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Talking trash...

Everything you need to know about new local recycling and trash services

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

This summer, the Mount Horeb Village Board approved a new company to handle refuse and recycling for local citizens. After receiving four bids (from GFL Environmental, Lake Shore Recycling Services, Waste Management and Pellitteri Waste Systems), the board opted to switch from Waste Management to Pellitteri.

The board inked a five-year-deal with Pelliterri, which will replace Waste

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Teacher Melissa Olmsted speaks to the Mount Horeb Area School District Board of Education on Monday night. Photo by Aynsley Hoelscher.

Bird nerds rejoice!

Limpkin shows up at Stewart

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

If you are one of the many enthusiastic birders who calls the Mount Horeb area home, there is some big news, as a rare animal that usually lives in much warmer climes has been hanging out at a local swimming hole.

A Limpkin, scientifically known as *Aramus guarauna*, took up residence at Stewart Lake County Park about two weeks ago.

Madison resident Dexter Patterson has an encyclopedic knowledge of the Limpkin and quickly made his way to Mount Horeb when he learned through the eBird app - and from a fellow bird lover - that it was present.



The Limpkin living at Stewart Park. Photo by Dexter Patterson.

"[S]ightings of Limpkins in the state are quite un-

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Deal or no deal?

Teachers speak about the state of contract negotiations at board of education meeting

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The Board of Education meeting Monday night was full of citizens and teachers asking the board to meet and confer with the Mount Horeb Education Association (MHEA) union over teacher raises.

The conflict comes after the district and MHEA failed to come to an agreement at their bargaining session last week.

A disagreement on the definition of base wage is one of the major sticking points in negotiations so far, according to MHEA president Stephen Austin and many public commentators at the meeting.

The base wage definition determines how an inflation adjustment raise is applied to each paycheck. If the base wage is defined as the lowest salary level, the percentage raise is scaled down as the salary level increases. If the base wage is defined as each salary level, teachers get the same percentage increase no matter what their current salary is.

The Wisconsin Budget Repair Bill, or Act 10, was passed in 2011 and laid out new rules for collective bargaining for public sector employees. When it was passed, there was some confusion about how "base wage" was defined. The Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC) defined the base as the lowest level in a salary system for a period of six months. When that expired, districts and unions defined the base wage as whatever they could both agree on.

Teacher and parent of students in the district Melissa Olmsted said MHASD is the only district from the list of comparable districts that defines the base wage as the lowest starting salary level.

"Paying me [an] 8 percent [raise based on the] lowest paid teacher is offensive and hurtful," Olmsted said. "A 27-year veteran should be given their raise based on having taught 540 plus students, not 20."

Only nine teachers are cur-

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'Anything is possible'

Get to know three inspiring competitors from this year's Ironman Triathlon

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

Mount Horeb was well represented in the 2023 Ironman Triathlon. Eric Hanson, 43; Calina Ackerman, 21; and Matt Hunter, 45, all completed the grueling event, making their friends and family proud. The September 8 triathlon included a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride – which came through Mount Horeb - and a 26.22-mile marathon run.

Hanson grew up on a dairy farm just south of town. He graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1999 and moved back to the community in 2017.

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Calina Ackerman



Eric Hanson



Matt Hunter

Springdale 4-H beautifies downtown for fall





Katrina and Mackenzie Meinholz.



Matthew Mahoney distributes corn shocks.

On Sunday September 24, members of the Springdale 4H club gathered to decorate Mt. Horeb's Main Street for fall. The club secured corn shocks and bows to light post and afterwards posed at the Welcome Center for a group picture.

Front row: Liam Crolla, Matthew Mahoney, Katrina Meinholz, Zelma Marohn Middle: Jackson Corrigan & Finn Judd Back: Alivia Shaffer and Mackenzie Meinholz.

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Police Report

Mount Horeb saw rash of vandalism, online scams and more in August

911 Disconnect – 17
911 Open Line Count – 2
Accidents – 4
Accident – 1
Hit & Run – 1
Private Property - 1
Property Damage – 1
Adult Arrest – 1

An officer was dispatched to a business for a report of an unwanted female sleeping on the property. Upon contact with the female and running a DOT record check, it was found that the female had an extraditable felony warrant out of Joliet, IL. The female was arrested and transported to the Dane County Jail awaiting extradition.

Alarm – 4
Animal Complaint Bite – 1
Animal Complaint Disturbance - 5
Animal Complaint Stray – 4
Annoying/Obscene Phone Calls – 1
Assist Citizen – 23
Assist DCSO – 10
Assist Fire/Police – 13
Check Person - 15
Check Property – 11
Civil Dispute – 1

An individual came into the Mount Horeb Police Department to report a possible theft of a large sum of money after her mother had passed away. Through investigation, it was determined that this matter was a civil issue between the family members.

Damage Property Complaint – 10

A citizen called to report damage to their vehicle while at work in Mount Horeb. The caller believed that the damage came from a co-worker due to some work-related issues. The coworker was interviewed and denied any damage. Due to no video footage, this case is considered to be unfounded.

A resident called to report that someone threw eggs at their garage, front window, and on their roof for the third time. All egging incidents are still being investigated.

Another egging incident was reported. The resident returned home to find fresh egg yolks on their garage door. The resident feels harassed and targeted.

A resident of Mount Horeb called to report another egging at their house. Officers advised that extra patrol would be done, and to submit an estimate on the damages. Officers also suggested adding motion lights.

Another report of a house being egged in the village. The resident reported that a group of juveniles threw eggs at their home. Officers will be conducting extra patrol of the area.

A resident called to report that their home had been recently vandalized three times, where eggs and cherry tomatoes had been thrown at their home. Most recently, while having a camp fire, eggs and a water bottle were thrown at them. The residents believe it to be high schoolers, but had no description due to how dark it was.

Another report of a home being egged was called in. Due to the eggs drying, the siding is now stained. The home owners would like restitution for the damages to their siding.

A resident called to report that in the overnight hours, his truck was struck by eggs. The owner reported paint damage. There were no cameras in the area of this incident, and there are no suspects at this time.

Police responded to the high school parking lot for the report of a vehicle with a shattered back window. Video from the school cameras was viewed, which did not show how the window was broken.

An employee of the village called to report that a motorist drove through the construction area and caused some damage. The motorist stated that he was confused, and did not know that he couldn't drive through the construction area.

Disabled Vehicle – 5
Disorderly Conduct – 1

Police responded to a local business for the report of two employees, both juveniles, who were involved in an altercation in the break room. Both parties and a witness were interviewed. The main aggressor in this incident was cited for disorderly conduct.

Disturbance Call – 1

Police were dispatched to the report of a disturbance at a residence. Upon arrival, it was found that both parties were watching a football game, drinking beer and talking loudly. There was no argument or disturbance.

Domestic/Family Trouble – 6

Officers were dispatched to the report of an active domestic disturbance between a male and female. Both parties were separated and interviewed. It was determined that the male party was the predominate aggressor. He was arrested for Domestic Disorderly Conduct and transported to the Dane County Jail.

A report came in for a possible domestic at a residence in the village. Both parties involved stated that there was yelling and swearing. The female involved stated that nothing physical had taken place, and she was not disturbed or scared of the male party. At the time of the report, it was considered a verbal argument.

A resident of the community came into the police department to report being a victim of an alleged domestic abuse. Both the alleged victim and suspect were interviewed. It was found that both parties involved had been the aggressor in different incidents. Charges for both parties have been referred to the Dane County District Attorney's Office for their review.

Drug Arrest – 1

An officer performed a traffic stop on a vehicle that did not have a functioning high-mounted stopping lamp. A DOT check returned the result of the plate having no vehicle associated with it, and the license plate was also expired. Upon contact with the two occupants, officers noticed that both occupants acted overly nervous. A DOT/NCIC check of the driver resulted in a history of domestic charges, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A K-9 performed an open-air sniff of the vehicle which led to a search of the vehicle. The search resulted in finding paraphernalia used in ingesting methamphetamine and marijuana. The driver was arrested and booked into the Dane County Jail for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Drug Incident – 2

During a routine traffic stop for suspended registration, the officer noted the driver to be nervous. While getting his insurance card from the glove compartment, the officer observed an ashtray with a burnt residue inside it. The driver admitted that the residue was marijuana. A probable cause search resulted in the discovery of the ashtray, multiple smoking devices and a rolled burnt cigarette containing a green leafy substance. Field Sobriety Tests were conducted and the driver did not show signs of impairment. All items were seized and destroyed. The driver was issued a warning for the possession of paraphernalia and for the traffic violations.

During a traffic stop, and while making contact with two juvenile occupants, the officer noted the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A probable cause search yielded THC and drug paraphernalia. All items were seized and destroyed. Both juveniles were transported home and contact was made with their parents. The driver was given a written warning for possession of THC, paraphernalia, and multiple driving violations.

EMS Assist – 56
Extra Patrol – 2
Fingerprints - 2
Foot Patrol/Check Property - 10
Found Property – 3
Fraud – 5

A resident call to report an attempted online scam over Snapchat involving nude photos. The suspect then stated money needed to be sent to a Venmo account. The reporting party was advised to block the person, shut down his social media accounts, and contact Snapchat and Venmo to flag those accounts.

A resident reported losing a large sum of money in a Crypto Currency scam, where the victim put money into an account over time. When the resident went to remove the money, he was told that he had to pay multiple taxes, which led him to realize it was a fraud. This fraud was reported to the FBI by the victim, and reported to the police department for documentation purposes.

During an arrest in an associated incident, officers found multiple forged documents in the suspected wallets. The case of forged documents is still being investigated.

A resident called to report a fraudulent transaction over Facebook. The resident was attempting to purchase furniture on Facebook, and the seller requested money to "hold" the furniture and mark it sold. Once the money was sent over Venmo and Zell, the suspect deactivated the Facebook account. There is no suspect, as the Facebook account was fake.

An employee of a local bank called to report that a female opened an account at the bank. The suspect then used fake checks at a bank located in Iowa County. Iowa County Sheriff's Office is investigating. This was reported for documentation purposes.

Harassment – 1

A resident found that another egg had been thrown on his porch. The resident believes this is the eighth time this has happened and wants charges pressed. This case, along with all other damage to property cases involving homes being egged, are still being investigated.

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Juvenile Complaint – 6

An officer was dispatched to a residence where a juvenile was mad about electronics rules put in place by his foster mom. The juvenile made a mess of the room and caused a disturbance. The juvenile was counseled on appropriate behavior.

While on routine patrol, an officer heard yelling/loud voices coming from a park after hours. Two juveniles were located and advised of the park hours and curfew. Both were given a ride home, where contact was made with a parent.

A parent called to report that their child was punched in the mouth by a neighbor kid. After talking to all parties involved, it was found that the kids were playing football, and the reporting party's son was hit by the football. All were advised to avoid contact for a while.

While on patrol, an officer observed a juvenile male sitting on the sidewalk after curfew. Contact was made with the mother, who agreed to have the officer drive the juvenile home.

A resident called to report that two juveniles walked up her driveway. One approached her front door and the other walked towards her garage. The owner of the residence was able to identify the juveniles. When the juveniles were asked about this incident, they stated they were going home to home and asking residents if they could wash their windows. They were advised that this made the resident uncomfortable and were told to avoid that home.

Police received a phone call regarding five juveniles in the park and playing ding dong ditch. The area was checked, but no juveniles were located.

Local Ordinance Violation – 2
Lost Property - 2

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PERSPECTIVE

Forging new connections in our community

By Sarah Elizabeth Ward
Mount Horeb Mail



Ward

I was recently visiting my mother out of state and had the unhappy occasion of needing to check in at the local Emergency Room. As I was doing so, the gentleman at the counter asked for my address and when I gave it, he asked instead of the usual question of "where is that?" but *what?* What is Mount Horeb? I admit, being in some discomfort at the time, that I was not quite prepared to field that level of questioning. I answered that I believed it was a name of biblical origin, referencing the place where Moses received the Ten Commandments from God. He seemed satisfied with my reply but I on the other hand was very much not. I cannot claim to be a life-long resident of Mount Horeb but I did spend the last two years of high school here, lived a few years in a small bungalow near Stewart Lake during which time three of my four children were born and after moving away for five years have found myself back here in this place, *whatever* it is.

The next day, I did what most of us do when we aren't sure of something, I searched the internet. I typed in the awkward phrase "*What* is Mount Horeb?"

Oh boy, would it be embarrassing if I had given that man at the ER a completely false answer. I profess to be a Christian and knowing where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments seems like it would be on the grade school level of trivia. I did, in fact, clear that low bar of knowledge as a simple internet search confirmed my initial thought.

I have, at times, been accused of being an overthinker, but bear with me a few moments longer before repeating the same accusation. Where or *what* is Mount Horeb?...or what does it matter? The answer is this, who we believe we are matters and part of who we believe we are arises from who, what, and where we are from. You may have noticed I left out 'why' from my list of important lines of questioning. I have not left it off but merely set it aside as it will answer itself by the end of our process here.

To reduce the thought behind the name Mount Horeb I would say that we live in the place named in the Hebrew bible for where God reached out to humankind. Now what will we take from this name that our geographic progenitors handed down? Let me tell you a story.

A friend of mine, about a month ago now, had an emergency situation and *briefly* could not find her young daughter. As she was searching the area immediately surrounding her home, in the black dark, becoming increasingly worried, a man walked up to her door, set her child down without a word and walked away. In telling me about it later she expressed her wonder in the event and how it had happened and told me that part of her thought he might have been an angel. I later found out the identity of the man, who, knowing my acquaintance with my friend, asked how they both were doing. My point in telling you this story is this; the type of kindness that man displayed is far from uncommon in Mount Horeb and is in fact the defining spirit of the place we call home. This community is abundant with the sort of people who by nature or intent give to others the sort of love and care that seems to transcend the norm and convey the divine thought that this is how we ought to treat one another or to reference again the Hebrew scriptures, "love your neighbor as yourself."

Now, it is inevitable that this has not been the experience of every person who has lived in our town. We are, after all, the humans referenced in this analogy and not the perfect divine. If this has not been your experience, firstly, I am sorry. Secondly, please try again. If the places you have been or the people you have met with have not met this standard of love, I would encourage you to walk in a new place. Mount Horeb is flush with places to meet new people. Strike up a conversation with a stranger in a tea shop, a public house, the library or even wander into a church. I promise you will find these people if you remain here in this place we all call home.

Letter to the Editor

A heartfelt 'thank you' from Olson family

Dear editor,

Our very sincerest thanks to all of you who have supported Olson's Flowers and enriched the lives of Bill and Muriel Olson for so many years. Sixty years ago, Bill moved his flower shop to Mt. Horeb from Barneveld. This was the beginning of a wonderful professional life for Bill and Olson's Flowers. It also was the beginning of professional relationships that quickly became many wonderful personal relationships. Individuals became not only lifelong customers but lifelong friends. Bill always appreciated the trust of his customers and felt so honored and privileged to serve individuals and families during the significant events in their lives--to help celebrate, to honor special occasions, to bring joy and beauty, and to provide lasting tributes.

Now a new era begins for Olson's Flowers. We are fortunate and thankful to have Olson's Flowers continue to serve the people of Mt. Horeb and the surrounding areas at the same location. Kristen Dresen has taken over the ownership of Olson's Flowers and is committed to providing the same quality flowers and services that have always been the foundation of Olson's. Our very best wishes to Kristen and her staff.

One does not think about Olson's without thinking about Heidi Wittwer – Heidi has been a vital part of Olson's success, a committed, dedicated, and creative employee for over 40 years. However, she is more than that—she has been a valued friend and family to Muriel and Bill. It was her dedication and commitment which allowed Olson's to continue the last few years and to help facilitate the move to new ownership. Thank you, Heidi! Also, we want to give a special "thank you" to all employees—past and present—who have contributed to the success of Olson's. A very special thank you to current employees Cindy Leonard, Kate Gee, and Dave Jeglum for all their dedication and contributions and for their work in assisting in the transition to new ownership.

On behalf of Bill and Muriel, to Mt. Horeb—its people and "the community"—the very sincerest thanks for the support, friendships, and love which so greatly enriched their lives. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Judy Olson-Sutton

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Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- Oct. 5, 1893

One day last week, while Peter Burns, son of Thomas Burns Sr., was out squirrel hunting, he came across a large wolf, which he captured with the assistance of two dogs. Of course, Pete got the $3.00 bounty.

Hans Halferdahl and family have moved into their new house and are the first settlers in the new suburb-South Mount Horeb.

It seems that Jerry Holland has undertaken to accomplish to this country, what St. Patrick is credited with, having done for Ireland; at least Jerry could be seen last Sunday evening in the neighborhood of Toad Valley contesting fiercely with a monster snake, measuring seven feet in length.

The remains of the aged mother of Iver Oimoen were entered in the Daleyille cemetery last Friday.

H. O. Grinder came home from Chicago Tuesday a little under the weather. It seems Hans fared better when he had his better half with him.

Williams Cullans, veterinary surgeon of Black Earth, will not make his regular trips to this place after this, but will come when called for.

120 Years Ago- Oct. 1, 1903

Andrew P. Lee sold a fine roadster to Nelson Holman one day this week for $125.00. It's a roadster pretty as a peach and will make a beautiful single driver.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luhman rejoice over the arrival of a baby girl in their house last Friday.

Thompson, Grefsrud and Becker have purchased a fine new clover huller and will find much of the class of work before them this fall.

Bart Murphy is back from the Madison Sanitarium and speaks well of the institution.

Thomas Johnson has bought out W.F. Scott in the restaurant business and now conducts the corner restaurant. Mrs. Johnson is assisting in waiting on the trade and they enjoy a good patronage.

110 Years Ago- Oct. 3, 1913

Clarence Ellwood marketed 11 March hogs, which weighed 2680 pounds and brought him $222.14. Mr. Ellwood has the knack of swinging the hog industry into profitable channels.

Miss Elsie Kittleson returned from Iowa Saturday, where she spent the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, Minneapolis are visiting at the home of his brother, J. W. Smith.

We can mention as a pleasant news item this week that Miss Emma Hageseth of this place, and Gerhard England of Primrose, has taken out marriage license.

Several from here were caught in the rain last Saturday on the road home from Madison by auto. Others stayed until the following morning and were caught in the mud.

C. Wedmer, who has been suffering from rheumatism most of the summer, found relief at Waukesha taking mud baths, and is now home and is rid of all pain and feeling fine.

There will be a gospel song service at the Methodist Church next Sunday evening and public is cordially invited.

O.K. Ranum of Dodgeville has sold a number of Tryber pianos in Mount Horeb and vicinity recently. Among the purchasers are A. K. Syvrud, Miss Millie Moen, Fred Luhman, Ole Stenseth, Albert Lunn and Ole Kompelin.

100 Years Ago- Oct. 5, 1923

Miss Delma Donald and James Woodburn were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Donald, Madison, Saturday.

Daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Bischoff Sept. 30 and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Antonson Sept. 28.

Announcement is made of the forth coming marriage of Eleanor Thorhaug, Mount Horeb and Myrle Fjelstad, Blue Mounds, at the Gunderson parsonage.

90 Years Ago- Sept. 28, 1933

Tuesday afternoon Carl Bieri came to town with a horse and buggy. In the evening when he was about to return home, no trace of the horse nor buggy could be found. Mr. Bieri called Marshal Sponem and informed him of the disappearance of his property, stating that he believed it probable that someone had moved the rig as a joke. He was yet however, without means of return home. Later the horse was found tied on South Second Street, where Mr. Bieri had left it, with the buggy in tact. Whether the outfit had been moved and replaced, or how the affair occurred we have not been able to ascertain.

Hoff's remodeling job, now in its fifth week is rapidly reaching final stages. A wonderful change and improvement is already noted. When the job is completed, a new and greater Hoff's Store will be the result. The grand opening will be Oct. 12. The entire store personnel is making great efforts to be ready on time and they promise "big doings" for the opener.

A cat owned by C. W. Arneson, Barneveld, is apparently determined on bringing up a race of tree-dweller cats, if her rearing customs with her broods thus far are any indication. She has brought up seven or eight litters of kittens in the same tree. She keeps them in their nest until their eyes are open to the world, then moves them to a woodpile nearer the farm home. Many of the kittens turn literally into wild cats, Arneson said.

70 Years Ago- Oct. 1, 1953

Angeline Hefty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hefty will reign as queen over the Mt. Horeb Homecoming.

Lawrence U'Ren, Barneveld farmer, who never entered a plowing contest, won the Iowa county contest Sept. 10 and eight days later won the state contour plowing championship in Augusta, Wis.

Robert Holman, Mount Horeb was killed Monday morning when he and a borrowed motor scooter crashed into the front of the Mount Horeb school bus driven by Joseph Murphy on County Trunk S at the A. E. Brink farm between Mount Horeb and Pine Bluff.

60 Years Ago- Oct. 3, 1963

The first meeting of the Sauce Pan Sallies Homemakers Club was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carroll Iverson.

Queen Carla Frye will be crowned tonight by a Mount Horeb football player to kick off ceremonies for the school's annual homecoming event.

Alex Pfister sold his fine farm in Vermont township and Mr. and Mrs. Pfister and their eight children will move into the former school teacherage at 200 South First St., they recently purchased.

Miss Mary Brechler began her duties Monday at Memorial Hospital, West Allis, where she will be a staff nurse in a surgical unit.

50 Years Ago- Oct. 4, 1973

Orrin Bergey recently caught a 5 lb. 3 oz. largemouth bass while vacationing in Hayward. It won a fisherman of the week award.

Mrs. I. A. Lavik and Mrs. Raymond Lund demonstrated the art of making rommegrot and served samples to over 450 persons Thursday at the World Dairy Exposition at the Coliseum in Madison.

Dane County Sheriff Detectives are continuing their search for a burglar who stole nearly $700 from a freezer at Fink's Bar & Grill sometime during the early morning hours of Sept. 26. It was stated that the thief apparently knows his way around.

30 Years Ago- Oct. 7, 1993

Jeff and Kate Hook, Mount Horeb, are the parents of a son, Talvick Thronson Hook, born on Saturday, Oct. 2, at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison.

Chris Buettner and Kaia Bakken reigned over the 1993 Mount Horeb High School Homecoming.

Gladys I. Fink, age 83, Mount Horeb, died on Saturday, Oct. 2, 1993, at the Ingleside Nursing Home in Mount Horeb, where she had been a resident since Sept. 17, 1993.

20 Years Ago- Oct. 2, 2003

William C. Johnson, 75, of Mount Horeb died on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003 at U.W. Hospital, Madison.

The Craft Haus-Lang Center puts a new face on Main Street and with it a new name, too-Moonhill Mercantile.

Ernest and Joyce Aschliman of Barneveld will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary along with their son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Beverly Aschliman's 25th wedding anniversary. An open house will be held at the Legion Hall in Barneveld on Oct. 11.

Mount Horeb Lions Club
LEFSE SALE
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Call or email Bill Severson at
608-843-3710 • wcseverson@gmail.com
Pick up on Sunday, November 19th
1:00–5:00 pm at the Senior Center,
107 N. Grove St., Mount Horeb.
6 for $12 • 12 for $20
Check or Credit Card only please


New absentee ballot envelopes approved

New absentee ballot envelopes the Wisconsin Elections Commission recently approved provide voters with a more user-friendly way to vote absentee in upcoming elections.

The approval of the envelopes is the first step in the rollout. Next, WEC Commissioners will focus on approving uniform instructions that will accompany the certificate envelopes explaining how to use them. Staff will also develop public information materials to spread awareness of the new envelope designs. WEC Commissioners approved the new envelope designs on a 6-0 vote at an open meeting on Friday, Aug. 4. The approved envelopes are those in which voters receive and return their absentee ballots. The Commission's action does not affect ballots themselves.

The Commission approved the designs of the Absentee Mailer Envelope (EL-120), the envelope containing the blank absentee ballot and materials that goes to the voter; and the Absentee Certificate Envelope (EL-122), the inside envelope in which the voter returns his or her voted absentee ballot to the clerk. There are regular and military versions of the EL-120, and regular, military, and special voting deputy versions of the EL-122.

Both the EL-120 and EL-122 are being upgraded to feature bold, full-color designs that will be more easily identified by voters and for USPS processing. No changes were made to EL-120 language. The EL-122 certificate envelope features several improvements to ensure statutory and voter compliance.

As part of the redesign process, WEC staff conducted usability testing sessions at 11 locaions. In all, staff engaged with more than 250 people, including clerks, voters, and their witnesses.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Author Egan to talk 'Fire'


Egan

Pulitzer and National Book Award winning author Timothy Egan will speak with the Mt. Horeb Public Library Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 pm. Egan will present virtually, while the audience participates from the library. An acclaimed writer and veteran chronicler of the American experience, Egan's interests range wide across history and landscape as a reporter, popular columnist, and author of eleven books. His most recent book, A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them, is the Mt. Horeb Public Library's Big Read selection. It tells the story of a murderous con man, the Klan's rise to power in Indiana in the 1920s, and the woman who led to their downfall. He shares more about this book and its history during this evening program. Free. For more information on the library, its events and services, visit www.mhpl.org.

How to help this Thanksgiving

Fall weather is coming and that means it's time to start thinking about Thanksgiving. Every year, a group of volunteers shops, cooks and delivers a free Thanksgiving meal to people in the area who aren't able to leave their homes or don't have family nearby.

If you'd like to get on the list to have a meal delivered to your home in time for lunch on Thanksgiving, please contact Lynn Forshaug at the Senior Center (608-437-6902) or Dixie Burns of Mount Horeb Rotary (608-576-3767).

The annual tradition is a group effort from Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Miller's Market, Sunn Cafe, Rotary, the Senior Center and local farmers and crafters.

Want to be part of Homecoming parade?

The 2023 homecoming parade will take place on Friday, October 13. Start time for the parade will be approximately 2:45 - fifteen minutes after the pep rally at the high school.

The route will start on Academy Street in front of the Primary Center. From there it will take a left onto Fourth Street for a block. The route will continue, taking a right onto Garfield Street where it will proceed to the High School. This is the route used in the past.

The Middle and Intermediate Center School students will be sitting along Garfield Street near the high school and the blocks East and West of 8th Street. All community members attending the parade are encouraged to sit west of Garfield and Sixth Streets.

Any High school related organization or alumni floats need to be registered by Wednesday, October 11. Due to time constraints of the parade, only High School related teams/clubs or alumni floats are included in the parade. Registration forms can be picked up at the high school office.

One reminder to the parade participants: There is to be nothing thrown or distributed during the homecoming parade for the safety of the students. If you have any questions regarding the parade, please call Todd Nesheim at 437-7121.

Joe Hill to perform

Fermat's Last Theater Company and The Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives presents Joe Hill - Alive As You and Me - an evening of song, stories, and solidarity, on Saturday October 7th, Joe Hill's birthday, at the Historic Old Schoolhouse in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. This is a free event.

Joe was born Joseph Hillström in Sweden in 1879. He immigrated to the United States in 1902 but his naive idealism about American society were soon shattered by the harsh conditions and exploitation of immigrant workers that he witnessed. He became known as Joe Hill; a talented songwriter, cartoonist, and poet, who became an organizer for the International Workers of the World and became labor's troubadour. Joe Hill's fame rocketed after he was executed in the Utah State Penitentiary for which he was quite possibly framed by company bosses. His story and songs live on today, from labor rallies to Joan Baez's iconic rendition of I Dreamed I saw Joe Hill Last Night at Woodstock.

Singing Joe Hill's songs, and telling his story, will be actor and folk singer Tom Kastle All are invited to this free multi-media event for an evening celebrating one of labor's champions, Joe Hill, (donations will be gladly accepted). The event is sponsored by the Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives, (SWWAP).

Mental health fest Saturday

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

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

You can find out more about the Mental Health and Wellness Fall Festival at www.CEDARCenter.org.

Military Ridge Trail meeting

Friends of Military Ridge Trail will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Riley Tavern porch in Riley, WI.

Please note that subsequent meetings, held during the cold months, will be in the Friends Shelter at Blue Mounds State Park, Blue Mounds, WI.

Persons interested in learning about the Friends group or desiring to become members are encouraged to attend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

Free jazz concert at Public Library, 6:30pm. Info at: www.mhpl.org, or 608-437-5021

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

Inaugural Mental Health & Wellness Fall Festival, 11:00am-5:00pm-programing and activities; music and dancing 5:00-8:00pm. Info at: www.CEDARCenter.org

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Friends of Military Ridge Trail meeting, 5:30pm, at Riley Tavern porch, Riley, WI.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Men's Group, 10:00am-12:00noon, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Blood Pressure Check 10:00-11:00am, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

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

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

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

Recreation Notes

Are you looking for some spooky fun? We are seeking volunteers for our annual Creepy Crawl on October 26th. Interested individuals should contact Megan at 437-3400 or mhrec@mounthorebwi.info for more details.

Are you an adult wanting to learn to dance? Or maybe you already know how to dance, and just need a class? Join our next session of Adult Dance Classes on Monday nights starting October 30th through November 20th. All classes are taught to American International Dance Association syllabi. Mambo style dance will be from 6:00-7:00 PM. Mambo is similar in style to Salsa, Rumba and Cha-Cha and will develop the basics of Cuban Rhythm. Argentine Tango will be from 7:30-8:30 PM. Argentine Tango is not the formal ballroom style but is instead, the original passionate, romantic, Tango that relies on connection and the relationship with your partner. The steps are quite simple and participants will develop five strong, essential basics and nuances to carry you on to more complex moves in the future. Resident fee is $40, and non-resident fee is $50. Registration deadline is October 23rd.

Have you been searching for the perfect class for our youngest artists? Look no further than Little Folk Art Classes! These classes are art play and process art focused, which makes for a perfect environment for young children to be creative and explore sensory art projects. Baby Folk Art is for ages 9 months to 15 months, and Toddler Folk Art is for 16 months old to 2 years. Both of these classes include parent and child activities. For the Kiddie Folk, it is for 3-5 years and does not need a parent present at the classes. The little artists enjoy the feeling of a crayon moving across paper and seeing a blob of colored paint grow larger. Play and sensory-based creativity stations will be set up at each class. Classes are Saturday mornings from October 14-28. Resident fee is $90 and non-resident fee is $100. Registration deadline is October 5.

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

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

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street

Place completed form and payment in 24-hour drop box

Email completed form and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Little Folk Art Classes (10/6)

Junior Basketball Camp {YEL!} (10/9)

Pottery/Clay Classes (10/9)

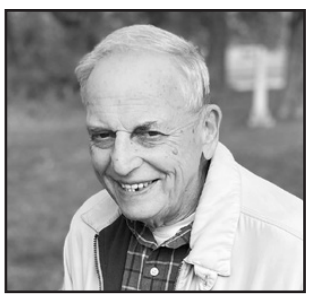
Painting Class – (10/19)

Adult Dance – Mambo and Argentine Tango (10/23)

COMMUNITY

Obituary

Gary Baumgartner



Gary L. Baumgartner, age 78, of the Town of Perry passed away on Friday, September 29, 2023 at Meriter Hospital in Madison, WI. He was born on September 6, 1945 in Monroe, WI the son of William and Wilma (Melland) Baumgartner. Gary attended the Forward Grade School and then graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1963. Gary would go on to complete the University of Wisconsin Short Course in Madison. On August 17, 1968 he was united in marriage to Jean Gjesvold at the Perry Lutheran Church. Gary was a lifelong farmer and steward of the land. As a member of the Perry Lutheran Church, he served on the council for many years and demonstrated his faith through his daily life.

Gary is survived by his wife Jean, children Kevin Baumgartner and Karla Baumgartner, grandchildren Tanner and Lizzy Baumgartner and Nathan Lacy. He is further survived by his brother Keith (Sue) Baumgartner, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Janice & Mike Mostrom, nieces Trisha, Heidi, and Rachel, nephew Paul. Gary will be deeply missed by the other special people in his life Sarah, Marty & Judy, Paul & Dawn, Walter & Heather, Ralph & Jan along with the many friends and neighbors and his cat Oscar.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law and mother-in-law Kenneth & Alice Gjesvold.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Perry Lutheran Church, 1057 State Road 78, Mount Horeb, WI. Rev. Kelli Fisher will officiate.

A gathering of relatives and friends will precede the memorial service from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Perry Lutheran Church.

The Zentner-Beal Funeral Home of New Glarus is assisting the family.

The family would like to thank the staffs and doctors of SSM Health-Monroe and Meriter Hospital for the kind and compassionate care given to Gary.

Online condolences may be given at www.bealfuneralhomes.com

Mountain Biking Results

Mount Horeb riders have strong showing at Englewood's Wisconsin League Event

What a weekend it was Sept. 23-24. It might have felt pretty crowded at the Englewood Farm venue for the full WI League Event Weekend that Saturday and Sunday as there were more than 1,100 total athletes registered. Put all those athletes together with league staff, event volunteers, and the athlete's coaches and families and it pushes attendance to well over 3000 people. That is one of the largest turnouts in the Wisconsin League's history.

Saturday included introducing some of the team's athletes to their first *ever* WI League Event Weekend with seeing what the team's physical "pit zone" at an event venue looks like, getting their race plate with their name on it (how cool!), pre-riding the race course with their teammates, eating snacks, and having fun being kids with their teammates! On Sunday things started early with coach's meeting at 7:30 and went all the way through the awards ceremony at 4:15 where it was another weekend with a Mount Horeb Mountain Biking athlete earning a podium spot!

The Englewood Farm NICA Course is a mixture of singletrack with tight twists and turns, a couple wood berms, some «jumpy» rollers, two wooden flyovers, and for the JV3 and Varsity riders a couple of really gnarly rock gardens. A number of you took photos of the athletes navigating all of these parts of the trail and have added them to the Driftless Englewood Event Weekend Photo Album. Thank you so much for capturing these memories!

Rookie Racer Alert!

Of the 19 Mount Horeb Mountain Biking athletes that competed in the various categoies on Sunday, 6 were rookies! Congratulations to all of them for earning the title of Cross Country Mountain Bike Racer! The coaches are so proud of them for putting in the work and having the courage to sign up to participate! To put this into perspective, when Mount Horeb Mountain Biking was established in 2020 there were only 20 total athletes, so having 19 athletes attend an Event Weekend in 2023 is pretty amazing!

Here are the full Mount Horeb Mountain Biking results:

6th Grade Boys (83 total racers)

- Ben Potter (Rookie): 18th
- Sam Whitman (Rookie): 30th
- Reid Clark: 47th

7th Grade Boys (112 total racers)

- Kostya Levitsky: 15th
- Oliver Whitman (Rookie): 33rd
- Liam Crolla: 36th

8th Grade Boys (113 total racers)

- Owen Clark (Rookie): 75th

Middle School 2-Lap (39 total racers)

- Live Baldwin-Hart: 15th
- Henry Healy: 31st

High School Open Girls (8 total racers)

- Caydence Zimmerman: 3rd PODIUM finish for the third race in a row!

Freshman Boys (74 total racers)

- Xander Feltz: 45th
- Boston Zimmerman: 47th
- Graham Osterholz (Rookie): 51st
- Sam McGinnity (Rookie): 70th

JV2 Boys (96 total racers)

- Brandon Horne: 29th

JV3 Boys (52 total racers)

- Wesley Horne: 11th
- Carter Craven: 46th

JV3 Girls (20 total racers)

- Nalia Craven: 10th

Varsity Boys (59 total racers)

- Alex Mortvedt: 12th

As a team, Mount Horeb Mountain Biking finished 11 out of the 30 Division 1 teams in the WI League.

Sugar River Euchre

Sugar River Euchre League's 92nd Season to Begin October 5

By Stan Hook
Sugar River Euchre

The 92nd Sugar River Euchre League season is upon us. On Thursday, October 5th the league will begin the season with one less longtime player and good friend, Harry Gehin, who passed away on September 17, 2023. Harry played for the J & M River Rats. The league extends our deepest sympathies to his family. As is customary, I propose each team toast Harry on October 5th.

This year's captains' meeting was held on September 21st at the Red Mouse in Pine Bluff to elect officers and to finalize this year's schedule. Jerome Krantz was re-elected as league president, Tom Magnuson as treasurer and Stan Hook as secretary. Opie Taylor, team captain for the Express, informed all that his team has moved to Morgan's Bar & Grill in Pine Bluff. Other items discussed were the awarding of individual championship trophies, the availability of snacks and holding a mid-winter tournament.

It will be an option for the team that wins the championship whether that team receives trophies or not. It was also decided that the host team or bar could provide snacks if they so desire. The team should clear it with the host bar before bringing food into the bar. Finally, we will hold a mid-winter tournament again this year on December 21st provided the secretary can find a league bar to host the event.

Good luck everyone and may the best team win. They did last year!

October 5 Schedule

Uff-Da @ Cowboys (7:00)

Pranksters @ Shufflers (7:30)

Express @ Trolls (7:00)

River Rats @ Pipe Benders (7:00)

Hay Shakers @ Cheese Eaters (7:00)

CHURCH NOTES

Good News Lutheran Church - WELS
NEW LOCATION:
9975 Pepper Dr
Pastor Jonathan Bauer
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
(in person and online)
Sunday School and Bible Study 10:15 am
608-437-4646 visit GoodNewsLC.org/location for details & directions

Immanuel Lutheran Church
www.immanuelmh.org
Sunday 10:00 service
310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb

Perry Lutheran Church ELCA
1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb
608-437-5294
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org

Mt. Horeb United Methodist
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Sunday Worship: 9am online and in person
umcmh.org
Celebrating God's Inclusive Love

Mt Vernon United Church of Christ
693 Highway 92 in Mt Vernon
608-832-6677
www.mtvernonucc.org
Sunday Worship, in-person and on Facebook Live, 10:15 am
Email: pastormtvernon@gmail.com
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New Hope Evangelical Free Church
639 S. Eighth St., Mt. Horeb
Phone: 608-437-3273
www.newhopeefc.org
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mt Horeb Evangelical Lutheran
315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012
www.elcmthoreb.org
Facebook: evangelical lutheran church of mt. horeb
8am morning devotions M-F
9am in-person Sunday Worship
Pre-Recorded online worship/ also available via telephone call 1-855-514-2017

Springdale Lutheran Church
2752 Town Hall Rd. 437-3493
Vicar: James Ranney
Sunday 10am worship with Holy Communion
Check website for updates: twosteeples.org

St. Michael The Archangel Parish
Rev. Robert Butz- Parish Administrator
St. Ignatius Catholic Church
109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb
608-437-5348
Mass: Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday thru Friday - 8:00 am
Sat. 5:00 pm
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

Vermont Lutheran Church-ELCA
9886 Vermont Church Road
Black Earth, WI 53515
www.vermontlutheran.org
608-767-3312 (office)
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church
2962 Church St.,Blue Mounds
608-437-3493
Vicar: James Ranney
Worship: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 10:00 am







Top left, from left to right, Tim Pellitteri, Danielle Pellitteri, Tom Pellitteri, and David Pellitteri. Village households will pay $15 for trash and recycling removal every other week in 2024. The trash and recycling payments will rise to $15.52 in 2025, $16.06 in 2026, $16.63 in 2027, and $17.21 in 2028. On the weeks when only trash is collected (not recycling) the cost will start at $11.36 and rise to $12.75 by year five of the deal.

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Management, and trustees will have the option to extend the contract to 10 years.

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New trash and recycling carts will be delivered mid-December, with service starting the first week of January.

Todd Bollenbach, municipal account executive for Pellitteri Waste Systems, said residents can expect several changes, as well as increased recycling capacity and new pick-up days.

Mount Horeb's service days will be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Trash collection will be weekly, and recycling collection will take place every-other-week.

Residents will receive a packet of information attached to their recycling cart lid when their new carts are delivered. It will include contact information and maps showing what day of the week each neighborhood's service will occur.

"I feel the biggest change the residents of Mount Horeb will notice is our high level of customer service," said Bollenbach. "We have a local, live, full-staffed customer service team dedicated to assisting the village residents and administration with anything they may need."

Bollenbach said the company will offer an expanded recycling list which allows residents to recycle even more items such as bagged shredded paper (prepared properly), metal pots and pans, small appliances, coffee to-go cups (with no lids), juice boxes, cartons, small metal plumbing fixtures, aluminum foil and empty aerosol cans.

They will take all of the village's trash to the Dane Country Landfill. All of the village's recycling will be taken to their Kipp Street MRF (material recovery facility) to be sorted and processed.

Bollenbach said the company has been family-owned and operated company for over 44 years, "with a tradition of service since 1939."

"In 2005 we decided to enter into the residential curbside collection service market as the truck technology had proven that curbside could be safely done with automated trucks instead of manual collection," he explained. "Since that time, we have earned one municipal customer at a time and now serve more than 70,000 households for curbside collection throughout Southern Wisconsin."

"By January 1, 2024, we will proudly be providing curbside service for more than 40 municipalities throughout South Central Wisconsin," Bollenbach continued. "Our headquarters is in Monona, right here in Dane County, with our staff, customer service, drivers, operations, sales [and more] all in the same location. Our MRF, which processes all of our all-in-one recycling, is located in Madison. We additionally service thousands of commercial customers, have a specialty recycling division for 'hard-to-recycle' items, and also have a confidential data destruction division that handles the confidential shredding needs for many businesses and residents across Wisconsin."

In recent years, technology has changed the way companies collect and move waste.

"With the constant evolution of technology, we continue to make strides by implementing equipment to automate processes and minimize the amount of recyclables getting through the system and not being recognized accordingly," Bollenbach said. "Our residential trucks are equipped with GPS systems and cameras that allow us to better resolve any resident concerns pertaining to perceived service inconsistencies, and we are looking to expand our fleet of trucks to include more [natural gas] vehicles."

The most impressive technology occurs at our Kipp Street MRF," he continued. "We own and operate a state-of-the-art recycling material recovery facility and are devoted to helping our customers increase the number of items and materials that can be recycled, instead of filling up a landfill. We've recently added technology that will further separate smaller OCC boxes from the mixed paper stream, we've added more sorting technology to further enhance the plastic sorting capabilities, and through the use of AI and robotics; we are on the cutting edge of recycling sorting capabilities. Because of these advancements, Pellitteri is able to accept an expanded list of recyclables, such as hot and cold paper cups, bagged shredded paper, small appliances, metal pots and pans, juice and milk cartons, to name a few. Stop throwing away those to-go cups!"

Pelliterri also has a dedicated webpage on their website (Pellitteri.com) for Village of Mount Horeb residents to reference specific information about the services available. On it, residents will be able to see collection calendars, a FAQ page, contact info and recycling information. They also provide an interactive "Recycle Right" search tool at pellitteri.com to answer any recycling questions residents may have as well.

In addition, Pellitteri has a seven-minute video on their website showing how recycling is sorted, processed and shipped to be used in new products. They also have more than 30 one-minute recycling tip videos to help customers learn how to be "great recyclers."

They also have a new app residents can download that will allow them to get customized reminders to put their carts out for service, weather service notifications, review their collection calendar and discover if specific items are recyclable.

"We want this transitional period and new cart implementation to go smoothly," said Bollenbach. "So, if you could let residents know to contact Pellitteri directly (instead of the Village) with any concerns and/or questions that may arise… it will be the easiest and fastest way to get any of their questions answered! Residents can contact us via email at info@pellitteri.com or call us at 608-257-4285."

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Countryside News

By Jerry Davis
Countryside News

When squirrels cut twigs to let acorns fall and then scramble to the ground beneath the tree to feed, they probably weren't thinking of other wild wildlife being unable to get the food directly from the red oak either. Squirrels are too weighty to move to the tiny twigs to feed, hence the cut, drop and feed method works fine. Wild turkeys and white-tailed deer have apparently taken advantage of the squirrels' ingenuity and feed on the acorns, too. Neither turkeys nor deer can get at the nuts either unless someone cuts them loose. The bigger wildlife could wait for the nuts to fall, but acorns may be one of the few foods available at the moment.

Right, wild turkeys take advantage of squirrels cutting acorns free from a red oak tree.



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Sun and fun at the Fall Village Market

The Fall Village Market, organized by the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce, took place September 30 and October 1



Shekinah King sings to the crowd.



Jeff Luitjens prepares kettle corn.



Kevin Bohn and other members of Boy Scout Troop 62 served up brats and more.



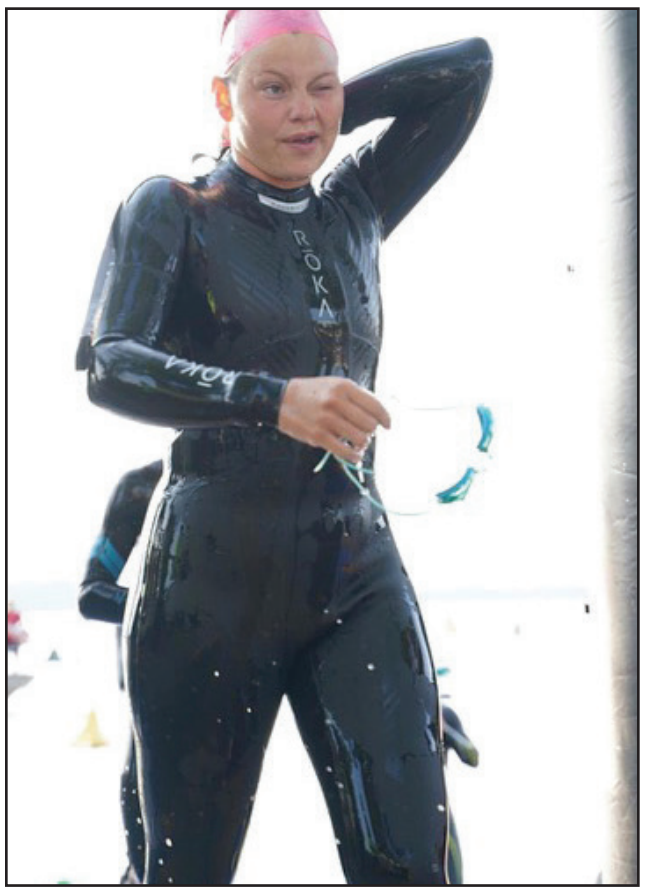
Abby Graf and Emily Marie Eklof work at their tent.



Carl Griepentrog, of Carl's Creations.



Pastry chef Jaclyn Fjestad serves up sweets at the Sweet Jacquelina tent. Photos by Matt Geiger.







From left, Calina Ackerman, Matt Hunter and supporters along the route. Photos contributed.

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Ackerman is a 2021 graduate of Mount Horeb High School and a Mount Horeb Gators swim coach. Hunter graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1996. His father still lives in the village.

Each athlete has unique and personal reasons for their commitment to one of the world's most impressive pursuits. They expanded on those reasons and talked about their experience on race day – and beyond – in this exclusive interview.

How did you end up taking part in Iron Man?

Eric Hanson: I have always been active and completing an Ironman was kind of a 'what's next' progression. I ran the Madison marathon in 2009 and Boston marathon in 2010. It was after Boston that I decided to train for an Iron distance triathlon. When I started training, I could barely swim one length of a 25-yard pool without being totally out of breath. The plan was then delayed by a rotator cuff tear and surgery in 2011. I finally signed up and completed my first ironman in 2014.

Calina Ackerman: Growing up, I always remember going down to watch the swim and the finish with my family. As a family, we also volunteered at many Ironman Wisconsin competitions. Several of our family friends have competed in the event, as well. All of this started to spark my interest in participating as an Ironman athlete. I swam with the Mount Horeb Gators Summer Swim Team from the time I was eight until I graduated high school. I also swam with the Verona Area/Mt. Horeb high school co-op team for four years. I am a current member of the Swim Club UW at UW-Madison. I have always sort of dabbled with running, but it wasn't until the pandemic and quarantine came around that I really started to get into it. With no sports practices to attend, and a home located within spitting distance of the Military Ridge Trail, I was able to find joy in running. I ran my first half marathon virtually in December of 2020 (The Walt Disney World Half Marathon). I continued running and went off to my first year at UW-Madison registered to run Dopey's Challenge at Walt Disney World in January of 2022. This was a four-day endeavor; a 5k Thursday, a 10k Friday, a half marathon Saturday, and a full marathon Sunday. It gave me the mentality that I am capable of doing whatever I put my mind to. I credit swimming and my parents for driving my work ethic, and the realization that I can push myself to the limit.

The summer of 2022 was when I started to get serious about doing an Ironman. It became a 'bucket list' item. I could envision myself crossing the finish line. When you volunteer at an Ironman event, you get priority registration to sign up for the next year's event. Ironman was getting closer and spots were opening up to volunteer. I signed up to volunteer at the finish line. In addition, each year, Swim Club UW works the water station by lot 60. I signed up for a morning shift with them, too. Throughout the day, watching the athletes, I knew it was something I wanted to do. The next day, I registered for Ironman WI 2023.

So, in essence, swimmer, turned runner, turned Ironman. I joined the Wisconsin Triathlon Club in September of 2022, as well. While it didn't work out to do any races, I started to get more exposure to triathlons by attending the group workouts.

Matt Hunter: After years of running marathons, I told my brother-in-law if I were to do another marathon, it needed to be in an Ironman. So I started training one-and-a-half years ago. I have done two-and-a-half Ironmans, Madison half in 2022 and Steelhead half in June, held in Benton Harbor, MI. Completing this full and the Steelhead gave gave me bragging rights to the Ironman challenge. The Heartland series - completing both of these events - got us another medal at the finish line. Having my kids see this, I hope to also show them what dedication is about. The pain you go through. What can be completed even at an older age.

Beyond the competition itself, what were your personal goals in this triathlon?

Hanson: After completing my first Ironman in 2014, I took a break to start a family. I returned to racing in '21 and '22 completing shorter Olympic and half distance events. I decided to try another Ironman to see if I could complete it in less than 10 hours.

Ackerman: Beyond finishing the race, from the moment I registered and throughout all of the training and during race day, my goal was to find what made me happy again. From a personal standpoint, at the time of registering and leading up to it, I would say I didn't really feel like myself. When I would go to swim practice, it was hard to find the motivation to just get in the water, something I hadn't struggled with a lot. I had spent virtually the past three years running, so while I was still running, I wasn't running as much, and yet again it was hard to find the motivation. The theme of finding motivation was popping up in other parts of my life too. It was hard to do my homework and study for exams. It was hard for me to want to go out and have fun and experience the college world outside of class. I was so frustrated. It wasn't me. I had never felt this way before. So, you're probably thinking, why did you sign up for Ironman then? I knew I had such a big passion for both swimming and running and I wanted to find myself happy while doing them again. I also wanted to try something new. I needed a new adventure; another challenge. I have always been a very self-motivated individual and would classify myself as more on the introverted side. I trained for the Ironman solo, so I had many hours of alone time with the water, road, and gravel, and I would definitely say I found where I belong.

Hunter: My first goal was to finish. My second goal was to be under 12:40. After thinking about the 12-hour goal, I realized finishing with my brother-in-law was more important than finishing under 12:40. So I waited for him in the T1 transition, so we could be together from there on the bike and run.

I literally can't imagine running/biking/swimming that far. Can you try to put into words, for both athletes and non-athletes, what it is like, both physically and mentally, to do something so epic in scale?

Hanson: For many people, completing an ironman is a 'bucket list' event and the thought of completing one can be daunting. I believe most people can complete an Ironman if they put in the time. Consistent training is the hardest part. Race day is a celebration of all the work and time that you put in.

Ackerman: I spent the better part of a year training for Ironman. When September 10 came, I knew I had done what I could do to prepare to physically take on these distances. So much of it, though, is mental. I just kept telling myself that I was ready. That I was going to do it. That no matter how long it took me, I was going to be an Ironman!

My body still very much felt the physical toughness of the race, but my main focus was to just be happy and soak in every moment. There was a lot of good distraction I would say.

One of my biggest goals throughout training was just to stay focused. If I stayed disciplined to the program, my body and mind would be ready. As training started to wind down, I sort of started to question if I was prepared enough. It took some effort to convince myself I was and encouragement from those around me to help reinforce that I had spent the better part of the year training to make a dream come true.

I had a really great first leg of the race, finishing the swim in one hour and five mins (83rd out of the water among all athletes, and second in my age group.) That set the tone for the rest of the day. It was so much fun biking through Mt. Horeb, because I saw so many people I knew!

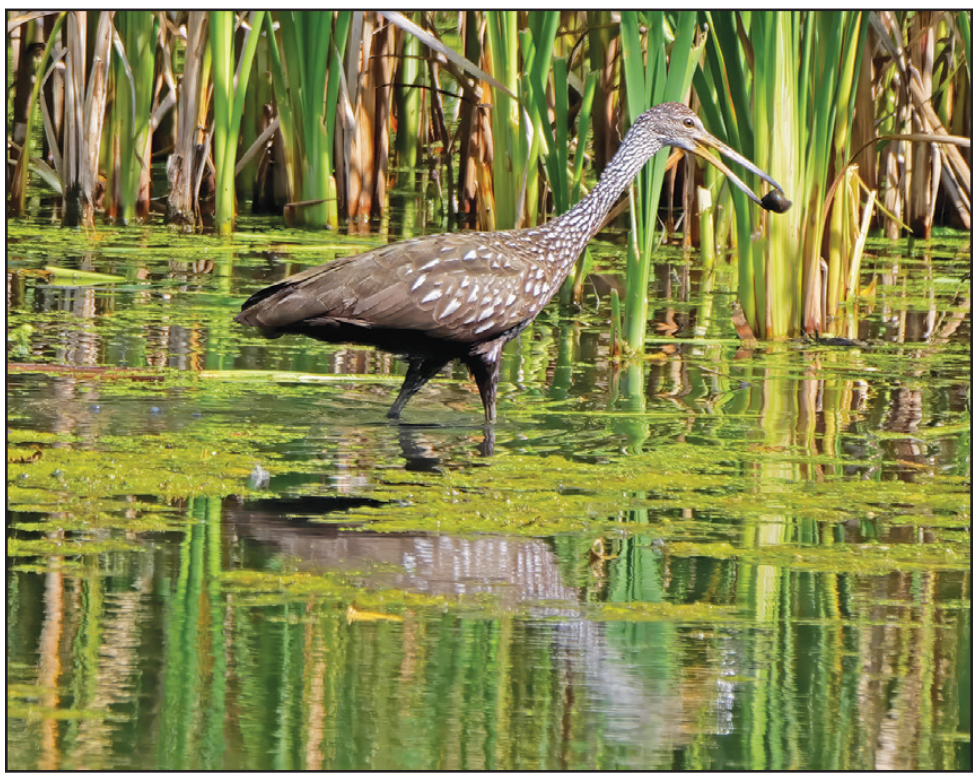
Hunter: This is really hard. I'll start from the beginning. Equipment. Starting this in 2022 for the half I needed a bike. The most expensive part of a triathlon. I only needed a wetsuit for the swim. The bike I had to get with all accessories. Including clothes. The run, I had everything. I've already done many runs of this distance before. Once you are dialed in on the equipment, you needed to learn the food. Being able to eat during the event but more importantly, what to eat on the bike. All part of the training. The first part after doing the half I learned was the amount of time needed for training. So early 2022 while training for the Madison half, the distances and time was way less then when I started doing the training for the full. I have four kids too. So, the bear was on my wife. After the half in 2022, I ask Sara if it was okay to do the full one the following year. She agreed but then said that was it. So, fall of 2022 I started to do more. Trained on the trainer in the winter. Did runs on the treadmill and swam at the YMCA. Juggling what I could with the time I had. Between running a business, helping when I could with the family, and going for these long bike and runs. I would try to go to the Y when my daughter was doing gymnastics. Runs were always early morning. Bike rides were afternoons and weekends. At the peak of training, I was doing 12 to 15 hours a week. The mental part for me was the thought process while out there. What do you think about? Or if something happened, what would you do. Main goal was to finish. This was hard enough. Now to qualify for the Worlds…. WOW. This was not in my cards, ever.

I imagine most people get interested in triathlons incrementally. What started you down this path?

Ackerman: In terms of just the world of triathlon, I would consider myself very new to it, still. It wasn't something I did as a kid and growing up. For the first few weeks of high school swimming, we did cross training in the form of biking and running alongside swimming. Our coach would have an unofficial triathlon race at the end of the final week of preseason training. My sophomore year of high school was actually the last time I had 'done' a triathlon before the Ironman. My interest in swimming and running was really what led me to the triathlon world.

Hunter: Completing

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The **Limpkin at Stewart Lake. Photo by Dexter Patterson.**

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usual, given that they are not native to this region," said Patterson. "Limpkins primarily inhabit areas in the southeastern United States and further south. Observing a Limpkin in Wisconsin is a rare event, possibly associated with unusual migration patterns or an individual bird straying far from its typical range."

"One interesting fact about the Limpkin is its specialized diet, primarily consisting of apple snails, which it was feeding on at Stewart Lake," he explained. "Using its distinctive bill, the Limpkin skillfully extracts snails from their shells, making it a unique predator among birds."

According to Patterson, Limpkins are native to the wetlands of the Americas, stretching from the southeastern United States - including parts of Florida and Georgia - through Central and South America, as well as various Caribbean islands. They are usually found in freshwater marshes, swamps, and wetlands with abundant vegetation and shallow water. He said they are often called the "crying bird" due to their "distinctive wailing call that closely resembles the cry of a human child."

"This intriguing bird boasts a slender body, speckled brown plumage, a long neck, and a distinctive curved bill resembling a large rail or heron," he added.

Patterson's trip to Mount Horeb was certainly a fruitful once, and the Limpkin wasn't the only rare animal he spotted. He also saw an endangered Blanding's Turtle.



PFLAG group holds a pair of local events

On Thursday, Sept. 21, PFLAG Mt. Horeb, hosted a "Combating Conversion Therapy" informational forum at the Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church. Following that event - which attracted about 70 people - PFLAG Mt. Horeb, in cooperation with five area pastors and members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies, offered an "Interfaith Service of Lament and Celebration" at Brix Cider on Sunday evening, September 24. Approximately 50 people attended this event. PFLAG Mt. Horeb is grateful for the support of many community members. Pictured above at the event are local pastors Michael Hammond, John Twiton, Nicole Espe and Brad Brookins. Photo contributed.

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Public Safety

Fire budget approved unanimously

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The Mount Horeb Area Joint Fire Department 2024 operating budget was approved unanimously by village and town delegates.

The total operating budget includes a steep increase from $1.3 million to $1.5 million. Fire chief Jenny Minter attributed much of the increase to staff needs and to cover upgrades that were delayed in previous years.

Some of the increase can be attributed to various smaller increases in costs like utilities, maintenance, insurance, staff uniforms and technology. However, there were major changes that affected the budget.

Staff coverage for calls has been difficult for fire and EMS here and nationwide. Volunteer hours are down and call volume is up.

When there isn't enough staff to go out on a call due to the team already being on another call, the dispatcher has to call the next closest department. This results in longer wait times for the caller and lost revenue for the department. Last year there were a total of nine delayed calls, this year there were already 18.

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

The Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant has covered the cost of a single full-time firefighter/AEMT for three years. The grant is set to end this year, so the cost of that staff member will be split between Employee Benefits, Firefighter Salary and EMT Salary, raising those categories.

The Firefighter Salary category shows an increase to $64 thousand, due to the end of the SAFER grant as well as a scheduled salary increase. The EMT salary category saw a similar increase. The addition of another full-time firefighter/AEMT position is also included to help cover increased call volumes.

A deputy chief is to be added in 2024 resulting in an increase of $85 thousand for his or her salary. The position has been vacant since 2019 when the current chief Jenny Minter was promoted from it.

"We really need that for our staff management and other administrative tasks," chief Minter said, "I'm busy doing other things and just trying to keep my head above water."

A part-time administrative assistant is to be added for $11 thousand. He or she will help with bookkeeping and keep the office open when other staff is on calls.

"This position needs to not go on calls because we need someone to sit here and be able to keep things moving keep things going sometimes," Chief Minter said.

Chief Minter said most administrative fire chiefs only go on bigger calls, but she's on most calls and that gets in the way of the many office tasks she's responsible for.

A new source of $8 thousand in income for this budget is expected to come from fire run costs billed to those severed. This is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved rate based on the cost of the service. For example, the rate of a fire truck with an aerial ladder is $122.69 per hour. The amount is to be billed in quarter-hour increments after the first 15 minutes on the scene. The bill is sent to the responsible party in an accident or incident.

Ambulances do not bill for the presence, evaluation or at-the-scene care, only transport. The Mount Horeb Area Joint Fire Department servers the Villages of Mount Horeb and Blue Mounds, and the Townships of Blue Mounds, Cross Plains, Perry, Primrose, Springdale and Vermont. The Village of Mount Horeb pays the largest portion of the tax levy at 47.2 percent.

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something more than just a 26.2-mile run… I already knew how to swim, so I thought, and bike. I just needed to pick up more equipment.

What's your favorite part of the race? What's your least favorite?

Hanson: I am very fortunate to have an extremely supportive group of friends and family on race day. The best part of the race for me is seeing and hearing them along the course throughout the day. It is unbelievable how many people come out to support the Ironman athletes. The volunteers are amazing and make the event possible.

The end of the bike ride from Verona back to Madison is my least favorite part. At that point you are about 100 miles into the ride, the road gets rough on MM and you are ready to be done biking... forever.

Ackerman: My favorite part of the race was seeing everyone along the course and just doing the race itself. The people along the course are really what helped motivate me to keep going. It was also amazing to see how much support I had. I kept saying to myself throughout each discipline, "you're really doing it," and as I would get closer to the finish I found myself saying, "you're going to be an Ironman." Another favorite was just the way I felt. Yes, I was very nervous at the start, but once I started swimming I was extremely happy. I found myself smiling constantly throughout the day. As many people know, the bike course is one of the tougher ones. There are a lot of hills. I had an advantage of being local, where almost every time I was out riding, I trained on the loop (the bike course is 2 loops through Verona, Mt. Horeb and Cross Plains). Even with lots of practice, the hills were still difficult, some more than others. While this isn't really a least favorite, as I am not sure if I have one, going up Midtown Hill the second time almost brought me to tears. My mom started running along with me at the base of the hill, but there was a firefighter in his turnout gear on the hill supporting the athletes. He realized quickly I was starting to struggle and ran next to me almost the whole way up. I thank him immensely for motivating me through what was one of the toughest parts of my day. Approaching the finish line was definitely the highlight of the day. It's a long day (just over 14 hours for me!), and I was ready to be done. There were so many spectators packed along Martin Luther King Jr Blvd screaming their heads off for people they don't even know. The best part of the day was hearing, "Calina Ackerman, you are an Ironman!"

Hunter: The people. The spectators and volunteers I would say was the best part. The least favorite were the cramps.

What's next for you?

Hanson: As a result of finishing second in the 40-44 age group, I qualified to race in the 2024 Kona, Hawaii World Championships. I was not planning on training for another ironman next year, but I am excited about the opportunity to race in triathlon's iconic event.

Ackerman: I am registered for a couple of half marathons this fall, and hope to get more involved with the UW Triathlon Club. The Ironman is the only "official" triathlon I've done, so I would like to try a few shorter distance triathlons!

Hunter: Well do more half IM's and some local smaller tri's in the area. I'll do the Door County half Ironman distance. I'd like to do another TREK100 ride, maybe the race around the lake. There also is a ride that goes from Lacrosse to Milwaukee.

Anything else?

Hanson: Ironman's motto is Anything is Possible. I encourage people to set goals and push their limits.

Ackerman: At the awards ceremony the next day, I was offered a spot to the Women's World Championships in Nice, France. It was something I was not expecting at all. You are also given just a few seconds to make the decision. I started to panic when my age group was getting closer. It all-of-a-sudden sort of became a reality that my name was going to be called. When it was called, I basically just froze. I did not really know what to do. I did not take the spot. It was very bittersweet to turn it down, but the timing didn't seem right. As much as I would have loved to go, it's a chunk of money. Logistically with school, it also wouldn't have been the best thing. While I will still spend a lot of my time swimming, biking, and running, my focus this year is building my resume and getting ready to apply to grad school.

Completing the Ironman was a dream come true. I felt lost the first few days after the race was done. I had devoted so much time to it, that I felt like I didn't know who I was without Ironman! That feeling has faded some since then. I know I'll do another one someday (sooner rather than later - just not next year!)

Training for this event and race day truly created an atmosphere where I knew I belonged.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that supported me throughout this journey. "Team Calina" showed up on race day, and I could not have done it without all of them along the way cheering their hearts out.

Hunter: Family: If they weren't there for this, I wasn't in any way going to be able to compete. This was the most important part of this journey. The help required to get done the normal day to day chores.

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rently at the lowest salary level, so only those teachers are receiving the full 8 percent raise. Teachers who are making more would receive only part of that 8 percent, they said. At the meeting, teachers displayed their raise percentages on signs, many of which were less than 5 percent.

Another key issue is MHEA asking the board to meet and confer over supplemental pay before they agree to the inflation adjustment. Since the raises achieved during bargains sessions are capped at the inflation rate, any supplemental pay can only be discussed during meet and confer.

"We've heard you're going to give us historical raises through meet and confer," Olmstead said, "but you have not shared any information about what that will look like."

"It has been reported that MHEA's chief negotiator told the Board's attorney that MHEA would not agree on a total base wage salary increase unless MHEA agreed with supplemental wage increases," district resource development and public relations coordinator Aubree Hanks said. "In a joint phone call with both leaders, the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission attorney indicated that MHEA's position is a prohibited practice."

"The community resoundingly prioritized 'the recruitment and retention of high-quality staff,' during May's Strategic Plan survey," Superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno said. "Our Board of Education prides itself on continuing to negotiate with the MHEA in good faith at the bargaining table."

"The Board's ability to offer historic and competitive wage increases is only possible because of the community's generous support during last November's operational referendum," Salerno said. "This coupled with a favorable state budget allows us to be even more competitive with neighboring employers."

MHEA and the district plan to have another bargaining session on October 10.







Time traveling presenters offer journeys to the past





Abve left, Rob Nurre as John Mullett, deputy surveyor of the United States General Land Office. Above right, frontier doctor Mark Tully.

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On Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m., Cave of the Mounds (2975 Cave of the Mounds Road, Blue Mounds) will host Rob Nurre as John Mullett, Deputy Surveyor of the United States General Land Office. Mr. Mullett will discuss what he observed nearly 190 years ago, in June 1883, as he walked the survey lines that crossed what is now the Cave of the Mounds parking lot.

Then, on Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m., Frontier Doctor Mark Tully travels to the Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St, Mt Horeb) for an often surprising, sometimes stomach-turning, always entertaining afternoon presentation about remedies, treatments and instruments used for common (and not-so-common) ailments of 19th century America.

John Mullett and the good Doctor will also share tools of their trade—original, historic artifacts from their personal collections.

Both presenters are Baraboo-based. Rob Nurre (the Surly Surveyor) is a landscape historian, naturalist, and educator with over thirty years of experience, including an extended tenure as a historical interpreter for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management during the Lewis and Clark Explorations bicentennial. Mark Tully is a graphic designer, musician and author of twelve Colonial and early American history titles, including "A Man Called Baraboo, the life and times of an 18th Century Voyageur." He has consulted for historic sites, theatrical products, archaeological investigations and scholars, and regularly shared his knowledge for schools, symposiums and lectures.

The "19th Century Meet-and-Greet" sessions are free and family-friendly. Reservations are not required. For more information call 608-437-6486 or email mthorebahs@gmail.com.

CRIME

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Missing Adult – 1

A resident called in stating that her son, who has mental health issues, had been staying at her residence for a few weeks. The son left and has not been heard from in days. Madison police were contacted and asked to check the son's apartment in Madison. Mount Horeb police were informed that the male was placed in an emergency center in Winnebago. This information was given to the family.

Missing Juvenile / Runaway – 1

Officers were dispatched to a report of a juvenile who ran away during a walk with family. Upon arrival the juvenile was located.

Noise Complaint – 1

An anonymous complaint was called in regarding noise coming from a local business starting at 6:00 am every morning. The business was contacted regarding the noise and they agreed to close doors until 7:00 am.

OMVWI Arrest / Intoxicated Driver – 2

Officers were dispatched to a single vehicle accident. Upon contact with the driver, he showed signs of impairment. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were performed. The driver was arrested for Operating While Under the Influence (2nd), cited for Operating Without a Valid Driver's License, and Tampering/Failure to Install/Violate Court Order. The driver was booked into the Dane County Jail for a 12-hour hold.

While on routine patrol, an officer made a traffic stop for operating without registration lamps. Upon contact, the officer observed the odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle, along with the driver showing signs of impairment. Field Sobriety Tests were performed, and the driver was ultimately placed under arrest for Operating While Under the Influence (2nd) and Operating with a PAC (2nd). The driver was taken to the Mount Horeb Police Department and later released to a responsible party.

On Street Parking Complaint – 1

Parking Tickets – 37

Phone Call – 11

PNB/AED Response – 1

A Mount Horeb Police officer was the first on scene for a pulseless non breather. EMS arrived on scene and assisted with monitoring and administering shocks. Heartbeat was restarted and EMS transported the patient to the hospital.

Pornography/Obscene Material – 1

A CyberTip came in to the Mount Horeb Police Department. This case is active and currently being investigated.

Preserve the Peace –3

A Preserve the Peace between a landlord and tenant was called in. Officers stood by while keys and garage door opener were exchanged without incident.

Officers responded to an apartment complex where new tenants parked a U-Haul on the neighbors' property. The new tenants refused to identify themselves, but did move the U-Haul. No issues were observed.

A resident called to report that her husband's ex-employer was following him home in order to get a work truck back. The resident wanted officers to stand by while her husband was able to get his personal tools out of the truck. The exchange was civil.

Probation Violation – 1

Officers were dispatched for a report of an unwanted person. While in contact, it was found that one individual had an outstanding DOC warrant. During the contact, the individual also gave a false name, which led to charges being referred for Resisting/Obstructing an Officer. The individual was arrested for the outstanding warrant and transported to the Dane County Jail.

Safety Hazard – 3

School Related Incidents - 1

Special Events -1

Search Warrant – 1

Questions regarding a search warrant were called in by a resident. It was explained to the resident that a search warrant is generally drafted to ensure that constitutional rights are not violated.

Suspicious Person - 2

Suspicious Vehicle – 9

Theft – 2

A busineass owner called to report a possible theft of a tool from the business. Shortly after the initial call, the owner called back to report that the tool was found. No theft occurred.

A church in the village had a Pride flag stolen. They also received a phone call asking if they are a reconciling church. After confirming that the church is a reconciling church, the caller went on to state the church should be ashamed of themselves.

Threats Complaint – 1

A resident called to report text messages that he believed to be threatening. Officers advised the resident to block the phone number. The resident was reporting this for documentation purposes.

Traffic Arrests – 15

Traffic Incident – 9

Traffic Warning – 70

Unwanted Person – 1

Officers were dispatched to assist with moving a homeless woman along to her destination. After ending contact with the individual, a DOT check yielded a warrant. A second contact was made (Adult Arrest) where the woman was arrested for the warrant.



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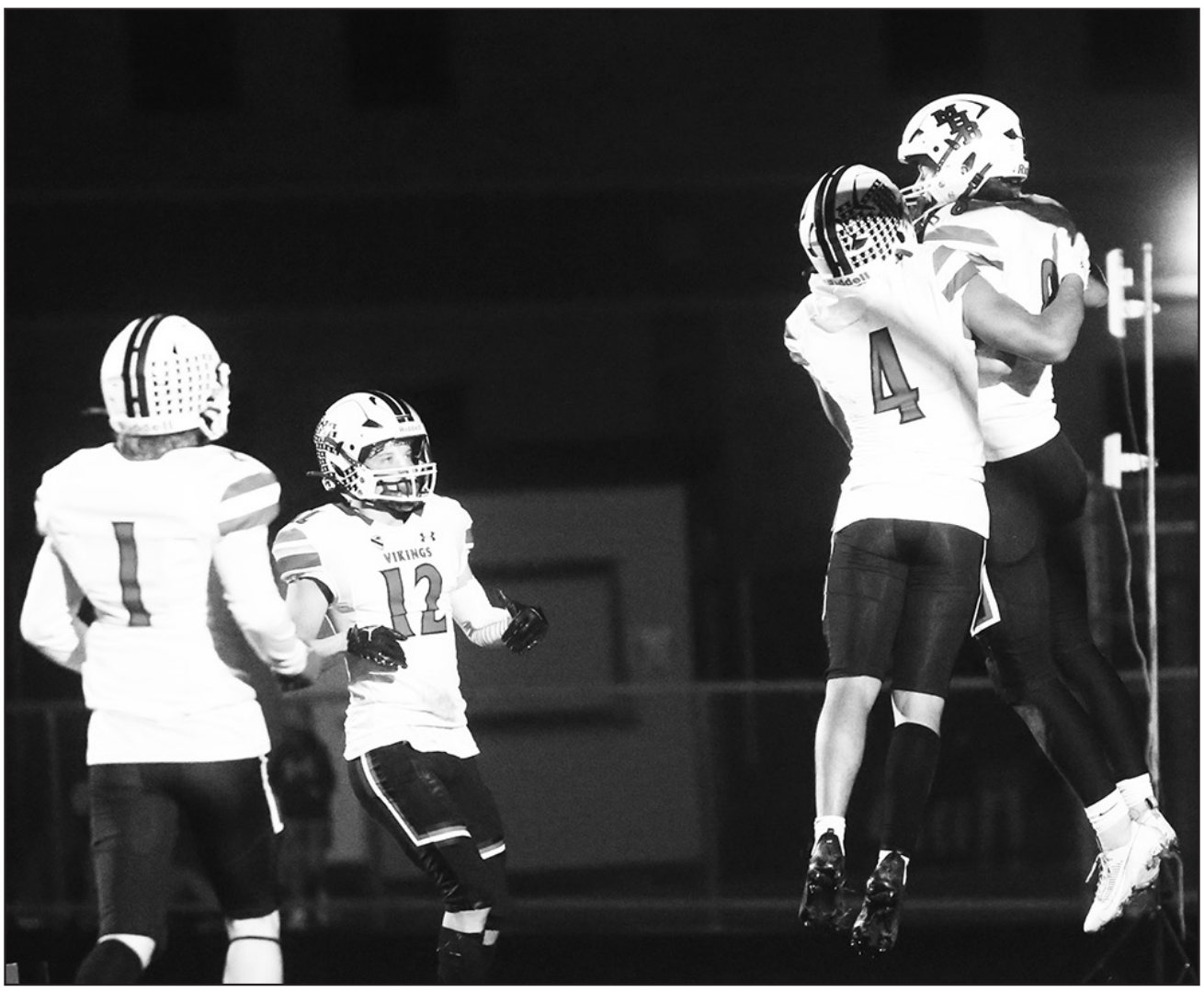
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MOUNT HOREB-BARNEVELD 60, WATERTOWN 41

Unbeaten, but far from perfect

Vikings top Watertown, but make too many mistakes

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor



Mount Horeb-Barneveld's Chris Kiel (4) and Kasey Helgeson (far right) celebrate a Vikings' touchdown as teammates Landon Ellestad (12) and Owen Aeschlimann (1) look on. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

The film wasn't pretty.

There were mistakes Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team hasn't made all season. Blunders the Vikings were unaccustomed to seeing.

Here's the good news, though.

MH-B survived those slip-ups and toppled Watertown, 60-41, last Friday. The Vikings, ranked No. 2 in the latest Wissports.net poll, improved to 7-0 overall and remained atop the Badger Small Conference at 5-0.

MH-B is attempting to become the first Vikings' team since 2002 to go unbeaten in the regular season. And while MH-B made more errors than coach Bret St. Arnauld hoped, it did leave with a win and kept its perfect season alive.

"Watertown was a tougher game than we expected," St. Arnauld said. "This is why you can't ever take games for granted. When you start looking forward in your schedule, teams can clip you. You have to stay locked in on the opponent you have that week. Unfortunately for us, Watertown came out firing on all cylinders."

The Vikings entered the game having outscored their foes, 256-88. But MH-B led just 24-21 at halftime and 36-27 after three quarters.

"I think Mount Horeb/Barneveld is one of the best teams in the state," said Watertown coach Benji Kamrath, whose team fell to 1-6. "I think they are going to make a run in Division 3 and we played with them for three quarters. I am extremely proud of kids."

There were plenty of things for MH-B to be proud of, as well.

Quarterback Kasey Helgeson threw for two touchdowns, ran for two more and completed 12-of-13 passes. Owen Preimesberger also ran for two scores and the Vikings outscored the Goslings, 24-14, in the critical fourth quarter.

But MH-B allowed 457 yards of total offense, including 322 through the air.

"We were our own worst nightmare," St. Arnauld said. "We were making mistakes we haven't made all season long. It was silly mistakes that are totally fixable, but mistakes that cost us big against Watertown time and time again.

"It didn't help we were down four starters on defense, but that isn't any sort of excuse. We expect high level play from whatever 11 guys were put out there. We will fix what we need to fix before Friday."

Helgeson had an early touchdown run and Trenton Owens ran in the two-point conversion for an 8-0 MH-B lead. But the

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MoHo golfers fall short at regionals

Nicewander advances to sectionals as individual

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

This wasn't the ending anyone hoped for.

By no means, though, does it diminish the rest of the story.

Mount Horeb's girls golf team — which had arguably the best season in school history — struggled at the WIAA Division 1 Oregon Regional on Sept. 27.

The Vikings finished fifth overall with a 423 team score in an event held at The Legend of Bergamont. Unfortunately for Mount Horeb — which was the co-champion of the Badger Small Conference — only the top four teams qualified for sectionals.

Oregon won the regional with a 354 team score, while Verona (377), Monona Grove (386) and Madison West (408) also qualified for sectionals.

"It definitely was a disappointing finish, but it does not diminish what we accomplished this season," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. "Going undefeated during our dual meet schedule and sharing the overall Badger Small Conference title for the first time in program history were impressive achievements by our team."

The good news for the Vikings was sophomore Delaina Nicewander qualified for sectionals as an individual.

The top four individuals from non-qualifying teams also advance to sectionals. And Nicewander was third among those individuals with a 101.

"It will be a good opportunity for her to play in that

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Delaina Nicewander shined at the Oregon Regional and qualified for sectionals as an individual. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MoHo spikers 4th at Edgewood

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

They keep beating the teams they're expected to beat.

Now, Mount Horeb girls volleyball coach Kurt Owen would like his Vikings to knock off some teams they're not expected to vanquish.

Mount Horeb finished fourth at the Madison Edgewood Invite last Saturday in a performance Owen was encouraged by — but also a bit unfulfilled.

"Overall, it was an OK day," Owen said. "We beat the teams we are supposed to beat. It would have been nice to take down one of the higher ranked teams since that's the kind of team I think we have, but we played some pretty good volleyball. Hopefully, we can put it all together for the last week of the conference season."

The Vikings opened with a 25-17, 25-22 win over Lake Mills in pool play.

Ruby Dahlk led the way with 10 kills, while Laila Rasmussen had 10 assists and Kennedy Myers had 10 digs.

Mount Horeb trailed, 15-11, in the first set and 10-2 in the second set before rallying back to win both.

"We need to stop the slow starts, but it's great to see the resilience and ability to come back," Owen said.

Mount Horeb followed that with a 25-22, 25-20 pool play win over Wisconsin Dells.

Rasmussen had an outstanding match with nine kills and no errors on just 13 attacks, as well as 12 assists and eight digs. Jayse Holman added 10 kills, while Finley Moore had four kills on just six attempts with no errors.

Ellie Hefty added 11 assists, while Myers had nine digs and two aces.

"Dells came in with a 19-4 record and leads the South Central Conference with a 6-0 conference record," Owen said. "This was a match we needed to win.

"We've been ahead of them in the rankings until the last couple weeks and we need wins against quality opponents. We came out with a good energy and focus and got it done like I knew we could. We had one of our most efficient matches attacking that we've had all season."

The Vikings then advanced to the gold bracket, where they fell to Menomonee Falls, 25-22, 25-11.

Holman had six kills, Dahlk had seven digs and Rasmussen had 10 assists in a losing effort.

"Menomonee Falls came into this match ranked in the top-20 in the state for all divisions," Owen said. "It was a great opportunity for us to show what we can do against a strong opponent. Despite starting the match without a ton of fire, we were playing well and had a chance to take the set.

"Unfortunately, we didn't show much fight in the second set and got beat pretty soundly. They are a good team. They have a couple good hitters, but their strength is in their defense, passing, and ball control. They don't make mistakes."

Madison Edgewood then defeated the Vikings, 25-19, 25-21, in the third place match.

Dahlk had seven kills for Mount Horeb, while Rasmussen had 14 assists and Myers had 11 digs.

"The difference was serving and passing," Owen said. "We had one ace to their seven."

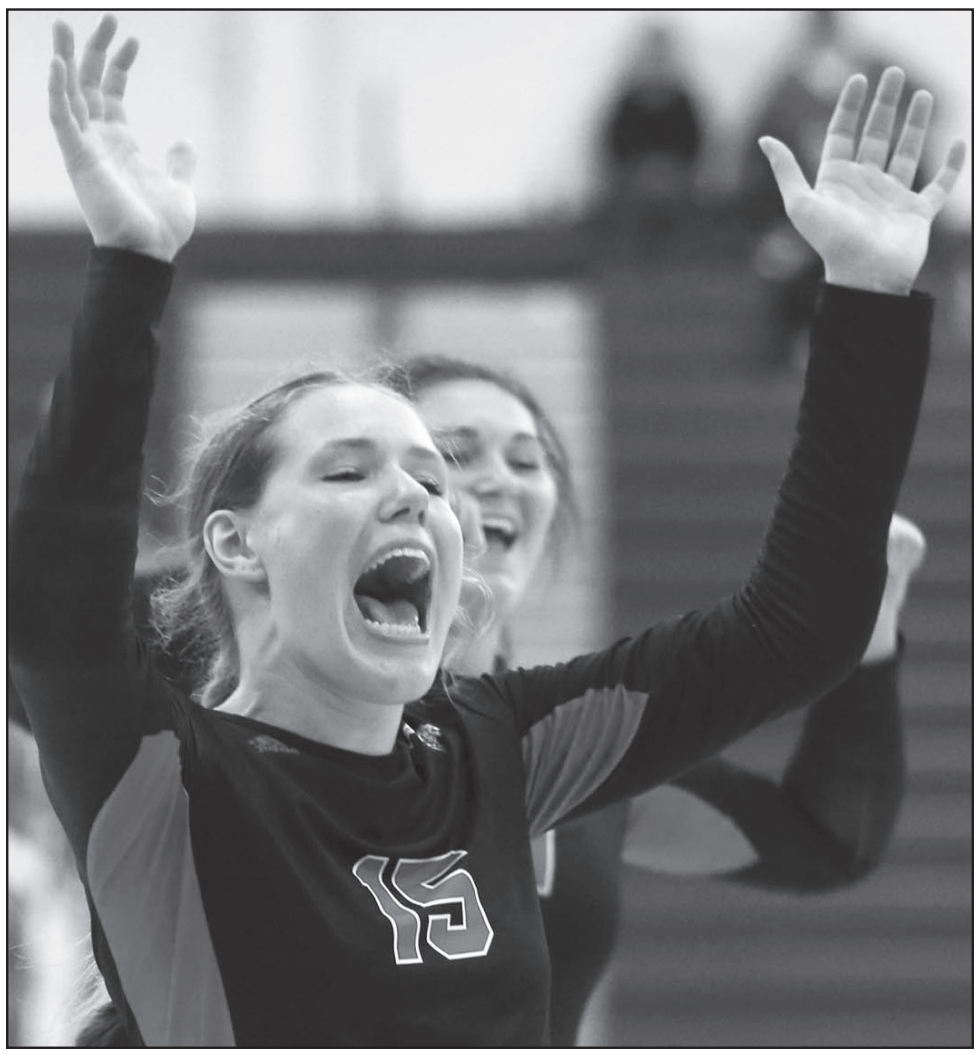
Mount Horeb also fell to Sauk Prairie, 25-19, 25-14, 25-16, in a Badger Small Conference match on Sept. 26.

Holman led the Vikings with 11 kills, while Rasmussen had 13 assists, Dahlk had 12 digs and Myers added 11 digs.

Mount Horeb was within 21-17 in the first set, but couldn't creep any closer. The Eagles raced to a 10-0 lead in the second set and the Vikings couldn't recover. Mount Horeb also dug a large third set hole and couldn't climb out of it.

"Sauk Prairie is starting to play like the team that finished second in Division 2 last season," Owen said. "I believe we can play with them, but didn't play our best.

"If we can figure out how to get out of tough spots without giving too many points up in a row, we can compete. A big difference in the game was their serving and passing. They had nine aces to our one."



Finley Moore and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team finished fourth at the Madison Edgewood Invite last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Edgewood tops soccer Vikings

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Facing Madison Edgewood's boys soccer team is never easy.

It's even tougher when you're shorthanded.

Mount Horeb battled the Crusaders without some key players on Sept. 26 and dropped a 2-0 decision. The Vikings fell to 5-8 overall and 2-3 in the Badger Small Conference.

"We knew that this game would be a tough battle," Mount Horeb coach Rick Gage said. "Edgewood is a very good team who would give us fits if we were healthy, but the game is even harder with our injuries."

The Vikings played without starters Owen Fawcett and Riley Schellpfeffer and had a hard time getting much going.

"Edgewood is always a well-coached and hard team to break down, so our game plan was to make it hard for them to get anything easy on us," Gage said. "For the most part we were able to hold to this game plan. Edgewood had the better of the possession in the game, but we were able to keep most of their shots from outside of the box or from wide spots."

The Crusaders took a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute when the Vikings were caught out of position and Edgewood played a through ball to create its first goal.

"It was a little unfortunate as we were really close from making the correct play to keep it out of the net," Gage said. "The rest of the game we backed off pressure a bit and picked our moments to attack on the counter attack."

With about 15 minutes left, Edgewood converted a header off a corner kick and took a 2-0 lead.

"The defense played a really good game against a good team," Gage said. "Jack Schultz, Nico Baden, Leo Helwig, Isaac Schloesser and Angus Best did a good job of keeping pace with Edgewood's attack."

• On deck: The Vikings hosted Baraboo Tuesday, then travel to Platteville/Lancaster Thursday at 5 p.m.

"We should be a little healthier next week as Riley (Schellpfeffer) should be back, which I hope will help us to create a little more offense," Gage said. "All the injuries have made us move players around on defense, midfield and forward, so it has caused a little more inconsistency at spots on the field. I like how tough our team defense is and we will keep working on attacking movements and finishing in practice to help the team keep improving on the offensive side of the ball."

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Emmy Bennin and Mount Horeb's girls swimming team defeated Stoughton in a dual meet on Sept. 26. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MoHo swimmers notch first-ever dual meet win

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls swimming team has done some impressive things since becoming an independent program in 2022.

The latest achievement came on Sept. 26, when the Vikings won the first dual meet title in school history.

Mount Horeb edged host Stoughton, 90-79.

"I knew the meet was going to be close since we were pretty evenly matched in speed and size," Mount Horeb coach Jalen Butteris said. "The hard work the team has been putting in over the past few weeks has really paid off."

Mount Horeb had several sensational performances against Stoughton, including:

• Ava Newman, Caitlin Patrick-Stern and Madeline Evans went 1-2-3 in the 500-yard freestyle.

• Newman and Sam Hanson were first and second, respectively, in the 200-yard freestyle.

• Patrick-Stern won the 100-yard butterfly and Hanson was second.

• Emmy Bennin won the 50-yard freestyle and Siobhan Mertz was third.

• Perri McMahan won the 100-yard backstroke.

• Mount Horeb's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Patrick-Stern, Mertz, Newman and Bennin finished first, while the foursome of Nina Paterson, Piper McMahan, Hanson and Evans was second.

• Evans was second and McMahan was third in the 200-yard IM.

• Bennin was second in the 100-yard freestyle.

• Mount Horeb's 200-yard medley relay team of Bridget Drapp, Piper McMahan, Perri McMahan and Maddie Becker was second.

• And Mount Horeb's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Newman, Mertz, Patrick-Stern and Bennin was second.

Mount Horeb also competed at the Cardinal Relays last Saturday.

The Vikings' finishes included:

• The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Newman, Mertz, Evans and Bennin was eighth.

• The 400-yard medley relay team of Newman, Paterson, Bennin and Evans was 12th.

• The 100-yard freestyle relay team of Paterson, Perri McMahan, Piper McMahan and Bennin was 13th.

• The 300-yard breaststroke relay team of Piper McMahan, Mertz, Clem Christian and Drapp was 14th.

• The 200-yard medley relay team of Newman, Paterson, Hanson and Evans was 14th.

• The 500-yard freestyle relay team of Drapp, Sammy Parmley, Mertz and Hanson was 15th.

Girls XC team shines at Platteville Invite

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team had a strong performance at the Platteville Invitational last Saturday.

Dodgeville/Mineral Point won the 23-team event with 72 points. The Vikings finished 10th with 303 points.

"We had a good day at Platteville," Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said. "It was warm for the last day of September and for some of the later races we were seeing nearly 80 degree heat. The warm weather didn't help our times a lot, but I was pleased with some tough races our runners ran."

Mount Horeb freshman Willa Vigliotta was fourth individually, completing the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 37.50 seconds. Senior Kayman Sutter was 51st (22:27.70), freshman Maeve True was 61st (22:50.10), junior Allie Felcyn was 92nd (24:17.40) and sophomore Lily Wahl was 95th (24:26.50).

"Our girls varsity squad had a different mix of runners than many of our meets this year because a few of our top girls — Abby Sadler, Julia Straka, and Lily Nelson — were taking a rest day and sitting out this meet," Chancellor said. "Besides giving those runners an opportunity to focus on the final meets of the season, it also lets other athletes experience running varsity."

Mount Horeb's boys were 21st out of 31 teams.

Dodgeville/Mineral Point won the meet with 98 points, while the Vikings finished with 509 points.

Mount Horeb junior Noah Gibbs was 88th (19:20.90) and junior James Zwettler was 93rd (19:26.20). Senior James Fountas added a 96th place finish (19:26.90), while freshman Samuel Wyse was 97th (19:31.70 and junior Jack Zwettler was 135th (20:15.60).

"Our boys varsity ran well as a pack and our top four runners finished within about 11 seconds of each other," Chancellor said. "I was especially happy with James's race. He struggled last week at Janesville, but regrouped and ran a personal best time this weekend. Sam is a freshman, but is off to a great start this year and has become one of our most consistent contributors."

PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Emily Katherine Colopy-Sereno
By Petitioner: Robin Lynn Sereno
By Co-Petitioner: Sara Ann Colopy

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 23CV2519

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Emily Katherine Colopy-Sereno
To: Tyler John Colopy-Sereno
Birth Certificate: Emily Katherine Colopy-Sereno

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Dane County, State of Wisconsin: Hon. Stephen E. Ehlke, 215 S. Hamilton St., Room 7D, Madison, WI 53703 on November 7, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-266-4311 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:
/s/ Stephen E. Ehlke
Circut Court Judge
September 27, 2023

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Mount Horeb Mail a newspaper published in Dane County, State of Wisconsin.

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TOWN OF VERMONT
CHIP SEALING AND PAVING BIDS

The Town of Vermont is requesting bids for 4.18 miles of single chip sealing. Please contact the Town Patrolman at (608) 334-2740, for a listing of roads.

The Town reserves the right to award projects by individual roads to separate bidders, or to award all road projects to one bidder. The Town also reserves the right to refuse any or all bids or reject the low bid.

Send bids to the Vermont Town Hall, 4017 County Road JJ, Black Earth, WI 53515 by 7:00 pm on November 13. Bids will be opened at 7:00 pm on November 13 at the Town Hall and accepted bids will be awarded at the regular Board meeting on November 13, 2023.

Katie Zelle, Clerk

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NOTICE OF TOWN OF PERRY
BOARD OF REVIEW
Perry Town Hall
10084 County A.
Teleconference - 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206 #
Thursday, October 12, 2023
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review of the Town of Perry, Dane County, will reconvene on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Perry Town Hall, 10084 CTH A. Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board.

No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of the real or personal property being assessed.

After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide to, a member of the Board of Review information about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the objection is heard and if the objection is allowed under sub.(3)(a), that person provides to the Clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of a member of the Board of Review under sub.(6m) and if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of length of time that the hearing will require.

When appearing before the Board, a person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at the estimate.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method, unless the person supplies the Assessor all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under Sec. 73.03(2a), that the Assessor requests. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Section 19.35(1) of Wis. Statutes.

By: Mary L. Price, Town Clerk

Posted: Town Hall, Daleyville Sign Post; Town Garage, Town website – October 5, 2023.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN ELECTORS TOWN OF PERRY
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Perry Town Hall
10084 County Highway A
7:30 PM

A special meeting of electors in the Town of Perry is called for the following purpose.

Agenda

1. Call to order.
2. Resolution per WI §60.10(2)(g) - to authorize the Town Board to dispose of the Town's cell tower lease with terms most beneficial to the Town.
3. Adjourn.

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose will hold the 2023 **Budget Workshop** for the 2024 budget on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI beginning at 7:30pm. Should the budget not be finalized that evening, a continuation of the workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website.

A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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GOLFERS

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environment as a sophomore," Krentz said of Nicewander.

The Vikings struggled to a team score of 208 on the front nine and were in fifth place as they made the turn. The good news for the Vikings is they were just one shot behind Madison West (207) for the fourth and final sectional spot.

Nicewander led Mount Horeb with a 48 on the front nine, thanks to pars at No. 1, 4, 8 and 9. Junior Emma Olsen had a 51, senior Ella Fager carded a 53, freshman Jadyn Schellpfeffer shot a 56 and junior Lainy Hesseling had a 58.

"We got off to a really tough start," Krentz said. "Heading into the day, we knew it was likely going to come down to Madison West and ourselves for the fourth and final sectional team qualifying spot, but we dug ourselves an early hole and were already down nine strokes as our players finished holes four and five.

"Play ended up being interrupted at this time due to heavy rain and the course becoming unplayable, which allowed us an opportunity to settle down and hit the reset button for the rest of the round. We were able to take advantage of this delay and came back a bit on the rest of the front nine."

Mount Horeb started strong start on the back nine and pulled ahead of Madison West by a stroke after 11 holes. That advantage would be short-lived, though, as the Vikings faltered to a 215 on the back nine for a total team score of 423.

"We were able to continue our momentum from our finish on the front nine as we started the back nine," Krentz said. "Unfortunately, we could not keep it going and struggled as a team down the stretch.

"With the rain earlier in the round as well as the previous two days, length was a crucial with the course playing long. We are not one of the longer-hitting teams, which put more of a premium on our short-game and we left a lot of strokes out there around the greens."

Nicewander led the way with her 101 and finished in 14th place individually at the 42-person field. Senior Ella Fager finished with a 103, which was good for 16th place individually, but lost a playoff with Stoughton's Aja Baker for the final individual spot.

Olsen carded a 105 that was highlighted by a chip-in birdie on the par-five, 11th hole. And Schellpfeffer had a 58 on the back nine and finished with a 114.

"It was a tough ending for our lone senior, Ella, but she will end her four-year career as the most decorated player in program history including two all-conference selections and helping lead our team to the sectional level the past two seasons," Krentz said. "More importantly, however, was how she has represented our program off the course and we will certainly miss her presence on our team next year.

"For our returning players, both varsity and JV, we turn our attention to an offseason of hopefully more growth and development. Our regional and sectional will be as competitive as ever, with several teams being led by underclassmen this season, especially in the case of our regional. It will take a lot of time and effort, but I am confident that if the work this offseason is there, we are more than capable of taking another step forward as a team when we return to the course next year."



Ella Fager's brilliant Mount Horeb golf career came to an end at the Oregon Regional on Sept. 27. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose Board of Supervisors will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 11th, 2023 at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be limited interviews for the position of Deputy Clerk for the town. This agenda will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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TOWN OF PERRY
TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Perry Town Hall, 10084 CTH A
Teleconference - 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206 #
Approx. 7:50 PM, following special meeting of the electors

1. Call to order.
2. Announcements.
3. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items.
4. Land Use: a. Robt. & Kathryn Pitt density unit study.
   b. Thomas Berg, 1075 STH 78, bldg. permit review.
   c. B. Gomez citation review.
5. SBA Cell Tower Lease buyout resolution.
6. Comprehensive Plan amendments – community survey update.
7. Dark Sky Lighting Ordinance amendment process.
8. Roads, Equipment, Facilities
   a. WI DOT – Hwy. 78 resurfacing project – Resolution, correspondence.
   b. LRIP grant cycle.
   c. Town road certification – map and road list.
9. Recycling Center operation – Tire Collections dates and fees.
10. Treasurer's Report.
11. Town Hall Renovation – committee report and recommendations,
12. Friends of the Parks of Perry update.
13. Parks and Open Space Committee – report and recommendations.
    a. Hauge Park restroom project update
    b. Hauge Park access.
    c. Dane Co. Parks Dept. update.
    d. Broadband service.
14. Dane Co. Emergency Management workshop report.
15. Dane Co. Towns Association discussions.
16. Absentee Ballot Envelope Subgrant application.
17. Minutes of Previous Meetings – September 12, 2023 meeting.
18. 2024 Budget – review preliminary budget, set hearing date.
19. Pay Bills due.
20. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI §19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel.
21. Adjournment.

Action might be taken on any agenda item shown above. Public comment might be invited on any agenda item presented.

Mary L. Price, Town Clerk, www.perry-wi.gov

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2023

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

Call to Order/Roll Call: Cathy Scott (in Ryan Czyzewski's absence) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Trustees Halverson, White, Gauger, Jones, and Scott. Village President Czyzewski and Trustee Schellpfeffer were absent. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, and Village Attorney Bryan Kleinmaier.

Public Comments: New Police Officer Gavin Lankey was introduced by Police Chief Doug Vierck and sworn in by Clerk Gaffney. Chief Vierck gave Lankey and newer Police Officer Jerron Wetter the Oath of Honor.

Consent Agenda: Jones asked to pull item C, Approval of Jeff Hook appointment to the Police Commission. Gauger moved, Halverson seconded to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda: July 5, 2023 meeting minutes; Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map: Naujeck, 3200 STH 78; Pay Request 4-FINAL for Contract 22-103; Pay Request 4-FINAL for Contract 22-104; Pay Request 4-FINAL for Contract 23-100; Pay Request 3 for Contract 23-101; Pay Request 1 for Contract 23-102; Operator Licenses reviewed by Public Safety Committee: Samuel Erickson and Josue Miranda-Lopez; Premise Extension for Alcohol License for Skal Public House. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Jones asked about the appointment to Police Commission. Jones moved, White seconded to approve the appointment of Jeff Hook to the Police Commission. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed $4,000,000 Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 of the Village of Mount Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the payment of the Bonds and other details with respect to the bonds: Financial Advisor Kevin Mullen spoke about the bonds and fielded questions from the board. Jones moved, White seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Award of Bid for Parking Study to MSA: Scott explained this item. MSA was the only company to submit a bid. Gauger moved, Halverson seconded to approve awarding the bid to MSA. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Design Plan for Grundahl Park: Halverson explained this item. The board members gave their input. No action was taken.

Consideration of Award of Bid for Refuse and Recycling Collection: The board members gave their input. Pellitteri, LRS (Lake Shore Recycling Services), and Waste Management were present and spoke about their proposals. GFL Environmental also submitted a bid, but was not present at the meeting. Jones moved, Halverson seconded to award the contract to Pellitteri. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Discussion on Wisconsin Historical Society Certified Local Government Partnership Program: Owen explained this item. The board members gave their input.

Discussion on Fire District Budget: Scott gave an overview and explained that this item is preliminary and will be coming back to a future meeting.

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

Village President's report: President Czyzewski was absent. Scott did not have anything to report in his absence.

Village Administrator's report: Owen did not have anything to report.

Village Clerk's report: Gaffney reported on the deadline for filing an objection form for the Board of Review.

Closed Session: Discussion/Consideration: Purchase of property for parkland (Lukken Farm). The Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session: Halverson moved, White seconded to convene to closed session at 8:45pm. Motion carried by roll call vote. The board did not reconvene in open session, and no action was taken.

Adjournment: Scott moved, Halverson seconded to adjourn the meeting at the end of closed session, at 9:10pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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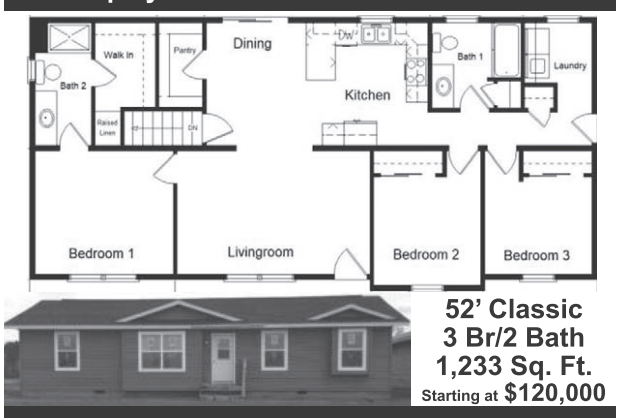


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Mount Horeb-Barneveld football coach Bret St. Arnauld (above) leads his team onto the field at Watertown last Friday. At right, Drew Preimesberger (6) celebrates with his teammates after recovering a fumble and returning it for a touchdown. Photos courtesy of Holly Stoenner

FOOTBALL

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Goslings answered back with two quick touchdown passes from quarterback Reece Kamrath and took a 14-8 lead early in the second quarter.

Preimesberger countered with a 3-yard TD run, and the two-point run by Owens gave MH-B a 16-14 lead. Kamrath answered with his third TD pass of the game, but Owens ripped off a 24-yard touchdown run shortly before halftime and added his third two-point conversion as the Vikings took a 24-21 lead to the break.

"We knew they were going to put up a lot of points," Benji Kamrath said of the Vikings. "They've been explosive against the other six teams that they have played. There were times when we had opportunities to get off the field and the quarterback was able to create with his feet a couple times.

"They were going for two consistently, which put us behind. That was tough. They've got an outstanding quarterback, their running back was really good and they were big up front. That's a tough recipe to try to handle. We gave it everything we had. It just wasn't enough."

The Goslings certainly made the Vikings sweat, though.

Helgeson had a 27-yard TD run early in the third quarter to give the Vikings a 30-21 lead. Then after a Watertown touchdown, MH-B ripped off 22 unanswered points to take control of the game.

First, Helgeson hit Gavin Rick with a 1-yard TD pass late in the third quarter to make it 36-27. Owens followed with a 2-yard TD run and ran in the two point conversion. Then Preimesberger returned a fumble 27 yards for a score, and Helgeson's two-point run made it 52-27 with just 6 minutes left.

"Our offense can take over games and we know that," St. Arnauld said. "Our line is so powerful so our run game is always really strong, and our pass game is obviously lethal with the weapons we have.

"We didn't do much differently on offense, just kept being who we are. Our offense is electric, and I think every opponent we play knows that. They know they're going to have to put up points to stick in the game."

Still, St. Arnauld knows his team will have to be better Friday when they travel to Stoughton (4-3, 3-2) at 7 p.m. — and in the upcoming weeks to keep their dream season rolling.

"We just have to remember our day one stuff," St. Arnauld said. "It is simple eyes and feet. If our eyes and feet are good, we will be able to make plays. If our eyes and feet are bad like they were on Friday, that is what can and will happen in most cases.

"We need more from our seniors, especially our senior defensive players. Someone has to take the reins and lead the defensive side of the ball. More particularly someone who is wearing a helmet, not a headset."

Sept. 29
MH-B 60, Watertown 41
MH-B …..... 8 16 12 24 — 60
Watertown ..... 7 14 6 14 — 41

First Quarter

MHB — Kasey Helgeson, 2, run (Trenton Owens run) 6:47

W — Landon Fendt, 2, pass from Reece Kamrath (Davis Cashin kick) 4:06

Second Quarter

W — Zach Scher, 10, pass from Kamrath (Cashin kick) 11:14

MHB — Owen Preimesberger, 3, run (Owens run) 7:27

W — Scher, 17, pass from Kamrath (Cashin kick) 4:07

MHB — O. Preimesberger, 24, run (Owens run) 2:45

Third Quarter

MHB — Helgeson, 27, run (run failed) 10:19

W — Cal Smith, 6, run (kick blocked) 7:45

MHB — Gavin Rick, 2, pass from Helgeson (pass failed) 2:28

Fourth Quarter

MHB — Owens, 2, run (Owens run) 6:18

MHB — Drew Preimesberger, 28, fumble return (Helgeson run) 6:05

W — Owen Sjoberg, 3, run (Cashin kick) 3:44

MHB — Owens, 11, pass from Helgeson (Owens run) 2:43

W — Cameron Kranz, 8, pass from Kamrath (Cashin kick) 0:52

Team Statistics

First Downs: MHB 21, Wat 21. Total Offense: MHB 413, Wat 457. Rushing: MHB 247, Wat 135. Passing: MHB 166, Wat 322. Fumbles-Lost: MHB 0-0, Wat 1-1. Penalties: MHB 7-45, Wat 5-28

Individual Statistics

Rushing: MHB, Helgeson 18-138, Owens 20-98; W, Sjoberg 21-94. Passing: (comp-att-int) MHB, Helgeson 12-13-0 WAT, Kamrath 19-30-0 Receiving: MHB, Kiel 4-82, W, Scher 10-185

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