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Fire at Curly's Pub in Blue Mounds

At 2:45 a.m. on September 18, Dane County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a fire at Curly's Pub and Grub on Main Street in the Village of Blue Mounds. Smoke filled the building, which included a single-family apartment above the business. All six residents of the apartment were safely evacuated. The Red Cross also responded to assist the family. The cause of the fire is under investigation but does not appear suspicious. Preliminary damage estimates are about $200K.

HEALTH: DHS warns of whooping cough

DHS Monitoring Significant Increase in Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Urges Vaccination to Prevent Severe Symptoms

Pertussis cases currently more than ten times higher than last year in Wisconsin, high nationwide

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is reporting a significant increase in cases of pertussis, also known as whooping cough, across Wisconsin. Data in the state, and nationally, show case counts are now similar to pre-pandemic levels. To prevent the spread and protect against severe symptoms or hospitalization, DHS urges Wisconsinites to make sure they and their children are up to date on their pertussis vaccine and to take other steps to stay healthy.

As of September 13, 2024, DHS has received reports of 625 confirmed cases of pertussis, compared to 51 cases reported in 2023.

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Pasture Patterns

A small family farm produces nearly half a million eggs each year



Steve and Beth Albert work together to care for their chickens, the land they call home, and the customers who buy their eggs. Read more on page 12. Photo by Matt Geiger.

School board discusses referendum question for November election and approves changes to the district policy affected by Title IX

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The board discussed their proposed referendum question for the November election and approved changes to board policy affected by Title IX.

The district is planning to ask voters to approve a $34 million referendum on the ballot November 5.

Superintendent Steve Salerno said if the referendum does pass, the owner of a $500,000 home can expect to pay $340 more annually. This is accurate if the financing term is 20 years and the interest rate is 4.5 percent. It also assumes an annual equalized property value increase of 2 percent per year.

"Based on what we know now… this would be the potential impact for our community," Salerno said.

The referendum ballot question states the funds are for facility projects, especially for the Primary Center. The plan also includes the demolition of the aging Early Learning Center (ELC) and the addition of kindergarten classrooms to the Primary Center.

The district will hold two Community Informational Sessions, one on October 22 at 6pm and another on October 26 at 9pm. Both will happen at the ELC cafeteria and an optional tour will follow.

Salerno presented the current ELC conditions, community survey results and the project plan.

"It's a pretty comprehensive ask," Salerno said, "but it's one that's been well informed by the community by their feedback through our survey."

A survey was taken of staff, parents and community members in June 2024. More than 70 percent of parents and staff showed support for the referendum, while 46 percent of community members who were not staff and without children in the district supported it.

The survey estimated that 54 percent of all community members surveyed supported the referendum.

Salerno said the class-

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GLEANINGS

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago
Sept. 26, 1884

The man injured by the handcar is on the fast road to recovery.

Our school edifice has been adorned with an extensive cupola for the reception of a silver-tongued bell.

The Missing Links are losing some of their glorious records. Scooped again last Sunday by a scrub nine from Vermont, we heard.

As Robert Martin and family were leaving town on Wednesday evening of last week on their return from the state fair the rear seat of the buggy fell backwards, carrying with it Mrs. Martin and her son. What might have been a serious accident fortunately resulted in nothing more than a few unimportant bruises to the parties concerned. The number of accidents that have resulted from identically the same cause would indicate that patentees should turn their genius in that direction.

120 Years Ago-
Sept. 22, 1904

John Knudson, living in one of the fertile valleys of Vermont, sent us a sample of his apple crop one day this week, which challenges comparison. It's a fine specimen of the mellow variety, weighs 13 ounces and measures 13 inches in circumference.

Dr. Thompson has a fine driving team, dressed with new and shining harness.

Chas. Lindstrom has the foundation on his lot on 4th St. ready for the old house bought from A.S. Grinde, and will move the structure as soon as vacated by Mr. G. and family, who will soon occupy their new and cozy residence situated on one of the prettiest locations in the village.

Cement walk extension took another start and now it looks as if the block in which the state bank is located will be half surrounded by cement, extending past John Wolf's blacksmith shop to the west on Main Street and south past Hotel Britton on First Street.

110 Years Ago-
Sept. 24, 1914

The flag was displayed at half-mast Wednesday in honor of Mr. Mickelson, who at all times held this emblem in great respect.

Last Sunday a large number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Timan Knudson of Blue Mounds to remind the venerable couple of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, and it was planned and carried out in the form of a surprise. Carriages and autos in large numbers brought a large number of people who took possession of the premises, erected a large canvas tent on the lawn where large tables were placed and the many well filled baskets brought supplied the therewith that made up a splendid dinner for all. The couple was presented with appropriate gifts, a gold headed cane to the honored veteran Mr. Knudson and a purse of money to Mrs. Knudson as a token of good will and friendship, to which Mr. Knudson responded feelingly, thanking all present for the great honor that had been shown them and gave assurance that same was highly appreciated.

Miss Laura Kolloth is now an obliging saleslady at Dahle Bros. department store, a job just fits her fine.

100 Years Ago-
Sept. 30, 1924

Smashing the line, circling the ends, grabbing off passes, completely out classing their opponents in every department of the game, the Mt. Horeb eleven on Friday afternoon buried the visitors from Waterloo under the score of 49 to 7.

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PERSPECTIVE

GEIGER Counter



by Matt Geiger, Editor

The whale that bit my wife

The blue-clad nurse slid open the frosted sliding glass door and shuffled into the room.

"You're here today for a total knee replacement, right?" she said to my wife. She said it with confidence. With certainty. The sky is blue. Garfield hates Mondays. You're here for a titanium knee.

Here's the thing, and it's remarkably essential to the story I am about to tell: My wife was NOT there for a total knee replacement. She was there to have a surgeon repair her *hip*. I never went to medical school, but I recall from childhood that the hip bone is connected to the leg bone, which is then connected (on the other end) to the knee bone, and I'm 99 percent sure knees and hips are different body parts.

Here's a second thing that is equally germane to the story: My wife is one of those people who will do anything to prevent someone else from feeling even the mildest discomfort or embarrassment. I have seen this woman pluck multiple cat hairs and broken glass out of her food at a restaurant, wrap them in a napkin, spread the food around to make it look vaguely eaten, and then dine on nothing more than her side salad, then give a 40 percent tip, rather than making a server or cook feel like something had gone slightly awry. She will personally endure the most intense pain and discomfort herself if it means she doesn't have to correct or disagree with a stranger to whom she is paying money. The only person she doesn't feel this way about is me, which stems from her great admiration for my ability to be criticized 24 hours each day in my own home, about everything from where I put my boots to how I put away the spatula when unloading the dishwasher, to how I feed the dog. As long as the person is not me, she will do literally anything to avoid conflict. And I was pretty worried this was about to come into play during her surgery.

I sat in the corner of the hospital room while the seconds ticked by. My wife laid there in her hospital gown, prepped for surgery, and said nothing, mentally preparing herself to spend $20,000 (that's our deductible, apparently) on a new knee she did not need, if only to avoid disagreeing with a self-assured adult she met 15 seconds ago.

"I think…" I eventually interjected with some hesitation. "And I don't mean to speak for my wife, I certainly don't want to mansplain, but I think she's not here for knee surgery."

"Really?!" said the nurse, giving me a questioning look and then consulting her chart. "I can't read my own handwriting. Maybe I should look you up on the computer."

She swiveled away from me and consulted the glowing online screen, the gaudy oracle of our time. "Hmmph," she said. "Right. A hip scope."

I half expected my wife to add: "Why don't you just remove my perfectly good knee with a table saw if you already went to the trouble of illegibly writing it on your chart."

"Anyway," continued the nurse. "You are getting general anesthesia, right?"

Here we reach another crossroads in our story. Because again, my wife's plan, which she had toiled on with her doctor for months, was not to get general anesthesia, but rather a local pain blocker. These misunderstandings, which were either dark harbingers of impending doom or hilarious Abbott and Costello routines, depending on whether or not you were the actual patient or only her spouse, continued until shortly before I was asked to leave the room. They said they would notify me if and when she survived whatever comical series of misunderstandings was queued up next. I was half expecting to be reunited with someone who had undergone Tommy John surgery, was able throw a 100-mile-per hour fastball, and perhaps wasn't my wife, given how disorganized things seemed.

I was let loose in the lobby, where I spent the remainder of my day. I drank coffee, ate cafeteria food, and read "Moby Dick," traveling far away from Wisconsin, far away from 2024. I sallied forth to a damp, grog-filled tavern in New Bedford, circa the 1830s. Then to the open sea to pursue a mighty, ancient white whale. And there, I lived under the tyranny of the crazed Captain Ahab, whose leg had been chomped from him by this scarred and elusive being from the deep, cold cosmos that is the sea. With his whalebone artificial leg, Ahab stomped across the deck, his false leg ringing out rhythmically with each step, raging and monomaniacal in his endless pursuit of a creature who would dare to bring suffering onto the world.

"All visible objects, man, are but as pasteboard masks," Ahab tells his crew. "But in each event—in the living act, the undoubted deed—there, some unknown but still reasoning thing puts forth the mouldings of its features from behind the unreasoning mask. If man will strike, strike through the mask! How can the prisoner reach outside except by thrusting through the wall? To me, the white whale is that wall, shoved near to me. Sometimes I think there's naught beyond. But 'tis enough. He tasks me; he heaps me; I see in him outrageous strength, with an inscrutable malice sinewing it. That inscrutable thing is chiefly what I hate; and be the white whale agent, or be the white whale principal, I will wreak that hate upon him. Talk not to me of blasphemy, man; I'd strike the sun if it insulted me. For could the sun do that, then could I do the other; since there is ever a sort of fair play herein, jealousy presiding over all creations. But not my master, man, is even that fair play. Who's over me? Truth hath no confines."

In ancient theological texts, many are loath to speak the name of God, or to look directly at the deity responsible for both their joy and suffering, for both their existence and the painful fact of it is temporary nature. Yet here, a raging lunatic attempts to look God directly in the eye, going blind to beauty with pain and anger in the process.

I briefly looked up as an administrator with an ID card and a nice suit clopped past me, her heels clacking the hospital floor. Nearby, a flatulent man drank Mountain Dew and sniffled and coughed and burped as he waited for his wife.

I returned to sea.

Every year, at some point (last year it was while bear hunting), I find myself alone with a great book. This time, as they cut and drilled into my wife's hip (fingers crossed) I met people "gnawed within and scorched without." I realized a laugh is the easiest and wisest answer to all that is strange in this world. I drank firewater from an upturned harpoon blade. I heard that Hell is an idea first born on an undigested apple dumpling, and that faith, like a jackal, feeds among the tombs, and even from these dead doubts she gathers her most vital hope. I was reminded that a person's religion is one thing, and their practical view of this world quite another. I had a grand adventure, and I felt so genuinely sorry for the poor people in this world who would have spent those 12 hours mindlessly, numbly scrolling through social media and corporate news feeds rather than voyaging with Herman Melville, Captain Ahab, Queequeg, Starbuck and the rest of that lively crew on those crazed and beautiful waters.

I was fortunate to gaze into "that deep, blue, bottomless soul, pervading mankind and nature; and every strange, half-seen, gliding, beautiful thing that eludes him; every dimly-discovered, uprising fin of some indiscernible form, seems to him the embodiment of those elusive thoughts that only people the soul by continually flitting through it."

Eventually, I returned from the watery world to shore, caffeinated beyond all belief and full of curiosity about the fate of the human soul. I also had so many questions about which part of my wife they had ultimately decided to operate on. As she awakened, first her mind, then, very slowly her legs, I was pleased to discover they had worked to fix a hip that had given her horrible pain, preventing her from enjoying so many activities for so many years. The surgeon called me and she said it might work, or it might not, in which case my wife will need an entirely new hip joint. I hope it will be made of whalebone. While her pain seems unjust, I hope I have the wisdom to give whatever whale attacked her a pass.

We came home to our house, like a mostly stalwart, sometimes drafty and leaky ship on a vast Midwestern sea. Today, my wife is alive and mostly well as she takes her medicine and makes her way across the living room, the sound of an aluminum crutch striking the floor rhythmically, like the periodic tapping of Ahab's leg. I read on, and we sail on, together, gnawed within and scorched without, unsure who or what to thank or curse for all that we have, and all that we are bound to lose.

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Here comes Viking Homecoming!

Homecoming at Mt. Horeb High School is only a few short weeks away! If you are a graduate of Mt. Horeb High School and were involved in band or choir, consider joining current band and choir students as they perform during the Pre-Game show on Friday, October 4. Bring your instrument and join in the fun!

All Mt. Horeb band alums are invited to participate in this annual gathering. Please meet at the high school band room on Friday, October 4 at 5:45 p.m. to learn our music, then run through those songs with current high school band members at 6:00 p.m. Please show up with a red shirt or sweatshirt and an instrument; we will provide music for you. If you no longer have an instrument, please contact Kellen Dorner in advance at dornerkellen@mounthorebschools.org and he can help you get something.

The Pre-Game Show involves all High School Band members, all Eighth Grade Band members, and all interested alumni. There will be well over 300 band members performing for musical enjoyment before the kick-off.

For the first time ever, high school choir members and choir alumni will lead a sing-along of our very own *Alma Mater* immediately before the pregame. Please join us in the high school choir room at 6 p.m. for a brief rehearsal.

Organizers would also like to introduce Mt. Horeb High School band alums who are currently playing in their college or university's band program; even if the alum can't attend the game, we'd like to introduce them at half-time. Please forward alumni names and their college or university information to Kellen Dorner at dornerkellen@mounthorebschools.org as soon as possible. Organizers want to spread the word as much as possible to invite everybody to join the MHHS marching band for Homecoming 2024! Please forward this information along to anybody who might be interested. For more information, including specific sites, times, and links to choir practice recordings, visit the Website at https://sites.google.com/mhasd.k12.wi.us/mthoreb-music/home.

Village of Mount Horeb Municipal Court Report

August 8, 2024

Barsness, Jay R, 49, Mount Horeb, WI, NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC $98

Garcia Cehualatl, Rodrigo , 24, Middleton, WI, OPERATING WHILE REVOKED (FORFEITURE) $124

Holum, Thomas R, 60, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATING WITHOUT INSURANCE $124

Horsfall, Cory L, 50, Mineral Point, WI, DISORDERLY CONDUCT - COUNTY/ MUNICIPALITY $187

Van Dyck Iv, Eugene J, 78, Dodgeville, WI, FAILURE TO OBEY SIGN OR SIGNAL $98.8

Minor, 17, Mount Horeb, WI, HABITUAL SCHOOL TRUANCY $92.5

August 22, 2024

Briggs, Logan J, 33, Mount Horeb, WI, NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC $98.8

Cook, Asrat P, 31, Monroe, WI, OPERATING W/O PROOF OF INSURANCE $10

Deal, Jason P, 41, Blue Mounds, WI, OPERATING WHILE REVOKED (FORFEITURE) $124

Delarosa Viades, Gustavo , 30, Fitchburg, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE $124

Hargraves, Raven A, 29, Monroe, WI, OPERATE AFTER REV/SUSP OF REGISTRATION $98.8

Hargraves, Raven A, 29, Monroe, WI, OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION $124

Jara Saldana, Oscar, 36, Middleton, WI, ANIMAL AT LARGE $187

Klinger, Mary E, 68, Mount Horeb, WI, IMPROPER STOP/STOP SIGN-STOP LINE $98.8

McKeown, Austin J, 20, Hazelhurst, WI, OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION $124

ODonnell, Jillian K, 37, Sauk City, WI, OPERATING WITHOUT INSURANCE $124

Olmsted, Noah K, 16, Mount Horeb, WI, FAIL/STOP AT STOP SIGN $98.8

Reisen, Brandon K, 41, Fennimore, WI, NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC $98.8

Stoenner, Dina M, 78, Mount Horeb, WI, Fail/yield right/way from stop sign $98.8

SCHOOL

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rooms at the ELC are inadequate. The climate control, plumbing and roof are past their expected service life and have needed repairs often.

Salerno said the entrances has a small controlled area that was retrofitted, but the building wasn't designed with modern security standards.

Salerno also said there are many accessibility concerns which made traveling between floors difficult.

"There are things that we would like to do in high need areas throughout the district," Salerno said.

Some issues include accessibility issues at the middle school and updating the special education classrooms. The intermediate center roof also needs to be replaced and some brickwork at the high school needs repair.

Salerno said the MHASD mill rate is second to last out of 13 nearby districts.

"We continue to try and find that delicate balance between doing good and right by our students and staff, while also making certain that we meet the needs of our community and our learners." Salerno said.

Board member Tom Schlimgen asked Salerno how the district could explain why they have not done very much to improve the ELC before. Salerno said previous surveys were not as clear about what the community thought should be done, so they only did what was necessary to keep the building going, and didn't invest in the aging ELC.

"We've been looking at this for a while," Schlimgen said. "We didn't know what to do necessarily, we didn't want to waste money, and now we finally feel it's the time. We've taken other priorities of the buildings first and now it's time for this one."

The board unanimously passed the new sex-based harassment and discrimination policy. The Title IX changes required this policy to widen the scope of sexual harassment to include harassment based on sex and gender identity.

The amendments requiring such policies were handed down by the federal government. The issue is the subject of controversy at school boards across the country.

There were minor changes from previous readings, including the addition of the term "sex-based harassment" to the title. This change was due to suggestions at the last meeting from board member Sarah Sarbacker. She asked to add language that includes gender, not just sex.

The policy has effects on the language on other policies, changing sexual harassment to sex-based harassment. It also required the removal of the original district policy on sexual harassment.











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LOCAL NEWS



Lily Jungels selected for Air Force pilot training

On Friday, Sept. 13, Air Force Academy Cadet Lily Jungels, (MHHS class of 2021) received notification that she was selected for pilot career field designation and training when she completes training at the Air Force Academy in May.

Joey Sherven tells Rotary about his year in Brazil



From left, former Rotary Youth Chair Judy Steinhauer, Janice Sherven, Joey Sherven and Chad Sherven.

Joey Sherven, a senior at Mount Horeb Area High School, returned to school this fall after spending a year in Brazil as a Rotary Exchange Student.

Joey, the son of Chad and Janice Sherven, spent a year in Carmo do Rio Claro, a city of about 25,000 in the southeastern state of Minas Gerais. Sherven, who grew up on a farm near Daleyville, saw some similarities because it's an agricultural community, with lots of beef and dairy farms.

Sherven said that two of his host families owned farms, but farmers there tend to live in town and go to the farms to work. He said his hosts were amused by the fact that he grew up on a farm and had never ridden a horse. Rodeo is big in the area, and Sherven came home with a new pair of cowboy boots.

Minas Gerais is also known as the home of the world's greatest soccer player, Pele, and for producing much of the world's coffee crop. Starbucks sources much of its coffee from the area's coffee growing co-ops and Sherven showed the Rotary Club photos of a huge coffee operation and a dairy farm that milks 550 cows, three times a day, using automatic milking machines.

Although Sherven did not speak Portuguese when he arrived, he got along fine in school, saying the kids and teachers were really great. He also learned to play soccer, but said he was "pretty bad at it."

Sherven also had opportunities to travel, visiting the area's waterfalls and Manaus, founded in 1669, and the gateway to the Amazon. He went to markets and on a boat trip where he saw the muddy waters of the Rio Negro and the blue water of the Amazon River intersect.

He also visited the city of Rio de Janeiro, and saw and swam in the ocean for the first time at the famous beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

BINGO! Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm sponsored byMt. Horeb Lions Club

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Mt. Horeb Seniors trip to Oakwood Apple Orchard, Richland Center. Bus leaves 9:30am from Senior Center

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

Brat and Bake sale at Miller's Grocery parking lot from 10:00-2:00pm. Sponsored by Mt. Horeb Friends of the Library, Buy a brat, get a free book!

HARVEST JAM, from 11 AM to 4 PM at Riley Tavern. The event is hosted by Mount Horeb DECA and Ziro. It will include live music, raffles, kids' activities, food, and more! Proceeds will support both local cancer screening efforts and help DECA members cover travel costs for the International Career Development Conference!

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

MH Area School District Referendum Presentation meeting to be held for Village of Mt. Horeb and Chamber of Commerce
at 5:00pm, at high school.

TUESDAY, OCTOER 1

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

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

Little Free Pantries are located at: New Hope Evangelical Free Church, 639 S. 8th St., Mt. Horeb; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 310 W. Main St., Mt. Horeb and Zwingli UCC, Hwy. 92, Mt. Vernon. Nonperishable food and other necessities available 24 hours a day. "Take what you need, share what you can."

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

NEWS & NOTES

Spies in the time of Shakespeare



Explore the darker corridors and spy secrets of the royal courts of two of history's most famous queens: Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots. This period, with its spymasters and extensive networks of hidden men and messages is often called the birth of modern espionage. Join historian Carol Ann Lloyd as she speaks with the Mt. Horeb Public Library Monday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.

As Elizabeth and Mary navigated a world led mostly by men, they employed a network of "watchers" throughout all levels of European society to gather and use information to secure their power and hold onto their thrones. Once the Queen of Scots came to England, the use of ciphers and codes were used to disguise and distract plans to overthrow Elizabeth and place the Catholic Mary on the throne of England. Join us to see how the ability to control information became the most potent tool of the realm and often the only means of survival.

Carol Ann Lloyd is a popular historian and Shakespearian with expertise in Shakespeare, 16th century England, women's lives, and leadership. She speaks globally for Smithsonian Associates, Agecroft Hall, Royal Oak Foundation, and other organizations. She'll join via zoom. Participants will meet at the library. For more information about this program and all the library offers, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Wild plants!

On Tuesday, October 1st, the Mound Vue Garden Club meeting program will feature speaker Linda Conroy the owner of Moonwise Herbs. She will be presenting on "Wild Plants for Food and Medicine". So all who want to increase their skills in foraging and the use of these wild plants please plan to attend.

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

Members of the general public are welcome to attend the program free of charge. The program will be followed by a business meeting of the Mound Vue Garden Club. If you are interested in gardening and local community service and outreach, contact Gloria Davies at jrdgrdquilt@mhtc.net about club membership.

Schwoerer recognized



Jessica Schwoerer has been recognized with the Badgerland Development Award for her exceptional leadership and dedication to developing the next generation of Girl Scout leaders. Since forming her troops in 2018, Jessica has played a pivotal role in growing community event participation and fostering leadership among older Girl Scouts. As a mother, career professional, and active Girl Scout volunteer, Jessica's commitment to building self-confidence and leadership skills in her Girl Scouts continues to make a profound impact in her community. In total, 27 Girl Scout volunteers were celebrated for their commitment to building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. A recent study on the benefits of being a Girl Scout Volunteer* found the positive impact of volunteering is significant on both girls and the adults themselves. Volunteers said that volunteering has changed their lives and they see that they are making a difference in the lives of girls. Volunteers do not need to have a Girl Scout in order to participate. Interested prospective volunteers are invited to learn more about Girl Scouting and its impact and ways to volunteer at www.gsbadgerland.org. About Girl Scouts of Wisconsin – Badgerland Girl Scouts of Wisconsin – Badgerland serves 23 counties through south-central and southwestern Wisconsin. Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges—whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends. Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them.

Sons of Norway to host fall breakfast

On Saturday, October 5th, the Mt Horeb Sons of Norway, Vennelag, will serve its annual Høst Frokost as they have for twenty years. Vennelag means "group of friends," and "Høst Frokost" means "Fall Breakfast." It will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Community Center at 107 N. Grove Street, just north of Mount Horeb's Trollway, behind Duluth Trading.

In Norway, breakfast is an event. Mount Horeb's Sons of Norway, Vennelag Lodge is proud to present the usual selection of traditional cold, sliced, cooked, and cured meats including genuine rullepølse, smoked salmon, pickled fish, and pastries share the pride of place with crusty, flavorful breads, preserves, fruits, berries, and spreads. Then there are the cheeses; Jarlsberg, a Swiss-type cheese, Medium Cheddar, is always there, as is Gjetost, the sweet, brown cheese that is a staple of most Norwegian breakfasts and lunches as well. These are only the basics. Heart-shaped vafler (waffles), rømmegrøt, and boiled eggs – both hard and soft – supply the need for warm food. Of course, there is always lefse. Nothing evokes the essence of Norway for the Norse-Americans of Dane County and surrounding areas like a rolled-up piece of lefse filled with butter and sugar. There always will be plenty coffee too.

Serving starts promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Learn how government works...

Interested in how local government works? How does it relate to county and state government? Who do you contact if you have a concern? Have your questions answered at the Mt. Horeb Public Library Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30pm. Bill Oemichen presents an interactive one-hour session on how our federal, state and local governments are organized and how all three levels of government can be accessed and leveraged to benefit the Mount Horeb community. Oemichen is a member of the Local Government Education Program team within the Division of Extension. He was elected to four terms on the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors, served as a member of multiple Village of Waunakee committees, and was also active in town government. He has also served as a senior Minnesota state government official and as a staff member for the Minnesota House and Senate.

This event is hosted in partnership with the Mt. Horeb Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

COMMUNITY

4-H Club

Dane County 4-H Clubs Begin Their Year



2024-25 Springdale 4-H Officers Left to Right: Leah Meinholz – Historian, Aaron Fendrick - Treasurer, Liam Crolla – Reporter, Mathew Mahoney – Secretary, Mackenzie Meinholz – Vice President, Mark Stoddard – President. Not in picture; Finn Rothenberg – Sunshine Officer.



Springdale 4-Hers share their fair projects with the Ingleside Nursing Home residents.
Front row, L to R: Elliot Steinich, Harper Baldwin-Hart, Preston, Dalton & Jackson Corrigan.
Back row, L to R: Mark Stoddard, Finn Rothenberg, Gwen Mahoney, Mackenzie Meinholz.

"4-H Does That!" is the Dane County 4-H slogan, and September is the start of the new 4-H year! Enrollment is going on now for families who are interested in joining 4-H. They can contact one of several Mount Horeb Clubs for information. Youth in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade can become 4-H Cloverbud members. They will learn about the different projects that 4-H has to offer and can then show projects at the Dane County Fair.

Membership dues for this age are $3.00 per year. For grades 3 – 13, the membership fee is $20.00 per year. Horse project members' dues are $21.00.

There are a wide variety of projects one can get involved in, from showing dogs, cats, guinea pigs, birds, or rabbits, to larger farm animals, or projects of a wide variety, like cultural arts, woodworking, sewing, or even shooting sports. Through Youth-Adult partnerships, 4-H teaches decision-making, healthy lifestyles, goal setting and record keeping. 4-H members can be involved in leadership, citizenship, community service, and recreation. Members can serve as an officer for their 4-H club and help plan the events that are happening throughout the year. They can also apply for awards & accumulate points to earn Bronze, Silver & Gold 4-H pins. 4-H is a great family affair.

The Dane County 4-H program includes community clubs in all areas of the county. The clubs hold monthly meetings, project meetings and are active in many community service projects. The latest 4-H information can be viewed on the Dane County 4-H Website: dane.extension.wisc.edu/. Enrollment can be completed at the website: wi.4Honline.com.

The Springdale 4-H Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Starting in October, its new, although temporary, meeting location will be the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mount Horeb. Feel free to contact the club leader, Florence Connors, at 608-832-4444.

-Submitted by Liam Crolla, Reporter – Springdale 4-H Club

OBITUARY

Amera M. Olson

May 6, 1993 -
September 8, 2024



VERONA - Amera M. Olson, age 31, of Verona, passed away suddenly of an aneurysm on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024, at St. Mary's Hospital. She was born on May 6, 1993, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Above all, Amera loved her family. She was proud to be godmother to Darla and had a passion and strong love for animals. She enjoyed being outdoors, critiquing food, singing, and spending time with her family and friends.

Amera is survived by her fiancé, Neil Pulfer; parents, Stephen Olson and Marie (Chris Booth) Olson; brother, Taylor Olson; and sister, Olivia Olson. She was preceded in death by her grandpa, Charles Kruse; cousin, Steve Kruse; and numerous beloved pets.

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

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Wisconsin Democrats continue fundraising dominance over Republicans in 2024

With guardrails removed by courts, wealthy donors like the founder of LinkedIn, George Soros and the richest woman in Wisconsin are dumping cash through loopholes in state campaign finance law.

By Peter Cameron
The Badger Project

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin is again badly beating the state GOP in fundraising so far this year — to a ratio of more than three to one. Experts say that could have a big effect on races up and down the ballot in a year when the Wisconsin State Legislature's electoral map will be its most competitive in years.

The state party, as well as Democratic campaign committees for the state Senate and state Assembly, have raised more than $17 million in 2024, dwarfing the $5 million raised by their Republican counterparts. That's according to the Follow the Money database, which aggregates state campaign finance reports.

In 2023, a year liberals swung control of the state Supreme Court in a historically expensive election, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin raised four times more than the state GOP, according to an analysis by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.

That's following a trend in recent years of Democrats raising more than Republicans in the state.

Now, in a presidential election year when Wisconsin is again an essential swing state, the cash advantage could give Democrats another big lift, experts say. More money equals more political messaging: advertisements on TV, the radio, the web and through the mail, to encourage the party's base to get to the polls, and discourage your opponents' voters.

"All of this increased funding and support for the Democratic Party will certainly trickle down, and likely influence state-wide and perhaps even some local races," said Alisa Von Hagel, a political science professor at UW-Superior. "Even if this increased money doesn't make it to statewide or local candidates, increased advertising by the Democrats could positively influence these down-ballot candidates as well."

Aaron Weinschenk, a political science professor at UW-Green Bay, noted "there's actually some recent research in political science showing that television ads at the presidential level have larger effects on the down-ballot races (e.g., House, governor, etc.) than on the presidential race itself!"

That could benefit Democrats in the first election in years when they have a chance of taking back the state legislature.

Joe Oslund, Democratic Party of Wisconsin Communications Director, argued that Wisconsin Democrats have built a winning operation that has powered them to victory in recent elections.

"The resources we've been able to raise through our innovative grassroots digital fundraising have enabled us to hire organizers across the state, support our county parties and candidates up and down the ballot, and fund a year-round voter protection team to ensure every eligible Wisconsinite is able to cast their vote," he said.

The Republican Party of Wisconsin did not respond to requests for comment.

The million-dollar loophole allowing rich donors to avoid state campaign finance law

Much of the money raised by both parties is coming from huge donations, sometimes seven figures, from ultra-wealthy donors in state and out.

A loophole in state law allows those donors to circumvent campaign finance limits in Wisconsin and divert huge sums to the candidates.

While state law caps the amount a donor can give directly to a political candidate — $2,000 to someone running for state Senate, for example — no limit exists on what one can donate to a political party. And nothing limits what a political party can give to a candidate. So big donations to the political parties can mean big transfers of cash to candidates.

The loophole was ripped open by court decisions in recent years and inaction by Republicans, who have controlled the Wisconsin State Legislature since 2011. State Democrats have proposed bills to close the loophole, putting limits on what political parties can receive and give, but Republicans in control of the legislature have ignored them.

Now, Democrats are using the loophole to their advantage, raising and distributing huge sums to their candidates through the state party. It has regularly outraised the state GOP since Ben Wikler became its chair in 2019. Democrats have won most statewide races since then.

NAMING NAMES: The ultra-wealthy pouring huge sums of cash into Wisconsin

After giving nearly $3.6 million to the Wisconsin Democratic Party in 2023, Reid Hoffman, a vocal Silicon Valley liberal who co-founded LinkedIn and now sits on the board of Microsoft, has given the party another $3 million in 2024, according to state campaign finance records. Forbes estimates his net worth at $2.5 billion.

Diane Hendricks, the cofounder and chair of ABC Supply in southern Wisconsin and a major Republican donor, has given state GOP committees more than $1 million in 2024. She gave more than $1.5 million to state GOP committees last year. Forbes estimates her net worth at nearly $22 billion.

George Soros, the legendary Wall Street investor and bogeyman to the political right, has given the Wisconsin Democratic Party $1 million this year, after giving it $1 million in 2023. Forbes estimates his net worth at $7.2 billion.

Kenneth Duda, cofounder of Arista Networks, a computer networking company headquartered in the San Francisco Bay area, has given the Wisconsin Democratic Party $1 million this year.

William Harris, an orthopedic surgeon from the Boston area and founder of the Harris Orthopaedics Laboratory at Massachusetts General Hospital, has given the Wisconsin Democratic Party $500,000.

The Wisconsin Democratic Party has also received $500,000 each from Gloria Page and Nina Singh both from the San Francisco Bay Area.

Big political donors can also give unlimited amounts to independent spending groups, like Super PACs, to fund political advertisements for or against candidates, and many do.

The Badger Project is a nonpartisan, citizen-supported journalism nonprofit in Wisconsin.

Fiscal Facts:
FoodShare Use Remains High Post Pandemic

Though the high unemployment that accompanied the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, the number of people receiving FoodShare benefits in Wisconsin has not yet returned to 2019 levels. This may reflect a number of factors, from changes to eligibility requirements to reduced stigma and high food prices.

FoodShare is the state program that distributes federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, formerly referred to as food stamps. FoodShare participation might have been expected to fall back toward pre-recession levels as the massive pandemic-era spike in unemployment subsided, but that has not been the case.

As of March, state Department of Health Services data show Wisconsin's FoodShare program had 702,700 recipients. That was well below the most recent peak of 793,300 participants in May 2021 but still 99,000 (16 percent) more than March 2020, the last month with recipient levels not impacted by the pandemic.

Since March 2022, monthly recipient numbers have been fairly steady between 693,000 and 719,000. This is a higher range than before the pandemic, despite similar unemployment rates and a competitive labor market. Total FoodShare benefit payments in Wisconsin also have fallen since their $193.8 million peak in December 2022, yet they remain higher than pre-pandemic levels.

As of March 2024, Sheboygan (30 percent), Milwaukee (26 percent), and Shawano (26 percent) counties had the highest FoodShare participation rates (the percentage of a county's residents who are enrolled in the program).

One explanation for the lingering high enrollment levels is that early in the pandemic, when Wisconsin's unemployment rate hit its highest point in at least a half century, people who would have previously qualified for FoodShare may have applied for it for the first time.

Eligibility changes to FoodShare during the pandemic may also have drawn greater numbers of enrollees or allowed them to remain in the program longer. Steep increases in the cost of living, including food prices, may also have motivated greater numbers of people to apply for benefits.

How does Wisconsin fare overall in ensuring that its residents have enough to eat? According to the April 2024 Household Pulse Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau, 9.9 percent of adults in Wisconsin households (nearly 400,000 people) sometimes or often did not have enough to eat over the prior seven days. This is slightly better than the 10.8 percent of adults facing food insecurity nationwide.

Ultimately, increased FoodShare usage during the pandemic may have lessened stigma about the program. As economic growth continues and inflation slows, FoodShare enrollment may decline. But for now, for many Wisconsinites, greater reliance on it appears to be the new normal.

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COUGH

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Since January 1, 2024, two-thirds of Wisconsin counties have reported at least one case. While people can get pertussis at any age, Wisconsinites aged 11 to 18 currently make up nearly half of all cases reported so far this year.

"While it's not uncommon for Wisconsin to see more cases of whooping cough compared to other years, this year there has already been more than 10 times as many cases as were reported in all of 2023," said Stephanie Schauer, DHS Wisconsin Immunization Program Manager. "Whooping cough can be very serious, especially for infants. The best way to protect yourself and others is to stay up to date on your vaccines."

FESTIVALS

Stacked with Meaning

The story behind this year's Burning Troll

By Matt Raboin
Special to the Mail

Why would someone build a giant sculpture of a troll just to set it on fire?

It's a fair question, and one I have asked myself many times over the last several months as I have gradually stacked and shaped a huge pile of firewood into the form of a troll that will soon be engulfed in flames.

The first time I heard the phrase "Burning Troll" I laughed out loud. Some friends in town had conjured up the idea as a possible Mount Horeb event, and I was intrigued. I've never been to Burning Man, but having heard stories about it, I felt like the concept of a quirky spinoff "Burning Troll" event in our small town was something that needed to happen.

Last year, we made it a reality. I took the lead in bringing the idea of Burning Troll to life, and it was admittedly a stressful undertaking. I had never thrown a big event like that. The costs added up pretty quickly, and I really worried that we were going to lose our shirts on it, especially when initial ticket sales only trickled in slowly.

I didn't plan to build the troll myself, but when others had limited time to commit, I decided to take on the challenge. I have always loved making art, and the idea of making a giant troll from old pallets and cardboard was somehow weirdly exciting, if also a bit daunting. As I built it, that first troll became a reflection of the risks I was taking. It loomed over me as a symbol of my worries and insecurities, a towering reminder that I was stepping into the unknown. I had no idea how it would be received.

As the troll grew, so did my anxiety about continuously sluggish ticket sales. You may remember that a good part of last summer was a drought, and I worried that it wouldn't be safe to start a big fire. Thankfully we got some needed rain, and finally, in the last few days before the event, we had a rush of ticket sales, just enough to break even.

The event itself felt almost magical. Musicians filled the air with good vibes, and the weather was perfect. Seemingly everyone who came brought some festive energy.

The troll, it turned out, was loved. Drummers dressed in lights led a procession to the troll along with members of Cycropia Aerial Dance who were dressed and lit like butterflies. A woman on stilts, carrying a torch, ignited the troll's hair, and slowly, the flames spread. As the troll burned, my worries and insecurities seemed to burn with it. The crowd was transfixed, and the troll had its moment of glory.

Now, we're preparing to do it again in 2024.

I wanted to do something new and different with this troll. I thought through several ideas, but the one that kindled my excitement was to simply make it out of stacked firewood. We have a woods on our property that was really overgrown with invasive brush and loads of little walnut trees. I thought it would be really cool to find a way to use a lot of that unwanted wood to make the troll. Slowly, a vision for how to stack and shape the troll from random pieces of wood emerged.



The first ever Burning Troll took place last year. Organizer Matt Raboin called the event "magical." The festival will return to the Donald Farm on September 28 this year. Visit www.burning-troll.com to find out more. Photo contributed.

Shortly after I got started, and while my vision for it was still evolving, a giant oak tree fell in our yard during a big storm. In some of the weird, gnarled pieces of oak, I couldn't help but see troll ears and troll eyes. It seemed as if the oak wanted to be part of the troll, as though it had fallen at the perfect moment on purpose or by divine intervention. Our property at Donald Farm really is enchanted. That old oak has grown by Delma's playhouse for over 100 years. It was very sad to see it fall, like it was the end of an era, but it also imbues the troll with some of its magic and some of the deeper history of this farm.

The troll has grown larger than I first imagined. Spanning 25 feet from ear to ear with troll hair reaching 17 feet off the ground, it's a massive presence on our property, like a feature of the landscape, visible from Highway 92. The giant head has a small doorway in the back, allowing guests to step inside. During the event, guests will be encouraged to write down things they want to release – fears, grudges, anger, or anything else – and place their little notes inside the troll. When the flames rise, those troubles will burn away.

So, why build a giant troll only to set it on fire? Maybe it's about taking a chance on something fun and new. Maybe it's about finding release from the things that weigh us down. There's something deeply human about gathering around a fire, about creating and then letting go. Burning Troll captures that, but it's also about more than the flames – it's about music, art, dance, laughter, and the joys of being part of this quirky little community.

We hope to see you there!

Nothing Bland About It!

By Huma Siddiqui-Seitz
WhiteJasmine.com

Tomato season is here! I love the different types of tomatoes we see during this season, especially at the farmers market. The variety of tomatoes is absolutely amazing; personally, I had never really seen so many different types of tomatoes. The exciting part for me as a foodie and a cook is to have a variety of beautiful, fresh ingredients to try and create traditional and new recipes. I strongly feel that cooking adds so much to one's life, creating something delicious and sharing with family and friends is an incredible experience.

Having said that, hope you take a chance and try creating this delicious Tomato Galette this month.

Tomato Galette

1 pie crust
1 cup crumbled Feta Cheese
2 jalapeños, thinly sliced
2 medium tomatoes, sliced
1/8 teaspoon violet/black/kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper, ground



Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Roll out the pie crust onto a baking sheet. Spread the feta cheese as the first layer, leaving about 2 inches of the crust edge, which will be used to fold around the tomatoes. Sprinkle the chopped jalapeños on top of the feta cheese. Arrange the tomato slices on top of the feta and jalapeños. Sprinkle the salt and black pepper. Gently fold the pie edges and place the galette in the oven for 40-45 minutes until the pie is golden brown. Serve warm or cold.

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Kids loved the petting zoo.



The WDNR talked about hunting ethics and regulations. Photos contributed.

National Night Out in Mount Horeb took take place on August 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Grundahl Park. It was an opportunity for the local community to connect with law enforcement and learn more about what they do, and there will be an array of people and activities. Attendees included Iowa County Sheriff's Office K9, Blue Mounds PD, DCSO Community Deputy, DCSO SRT/ Bearcat, DCSO Command Post, Verona PD Drone, Journey Mental Health, UW Medflight, WI DNR Water Safety, UW Safe Kids, UW Burn Center- Summer Safety, Crime Stoppers, and more. There was also a balloon animal booth, Mount Horeb Wednesday Night Live, bouncy house, petting zoo, K9 Dunk Tank fundraiser, free hotdogs and water. The event was free and open to the public.

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Paying respects at the Public Safety Building.



Local Scouts show their support. Photos contributed.

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LOCAL AGRICULTURE

Really good eggs: A visit to Prairie Bluff Farm

Birthday and wedding cakes. A chocolate confection shared alongside fond memories at a beloved friend's funeral. An omelette made for the love of your life on your first bright morning together. The mayhem of a toddler's first foray into baking, the whole kitchen dusted with flour, dotted with broken half shells and splashed with milk and butter. The meatloaf a family has on the night they learn where their daughter was accepted by the college of her dreams. The blueberry pancakes you make for your spouse on the dawn of your 50th wedding anniversary.

The humble egg lays witness to many of life's most important moments. It is a key ingredient it countless dishes, and a vital component of life.

For thousands of years, chicken eggs have been at the center of humanity. The nascent life they symbolize made them a traditional burial offering in ancient Rome. Their rotund canvass is dotted with every pastel color each spring as people all over the world celebrate Easter. And they are a key part of nearly every diet, from salty country ham and eggs in a rural southern diner, to rich egg foo young in the coastal Chinese province of Guandong.

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

For decades now, Beth and Steve Albert have operated a farm on 60 acres of verdant land adjacent to Donald County Park in rural Mount Horeb. The couple, with zero employees but a whole lot of work and ingenuity themselves, currently graze 1,500 chickens and produce an estimated 408,000 organic eggs each year. They are sold in local grocery stores, delivered to area homes and workplaces, and distributed through CSA shares. It is a full-time job (and then some) but they love what they do and how it allows them to connect with each other and land they call home.

Prairie Bluff Farm calls their product "Pasture Patterns" eggs because of the unique quilt-like design the birds make as they rotationally graze the property, eating greens and insects that make for healthy birds and delicious eggs. They care for the chickens, but also the surrounding landscape, offering a haven for prairie plants, native wildlife, and all that makes the Midwest unique and beautiful.

"We view our farm as part of the ecosystem," explained Beth.

While nearly half a million eggs might sound like a lot, it is a humble operation compared with its counterparts in the world of industrial agriculture.

"We would be considered small for people who make a living from it," said Steve. But make a living they do, thanks to years of engineering, experimenting and finding what works best for animals, people and the land on which they all depend.

Steve grew up in Mount Horeb, but he was "not on a farming trajectory" in those early years. His chief interests then were music and religion. But Beth loved nature and wanted a connection with the natural world. They tried cows first but the fit didn't work – "Probably because I was inexperienced and made a lot of mistakes," said Steve with candid humility. Eventually they turned to chickens, finding ways to turn their ample pasture into feed for these voracious little layers. He built formidable yet moveable homes that simultaneously keep the chickens on the grass and protect them from the area's foxes, racoons, coyotes, skunks, weasels, badgers, owls, hawks and other predators. They perfected winter quarters that keep them warm but allow them to roam even when temperatures plumet.

"Every year, we try to do things a little differently," he said. "Every year we try to learn."

The thing about chickens, which Steve is quick to point out, is that they "are super hardy but also die very easily." The trick is to find the sweet spot in their paradoxical nature.

They have been there for more than 30 years now, and the egg business actually began when their son, who was homeschooled, started selling a few eggs from their backyard coop. They washed them in the basement, and in time the business grew, and grew.

"I was very interested in the pasturing element of it," recalled Steve.

Over the years, the Alberts have introduced solar power, deep litter heat (when the birds' manure literally heats their homes), and more. Today, their days consist of collecting, washing and packing eggs, feeding the flock, moving the pens, and delivering the product. Of course, the consumers take it from there, frying them up with bacon, or putting them in a cake, eating them in myriad forms with friends and family.

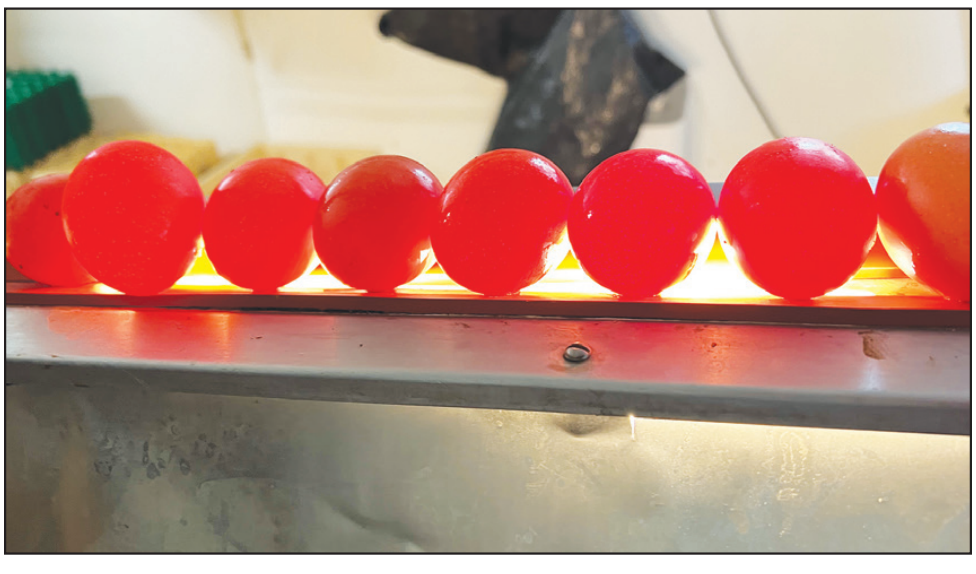
This wasn't exactly what Steve and Beth Albert envisioned when they first joined together. It's something much better.

"If I had seen this back then, would I have been happy? To tell the truth, I was imagining a hobby farm," laughs Beth. "Steve took it in the direction of our business. It was the perfect collaboration. I don't know if this would have pleased me back then, but I have grown so much because of what we do here, that I know it pleases me now."

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Steve Albert moves fresh eggs. Photos by Matt Geiger.

MOHO HISTORY

Historium Debuts Sports Exhibit Triple-Header: Packers, Badgers and Vikings

There is nothing that brings Wisconsinites together more than a little friendly sports competition. We love to root for our favorite teams and be part of a cheering crowd. Put your game face on and join us for a closer look at the sporting history of Mount Horeb and Wisconsin.

A special three-part exhibit now showing at the Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St, downtown Mount Horeb) explores the sporting history of Mount Horeb and Wisconsin: it doesn't matter if you are a Packers, Badgers or Mount Horeb Vikings fan; there is something for everyone to cheer about!

The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society is proud to host the traveling exhibition, "We Take Our Football Seriously." This Wisconsin Historical Society exhibit, part of their statewide "History Makers Tour," highlights the unique history of the Green Bay Packers and the career of former University of Wisconsin football player Fred Negus (1923-2005). Negus was part of the 1947 College Football All-Star team that defeated the Chicago Bears 16-0.

The MHAHS companion exhibit, "In a League of their Own: Sports and Sports Fans of the Mount Horeb Area," features athletic uniforms, sports equipment, historic team photographs, and school sports memorabilia from the Society's collection. Several Mount Horeb High School sports are featured including basketball, football, and cheerleading, as well as community softball and Home Talent baseball teams.

These one-of-kind artifacts are accented by a collage of contemporary photographs of local student athletes in action, taken by Madison-based sports photographer Mary Langenfeld for the *Mount Horeb Mail* weekly newspaper. Langenfeld attributes her affinity for sports to the formative years she spent in her hometown of New Holstein, Wisconsin—where athletic activities played a central and energizing role in local entertainment. A sports photographer for 35 years, some of Langenfeld's other clients include the *Waukesha Freeman*, *Madison's Isthmus*, *USA Today Sports Images* and the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

Featured Mount Horeb High School athletes from the 2020-2024 seasons include: Hayden Anderson, Emmy Bennin, Carter Craven, Landon Ellestad, Ella Fager, Owen Fawcett, Sienna Feltz, Max Grundahl, Maren Johnson, Chris Kiel, Josh Kuntz, Eli Leonard, Eli Maier, Josh Manchester, Courtney Monroe, Morgan Monroe, Addison Motl, Kennedy Myers, Charlie Olson, Marc Pipp, Drew Preimsberger, Abbie Sadler, Maddie Swiggum, Jack Vesperman, Lexie Weier, and Coach Martha Killer Faust.

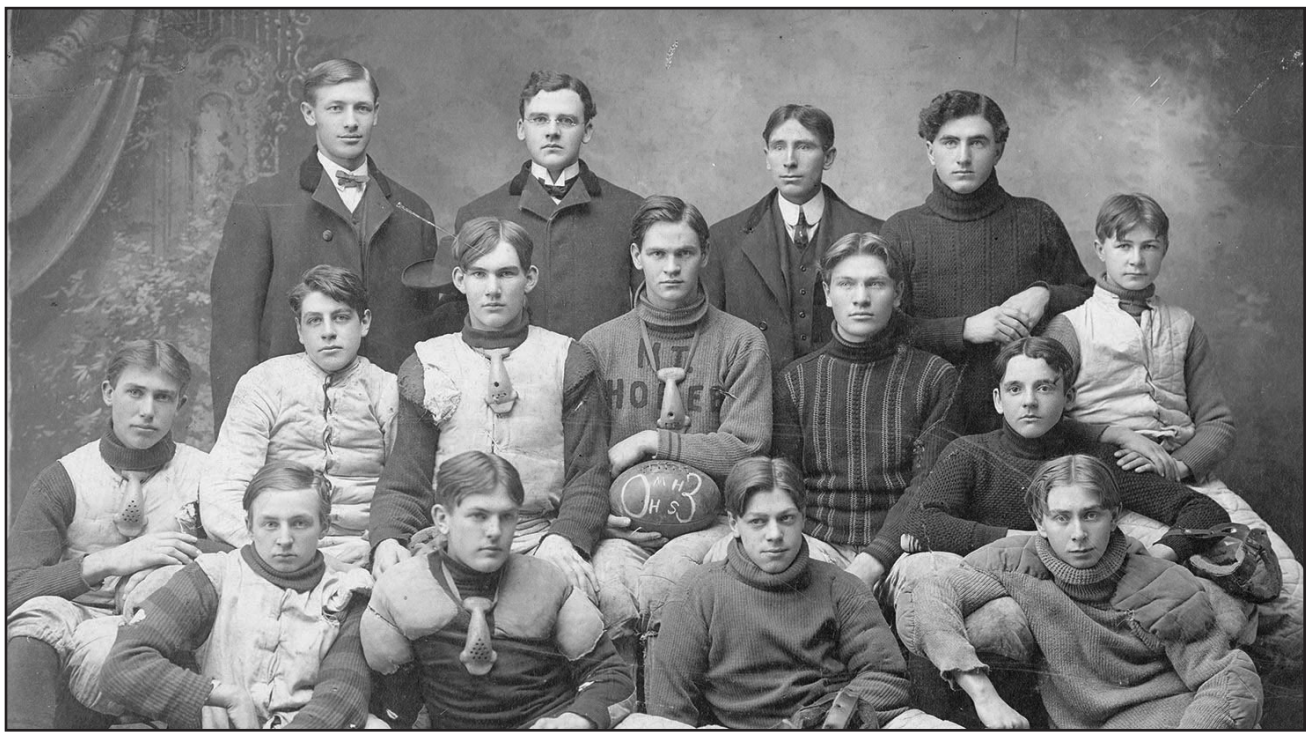
This multifaceted exhibit is free and open to the public during Driftless Historium open hours (Friday to Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) through Tuesday, October 29, 2024. For more information call 608-437-6486 or email *mthorebahs@gmail.com*.



1920s-1940s baseball artifacts, MHAHS Collection.



Addison Motl, Mount Horeb Girls Soccer, Spring 2024 by Mary Langenfeld for the Mount Horeb Mail.



1903 Mount Horeb High School Football Team, MHAHS Collection.

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County Emergency Management encourages residents to plan ahead during National Preparedness Month

Disasters can strike at any time and it's important for every household to have a plan ready for how to respond. September is National Preparedness Month and Dane County Emergency Management encourages everyone to take time in the weeks ahead to create or review plans for when the unexpected happens.

"During the month of September, think about what you can do to be better prepared for an emergency," said Dane County Emergency Management Director Charles Tubbs. "It could be something as simple as putting together an emergency kit or reviewing where you would take shelter during a severe storm. When communities work to be prepared, it helps everyone stay safe."

Consider the following steps to help make you better prepared for an emergency:

Build an emergency kit for your home that includes basic supplies to keep you and your family safe for up to 72 hours. Kits should include items such as non-perishable food, bottled water, a first aid kit, a flashlight and batteries, and essential medications.

Create an emergency communications plan that explains how members of your household will contact each other if you are forced to leave home quickly or are away from each other during an emergency. Designate a shared contact outside of the area that everyone can check-in with, such as a relative or close family friend.

Review and practice your emergency escape and shelter plans with everyone in your household. Know where you would seek shelter during a severe storm and identify a safe meet-up location outside of the house.

If you rely on a medical device that requires power, develop a plan for how you would safely use that device during an extended power outage. Consider installing a generator or purchasing a backup power supply. If that's not possible, make a plan to stay at another location until power is restored. Have multiple ways to stay informed about emergencies. Smart phone apps, local media, and a NOAA Weather Radio are all great ways to keep up to date. You can also sign up for Dane County's Emergency Notification System to receive severe weather and other emergency alerts by text and email.

"With students heading back to school and fall ahead of us, now is a great time to make sure you are ready," said Dane County Executive Jamie Kuhn. "Create or update your plans, then go over them with everyone in your home so you know they are prepared to act during an emergency." National Preparedness Month is an annual effort coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The focus of the 2024 campaign is on encouraging diverse communities, including Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders, to prepare for disasters and build resilience before a disaster strikes.

JD Vance and Tammy Baldwin team up on bipartisan bill

Baldwin, Vance Bipartisan Bill to Ensure Taxpayer-Funded Inventions Are Made in America Advances in Senate

Invent Here, Make Here Act expands Baldwin-championed requirements to manufacture cutting-edge technologies in the U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and J.D. Vance (R-OH) announced their *Invent Here, Make Here Act of 2023* advanced out of the Senate Commerce Committee. The bipartisan legislation ensures taxpayer-funded inventions are not manufactured in adversarial countries like China, but rather, in the United States. The bill builds on bipartisan legislation championed by Senator Baldwin and signed into law that requires taxpayer-funded research that leads to inventions that boost national security are made in the United States.

"To me, it's simple: when we invest taxpayer dollars in research and innovation, those advancements should support American workers and businesses, not China. For too long, American innovation was sent overseas for production, taking the jobs and economic growth with it," said Senator Baldwin. "Our bipartisan legislation makes sure that American companies are first in line to produce these taxpayer-funded inventions, creating jobs in up-and-coming industries and ensuring American manufacturing stays on the cutting-edge."

While current law requires federally funded inventions to be manufactured in the United States, the requirement is often waived, allowing cutting-edge, taxpayer-funded technologies to be licensed to foreign companies and manufactured in countries like China. In a noteworthy example of the flawed process, an investigative report in August 2022 found that a breakthrough battery technology invented in a federal lab had been licensed to a Chinese company and was being manufactured in China.

The *Invent Here, Make Here Act* would prohibit waivers for applications that intend to manufacture in a "country of concern" – currently China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran. The legislation would also increase scrutiny of waiver requests, requiring written authorization by the President of the United States.

The bipartisan legislation will also help American companies access and manufacture inventions developed with tax-payer-funded research. The bill requires the National Institute of Standards and Technology to improve coordination with other federal agencies to encourage the commercialization of federal research by domestic manufacturers and ensure that projects funded through the Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships Directorate at the National Science Foundation prioritize domestic manufacturing.

In the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Senators Baldwin and Rob Portman (R-OH) included a provision to strengthen the waiver process for inventions resulting from federal research at the Department of Homeland Security. These new rules added an additional layer of review for all waivers and prohibited waivers for companies that will manufacture in hostile countries.

GLEANING

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Probably the most interesting features of the entire Festival were the games and students of the village. Hundreds of people went from place to place to see what there was to guess on or try their luck. A few of the winners are as follows. The wieners offered by Irvin Hoff to the best guesser were won by Clara Tvedt who guessed 112. The egg contest at the Farmer's store was won by Albert Kittleson taking first with 83 dozen and getting 30 bars of soap. At Dahle's store Miss Krantz and Mildred Espeseth were nearest the Alarm Clock when it sounded and so won prizes. The most popular organization proved to be the Mt. Horeb High School Band so they get the $25 gift. The length of shaving in the Mt. Horeb Hardware Store window was 2775 feet and 2 1/2 in. Johns Zing proved himself a good guesser with 2775 and therefore won the plane. The proof reading contest put on by the Mt. Horeb Mail in connection with the premium list was won as follows: Esther Ransom, Olive J. Bang and Mrs. Grinde's with a guess of 8 lbs. and 8 oz

90 Years Ago- Sept. 20, 1934

Our local contractor, Sam Swenson, has received the contract for the bridge building on Highway 18 between Mount Horeb and Blue Mounds.

Last Thursday, a regrettable farm accident occurred when Benford Jelle, town of Perry, got his foot caught and mangled in an ensilage cutter on the E.L. Post farm. Dr. A. S. Thompson was called and rushed Mr. Jelle to Madison General Hospital where his leg was amputated below the knee.

Marie I. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halvor O. Bakken, Springdale, was married to Julian G. Johnson, also of Springdale, at the Gunderson parsonage Saturday, Sept. 15, by the Rev. Hector Gunderson.

80 Years Ago- Sept. 28, 1944

The former Reilly residence on S. Fourth St., owned by Bergum Bros., has been sold to Alfred Mueller, town of Primrose, who will take possession Oct. 1. Ray Bakken made the deal.

Serving aboard the army transport out of Seattle, Wash., Port of Embarkation, Ch. (1st Lt.) Orlando M. Skindrud, of Jefferson Prairie, Wis., formerly of Mount Horeb, was promoted to rank of Captain.

Funeral services for W. H. Britt, 80, who died Sunday at a Madison hospital, were held Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the Mount Horeb Methodist Church.

The use of the blue ration tokens will be discontinued on Oct. 1. The tokens used for canned vegetables will not be issued by retailers after this day.

Springdale Lutheran congregation last Sunday, Sept. 24, laid on the altar $507.28, all of it, (save the $5 from the Sunday School) being direct giving by the people.

Mrs. Clifford Bakken, the former Margie Offerdahl, 39, Mount Horeb, passed away Sept. 16 following a serious operation that followed a year's illness.

70 Years Ago- Sept. 30, 1954

Lyle Tvedt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tvedt, Mount Horeb, graduated from Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport Iowa, on Sept. 25.

Over 500 attended the Republican tea on Thursday afternoon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C.S. Gonstead.

Albert Austin, 70, Mount Horeb, photographer and former schoolteacher, died on Saturday, Sept. 25, following a brief illness.

60 Years Ago- Sept. 24, 1964

Fred Wittwer is a patient at Methodist Hospital, Madison, where he has been hospitalized since May.

Friday night's football game between the Mount Horeb Vikings and the Darlington Redbirds will be played under the new lights on the football field behind the new high school, administrator D.A. Kobs said Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma Ranum, 83, died in a Madison hospital Thursday (Sept. 17, 1964) after a long illness.

50 Years Ago- Sept. 26, 1974

Springdale Lutheran Church will dedicate their new Rogers Jamestown 100 organ at a special service of celebration and dedication Sunday, at 8 pm.

The Mount Horeb Volunteer Fire Department responded to two calls Tuesday, a barn fire at the Garnet W. Getz farm two miles north of the village and a car fire at the Richard Fredrickson home.

Marliea Susanne Haag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Haag, Mount Horeb, and Crayton Jeffrey Yapp, Pasadena, Calif., son of Mr. and Ms. Wayne Yapp, Mount Horeb, were married Saturday, Aug. 10 in St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

40 Years Ago- Sept. 27, 1984

A son, Jeremy Randall, was born to Randall and Theresa Hefty on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1984 Jeremy joins a brother, Shawn Thomas, who is 2-1/2.

The outstanding event of the day, at the 52nd reunion of the Thompson-Rue families was the distribution of the 930-page family history book. A standing ovation was given to Mrs. Alverna Robinson for her efforts in writing the history and the responsibility for the entire organization of the book. She was assisted by a committee.

In observance of Home Sewing Month, Jennifer Keller is exhibiting several articles of clothing that she has made for herself and for her home at the Mount Horeb High School.

30 Years Ago- Sept. 29, 1994

A young but expert tracker has volunteered his services to the Mount Horeb Police Department and has already proven himself as a crime-solver. "Sooner" is Investigator Brian Joyner's 17-month old bloodhound.

A son, Shane Michael, was born to Tom and Penny Magnuson, Verona, on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1994, at Meriter Park Hospital.

Ilow A. Peterson, age 84, died at the Ingleside Nursing Home, on Sept. 26, 1994, after a lingering illness. He was the owner of the Forward store from 1933 to 1979.

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MOUNT HOREB/BARNEVELD 54, STOUGHTON 0

Showdown becomes a blowout

Mount Horeb-Barneveld cruises past Stoughton

by DAN LARSON
Sports Reporter

It was supposed to be a clash of the titans, two teams ranked in the top-10 of Division 3 vying for a Badger Small Conference title.

It was anything but.

Fourth-ranked Mount Horeb/Barneveld snuffed out Stoughton's promising opening drive and never looked back, dominating in every facet en route to an eye-opening 54-0 win over the eighth-ranked visitors on Friday night at Mount Horeb High School.

"The energy was clearly different," said senior running back Owen Preimesberger, a 5-foot-9, 180-pound senior who had 171 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns on just 13 carries (13.2 yards per carry).

"This is one of our biggest rivals, and I'll get it straight — we hate this team. And I'm assuming they hate us just as much as we (hate them). So I kind of turned it up a notch, and I feel like the whole team did as well."

Chris Kiel, a senior wide receiver whose NCAA Division I stock is on the rise after an impressive summer and a hot start to the year, said it's the kind of win that — even though his team is ranked inside the top-5 — sent notice to the rest of Wisconsin.

"This is really going to hammer in that we are one of the best teams in the state," Kiel said. "You can't say our competition is bad. We just destroyed the No. 8 team in D3, so it was a statement game for us."

Even MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld had almost nothing to complain about, which for someone in his position is rare even after the most lopsided of wins.

"If you've ever played Mortal Kombat where they say, 'Flawless victory.' That's how I felt like tonight8was," St. Arnauld

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Owen Preimesberger (3) and Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team cruised to a 54-0 win over Stoughton last Friday. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

No shame in second for MoHo spikers

Vikings' take second at their own invite

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team has a motto every time they step on their home court.

"Our motto is 'Our house, protect our house,' " senior Ruby Dahlk said during the Mount Horeb Invitational last Saturday. "That's what we're doing."

After sweeping all three matches in pool play and winning its semifinal against Monona Grove, though, Mount Horeb came up three points short of a perfect day.

Sun Prairie West ruined the Vikings' plans of winning their own tournament when the Wolves pulled out a thrilling 25-21, 15-25, 15-12 victory over Mount Horeb in a match that saw both teams win a set with a monster closing run.

"I felt like it was serve-and-receive back and forth," Mount Horeb coach Josh Smelzer said. "One team would go on a service run; the other team would go on a service run. It was tough for both of us to get in system. That's really kind of our game. We need to be in system and running plays.

"So, we struggled there a bit. The first set we were up 20-15 and they made a run. We were able to close out the second (set), but we couldn't quite get it on the third."

Sun Prairie West (21-2) won the opening set 25-21, using a 10-1 closing run to put away the Vikings.

Mount Horeb (14-5) repaid the favor in the second set. Trailing 14-11, the Vikings roared back with a 14-1 closing run which senior Lizzy Mesenberg ended with a service ace.

"The second game, they had a ton of float deep serves that got us," Sun Prairie West coach Mackenzie Walter said. "That changed our momentum. We had to recalibrate and adjust to that."

Mount Horeb had its seven-match winning streak snapped, though,

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Maya Newman and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team finished second at their own invitational last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld.

Girls XC team third at MoHo Invite

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team has enjoyed a terrific first half of the season.

And the Vikings continued to shine last Saturday.

Mount Horeb finished in third place at its own eight-team invitational held at Norsk Golf Club.

Sauk Prairie won the team title with 42 points to outdistance runner-up McFarland (55). Mount Horeb (77), Baraboo (91) and DeForest (92) rounded out the top five.

We were only racing a partial squad for the girls team this week, with five of our usual top eight runners sitting this one out to get a little rest or deal with some preventative maintenance," Vikings coach Dave Chancellor said. "This gave a few of our other girls opportunities to get some varsity experience for us."

Mount Horeb sophomore Julia Straka was second overall, finishing the 5,000-meter race in 20 minutes, 59.70 seconds. Ruah Franzmann-Simmert, who is home schooled, won the title in 19:00.20, but she was competing only as an individual, meaning Straka's finished first among runners on teams.

Mount Horeb sophomore Maeve True was 12th (22:08.60), junior Lily Nelson was 19th (22:49.50), junior Lily Wahl was 20th (23:04.80) and junior Kajsa Peterson was 25th (24:03.90).

"Julia was able to pull away from a small pack of competitors over the last half mile to give herself a good cushion coming into the finish chute," Chancellor said. "Maeve True had, what was for her, a disappointing race the week before at River Valley so it was really good to see her run well.

"Lily Nelson and Lily Wahl worked near each other for most of the race. Lily Nelson put together her most complete race of the season so far. Lily Wahl has been consistent for us this season and we're starting to be able to count on her to be in position to score for us."

Mount Horeb's boys finished sixth out of 11 teams. DeForest won the team title with 26 points, while the Vikings finished with 187 points.

Mount Horeb sophomore Samuel Wyse was 29th (18:43.60), senior Jack Zwettler was 33rd (18:54.50), senior James Zwettler was 35th (18:59.10), senior Noah Gibbs was 44th (19:32.30) and junior Desmond Kelley was 46th (19:37.21).

"Our boys team put together what I think is the best meet they've had in the two seasons I've been coaching here," Chancellor said. "Of the 24 boys that raced for us on (including JV), incredibly 16 of them ran a career-best time.

"At the front, Sam Wyse, Jack Zwettler, and James Zwettler worked together. These three run almost every rep together in practice, but we've been working on getting James up closer to Jack and Sam in a race. He was able to do that. That tighter lead pack will really help us a lot as we move into the second half of the season.

"Noah Gibbs, Desmond Kelley, and Jaxon Hughes (49th overall) made up our second group. They really worked together on the course. This was a big race for Desmond. He came into the season with a lot of fitness, but has still been figuring out the 5k. This was his most complete race of the season so far, but I think we'll see a lot more out of him in the next few weeks."

Overall, Chancellor was thrilled how his two teams performed.

"As a whole, I like where the teams are at right now," he said. "They're working together really well, putting together good practices, and consistently showing high effort in races each week. As we start to get cooler weather, I think their fitness will start to translate to some fast times."



Maeve True helped Mount Horeb's girls cross country team finish in third place at the Vikings' own invitational last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Golfers close conference season with a bang

Mount Horeb ties program record with 176

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor



Mount Horeb's Delaina Nicewander shot a career-low 39 during a Badger Small Conference meet on Sept. 16 at Norsk Golf Club. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

The numbers keep dropping.

And Mount Horeb's girls golf team continues to rise.

The Vikings tied a program record during their Badger Small Conference dual meet against McFarland on Sept. 16, defeated the Spartans, 176-204, at Norsk Golf Club. Mount Horeb finished the conference dual meet season with a 5-1 record, one match behind Madison Edgewood.

"Terrific performance by our team against McFarland," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. "We played very well as a team in matching our lowest nine-hole score in program history set earlier this season and were able to finish the season undefeated at home."

Junior Delaina Nicewander led the Vikings with a career-low 39. Nicewander birdied both No. 4 and 6, and parred three holes on her way to finishing as the meet's medalist.

Senior Lainy Hesseling also shot a career-low with a 43. Hesseling provided one of the day's highlights by draining a putt from just off the green on the par-five, ninth hole for eagle. She also finished her round with a birdie on No. 6 to tie for second place individually with McFarland's Mia Burchette.

Senior Emma Olsen had a 46, closing her day with a birdie at No. 9 to go with a par at No. 5. And freshman Ella Baber added a 48, highlighted by an eagle on the par-five, second hole and a par at No. 8

Senior Abby Shaffer also shot a 52 that included pars at No. 1 and 4.

"Eagles are not very common in high school golf, so to have both Lainy and Ella record one in the same round was really impressive," Krentz said. "Most importantly, we were able to send our four seniors — Lainy, Emma, Abby and Alexa Vesely — out with a win in their final meet here at Norsk Golf Club. They have all been an integral part of our program the past few years and have helped put us in position for a conference title again this season heading into our conference tournament."

Mount Horeb finished up its week with a fourth place finish at the 15-team Portage Invite held at Portage Golf Club. The Vikings finished with a team score of 395, behind only Fort Atkinson (356), Monona Grove (370) and Wisconsin Dells (385).

Olson led Mount Horeb with a 91, matching her career-best 18-hole performance. Olson tied for fifth place individually in Division 2 and tied for 11th overall in the 73-player field after recording three pars and no score higher than a six on the day.

"Emma had a terrific round, matching her career-low score with steady play on both nines," Krentz said.

Nicewander posted a 96, placing 10th in Division 2 and 22nd overall. Nicewander made six pars in her round.

Hesseling added a 103 while Baber finished with a 105. Both also made pars at No. 13 during their round.

Senior Alexa Vesely chipped in a 112 and Shaffer had a 124, including a par on the par-three 16th hole.

"It was nice to be able to play an 18-hole round," Krentz said. "We had not played in an 18-hole event in almost three weeks, so it was important to get another one in with conference and regionals coming up. It definitely was an up and down round for our team, which I expected with only conference dual meets having been on our schedule the past few weeks and most coming at home.

"We had a lot of good holes as a team, but a few wayward shots left our score a bit higher than we would have liked. Portage is one of the shorter courses we play at just over 4,700 yards, but its small greens and tree-lined fairways have always made it a challenge for teams to play.

"Consistency will be key for all of our players as we enter the most important part of the season. We now turn our attention to post-season play and want to be playing our best golf of the season. Hopefully, our round at Portage is a good tune-up for our conference tournament and regionals."

• On deck: Mount Horeb was at the conference tournament Tuesday, where it hoped to chase down league power and No. 1 ranked Madison Edgewood.

The Crusaders won the league's dual meet title, but Mount Horeb could claim a share of the overall conference title by defeating Edgewood at the conference meet.

"We are chasing Edgewood right now in the conference standing having lost to them head-to-head earlier in the season," Krentz said. "But we have the opportunity to flip the script on them this time around as they did with us at last year's conference tournament.

"They are playing extremely well right now … so beating them will be a tough task, but we are capable of doing so, especially on a neutral course."

Soccer Vikings drop 2 of 3

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's boys soccer team had a grueling week, one where it dropped two of three games. Still, Vikings' coach Rick Gage feels OK where his team is at.

"This was a tough week coming in," said Gage, whose team is 4-4 overall and 3-0 in the Badger Small Conference. "Overall I am pretty happy with where we are at."

Here's a recap of Mount Horeb's week:

• **Mount Horeb 1, Stoughton 0 —** Isaac Schloesser scored in the 70th minute to give Mount Horeb a big conference win over visiting Stoughton on Sept. 17.

"We knew that this was going to be a very competitive game and that we matched up with Stoughton well," Gage said. "Knowing that this week was going to be tough I felt we really needed a win in this game.

"Stoughton came out and controlled the game early and we had to play a lot of defense. We were on our heels and had started a bit slow. Fortunately, we began to pick up the pace after about 10 minutes and started to create goal scoring opportunities."

Mount Horeb had a handful of chances, but couldn't convert.

Finally in the 70th minute, Ro Gilles sent a ball wide to Mason Williams, who crossed it into the box. Schloesser was able to get on the end of the ball and shot it into the lower right corner putting Mount Horeb up 1-0.

From there, Mount Horeb's defense took over and sent the visitors home with a loss.

"We were able to play good defense over the last 10 minutes to get the win," Gage said. "I thought the team played a very balanced game of good defense and created a number of good scoring opportunities."

• **Monona Grove 2, Mount Horeb 0 —** The host Silver Eagles scored in the 37th and 62nd minute and downed the Vikings on Sept. 19.

"From watching film I thought we matched up pretty well with Monona Grove," Gage said. "I thought this would be another very tight game and I was correct."

The first half was a back-and-forth affair, but MG struck right before the half and took a 1-0 lead.

"It was unfortunate to come into half down a goal as the first half was pretty even," Gage said.

The Vikings started the second half strong, but the Silver Eagles scored in the 62nd minute gain some breathing room.

"We were putting pressure on the ball and able to create a few scoring chances early," Gage said of the second half. "As the half wore on we started to slow down and lost a bit of our momentum. We held on well, but Monona Grove was able to score another goal on a perfect pass in the 62 minute.

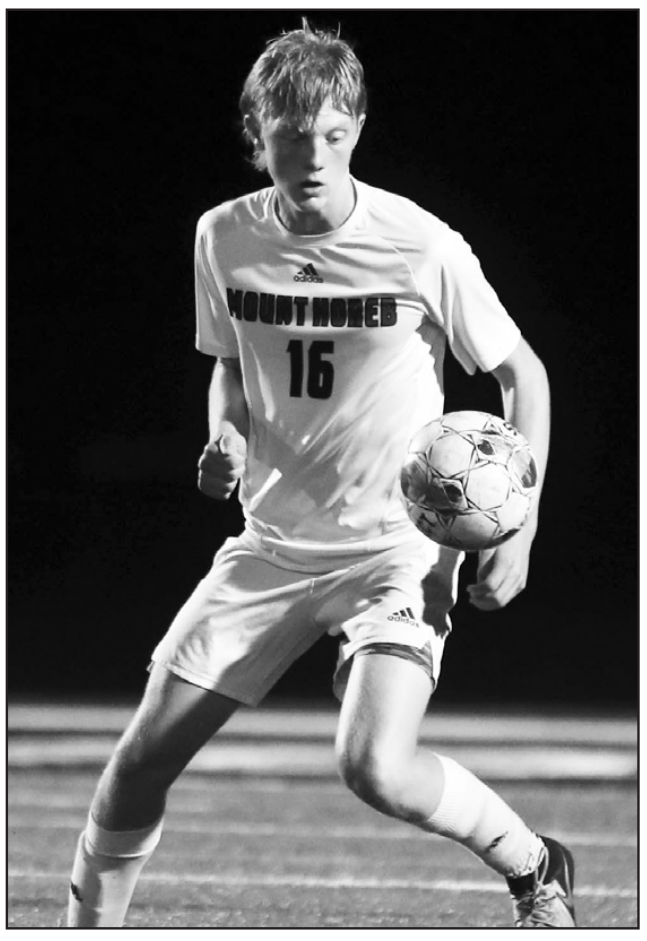
"Unfortunately we were not able to score a goal to get back into the game. I thought we played about 50 minutes of really good soccer in this game, but tired a bit in the second half. Overall I would have liked to have had a different result, but I thought we played well against a decent team."

• **Elkhorn 8, Mount Horeb 0 —** The host Elks rolled past the Vikings last Saturday.

"Every now and then you have a game where everything that can go wrong goes wrong," Gage said. "This was one of those games.

"Coming into the game we had a bunch of players with tired legs from two tough games during the week. We had a few key players that were banged up that played light minutes, were sick or didn't play at all in the game. Additionally it was a very hot day and we were playing a highly ranked Division 2 team tha t was even better than what I had watched on film.

"As a team we definitely had an off day. We appeared to be a step slow and Elkhorn played a fast, physical direct attack that we had no answer for. Elkhorn controlled the game from start to finish and we struggled on the day. This is a game that we will use to learn a few lessons from and then move on."



Nolan Beadle and Mount Horeb's boys soccer team dropped two of three games last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb was at McFarland Tuesday, then hosts Platteville Thursday at 7 p.m.

"These are both sectional opponents that will have a direct effect on seeding for the playoffs," Gage said. "I think these will both be tight games that we will be very competitive in, so it will be important that we are well rested and work on fixing some of our mistakes from last week."

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said. "You had a couple penalties here and there and a couple sacks that we gave up, but outside of that, everything was just smooth."

MH-B (5-0, 3-0 Badger Small) didn't have to wait too long for that smooth ride, either.

Stoughton (4-1, 2-1) opened the game with an impressive drive that marched into the red zone before stalling out thanks to MH-B's harassing pass rush.

Junior linebacker Jack Wilson's sack on 2nd-and-4 from the 13-yard-line pushed Stoughton back to the 23, and then a tackle for loss by senior linebacker Zach Maguire pushed the visitors back to the 26.

On 4th-and-17, Wilson and sophomore linebacker Eli Maier combined on a sack to force a turnover on downs.

That was the closest Stoughton got to paydirt all night long.

"That's exactly what you needed for a tone-setter," St. Arnauld said. "That just changed the momentum. Then the offense gets the ball and they go right down the field."

Indeed they did.

A 14-yard catch by Kiel on 3rd-and-4 kept MH-B's opening drive alive and four plays later Preimesberger got his big night going. He eluded a defender with a nifty jump cut at the 20-yard line on the way to a 30-yard touchdown run to make it 6-0 with 3 minutes, 54 seconds left in the first quarter.

The 2-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

Preimesberger struck again early in the second quarter, bursting up the middle, blowing through an arm tackle attempt and racing 43 yards for a 12-0 lead with 9:30 left in the half. This time the 2-point attempt was good as Wilson plowed through the line on a fullback dive to make it 14-0.

"The line really did amazing," Preimesberger said of that unit's effort all night long. "They busted their (tails) off."

Added St. Arnauld, "Our O-line was mashing up front creating those lanes and OP was just (darting through them). He hit a couple seams and that was it."

On MH-B's next offensive possession, senior wide receiver Owen Aeschlimann hauled in a 9-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Brooks Hendrickson on a post corner route in the back left corner of the end zone. Wilson ran in the 2-point conversion again giving MH-B a 22-0 lead with 4:29 left in the half.

Stoughton's next possession resulted in a three-and-out and five plays later, after the punt, Preimesberger was off to the races again. Once again, Preimesberger shot up the middle and went untouched for a 39-yard TD with 2:01 left in the first half.

Kiel hauled in a pass from Hendrickson to complete the 2-point try, making it 30-0.

"I needed a game like that," Preimesberger said of his monster night on the ground. "And doing it against our biggest rival, that was awesome."

Preimesberger, a first-year starter at running back, had a pair of 100-yard efforts and four TDs in MH-B's first four games. He was also averaging a modest — by MH-B's standards — 4.5 yards per carry.

On Friday night, he showed his true potential.

"The one thing we've been trying to get him to do is run behind his pads, and he only had one run tonight where he ran, what I call, scared," St. Arnauld said. "I told him, don't run scared. Stick your foot in the ground and go.

"You're 185 pounds. You're not a small dude, so get behind your pads. You were doing a lot of side to side in the first few games, and I told him, you want to do a step and go. Get north-south. You were dancing. It's not homecoming. Stick your foot (in the ground) and go.

"He took the coaching and applied it, and look what he did tonight. That's the kind of running back he is -- explosive. If he does that, he's dangerous."

Preimesberger, a qualifier in the 100-meter dash at last spring's WIAA Division 1 state track and field meet, wasn't done in the first half, though.

And his fourth and final TD of the night provided the biggest excitement in what was a one-sided affair from the get-go.

MH-B was able to keep Stoughton from running out the first-half clock, and on the very first play after Harrison Walker's sack forced a turnover on downs, the home team reached deep in the playbook.

Hendrickson threw a swing pass out to Kiel on the right sideline — like he'd done at least a half dozen times already on the night —only this time it was a lateral, not a forward pass. Kiel then planted his foot in the ground and launched a strike across the field to Preimesberger in the left corner of the end zone for a 25-yard TD with 24 seconds to go, making it 36-0 before Maguire's extra point was good.

"I just chucked it to be honest," Kiel said. "I knew he was going to catch it. I almost thought I overthrew it, but I trust him to go get the ball so I had no worries."



Harrison Walker (25) forces a fumble during Mount Horeb-Barneveld's 54-0 rout of Stoughton last Friday. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

It was a score that then meant — because they were up by 35 or more points — MH-B would receive the second half kickoff and have a running clock, accelerating the process of hammering the final nails in Stoughton's coffin.

And it was a score that came on a play call Kiel admitted caught him a bit by surprise.

But he was ready.

"Honestly, I didn't really expect it this week," Kiel said. "When we do walkthroughs (of that play), I'm not always behind (the quarterback, which would prevent it from being a lateral and make the second part of the play a penalty).

"So I made sure I got behind. I was definitely ready for it and I knew he was going to be wide open. It was just a perfect play."

And a perfect end to what was a virtually perfect first half.

Aeschlimann reeled in another TD strike from Hendrickson in the second half, running free up the left hash marks for a 36-yard score with 5:59 left in the third quarter to make it 44-0.

And Owen Schultz's 11-yard TD run with 2 seconds remaining in the quarter extended the lead to 51-0.

Maguire's 39-yard field goal — straight through and with the distance to be good from at least 50 yards — with 2:19 to go in the game punctuated MH-B's night.

It was such a dominant performance, in fact, that St. Arnauld had to admit he's concerned his team might be a little overconfident heading into its Week 6 tilt at Sauk Prairie.

So while the convincing win may have sent a message to the rest of the state that MH-B is every bit as good as advertised, the coach said he'll be on high alert in practice this week.

"We have to make sure that doesn't set it in," St. Arnauld said. "The worst thing you can do now is go out and say, 'We're this, we're that.' No, we haven't proved anything.

"This, to other people, is a statement. To me it's another game. We have to be focused on the prize."

He also knows that as good as his team was, Stoughton fell well short of its potential.

"I know that's not Stoughton's best performance. Stoughton can play a lot better than they played tonight. They're a great football team," St. Arnauld said. "If we were to see them in the playoffs, that's not the team we'd play"

And yet, there's no denying what happened Friday night was remarkably impressive.

"There is no other way to put it other than euphoric — or perfect," St. Arnauld said. "I'm trying to find the words. That's the most complete game we've played all year.

"We've been talking about putting that perfect game together, and what a perfect time for it."

MH-B 54, STOUGHTON 0
MHB ..... 6 31 14 3 — 54
Stoughton ..... 0 0 0 0 — 0

MHB — Owen Preimesberger 30 run (run failed), 6-0, 3:54, 1st

MHB — Owen Preimesberger 43 run (Jack Wilson run), 9:30, 2nd

MHB — Owen Aeschlimann 9 pass from Brooks Hendrickson (Jack Wilson run), 4:29, 2nd

MHB — Owen Preimesberger 39 run (Chris Kiel pass from Brooks Hendrickson), 2:01, 2nd

MHB — Owen Preimesberger 25 pass from Chris Kiel (Zach Maguire kick), 00:24, 2nd

MHB — Owen Aeschlimann 37 pass from Brooks Hendrickson (Zach Maguire kick), 5:59, 3rd

MHB — Owen Schultz 11 run (Zach Maguire kick), 00:02, 3rd

MHB — Zach Maguire 39 field goal, 2:19, 4th

TEAM STATS

First downs: Sto 8, MHB 16. Rushes-yards: Sto 27-43, MHB 203. Passing yards: Sto 88, MHB 160. Comp.-att-int: Sto 11-21-1, MHB 16-22-0. Total yards: Sto 131, MHB 363. Penalties-yards: Sto 2-20, MHB 6-70. Fumbles-lost: Sto 2-2, MHB 0-0.

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing (comp.-att.-yards-td-int) — Sto: Drew Viney 10-19-81-0-0, Jack Johnson 1-2-7-0-1. MHB: Brooks Hendrickson 13-18-127-2-0, Chris Kiel 1-1-25-1-0, Aiden Aeschlimann 2-3-8-0-0.

Rushing — Sto: Drew Viney 11-26, Logan Hedstrom 11-2, Gatlin Empey 3-14, Tyree Steele 2-1. MHB: Owen Preimesberger 13-171, Owen Schultz 5-37, Jack Wilson 2-6, Chris Kiel 1-6, Brooks Hendrickson 2-(-)11, Aiden Aeschlimann 1-(-)6.

Receiving — Sto: Parker Sellnow 5-67, Logan Hedstrom 3-7, LeShawn Brown 1-9, Mason Richter 1-2. MHB: Chris Kiel 9-68, Owen Aeschlimann 2-46, Owen Preimesberger 1-25, Max Grundahl 1-12, Owen Krimmer 1-7, Owen Schultz 1-1, Hayden Anderson 1-1.

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Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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when the Wolves captured the final set.

Despite quickly falling behind, the Vikings went down swinging.

"You want to go out there and do all you can to better the team," said senior Jayse Holman, a UW-Stevens Point recruit. "We played how we usually play. We believed in ourselves. We knew we could win the game and stay with them."

Sun Prairie West, which is unbeaten in Big Eight Conference play, quickly grabbed a 3-0 lead in the decisive third set behind senior Dani Smith, who served back-to-back aces. Smith, who finished with a match-high of six aces, had also opened the first set with back-to-back aces.

"Volleyball at the very start is a serve-and-receive game," Walter said. "When you've got great serves and are really on with your serving, it's going to take you far."

That quick start gave the Wolves a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Senior Kennedy Myers, who recorded her 1,000th career dig in a 2-0 victory over Jefferson in pool play, said Smith was on her 'A' game all day.

"I was there ready, and it just dropped," Myers said. "She's definitely a great server."

Senior Anna Samb's kill gave Sun Prairie West an 11-5 lead, the Wolves' largest of the final set.

But Mount Horeb used its second timeout to regroup and promptly earned serve on Ella Kahl's kill.

The Vikings then scored three straight points with junior Laila Rasmussen serving to pull within 11-9. But that was as close as Mount Horeb would get.

After Sun Prairie West extended its lead to 14-9, Holman kept the Vikings alive with a kill, and Mount Horeb pulled within 14-12 with senior Morgan Monroe serving.

"We need to serve them tough and get them out of system," said Kennedy, a UW-La Crosse recruit. "We were able to do that."

But Dahlk's final swing went awry to secure the championship for the Wolves.

"It's tough, but it shows the girls' resiliency," Smelzer said of the Vikings' late comeback. "That last shot by Ruby was wide open.

"It was a brilliant shot. But it's just that one time that she doesn't make it happen.

"I love the aggressive swing there. That's how we made our comeback. Next time."

Mount Horeb advanced to the finals with a 25-16, 25-16 victory over Monona Grove.

Dahlk led the way with six kills and nine digs, while Kahl added five kills.

"We just played our game," senior Eliza Zweifel said. "We all have a good connection and do what we have to do."

The Vikings trailed in the first set, 6-5, before junior Lizzy Mesenberg served an ace to help ignite a 10-4 run which gave Mount Horeb the lead for good.

"We have been a strong serving team," Smelzer said. "The girls have done a great job of executing. We've been averaging 9, 10 aces a match.

"To go along with our service game, our serve-receive has done remarkable this year putting us in system. We've really quickened up our offense.

"We create a lot of one-on-one opportunities when we do run a fast offense to make it tough for them to get to double blocks."

Despite its runner-up finish, the Vikings left the gym with a positive attitude and dreams of better days to come.

"MaxPreps had Sun Prairie West ranked 13th in Division 1 and 14 in the state," Smelzer said. "It was a good loss battling three sets with them.

"That's a good team. To be able to battle with them, there's a lot to be proud of and excited about right now.

"Our goal is to play our best ball come October, and we're on our way. That's what we got out of today."

• **Mount Horeb 3, Reedsburg 1 —** The Vikings earned a 25-13, 25-11, 23-25, 25-21 victory over the host Beavers in a Badger Small Conference match on Sept. 17.

Ruby Dahlk led the way for Mount Horeb with 14 kills, four aces and 11 digs, while Laila Rasmussen had 14 digs and a team-best 30 assists. Finley Moore had a team-best three blocks. Kennedy Myers led the way with six aces and 32 digs. Jayse Holman added 12 kills.

• **Mount Horeb 3, Madison Edgewood 2 —** The Vikings rallied from a 2-0 set deficit to improve to 4-0 in Badger Small Conference play with a 13-25, 19-25, 25-19, 25-21, 15-9 victory over the visiting Crusaders last Thursday.

Jayse Holman led the Vikings with 12 kills, five aces and four blocks. Ruby Dahlk added 11 kills and three aces. Laila Rasmussen had a team-high 31 assists along with 13 digs and three aces. Kennedy Myers sparked the defense with a team-best 15 digs.

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb travels to Stoughton for a Badger Small Conference match on Thursday at 7 p.m. The Vikings will then compete in the Madison Edgewood Invitational on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

Sept. 21
MOUNT HOREB INVITATIONAL
Championship
Sun Prairie West 2, Mount Horeb 1
SPW ……..... 25 25 15
MoHo …… 21 25 12

SUN PRAIRIE WEST (leaders) — Kills: Sari Marks 7. Assists: Sari Marks 9, Dani Smith 6. Aces: Smith 6. Digs: Porter Pate 8, Cora Stewart 7. Blocks: Anne Samb 1, Paige Malcore. 1.

MOUNT HOREB — Kills: Jayse Holman 8, Laila Rasmussen 8. Assists: Rasmussen 19. Aces: Holman 2, Lizzy Mesenberg 2, Morgan Monroe 2. Digs: Kennedy Myers 11, Holman 11. Blocks: Ruby Dahlk 2, Finley Moore 2, Rasmussen 2, Eliza Zweifel 2.

Semifinals
Mount Horeb 2, Monona Grove 0
MG 16 16
MoHo ……..… 25 25

MOUNT HOREB — Kills: Ruby Dahlk 6, Ella Kahl 5. Assists: Laila Rasmussen 14. Aces: Dahlk 3, Jayse Holman 2, Lizzy Mesenberg 2. Digs: Dahlk 9, Kennedy Myers 7. Blocks: Holman 1, Finley Moore 1, Rasmussen 1, Eliza Zweifel 1.

Pool Play

Mount Horeb defeated Madison La Follette 25-18, 25-9; defeated Jefferson 25-10, 25-15; defeated Barneveld 25-20, 25-10

TOURNAMENT STATISTICS

Kills: Jayse Holman 27, Ruby Dahlk 26, Ella Kahl 23, Finley Moore 20, Laila Rasmussen 12, Eliza Zweifel 11.

Assists: Rasmussen 88. Aces: Kennedy Myers 10, Rasmussen 10, Holman 7, Lizzy Mesenberg 5, Sydney Almquist 4, Dahlk 4.

Digs: Myers 31, Dahlk 26, Rasmussen 21, Maya Newman 16.

Blocks: Finley Moore 5, Eliza Zweifel 5.



Lizzy Messenberg and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team finished second at their own invitational last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Mount Horeb swimmers fall to Lodi

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls swimming team gave Lodi all it could handle, but the Vikings dropped a 99-71 decision on Sept. 19.

"Lodi is a tough team to beat, but I feel like we were able to keep up with them," Mount Horeb coach Jalen Butteris said. "We've been working really hard in practice to keep up with the larger teams in our conference and you can see it in our times."

Caitlin Patrick-Stern was first in the 200-meter freestyle and Madeline Evans was second. Patrick-Stern also won the 500-freestyle, while Samantha Hanson was third.

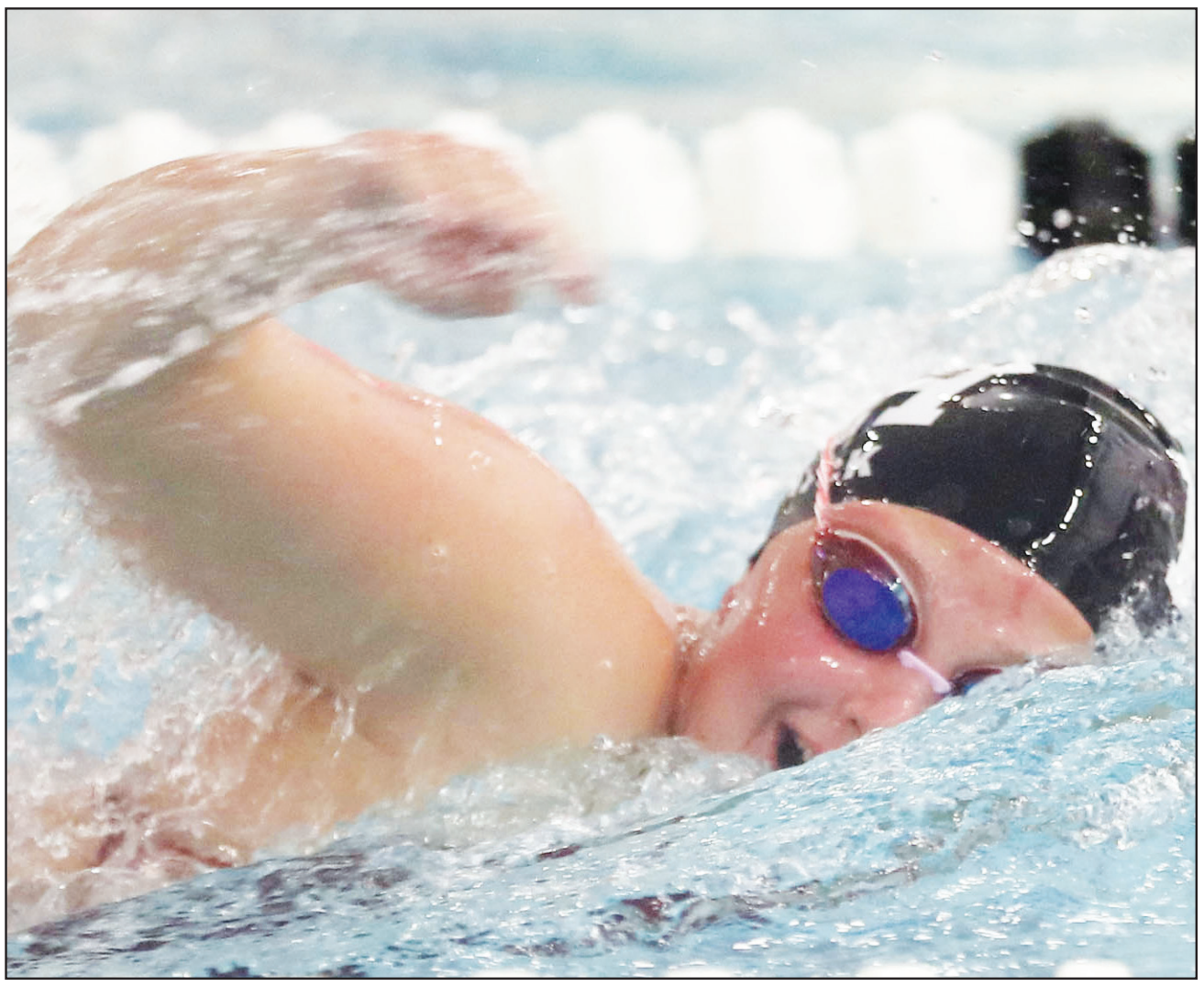
Ava Newman won the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke.

Siobhan Mertz was second in the 100 freestyle and Nina Paterson was fourth. Mertz was also second in the 100 breaststroke.

Evans was second in the 100 butterfly and Hanson was third. Nina Paterson was also third in the 50 freestyle.

Mount Horeb's 400-freestyle relay team of Patrick-Stern, Mertz, Evans and Newman finished first, while the Vikings' quartet of CeCelia Watson, Elysia McKillips, Delilah Gasch and Hanson was third.

Mount Horeb's 200-freestyle relay team of Mertz, Paterson, Patrick-Stern and Newman was second, while the foursome of Clementine Christian, Samantha Parmley, Madelyn Becker and Evans was fourth.



Caitlin Patrick-Stern won the 200-meter freestyle during Mount Horeb's loss to Lodi on Sept. 19. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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