozers. The horses’ hooves picking their way up hills and across ravines, they ride on. Sometimes they blast music and gallop their horses across a recently-cut hayfield, muscles created by millions of years outrunning cave lions and dire wolves bulging as the horses surge forward and young children yell out with carefree, atavistic voices that can only be heard in rural places.

In those moments, there is no work taking place. There is no effort at all. For little girl and rider alike, it is effortless action. It is Wu Wei. It is life as it should be. It is why we are here. Not for work, but for this.

Some boxes can never be opened. Some meals can never be had. My advice, to my daughter, myself, and you as well, is to consider not trying. To try giving up. To consider the innumerable merits of non-action. Most of the time. And then, when you find something you love, something that is *not* work, use all that you have saved, your own personal store of humanity and feeling, and pour yourself into it with the force of a thousand summer rainstorms, like the thundering of a horse’s hooves on an ancient earth once trod by hyenas and mammoths and every manner of strange beast.



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By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Sept. 12, 1884

The News has in course of preparation a sketch from real life which will be published in its columns this fall or winter.

The telephone line recently erected suffered a collapse a few days since, whether from the forces of nature or human hands is not known.

H. Rubens met with bad luck the other night by having his horse, pigs and chickens killed by lightning and by hard work he saved his stables from ruin by fire. He had no insurance.

Well, boys, take a word of caution when you go to Madison to a political convention. Leave your wallet and purse at home, even if there is no one home but the cat, or you may be minus them when you return, as two well-to-do farmers near here were relieved of theirs last week in Madison.

Matthew Carden, the young man who was run over by the handcar in July, is doing well. He is able to be out and around most as well as ever, but has not gone to work again as yet.

John Lindstrom, an old and peaceable man residing with his son, Chas. Lindstrom, half-mile south of here, was shamefully maltreated Saturday evening, by a young smart aleck, whose name we don't want to see in print. After the cowardly crime was committed he fled to parts unknown. The case is left in the hands of the county judge. The deputy sheriff was here on Monday trying to find a clue to his whereabouts. It is hoped by all knowing the circumstances that the officer will get his grip on the rascal.

120 Years Ago- Sept. 8, 1904

The High School enters upon its second year with some over 65 students enrolled and a number more expected. This is rather more than was expected, and of course gratifying.

Mesdames T. G. Lingard and J. T. Dahle left Sunday evening for Milwaukee, to meet their respective worse

halves, who have been sojourning east on a recreation outing, and after a few days stay at the state metropolis taking in the state fair and other attractions, will return home together.

At the last monthly meeting of the fire department it was decided to give a spread at the village hall to the members of the village board, including the clerk, this in appreciation of the procurance of the fine hose cart which on this occasion will be christened by the president of the village board, the name decided on by a vote of the department being Lou Dillon, after the fastest horse in the world. The event will take place next Saturday evening and pleasant time is expected.

Improved appearance is noticeable by enlarging of the porch, new cement sidewalks and general improvements all around. Our people are not inclined to let matters rest after completing fine residences, but strive to make improvements to keep up the fine appearance for which our town is noted.

110 Years Ago- Sept. 10, 1914

High school started Monday. The enrollment has about reached the 100 mark and several more to come.

Clarence Finke and family moved into their new and cozy home on Park Drive Tuesday, where we hope they will long live and prosper.

A fountain pen was lost near the M.E. Church Tuesday and the owner would be pleased if the finder would kindly leave same at the newspaper office.

Our car of pears is on the track now and the price is \$1.15 per bushel. We expect a carload of peaches, plums, grapes, apples, watermelons and other fruit and the price will be the lowest of the season.

Miss Kari Moen has been quite sick this week, but is on the gain. She is taken

care of by her daughter, Mrs. Helmer Johnson who was here for a visit and was obliged to prolong her stay on account of the serious condition of her mother.

School started Monday with enrollment, and actual work commenced Tuesday morning. It is cheerful to behold the children hustling away to school. Sad indeed it would be if, as in many a country in the old world, the school bells are silent and the school houses are riddled with shot and shell. Indeed we have much for which to be thankful and glad.

The auto outing Monday was a grand affair. Over fifty auto loads from Mount Horeb and surrounding territory made up the scattering procession to Middleton, avoiding as much as possible in running close together on account of the dust. The main objective of the trip was to inspect the new condensing plant, which is a mammoth affair, and it is quite interesting to see the different machines in operation and watch the little tin cans from the time they leave the big bin through the different processes until they are filled and labeled, all done by machinery, ready for the market.

100 Years Ago- Sept. 16, 1924

Twenty-nine men turned out the first week of school to contend for honors representing Mount Horeb on the gridiron this year. Although four lettermen from the 1923 squad will form the nucleus, is not a great number, but when they are four tried veterans like captain Harold Fosshage; tackle, Pat Kelliher; halfback, Archie Paulson; and Clayton Garfoot, the flashy sophomore guard, coach Weinbergen has little to worry about.

Mount Horeb now has a noon whistle as the fire siren will be sounded each noon hereafter, provided that the street commissioner can be at the city hall at noon.

The Mount Horeb "La-Follette For President" Club has been steadily growing in membership until there are over 200 members.

90 Years Ago- Sept. 13, 1934

A new box of traveling library books has come to the Public Library.

J.L. Murphy, town of Cross Plains farmer, died Saturday at a Madison hospital at the age of 46 years as a result of injuries he received when his car struck the side of a train near Mazomanie Tuesday of last week.

Prof. Lewis of Reedsburg and the class of 1921 enjoyed a banquet at Berge's Restaurant Sunday.

Olson's Restaurant & Bakery special for Saturday is one dozen fried donuts for 15¢.

80 Years Ago- Sept. 14, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Christopher received a letter from their son, Sgt. Glenn E. Christopher, that he had arrived safely in New Guinea.

Ray Bakken announces the following real estate transfers; the John Gerber farm at Mount Vernon was sold to Christopher Prest-broten; the Orville Berg residence to Corella Hermann; the Joseph Weinberg house and warehouse to John Ulrich; and the Iver Overland house in Mount Vernon to Gottfried Uren.

S/Sgt. Forest Johnson has been transferred from New Guinea to some island in the Pacific.

Jorgen Moe, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce is crying the blues about the 1944 Wisconsin Blue Book as Mt. Horeb was omitted from the list of Wisconsin cities and villages in the current Blue Book, an official state publication.

Nona Way, a member of the WAVES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Way, became the bride of T. Sgt. Arthur Hagen Aug. 31.

70 Years Ago- Sept. 16, 1954

Nora Lee was the winner in the Hereford Steer Naming Contest at the Fall

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A total of 396 ballots were cast here on Tuesday at the Primary Election.

Dr. and Mrs. C.S. Gonstead will entertain at a Republican Tea on Thursday, Sept. 23, in honor of the Dane County Republican candidates.

60 Years Ago- Sept. 10, 1964

The Board of Directors of the State Bank of Mount Horeb has recently given approval to purchase the building currently occupied by Anderson's Grocery. The building will probably be torn down and used for customer parking.

Your new Avon representative for Blue Mounds Township is Eleanora Mieden.

Patricia Monserrat del Castillo Alzarora of Ecuador, Mount Horeb's first American Field Services student has begun studies at Mount Horeb High School. She will make her home at the Wesley Bakkens.

40 Years Ago- Sept. 13, 1984

Mildred E. Collins, age 79, Mount Horeb, died on Sept. 1, 1984, at the Ingle-side Nursing Home, where she had been a resident since December 1983.

Kevin Chapman entered the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., July 6 and has completed Basic Training.

James (Bebe) Brunner and Beverly J. Parrell will

be married on Friday, Sept. 28 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Cross Plains.

30 Years Ago- Sept. 15, 1994

Pilots who hangar their airplanes at the Gonstead airstrip have received registered letters from airstrip's owner, developer Terry Monson, notifying them that on Oct. 1 he is closing the airstrip and they will have to remove their planes. At a Plan Commission meeting in February, 1993, Monson said that if he was denied the rezoning, he would close the airstrip. He said, "If I can't develop it, I will let it sit. The airport won't give you much of a tax base just sitting there."

Joseph R. Schmitz, age 73, Pine Buff, died on Monday, Sept. 12, 1994 at a Madison hospital. He was owner and operator of Schmitz's Bar for over 50 years.

A daughter, Alyssa Kay Lokken, was born to Tracey Lokken and Albert Sutter on Tuesday, August 30, at Meriter Hospital.

20 Years Ago- Sept. 9, 2004

The Evangelical Lutheran Church family of Mount Horeb is pleased to introduce and welcome Jim Ranney to the community. Jim began the new position of Director of Youth and Family Ministry Aug. 23.

The 2004 Mount Horeb Ladies Golf Tournament winners at the Norsk were, Joanne Fischl, Shirley Keller and Mary Atkins.

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Pocan vastly outraising challenger in rematch

By Maggie Zale
The Badger Project

Mark Pocan was elected to represent Wisconsin’s 2nd Congressional District — which includes Madison, Dane County and the surrounding areas — in 2012 after serving 14 years in the Wisconsin State Assembly. The Democratic incumbent sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which oversees government spending, and has subcommittee assignments to Financial Services and General Government; Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. He also has a leadership position in the Congressional Progressive Caucus, a group of left-wing politicians in the House.

Olsen is a property rights attorney from Madison. The openly pro-Trump candidate’s platform stresses the

importance of protecting the 2nd Amendment and ensuring neighborhood safety. His website also says that he will fight for “world peace” and “combat the deep state.”

In the August primary, Olsen faced Charity Barry, a Madison business owner and won with 56 percent of the vote to move on to the general election.

Barry actually outraised Olsen with about \$120,000 to his \$80,000 in the runup to the primary.

Now, Olsen faces an uphill battle against Pocan in a deep blue district that Democrats have held since 1999.

This is the second time Olsen has run against Pocan. In 2022, the Republican candidate lost with about 27 percent of the popular vote, while Pocan won with 71 percent.

Olsen is far behind Pocan in fundraising. Pocan is sit-



Democratic Rep. Mark Pocan (left) holds a significant fundraising advantage over longshot Republican opponent Erik Olsen (right).

ting on about \$870,000, while Olsen only has about \$12,000 on hand, according to their most recent reports to the Federal Elections Commission.

Donations to candidates for federal offices from individuals are capped at \$3,300 per election, so a person can give a candidate for Congress a max of \$6,600 per election cycle, as it includes

donations from Darrell Lee Marquis of Peoria, Illinois, Joseph Alexander of Madison, Joel Rogers of Madison, Nicholas Alexander of Monona, Hope Harrington of Washington, D.C. and Nelson Helm of Louisville, Kentucky.

Additionally, the Service Employees International Union, American Federation of State/County/Municipal Employees, American Federation of Teachers, Communications Workers of America, NTCA/Rural Broadband Association, Sheet Metal, Air Rail & Transportation Union and Transport Workers Union have all donated the maximum of \$10,000 to Pocan this year, according to Open Secrets.

Pocan has a mortgage on his house in Black Earth and on his Washington D.C. condo, according to his fi-

nancial disclosure statement that all federal candidates must file. The incumbent also owns the printing company Budget Signs and Specialties in Monona and makes between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 from the sign business annually.

Meanwhile, Olsen’s largest donations of the 2024 election cycle included \$2,800 from Laurie Clapp of Cedarburg, \$2,700 Alan Clapp of Cedarburg, \$2,000 from William Nasgovitz of Milwaukee and a \$1,500 donation from Jon Aleckson of Mount Horeb, according to Open Secrets. Olsen owns 18 rental properties in Rock County and two in Dane County, according to his 2024 financial disclosure report.

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Mount Horeb man pleads guilty to sexual assault

By Kevin Murphy
Mount Horeb Mail

MADISON – A Mount Horeb man was sentenced last Monday in Dane County Circuit Court to 18 months’ probation after pleading guilty to misdemeanor Fourth-Degree Sexual Assault.

According to the criminal complaint:

Last February, Charles H. Steinhauer, 74, asked a woman to help him put on his coat while in the bar at the Norske Golf Club. The woman thought the request was odd but agreed, thinking that he may need assistance since he is an older

man.

While this was occurring, Steinhauer reached down and sexually assaulted her. The victim pushed Steinhauer away and yelled something at the bartender, who told Steinhauer to leave. While he was touching her, Steinhauer said something like, “sorry if that offended you,” according to the victim. The woman reported the incident to the Mount Horeb police and he was subsequently charged with the misdemeanor assault and disorderly conduct offenses.

After Judge David Conway accepted Steinhauer’s guilty plea, the victim told the court that Steinhauer’s groping was “gross” and it “deeply offended” her.

“Our village has had enough” of Steinhauer’s

groping, she said.

“You’ve gotten away with it too many times and you know it,” she added.

“I’m standing up for the other victims,” she said.

No one asked for the unwelcomed intimate contact and Steinhauer “needs to be held accountable for his actions,” she said.

Assistant District Attorney Lillian Nelson asked Conway for a sentence of 90 days in jail but stayed if he successfully completes 18 months of probation. She also asked that he be put on the Sex Offender Registry.

Steinhauer’s attorney, Michael Short, objected only to the sex registry request saying the statute is “convoluted” and at his age, Steinhauer is “highly unlikely” to reoffend.

After checking the statutes, Conway said that

being placed on the sex offender registry, which has a 15-year reporting requirement, doesn’t apply to a Fourth-Degree Sexual Assault offense.

Word of the February incident has made Steinhauer “ashamed” and “a shut-in embarrassed by this,” he said. Short also doubted the credibility and motivation of others who alleged his client has taken liberties with them.

Steinhauer worked for Dane County for 18 years and has been a volunteer firefighter for more than 30 years, Short said. Being in a bar and possibly consuming alcohol may have contributed to his offense, but since then, Steinhauer hasn’t had any alcohol, Short said.

Steinhauer was charged with Fourth-Degree Sexual Assault in 2012 and was

ready to go to trial then but didn’t when the state agreed to allow him to plead guilty to misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct, Short added.

“I’m deeply sorry and if I could I’d take it back. It will never happen again,” Steinhauer told the court.

Conway said he didn’t know if Steinhauer had a mental health issue or what caused him to touch people inappropriately.

“Being in a bar and consuming alcohol isn’t an excuse...This affected [the victim] significantly. It’s gross, it’s an assault...and since you’ve been charged with this before it’s forming a pattern,” the judge said.

Conway said he was sentencing Steinhauer to 120 days in jail but stayed imposing it if he successfully completes probation. The judge wanted Steinhauer to know that there would be

unpleasant consequences if he doesn’t complete the treatment that probation officials want him to undergo.

Steinhauer is prohibited from any contact with the victim and her family, being in any bar, liquor store or restaurant that serves alcohol and can neither possess or consume alcohol while on probation.

Maximum penalties for Fourth-Degree Sexual Assault is one year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

“I was pleased that he plead[ed] guilty and took responsibility for what he did,” said the victim following the decision. “I’m also glad that he’ll be held accountable under his terms of his probation for the next 18 months. But most of all, I hope he never preys on another member of our community again.”

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Helwig Auto Clinic's hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 29.

Chamber holds ribbon cutting for Helwig Auto Clinic

The Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce was excited to celebrate Helwig Auto Clinic's newly renovated space with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 29th. This event marked a significant milestone for the locally-owned and operated service center, which has been serving the community since 2001.

National Construction and JG Development collaborated on the remodeling of approximately 1,700 square feet for Helwig Auto Clinic. The renovation included a new configuration of office and customer service areas, featuring plumbing, new interior and exterior doors, windows, new metal siding,

electrical upgrades, HVAC, insulation, flooring, drywall, and paint. This renovation reflects Helwig Auto's commitment to enhancing its facilities and improving the customer experience.

The ceremony was attended by local business owners, community members, and loyal customers. Attendees enjoyed a tour

of the newly updated facility and refreshments, showcasing Helwig Auto's commitment to quality and excellence in automotive service.

In addition to the renovation, Steve, the driving force behind Helwig Auto, is also celebrating 23 years in business this September.



FDMH welcomes new interns

The school year is starting and FDMH welcomes four new interns to the FDMH family. Pictured from left to right are Devin Vivian, Clare Sehmer, Michael Curtis and Noah Winter.

This brings the total interns to six. These four all have taken part in the NextGen program for high school students to get a head start on college and being able to learn-fire fighting skills. Curtis was also part of FDMH's Student Volunteer program. The six interns will play a key role in helping with staffing on both the fire and EMS for the district. They are given room and board and paid a monthly stipend based on certifications and given some money for tuition at MATC.

"Our intern program has been very successful in helping find jobs all over the US. Many of them here in southern Wisconsin. We are lucky enough to have 8 past interns-stay with FDMH as full-time and or volunteers. Our high school program, call FDMH Student Volunteers currently has given us 10 members that have stayed volunteering with FDMH," said Eric Brinkmann. "FDMH is hosting a Entry Level Fire Fighter class starting September 18. Please reach out to FDMH at 608-437-5571 or contact Madison College via their web page for more information."

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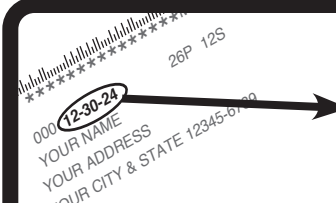
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Black Hawk War, Its Aftermath and Legacy, Sunday Speaker Series, Part 2. "A New History of the Black Hawk War: Ho-Chunk Peacekeeping in 1832," presented by Dr. Libby Tronnes, at Driftless Historium, at 2:00pm. FREE.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Badger Hearing , Tracy to check hearing aids, 1:00-3:00pm No apptmt necessary, Senior Center

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Foot Clinic, 8:30-3:30pm, Call Senior Center for apptmt. 608-437-6902

Fall Book Sale - 9am. Mt. Horeb Public Library meeting room, thru Saturday, Sept. 21, 2pm.

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

Fink's Cafe, serving senior meals, 11:00am-1:00pm. Reservations not needed
Little Free Pantries are located at: New Hope Evangelical Free Church, 639 S. 8th St., Mt. Horeb; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 310 W. Main St., Mt. Horeb and Zwingli UCC, Hwy. 92, Mt. Vernon. Nonperishable food and other necessities available 24 hours a day. "Take what you need, share what you can."

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LOCAL HISTORY

A Shift in Perspective Provides Fresh Interpretation of Black Hawk War: The Ho-Chunk as 'Reluctant but Resilient Mediators'

On Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m., the Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St, downtown Mount Horeb) will host "A New History of the Black Hawk War: Ho-Chunk Peacekeeping in 1832," presented by Dr. Libby Tronnes.

In Spring 1832, a Ho-Chunk delegation attempted to resolve a refugee crisis that threatened to bring war with the Americans into their lands. The return migration into Northern Illinois of a removed multitribal band made up primarily of Sauk, Mesquakie, and Kickapoo families precipitated the conflict known as the Black Hawk War. When direct diplomacy failed, Rock River Ho-Chunks attempted to spare the lives of the refugees while also protecting their cornfields from American invaders. The federal government used the crisis to force a land cession and removal treaty.

Nineteenth-century



Dr. Libby Tronnes, Bradley University, Peoria Illinois.

American observers and historians ever since have generally overlooked the imaginative peacekeeping strategies deployed by the Ho-Chunk people, she said. These intercessions were dually designed to prevent troops from finding the refugees and from destroying the raised field agriculture that sustained their communities. The Ho-Chunk almost succeeded.

Dr. Tronnes said she will illustrate how prioritizing and emphasizing Native voices and actions in the his-

torical record and questioning accounts published by the white conflict veterans on which historians traditionally rely brings forward a new history of this tragic crisis, one that "privileges Indigenous autonomy, ingenuity, and survivance."

Tronnes is a historian, assistant professor, and Director of the Virginius H. Chase Special Collections Center and University Archive at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. She earned her history Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2017. Her dissertation is an expansion of this presentation: "Corn Moon Migrations: Ho-Chunk Belonging, Removal, and Return in the Early Nineteenth-Century Western Great Lakes."

This presentation is the second installment of a three-part Sunday Speaker Series by Cave of the Mounds and the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society. This community educa-

tion joint initiative invites tribal and academic experts to explore the implications and impact of this horrifically violent and profoundly tragic four-month conflict. "The Black Hawk War, Its Aftermath and Legacy" includes a once-monthly presentation, August through October. All are free and family-friendly, with some intense historical themes. Reservations are not required.

Next up: "Black Hawk War Guide" Author Ben Strand and special guest Sac and Fox Nation Cultural Ambassador Juquin Hamilton present, "Black Hawk and the Sac and Fox Nation Legacy" on Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 at the Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark (2975 Cave of the Mounds Road, Blue Mounds).

For more information, call 608-437-6486 or email mthorebahs@gmail.com.

LIBRARY CORNER

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by Jessica Gretzinger
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Girls in grades K through 5 invited to Scouting event

Girls in grades K-5 and their parents/guardian are invited to learn about becoming a Girl Scout while

participating in fun space and unicorn themed activities!

The meeting will be held,

Thursday, September 19, 6:00-7:00pm at Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church in the lower level fellowship

hall.

For more information contact kinderteacher06@gmail.com.

SERVICES

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the curb by 7:00 am on Mondays, the week of pick-up. The schedule is also posted on the Village website. The Village compost site will be open through November 30.

Leaf Pickup
Curbside leaf pickup

will begin in October and run through the end of November, weather permitting. Leaves are picked up every week. Do not put your leaves on the street or in bags. Leaves should be placed loose on the terrace away from objects such as trees, posts and fire hydrants. Do not mix leaves with brush.

Winter Parking Regulations

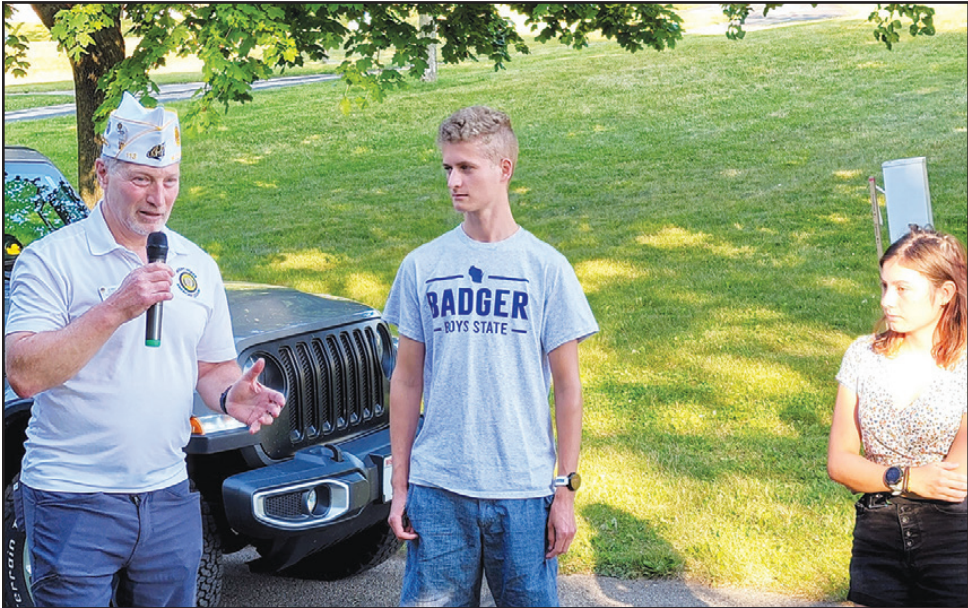
Village-wide alternate side parking and overnight parking restrictions in the downtown area go into effect on December 1.

Mailboxes

Fall is almost here and that means snow is right around the corner! Now is a great time to check the

condition of your mailbox to make sure it will withstand another winter. Posts should be sound and the mailbox securely attached. Mailboxes that have weak posts or support brackets, rusted components, or are improperly installed are especially at risk for damage during snow storms.

COMMUNITY



American Legion Post holds annual picnic

Clockwise from top left:
The Mt. Horeb American Legion Post 113 hosted their annual picnic for veterans and their spouses and families at Grundahl Park on Thursday, August 8. More than 75 attended the event, enjoying great food and wonderful weather.
State Vice Commander Jerry Hook introduced Noah Gibbs, Leah Nelson and Saige Covert (not pictured). They described their experiences at badger girls state and badger boys state;
State Vice Commander Jerry Hook provided outgoing post commander Scott Klassy with the post excellence award and thanked Klassy for his four years as post commander. Klassy is now the Dane County commander.

PFLAG to host screening of ‘The First Time I Saw Me’

On Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m., Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church and PFLAG Mt. Horeb presents the documentary film, “The First Time I Saw Me: Transgender Voices.” A discussion and guest speaker, Rae Senarighi, champion storyteller through art, will follow.
The Netflix documentary was developed in collaboration with GLAAD (Gay/Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation). It presents “authentic transgender stories featuring Jamie Clayton, Jazz Jennings, Elliot Fletcher, Laura Jane Grace, Tiq Milan, Meredith Talusan, and GLAAD’s own Nick Adams.” In the film, each person answers the question, “As a trans person, when was the first time you saw yourself represented in media? Really saw yourself?”
During filming, artist Rae Senarighi painted a portrait of each featured person. Rae is a storyteller through art, pursuing accurate and celebratory representation of the trans community. With vivid and bold colors Rae creates “portraits radiating the brilliance of the individuals and celebrate accepting and loving one’s self.”

Rae currently resides in Madison, WI, but has lasting impact throughout the world. Rae’s dream is to “celebrate accurate representation of trans and nonbinary people through painted portraiture worldwide.” His “You are Loved” artwork has spread to over 300 locations in 33 states on billboards and countless yard signs throughout the country.
Netflix and GLAAD know that authentic media stories and characters are pivotal in creating acceptance. This is especially true for trans people, who have

either been invisible in mainstream media or portrayed using inaccurate and offensive stereotypes.
Funding for this event is provided by a Mount Horeb Community Foundation grant.

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Highlights from county fair meat sales



Gwen Mahoney (daughter of John & Lisa Mohoney) member of the Springdale 4-H sold her pig (Donkey) purebred spotted Poland China, at the Large animal sale to buyer Woodman’s, weighed 246 lbs. for \$10.50 per lb.



Kayman Sutter (daughter of Sutter) in the large animal sale sold her Crossbred Steer weighed 1342 pounds, purchase price of \$2.50 per pound sold to Dan Holler & Mark Nortman and the contender was Hosely’s Meat.



Mackenzie Meinholz (daughter of Brad & Becky Meinholz) member of Springdale 4-H club sold her lamb (Jack) weighed 140 lbs to Woodmans for \$9.00 per lb. at the large animal sale at Dane County Fair.



Katrina Meinholz (daughter of Brad & Becky Meinholz) member of Springdale 4-H club sold her pig (Gingerbread Man) weighed 242 lbs. to Johnson’s Sausage for \$7.50/lbs

2024 Dane County fair Meat Animal Sales for Large and Small animals Businesses supported Youth Exhibitors at the Dane County Meat Animal Sale

The 53rd Large Annual Meat Animal Sale was held Friday Night July 19, at 6:45 PM grossed \$246,373.05.

The sale attracted wide community support with a total of 100 animals sold in the sale: 27 sheep, 37 hogs, and 36 steers. Sheep averaged \$12.46 per pound, hogs averaged \$8.12 per pound, and steers averaged \$2.56 per pound.

The Top Ten Buyers at this year’s sale were:

1. Woodman’s \$

- 20,359.50
2. Badger State Ethanol \$ 18,530.75
3. Blue Star Dairy Middleton LLC \$ 11,761.25
4. Stoughton FFA Alumni \$ 10,700.00
5. Statz Bros Inc \$ 10,125.20
6. Wayne Ace Bus \$ 9,630.75
7. Renk Seed \$ 8,800.00
8. Anchor Club II \$ 8,725.50
9. Carl F Statz & Sons \$ 8,276.40
10. Top Notch Feed & Pet Supply \$ 8,235.75

Scholarships for the Sheep, Beef, & Swine exhibitors were also awarded to appication members at the sale.

*Sale participants must be enrolled as a livestock project member showing at fair

Objectives of the sale are

the following:

- To provide incentive for and to encourage participation in Beef, Swine and Sheep projects.
 - To provide livestock project members with a marketing opportunity.
 - To teach a greater understanding of feeding, marketing and meat animal science
- *Weight requirements to qualify for the sale:
- Steers: Straight/Crossbred Beef Breeds: minimum 950 lbs.
 - Steers: Dairy/Dairy Cross Breeds: minimum 1,200 lbs.
 - any animals exceeding 1,500 lbs., exhibitors will only be paid to 1,500 lbs.,
 - Market Lambs: 105 - 150 lbs.
 - Hogs: 230 - 300 lbs.

Exhibitors may sell two animals of different species in the Meat Animal Sale. Sales commission of up to 4.5% will be deducted from each sale going to Dane County Meat Animal Sale Association (used for sales promotion, buyer recognition, scholarships, exhibitor education).

An additional sales commission fee of 3% is deducted going directly to the Dane County Fair Association. Consignors are responsible for contacting, soliciting & providing buyers for their animals. There is no guarantee as to sale prices.

The Annual Dane County Fair Small Animal Market Sale was held on July 20th, 2023.

16 youth exhibitors offered the sale’s 46 lots, 7

turkeys, 26 broiler chickens & roaster pairs, 11 ducks, and 2 lots of rabbits. The sale totaled \$16,390. The largest supporters of the sale were Anchor Club II purchased (4 lots \$2,175). Blue Star Dairy Middleton LLC, (3 lots \$1,025); & Karls Livestock & Grain Farms (3 lots \$875). Sale Chairman, Mitchell Schleicher of Brooklyn appreciated the support shown to the youth exhibitors of Dane County. A pair of Roasters shown by Karlie Droster, Mount Horeb, was the Champion Market Poultry Award, purchased by Jim Dietzen State Farm for \$650. Champion Market rabbit purchased for \$200 to Top Notch Feeds. Successful bidders at the auction also included: State

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Karlei Droster (daughter of Sandy & Droster) member of the Mounds View Mountaineers 4-H is pictured with Jim Dietzen (first time participating in the sale) from State Farm in Mount Horeb. He purchased Karlei's Grand Champion roasters (roasters were grand champion of all the market poultry shown at the fair) at the Dane County Small animal sale, the pair weighed 7.62 & 7.64 (this class of 2 birds must be 5-10 lbs each) sold for \$650.



Karlei Droster (daughter of Sandy & Greg Droster) member of the Mounds View Mountaineers 4-H Club is pictured with Duane Yaun from Top Notch Feeds. He bought her broilers both weighed 4.32 lbs each selling at the Dane County Small Animal Sale for \$325.00 (In this class the birds must weigh from 2.5 lbs-5 lbs)



Jackson Corrigan (son of Gina & Brendan Corrigan) member of the Springdale 4-H sold his Crossbred Barrow weighted 282 lbs selling at the Large animal Sale Friday night of the Dane County Fair to JNJ Cattle Company for \$6.00 per lb.



Mackenzie Meinholz (daughter of Brad & Becky Meinholz) member of the Springdale 4-H sold her pig at the large animal sale weighted 283 lbs. to Shawn Casey for per lb.



Katrina Meinholz (daughter of Brad & Becky Meinholz) member of Springdale 4-H sold her lamb (Jill) weighed 134 lbs to Woodmans for \$10.00 per lb.

MEAT

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Farm Insurance Belleville, & Country View Equine Clinic & many others. The contending bidders were a big helped in supporting the sale. Auctioneer service were donated by Ryan George of Evansville, Wisconsin.

To be a seller at the sale

1. Each exhibitor must submit a minimum of three (3) names & addresses of potential buyers with their entry. (Free admission tickets will be provided to

potential buyers).

2. Exhibitors & parents are required to sign a form stating if any drug was used.

3. Exhibitors in the Market class of rabbits & poultry must participate in the showmanship class.

Objectives of the sale are as follows:

1. Provide animal exhibitors an opportunity to raise & sell top quality

poultry & rabbits

2. Provide incentive & encourage a stronger development of white meat animal projects.

3. Recognize members who do quality work in breeding, selecting, feeding & showing

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Who Can Buy

1. Anyone interested in encouraging youth.

2. Anyone who enjoys and appreciates good quality white meat.

3. Anyone who would gain beneficial advertising value.

4. Anyone interested in buying market breeding stock.

Sale Provisions

1. Potential bidders register at the sale ring (no

obligation).

2. Animal weights are provided for bidders in each lot (or noted if sold as a lot) & buyers settle purchases after the sale.

3. Exhibitors sell by the number they draw when checking in for sale, & must be present when the animal is sold.

4. Sale price is not guaranteed.

5. Animals sold at

sale are to be dressed & delivered to the buyer within 30 days if the buyer requests a dressed animal.

6. (10%) of the selling price will be deducted from the exhibitor's price to pay for advertising, buyers awards & conducting the sale (includes 3% charge paid to the Dane County Fair Association).

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Scenes from a magical season of Wednesday Night Live!

“WNL had another wonderful season of concerts in the park this year! The park was packed to kick off our 2024 season on July 10 with Generation Jones, followed by Rare Element, Charanga Agoza, Beth Kille Band, Annie and the Oakies, and wrapped up with the Hi-Fi Comets,” said organizer Mandy Potter. “We did have to reschedule the final show from August 14, to the 21 due to rain, but that allowed us an earlier sunset in which we had a glow-party. It was so fun to see the park illuminated with glow-sticks, glow balloons, light up rocket cop-ters, and more. Each night featured different food truck options, hopefully offering something for everyone. Attendance at the shows continues to be very high and engagement is strong.” “We are sad to end the season, but are already busy working on the 2025 season,” she added.



William Sutter and Joanne Hiltbrand dance to the lively rock music of “Generation Jones” at the first concert of the 2024 Wednesday Night Live series, held July 10.



Michael Massey of Generation Jones.



Annie & the Oakies took the stage August 7.



Rare Element performed on July 17.



Beth Kille Band wowed the crowd on July 31.



Charanga Agozá took the stage July 24. Photos by Ron Lutz II.

CHURCH NEWS

Marguerite Parrell retires after 76 years as accompanist

Marguerite “Tee” Parrell recently retired from serving as an accompanist for 76 years at Vermont Lutheran Church and others. The congregation expressed their gratitude for her many years of service during worship service on August 25th and during a luncheon that followed her last time playing. Tee started taking piano lessons at the age of 9 and, from there as they say, the rest is history. Soon thereafter, she began organ playing

lessons, at Vermont Church, and became an accompanist for the church at age 14. Tee alternated playing with other organists almost all of her career. She played at Vermont when she could through high school, nurses training, and during her early married life. When Tee and her husband, Don, moved to Avoca in 1957 she took over as the primary organist at St. John Lutheran Church where she also directed the Adult and Junior choirs – all while

raising four kids, going back to school for a teaching degree, and teaching at Riverdale High School in Muscoda. Following their move back to Black Earth in 1981, she alternated accompanying with Ethel Skalet at Vermont. And for 6 years, on the Sundays that Tee wasn’t playing at Vermont, she went to Cross Plains and accompanied the services at St. Martin’s Lutheran Church. When Ethel and her husband, Phil, moved to Min-

nesota, Tee was the sole accompanist and also took over as the choir director at Vermont. Eventually, Ingerid Kvam began sharing the accompanist duties with Tee. And most recently she shared the organ bench with Ingerid and Bruce Case. Through the years she also played for hundreds of weddings, funerals, and special services at Vermont and around the area. The music she created touched the lives of many.



Marguerite “Tee” Parrell has retired from serving as an accompanist at Vermont Lutheran Church.

OBITUARY

Ronald R. Moore

April 12, 1944 - September 5, 2024
MOUNT HOREB - Ronald R. Moore, age 80, of Mount Horeb, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, at home. He was born on April 12, 1944, in Madison, the son of Robert Earl and Elsie(Scheidegger) Moore. Ron graduated from Verona High School in 1962. He worked at the Service Station in Mount Vernon, which was owned by his brother-in-law, Harland Er-



furth, during his senior year of high school on weekends and the first few years after graduation. In 1966, Ron started working at UW-Madison as a custodian on several different shifts and

in many different buildings. During those years, he made many friends at what he liked to call the “World Class University.” He retired from the UW in July of 2000. After retirement, he volunteered at UW Hospital from 2006-2018. Ron enjoyed snowmobiling for many years and was treasurer of the Mount Vernon Valley Snowmobile Club some of that time. He was a Badgers and Packers fan and enjoyed auto racing, especially NASCAR and Indy car. Ron went deer hunting starting in the early ‘60s with his father,

brother-in-law, brother and eventually his nephews. He took the trip of a lifetime to Hawaii, mainly to see Pearl Harbor. He visited the USS Arizona Memorial and briefly toured the USS Missouri Battleship which was also in Pearl Harbor when Japan signed the surrender papers in 1945. Ron was baptized and confirmed at Zwingli United Church of Christ, Mt. Vernon, and more recently attended New Hope Evangelical Free Church in Mount Horeb. Ron is survived by his sister, Nona (Harland) Erfurth; brother, Richard (Roxie) Moore; three nieces, Kate Compton, May McKinney and Nicole (Shane) Helland; three nephews, Jay (Diana) Erfurth, Rob (Lori) Erfurth and Chris Moore; 11 great-nephews and great-nieces; and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his niece’s husband, Mitch Compton. A funeral service will be held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, with Pastor Matt Young presiding. Burial will be held at Mount Vernon Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, and also at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com. Gunderson Camacho Mount Horeb Funeral & Cremation Care 500 N. Eighth St. (608) 437-5077

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Shafter, Hawaii. His final assignment prior to retirement was working on the Army Staff at the Pentagon from 2005 to 2008. Hook retired from the United States Army as a Major. Jerry is married to Margaret (Zweifel, class of 1985), and they have two children, Melanie (Nico) and Cody Hook. Hook’s degrees include a bachelor’s in health education from the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse and a Masters of Education with an emphasis in Educational Technology from the University of Missouri, Columbia. He is a member of the Frank E. Malone, Post 113 Mount Horeb American Legion, and VFW Post 9511. He was the Commander of the Mount Horeb American Legion, Frank E. Malone Post 113 from June 2016 to June 2020. He has held positions at the County and District level, most recently as the Commander of the Third District. The Third District is made up of seven counties, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland County. He is currently running for one of four State / Department Vice Commander positions. Hook was recently honored as a parade marshal at the 2024 Summer Frolic. He is a frequent contributor to the *Mount Horeb Mail*, spotlighting veterans and more in the pages of the local newspaper.



Jerry Hook initially joined the Army after graduating from Mount Horeb High School in 1983.

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SPORTS

Girls XC team wins Monroe Invite

Shorthanded Vikings still capture first
by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

They weren't at full strength.
Oh well.
Mount Horeb's girls cross country team — which was missing two of its top four runners — still won the Monroe Invite on Sept. 3.
The Vikings finished with 48 points and edged runner-up Monroe (49) for the team title. Dubuque Wahlert (61), New Glarus/Monticello (102), St. Ambrose Academy (112) and Beloit Turner (184) rounded out the field at the six-team invite.
“I was really proud of our team,” Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said. “It’s the first race of the season, so we don’t put a lot of emphasis on time goals. Instead, I wanted
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Mia Caygill (left) and Willa Vigliotta (above) helped Mount Horeb's girls cross country team win the Monroe Invite on Sept. 3. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MoHo spikers 4th at Middleton Invite

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor
They faced adversity and a host of challenging foes.
And Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team came out the other side knowing they're capable of big things this fall.
The Vikings went 3-2 last week, defeating Portage in four sets on Sept. 5, and finishing in fourth place at the Middleton Invite last Saturday. Mount Horeb competed in Middleton without junior setter Laila Rasmussen, who rolled her ankle a day earlier in practice.
“We faced some really good competition and we proved we can battle with them,” Mount Horeb coach Josh Smelzer said. “We were very proud of the way they competed.”
Here's a recap of the Vikings week:
• Mount Horeb 3, Portage 1 — The Vikings defeated

the Warriors, 23-25, 25-9, 25-9, 25-15.
Rasmussen had 38 assists, 13 digs and four aces, while Ruby Dahlk had 12 kills. Jayse Holman added 11 kills, Eliza Zweifel and Finley Moore both had two blocks, Kennedy Myers had 16 digs and Lizzy Mesenberg added four aces.
Mount Horeb finished with 16 aces, 55 digs, 44 kills and a stellar .228 hitting percentage.
“The girls found their rhythm,” Smelzer said. “We put pressure on Portage in our service game ... and the girls did a very good job of passing and getting the offense in system.”
“Our back row defense, which included seniors Kennedy Myers, Morgan Monroe, and Ruby Dahlk as well as juniors Laila Rasmussen, Maya Newman, and Lizzy Mesenberg, were very tough — flying around and chasing balls down inside and outside the court. It was also our best game blocking, so far.”
After dropping the first set, Mount Horeb used an 11-2 run early in the second set to build a 17-5 lead. That stretch included two kills from Dahlk, and aces from Holman and Mesenberg as the Vikings ran away and hid.
The third set was more of the same, as Holman used an early seven-point service run to help Mount Horeb grab a 12-3 lead. Later in the set, Mesenberg went on a six-point service run of her own that included two aces and two kills from Dahlk to stretch the lead to 23-6. The Vikings coasted home from there.
In the fourth set, the Vikings took an early 3-1 lead with a kill by Holman and a block by Zweifel.
Leading 11-8, Zweifel and Holman had back to
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Ruby Dahlk and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team finished in fourth place at the Middleton Invite last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MoHo golfers win two league matches

Mount Horeb rolls past Reedsburg and Stoughton

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls golf team is the defending Badger Conference champions. And the Vikings are still hoping for a repeat.

Mount Horeb took a step in that direction last week, winning a pair of conference matches. Mount Horeb defeated Reedsburg, 193-247, on Sept. 3 and downed Stoughton, 176-210, on Sept. 5.

The Vikings are one game behind league-leading Madison Edgewood.

Here’s a recap of Mount Horeb’s week:

• **Mount Horeb 193, Reedsburg 247** — The Vikings rolled past the host Beavers at Reedsburg Country Club.

Senior Emma Olsen fired a 45, while freshman Ella Baber and senior Lainy Hesseling both carded 49s.

Olson was the meet’s medalist after recording pars on holes No. 3-5 and No. 7. Baber parred No. 1 and 5, while Hesseling made a par on No. 5.

Junior Delaina Nicewander added a 50, parring holes No. 3, 5, and 6.

“It was a good win to start September for our team,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. “Collectively, we did not have the best start, but were able to get into a rhythm after the first few holes. From there we were able to handle our business against a young Reedsburg team and finish with a very respectable score.

“Reedsburg Country Club can be a challenging course, but I was pleased with our resiliency after a tough start. Being able to ‘turn the page’ and focus on the next hole or shot will be important for us as our players continue to grow and learn how to manage their game and post a score when not at their best.”

• **Mount Horeb 176, Stoughton 210** — All five Mount Horeb golfers broke 50 as the Vikings rolled past Stoughton at Norsk Golf Club.

Nicewander led Mount Horeb and earned medalist honors with a career-best, nine-hole score of 40. Nicewander birdied the difficult No. 7 and made pars at No. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

Olson had another terrific round, finishing with a 44 that was highlighted by pars on holes No. 2, 5, 6, and 9.

Hesseling and Abby Shaffer had matching rounds of 46. Hesseling parred No. 2 and 4, while Shaffer made pars on No. 4 and 9 and posted a career-low nine-hole score.

“It was a record-breaking performance for our team,” Krentz said. “Our previous best nine-hole team score was 180 set earlier this season and we were able to surpass that mark by four strokes.

“I certainly thought the match would be a lot closer as Stoughton had been playing better and has two solid players at the top of their lineup, but our terrific play led to a wide margin of vic-



A pair of aces

Lainey Hesseling (top) and Ella Baber (right) helped Mount Horeb’s girls golf team defeat Reedsburg and Stoughton in Badger Conference matches last week. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



tory. Most impressive was that all five players broke 50, the first time this year we have been able to do that. We are definitely capable of

doing so on a regular basis and will need to if we are to remain in the hunt for a conference title this season.”

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Soccer Vikings win two of three

Gage happy with Mount Horeb's progress

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Back in 1977, Meat Loaf sang, ‘Two Out of Three Ain’t Bad.’

Rick Gage adopted that philosophy with his Mount Horeb boys soccer team last week.

Knowing the Vikings had three demanding games, Gage made sure Mount Horeb’s goals remained realistic.

“Coming into the week we knew having three games would be a hard week of soccer,” Gage said. “Our goal for the week was to go 2-1.”

Mission accomplished. Mount Horeb began the week with a 3-1 loss to DeForest on Sept. 3. The Vikings responded, though, with a 2-1 win over Reedsburg on Sept. 5 and a 3-1 win over Delavan-Darien last Saturday.

“I thought the players learned a lot this week and showed some good improvement,” Gage said. “Our defense is starting to come together and we are starting to move the ball better offensively. I like that the team has the right idea on what to do the majority of the time, but we still need to work on our consistency and execution on the field.

“We have been talking a lot about making sure we are focused at practice and working on little details like correct weight on their passes and accuracy of their passes. So that they will do those things with

more consistency on the field.”

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ week:

• **DeForest 3, Mount Horeb 1** — The Vikings got a goal from Daniel Schilling on an assist from Mason Williams, but it wasn’t enough.

DeForest, which reached the state semifinals last year, raced to a 3-0 lead and was never challenged.

“We knew that this would be a tough game,” Gage said. “DeForest is coming off a state tournament appearance last year and always has a talented group of players.

“DeForest proved that correct as they played with a fast physical pace that we struggled at times to match early. While DeForest dictated the pace of the game, I thought we did a good job of matching their physical play and we were able to continually stop them from scoring a goal.”

Despite the loss, Gage saw a lot of positives and was happy to see his team score late in the game.

“It was nice to see the hard work pay off for the team,” Gage said. “Overall I thought we played a tough competitive game.

“Our defense played well and Orion Lipska had some key saves to keep the game close. I feel games like this help to give us a measuring stick on where we need to get better and pay off as the season progresses.”

• **Mount Horeb 2,**

Reedsburg 1 — Noah High and Mason Williams had goals to lift the Vikings over the Beavers.

“We knew that this was a game we needed to get a win in,” Gage said. “Although Reedsburg was bringing in an experienced and tough team, we felt that this was a game where we matched up well.”

Late in the first half, High was able to get the ball on the right side of the goal box. High made a nice move on the defender and was able to place a ball in the lower right corner to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead at half.

“At halftime we talked about making some tweaks defensively as I thought that Reedsburg was getting too many easy scoring chances,” Gage said. “Even though we gave up a goal with about 5 minutes left, I thought the defense in the second half was very good.”

The offense did its part, too.

Midway through the second half, Williams crossed a ball from the right side and it bounced off a defender into the goal to give Mount Horeb a 2-0 lead.

Reedsburg scored with 5 minutes left and pulled within 2-1. But the Vikings never blinked.

“Thankfully we did not get rattled and we were able to successfully seal the game over the last 5 minutes to get the win,” Gage said. “This was a hard fought game between

both teams and it felt good to get the first win of the year.”

• **Mount Horeb 3, Delavan-Darien 1** — Isaac Schloesser had two goals and an assist to lead the Vikings to an important non-conference win.

“Delavan is a team in our sectional that could be important for our seeding in the playoffs,” Gage said. “We felt that this would be a pretty even game that if we played well we could get a win.”

Gage was exactly right. Roughly 15 minutes into the first half, Schloesser gathered an errant Comets’ pass and got a shot off from the right side of the goal box. The ball slipped under the goalie to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead.

Delavan-Darien tied the game, 1-1, roughly 10 minutes later.

Late in the first half, though, Schloesser struck again, taking a hard shot that deflected off the goalie. Schloesser followed his shot and was able to fire a ball into the back of the net to give Mount Horeb a 2-1 lead.

Roughly three minutes later, Schloesser sent a wide ball over the defense onto the feet of Mason Williams who crossed the ball into the box. Ro Gilles was able to gather the ball in the box and put it past the keeper to make it 3-1 just before half.

An uneven second half meant no scoring, which was just fine with the Vi-



Noah High and Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team won two of three games last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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back kills followed by an ace from Dahlk as Mount Horeb pushed its lead to 14-8. With the score 20-15, Dahlk had another kill Rasmussen added an ace and the Vikings scored the final five points of the set to capture the match.

Middleton Invite
• **Mount Horeb 2, Madison West 0** — The Vikings rolled past the Regents, 25-11, 25-10 in the opening match of the Middleton Invite.

Ella Kahl had six kills and Holman added five. Dahlk had 19 assists, while Morgan Monroe had two blocks and three aces. Myers had six digs, Mesenberg had nine digs and Maya Newman added four digs.

“We moved outside hitter/defensive specialist Ruby

Dahlk to setter, which gave girls like Morgan Monroe, Lizzy Mesenberg, and Courtney Monroe some opportunities to showcase their talent,” Smelzer said. “Even with a new setter, the girls started where they left off against Portage. We dominated the match against West.”

• **Mount Horeb 2, Tomah 0** — The Vikings rolled to a 25-17, 25-7 win.

Finley Moore and Kahl both had seven kills, while Holman added six kills and three aces. Dahlk had 17 assists and four aces, while Monroe had nine digs, Kahl had nine digs and Sydney Almquist added two assists.

The win helped Mount Horeb win its bracket and advance to the Gold bracket.

• **Aquinas 2, Mount Horeb 0** — The Vikings fell to Aquinas, 25-20, 25-17.

Dahlk led the Vikings

with 11 assists, while Holman had six kills and Moore added three kills and a block. Myers had 25 digs and three assists, while Monroe added six digs and an ace.

“This was a very good match with two high caliber teams,” Smelzer said. “We jumped out to early leads in both sets, but Aquinas was able to battle back both times.”

• **Oshkosh West 2, Mount Horeb 0** — The Vikings dropped a 25-13, 25-23 decision.

Holman had a team-high nine kills, while Dahlk had 14 assists and seven digs. Myers had 10 digs and five assists, Mesenberg had two aces and both Kahl and Moore had three kills.

“It took a little bit for the girls to find their rhythm,” Smelzer said. “The second set was much closer. We had a lead late in the set, but we weren’t able to hold on.”



Kennedy Myers and Mount Horeb’s girls volleyball team are off to a strong start this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Noah Gibbs (left), James Zwettler (above) and Mount Horeb’s boys cross country team finished fifth out of 11 teams at the Monroe Invite last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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to see our runners do a good job getting back into the rhythms of racing and competing well. The team was where it needed to be when they needed to be there and took care of each other.”

Mount Horeb freshman Mia Caygill won the girls’ race, finishing the 5,000-meter course in 20 minutes, 20.10 seconds. Sophomore Willa Vigliotta was second overall in 20:34.10, while senior Ellie Larson was 11th (22:24.30), sophomore Maeve True was 17th (23:03.10) and junior Lily Nelson was 21st (23:20.20).

Freshman Emily Wittenwyler (22nd, 23:22.30), junior Lily Wahl (23rd, 23:24.60) and senior Leah Nelson (41st, 26:19.90) also competed, but each team only counts its top-five scores.

Mount Horeb’s typical No. 3 and 4 runners — Julia and Katherine Straka — did not compete.

“Mia and Willa weren’t quite going full out in this race, but pulled away from the rest of the field early,” Chancellor said. “Mia had a solid good day in her first high school race and her 20:20 time has already earned her a spot on the top-10 all time 5K list for our program.

“Willa had a nice day

too, and was only about 30 seconds off her sectional time on this course from last year, so she should be positioned to do some good things this season. Ellie Larson and Maeve True both had strong days. For Ellie in particular, this was an exciting race. She ran a career-best time and seems poised to take a big step forward this year.

“Lily Nelson, Emily Wittenwyler (in her first high school race), and Lily Wahl worked well together as a pack to complete the scoring for us. Leah Nelson ran her first ever varsity race and was nearly five minutes ahead of where she was on this course last year.”

The Vikings followed that with a third place finish among Division 2 teams at the 12-team Verona Invite last Saturday.

Dodgeville/Mineral Point won the team title with 59 points, while Monroe (85), Mount Horeb (93), Monona Grove (103) and Fort Atkinson (126) rounded out the top five.

Vigliotta was Mount Horeb’s top finisher and third overall in 19:59.2.

Julia Straka was sixth individually (20:23.5), Caygill was seventh (20:32.7), True was 21st (21:47.3) and Nelson was 56th (23:44.8).

Mount Horeb’s boys also had a strong showing at the Monroe Invite finishing fifth out of 11 teams.

Monroe won the team title with 43 points, while East Dubuque was second (81). Dubuque Wahlert (94), St. Ambrose Academy (120) and the Vikings (148) rounded out the top-five.

“I was really happy with our boys at this meet,” Chancellor said. “Our top group is almost exclusively made up of veterans, but the work they did this summer paid off at this race.”

Mount Horeb sophomore Samuel Wyse was 13th individually, finishing the race in 18:58.80. Senior James Zwettler was 28th (19:39.90), senior Jack Zwettler was 33rd (19:49.70), senior Noah Gibbs was 35th (20:02.50) and sophomore Jaxon Hughes was 43rd (20:42.50).

Junior Desmond Kelley (47th, 20:55.50), ju-

nior Timothy Kruse (56th, 21:29.20) and junior Benjamin Brohn (58th, 21:39.0) all competed as well, but their scores weren’t counted.

“Four of our boys finished ahead of where our top finisher at this meet did last year and 10 of our boys ran faster than our fifth runner from last year’s squad,” Chancellor said. “Sam Wyse ran a nice personal best and led our team with a 13th place finish.

“Jack and James Zwettler finished as our second and third. James, Jack, and Sam work really well together and I think we’ll see a lot of close finishes among that group throughout the season. Noah Gibbs wasn’t far behind James in a solid first race of the season for him. Jaxon Hughes was our fifth runner, running over 15 minutes faster this week than he did on this course last year.

“Desmond Kelley was our sixth guy. Desmond made some great fitness gains over the last year and I think he’s still figuring out just how fast he can run, but this was a good first meet for him and also his first ever time on varsity. Tim Kruse and Ben Brohn ran most of the race together. Both Tim and Ben are hard workers and bring a lot to our team, so I was really happy to see them get some varsity experience.”

The Vikings then finished 11th at the Verona Invite last Saturday. DeForest won the team title with 59 points, while the Vikings finished with 294 points.

Wyse was Mount Horeb’s top finisher placing 47th overall in 18:46.1. Jack Zwettler was 48th (18:46.4), James Zwettler was 63rd (19:20.2), Gibbs was 66th (19:29.9) and Hughes was 70th

(19:52.1).

Overall, Chancellor was extremely pleased how his teams performed in their first two meets of the new season.

“I think it puts us in good position as we look toward the rest of the September meets,” he said.

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Vikings now 3-0

The Mount Horeb/Barneveld football team defeated Beaver Dam, 13-9, last Friday and improved to 3-0 on the season. Above, Owen Preimesberger ran for 114 yards and a touchdown to lead the offense. At right, Talon Stoenner sacks Beaver Dam quarterback Eli Bryant. The Vikings are at Watertown Friday at 7 p.m.



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