

Musicians Lawry, Mahoney earn Hanneman award

Outstanding students honored

Each year the Mount Horeb Music Boosters recognize F.H. Hanneman’s pioneering contributions to music in Mount Horeb by honoring an outstanding musician in the eighth grade and the senior class.

To be considered for the award, interested students submit an application then have their materials reviewed by a blind panel.

This year’s senior recipi-

ent was Gwen Mahoney. Mahoney was president of both the band and choir boards during her senior year in addition to being very involved in music co-curriculars and many other school and community organizations. Mahoney states, “I have been so fortunate to be a part of the music department in Mount Horeb since I picked up the clari-

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Driftless Mountain Bike Team is a hit with local riders

Group has grown to 30 athletes

By MATT GEIGER

Mount Horeb Mail

The Mount Horeb area’s mountain bike team has continued shining this season, three years after its inception. The Driftless Mountain Bike (DMTB) team is one organization of three teams: Middleton MTB, Mount Horeb MTB, and Waunakee MTB, allowing the team to pool resources and expertise.

The local group was formally established in the Wisconsin League with 20 total riders in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no league events

but the team still held practices. Raced were held again in 2021, with 20 local competitors.

In 2022, the team grew to include 30 total athletes and was reclassified as a Division 1 team due to its popularity. Mount Horeb Mountain Biking entered a partnership with the Mount Horeb and Barneveld school districts last year, as well.

This year, participation remains strong, with 30 athletes and 16 registered coaches.

Young riders and their parents expressed enthusiasm for the team and the camaraderie builds.

“I like riding bikes because it makes me feel free,” said senior Wesley Horne.

“I like riding with my **continued on page 10**



Kristen Dresen found peace and connection while gardening with her father (above) when he was suffering from dementia. As the new owner of Olson’s Flowers, she believes flowers possess the power to help people heal and connect.

In bloom

The powerful personal story behind Olson’s Flowers’ new owner

By MATT GEIGER

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When Kristen Dresen’s father was diagnosed with dementia, the man she loved so dearly started slipping away. It is a long and erratic goodbye that many people are forced to say to their parents. But when he would work in the garden with his daughter, he would

return to her, becoming more fully himself for a few blissful hours that swelled as they pressed up against the abyss of time and age.

“I had started to grow flowers, it was kind of a hobby that got out of hand and really scaled up a lot in recent years,” she recalls. “What happened was, we had a farmer who was using our

land, and he stopped using our lower field, so I told my husband I was going to plant some flowers there. The farmer was my dad, and he had dementia that came on very quickly. He might not remember what he had for breakfast that day, but when he would come and help me with my flowers, he’d come back. He was a full-on farmer

again.”

Dresen, who grew up on a family farm in a tiny Wisconsin town, was nearing two decades working at Epic at the time, and her employer graciously gave her ample time off.

“We spent that whole summer together,” she says of her dad, hesitating for a moment as **continued on page 12**

WISDOT to host pair of public meetings on major local road projects

Sept. 26 meeting on Highway 78 future

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is conducting a public involvement meeting to discuss improvements on WIS 78 from North Junction County H in Moscow to County E in Mount Horeb, Dane County.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a brief presentation at 5:15 p.m., at Perry Town Hall, 10084 County A, Mount

Horeb. The objective of this meeting is to familiarize the public with the purpose and need for the project and to obtain input on the proposed improvements.

This 11.14-mile project will resurface WIS 78 between County H and County E. Additional improvements include updating curb ramps and replacing guardrails along the project corridor. WIS 78 will remain **continued on page 5**

18/151 will be focus of Sept. 27 public meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is conducting a public involvement meeting to discuss improvements on US 18/151 from County G to WIS 69 near Verona in Dane County.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at Verona City Hall, 111 Lincoln Street, Verona. The objective of this meeting is to familiarize the **continued on page 5**

Hearts and Hands students learn about Monarchs



Hazel Onsager waits for butterfly AHJJ105 to take flight.



A close-up example of the identification sticker on a Monarch butterfly tagged in the Mount Horeb area.

Following the Monarch butterfly life cycle and Monarch caterpillars helps connect the students at Hearts and Hands Children’s Center with science and geography. Several classrooms track the cycle from tiny eggs on milkweed in the

prairie garden to munching caterpillars and eventually the jewel-like chrysalis’ that reveal the iconic black and orange butterflies. For Monarchs that emerge in late summer, a long journey is ahead as they fly to their wintering grounds in

Mexico. With the help of a local Monarch tagger – a volunteer who gently affixes a small identification sticker – scientists from MonarchWatch.org can monitor and track the migration of a species that is at risk of extinction.

The opportunity to observe and conserve these butterflies reaches beyond the classroom. One student, Hazel Onsager, was so inspired by what she learned and saw at school that when she saw a caterpillar on milkweed at her parents’ cabin in August, she told them she wanted to take it home and raise it so they could see what might happen. Her hungry caterpillar grew on milkweed and by September 6 the butterfly emerged from its chrysalis. After allowing its wings to dry overnight, Hazel took it to school and asked if the tagger could come to school to tag her butterfly. With Hazel and her 4K classmates watching, the butterfly was tagged #AHJJ105 and released to start the next part of its journey.

Local Christian school moves into brand new facility



Life Church in Mount Horeb had been serving as home to Mount Horeb Christian School, which now has its own campus in the village. Photos contributed.

On Wednesday, August 30 Mount Horeb Christian School (MHCS) opened its doors for students to enter its new building for the first time. Spearheaded by pastor Travis Beck and Shane Berkin, along with their wives Cassie and Katy, the school initially launched four years ago. In September of 2022, MHCS broke

ground on construction for the new school building. Initially, the Life Church facility housed the classrooms, doubling as a church and school. “Things were a little chaotic during that time,” explained pastor Bob Lee. “We were bursting at the seams and every inch of the church building was jam-

packed. We had no idea how long it would be like this. We honestly never dreamed that so many generous donations would come in for us to build so soon. The teachers were very patient having to construct and reconstruct their classrooms several times a week so the church could use the space. It was challenging but everyone

worked together.” In the weeks leading up to the start of the school year dozens of volunteers worked together to move everything out of the church into the new classrooms, getting the building ready to receive students for the first day of school. “It feels like we can exhale now,” said Life Church member Katy Berken. She and her husband Shane Berken - a member of Mount Horeb Christian School Board of Directors - were also involved in many

aspects of the building project. In addition to the school building, the campus also includes a regulation-size football field, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, as well as a one-and-a-half-mile nature trail that meanders through the woods on the perimeter of the property. It is a fully accredited Christian School that will partner with parents “to provide an academically excellent, Biblically grounded education for the Mount Horeb area,” said mem-

bers. Smaller class sizes are an additional bonus, they added, and they “believe parents are the primary educators of their children, and teachers are partners in that endeavor.” “Life Church has always been a place where people may come and get to know God better and at the same time enjoy fellowship with others with the same desire,” said Lee. “We strive to serve our community in any way we can. Mount Horeb Christian School is just one more way we can do that.”



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Community remembers terror attacks



The community gathered on September 11 at the Mount Horeb Public Safety Building to honor those who lost their lives in the terror attacks of 2001. Pastor John Twiton read from Psalms: “Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

Marking the on the 22nd anniversary of the attacks, Twiton pointed out that many Americans are too young to remember the way the tragedy shook the nation to its core.

“We pray for those whose lives were forever changed on September 11, 2001,” he said in prepared remarks. “Those who lost loved ones, friends, and co-workers. Those who bear the physical injuries of that day, and all those whose health has been forever damaged by the impact of the smoke, dust and debris where they worked for days and weeks. We pray for those who struggle with their on-going grief and trauma to this day.”

“When we mark anniversaries of sorrow, corporately or alone, may they be occasions to discern what truly matters, let go of what really doesn’t and recognize your grace,” he added. Photo by Matt Geiger.

Exploring the healing power of horses



Local residents and business professionals gathered at Martinson Hall at Buck & Honey’s on Wednesday, September 6, for Good Morning, Mount Horeb, a monthly networking event sponsored by the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Mount Horeb. Attendees heard from Jess Dallman, owner of sponsoring business Natural Wisdom Counseling. Dallman talked about the mental health services they provide, including equine therapy, which takes place at Snapdragon Farm & Stables, owned by Angele Mlsna, who also spoke at the event. Attendees also learned about the CEDAR Center (CEDAR stands for Connected Equine Development and Rehabilitation), which is a non-profit that rescues and rehabilitates horses for use in therapy programs. Director Elizabeth Seeliger talked about what they do to increase access to equine therapy programs for people with relational and developmental needs. These three organizations are partnering up to present a Mental Health and Wellness Fall Festival on October 7, which will be open to the community. Finally, attendees heard from Jennifer Gottwald, a citizen member of the village’s new Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee, about the committee’s work as well as results from a recent survey they conducted that showed Mount Horeb residents overwhelmingly support sustainability practices throughout the village. All are welcome to attend Good Morning, Mount Horeb, which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month from 8am-9am at Martinson Hall.

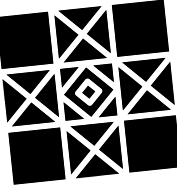


Springdale 4-H member Jackson Corrigan shows at fair

Jackson Corrigan showed his 258 lbs Crossbred Barrow Selling in the Dane County Meat Animal Sale, the pig sold to Badger Ethanol for \$4.00 per pound. He is the son of Brenden and Gina.

Correction

In our recent breakdown of the more than \$1.5 billion in new funding the state is providing for local law enforcement, fire protection, EMS, public works and transportation across the state, we inadvertently included the aid numbers for the Town of Springfield rather than the Town of Springdale. The Town of *Springdale* can expect \$19,434 in existing aid, plus \$65,009 in supplemental funding for a total of \$84,443 in 2024, an increase of 334.5 percent. The following year, Springdale can expect at least \$86,404.



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by Matt Geiger, Editor



The ballad of Mountain Dew

Once upon a time, there was a horse so wild people were scared to ride him. He was a barrel-chested bay quarter horse and in his early years people brought him elk hunting out west. When they threw the dead animal on his back to haul to camp, he took off and disappeared into that vast wilderness for a time. In his youth, his ochre body accumulated various scars and defacements, and for the rest of his life a misshaped orbital bone would hint at some old fight with his own species or another. He was tough, and lightning fast, and wild of heart.

He ended up with a cowboy in Wisconsin, and the pair spent nearly a quarter of a century together. He was used for roping, the break-neck rodeo event in which riders head and heal calves and steers. His rider said when he took off out of the chute, it was hard not to get left behind. He rode trails, helped his owner practice bronc riding, and lived the life that so many millions of horses lived for so long. In time, he became as friendly and gentle as a good dog.

But time never quits. And in time, his front knees grew knobby, the result of running hard and stopping fast, over and over again. One of his eyes grew cloudy, swirling with the milky galaxies and constellations of age and blindness. His winter coat grew shaggier. He was put out to pasture, where he lived with a tall grullo gelding with whom he became inseparable. His owner

started riding the grullo, letting the old, thick red horse live out his life in the field.

Then, one winter, a little girl started taking riding lessons at the cowboy's ranch. She was eight, and she wanted to learn how to barrel race. The girl started on a pony not much bigger than a Labrador, nearly inanimate he was so lazy and stubborn. She spent entire lessons kicking and coaxing and cajoling the little pony, trying to get him to move from the spot where he stood. Once in a while, he would suddenly move, bursting into a brief run. Her first tumble from his back was a lengthy affair, landing on the frozen winter sand of the arena.

Eventually, the girl moved up to a larger pony, a little less stubborn, a little more likely to buck, but still not too high off the ground.

As the winter wore on, the little girl kept taking lessons, and eventually she was ready to ride a real, full-sized horse. The only problem was that she didn't have one.

"Well," the cowboy said to her. "You can ride Dew, if you want to."

Mountain Dew, the barrel-chested old rodeo horse, was standing next to Joe in the paddock, looking a thousand years old. His coat was shaggy, his hair was flat, his knees were swollen. The winter hay didn't agree with his stomach.

"He'll walk for you," he continued. "He might even run eventually, if you get him in shape again."

So, the little girl and her teacher, a slightly older little girl, went and fetched Dew, leading him up to a spot where they could wash



his tail, brush his coat, and clean out his hooves. He looked fat in the places that were supposed to be skinny, and skinny in the places that were supposed to be fat. The little girl's parents gave her a saddle, bright teal and honey-brown leather, with shimmering silver accents, for her birthday. He father, who grew up with horses, spent hours rubbing oil into the tack, the old, familiar smells bringing him back to the days and nights when he had been a child.

When the girl first saddled up Dew and climbed on his back, she looked like she was a thousand feet off the ground. The danger was offset by the fact that the elderly animal seemed incapable of any swiftness of any kind. The only real danger, the father thought, was that he might perish of old age and collapse while she was riding him.

When she climbed down, he would follow her around the yard like a dog. Her father kept reminding her that not all horses can be left untied and unattended. Some will run away if given the chance.

"Yeah," said the little girl. "But he won't."

She kept riding him, night after night after night, and eventually his gait picked up. She applied liniments to his legs, sometimes caking them with a powerful, clay-like poultice that smelled of creosote and drained away all the swelling. She and her mother sat at the dinner table like crazed alchemists, coming up with a formula for horse mane detangler. She baked horse treats in the shape of hearts and brought

them to the barn to give him. Eventually, she no longer needed her dad's help with anything. She could put on the saddle, tighten the cinch, and slide the bit into Dew's mouth. She could even climb aboard the old horse without anyone's help, scampering up his side like some kind of living playground. Sometimes she would ride bareback.

In time, his winter coat came out, and his summer one started to glint red in the light. His old legs started to bulge with veins and muscles. His chest swelled with muscle. He would even trot in the ring during lessons, if she really kicked him.

The girl rode at her first beginner rodeo right there at the same barn, that spring, right around the time she turned nine. The barnyard and surrounding fields were filled with the chattering of people and the sounds and smells of horses of every conceivable provenance, demeanor and color. She planned to ride in a series of events, weaving through poles and trotting around barrels. She and her teacher, who now bore the dual titles of friend and hero, carefully braided Dew's mane, lacing it with bright ribbons. They painted a huge, glittering blue star on his haunch. The girl dressed in the finest blue jeans she owned, braiding her hair to match his.

She climbed into the saddle, and he bounced around restlessly. The girl's eyes opened wide. "He's never acted like this before!" she said, looking down at her father.

When she rode into the ring, the place where Dew

would sluggishly walk and sometimes trot with her for hours on end, he broke into a canter – a run – for the first time ever with her on his back. She was so shocked she forgot to steer, broke the pole pattern, and disqualified herself, earning a No Time. Afterward, she wept about the score, or lack thereof. As her tears dried, she said, "Do you think he'll run for me again?"

He did. He ran the rest of the events, so well that the little girl won her age group, earning her first belt buckle, at this beginner rodeo, the first of many.

Afterward, the cowboy smiled with a mischievous glint in his eye. "He loves to compete," he said.

For the rest of the summer, Dew and the girl traveled around southern Wisconsin, riding at a variety of events with their new, extended rodeo family. The horse stayed lazy at home, but when he knew they were competing against others, he ran so hard he sometimes looked like he was racing for his life. The girl learned to stay on, then to steer, and they often did well in their age group. Dew wasn't as fast as many of the horses, not on those old knees, but the girl could steer him around the barrels so perfectly that they often beat horses twice as fast and half as old.

Whenever they won a ribbon, or a toy, or even a little cash, the girl showed it to the horse. I've never seen an animal so happy. He loved to compete. Her wall is now covered with ribbons.

When Dew got his annual eye infection in July, the girl went to see him twice a day, flushing it out and applying drops and ointment. He got better, as he always seemed to do.

One afternoon, the cowboy let her ride Dew down a shaded path, into a small field surrounded by trees. At the end of it lay buried the bones of the little pony who she had first ridden the prior year.

"He loves to trail ride," said the cowboy. "He struggles on those hills, but he will not quit. He will not quit."

The Mongolian poet Mend-Ooyo Gombojav, who began racing horses on the windswept steppes at the age of five, says that riding a racehorse is every nomadic child's dream.

"It is believed that holding the reins of a horse in a race is like taking responsibility for your life," he said, "and feeling the force of life's speed."

When someone asks him if it's dangerous, Gombojav smiles gently and replies, "No. It's not dangerous."

The real danger is in never racing at all. The biggest threat isn't falling off, it's never feeling the wind on your face to begin with. The worst thing we have to fear is never taking control of our lives, never feeling the incredible, horrible, wonderful speed at which life races through us and then is gone. Dew won't live forever, no one will, but he will not quit, which is more than can be said for most people. And he has shown a child the breathtaking speed at which life flies, its feet barely touching the earth, its sound the howl of the wind and the thunder of hooves as they carry you across the land and over the horizon, gone so fast it's best never to close your eyes. We are all racing through life, whether we like it or not. The least we can do is feel the wind on our faces, and never quit. Never quit.

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By **BARB JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- Sept. 21, 1893

Mr. S. A. Britton is erecting a commodious sample room at the rear part of the hotel.
L.H. Lewis has affixed an elegant porch to the upstairs part of his store.

Miss Lizzie Kittleson is teaching Norwegian school in the town of Vermont.

An Edison phonograph, which was operated at the restaurant in this village last Monday evening, attracted considerable attention.

The new county jail is nearing its completion and looks so stately and commodious that it will be considered an honor to be an inmate.

The new addition to the Boeck & Hoff store will be iron-clad, and in fact the whole building will be beyond recognition.

O.C. Buerki of Black Earth is putting up a pile of saurcroust this fall. He already has eighteen barrels in the cellar and will put up about thirty more.

Lead, in the western part of this township, caused quite an attraction in former days, but something else at that point-although for us unknown-is having the attraction of one of our typos, as frequent trips are made.

120 Years Ago- Sept. 17, 1903

Lars Vekkin will soon take up his residence in the “white house” on Weckind Street, Mount Horeb.

Ole Brattlie had a “bee” hauling manure on Wednesday last week.

Louis Martin has had his hands full this week with repair work in the shoe line, a business he started recently.

The tobacco shed of John Schneider, Springdale, burned to the ground on Wednesday of last week. Considerable farm machinery was stored in the building in the town of Springdale. Mr. Schneider had been burning some brush near the shed and went in for dinner and on returning nothing was left of the shed but the ashes. An acre of tobacco had been seeded, which was smoked up before cured. The only insurance carried was on the farm machinery.

Among the latest of our farmers to install a phone is Lewis Sutter, Jr.

Milo Evans has entered the Milwaukee Medical College.

Otto Brattlie had his shoulder bone broken one day last week scuffling with a playmate. Otto does not mind a little thing like that and is on deck the same as usual.

H. Lohff is drawing large loads of lumber from town nowadays for a barn to be built on the Thorsen farm.

Dr. Malone’s new barn in the rear of his residence is up and enclosed. It will be a roomy building.

110 Years Ago- Sept. 19, 1913

There is considerable opposition to establishing a hitching yard near the residence portion on West Grove Street, and the merchants in the western part of the village desire to have this accommodation for the public.

K.H. Stolen is grubbing and cleaning several acres of brush and

timber on his farm this fall, realizing that every acre of tillable land counts in this silo and alfalfa age.

The bridge men have been at work on the highway bridge near Ernest Wirth’s place but the rain has interfered with the work.

Andrew Jacobson returned home Sunday evening from Milwaukee, having again acted in the capacity of gate keeper at the State Fair.

Tollef and Anton Lee are among the many who are these days battling with the job of putting up silos.

We inspected the remodeled barn of Geo. Rockstad one day the first of the week, and truly it is a model structure. George believes in having things convenient even if the first cost comes high.

It is a sad sight to see young high school students sucking away at cigarets. The faculty would do these youngsters a great favor as well as their parents by taking drastic steps to have this done away with.

A breakdown at the electric light plant Sunday night put Mt. Horeb in the dark. Services had just commenced in the Lutheran church when the lights went out. Student Frohlin however stuck to his text as if all the lights had been burning brightly and preached a good sermon.

Otto Dahle’s colossal new residence is taking shape and work is progressing rapidly. The brick work is finished, piping and wiring is in progress. When completed it will be one of the most up-to-date dwellings in the village.

Gibson’s Harp Orchestra brought rain for Monday night’s dance, but nevertheless there was dancing galore and quite well attended for being a rainy night.

The ball game last Sunday was punk, and as Frank Coogan ex-

pressed it was not worthy of being called by that name. The score was 43 to 87 or something like that, in favor of the visitors and we have nothing more to say concerning the “thing.”

100 Years Ago- Sept. 19, 1923

Ed Goli drove up from Perry on Saturday to bring Mrs. Goli home, having spent a few days here and was entertained at one of the dental parlors.

A large crowd greeted Rev. Otto Mostrom last Sunday morning. All were glad to see him back after his annual vacation and he said he was likewise glad to be back in the harness with new energy and endeavor. It was a powerful sermon he delivered and the large crowd paid the closest attention.

90 Years Ago- Sept. 28, 1933

It is deplorable to learn that despoilers of grave flowers have recently visited the local cemetery and taken two hydrangea bushes planted by Mrs. Anne Bang on the grave of her husband.

Eric Hustad is suffering from kidney disease and is doing quite poorly.

The work of excavation was started Monday by the Mt. Horeb Creamery and Cheese Co. for an additional building to be used in the manufacture of cheese.

Saturday Special at Bergh’s Bakery-loaf of raisin bread, 7¢.

Jul Nelson, 67, died at his home in Perry Township September 18.

80 Years Ago- Sept. 16, 1943

The young wife of Ensign Vernon Lorenz of Vermont and the U. S. Navy, who was Janis Stubly Swanson before her marriage, passed away in death suddenly and unexpectedly Sept. 4, while

visiting relatives in Middleton. She was really only ill on part of a day; death was due to a tumor of the brain. She leaves behind a four-month-old child.

The third War Loan Drive is on! WANTED – To buy an outside toilet. Leave word at the Mail office.

Mount Horeb was honored last Tuesday night by the presence of a distinguished visitor and guest, Governor Walter Goodland, chief executive of the State of Wisconsin. He presented a sensible and practical discourse on Post War Planning.

60 Years Ago- Sept. 19, 1963

The Post Café, Mount Horeb, has just received word of its nomination as one of the outstanding tourist stops in this part of the country by the Travelmat organization of Prairie du Chien.

Roland Holum, Wendell Hoffmaster and Curt Gullick were guests Tuesday evening of Ted Spaanem, Standard Oil dealer here, at the Milwaukee Braves games. They stopped for a roadside picnic while en route.

Jim Hiltbrand, Richard Sutter, and Vo-Ag Instructor, George Johnson, appeared on TV Channel 3 on Wednesday promoting the Dane County FFA Swine Sale to be held on Sept. 30.

40 Years Ago- Sept. 22, 1983

John Hershberger, Mount Horeb, suffered a broken pelvis, broken bones in both hips, concussion and multiple bruises as the result of a tractor accident on Friday.

A fire, last Saturday, apparently started by lightning, caused extensive damage to the inventory and equipment at the Radio Shack TV Service Center at 204 West Main Street in Mount Horeb.

Fiscal Facts: State Government Workforce Churn Reaches Historic Heights

An alarming picture of the state government workforce emerges from recently published data, which show turnover and vacancy rates among state jobs in Wisconsin reached all-time highs last year.

These developments are perhaps most concerning in state agencies such as the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Corrections, which operate large institutions such as veterans’ homes and

prisons – housing populations that require heightened levels of round-the-clock attention.

Overall, our analysis finds that turnover and vacancy rates for state workers (not including University of Wisconsin System workers) rose to record levels in the fiscal year ending in June 2022. In FY 2022, 16.4% of the roughly 28,000 state employees left their jobs -- including 10.2% who left for voluntary (non-retirement) reasons. Meanwhile, 5,770 full-time equivalent positions, or 17.7% of total

authorized non-UW state positions, were vacant last June.

Both workforce turnover and vacancies reached their highest levels in a decade in a number of key state agencies. The Department of Veterans Affairs had the highest rate of job turnover, with 27.8% turning over last year. Rates rose to 19.3% within the Department of Corrections and 19.0% at the Department of Health Services. These agencies operate nursing homes, prisons, psychiatric institutions, and other care centers.

High turnover and vacancies in such facilities can require employees to work more overtime, potentially increasing costs for the state and creating additional turnover. While the rate of retirement was higher in 2022 than in nearly every year prior, the turnover spike appears to have been driven mainly by voluntary separations for other reasons.

Fifteen of the 20 largest departments saw their highest rate of voluntary separation in the last decade. When these agencies cannot quickly replace depart-

ing staff, vacancies arise. Fifteen of the 20 largest departments saw vacancy rates increase from 2020 to 2022, including seven of the eight departments with at least 1,000 authorized FTE positions.

Rarely do labor data paint so clear a picture: state employees are departing at record rates and leaving more vacancies in their wake. Private turnover has fallen since 2022 and the same may be true in state government, but absent an economic downturn, it’s likely to remain an issue.

A failure to address high turnover rates could lead to greater use of overtime, and reduced quality of state services. State lawmakers may wish to weigh these issues in coming weeks as they finish their work on the next state budget (for the two-year cycle starting July 1) and send it to Gov. Tony Evers.

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public with the purpose and need for the project and to obtain input on the proposed improvements.

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importance, and traffic congestion at the US 18/151 and W Verona Ave/Epic Lane interchange and the US 18/151 and County G interchange. For more information, visit the design website: Wisconsin Department of Transportation US 18/151 (County G to WIS 69) - Dane County

anticipated for 2027.

Adjacent property owners are encouraged to attend the meeting. If unable to attend or for more information contact WisDOT Project Manager Cody Kammerzelt at

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prohibition in Wisconsin

When Prohibition was passed in 1920, things had to change in the United States. Suddenly alcohol was illegal, but what did that actually mean? Learn more at the Mt. Horeb Public Library Wednesday, September 27 at 6:30pm. Historian and author Matthew Prigge discusses how this law affected people in Wisconsin, specifically in Milwaukee. The Cream City had to find less-than-legal means to keep the party going. Milwaukee didn't stop drinking during Prohibition, but residents had to get awfully creative about how they got their fix. Co-sponsored by the Mt. Horeb Historical Society, who will share artifacts from Mt. Horeb's Temperance Movement at the program. Learn more about the library, its events and services, at www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Free jazz concert

The Roaring Twenties are often associated with the incredible jazz and blues music that was popular at that time. Greats like Louis Armstrong, Mamie Smith, Jelly Roll Martin and others came on the scene and music has never been the same. Immerse yourself in the sounds of the era at the Mt. Horeb Public Library Thursday, October 5 at 6:30pm as the Hanah Jon Taylor Artet performs jazz hits from the decade. Taylor is an internationally known jazz musician as well as a fixture in the Madison jazz scene. He is the owner of Madison's Cafe Coda jazz club, and a strong educator in inter-arts programming. The evening is sure to be the cat's pajamas. For more information about the library, its events and services, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Major update on new jail

Dane County Sheriff Kalvin Barrett is proud to announce a big step forward in Dane County's jail consolidation project. On Tuesday, September 12, the project went out to bid, allowing potential contracting firms to apply for the job. This process will remain open for the next two months. Bids must be submitted to Dane County Public Works by November 14, 2023. Applications are available at procurement.opengov.com/portal/countyofdane

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"We're so excited to be moving forward with the plans for a more modern and humane jail. This is something Dane County has needed and has been working toward for many years. Compromise and a common goal of doing what is best for Dane County has brought us to this pivotal moment," stated Sheriff Calvin Barrett.

Groundbreaking for the first phase of the project is expected to take place in early 2024.

Mental health and wellness fall festival

The first ever Mental Health and Wellness Fall Festival will be hosted at Snapdragon Farm & Stables on Saturday, October 7. The free event will include programming and activities from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and live music and dancing from 5 to 8 p.m.

This grassroots initiative is being planned by a committee comprised of local parents, business owners, mental health professionals and educators who have come together because they care about the well-being of Mount Horeb residents. The committee is hoping to "reduce mental health stigma, combat loneliness and isolation, and connect people to a wide variety of therapeutic experiences and resources."

The Mental Health and Wellness Fall Festival is also designed to be a free family-friendly venue with food trucks, vendors/exhibitors, art activities, nature activities and so much more. The event will conclude with a barn dance featuring live music. You can find out more about the Mental Health and Wellness Fall Festival at www.CEDAR-Center.org.

PFLAG to host Service of Lament & Celebration

To follow up on the Combating Conversion Therapy seminar offered on September 21 at the Mt Horeb United Methodist Church, the Mt. Horeb chapter of PFLAG is hosting a public Service of Lament and Celebration at Brix Cider, 119 S. 2nd St in Mt Horeb on Sunday, September 24 starting at 6:30 p.m. PFLAG-Mt Horeb, in cooperation with area pastors and members of the LGBTQ+

community and their allies, are offering this one hour service for the "confession of wrongs past and ongoing, and to promote health and healing in our community." "Through spoken word, poetry and music we will celebrate the beauty of every person, encourage acceptance of all people and embolden Mount Horeb in our shared desire to continue growing as an open and welcoming community for all," they said.

Anyone who would like to participate in the service with a song or poem can contact Brad Brookins at bradbrookins7@gmail.com with your ideas for what you would like to offer.

Feltes to speak about being gay as 'superpower'

The PFLAG October membership meeting is October 2 from 6:00-8:00 at the Mt. Horeb Public Library meeting room. Speaker, Eric Feltes tells his story of coming out and talks about how being gay is actually a superpower to be loved, not a burden to be tolerated. He is a Life Coach, Speaker, and Self-Love Advocate, living with his dog and 20 houseplants in Los Angeles, CA. As a coach, he helps gay men free themselves from church-shame through his 10-week transformational program, where clients don't buy his time, but rather the impact of a shame-resilient life. Eric has built his coaching and speaking business through his own personal experiences and trauma of coming out of the closet, after being engaged to a woman at the age of 25. Eric is thrilled to be in communion with other LGBT folk and allies and is grateful for the work that PFLAG organizations do for the community on a daily basis.

This program is not a library sponsored event. It is made possible by a grant from the Mt. Horeb Community Foundation.

Eric will join via Zoom from 6-7 PM. The remaining time is reserved for sharing and support. There's no need to RSVP if you'd like to join them in person at the library. If you prefer to attend via zoom, RSVP at pflagmoho.org and a link will be sent.

FFA to 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.

Optimists to host 'MoHo's Got Talent'

The Optimist Club of Mt Horeb knows that we have a TON of very talented youth and we would love to showcase your talents! MoHo's Got Talent is a talent show for 1-8th graders being hosted by the Optimist Club of Mt Horeb on Saturday, September 30th at the high school auditorium, with the run though being after school on Sept 29th. Application forms are available at the PC, IC, MS and AmFam Walton Agency 402 E. Main St. 3 Acts will receive cash prizes at the end of the show.

DHS urges array of vaccines

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is calling on Wisconsinites to make a plan to get vaccinated against respiratory illnesses this fall. The reminder comes as the updated COVID-19 vaccine has received federal regulatory approval, a new annual flu vaccine is available, and a vaccine and antibody to prevent respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is on the market. With cooler temperatures, the risk of respiratory illnesses rises, but there are now more tools available to keep people healthy.

"Each fall and winter, viruses like flu, RSV, and now COVID-19, begin to circulate. While they may only cause mild illness for some, they can have a severe impact on our health, causing serious illness and even death. They can also have a severe impact on our lives, causing missed days of school or work," said DHS Secretary-designee Kirsten Johnson. "Fortunately, we have vaccines and treatments that can now help us protect ourselves and those around us from each of these illnesses. So, as we head into fall, we ask all Wisconsinites to protect yourselves and your families by making a plan to get up to date on the vaccines that can help keep you and those around you healthier this season."

The triple threat of respiratory viruses that includes flu, RSV, and COVID-19 has the potential to spread quickly in crowded classrooms, across workplaces, indoor gatherings, and later in the winter during the holidays. The time is now to plan and prepare for a healthier fall and winter.

As the fall respiratory virus season begins, DHS recommends the following seasonal vaccines:

Influenza (Flu): Everyone 6 months and older is eligible and recommended to receive a flu vaccine. This is especially important for those at highest risk of experiencing severe symptoms, including older people, people with chronic health conditions, people who are pregnant, and young children. Doses are available now.

RSV: People 60 and older and infants and children younger than 19 months should contact their health care provider to determine if RSV vaccination or preventive treatment is recommended for them. People aged 60 and older may be recommended to receive a single dose of the RSV vaccine. All Infants 8 months or younger born during or entering their first RSV season and children 8-19 months entering their second season of RSV and who are at an increased risk of severe RSV disease are recommended to receive nirsevimab. RSV vaccines for older adults are available now and nirsevimab for infants will be available soon.

COVID-19: Everyone 6 months and older is now eligible and recommended to receive the updated COVID-19 vaccine. Doses of the updated vaccine, manufactured by Moderna and Pfizer, have been approved, authorized, and recommended.

Individuals 5 years of age and older regardless of previous vaccination are eligible to receive a single dose of the updated Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least two months after the last dose of any COVID-19 vaccine.

Individuals 6 months through 4 years of age who have previously been vaccinated against COVID-19 are eligible to receive one or two doses of the updated Pfizer or Moderna

COVID-19 vaccine (timing and number of doses to administer depends on the previous COVID-19 vaccine received)

Unvaccinated individuals 6 months through 4 years of age are eligible to receive three doses of the updated Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine or two doses of the updated Moderna vaccine

Additional doses are also authorized for certain immunocompromised individuals.

People may receive either of the vaccines regardless of which vaccine was received in the past.

Doses of the updated COVID-19 vaccine will start arriving in Wisconsin within the coming days and will continue to be delivered over the next several weeks. Health centers, clinics, and pharmacies are expected to make appointments available as their doses arrive.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, antiviral treatments like Paxlovid and Lagevrio can help prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death in people with COVID-19. DHS has a free COVID-19 telehealth service that provides access to antiviral treatment through a secure, free virtual COVID-19 telehealth consultation appointment.

"It is important for every eligible Wisconsinite to get both the seasonal flu vaccine and the updated COVID-19 vaccine," said Stephanie Schauer, Ph.D., DHS Division of Public Health Immunization Program Manager. "Each targets the latest strains of the viruses that cause flu or COVID-19 and can help boost your body's defense against the viruses should you become infected."

People are encouraged to make a plan to find and get their recommended vaccines. Check with your health insurance provider to find a doctor, clinic, or pharmacy where vaccines will be available to you, and bring your insurance information to your vaccination appointment. If you do not have health insurance, or your health insurance does not cover vaccines, there are programs that can help. People can check with their primary care provider, local or tribal health department, or community clinic, or visit vaccines.gov to find where you can get the updated COVID-19 vaccine. Many can get their flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine at the same time.

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Obits

Kristin Turi Brue
April 2, 1935 – Sept. 8, 2023



MOUNT HOREB - Kristin Turi Brue passed away Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, at Agrace HospiceCare surrounded by her loving family.

Kristin was born April 2, 1935, to Alton and Marjorie (Neller) Peterson in Mount Horeb, WI. She grew up in the family home at Willow Valley Farm near Daleyville. She attended the Daleyville Grade School and graduated from Mount Horeb High School. She was a lifelong member of Perry Lutheran Church in which she was baptized, confirmed and on July 25, 1953, married to James Brue. The couple raised three children, William (Diane Hanson) Brue of Stoughton, Daniel Brue of Mount Horeb, and Nancy (Dr. Stephen) Penaskovic of Spokane, WA.

Kristin was instrumental in establishing the Perry Historical Center and active in several organizations serving several years as secretary of the Perry Church Council. She was active in the Dorcas Circle and volunteering for groups such as the Mount Horeb Historical Society and the Chamber of

Commerce Welcome Center. James and Kristin moved to their home in Mount Horeb in 1997.

Kristin is survived by her beloved children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren: Bill and Diane’s children, Laura (Mike) Jacobson and their son, Huxley of Madison, and James Brue and his son, Kohen, of Stoughton; Dan and Marcia Roum Brue’s family, Sarah and Mike Mani and their children, Curtis and Laina of Lone Rock, and Nathan and Megan (Ernst) Brue and their daughters, Emma and Harper of Rosemount, MN; son-in-law, Dr. Stephen Penaskovic and his two daughters, Amy of Nampa, ID, and Catherine and John Graves and their children, Sophie, James and Madeline of Boise, ID.

Also surviving are Kristin’s brother and sister-in-law, John and Glenna (Griffin) Greenwald of Cleveland, OH. Her sister-in-law, Kay (Mueller) Peterson, resides in Milan, Italy.

Kristin was preceded in death by her husband, James, in April of 2015 and her older brother, Bob of Milan, Italy, in December of 2017. Her daughter, Nancy, passed away in March 2023. Her father, Alton, died in November of 1935. Her mother and stepfather, Curtis and Marjorie Greenwald, also preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at PERRY LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1057 WI-78 Trunk, Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, with Pastor Kelli Fisher presiding. Visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials may be made

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Donald G. Schwarz
Feb. 27, 1933 - Sept. 6, 2023



Dr. Donald G. Schwarz, 90, died peacefully on Wednesday, September. 6, 2023 at Mountainview Hospital in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He was born in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin on February 27, 1933 to Walter and Benunie (Martinson) Schwarz and was raised on the family farm located just south of Mount Horeb.

Don graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1951 and then attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned his B.S. Degree in Agriculture Education in 1955. He was a member of the Delta Theta Sigma Agriculture fraternity where he continued to lead and participate in annual alumni fraternity gatherings well into his 80s. In fact, Don was instrumental in forming the alumni arm of the fraternity.

On June 23 1956 he mar-

ried his high school sweetheart, Carol Einerson, and they went on to proudly raise three sons.

Don first taught vocational agriculture in Sevastapool, Wisconsin in Door County and then at Platteville High School in Platteville, Wisconsin.

Enlisting in the Army Reserves, Don completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in 1957. He was activated and sent to the state of Washington during the Berlin Crisis.

Don completed his Master’s Degree in Agriculture Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1961.

In 1965 Don and Carol moved from Platteville to Madison where he worked as an assistant to the academic Dean at UW-Madison’s College of Agricultural & Life Sciences until 1972. That same year, he earned his PhD in Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A move from their home in Madison to New Berlin, Wisconsin occurred in 1972 after Don accepted an administrative position with the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC). He initially developed the Agribusiness program at the Mequon campus. Don retired as the Director of the West Allis MATC campus in 1993.

Don’s retirement years were filled with travel, community service and socializing with friends, neighbors and family where Don was often the life of the party, always smiling, always upbeat with a great sense of humor. He’d reach out and talk to strangers easily, as if they were already friends. He was a genuine good guy!

Don and Carol became “snowbirds” — first wintering in Naples, Florida and later in Brownsville, Texas. They also enjoyed traveling to visit their sons who were living in California, North Dakota and France/England. In addition, they visited other European destinations including Switzerland and Norway, the homelands of Don’s grandfather Rudolf Schwarz and great grandfather, Torkel Martinson.

Don had many interests such as landscaping and lawn care, home. maintenance and remodeling. He especially enjoyed restoring a 1946 Willys Jeep station wagon. Don also liked to delve into family genealogy on both sides of his family — a side interest Carol shared with him.

Don was a “cheese expert” who liked to visit factories and shops in Green County. This was, perhaps, due to his Swiss heritage, the fact his Grandpa Schwarz was a Swiss cheesemaker and Don had worked as a teenager for his Uncle Alfred Abplanalp who operated a Swiss cheese factory near Middleton.

Active in the community, Don served on the Board of Directors for the West Allis Chamber of Commerce, taking on the role as Chairman of the Board in 1991. He

and Carol enjoyed going to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and were also participating members in the Sons of Norway Chapter in Milwaukee.

They lived in the same house in New Berlin for 50 years, but moved to Silver City, New Mexico 10 months ago to be closer to their sons.

Don is survived by his wife Carol, and sons Paul (Alice) Schwarz, Mark (Earl) Hunter, and David Schwarz. He is also survived by his brother Russell (Barb) Schwarz of Charles City, Iowa and sister Dorothy (Schwarz) Bliskey and her husband Brian Bliskey, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He is further survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother Martin Schwarz, sister Rosann (Schwarz) Jorns, brother-in-law Hub Jorns, niece Karen Rindy, and Luke Rindy - infant son of Don’s nephew Ryan Rindy.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral arrangements are pending. Don will be buried near his parents in the Mount Horeb Cemetery.

Cards and consolations can be mailed to Carol Schwarz at 2 Circle A Drive, Silver City, NM.

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Library Corner

Brought to you by the Mount Horeb Public Library Endowment Fund

By JESSICA GRETZINGER
Library Director

Through the generosity of the Mount Horeb Public Library Endowment Fund (Endowment Fund), the library has been able to fund two projects that were above and beyond the operating budget in 2023. Each year the Library Board determines if

a disbursement can be made from the Endowment Fund to provide funds for initiatives above and beyond the library’s operating budget.

The first project funded is new and upgraded equipment for the meeting room. The meeting room technology was upgraded from a projector to a new smart TV, speakers and video conferencing equipment. Groups who reserve the library’s meeting room will have the ability to host virtual meetings in the space while ensuring that virtual par-

ticipants can see and hear all members in the meeting room. Library staff will be available to help groups connect to the equipment.

The second project funded this year through the Endowment Fund is the addition of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the library, which is expected to arrive this fall. Earlier this year, several library staff members attended the CPR training hosted by the Mount Horeb Fire Department.

The Endowment Fund first came into existence in 2003 through donations and memorials from the Library Board and the Friends of the Library. The purpose of the Endowment Fund “is to fur-

ther energize and offer supplemental support to library services, and is not intended to subsidize or replace basic services that have been historically paid for from the Library’s operating budget” (Mount Horeb Village Resolution 2004-24).

Furthermore, “the Mount Horeb Public Library Endowment Fund will allow the Library Board to sustain, raise, and disburse funds to the Library in a manner that will complement, but not replace, the historic and ongoing critical support roles of the Mount Horeb Village Board and the Friends of the Library in the continuing health and growth of the Library” (Mount Horeb Village Resolution 2004-24).

25-year educator Diane Cook shares words of wisdom

By AUBREE HANKS
MHASD

At Mount Horeb Area School District, we are extremely fortunate to have such a talented group of faculty and support staff. We have more than 20 incredible individuals who have worked in the district for over 25 years. That's over 25 years of helping the children of our community to grow and reach their full potential. Diane Cook, Math Co-Teacher and Learning Strategist at Mount Horeb High School, recently reached this monumental 25-year milestone and kindly shared some of her wisdom.



Cook

What is one of your current goals in life?

Cook: One goal I always have for myself is to continue to keep learning new things and have new experiences. It's easy to fall

into comfortable life patterns. There's a lot to see and do out there!

Is there any advice that you typically give students?

Cook: Yes! If you have a question in class, ask it! Don't be embarrassed. At least one other person in the room has the same question.

What is something most people may not know about you?

Cook: I've always loved school, but I wasn't always an A student. When I was in high school, an award-winning science teacher lost her patience with me because I didn't understand something

that was obvious to her. That experience shaped my teaching. Students should always feel okay saying they don't understand and asking for additional guidance from a teacher. I love it when I see students taking charge of their own learning in this way.

What advice would you give new teachers?

Cook: Your first couple of years in the classroom will be tough, but you'll learn so much about the art of teaching. You might make mistakes, but you'll also have those little victories along the way that feel incredibly rewarding. Don't be afraid to reach out to other teach-

ers for strategies and advice. When I talk to a co-worker about a challenging situation, we often come up with a great solution together that I may not have thought of on my own. Relationships with your co-workers are valuable. Nurture these. Several of my current and past co-workers truly feel like family to me.

How have you changed as a teacher over the last 25 years?

Cook: My current role in education is very different from what it was when I first started teaching. I have had to be flexible and embrace change, even though sometimes it was stressful

and challenging. As a veteran teacher, I am now much more confident when working with other teachers, parents, and students. I have a wide variety of experiences to draw from. One thing that has not changed is my love of working with students in the classroom. There are some incredible young people out there and I enjoy hearing their perspectives on different topics.

All of our MHASD teachers and support staff go the extra mile for our students. For this, we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. If you see one of our MHASD staff, it would mean the world to us if you thank them for their hard work.

Groundswell Conservancy 'Hikes the Hauge' in Perry



Pictured are Mick Klein Kennedy (left) and Doug King (right) speaking to the hikers on the park's Heritage Circle of inscribed pavers with its unique Norwegian center stone symbol. The stone symbol was released to the park for display by the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah Iowa. The Circle was built by the Friends of the Parks of Perry Township. Mick is President of the Friends. Anyone wishing to add a personally-inscribed paver to the park can do so by contacting Klein Kennedy at mick@wisconsinlandscapes.com.

The Groundswell Conservancy hikers were hoping for a beautiful day in the Town of Perry's Hauge Historic Park. They were not disappointed.

Forty-five hikers from the Conservancy enjoyed plenty

of sunshine, a steady breeze and the peace and quiet of this hidden scenic jewel in Southwestern Dane County just south of Mount Horeb.

The hikers were taking part in Wisconsin Land Trust Days, an annual state-

wide celebration presented by Gathering Waters. It featured 45 events hosted by 21 Wisconsin land trusts across the state. The "Hike the Hauge" event was one of them.

The hike was hosted by

the Groundswell Conservancy in Madison. It was sponsored by: Michael A. Dubis Financial Planning LLC, Veridian Homes Foundation, First Business Bank, and Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters.

Leading the hikers around the park were Town of Perry Supervisor Mick Klein Kennedy, and Doug King, CEO of The Madison Group Consultants, who volunteered to explain the history of the park and point out highlights along the way. Among them was the park's second highest park observation point in Dane County. The expansive views were enjoyed by all.

Gathering Waters is Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts like the Groundswell Conservancy. The alliance has protected over 544,000 acres of land in Wisconsin.

A land trust is a community-based, nonprofit organization that works to permanently conserve land. In Wisconsin, Gathering Waters has more than 40-member land trusts, serving as environmental stewards that promise to care for the land they protect forever.

Land trusts work in their communities to protect and preserve natural spaces forever, preventing future development. They do this by

purchasing available properties that are for sale and by working with private landowners to secure conservation easements on their land. Permanently safeguarding land in this way is just the first step for many land trusts. Some of them also work to manage or restore the properties.

Since 1983, the Groundswell Conservancy has protected almost 4,000 acres of land in Dane County. In the case of the Town of Perry's Hauge Historic District Park, the Town worked with the Groundswell Conservancy to place a Conservation Easement on the park's 30 acres of land, protecting it against future development forever.

For more information about Gathering Waters, visit: gatheringwaters.org. For more information about the Groundswell Conservancy, visit: groundswell-conservancy.org. For more information about the Town of Perry Hauge Historic District Park, visit: hauge-historicdistrictpark.org.

Cast for Drama Dept.'s The Addams Family announced

Strother as Morticia; Gonzalez as Gomez; Droessler as Wednesday

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 p.m. All seats are reserved and cost \$10 each.

Tickets are available Monday, October 10 at 8 a.m. You can purchase tickets online by visiting the Mt. Horeb High School Music webpage or scanning the QR code on the forthcoming show posters around town. If you have trouble ordering, please call Kellen Dorner at 608-437-7239 for assistance.

The Cast:

Morticia Addams: Hayley Strother
Gomez Addams: Lucas Gonzalez
Wednesday Addams: Olivia Droessler
Pugsley Addams: Manon Gilles
Grandma: Jordan Betzle
Uncle Fester: Coen Faber
Lurch: Aiden Braverman
Mal Beineke: Chris Woller
Alice Beineke: Abigail Edseth
Lucas Beineke: Heath Davis
Conquistador Ancestor: Len Johnson
Saloon Girl Ancestor: Addison Lockwood
Neanderthal Ancestor: Lou McCully
Bride Ancestor: Anika Schaller
Grim Reaper: Matthew Mahoney
Soldier Ancestor: Elijah Ahrens
Courtesan Ancestor: Lauren Albrecht

Gambler Ancestor: Sydney Alcorn
Flight Attendant Ancestor: Tirza Leszczynski
Puritan Ancestor: Gretta Birkeland

Ancestors: Kate Alcorn, Tate Boatman, Eirinn Carr, Carter Craven, Faith Droessler, Kaylen Duckett, Alexandra Felcyn, Kaylen Hastings, Laurel Helland, Lainey Hesselting, Eden Hinzmann, Adrienne Hogseth, McKenzie Holmes, Natalie Hufton, Stella Jungels, Noah Kolz, Emerson Kroll, Caroline Kruepke, Aspen Laesch, Orion Lipska, Molly McGuire, Zeva Melka, Isabelle Munoz, Ahnali Nelson, Lily Nelson, Emma Olsen, Madelyn Potter, Lea Roemer, Marc Stoddard, Gabrielle Taft, Anna Tranel, Hannah Ubersox, Lex Vesley.



From left: MHMS music teacher Dominic Leising, MHMS music teacher Alyssa Thuli, 2023 8th grade Hanneman award recipient Lorelei Lawry, MHMS music teacher John Mesoloras, MHMS music teacher Calli Ingebritsen.



2022 Hanneman award recipient Emma Clark with 2023 Hanneman award recipient Gwen Mahoney.

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net in 6th grade. I have always loved music and I felt so honored to get this award. It was so cool to receive this award after looking up to the people that had won it before me. I hope to be a role model for those younger than me.”

This year’s 8th grade recipient was Lorelei Lawry. Lawry is an active musician in choir, band, and many co-curricular music activities. She is also an involved member of community theater and dance. When asked about receiving the Hanneman award, Lawry said: “I was so happy when they announced that I had won the award. I am also delighted to have my name on a plaque with so many other amazing musicians. I would also like to thank my

music teachers for helping me become the musician I am today. In addition, I will use the money to further my music education. All in all, I am just honored that the music boosters chose me for this special award.”

The Hanneman award reads: “The recipient of this award has shown notable musical talent and accomplishments, and has brought honor to our school, and pleasure to the community by performance, perseverance, and constructive behavior regarding music, school activities, and scholastic achievement.”

F.H. Hanneman

In 1917, Fredrick Hanneman moved to Mt. Horeb to direct the city band. He started the high school band in 1923, and by 1926, it was an academic subject earning full credit towards graduation at Mt.

Horeb High School. Mr. Hanneman’s influence also spread beyond Mt. Horeb; he started school bands in Dodgeville, Verona, Blanchardville, Middleton, Sun Prairie, and Barneveld. The Milwaukee Journal dubbed him a “musical circuit ride” in a 1963 newspaper article. At one point he was extremely ill and would rehearse bands in various schools by listening to the bands practice via telephone, offering comments afterwards.

In 1967, he was honored by the music parents at the high school spring concert, when an award was established in his honor.

In addition to his activities as a music teacher, Frederick Hanneman was an early member of the Mt. Horeb Chamber of Commerce and was one of the founding developers of Cave of the Mounds.

Recreation Notes

The village is already gearing up for this year’s Creepy Crawl!

Help us make this year’s Creepy Crawl the best one yet! It’s that time of year again! We are currently seeking volunteers to help spook our haunted trail on October 26th. If spooking is not your thing, we have other areas we are still looking for assistance. Please contact us at 437-3400 or mhrec@mounthorebwi.info if you are interested in helping.

Calling all beginner and experienced adults ready to Foxtrot or Rumba! Foxtrot is a relatively simple and very versatile, giving beginners a great foundation to work with. It can be danced at slow, medium or fast tempos, making it easy to move gracefully across the floor for social dancers of all skill levels. Rumba is passion on the dance floor! Rumba has a rich history and as a result, rumba music is complete but the dance is simple. There are variations but all of the styles share similar movements that have a wonderfully sensual, hip swaying rhythmic quality. The next sessions of Foxtrot and Rumba begin on October 2nd and take place each Monday

nights right here at the Senior Center through October 23rd. Foxtrot class is from 6:00-7:00 PM and Rumba is from 7:30-8:30 PM. Resident fee is \$40 per session and non-resident fee is \$50 per session. Registration deadline is September 25th.

Is your 2nd – 5th Grader ready to for a fun, creative program? Join Mad Scientists Training Academy where you don’t just learn science, you get to DO science! Make and take home a lava lamp, hover disc, explosive volcano, and of course...SLIME! Use all of these experiments to explore and discover the scientific method. Mad Scientists takes place starting October 5 through November 9 on Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 PM at the Intermediate Center Cafeteria. Resident fee is \$130 and non-resident fee is \$140. Registration deadline is September 28. All experiments are physical experiments, not chemical. Students will be provided safety goggles to wear during class. Don your white coat and goggles, it’s time to begin your own journey to becoming a mad scientist!

HOW TO REGISTER: There are multiple ways to register for programs and activities.

Online (go to <https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/mhrd>)

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street

Place completed form and payment in 24-hour drop box

Email completed form and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Adult Dance – Foxtrot and Rumba (9/25)

Coding for Kids (9/26)

Mad Scientists Academy (9/28)

Babysitting Class (10/3)

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Henry Healy.



Team photo by Ric Cederholm.



Caydence Zimmerman



Putting in work on the trails.

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friends and getting in shape,” added freshman Xander Feltz.
Alex Mortevedt, a sophomore, said he loves everything from training to competition. “I love the competition and the process of hard training,” he said. “While I ride, I love the wind in my face and time to think.”
“I love being a part of the team because of the adventure riding,” said freshman Graham Osterholz. “We get

to go to new places and learn new skills.”
Seventh grader Levi Baldwin Hart said he enjoys “both the community of riding and the challenge.”
The DMTB team is part of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Cycling League. It is a club sport organized by volunteer coaches.
Student athletes in grades 6-12 who attend the Middleton-Cross Plains, Waunakee, Mount Horeb, and Barneveld School Districts are eligible to join the co-ed,

no-cut teams.
The season begins in July and ends in October. Mountain biking is one of the fastest-growing life-long sports. According to data from the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA), 18,576 kids in the nation participated in different divisions of NICA in 2018. In 2022, 25,616 kids signed up to ride and race with their peers, a jump of 35 percent.
While the Mount Horeb team was formally recognized three years ago, its roots stretch back a bit further.

The group started as a composite team in the Wisconsin High School Cycling League in 2016 under the name Blackhawk Composite with four athletes. Brian Heifner was the Team Director/Head Coach. Riley Mortevedt, older brother to current team member Alex Mortevedt, was one of the four kids on the team that year. Dirk Horne became Head Coach in addition to being Team Director in 2019. The following year, membership was high enough for Mount Horeb Mountain Biking to establish its own team in the Wisconsin League. There were 47 total athletes across the two teams, 20 of which were from MoHo.
In 2022, the league updated the name from Wisconsin High School Cycling League to Wisconsin Interscholastic Cycling League. Blackhawk Composite was retired and three school named teams were established (Middleton, Mount Horeb and Waunakee). Driftless MTB was established as a governing organization for the three teams. Total athletes were 110 kids, 30

of which were from Mount Horeb. As of this season, there are 122 total athletes from the three communities.
Their home trails are at Blue Mounds State Park, and the team also practices at Blackhawk Ski Club in Middleton and other local trails around Dane County.
The team practices focus on mountain bike skill development, but also has some unique engagement, including improving trails and giving back to the communities where they ride. In addition to trail work, they study emergency medical training as well. On July 25, the team had the Barneveld Area Rescue Squad visit to teach them early medical response to injuries or emergencies. They discussed how to assist during common medical events typical with biking including heat stroke, puncture wounds, head injuries, and traumatic crashes or broken bones. A medical emergency simulation was conducted, demonstrating how to stabilize an injury and place a student on a single-wheel gurney.
On August 29, their event consisted of trail work on their home trails in Blue Mounds State Park. The student athletes worked on fixing drainage issues, smoothed out berms and branch clearance.
“I don’t know too many athletic teams that work on their own sporting facilities,” said parent and coach Mandy Potter. “Having the students work on their own trails develops a strong investment in caring for them and increases respect for the work that goes into maintaining them so they are rideable for everyone.”

Each season, they take part in five races throughout the state, with teams from all over Wisconsin.
They also hold Adventure Rides, non-competitive, “no drop” rides that offer riders the opportunity to explore new trails together in a fun and supportive environment. The first Adventure Ride of the season was in Marquette, MI at the Noquemanon Trails in mid-July. In August riders gathered from across the league at CamRock trails in Cambridge for a “scavenger hunt” Adventure Ride. Driftless riders took a day in late August to check out the John Muir trail system near Whitewater for the third Adventure Ride of the season. They also held an Adventure Ride on the CAMBA trail system in Cable, WI over Labor Day weekend.

“It’s a very unique team that recognizes individual student athlete goals instead of just team goals,” said Potter. “They create space for everyone’s interest from just meeting friends, to learning to ride, to getting to the top of the podium. Practices focus on team skills and individual development while keeping fun at the center.”
Parent and coach Ambra Baldwin Hart said it’s “about so much more than cycling.”
“We get together and love riding the trails, but it’s more than that,” Baldwin Hart continued. “The students and coaches support one another regardless of age, grade, ability or goals. Regardless of where you’re coming from, there’s a place for you here.”
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First mountain bike race of the season was September 3-4, 2023, Telemark Cable WI
Eleven local athletes raced on the 4.0 mile course:
Varsity: Alex Mortevedt was 9/58.
JV3 Boys: Wesly Horne was 9/50. Carter Craven had a mechanical issue and could not finish.
JV3 Girls: L Nalia Craven was 8/20.
JV2: Brandon Horne was 18/71.
High School Open Girls: Caydence Zimmerman was 4/5. Podium finisher!
Freshman Boys: Boston Zimmerman was 42/54
Middle School Two Lap: Levi Baldwin-Hart was 21/40 and Henry Healy was 24/40.
7th Grade: Kostya Levitsky was 11/71
6th Grade: Jaeger Hughes was 62/63
Team Result: Mount Horeb was 15/30 D1 teams (only high school athletes score team points).
Five athletes and five coaches participated in the WI League Adventure ride that occurred on Monday. We rode 10 miles as a group and had a great time on Once, Evenflow, Ojibwa, and Dirt Candy (all trail names).
They raced again Sept 16-17 at Lowe’s Creek, Eau Claire WI

Upcoming races:
Sept 23-24 at Englewood Farm, Fall River WI
October 7-8 at Nordic Mountain, Wild Rose WI
October 21-22 at TREK Headquarters, Waterloo WI

Community comes together for 21st annual Brew Fest



The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the volunteers, village staff, members of the Tourism Events Committee and the Summer Frolic Committee, as well as the hundreds of thirsty trolls who turned up on Saturday, September 9, for the 21st Annual Thirsty Troll Brew Fest. This was the first year the event took place up on top of the hill at Grun-dahl Park, rather than down in the baseball diamond, and thanks to some beautiful weather, the chamber enjoyed a great turnout! Thank you to event sponsors Gerber Leisure Products, Norsk Golf Club, Mr. Brews Taphouse, SERVPRO of Dane County West, Summit Credit Union, Annika Frame Photography, Premier Building Solutions, Thompson Investment Management, Inc., Farmers Savings Bank, Tyrol Basin, Miller & Son’s Supermarket, JG Development, Lake Ridge Bank, MHTC, the Village of Mount Horeb, and ATC for your support.
Pictured above are Becky Strube, RN; Caylen Kahl, CMA; Mandie Eagan, CRNA at the event. At right are Anne Caulum and Justin Faust. Photos contributed.



Fiscal Facts: Peering Down the Pipe

Recent Wisconsin Policy Forum research examined a critical if overlooked local government service: sani-tary and stormwater sewers, and the mounting costs to operate them. Sewers safeguard public health, limit flooding, and protect natural resources, yet their sizable cost is often overlooked when discussing local government finances. But as new challenges

emerge, such as increased flooding from climate change, these underappre-ciated public services and their cost are receiving more attention. We found that in the last 20 years, sewer costs in Wisconsin increased faster than overall local service costs. The cost of providing these services accounted for \$1 billion, or about 15%, of 2021 municipal spending in

Wisconsin. Previous Forum research found our state spends more per capita on sewers than al-most all other states. Cities, villages, and towns provide sanitary sewer service to residents, and most sewer systems are financed with user fees. Factors that boosted sewer spending include aging in-frastructure, federal regula-tions, and increased rainfall due to climate change. State-wide precipitation between 1940 and 1950 averaged 30.8 inches per year and increased to 35.2 inches between 2008 and 2018. This trend is expected to continue, putting additional pressure on stormwater sys-tems in the future.

Costs also are likely to grow further as the state ad-dresses emerging pollution threats such as PFAS, a set of chemicals used in flame retardants and other prod-ucts that break down very slowly over time and pose health risks. Wisconsin cre-ated a surface water stan-dard for PFAS in 2022. Such rules may lead to significant changes for both sewer and stormwater manage-ment systems, and over time may add substantial costs. Additional federal fund-ing and a growing focus on green infrastructure may be needed to address the state’s stormwater and sew-age needs. Greater regional collaboration, economies of scale and private partner-ships also may help limit expenditure growth.

Source: Wisconsin Policy Forum, a nonpartisan state and local government re-search and civic education group.

Countryside News



A doe enjoying some fallen apples.

By JERRY DAVIS
Countryside News

Wild and orchard apples are one of the white-tailed deer’s favorite autumn foods. This herbivore usu-ally waits until the pomes fall to the ground and then

simply stands under the tree and picks the fruit up and chews a bit before swal-lowing the apple whole. The fruit goes into the first compartment of the four compartment stomach and is brought back and chewed

with the rest of the meal be-fore continuing through the digestive system. Cull apples are sold in large quantities in the few Wisconsin counties where baiting and feeding deer is permitted.

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Kristen Dresen is the new owner of Olson's Flowers. She produces much of what she sells and uses other local growers as well. Photos by Matt Geiger.

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a tear rolls down her cheek. "I feel like if it wasn't for flowers, I might have just gone to work and missed that last year with my father. He was a typical farmer, a man of few words, but when we would sit there, we would talk and be together."

When he was admitted to a memory care facility, Dresen brought carloads of flowers for him and everyone else there. When he died, she handled the floral arrangements for his funeral. In those distinct scents, which will return year after year for as long as the world persists, she still detects memories of the time they spent together.

And that, more than anything else, is the reason she is the new owner of Olson's Flowers, Mount Horeb's oldest and most iconic floral shop. Dresen took

over the business in August of this year, taking the reins from the family that gave the store its name. Bill and Muriel Olson met at a party in a cow pasture in rural New Glarus many years ago, fell in love, got married, and spent their lives together running the flower business. The shop moved to Mount Horeb in November of 1962, and it has been in the village ever since, currently at 214 East Main Street. Bill died in late 2020, and the family announced they were planning to sell shortly afterward.

It was more than merely a business then, and it remains far more than merely a business today, as Dresen, who is keeping the name just as it is, works to guide Olson's into the future.

"Flowers are one of the few universal things," she says. "On good days and bad days, when there's a birth, or when someone gets sick or for a fu-

neral. They are so meaningful. Someone might not remember all the details of those days, but they will remember the flowers. They anchor those moments, in good times and bad."

The way the simple smell of a lilac bush can send someone 50 years into the past, to a time and place that no longer exists, is all anyone needs to know about the power of these bursts of color and fragrance.

"I really like learning about neuroscience, and I think the senses have so much to do with it," she says. "I've been trying to learn about that, and lean into it."

Dresen and her family have lived in Mount Horeb for more than a decade. "Mount Horeb is that true small town," she explains. "Madison was lovely but it was too big, and when we moved to Mount Horeb we immediately started making friends. It's a town where people and businesses help each other out. It's a place where people stick around. It's a community where, if someone is

going to go out to eat, it's probably going to be here, in town."

"It's way bigger than the town I grew up in, but Mount Horeb still feels like a small town because everyone here is so connected," she continues. "When your drop your kids off at school, it feels like they are being taken care of by family."

It was shortly after moving to Mount Horeb that Dresen first ventured into Olson's Flowers while exploring her new home. She continued visiting over the years, eventually walking through the door one day and simply asking if she could work there for free in order to learn more about being a florist.

"I've loved flowers my whole life, but also the energy of this place," she explains. "I never knew Bill [Olson] but when I started spending time here, I got to hear all these stories about him, about how kind-hearted he was."

"That's why it's bigger than running a flower shop, or being a small business owner," she says. "I'm proud of both of

those things, but it's more than that; it's the connections."

Dresen said even during her 20 years in the corporate world, she always looked at the human side of business. "Epic is healthcare," she says. "It's helping people. That's what I loved about it."

While her father helped inspire her to love flowers, her mother – who went to nursing school in the 1980s with four small children at home – showed her that it's okay to change course in the middle of your life and pursue your dream job.

"She showed me that doing that was okay," she says. "That's why, pursuing this dream, I have zero doubt that it's the right decision."

Dresen spent much of the prior evening talking on the phone with people who were planning funerals. Some of the conversation was about flowers, but much was about the people who recently passed out of the world.

"Someone who calls for a funeral arrangement might just need someone to talk to," she says. "My experience is, I want to spend my days doing that."

In addition to many of her own flowers, Dresen is also carrying ones from other local growers she met in recent years through a gardening group.

She was handed the keys to the business on August 5, which would have been Bill Olson's birthday.

"That first morning, I couldn't sleep," she recalls. "I got here at four in the morning. I was out front watering the flowers. It was quiet and still and dark. It just felt completely right."

Her first month owning the business has only reinforced her sentiments.

"It's been about what I imagined, but probably even better," she says. "I've gotten a lot of hugs and high-fives and stories from people."

Jeff Grundahl, who recently bought the property and was instrumental in bringing in Dresen, said he's glad Olson's will remain part of the community for another generation.

"As a lifelong resident, I know how important the Olsons have been to Mount Horeb," said Grundahl. "Through the purchase of the real estate and business, that knowledge deepened, and I am proud that we found someone to not only continue but to enhance the business."

"Kristen ... and her local flower farm bring new farm-to-vase options to our community, and her passion is very evident from the moment you walk in the door," he continued. "I look forward to working with Kristen to bring new life to the local business community and real estate in the coming years."

Shortly before her father died, Dresen had a short but pivotal conversation with him in a moment of lucidity.

"I think I'm going to do the flower thing," she told him.

"Oh," he replied. "I know you will."

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Drape honored for 50 years with garden club



Betty Drape (left) receiving the award from Carolyn White (MVGC Publicity Committee).

At the September 2023 meeting of the Mound Vue Garden Club (MVGC), Betty Drape received an award for 50 years of membership. She graciously accepted the award, while being quick to point out: “I may be the longest standing member of the club, but I am not the oldest!” She agreed to talk with me about her years of involvement with the club:

What meant the most to you upon receiving the award?

“It meant a lot when another club member said, ‘Betty was a very hard worker over those 50 years!’ as I’m not as able as I once was, and new members may be unaware that I used to do more than just attend meetings.” Betty thought awhile, then added “I must have done something right, as people still call me about flowers, gardens and the club”.

You’ve been a member of MVGC since 1973. What

are some of the highlights of those years?

“Right away, I joined the Troll Garden Committee. It used to be called the Triangle Garden (located at the intersection of Main and Springdale St), and it was the very first village garden the club planted and maintained. We had a good time! More important perhaps, I was club president twice, from 1980-81, and again from 1993-95. I want to mention three people who stood out when I joined the club: 1) Olive Thomson, botanist, who sparked our idea to plant a small prairie in our backyard, unique for the 1970’s; 2) Harriet Matthews, a great cook, who hosted the parties after every annual plant sale at her home; and 3) Geri Despina, an artist. All three have passed on.”

How did you find out about the club, and what prompted you to join?

“My husband and I had recently moved to Mt Horeb, and some personal contacts encouraged me to

join. The social aspect was a big reason, but I wanted to get started on gardening as well.

How has the club changed since you’ve been a member?

“There have been many changes but, for one, I miss the home hospitality, as we used to meet in member’s homes, and it was fun to see where people lived. We started meeting in public spaces about 15-20 years ago when the membership grew. I must say that where we meet now (the Violet Room of Wisconsin Surplus), is perfect. I’m glad, however, that we didn’t need to move the holiday party out of our homes until much more recently; Another change, a good change, is we’ve gotten more involved and visible in the community with the expansion to nine village gardens we care for, the many hanging baskets and planters along Main St, and the purchase of the shared gator with the village which we use to water all

the gardens; Lastly, we’ve made a name for ourselves by collaborating more with village government, opening up our meeting presentations to the public, and gaining new members.”

Is there anything you would you like to see in the club’s future?

“I think we are headed in a good direction. We are doing a good job with community engagement. The upside of meeting in public venues is they tend to be accessible, so these are smart changes regarding senior club members”.

Are there any other thoughts you wish to share?

“Yes, I think garden club is like the plant world itself, varied and diverse. On another note, it takes a lot of horses to pull the wagon. I urge everyone to join Mound Vue Garden Club!”

-By Carolyn White, MVGC Publicity/Communications Committee

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
- Friends of Mt. Horeb Public Library book sale, 9am-8pm at library
 - Mt. Horeb Seniors lunch outing, Stroz Inn, Hollandale, 10:15am
 - 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 22
- Friends of Mt. Horeb Public Library book sale, 9am-5:30pm at library
 - Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet OPEN 9:00-10:30am (Seniors preferred); all shoppers 3:00-5:30pm
 - BINGO, Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm, Sponsored by Lion's Club
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
- Friends of Mt. Horeb Public Library book sale, 9-12noon. \$10 bag sale from 12noon-2pm
 - Neighbors Helping Neighbors-Food Closet and Clothes Closet open 10:00-11:30am
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
- Legal Action Consults, 10:00-12:00noon, Senior Center
 - Tai Chi, 1:00pm, Senior Center
 - Ageless Grace, 2:00pm, Senior Center
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
- Lunch for Mt. Horeb Seniors at Fink's Cafe, 11:00am-1:00pm.
 - Euchre - Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm
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MAKING HISTORY

Mount Horeb's girls golfers win first conference dual meet title in schol history

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Champs.
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Pick a title, any title, and it fits like a glove on Mount Horeb's girls golf team.
The Vikings captured the Badger Small Conference title on Sept. 11, nipping Madison Edgewood, 188-192, in the final league dual meet of the season held at Norsk Golf Club.
Both teams entered the day undefeated in conference play, but only Mount

Horeb left unscathed.
The Vikings won their first-ever conference title and went a perfect 6-0 in doing so.
"Another great performance by our team against a solid Edgewood squad," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. "Heading into the day, I knew both teams were pretty close based on scores throughout the season so far and the match proved just that. We had a complete team effort from our entire lineup."
The Vikings' star of the continued on page 19



Champs!

Mount Horeb's girls golf team won the Badger Small Conference dual meet title for the first time in school history. From left are Lainy Hesseling, Abby Shaffer, Jadyn Schellpfeffer, Emma Olson, Ella Fager, Delaina Nicewander and Alexa Vesely. Photo submitted

MOUNT HOREB-BARNEVELD 44, MONONA GROVE 32

Vikings hold off Silver Eagles

MH-B stays undefeated

by **GREGG HAMMILL**
Sports Reporter

Just call him the closer.
After being held in check for most of the first three quarters, Trenton Owens took over when it mattered most.
With his team clinging to a five-point lead late in the fourth quarter, the senior running back carried six times for 51 yards and scored the game-clinching touchdown in Mount Horeb-Barneveld's wild 44-32 Badger Small Conference victory over Monona Grove last Friday.
"When we're in the huddle he's like, 'I want the ball,' " Vikings coach Bret St. Arnauld said of his workhorse running back. "When it's clutch time you know if it's the ninth inning and you need three outs you bring in your closer, right. He's our closer."
"Not only is he our closer, he's our opener too. He's ev-continued on page 18



Trenton Owens ran for 111 yards and three touchdowns in Mount Horeb-Barneveld's 44-32 win over Monona Grove last Friday. Photo courtesy of Ryann Utt

MoHo spikers second at own invite

Vikings reach finals, but lose to Barneveld

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

It was quite the week for Mount Horeb girls volleyball coach Kurt Owen.

First, Owen and his wife, Jenna, became parents again when they welcomed their newborn son Leo into the world on Sept. 12.

Then Owen watched his Vikings play solid volleyball last Saturday and finish second at the Mount Horeb Invite.

Mount Horeb reached the championship match, where Barneveld downed the Vikings, 23-25, 25-23, 15-9.

“This tournament wasn’t as strong as we’ve had in the past, so a first place finish was the expectation and was a very achievable goal,” Owen said. “Unfortunately, we didn’t match Barneveld’s desire and motivation in the championship match after beating them pretty easily in pool play.”

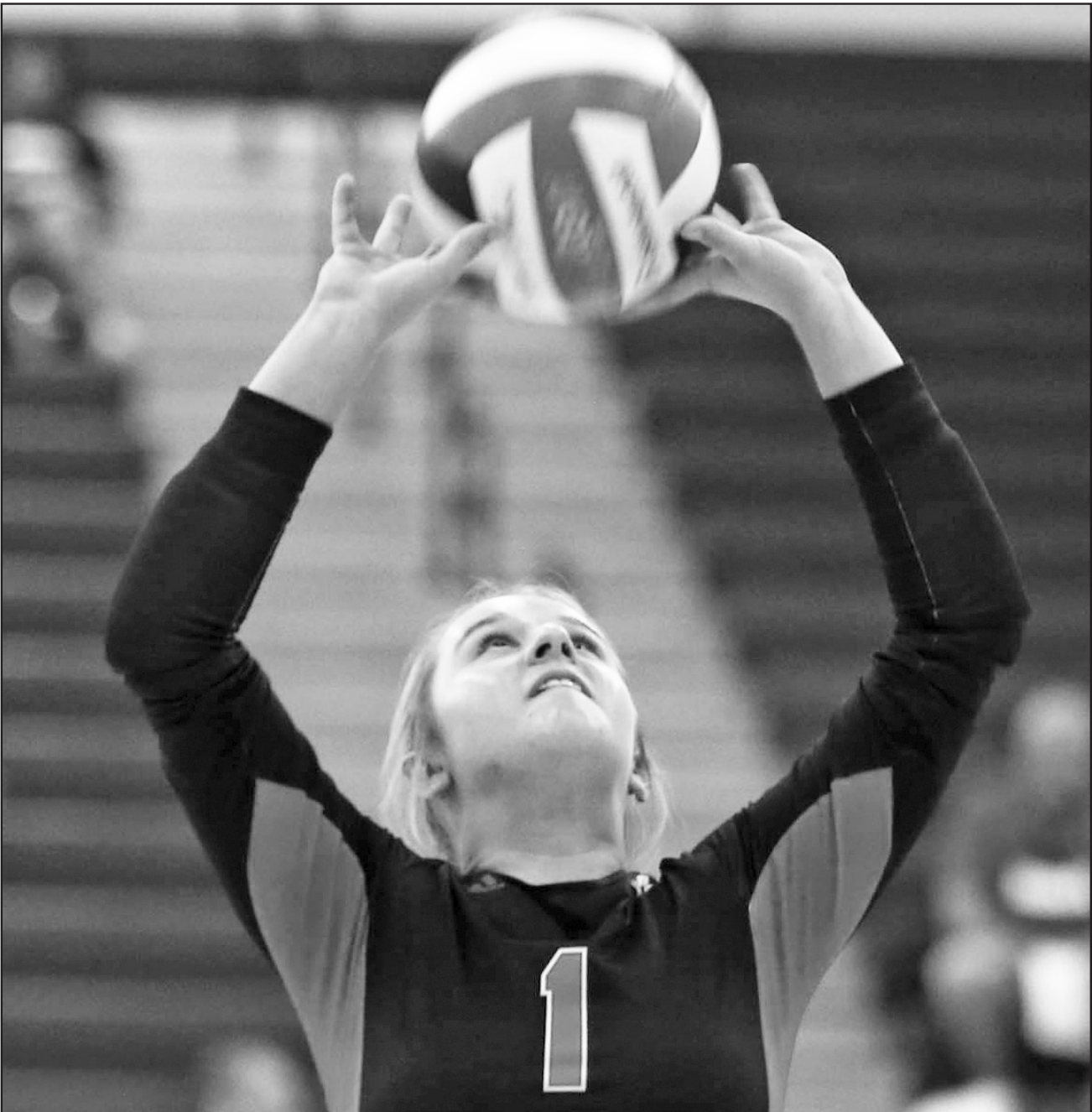
Despite the loss in the title match, Mount Horeb is still 15-4 overall this season and has played terrific volleyball most of the year.

“It’s weird, 15-4 is a great record and one of our best records ever at this point,” Owen said. “We have a lot to be happy about and know we are capable of playing at a really high level and still have a lot of potential for a deep playoff run.

“Other than our loss against McFarland, we either lost to a team we should have beat or competed a lot better. We need to try and figure out what’s holding us back from being our best selves every match. I’m looking forward to seeing how this team wants to step up and approach the rest of the season to make a push in the last month.”

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ performance at their own invite:

- **Mount Horeb 2, Madison La Follette 0** — The Vikings rolled to a 25-5, 25-9 win over the Lancers in pool play.
- Morgan Monroe led Mount Horeb with four kills on seven attempts with no errors. Ella Kahl added three kills on six attempts with no errors and Laila Rasmussen had four aces.
- **Mount Horeb 2, Jefferson 0** — The Vikings cruised to a 25-13, 25-9 win over the Eagles.
- Lizzy Mesenberg and Olivia Schrank led the way with three aces each and no service errors.
- **Mount Horeb 2, Barneveld 0** — The Vikings posted a 25-16, 25-11 win.
- Andie Moore led Mount Horeb with six kills on 15 attempts with no errors. Olivia Schrank and Kennedy Myers each had two aces with no errors and Myers also had 12 digs.
- **Mount Horeb 2, New Glarus 0** — The Vikings defeated the Glarner Knights, 25-22, 26-24, in the semifinals.
- Andi Moore had six kills on 10 attempts with one error to lead Mount Horeb. Kennedy Myers had four aces and no service errors, while Laila Rasmussen added 14 digs and no errors.
- “We really didn’t play that well in this one,” Owen said. “We trailed for a lot of the match, but buckled down when we needed to and took both sets down the stretch.”
- **Barneveld 2, Mount Horeb 1** — The Vikings rallied from an 18-8 deficit to win the first set. But Barneveld battled back, won the final two sets and captured the match.
- “Despite falling behind in the first set, we came back to take the set, which should have been a big boost to our confidence and demoralizing to Barneveld,” Owen said. “It looked like it early in the second (set) when we jumped out to a 5-2 lead, but let them back into it. We led 23-22, but couldn’t finish the second set and then got outplayed in the third.”
- Laila Rasmussen was outstanding with nine kills on 17 attempts and just one hitting error. Ruby Dahlk added 13 digs.
- Andie Moore was also a bright spot in the tournament and led the Vikings in kills.
- “We haven’t been able to get her going as much as I was expecting and would like, so starting to see some connections between her and the setters is promising,” Owen said of Moore. “Olivia Schrank saw more court time during the day and did a really solid job with her opportunities.



Ellie Hefty and Mount Horeb’s girls volleyball team finished in second place at their own invite last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

She’s a really solid player and we’ve been trying to figure out how to get her more involved.”

Mount Horeb also split a pair of conference matches last week, downing Reedsburg, 3-0, on Sept. 12 and falling to Edgewood, 3-1, on Sept. 14. Here’s a recap of Mount Horeb’s two conference matches:

- **Mount Horeb 3, Reedsburg 0** — The Vikings rolled to a 25-19, 25-16, 25-19 win over the Beavers.
- Reedsburg entered the night 2-0 in league duals with wins over Sauk Prairie and Stoughton. The Vikings began the night 1-1 in league duals.
- Jayse Holman led Mount Horeb with 11 kills and only two errors, while Laila Rasmussen had nine kills and four errors. Ellie Hefty had four aces, while Kennedy Myers added 15 digs.
- “We knew we needed to come ready to play in a match we needed to win,” Owen said. “Reedsburg consistently gets over-looked year after year and they consistently make teams pay for it.
- “I don’t know if they just don’t match up well with us or if they didn’t come

to play, but we controlled this match pretty well after a shaky start.”

- **Madison Edgewood 3, Mount Horeb 1** — The Crusaders toppled the Vikings, 25-14, 25-23, 23-25, 25-18.

“Edgewood got swept by Sauk Prairie two days prior, so we knew they would come out with a ton of focus and determination,” Owen said.

They did just that. Mount Horeb fell behind 12-0 in the first set and never recovered.

“We looked flat and far from the team we have seen and know we are,” Owen said. “After the rough start, we played with them the rest of the way in the set.”

The Vikings led the second set, 23-21, before Edgewood closed on a 4-0 run.

Mount Horeb jumped to a 7-0 lead in the third set, only to see Edgewood battle back and tie things, 23-23. This time, though, the Vikings put the Crusaders away, scoring the next two points to capture the set.

Edgewood rebounded, though, and led the fourth set from rather comfortably from start to finish.

In addition, the Vikings

lost Finley Moore to a high ankle sprain and she’s likely to miss approximately two weeks. “The loss makes a conference championship

unlikely now that our conference title is based solely on the regular season and doesn’t include our conference tournament,” Owen said.

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB VILLAGE BOARD REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

The Village Board of the Village of Mount Horeb met on the above date in-person in the Board Room of the Municipal Building.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Randy Littel called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Present were Village Board Trustees Tim White, Brett Halverson, Ryan Czyzewski, Cathy Scott, and Jason Fendrick. Trustee Nate Gauger was absent. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, and Youth-In-Government students Ethan Fendrick and Siobhan Mertz.

Trustee oath/swearing-in and presentation of Certificates of Election: Clerk Gaffney swore in Ryan Czyzewski as Village President, and Brett Halverson and Ben Jones as Village Trustees. She presented each of them with their Certificate of Election.

Consideration of Proclamations Recognizing Service: Incoming Village President Ryan Czyzewski read proclamations for outgoing President Randy Littel and outgoing Trustee Jason Fendrick. Fendrick also read a statement he had prepared.

Consider Committee and Commission appointments: Nathan McGree, owner of Tyrol Basin, spoke and inquired about the process of appointing citizens to committees. Czyzewski explained the process and reviewed the new appointments and changes to the list presented to the committee. Scott moved, White seconded to add Nathan McGree to the Tourism Commission as the sixth member, contingent upon changing the ordinance from five members to six. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Czyzewski moved, Littel seconded to add Fendrick as an alternate to the Board of Review Committee. All voted aye, with the exception of Fendrick, who abstained. Motion carried. Halverson moved, Littel seconded to approve the new appointments as presented by Czyzewski. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion on Vacant Trustee Seat: Czyzewski explained this item. He stated that he would like to appoint Marc Schellpfeffer as the trustee to fill the vacant seat. The board discussed the appointment and asked questions.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Littel moved, Fendrick seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm, carried by voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

Sadler, girls XC team shine

MoHo star wins title, leads Vikes to second

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Abby Sadler crossed the finish line last Saturday.

And by the time anyone else arrived, there was time to make a sandwich, change a light bulb or pay the VISA bill.

Sadler, Mount Horeb’s splendid senior cross country runner, won the hometown Mount Horeb Invite held at Norsk Golf Club. Sadler finished the 5,000-meter run in a blistering 18 minutes, 7.50 seconds and cruised to a first place showing.

Sadler broke her own course record by nearly 56 seconds. Ruah Franzmann-Simmert of Tri-State Home School was second in 19:03.40, nearly a full minute behind Sadler.

“Abby ran great and continues her strong start to the season,” Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said. “She’s run three course records in three races this year and hasn’t had to push all that hard yet.”

Sadler’s big day helped the Vikings finish second as a team.

DeForest won the meet with 53 points, while Mount Horeb was second with 60 points. Monona Grove (80), McFarland (94) and Tri State Home-school (130) rounded out the top five.

Mount Horeb’s Willa Vigliotta was third overall in 19:31.90 and set a school freshman record in the process. Freshman Julia Straka was 10th (20:29.40), junior Katherine Straka was 20th (21:59.60) and sophomore Lily Nelson was 31st (22:51.70).

“For the girls, it was the first time this season that we’ve been at full strength,” Chancellor said. “We were able to finish just behind a capable Division 1 DeForest team.



Abby Sadler (left) won the Mount Horeb Invite last Saturday, while Jack Loger (above) was the top finisher for the Vikings’ boys. Photos courtesy of Michelle Nelson

“Katherine Straka has been looking for a good race and she ran a smart one. I was really pleased with the continued consistency of Lily Nelson.”

Madison East won the boys’ race with just 50 points, while Madison La Follette (53), DeForest (56), McFarland (90) and Monona Grove (166) rounded out the top five.

Mount Horeb finished eighth with 226 points.

Jackson Loger was the Vikings’ top finisher, placing 46th and completing

the 5,000-meter race in 18:48.70. James Fountas was 55th (19:04.80), Jack Zwettler was 59th (19:13.70), James Zwettler was 61st (19:27.50) and Samuel Wyse was 64th (19:29.20).

“We finished eighth, but I’m optimistic about this team,” Chancellor said. “Our young guys are showing rapid improvement and they’re getting out there and competing for spots. In the four races we’ve run so far this season, we’ve had a different boy lead our var-

sity squad each race, and this week it was sophomore Jack Loger.

“Jim Fountas, Jack Zwettler, James Zwettler, Sam Wyse, and Noah Gibbs worked together for much of the race and finished in a tight group. Our JV guys have improved so much just in the last few weeks and most of them are running as fast right now as they ever have.

“We lost many of our top

boys from last season, but this group is working hard and I think they’re hungry and starting to see what they might be capable of in the years to come.”

Overall, Chancellor was thrilled with the day.

“Our teams ran well,” he said. “I like the format of our meet because we run one girls race and one boys race and don’t separate out JV and varsity runners. It gives a lot of our younger

runners a chance to step up and makes for interesting races.

“The course was in great shape on Saturday and it was the first race we’ve run this year where it actually felt cool in the morning. Most people don’t think of the Norsk course as a fast one, but for the second week in a row, over half our team set career best times.”

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin adopted the following ordinance amendment at the Village Board meeting on September 6, 2023.
Ordinance 2023-06 “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10.03 PUBLIC NUISANCES: WEEDS AND GRASS”.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a copy of the amended ordinance is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk. It is also available on the village website at www.mounthorebwi.info.

Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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Sincerely,
Josh Hyndman,
Water Superintendent

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**TOWN OF PERRY
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WI Department of Transportation
Highway 78 Resurfacing Project
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
Perry Town Hall
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. WI Department of Transportation - Highway 78 Resurfacing Project.
Construction Year – 2026/2027.
<http://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/wis78-dancounty/default.aspx>
4. Comments and questions.
5. Adjourn.

Mary Price, Clerk

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Eli Leonard and Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team split a pair of games last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Vikings’ soccer team splits two

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team split a pair of games last week.

The Vikings dropped a 3-0 decision to host Stoughton on Sept. 12. Mount Horeb then bounced back and toppled Milton, 1-0, last Saturday.

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ week:

- **Stoughton 3, Mount Horeb 0** — Host Stoughton scored three goals in the first 15 minutes and toppled Mount Horeb.
- “We got slapped in the face early,” Mount Horeb coach Rick Gage said. “This was not the start we wanted.”
- At the 22nd minute, the match was stopped due to lightning. After an hour break, the game was resumed and Mount Horeb

played much better soccer.

“Our team responded by coming out of the break with a lot of intensity and outplayed Stoughton for large stretches of the last 58 minutes of the game,” Gage said. “Unfortunately we were not able to score and get the score closer. Even though the start of the game was not what we wanted I thought the team showed maturity in how they responded to the slow start.”

- **Mount Horeb 1, Milton 0** — Noah High’s first half goal was the only score of the game and allowed the Vikings edge the Red Hawks.
- “I thought the team put in a hard fought defensive effort from all positions on the field,” Gage said. “We were unlucky to not score another goal in the game, but the lone goal was

enough to get the win.”

Mount Horeb got a boost as Riley Schellpfeffer returned from injury for the first time since Aug. 26 and Nico Baden came back after missing the previous two games.

The Vikings scored when Schellpfeffer beat his defender out wide and crossed a ball into a wide open High in front of the goal. High then buried the ball in the back of the net for the only goal of the game.

Aaron Schmidt notched his second shutout of the season and Mount Horeb’s defense was sublime.

“I like how the team is playing right now as we are getting healthier,” Gage said. “Our defense is starting to play better as a unit and we starting to create more offensive opportunities in front of the goal.”

MoHo swimmers edged by Lodi

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls swimming team put up valiant fight before falling to Lodi, 99-71, on Sept. 12.

“I am super impressed with how well we were able to keep up with Lodi speed wise having some events being determined by tenths of a second,” Mount Horeb coach Jalen Butteris said. “But they have almost 50% more girls on their team, which really made the difference.”

All three of Mount Horeb’s relays finished in

second place.

The quartet of Ava Newman, Siobhan Mertz, Caitlin Paterick Stern and Emmy Bennin were second in the 200-yard medley relay. The foursome of Perri McMahan, Piper McMahan, Nina Paterson and Bridget Drapp was second in the 200-yard freestyle relay. And Mount Horeb’s 400-yard freestyle relay team of Sam Hanson, Drapp, Perri McMahan and Piper McMahan was second.

Newman won the 200-yard freestyle, while Madeline Evans was second. Newman also won the 100-yard backstroke.

Bennin won the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly, while Perri McMahan was third in the 100-yard butterfly. Paterick-Stern won the 500-yard freestyle and Evans was third.

Mertz was second in the 100-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard breaststroke. Paterick-Stern was also second in the 200-yard IM.

“Our distance swimmers really showed how powerful they are going first and second in the 200 freestyle and first and third in the 500 freestyle,” Butteris said.

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 5, 2023

The Village Board met in regular session in-person on the above date in the Board Room of the Mount Horeb Municipal Building.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Randy Littel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Trustees Halverson, White, Fendrick, Gauger, and Scott. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, Village Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier, and Youth-In-Government students Siobhan Mertz and Ethan Fendrick.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda: Scott moved, Littel seconded to remove the Street Use Permit application for the Classic Car Cruise-In events from the consent agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Czyzewski moved, Halverson seconded to approve the remaining consent agenda items: Minutes of the March 1, 2023 Village Board meeting; Operator License Application recommended for denial; Appointment of Kimberly Hillary to the Library Board as School District Representative; Street Use Permit application for Summer Frolic Parade. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Scott inquired if there were any complaints about the Classic Car events last year, and about the availability of the parking lot. Scott moved, Gauger seconded to approve the Street Use Permit application for the Classic Car Cruise-In events. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Proclamation Recognizing No Mow May: Mound Vue Garden Club members Carolyn White and Barb Case presented information about the benefits of the proposal. The board members discussed and gave their input. Scott moved, White seconded to approve the proclamation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Authorization of Village Administrator and Village Engineer to solicit bids for Alley Reconstruction: Owen explained this item. Czyzewski moved, Littel seconded to approve the authorization. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Award of Contract 23-101 For Street Reconstruction Projects: Owen explained this item. Fendrick moved, White seconded to award the contract to Rule Construction. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Library 2022 Annual Report: Library Director Jessica Gretzinger gave her annual report.

Consider making alley between 2nd Street and 3rd Street running from Front Street to Main Street one-way: Owen explained this item. Police Chief Doug Vierck spoke about the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation, and his personal recommendation. Todd Cash, owner of Trail This, and Peter Waltz, neighboring property owner, spoke in opposition. Skal Public House owner Brian Ladow spoke in support. The board members discussed and gave their input. Scott moved, White seconded to decline making the alley a one-way. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Littel moved, Scott seconded to move the Tennis/Pickle Ball discussion up to the next item. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Additional funding for Tennis/Pickle Ball Court Renovation: Owen explained this item. Halverson gave details on the discussion that took place at the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee meeting. Halverson moved, Scott seconded to approve the additional funding.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Consideration on Consistency of Steve Brown Apartments with Village Plans: Owen explained this item. Village Planner Ben Rohr spoke about the Village’s downtown plan and fielded questions from the board. Mark Mostrom and Steve Grundahl spoke about their concerns with parking. Destinee Udelhoven spoke about the discussion at the Plan Commission meeting and why the item was tabled. Attorney Kleinmaier gave his input.

Consider recommendation for Resolution 2023-02 Conditional Use Permit for sports fields at 1960 and 1980 Commerce Drive: Owen explained this item. Attorney Kleinmaier spoke about the state statutes in regards to Conditional Use Permits. The board members gave their input. Littel moved, Czyzewski seconded to approve Resolution 2023-02. The motion failed on a 3-4 roll call vote.

Releasing TID obligations for 1960 and 1980 Commerce Drive: This item was not needed, as Resolution 2023-02 did not pass.

Consider adding two citizen members to Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission: Halverson and Owen explained this item. Board members gave their input. This item will come back to the board with an ordinance amendment.

Consideration of proposed Arbor Day Proclamation: Littel moved, Scott seconded to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Claim against the Village of Mount Horeb-Alleged Trip and Fall on South Second Street: Owen explained this item. Czyzewski moved, Fendrick seconded to deny the claim. All aye, with the exception of Scott, who recused herself from the voice vote. Motion carried.

Consider April 17, 2023 for Reorganizational Meeting: Owen explained this item. The board set the meeting for April 17th, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Consider Pay Request #1 for Project 23-100: Owen explained this item. Czyzewski moved, Scott seconded to approve the pay request. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committee reports: All committee reports were given, with no action taken.

Village President’s report: Littel thanked the community, staff, and trustees, both current and former. He also congratulated Czyzewski on being elected as Village President.

Village Administrator’s report: Owen thanked Littel for his hard work during his tenure.

Village Clerk’s report: Gaffney reported on April 4th Spring Election results.

Closed Session: Discussion/Consideration: Purchas of property for parkland (Meylor Farm). The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session: Fendrick moved, White seconded to convene to closed session at 9:18pm. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. There was no action taken.

Adjournment: At the end of closed session, Gauger moved, Littel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose Board of Supervisors will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be limited to the Mount Horeb Area Joint Fire Department budget. This agenda 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.

NOTICE OF TOWN OF PERRY - OPEN BOOK

Perry Town Hall
10084 CTH A
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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everything for us, he’s our captain, he runs downhill, runs between his pads and I don’t know who else I would want getting the ball in that case.

“Downhill, get the first down, and let’s do this thing and he did that extremely well. I’m really proud of him and how he played tonight.”

The Vikings appeared to be cruising with a comfortable 37-20 lead midway through the fourth quarter, but two quick scores by the Silver Eagles cut the deficit to 37-32.

When MH-B got the ball back at its own 26-yard line with five minutes remaining, Owens ripped off a 20-yard run on the first play. He later added an 18-yard run on a big third-and-2 play down to Monona Grove’s 9-yard line where he slid down in bounds to run more time off the clock.

“I knew we needed to keep the clock running and I’m like ‘Oh, I might get pushed out of bounds here,’ so gave up a few yards to keep the clock running,” said Owens.

“(Owens) actually slid on purpose,” said St. Arnauld. “When you’ve got a kid that has a 35 ACT that’s what happens. He’s super smart.”

Two plays later, Owens powered in from two yards out with just one minute, 19 seconds remaining in the game.

“I know what we put in all summer long and I know what our guys are capable of and everybody in our huddle knew that we were going to ice it,” Owens said. “We were going to drive it down their throats and we were going to win. That’s about all we cared about.”

“We stepped it up there at the end,” added Vikings quarterback Kasey Helgeson. “I think our O-line did a really good job and they blocked and we punched it in the endzone and we won.”

MH-B, ranked No. 2 in the WIAA Division 3 WisSports.net coaches poll, improved to 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the Badger Small Conference. Monona Grove dropped to 2-3 and 1-2.

“They’re a good football team,” St. Arnauld said of Monona Grove. “The fact is this was a track meet, but they scored two touchdowns in a minute there because things went the way they went, but that’s football. At the end of the day, it matters if you’re on the left or right side of the column and we happened to be on the left side tonight.”

Owens managed just 25 yards on eight carries in the first half, but rushed for 86 yards on 15 carries in the second half. He finished with 111 yards on 23 carries, scored three touch-

downs and set up another score with a 50-yard kickoff return.

“That was tough sledding the first half,” Owens said. “I thought that I was getting less than two yards a carry and my coach told me it was closer to three. That made me a little happier, but three is still not very good. It is what it is, grind them down and I was getting big plays in the second half.”

The Vikings scored on their opening possession of the game. On third-and-18, Helgeson connected with Chris Kiel down the sideline for a 65-yard score. Helgeson tossed a perfect strike to Kiel, who caught the ball in stride at the 20, and beat defensive back Cal Woerth to the endzone. Owens ran in the two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead.

“It was third and long and we got one-on-one coverage out there and it’s hard to guard (Kiel) one-on-one,” said Helgeson. “I made a good throw and he did the rest.”

Kiel finished with six catches for 121 yards. In addition to his touchdown catch, he also passed for a touchdown and caught a two-point conversion pass from Helgeson.

“He’s special, one hundred percent,” St. Arnauld said of Kiel. “He was a running back as a freshman and sophomore year we’re thinking we’ve got to get this kid on the field. We had a loaded backfield last year. We had a senior running back and we had Trenton, so I was like we’ve got to figure out a way to get this kid out on the field, he can’t be playing JV, so we moved him to receiver.

“Sophomore year he had some stuff to work out, had to fix some stuff. And then this whole offseason all he’s been doing is receiver stuff, going to all these camps and tearing it up left and right. All the hard work that’s he’s putting in is paying off. You just see that all the work he’s been doing come to fruition. It’s been awesome.”

The Silver Eagles took advantage of a short field to pull within 8-6 early in the second quarter. Monona Grove took over at its own 46 after a punt and Gavin Hablewitz’s 1-yard touchdown run capped the 10-play drive. Quarterback Cal Moreau kept the drive alive with a 11-yard run on third-and-7 from the Vikings’ 12-yard line.

The Vikings struck back on their next possession as Owens beat defensive back Zach Cadogon to the corner of the endzone on a 9-yard touchdown run to cap nine-play, 74-yard drive. A 32-yard completion from Helgeson to Owen Preimesberger to the Monona Grove 18 set up the TD. Owens was stopped short on the



Kasey Helgeson (8) and Mount Horeb-Barneveld improved to 5-0 last Friday with a 44-32 win over Monona Grove. Photo courtesy of Ryann Utt

conversion attempt and the Vikings settled for a 14-6 halftime advantage.

MH-B made it 21-6 when Owens scored untouched from two yards out on the opening possession of the second half. The Vikings faced a fourth-and-8 from the Monona Grove 30 and Helgeson scrambled to his left under pressure. He found Landon Ellestad who had worked his way from the opposite side of the field and made a sensational diving catch at the Monona Grove 2-yard line to set up the score.

Monona Grove took advantage of two 15-yard penalties on the Vikings — roughing the passer and pass interference — to pull within 21-14 on its next drive. Moreau capped the drive with a 2-yard TD run. Moreau pitched to Woerth who passed to Preston Huemmer for the 2-point conversion.

On the ensuing kickoff, Owens raced down the left sideline for 50 yards before stepping out of bounds at the Monona Grove 37. On a fourth-and-3 play from the Monona Grove 30, Helgeson faked a handoff to Owens and then tossed a perfect strike to Ellestad running all alone down the middle of the field for a TD. Kiel made a diving catch in the corner of the endzone for the two-point conversion and a 29-14 lead with 4:39 remaining in the third quarter.

The Silver Eagles answered with a nine-play, 64-yard scoring drive capped by a Hablewitz 2-yard scoring run to make it 29-20 with 2:02 remaining in the third quarter. A 38-yard pass play from Moreau to Joseph Otto Morton set up the touchdown.

The Vikings used some trickery to answer back. On a second-and-one play from the Monona Grove 29, Helgeson pitched to Owens who tossed back to Kiel, who then lobbed a pass to Helgeson for a TD. Helgeson ran in the two-point conversion giving MH-B a 37-20 lead with 10:10 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings got the ball back again when Ellestad intercepted Moreau at the Vikings’ 10-yard line and had a couple opportunities to add to their lead. An 11-yard completion to Kiel gave the Vikings a first down at their own 28. Two plays later, a potential TD pass from Helgeson went off Ellestad’s hands.

After a penalty and a 13-yard completion to Kiel, the Vikings prepared to punt on fourth-and-5. The Vikings faked the punt, though, and Helgeson found Owen Aeschlimann on a long pass play deep into Monona Grove territory. Unfortunately for the Vikings, they were penalized on the play.

“We dropped the wide open fade, that would have been 44-20 at that time and then we did the fake punt,” said St. Arnaud. “We landed it and they said we didn’t have enough guys on the line of scrimmage.”

After a short punt, the Silver Eagles took over at the Vikings’ 49 and needed just five plays to score. Moreau capped the drive with a 21-yard scoring toss to Joseph Otto Morton to pull Monona Grove within 37-26 with 5:41 remaining.

MH-B took over at its own 33 after the ensuing kickoff and gave the ball right back. Helgeson fumbled the hand-off exchange to Owens and Monona Grove recovered at the Vikings’ 31-yard line.

On first down, Moreau pitched to Otto Morton who connected with Hablewitz on a 26-yard pass play to the Vikings’ 5-yard line. Two plays later, Moreau caught his own batted pass and ran it in for a 6-yard TD to make it 37-32 with 5:04 remaining.

The Vikings then went on a nine-play, 74-yard scoring drive to clinch the victory.

“We took some shots on defense tonight,” Owens said. “Our middle backer went down and it was tough sledding for a little bit but, all our guys we just nugged up at the end. We knew that if we stuck together that we could pull through.”

Landon Bonkamp ended the game by intercepting Moreau at midfield. Aside from that turnover, there were only two defensive stops, one by each team, in the entire second half.

“That was a wild game, probably the craziest game I’ve ever been a part of,” Helgeson said. “It was back and forth all night and eventually we came out on top.”

The teams combined for a 56 points in the second half.

“Before the game I was thinking we might give up a couple scores because they’ve got some athletes and hopefully we can keep them underneath that,” St. Arnaud said. “Obviously we gave up way more than expected. But I can’t be unhappy with the ‘W’ so we’re just going to take it and go onto next week and get ready for Fort.”

The game was marred by penalties throughout as the teams combined for 22 penalties. MH-B was whistled 11 times for 80 yards and Monona Grove was penalized 11 times for 66 yards.

St. Arnaud is confident his talented team will learn

from its mistakes.

“We’ve got a very good football team,” St. Arnauld said. “We just have to stay humble week to week, try to take steps forward, not steps backwards. I realize we made mistakes tonight and to try to correct those mistakes.

“It’s not about pointing fingers, it’s about finding the mistakes you made and fixing them. If we can do that as a team, I mean our offensive line up front is going to mash, our defense, we’re going to be fine.”

MHB 44, Monona Grove 32	
MG	0 6 14 12 – 32
MH-B	8 6 15 15 – 44
MHB – Chris Kiel 65 pass from Kasey Helgeson (Trenton Owens run)	
MG – Gavin Hablewitz 1 run (kick failed)	
MHB – Owens 9 run (run failed)	
MHB –Owens 2 run (Zach Maguire kick)	
MG – Cal Moreau 2 run (Preston Huemmer pass from Cal Woerth)	
MHB – Landon Ellestad 30 pass from Helgeson (Kiel pass from Helgeson)	
MG – Hablewitz 2 run (pass failed)	
MHB – Helgeson 29 pass from Kiel (Helgeson run)	
MG – Joseph Otto Morton 21 pass from Moreau (kick failed)	
MG – Moreau 9 pass from Moreau (pass failed)	
MHB – Owens 2 run (Owen Smith kick)	

TEAM STATISTICS	
First downs – MG 16, MHB 12. Rushing (Att-Yds) – MG 31-129, MHB 23-120. Passing yards – MG 221, MHB 280. Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.) – MG 38-24-3. MHB 25-16-1. Total plays-yards – MG – 71-350, MHB – 59-400. Fumbles-lost – MG 0-0, MHB 1-1. Penalties-yards – MG 11-60, MHB 11-80.	

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	
Rushing: MG – Moreau 14-65, Gavin Hablewitz 16-62. MHB – Trenton Owens 23-111. Passing: MG – Moreau 37-23-221, Otto Morton 1-1-0. MHB – Helgeson 24-15-1-280, Kiel 1-1-0. Receiving: MG – Otto Morton 6-88, Hablewitz 4-62. MHB – Kiel 7-134, Ellestad 4-70.	



Ella Fager (above) and Delaina Nicewander (right) helped Mount Horeb’s girls golf team win the Badger Small Conference dual meet title. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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day was sophomore Delaina Nicewander, who shot a career-low 42 and captured medalist honors. Nicewander made a birdie on the par-five, second hole along with pars at No. 8 and 9 and bested her previous career-low by three shots.

Senior Ella Fager shot a 48, including a par at No. 6. Fager was honored on Senior Night, then made the final home meet of her four-year varsity career an extremely memorable one.

Junior Emma Olsen and freshman Jadyn Schellpfeffer both had rounds of 49, while junior Lainy Hesselning shot a 51.

“Our complete team effort helped us finish undefeated for the first time ever in conference play,” Krentz said. “We are playing well right now and hopefully that can continue at our conference tournament next week

when will need to play just as well, if not even better, when we see Edgewood again.”

Mount Horeb also finished second at the 11-team Portage Invite held at Portage Golf Club on Sept. 13.

DeForest won the team title with a blistering 337, while the Vikings shot a 385.

Fager led Mount Horeb with a career-low 18-hole score of 83 (40-43). Fager recorded nine pars during her round and finished in fourth place at the 60-player field.

Olson had a 97 (46-51), parring No. 6 on her way to tying for eighth place. Nicewander tied for 13th with a 101 (51-50), parring No. 6, 15 and 18.

And Schellpfeffer tied for 19th with a 104 (54-50), parring No. 8 and 16 on her way to a career-low 18-hole round.

“We were able to build off our great play on Monday with another good per-

formance on Wednesday,” Kreentz said. “Portage is far from the longest course we play, but with its small greens and narrow fairways, it can be challenging if you are on the wrong side of the hole.

“Ella had a terrific day and closed well, parring eight of her final 12 holes, while Emma, Delaina, and Jadyn all had solid rounds. This was an important round in that it only was our third 18-hole stroke play event of the season, and with our conference tournament and regionals right around the corner, getting another 18-hole round in will hopefully benefit us down the stretch.”

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb was at its conference tournament Tuesday, then is off until Sept. 27 when it heads to the WIAA Division 1 Oregon Regional at The Legend at Bergamont.



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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 3, 2023

The Village Board met in regular session in-person on the above date in the Board Room of the Mount Horeb Municipal Building.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Ryan Czyzewski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Trustees Halverson, White, Jones, Schellpfeffer (once sworn in), and Scott. Trustee Gauger was absent. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, Village Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier, and Youth-In-Government students Siobhan Mertz and Ethan Fendrick. Czyzewski welcomed new members Ben Jones and Marc Schellpfeffer.

Public Comments: Lauryn Durtschi-Jones voiced her concerns about downtown parking.

Consent Agenda: Jones requested Ordinances 2023-03 and 2023-04 be removed from the consent agenda. Scott requested the April 5, 2023 minutes be removed from the consent agenda. Scott moved. Jones seconded to approve the remaining consent agenda items: Minutes of the April 17, 2023 Reorganizational meeting; Recommendation on Façade and Building Improvement Grant Application: Botham Investments, 305 E Main Street; Recommendation on Nomination of Citizen Members to Committees; Consider Pay Request 2 for Project 23-100; Recommendation on Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map for Life Church; Liquor License Premise Extension-Dog House Bar & Grill, “Classic Car Cruise In”; Wednesdays, June 7-Oct 4, 2023, 5-9pm; public parking lot, corner of First Street and Front Streets; Street Use Permit Application-Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce, “Annual Art Fair”, July 14, 2023 to July 16, 2023, Main Street from S. 2nd Street to Lincoln Street; Street . Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Scott had a correction to the April 5, 2023 minutes. White moved, Halverson seconded to approve the April 5, 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Jones questioned the new language of “One member may be a non-resident of the Village if they have significant tourism marketing experience that would benefit the commission” on Ordinance 2023-03. The board discussed and decided to remove that language. Jones moved, Scott seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-03 as amended. Jones questioned the new language under section (2)(b) on Ordinance 2023-04. The board discussed possible amendments. Jones moved, Halverson seconded to table Ordinance 2023-04 and bring new language back to next month’s board meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Marc Schellpfeffer for vacant Trustee seat: Schellpfeffer introduced himself. Halverson moved, White seconded to appoint Schellpfeffer to the vacant Trustee seat. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Oath of Trustee Marc Schellpfeffer: Village Clerk Gaffney swore in new Trustee Marc Schellpfeffer.

Proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week: Czyzewski explained this item, read the proclamation, and thanked the staff and board for their service.

Friends of the Norsk, Inc Financial Statements: Andy Baber and Matt Anderson, members of Friends of the Norsk, presented their financial information.

Consideration of Residential Exterior Improvement Program awards: Owen explained this item. All applicants who met the requirements are proposed to be awarded the grant. Owen stated there was one applicant who was missed in the list of awards, who also met the requirements. Scott moved, Jones seconded to approve the

awards as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Resolution 2023-04. Debt Issuance: Village Financial Advisor Kevin Mullen of Robert W. Baird & Co., spoke about the Capital Improvement Plan. Jones moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to approve the parameters Resolution, 2023-04. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider recommendation of Ordinance 2023-02. changing the zoning classification for 120 S First Street from I-1 Industrial to CB-Central Business to PD1- Planned Development for Steve Brown Apartments: Owen explained this item and gave background on the recommendation. Kristen Fish-Peterson explained the increment and parking. Dan Seeley of Steve Brown Apartments spoke about the project and fielded questions from the board. Village resident Jeanne Wright questioned the number of residents vs the number of parking spots. Halverson moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to approve Ordinance 2023-02. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Certified Survey Map to combine two lots at 120 S First Street, Steve Brown Apartments: Owen explained this item. Scott moved, Halverson seconded to approve the CSM. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Annual Review of Code of Ethics Policy: Czyzewski explained this item.

Consider Award of Contract for Alley Reconstructions: Owen explained this item. S&L Underground had the low bid. Jones moved, White seconded to award the Contract to S&L Underground. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of SolSmart Certification: White explained this item. Jones moved, Halverson seconded to authorize the Sustainability and Natural Resources committee to work with SolSmart. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committee reports: All committee reports were given, with no action taken.

Village President’s report: Czyzewski thanked the village for the opportunity to be Village President. He also briefly spoke about his tenure plan.

Village Administrator’s report: Owen spoke about the utility lease agreements.

Village Clerk’s report: Gaffney did not have anything to report.

Closed Session: Discussion/Consideration: Purchase of property for parkland. (Meylor Farm). The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session: See motion below under next item.

Closed Session: Discussion/Consideration: Purchase of property for parkland. (Lukken Farm). The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session: Halverson moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to convene to closed session for both items, at 9:10pm. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Adjournment: By consensus, the board reconvened to open session and adjourned at 10:20pm. No action was taken.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk and assisted by Ryan Czyzewski, Village President

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- **RN OR** – .8 FTE scrub nurse position. **\$4,000 Employment Bonus eligible!**
- **RN OB** – .6 FTE day/evening Weekender Premium Pay position! **\$4,000 Employment Bonus eligible!**
- **Operating Room Technician** – .8 FTE day shift position. **\$3,000 Employment Bonus eligible!**
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We are seeking an energetic, creative, and self-motivated person to fill an Assistant Manager position at our Bargain Nook resale store in Mount Horeb.

This Bargain Nook is one of five stores owned and operated by Hodan Community Services, Inc. All profits from the Bargain Nook stores support programs for people with disabilities.

The part-time Assistant Manager position averages 20-30 hours per week with starting hourly wage commensurate with experience.

Position qualifications (minimum):

- Retail and/or resale experience
- Demonstrated ability in supervision
- Good display and merchandising skills
- Familiarity with iPad cash register system is a plus!
- Willingness and ability to lift or move boxes, merchandise, fixtures or racks up to 50 pounds
- Experience or openness to working with persons with disabilities
- Valid driver's license

Applications are available at any Bargain Nook location during store hours

For additional information, please call Deb at 608.437.4660 or Karen at 608.987.3336.

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