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Government

Village board eyes grant money for housing development

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The village board approved participation in a grant for low income housing. They also decided not to hold a vote on an ordinance disallowing certain behaviors against election officials, employees and elected representatives. However they did approve a resolution expressing support for election officials. They also recognized "Climate Champion" businesses.

Low-income housing grant

The village board approved a contribution of five acres of the Lukken Farm property towards low income housing through a federal grant for Dane county. This contribution will secure a matching contribution towards infrastructure if the grant goes through. If the grant is not awarded, the

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Meaningful things: ObertAlvin Coffee House

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

"We live within a blaze of transience both inevitable and complete," wrote poet Jane Hirshfield. But as we each wander with temporary legs on temporary roads, we sometimes get to stop and seek respite. We warm our chilled bones by blazing hearths, rest our weary legs at tables open to all, fill our bellies, sip hot coffee and find conversation, community and even comfort in these places and the people who inhabit them. A café is more than a place to make money or serve food; it is a haven where travelers can refuel on journeys long and short. This is one of those places.

Christopher Berge has done many things and gone many places. Cabo Polonio, Uruguay; Tronslo, Norway; Tiger Leaping Gorge, Huan,

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Christopher Berge has created a one-of-a-kind coffee house in the Village of Blue Mounds. Photo by Matt Geiger.

Viking Homecoming Court



This year's Mount Horeb Homecoming Court includes: Ruby Dahlk and Zach Maguire, Eliza Zweifel and Tyrus Hastings, Jayse Holman and Chris Kiel, Hallie Klein and Owen Aeschlimann, Ellie Larson and Cy Lawry, Morgan Monroe and Andrew Lien, Siobhan Mertz and Athena Ourandnik, Laurel Helland and Ben Werger, Olivia Parks and Owen Preimisberger, and Jaylee Karls and Owen Krimmer. See a full page of color images from Friday's Homecoming Parade on page 10. Photo contributed.

Special concert featuring Corey Hart



Corey Mathew Hart

The local Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressive is delighted to announce an afternoon of local artistry featuring Corey Mathew Hart. Besides having a very successful musical career, Corey Operates Hart Guitars in downtown Mount Horeb. This event will be held Sunday, October 13, at 2 PM. This special event will take place at the historic District #1 Schoolhouse, located at 110 N Second Street in downtown Mount Horeb.

From the time Corey Mathew Hart started singing at a young age, his voice has amazed audiences. "The human voice is such a wonderfully complex instrument. So often, words can fail to portray the whole meaning or idea you are trying to get across, but in song you can convey more emotion and add more depth and dimension to the written word," says Hart. And he does just that with a voice and songs that earned Hart two MAMAs (Madison Area Music Association awards) in 2011, one for best male vocalist and the other for best Folk/Americana album. Most recently, Corey won the Overture Rising Stars competition in 2014 and has been selected as a finalist in the 2015 NewSong songwriting competition. In recent years, Hart has performed as a member of The Mascot Theory, as well as other Madison area musicians. His current band, Lost Lakes, is turning heads both locally and nationally.

His latest single "Heaven Help Me" was released in November of 2022. — The Isthmus declares; "Corey Mathew Hart is one of the Midwest's most gifted songwriters."

For further information on this event, contact swwap@mhtc.net.



From left to right: Skyler Gunderson, Funeral Director at Gunderson Camacho Funeral & Cremation Care; Tate Phillip, Assistant General Manager at Cave of the Mounds: Rachel Belida, founder of Daily Harvest Designs; Village President, Ryan Czyzewski and Tim White Chair of Sustainability and Natural Resource Committee.

'Climate Champions' honored by Mount Horeb Village Board

The Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change created their Climate Champions program in 2020. The aim was to recognize the leaders and innovators in climate action across the county. The program aims to recognize leaders, because leadership is contagious. To date Dane County has recognized more than 180 entities as Dane County Climate Champions and a growing number of those innovative leaders are right here in the Mount Horeb area. This year three local businesses were cited as Climate Champions.

Cave of the Mounds achieved Climate Champion status for their reduced energy usage; the facility installed a solar array last year, greatly reducing their energy usage.

Daily Harvest Designs achieved Climate Champion Status forged through promotion of no till practices, vegetative cover, nitrogen use efficiency, and stormwater management.

Gunderson Funeral & Cremation Care achieved Climate Champion status for its Mount Horeb facility, which features solar and uses about half as much electricity as a comparable building.

As was the case in 2023, when the Village of Mount Horeb recognized Climate Champions Community Children's School, The Mount Horeb Community Garden and Home Energy Consulting LLC, an official Congratulatory Proclamation was issued ON OCTOBER 3rd.

The Proclamation reads:

WHEREAS, the Mt. Horeb Village Board has embraced a vision which addresses the following.

- Improve health and wellness of all residents.
- Increase our ability to adapt and be resilient to a changing climate.
- Bridge the rural and urban divide, creating solutions that work for everyone in the county.
- Enhance our natural environments, delivering ecosystem benefits.

WHEREAS, three 2024 Dane Climate Champions were designated in the Village of Mount Horeb, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Village of Mount Horeb officially congratulates the following 2024 Dane County Climate Champions for their actions to provide a sustainable community for future generations of villagers, Daily Harvest Designs, and Gunderson Funeral and Cremation Care. We also congratulate nearby Cave of the Mounds which also achieved Climate Champion Status.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, the Village of Mount Horeb encourages other entities to strive to obtain Dane County Climate Champion recognition, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Village of Mount Horeb applauds not only the before mentioned Climate Champions, but also individual efforts, great and small, to lower the community's carbon footprint.





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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mount Horeb gets $75,000 energy grant

The Village of Mount Horeb last week announce that it has been awarded a grant of $75,000 from The Wisconsin Public Service Commission Office of Energy Innovation to develop a comprehensive energy plan. This funding will used to hire a consultant, Slipstream, to evaluate the village's current energy use and come up with a plan for increased energy efficiency and reduce the village's energy cost.

The project will gather energy use benchmarks, audit the energy use at a minimum of three village buildings, provide recommendations on solar panels and evaluate the village vehicle fleet providing EV alternatives. Energy use benchmarks will also be gathered for residential and commercial consumption to provide baselines for our utility customers. "We are incredibly grateful for the support from Wisconsin Public Service Commission," said Tim White, Village Trustee and Chair of the Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee. "This grant will enable us to develop achievable energy goals that will save taxpayer dollars as well as valuable natural resources."

The Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee will take the lead on the project with Slipstream and learning more about energy uses.

Updates on childcare, developments and school referendum

By Aynsley Hoelscher
Mount Horeb Mail

The Board of Education, the Village Board and the chamber of commerce held a joint meeting to discuss community issues. Chamber president and CEO Rachel LaCasse-Ford presented some issues the chamber has worked on. "For a long time, we've been trying to think other ways that the chamber can be a leader in the community and help solve problems."

Childcare

LaCasse-Ford said there are not enough childcare options in the community, which has affected businesses' ability to attract new hires.

"It is a national crisis, not just something we're facing," LaCasse-Ford said.

LaCasse-Ford explained that the childcare industry doesn't fit into a traditional supply and demand model. When there's a shortage of childcare services they can only increase prices to a point before customers are priced out and leave the workforce to stay home with their children.

The large barriers to entry also make starting a new childcare service difficult. They also aren't always taken as seriously as other small businesses, she said.

"To become regulated they have to take classes, they have an LLC," LaCasse-Ford said, "we need to rethink how we think about childcare providers as being small business owners."

LaCasse-Ford said the chamber has held info sessions for an in-home provider incubator grant, although no one has taken advantage of the grant yet.

There are some ways the chamber plans to help encourage more childcare options in the area. One involves asking employers to survey employees for childcare issue information, then using that data to share options for problem solving. Another is arranging a meeting for all village childcare providers to talk about the issue.

"Having a network like that would make it more attractive to someone thinking about entering this field, knowing they wouldn't just be going at it totally alone," LaCasse-Ford said.

Village trustee Cathy Scott pointed out that according to calls made to childcare centers, there's currently a 15 percent availability for children. LaCasse-Ford said not all centers offer the same programs.

"Just creating more slots won't necessarily fill [employees'] needs," LaCasse-Ford said.

One such need is timing. Sometimes centers are not open early enough and employees must take their children to work with them for the first few hours. The openings are also age specific and may not be available to infants.

Workforce development

The chamber conducted a workforce development survey to collect data on business health and assess needs. They provide the results to members to inform their decisions.

The chamber is also changing the way dues are collected from members

"The tiered dues model is something that the chamber industry is just moving to across the board," she said.

Previously, membership dues were based on the number of employees in the organization. Each tier is priced based on what the organization can afford and what they want out of the chamber.

Economic development and housing

Village administrator Nic Owen presented some of the village's current and future projects.

Owen said there were some projects that were considered but didn't end up happening, like the downtown gathering space. Other projects are planned for the future, like Lukken Farm, with a closing in December.

20 acres of the Lukken Farm property is planned for park land, the other 115 will be developed for housing.

"One of our priorities was identifying an area for park space," Owen said, "and we'll be looking at our comprehensive outdoor recreation plan as well as the overall plan for the village."

Owen said there's a lack of sport and play places in the village that the Lukken Farm land could fill.

A rewrite of the zoning code is also underway. Owen said some of the code is from the 1960s and new codes would allow reduced setbacks, smaller lots, new

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

Salerno begins series of outreach columns about upcoming referendum

Dear Vikings,

At the community's urging, the Board of Education developed a comprehensive capital improvement plan in 2016. Since then, the District has been "working" on that plan. This has included the development of a Facilities Steering Committee (comprised of parents and interested citizens) and multiple community surveys.

Based on your feedback, the Board of Education has taken incremental steps to responsibly chart a course for our District's future brick-and-mortar needs. This is evidenced in multiple community surveys, the convening of a facilities steering committee, and several community feedback sessions.



In this fall's general election, community members will be asked to consider the next phase of our District's long-range capital improvement plan – an addition to the historic Primary Center. This project continues/strengthens our reinvestment in a beloved community landmark that has been fully retrofitted to provide a 21st-century learning environment for our youngest students. The building currently serves first- and second-graders; the addition would allow kindergartners to join them in this efficient, modernized facility.

Voters will consider a $34 million referendum (equating to a projected increase of $0.68 per $1,000 of equalized property value) that solves some of the District's most pressing facility needs, such as:

-Inadequate educational and support spaces

-Aging building systems and infrastructure

-Safety and accessibility

Over the next three weeks, I will provide you, the readers of the *Mount Horeb Mail*, with details about each of these three solutions. If you would like to learn even more, there are several opportunities to do so:

1. Consider coming to one of our presentations, during your local municipality's monthly meeting. Please check out our "tour shirt" which lists the dates and times of each event. If your organization would like me to visit, I am happy to make the time.
2. Let me buy you a Cup of Joe at Sjölinds Chocolate House (downtown) on October 21, from 9-10 a.m. I would welcome hearing your questions and thoughts.
3. Attend a 45-minute open house at the Primary Center Library on Tuesday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m. or Saturday, October 26, at 9:00 a.m. Each of these events will conclude with a tour for interested participants.
4. Take a moment to review our referendum website. Please click the link in the red banner atop our website, www.mounthorebschools.org. There you will find podcasts, videos, proposed timelines, and many other helpful items to inform your decision.
5. Of course, you can always call me. I may be reached at 608-437-7010. I welcome hearing from you.

Mount Horeb Area School District has several advantages that mitigate the impact on our taxpayers:

-Our bond rating remains very favorable, due to the Board of Education's careful financial stewardship. Like a credit score, our positive bond rating permits the District to obtain favorable interest rates.

-In addition, the District plans to implement a "design-bid-build" process, which enhances competition amongst construction companies vying for our business. In fact, this very process saved our community $5.5 million during the 2017 high school capital improvement campaign.

Thank you for taking the time to become informed. As importantly, thank you for voting on or before Tuesday, November 5.

Dr. Steve Salerno
Superintendent

Opposition to ATVs in Mount Horeb

We are thankful for Tim White's informative editorial article of August 29 voicing opposition to ATVs operating on streets within the village of Mount Horeb limits.

Mount Horeb has multiple characteristics that make our community a vibrant and special place to call home. We are "relatively" new to Mount Horeb purchasing a home in 1997 in the "Old Village." These homes were built in the early 20th century and typically designed with a front porch. We can often be found here watching our community go by; visit with some folks, read a book or paper, play with our grandson, have coffee or cocktails, sometimes light a fire, and generally enjoy the peace and quiet.

We DO NOT want to see, smell or hear ATV/UTV on the streets of the entire village of Mount Horeb.

We are against allowing people age 12 and upwards operating a loud, 600 pound vehicle with top speeds of 60 miles per hour, within our village limits.

We are against allowing people who do not have a drivers license (hence no formal driver training) and/or do not have liability and property damage insurance to drive within our village limits.

We consider ATV/UTV operation on Mount Horeb village streets unsafe and pose a series of public safety issues.

Please keep Mount Horeb village streets safe, our community at peace and our lives sane.

We proudly support our Front Porch club.

Gregory Standal and
Vicki France

Mount Horeb

Teachers union urges 'yes' vote

Please join us in supporting the MHASD by voting YES for schools. The school referendum will provide a much-needed replacement for the aging Early Learning Center. The current building is operating with its original 56-year-old boiler system. It is the most expensive building to heat, per square foot. It was built before air conditioning was common in schools. On high-humidity days, condensation builds up inside, making the hallways and the gym floors slick with moisture. There are not enough bathrooms; both teachers and students are often waiting to use the limited spaces.

A new building attached to the PC would offer our teachers and children many pluses. A new building would be much safer. Building administration as well as Reading Specialists, Librarians, PE and Art teachers would all be in one building instead of moving regularly between two. Children would have access to a real cafeteria, instead of eating in the gym. Our youngest Vikings are having their first school experience in an aging building that is showing signs of wear and tear. Let's give them the school experience that they deserve. Please vote yes for schools on Nov. 5!

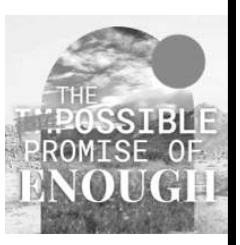
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Hi Point Steakhouse holds Ribbon Cutting for Renovated Grand Ballroom and Expanded Kitchen

Ridgeway, WI – The Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Grand Ballroom at Hi Point Steakhouse, marking "a significant expansion for one of Southern Wisconsin's premier supper clubs. This development enhances Hi Point Steakhouse's capacity to meet the growing demand for elegant event spaces."

Nestled on a scenic hilltop with stunning views of the Driftless Area, the Grand Ballroom provides "a unique venue for a variety of events, including weddings, bridal showers, engagement parties, receptions, rehearsal dinners, business functions, and holiday gatherings. The space accommodates up to 200 guests and private amenities with unforgettable sunset views adding to its charm."

Hi Point Steakhouse offers comprehensive event services, including experienced event planners, full catering, custom desserts, and bartending services. The newly expanded kitchen includes an award-winning pastry department, led by Cosmas Skaife, who creates from-scratch desserts such as multi-tiered wedding cakes, giant cinnamon rolls, and other decadent treats.



Just over a year ago, Hi Point Steakhouse was damaged by a fire. Now, the restaurant is back and better than ever with multiple improvements. Hi Point Steakhouse is located at 6900 Co. Rd. HHH, Ridgeway WI and is open Tuesday – Sunday.

Hi Point Steakhouse welcomes guests to experience the newly renovated Grand Ballroom for their next special occasion. Whether planning a wedding, corporate event, or intimate gathering, Hi Point Steakhouse provides a unique venue and exceptional service.

More information about the Grand Ballroom and desserts can be found on their website, or give them a call at 608-924-2819.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Mt. Horeb seniors shopping trip to Dodgeville, leave 9:30am, RSVP 608-444-7930

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

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, food closet/clothes closet 6:00-7:30pm. 102 E. Lincoln St.

Mt Horeb FFA Steak Feed, High School commons, 5:00pm

Mt. Horeb Area Historical Society's annual membership meeting, 6:30pm, at 100 S. Second Street, Mt. Horeb

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Food closet and clothes closet, 9:00-10:30am and 3:00-4:30pm,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Food and Clothes closet open 10:00-11:30am, 102 Lincoln St.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Dr. Brian Steffin, Orthopedic & Spine Centers of WI, to discuss current non-surgical & surgical strategies for managing hip and knee osteoarthritis. 1:00pm, Senior Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Badger Hearing 1:00-3:00pm, hearing aid cleaning, ear inspections, discuss hearing needs, no appointment needed. Tracy - info at 608-285-2772

Tai Chi, 1:00pm, Senior Center

Ageless Grace, chair exercises, 2:00pm, Senior Center

Mt. Horeb Area School District referendum presentation at Town of Springdale meeting, 7:00pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Fink's Cafe, serving senior meals, 11:00am-1:00pm. Reservation not needed. Suggested donation per meal is $5.

Euchre, Senior Center, 12:30pm

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

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

Waltons deliver supplies to hurricane victims





The Walton family, of Mount Horeb, headed to Asheville, North Carolina Monday, hand-delivering supplies to people whose lives have been devastated by Hurricane Helene. "A close friend of mine, Todd Lacezinski, is an American Family agent in Valparaiso, Indiana and had a 'calling' on Tuesday [of last week] and Facebook messaged me because he knew we moved [daughter] Brooke [Walton] down there over Labor Day," said Peter Walton, who runs the Mount Horeb American Family Insurance. Lacezinski and seven others headed there to help unload the 26 Foot U-Haul and 5x9 open trailer at the Nazarene Church in Asheville. "Brooke is driving her Rav4 and Jesse, Brooke's Boyfriend, is driving my pickup and will head straight to their neighborhood on Tuesday in West Ashville to deliver the necessities," Peter explained Monday as they set out. I am leaving the U-Haul and trailer there because they need it and will be driving back Wednesday-Thursday in my Truck." Photos contributed.

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Obituaries

Daniel Alvin Richardson



March 5, 1954 - September 27, 2024

Daniel Alvin Richardson (aka 'Old Boar', 'Dan the Can Man', 'Tin Can Dan', 'Grumpy' or 'Shur-Fine Freddie' depending upon who you asked) passed on September 27, 2024 at Agrace Hospice in Fitchburg, WI. Prior to that, Dan resided for eleven months at The Legacy at Noel Manor in Verona, where he was welcomed into their memory care community, with the added support of Superiorespite. We are unable to properly articulate our gratitude to everyone's dedication to making Dan's stay as comfortable as possible over the past year.

The 'Old Boar', Dan's preferred nickname, was born March 5, 1954 to Joe & Erma (Handel) Richardson. He was the youngest of four. Brother John, sister Marilyn and bother-in-law Larry Baumgartner have passed on. Sister Kathleen and brother-in-law Steven Smith reside in Spokane, WA.

Dan graduated from Verona High School where his involvement in the FFA led to years of his continued support for the organization. Dan had just participated in his 50th class reunion in 2023, as well. Many of his friendships started in elementary school and were cultivated for over 60 years. Once someone melted his grumpy exterior and took the time to understand the loyal and kindhearted man underneath, they were a friend for life.

Dan drove school/event buses for many years. His physical presence, strength (from farming and pulling rope: Tug of War), sometimes scary disposition and excellent sense of direction made him incredibly efficient at his job. Herman's Landscaping provided another opportunity where Dan's driving skills and big burly physique came in handy. Being an early riser also kept him busy with snow removal in the winter months. His gentle nature shown in the spring of 2009 after the recession of 2008. One coworker, with a young family, was not called back to work as there were not enough jobs to go around. Dan swiftly retired so that they could have a chance to support their family.

Once Dan retired, it became possible to dedicate his time to the pursuits he loved. Being a lifetime outdoorsman, Dan enjoyed his time at the Deer Creek Sports & Conservation Club and The Oasis Game Farm. He also enjoyed hunting, sporting clays/trap shooting and fishing in Northern Ontario. Dan enjoyed helping whenever he could, including assisting neighbors with snow shoveling, lending an extra hand to his farming friends and his favorite hobby, collecting aluminum cans. Dan the Can Man spent hours & hours collecting aluminum cans from a variety of locations around Mt Vernon and, a little-known fact, then donated the recycling proceeds to the Mt Vernon 4th of July fireworks fund.

'Shur-Fine Freddie', named after his tendency for buying the store brand at Miller & Sons Supermarket, and his incredible resemblance to his grandfather Fred. Dan always enjoyed stocking up on the latest sale items, where he could be found on most Wednesday mornings, since it was also senior discount day! Once he was done shopping, he would deliver some of the sale priced treats to friends & family. On other days, Dan would be seen driving his truck or scooter around Dane County, hoping to find a hidden gem of a lunch spot, getting caught up with his favorite bartenders or just stopping to shoot the breeze with friends. But mostly he just enjoyed the view of the countryside, which kept him grumpy (his happy state) and fulfilled.

While there isn't enough space here to thoroughly appreciate Dan's life or acknowledge everyone who made a difference over the years, please join us for a celebration of life on November 3rd from noon until 3:00 P.M. at the Deer Creek Sports & Conservation Club just outside of Mt Vernon (8475 Miller Rd, Verona, WI 53593). We will be honored to have you as we enjoy food, drinks and a whole lotta of your favorite Old Boar stories. Drink chips will also be available for anyone wishing to continue the celebration later at the Mt Vernon Tap, while watching the Packers play at 3:25 P.M.

Memorials will be donated equally between the Deer Creek Sports & Conservation Club and the Mt Vernon 4th of July fireworks. Until we see each other, in the words of the Old Boar, "oink, oink, oink", which is how he answered our phone calls every time. He will be thoroughly missed!

To view and sign this guestbook, please visit: www.ryanfuneralservice.com.

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Sandra K. Ellarson



September 30, 1952 – September 15, 2024

MOUNT HOREB - Sandra K. (Smith) Ellarson, aged 71, entered into eternal rest, joining her beloved husband, Scott Ellarson, on Sept. 15, 2024, in Melbourne, Fla., with her sisters, Leanna and Pamela, by her side.

Sandy was born on Sept. 30, 1952, in Belvidere, Ill., to Gerald C. Smith and Beatrice (Smith) Hemmingsen. Sandy graduated from Belvidere High School in 1971 and graduated cum laude with an Associate of Business from Orlando College in 1985. Sandy enjoyed many years living in Florida with her extended family and moved to Madison, Wis., in the mid '90s where she met and married the love of her life, Scott. Sandy was employed as an Accountant and later Executive Legal Assistant for Country Kitchen for 21 years.

Sandy and Scott were avid outdoor enthusiasts enjoying hunting, fishing, caring for animals, and gardening. They especially loved spending time on the Ellarson family farm in Barneveld, Wis., and at their cabin on the Flambeau River. Sandy was a member of the Madison area Master Gardeners Association, the Madison Herb Society and the University of Wisconsin's Master Gardener volunteer program. She was a talented and creative photographer of nature and was published in the Leopold Outlook, a publication of the Aldo Leopold Foundation dedicated to conservation, land stewardship and safeguarding our natural community. She was also an active member of the Springdale Lutheran Church in Mount Horeb, Wis.

Sandy was known for her beautiful smile, sense of humor, kindness, generosity, and was a loyal friend to many. She loved animals and raised ducks, geese, chickens, goats and enjoyed crafting and genealogy as hobbies. In her last years, she especially cherished her two faithful companions, her dogs, Bailey and Ginger.

Sandy is survived by her sisters, Leanna Smith Farrell and Pamela J. Smith; brother-in-law, Bruce Ellarson (Chris); stepsons, Tory, Riley and Brady Ellarson; many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Scott Ellarson; brother, Jeffrey M. Smith; and brother-in-law, John E. Farrell.

A gathering will be held at SPRINGDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2752 Town Hall Road, Mount Horeb, at 10:30 a.m., with a service at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Bernadette M. Edseth



September 19, 1971 – September 27, 2024

MOUNT HOREB- Bernadette M. Edseth, a dynamic soul known for her dry sarcasm, love of fast cars and wonderfully outlandish fashion, and spirited heart, passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness at the UW Hospital, on September 27, 2024. Born on September 19, 1971, in Madison, Wisconsin, Bernadette's life was a testament to her continuous efforts to make things better for her family, those by blood and by choice.

Bernadette attended Mount Horeb High School, where she laid the foundation for her future endeavors. After graduation, she embarked on a career that would see her become an influential member of her hometown community. Bernadette was the proud owner and operator of BME Rentals LLC, and MBE Rentals LLC where she was not just a landlord but a friend to her tenants. She took great pride in providing affordable housing opportunities for people to live in this community who may otherwise have been forced to the fringes. She was also dedicated to her work in the pharmaceutical industry, where she was respected for her work ethic, in-depth knowledge of the industry, and honest assessment of any issue.

Family was the cornerstone of Bernadette's life. She is survived by her loving daughter, Abygael Edseth; her wonderful son, Jacob Jarmel; her friend and co-parenting partner, Michael Birkeland, and his daughters, Gretta and Harper Birkeland; her brothers, Chris (Shelly) Edseth Sr. and Terry (Corky) Edseth; and her sister, Dawnne Edseth. Additionally, Bernadette's vibrant personality and attitude will live on through her many cousins, nieces, and nephews who will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents, Verlyn, who gave her the joy of kick-ass vehicles, and June, who instilled in her the values of kindness and generosity that she carried throughout her life.

Bernadette's determination in life was evident in everything she did. She was fierce, in business, fashion, and mothering, a sassy and confident woman, and a force multiplier in the world. Bernadette helped many with her honest and insightful advice and unwavering support for a friend in need. She always had a helping hand for those who wanted to help themselves. Her role as a mother was her greatest joy, and she gave all of herself to the care of her children. Bernadette's love extended to her feline companions. Preceded in death: Harvard, Fifi (Fiona), Tunes (Petunia), Tooster (Chewy). Still being cats: Edward (The Big Guy) and Debra (Stanks!). They were a source of great comfort and companionship for Bernadette.

An amazing cook, Bernadette delighted in preparing meals that brought people together. For many years, she hosted holiday dinners and did them lovingly. Her hobbies included crafting, sewing, and assembling puzzles, each reflecting her meticulous and creative spirit. She found peace in the great outdoors, whether it was camping with Mike and the kids or taking "Back Roads, Music Blasting" Sunday drives in her bright orange Dodge Challenger SRT8, manual 6-speed with 425 horses under the hood (aka, the Sunday Car). Retail therapy was another of Bernadette's favorite pastimes, a time for her to unwind and indulge in the lighter side of life. She could always find the best deal on the most amazing outfit for herself and others, and then she'd get another 10% off.

Bernadette's quick jokes and witty humor were one of her best attributes. She had the unique ability to find humor in the mundane and she certainly made people laugh at just the right time. Her presence was a gift to all who knew her, and her absence will be felt deeply.

A celebration of life for Bernadette as well as her parents, Verlyn and June, will be held at Gunderson Camacho Mount Horeb Funeral and Cremation Care, 500 N. Eighth Street, Mount Horeb at a date in the near future. Details will be shared when finalized.

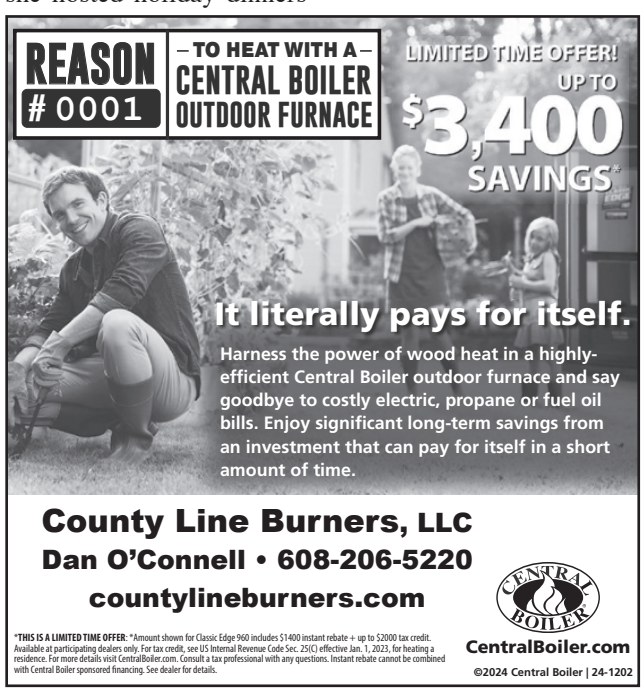
Please think of an outfit for that day that Bernadette would be proud of… The brighter and wilder the pattern, the better.

Memorials may be made to Bernadette's children for a fund to be established. Your cards may be sent directly to the family or c/o Gunderson Camacho Funeral and Cremation Care, P.O Box 18, Mount Horeb, WI, 53572.

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

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The ObertAlvin Coffee House is located at 2969 Main Street in the Blue Mounds Opera House. They offer coffee, beer, wine, sandwiches, salads, and an array of baked goods Visit www.bluemoundsoperahouse.com to find out more. Photos by Matt Geiger.

COFFEE

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China; Cluj Napoca, Romania; Jerusalem, Israel, Siem Reip, Cambodia; and Okavango Delta, Botswana, just to name a few. He is a seasoned traveler, and with the ObertAlvin Coffee House at 2969 Main Street in the Village of Blue Mounds, he set out to "build the kind of place I wanted to find while I was on the road." It opened in July of this year.

"A place where people talk about meaningful things," he says. It is, he adds, a space where people and ideas can gather and grow.

Berge purchased the building on December 8 of 2023. He started painting the next day and the café today is a space transformed.

While he took a "circuitous route" to this Blue Mounds café, Berge is no Quixotic dreamer. He is one of the more experienced restaurateurs in the Madison area. He played a key role in the success of many of the region's most beloved and successful eateries, including Magnus, Blue Marlin, Weary Traveler, Barriques and plenty others. Before he got to work restoring and re-envisioning the old Opera House in Blue Mounds – a place of old bones where Houdini likely once performed – he already had 32 years of experience in the business. The building itself was first constructed during a unique period - the Gilded Age in the United States, the Belle Époque in France, and the Victorian era in England. Today, it is a meticulously curated hodgepodge of books, art and architecture, offering everything from copies of Karl Ove Knausgaard's "My Struggle" hexology, to delicious open-faced ham, herring or fresh vegetable sandwiches and homemade cakes, all along with hot coffee.

"Owning things or a place is a trite assessment of the world," he says while looking around at the countless design choices that make up the new business. "But owning ideas or art, well…"

"I'm just leaning into something authentic," he adds.

He likes to (partially) jest about his latest foray into the restaurant world by quoting Mark Twain: "There is nothing to be learned from the second kick of a mule." After all, the COVID pandemic dealt a horrid blow to many in the industry. But while he is quick to say he's acutely aware of his own cosmological insignificance, and happy to talk about doom, war, climate, fascism, and every order of human catastrophe past, present and – inevitably, future - he seems incapable of maintaining any real nihilism for more than a passing moment. He always ends up smiling, or making his customers smile as he chats with them.

"Looking into the abyss is a very teachable thing," he muses.

As regulars return and newcomers discover the Obert Alvin Coffee House each day, Berge greets each of them, and soon they are chatting with him and each other. Coffee flows. Books come and go off the formidable "take one, leave one" library he built on the wall. Faulkner, McCarthy, Marquez, Joyce and more.

"People need decent food, good coffee, a place you can chill out with things about the place you are, stuff to read," he says.

Wandering through the building, from the concert hall upstairs to the multiple dining areas below and the winding decks and stairs outside, visitors encounter everything from Iggy Pop to Ben Franklin, from a genuine Kazakh wall hanging to a photo of Berge's grandfather or the Liberty Bell. They might hear the great southern gothic author William Gay quoted in the other room – "the windows lacquered with autumn fire" – or musings on the decadence of the Romanov monarchy contrasted with brutality of the Bolshevik revolution. The lives of Hittites, geography in Argentina, or the Tang Dynasty. Melting glaciers in Greenland or skateboarders in Wisconsin. Strange and wonderful juxtapositions abound.

"I love putting old into new and new into old, chaos into order and order into chaos," observes Berge. "This is the opposite of CAD (Computer-aided Design). I like tactile things. I like wood. You won't find marble here, nothing cold, this is warm, saturated with color. And I like things that have meaning."

"Design has to be playful," he continues. "Otherwise, it's not a good public space."

The vibe at Obert Alvin Coffee House owes credit to "A Pattern Language" by Christopher Alexander, a book that argues people should design for themselves their own houses, streets and communities, based on the idea that individual people are usually best at creating their own beauty and meaning, dreaming up places that blaze, emanating warmth both transient and complete.

Berge has traveled the world, but his roots are here, and he is here now, too. Just look at the back of his T-Shirt, which proclaims "Blue Mounds: Center of the World." So, it is for every traveler who passes through the door to grab a cup of coffee, a sandwich, or things a bit more ethereal.

"At one point I kind of tabulated all the things I didn't do in my life," he explains. "I didn't have a family. I didn't own a car. I didn't see 'Must-See TV.' But I did spend much of my life building restaurants to bring people to me and bring them together. I did this so I could travel without moving."

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2962 Church St.,Blue Mounds
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GLEANINGS

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Oct. 10, 1884

The coronet band played a few selections at the rally Tuesday evening.

Oh! Just come in and gaze at the monstrous squash raised by Silas Numan. It weighs 150 pounds.

Rev. J. F. Cowling will preach at the church in old town next Sunday. Meeting to commence at 10:30 a.m.

H. Dahle is replenishing his stock of ice in the refrigerator at this point. The summer has made havoc with the stock at hand.

John Lee and Erik Domholdt are rusticating in Trempeleau

Chris Brager's new house south of the Academy, looms up and looks well, with the heavy timber for a background it presents a nice appearance from our office window.

The contractor and his men are working on the St. Ignatius church at this place. The frame has been pushed until the edifice is completed.

The pews in the Lutheran church were filled last Sunday evening with people from far and near who had come to hear Rev. Gunderson's farewell sermon. Rev. Gunderson has resigned from the Lutheran church in Mt. Horeb village.

C.O. Ruste lost 29 sheep by dogs or wolves, presumably.

120 Years Ago- Oct. 6, 1904

On Friday and Saturday,

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GLEANINGS

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Oct. 7 and 8, will be our first showing of trimmed hats, and the ladies of Mount Horeb and vicinity are cordially invited to attend same. E. Halferdahl & Co.

Arne Haaden passed away in death at his home in Perry Saturday morning, Oct. 2, at 2 o'clock, at the age of 64 years services at Hauges church last Sunday in the afternoon, when a mission fest was held, and three clergymen were present, besides a large concourse of friends.

During the absence of Marshall Thompson the honor falls upon F.W. Kessler to carry the star, as well as the keys to the lock-up. You may now "take off your hat" for Mr. Kessler.

The streets of Mount Horeb are well lighted. At nearly every place where streets cross or intersect is now located a 32 candle-power electric lamp, 29 lights in all. It's a credit to a town to have streets well lighted.

Dr. Evans is this week in St. Louis attending the International Tuberculosis Congress in session at the World's Fair. Many eminent doctors from all parts of he globe are present to discuss means for the prevention and cure of consumption.

110 Years Ago- Oct. 8, 1914

Andrew Berge and family have moved to Mount Horeb and are occupying the Thosten Thompson property opposite the hospital. Berge sold his property near Blue Mounds.

A carload of potatoes will be here on track soon. Price will be 75 cents per bushel.

Alena Mabel Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thosten Thompson and Peter Lukken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Lukken were married in the East Blue Mounds Lutheran Church on Oct. 8 by the Rev. S. Gunderson.

100 Years Ago- Oct.14, 1924

Even as David invaded the camp of the Philistines and slew their giant, so the small but valorous Mt. Horeb football team invaded the capital of the state and slew the ambitions of one of its proudest high schools. So large a proportion of the town inhabitants witnessed the battle that an account of the details is superfluous.

While on the way to school last Wednesday Bert Hanson son of Mrs. Rose Hanson, of this place, fell and ran a sliver into the pupil of his eye. When the doctor was consulted as to the seriousness of the affair, it was found that it would be difficult to save the eye. The lad was immediately taken to the General Hospital, Madison and Dr. Briggs removed the eye. It is not certain as of yet if the boy will lose his sight or not.

Tonight and Wednesday nights of this week Mt. Horeb movie fans will have a real treat on "The Darling of New York" with Baby Peggy, who is conceded to be the most talented child actress in the world playing the leading role.

A committee of the Library Association appeared before the Board in the interests of having the library taken over by the Village. This matter was voted on by ballot and resulted as follows: 6 notes, yes; none, no.

The well which is being drilled for the village just west of the power plant at Blanchardville has proved to be an artesian well and has been the subject of much talk in the village. We believe that every man in town has visited the spot on an average of at least once a day all week.

Myrtle Baxter is now employed at the office of Dr. Sporleder as office girl.

Mr. Iver Hains of Adams has been visiting in this neighborhood getting information about family relationships of people in this vicinity who came from Valders, Norway. This information will be used in a book which will be published in Norway.

The purpose of the Athletic Association of the Mount Horeb Public Schools is to organize athletics as to better serve the school. Athletics tends to unite the student body into single unit. This promotes good school spirit. There is great joy to be derived from being an active member in a good live organization.This year the dues are practically nothing since a person automatically became a member by purchasing a ticket to the Mineral Point football game.

90 Years Ago- Oct. 11, 1934

The 100-foot rock, between Mount Horeb and Mt. Vernon on State Highway 92, is now a public park, a gift of the late John S. Donald to the citizens of the community.

At the "Boost the Library" tag day Saturday, $35.25 was donated for books to the local library.

80 Years Ago- Oct. 12, 1944

Mrs. Mabel Price returned to her duties at the State School for Girls at Oregon after a two-week visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jacobson.

Circuit Judge Alvin C. Fies has approved a final payment of $18,563 to depositors in the Mt. Horeb Bank, which has been undergoing liquidation since 1933. The last payment brought the amount received by depositors to 78.63% of their holdings.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Midthun received a telegram from the War Department stating that their son, Sgt. Maynard Midthun, was wounded in action in Germany Sept. 14.

70 Years Ago- Oct. 7, 1954

Bids for the 20x24 foot building in Boeck's Park were opened at the Village Board meeting Monday night. The following bids were received: Blue Mounds Methodist Church $350, Ray Bakken $310 and Corella Comisky $75. The Blue Mounds Methodist Church bid was accepted.

Mrs. John Durtschi is a patient at Madison General Hospital, where she underwent surgery Monday.

Second Lieutenant John C. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Birrenkott, reported for military duty at Fort Monmouth, N.J. on Sept. 29.

60 Years Ago- Oct. 8, 1964

Charred and battered ruins are all that remain of the Black Earth Supermarket after an early morning fire wrecked the building on the village's Main Street Monday.

The wedding of Miss Janet Austin and G. William Overton was held at St. Mary's rectory, Platteville, Monday, Sept. 7. A reception was held at the Ivy Room at Olson's Restaurant.

30 Years Ago- Oct. 13, 1994

A small, single-engine airplane crashed in a field on the Louis Roedel farm on Highway 78 south of Mount Horeb Monday. The pilot and passenger, both from Racine, were not injured. Heather Ostrander, 17, remained in critical condition Monday after she was struck and dragged by a truck Friday while walking home from the Mount Horeb High School Homecoming parade.

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Sunny scenes from Friday's Homecoming Parade



















The 2024 homecoming took place Friday, October 4 at 2:45 p.m., fifteen minutes after the pep rally at the high school. The route started on Academy Street in front of the PC, took a left onto Fourth Street for a block, then taking a right onto Garfield Street where it headed to the High School. Photos by Matt Geiger.

LOCAL EVENTS

It Happened Here: Author of Black Hawk War Guide Presents October 20th Finale of Sunday Speaker Series

On Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m., Cave of the Mounds Natural National Landmark (2975 Cave of the Mounds Road, Blue Mounds) will host local author Ben Strand. Strand will share research and local stories associated with his recent book, "A Black Hawk War Guide: Landmarks, Battlefields, Museums & Firsthand Accounts" –including discussion of nearby sites and historical characters familiar to southwestern Wisconsin. A book signing will follow.

Strand's compendium was a dozen years in the making and meaningfully shaped by relationships forged with Sac and Fox communities in Oklahoma, Kansas and Iowa. In it, he provides local insights and tips for accessing information and locations associated



Ben Strand

with the 1832 Black Hawk War—while sketching a big-picture view of this wide-ranging historical tragedy. The guide follows the conflict from the Quad Cities on the Illinois/Iowa border, through the "Trembling Lands" along the Kettle Morraine and into the Lead Region and Driftless area of southern Wisconsin.

Ben Strand grew up in southwestern Wisconsin, where he has fond memories of serving as a bus boy at Dodgeville dining staple Thym's Supper Club, and holds degrees from the University of Wisconsin and Vermont's Goddard College.

Previously scheduled co-presenter Sac and Fox Cultural Ambassador and Historian Juaquin Hamilton will not be able to join this October 20th event, due to unforeseen circumstances. He hopes to visit Wisconsin in 2025.

"A Black Hawk War Guide" is the final installment of the Cave of the Mounds-Mount Horeb Area Historical Society's 3-part 2024 Sunday Speaker Series. This educational event is free and family-friendly, with some intense historical themes. Reservations are not required. For more information, call 608-437-6486 or email *mthorebahs@gmail.com*.

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residential classifications and a variety of housing developments.

Owen said there are three apartments waiting for construction, 15 acres of annexed land for housing and all totaling about 100 potential housing units.

School safety

Superintendent Steve Salerno presented some ways the school district has been taking action since the May 1 incident.

On May 1 a student with a pellet gun that resembled a real firearm attempted to breach the middle school. According to law enforcement he did not comply and pointed the weapon at officers. He was shot by law enforcement and died at the scene.

"I don't want people to see us trying to run a referendum because of what happened on May first," Salerno said, "but there are things that we can always be doing regardless of the May first incident to enhance school safety for our young people."

Salerno said some safety enhancements were informed by the state's report, such as increased ballistic windows and vehicle blocking bollards.

"That would represent a small portion of the overall ask," Salerno said.

Referendum question

Salerno presented the district's referendum question at the joint meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VILLAGE

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village keeps the land to sell to developers.

The county is applying for the Community Development Block Grant Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing. They applied previously but missed funding by only a few points.

Housing Access and Affordability (HAA) Human Services manager Joanna Cervantes presented the grant and explained what it could mean for Mount Horeb.

"It's meant to support communities who are actively taking steps to remove barriers to housing here in Dane County," Cervantes said.

The county previously missed funding due to a lack of leveraged funds. Leveraged funds are dollars put forward by a grant applicant from a source other than the grant. Land can also be leveraged. HAA is asking the village to use the sale of part of Lukken Farm in the leverage.

This plan would involve a sale of land via a Request for Proposal at a discounted price. The winning proposal would require the buyer to develop the land into affordable housing.

The definition of low income for housing purposes is a single person with an income less than $68,500 or a four-person household with an income of $97,800.

"39 percent of your population right now would qualify for our programs," Cervantes said.

Sun Prairie and Fitchburg have made cash contributions that will be half matched if funding is secured, a land contribution would be a full match.

Cervantes said that although they have the required leverage from Sun Prairie and Fitchburg for the application, it would be similar to what Milwaukee leveraged when they won the grant previously.

"I think the unique opportunity is I'm able to earmark dollars specific to the village," Cervantes said, "whereas if we wait until we get awarded funding now you're competing against other municipalities for that funding."

Economic development consultant Kristin Fish-Peterson explained that if the village presented a letter promising five acres to be developed into affordable housing, if the grant was awarded the village would receive one-to-one matching funds to the value of the land to use on infrastructure.

"So, we're asking you to approve to commit to dedicate land, giving land to a developer for affordable housing," Fish-Peterson said.

Election official protections

The board did not hold a vote to add an ordinance forbidding "disorderly conduct or abusive behavior" against election officials, village employees and elected representatives.

There were significant arguments against the ordinance from trustees Ben Jones and Cathy Scott, each taking issue with the broadness of the language and its redundancy with standing criminal law and common sense.

"Of course people shouldn't be rude or boisterous to village elected officials or village employees," Jones said, "But I think that's the case with all aspects of life and we should be careful about singling (employees, election officials and elected representatives) out."

Village trustee Tim White said that with the hyper-partisanship across the country today, he would support this ordinance.

"I'm happy that the ordinance would perhaps lower the temperature so I would be behind this," White said.

Scott said she didn't think an ordinance against something that's common sense was needed, and that someone who wants to be rude won't check for an ordinance to see if they can beforehand.

"I mean that's just common sense, I don't think we need an ordinance for that and I don't think a person who's thinking about being rude … they're not going to be reading the ordinances before they act," Scott said.

The board did not hold a vote for the ordinance, but may revisit the issue before the spring election.

Election official support

The board approved a resolution showing support to election officials. It states that the board "strongly opposes any future attempts to seize power over elections from municipal clerks to grant it to any partisan entity." And "we support our friends and neighbors who serve as election inspectors and local election officials, including our Village Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Village staff."

Climate Champions

Daily Harvest Designs and Gunderson Funeral Home are the village businesses recognized as Climate Champions by Dane county. Nearby Cave of the Mounds was also recognized.





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MOUNT HOREB/BARNEVELD 61, LAKESIDE LUTHERAN 14

MH-B closes in on conference title

Vikings rout Lakeside, improve to 7-0

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

It would have been easy for Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team to relax last Friday.

The undefeated Vikings welcomed Badger Small Conference cellar dweller Lakeside Lutheran to town. MH-B seemed to have an advantage on the Warriors — who moved from the Capitol Conference this season — in virtually every category.

But chilling out or lightening up isn't the Viking Way.

Far from it.

Instead, MH-B was focused, determined and motivated from the start and routed the visiting Warriors, 61-14. The Vikings improved to 7-0 overall, remained in sole possession of first place in the Badger Small at 5-0, and can clinch at least a share of their fourth straight conference title with a win at Madison Edgewood Friday at 7 p.m. The Warriors fell to 1-6, 0-5.



Battering ram!

Mount Horeb/Barneveld fullback Jack Wilson had three carries — and three touchdowns — in the Vikings' 61-14 win over Lakeside Lutheran lst Friday. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

"You can never take for granted any game that you play in," MH-B coach Bret Sr. Arnauld said. "Turnovers, egos, and overall lack of respect for the game can all be factors for when teams get upset or perform poorly against an opponent they should play well against. That's just not who we are."

No it's not. And that's why the Vikings are in the midst of arguably the most dominant stretch in school history.

MH-B has now won 23 straight conference games since dropping a 14-13 decision to Baraboo on Sept. 18, 2021. The Vikings are 18-1 since the start of the 2023 campaign and 35-5 since the beginning of the 2021 season.

Yes, MH-B has had terrific outfits the last four seasons. But a huge reason for the Vikings' success is St. Arnauld's ability to keep his team fully engaged on weeks when it would be easy to flip on the cruise control.

"The kids knew they had a job to do and they knew that their foot wasn't coming off the gas until either the clocks hit zero, or we earned a running clock," St. Annauld said. "The ability for us to score early, and score often was a great tone setter for us."

And MH-B most certainly did that.

The Vikings raced to a 22-0 lead after the first quarter, pushed that advantage to 54-7 in the third quarter and had a running clock the final 18 minutes of the game.

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Next stop: sectionals

Three Mount Horeb girls golfers advance through regionals

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

What more could they do?

That's how Mount Horeb girls golf coach Nolan Krentz and his Vikings felt after competing at the WIAA Division 1 Fort Atkinson Regional on Oct. 2.

Mount Horeb shot a season-low 379, which was also the second-lowest score in program history. Despite their stellar day, though, the Vikings narrowly missed out on a trip to sectionals as a team.

Verona won the eight-team regional held at Koshkonong Mounds Country Club with a 354, while Oregon was second at 366. Fort Atkinson (374), Monona Grove (377) and Mount Horeb (379) rounded out the top five at the eight-team regional.

Unfortunately for the Vikings, only the top four teams advance to sectionals.

"If you had told me we were going to shoot our best score of the season — and second-best score ever in program history — I would have said we were probably moving on to sectionals," Krentz said. "Unfortunately, we came up a bit short, but I could not be any prouder of our performance as a team."

The good news for Mount Horeb is it advanced three individuals to the Oregon Sectional, which was held Tuesday at Edelweiss Coun-

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Mount Horeb golfers Emma Olsen (left) and Ella Baber (above) both advanced to sectionals last week. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Cam Goodwin and Mount Horeb's boys soccer team snapped a five-game losing streak on Oct. 3. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Soccer Vikings snap losing skid

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

The streak is over.

Mount Horeb's boys soccer team snapped a five-game losing streak on Oct. 3 with a 1-0 win over Dodgeville.

The Vikings also dropped a 2-0 decision to Madison Edgewood on Oct. 1 last week.

Mount Horeb is now 5-7 overall and 3-2 in the Badger Small Conference.

"Overall, I like the direction the team is heading," Vikings coach Rick Gage said. "We are starting to play with more confidence in each other and trusting each other more. We are starting to get healthy as I am hopeful that we will have our full team back to playing this upcoming week."

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

• **Madison Edgewood 2, Mount Horeb 0 —** The Crusaders scored goals in the 20th and 79th minutes and held off a Vikings' team that played awfully well throughout.

"We knew that this was going to be a challenging game coming in," Gage said. "Edgewood is a well-coached team that is tough to score on, but also has some good goal scorers that can challenge your defense. We were still nursing a few injuries and we were going to be without a couple players coming into this game so we changed our formation a bit to try to slow Edgewood down and for us to be able to hold onto the ball more.

"Overall, I thought this was one of the better games that we played so far this year. We moved the ball well and were patient with trying to find the open player. I thought we did a good job of challenging Edgewood on the ball and were able to keep decent pressure on the ball. I felt that our formation change and pressure on the ball did a good job of limiting Edgewood's chances to score."

Despite the loss, Gage saw far more positives than negatives, which had him encouraged moving forward.

"I was pleased with the way we played," he said. "I thought (keeper) Orion Lipska and the defense had an especially strong game as they were able to slow down and stop Edgewood's attack many times. We were still short a couple of players that were injured and we competed against a good team for 80 minutes. I think if we can continue to improve from the play in this game that we can be very competitive with every game remaining on our schedule."

• **Mount Horeb 1, Dodgeville 0 —** Mason Williams scored in the 45th minute on an assist from Brady Rockow, giving the Vikings a big win.

"This game was an important game to get a win in," Gage said. "We felt that we were the better team and knew that we needed to get a winning result after a string of tough games.

"We were still missing some players so we knew we would have to play well to win. I felt that we largely controlled the pace of this game. We were able to pass the ball well and controlled possession in the game."

Mount Horeb had the better of play in the first half, but neither team could break through.

"We were able to create a lot of scoring chances, however, our scoring chances either missed the target, were saved by the goalie or kept hitting the post," Gage said. "I thought we had a good first half of play, but just struggled to make the final play or pass to help us score. At half time we made some adjustments to move some different players into the attack. I felt that we needed to create more pressure on their goal to help us score a goal."

In the first minute of the second half, Preston Reed got behind the defense and nearly scored. Then five minutes later, Rockow sent a terrific long pass down the left side of the field to an open Williams.

Williams then got behind the defense and was able to slot home the lone goal of the game.

"I thought the team played well," Gage said. "We moved the ball well and controlled the flow of the game from start to finish. The couple of times that Dodgeville was able to get a good scoring chance either (keeper) Orion Lipska or the defense was able to stop them. This was a badly needed win after a string of tough games."

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb was at Baraboo Tuesday, then at No. 5 Evansville Thursday at 7 p.m.

"I am looking forward to seeing how we can compete this week," Gage said.

Girls cross country team 5th at Platteville

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team finished fifth at the Platteville Invite last Saturday.

Lancaster won the team title with 45 points, while Union Grove (93), Monroe (108), Sauk Prairie (118) and Mount Horeb (146) rounded out the top-five at the 23-team invite.

Willa Vigliotta had a tremendous race for the Vikings, placing third overall and finishing the 5,000-meter run in 19 minutes, 30.50 seconds.

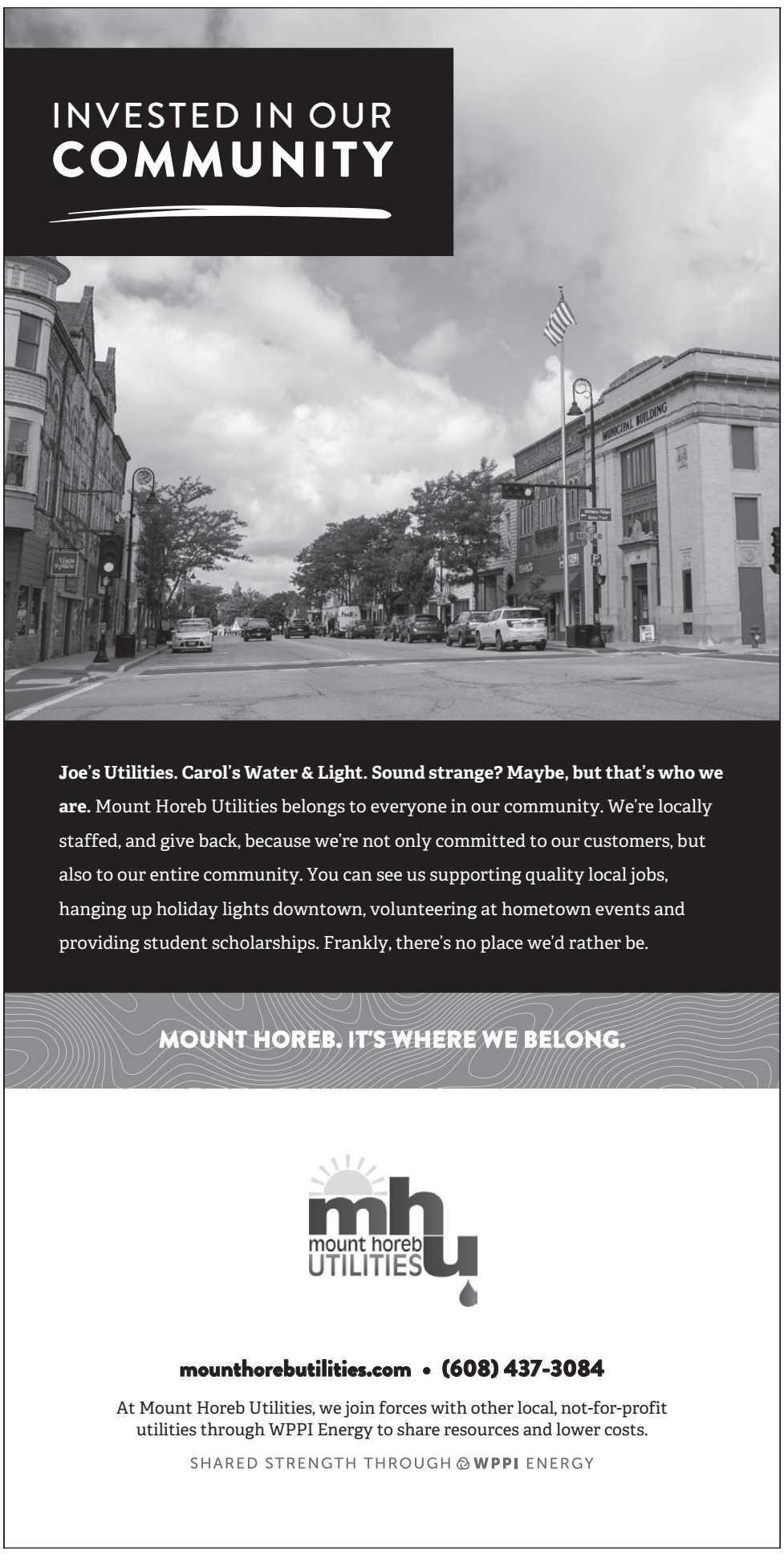
Mia Caygill was fifth (20:17.50), Ellie Larson was 24th (21:16.40), Emily Wittenwyler was 39th (21:44.10) and Kajsa Peterson was 79th (23:28.50).

Mount Horeb's boys finished 20th out of 26 teams.

McFarland won the team title with 46 points, while the Vikings finished with 467 points.

Nicholai Solodin-Braun was Mount Horeb's top finisher, placing 76th overall and finishing the 5,000-meter course in 19:08.60. Noah Gibbs was 82nd (19:17.70), Desmond Kelly was 86th (19:23.70), Blake Losenegger was 103rd (19:46.0) and Timothy Kruse was 125th (20:38.21).

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb will be at the 25-team Albany Invitational Satuirday at 9 a.m. at Baertschi Farm.



Spikers fall in conference showdown

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Editor

Senior outside hitter Jayce Holman provided a spark for the Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team with a kill to open a winner-take-all fifth set against Sauk Prairie in a Badger Small Conference dual on Oct. 1.

But after jumping out to a four-point lead, the Vikings hopes for taking the lead in the conference race came up short.

Sauk Prairie earned at least a tie for the Badger Small Conference dual match title with a thrilling 3-2 victory. The Eagles used a strong start and finish to prevail 25-14, 22-25, 25-21, 19-25, 15-9 and improve to 6-0 in league play.

Mount Horeb, which fell to 5-1 in the conference, battled right down to the final point to make Sauk Prairie earn the victory.

"The girls are putting themselves in position to take down some tough opponents," Mount Horeb coach Josh Smelzer said. "We just have to find a way to get those extra points."

After the teams traded the first four sets, Mount Horeb jumped to a 6-2 lead in the fifth set following three consecutive service aces from senior libero Kennedy Myers.

Sauk Prairie coach Allison Steinmetz said she was proud of how her team responded with their backs against the wall.

"It was a matter of when we get in a hole, who is going to step up on our team to help lead," she said. "Who is going to pull us out of a spot where we don't want to be?"

Junior Mallory Hartwig, who finished with a match-high 12 kills, promptly ended the run with a resounding kill to answer the call.

Hartwig later responded with back-to-back aces to pull Sauk Prairie even, 8-8.

Sauk Prairie never trailed again, finishing off Mount Horeb with a 7-1 closing run.

"We just relied on each other and stayed together as a team and picked ourselves up," said Eagles' senior Gracyn Meyer, who finished with seven kills and six blocks.

Smelzer said the Vikings had opportunities to pull out the victory.

"We're all a little sad," he said. "We had conference at our fingertips. We just couldn't quite get it done.

"But we have bigger goals and aspirations. I told them to let this be the chip on your shoulder. Let this be the reason to push harder in practice and try harder because we have growth."

Steinmetz, like her coaching counterpart, would have preferred a three-set sweep. But everyone in attendance certainly got their money's worth in a back-and-forth battle that lasted nearly 2 hours.

"As I'm watching the sets go by, I'm thinking, 'this is good volleyball.' This is what people come to see, two teams going head-to-head, and both want it so badly and have the skill level to play this level of volleyball," Steinmetz said. "This is fun. Both teams put an awesome effort in."

Mount Horeb, which scored first in four of the five sets held an early 5-3 lead in the first set.

Sauk Prairie came storming back, though, to grab an 11-7 lead on a service ace from junior Ella Logterman, that highlighted a 6-1 run and forced a Mount Horeb timeout.

The Eagles then extended their lead to 13-7 before Mount Horeb could break service.

Senior setter Greta Shadewald then recorded two service aces down the stretch as the Eagles pulled away for a 25-14 victory.

"It gave us a big boost and confidence for the end," senior Mara Helwig said. "We had a lot of energy."

Mount Horeb regrouped and stormed back to take the second set 25-22.

The Vikings snapped a 10-10 tie with a 4-0 surge sparked by three straight aces from Myers.



Kennedy Myers and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team were edged in five sets by Sauk Prairie on Oct. 1. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

"We're a strong serving team," Smelzer said. "Coach Paul Hogseth does a lot of game planning and strategizing for that and has done an amazing job this year. It's really been something we can lean on."

Although Sauk Prairie regained the lead, 19-17, Mount Horeb would not be denied.

Holman recorded a kill to start the Vikings' comeback, and they closed out the match on an 8-3 run.

"We just had the confidence, we know we can come back and win." said Holman, who led Mount Horeb with 12 kills "We've done it before. I'm sure we'll do it again. Just knowing we can do it, we made it work."

Mount Horeb quickly grabbed a 4-0 lead in the third set before junior Alaina Kraemer gave Sauk Prairie a 10-7 lead with an ace.

Junior defensive specialist Lizzy Mesenberg then recorded three of her match-high 10 aces to help the Vikings grab an 11-10 lead.

"When they get going, I'd hate to be on the receiving side," senior Morgan Monroe said of Mesenberg and Myers, who finished with seven aces. "They just get into a zone and are tough to receive."

However, Sauk Prairie quickly regrouped to pull in front 13-11 and never trailed the rest of the set, finishing off Mount Horeb, 25-21.

That loss only served to inspire the Vikings, who jumped out to an 8-4 lead in the fourth set.

"We knew it would be hard coming in," Holman said. "We just had to keep pushing."

While Sauk Prairie soared back to take a 17-15 lead when Logterman served an ace, Mount Horeb used a 10-2 closing run to even the match at two sets apiece.

"We just knew we had to have more energy than them," Holman said. "(Sauk Prairie) just kept bringing it. So, we had to bring it more."

Added Monroe: "We have learned to build on each other's energy and not get down on ourselves. We stay up and build off of each other."

Sauk Prairie outhit Mount Horeb .220-.043 and held a 69-48 edge in digs and 13-5 margin in blocks.

Mount Horeb finished with 19 aces to Sauk Prairie's 18.

Steinmetz said the Eagles serving efforts played a key role in the victory.

"We have a good serving team," she said. "We spend a lot of time working on our serving placement and knowing where our opponents are looking to serve. I expect good serves out of them all the time.

"I know they're going to make mistakes. But at this level, you've got to be able to serve to play on the court."

Smelzer said while the loss to the Eagles hurt, the Vikings still have many goals yet to accomplish.

"I told them at tryouts that I'm focused on regionals," he said. "From our first practice until regionals, I'm just focused on growing each game, each practice, each day.

"We're playing high quality opponents. We just have to find a way to finish those matches. We'll go back to the drawing board and pencil in a way to really get these things done."

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb closed out its conference dual season Tuesday against Baraboo. The Vikings will compete at the Badger Small Conference tournament at Portage on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m.

Mount Horeb closes out the regular season with a Badger Challenge matchup against visiting Monona Grove on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.

Oct. 1
Sauk Prairie 3, Mount Horeb 2
Sauk ……..... 25 22 25 19 15
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SAUK PRAIRIE (leaders) — Kills: Mallory Hartwig 13, Gracyn Meyer 7, Greta Shadewald 6. Assists: Greta Shadewald 23. Aces: Marisa Kruckman 4, Hartwig 3, Ella Logterman 3, Greta Shadewald 3. Digs: Hartwig 15, Leah Allen 12. Blocks: Meyer 6, Hartwig 4, Logterman 3.

MOUNT HOREB — Kills: Jayse Holman 12, Ella Kahl 8, Ruby Dahlk 7, Finley Moore 6. Assists: Lalia Rasmussen 25. Aces: Lizzy Mesenberg 10, Kennedy Myers 7. Digs: Myers 15, Rasmussen 10, Morgan Monroe 6, Maya Newman 5. Blocks: Moore 4, Rasmussen 2.

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FOOTBALL

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Quarterback Brooks Hendrickson continued his terrific junior season, completing 19-of-28 passes for 279 yards and two touchdowns. Hendrickson has now thrown 16 TDs and just two interceptions this year.

Senior wideout Chris Kiel, an all-state candidate, had 10 receptions for 125 yards and a touchdown. Kiel now has 48 receptions, nine receiving TDs and is averaging 12.9 yards per catch.

And junior fullback Jack Wilson — a 6-foot-2, 215-pound beast of a runner — cleaned up near the goal line. Wilson had just three carries, but turned each one into a short touchdown run — all coming in the first half.

"Jack provides that tough fullback style running. He's like our Kyle Juszczyk," St. Arnauld said, comparing Wilson to the San Francisco 49ers' standout fullback. "He's tough down there because he's big and strong and runs through tackles, and on top of that he has really good feet."

Wilson, who also plays linebacker, accounted for the first eight points of the game.

First, Wilson had a 1-yard touchdown run less than 2 minutes into the game to give MH-B a 6-0 lead. Then Wilson dumped a Lakeside ball carrier for a safety to make it 8-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Owen Preimesberger caught the ball at his own 30, faked a handoff to Kiel and got to the sidelines. Preimesberger broke two tackles, got a big block from Andy Jones, then used his blazing speed to outrun the remaining Warriors.

"With Owen's speed he is so dangerous," St. Arnauld said.

Wilson added a 4-yard touchdown run before the first quarter was over to make it 22-0. MH-B then got a 6-yard TD run from Wilson and a 41-yard field goal from senior Zach Maguire in the second quarter as its lead ballooned to 33-7.

The Vikings then started the second half strong to get the running clock rolling.

First, Hendrickson hit Kiel with a deep ball up the seam for a 37-yard TD to make it 39-7. The safety was late on the play, and Hendrickson delivered a strike.

"Brooks' ball to Chris was dropped right into a bucket, and Chris made a great catch," St. Arnauld said.

Just two minutes later, Hendrickson hit Preimesberger on a screen pass that erupted into a 54-yard TD. Wilson — who else? — plowed in for the two-point conversion to make it 47-7 and begin the running cloick.

"Our screen was setup beautifully," St. Arnauld said. "And then you had (offensive lineman) Matthew Mahoney running 25 yards downfield to pancake a guy to really spring O.P. That was awesome!"

Tyus Hastings added a 68-yard punt return for a score before the third quarter was over.

And in the fourth, sophomore quarterback Aiden Aeschlimann hit sophomore wideout Owen Schultz for a 35-yard TD.

Now, the Vikings can clinch at least a share of the conference title with a win at Edgewood Friday. And MH-B is just two wins away from capping off a second straight unbeaten regular season.

While that's all well and good, St. Arnauld and the Vikings want more,. Much more.

Which is why they never relaxed in their win over Lakeside.

"If I am being entirely honest, conference championships are amazing. They really are, and we will never take one for granted," St. Arnauld said. "However, we have high standards in our program, and we have a code. Every team starts the year off with state championship ambitions, and only eight (including 8-man) go home happy.

"We want to be one of the eight, but we're determined to go further than we've ever gone before. So a fourth consecutive conference championship is amazing, but we'd really like to give that trophy a companion, particularly one with the shape of Wisconsin as the backdrop with a gold football on the front."



On the move!

Mount Horeb/Barneveld's Tyrus Hastings had a 68 yard punt return for a touchdown in the Vikings' 61-14 win over Lakeside Lutheran last Friday. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

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MHB — Jack Wilson, 1, run (pass failed), 10:13, 1st

MHB — Safety, Jack Wilson, 1:42, 1st

MHB — Owen Preimesberger, 69, kick return (pass failed), 1:28, 1st

MHB — Wilson, 4, run (Zach Maguire run), 0:47, 1st

LL — Ben Krauklis, 26, run (Bryce Tasker kick), 4:57, 2nd

MHB — Wilson, 6, run (Maguire pass from Brooks Hendrickson), 1:07, 2nd

MHB — FG, Maguire, 41

MHB — Chris Kiel, 37, pass from Hendrickson (pass failed), 8:47, 3rd

MHB — Preimesberger, 54, pass from Hendrickson (Wilson run), 3:06, 3rd

MHB — Tyrus Hastings, 68, punt return (Maguire kick), 3:06, 3rd

LL — RJ Darden, 14, pass from Strohm (Tasker kick), 0:34, 3rd

MHB — Owen Schultz, 35, pass from Aiden Aeschlimann, 7:01, 4th

TEAM STATS

First downs — MHB 18, LL 7. Rushes-yards — MHB 20-77, LL N/A. Passing yards — MHB 347, LL N/A. Passing (comp-att-int) -- MHB 22-32-0, LL N/A. Total yards — MHB 424, LL N/A. Penalties-yards — MHB 10-136, LL 5-39. Fumbles-lost -- MHB 0-0, LL 1-1.

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Passing (comp-att-yards-td-int): MHB -- Brooks Hendrickson 19-28-279-2-0, Aiden Aeschlimann 3-4-68-1-0.

Rushing: MHB — Owen Preimesberger 9-44, Jack Wilson 3-11, Brooks Hendrickson 1-10, Evan Preimesberger 7-12.

Receiving: MHB — Chris Kiel 10-125, Owen Preimesberger 3-84, Owen Schultz 2-45, Tyrus Hastings 2-36, Cal Odgers 2-29, Cullen Olson 1-23, Colin Haag 1-7, Hayden Anderson 1-(-2).

TOWN OF VERMONT
CHIP SEALING AND PAVING BIDS

The Town of Vermont is requesting bids for 5.72 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 11. Bids will be opened at 7:00 pm on November 11 at the Town Hall and accepted bids will be awarded at the regular Board meeting on November 11, 2024.

Katie Zelle, Clerk

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
PUBLIC HEARING
October 23, 2024

The Plan Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application from Brunsell Brothers LTD for a zoning change from I-2 General Industrial to PD-General Plan Development for a warehouse building located in Mount Horeb, WI at 1204 E Lincoln Street further described as parcel 0606-124-1010-1.

The Village Board, by its Plan Commission, will hear all persons concerning all matters and/or objections written or oral at that time.

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(LRIP) PROJECT

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The Town of Vermont is soliciting bids for a Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP)for the inch and a half cold mix overlay and chip sealing the full 1.82 miles of Moe Road including intersections. The existing traveled paved roadway ranges from 18-20 feet in width.

For specific information on this request, please contact Town Patrolman Jack Schulenberg at (608)334-2740. Sealed bids are due no later than 7:00 pm Monday, Nov 11, 2024. At Vermont Town Hall, 4017 County Highway JJ, Black Earth Wisconsin. Bids will be opened at the town board meeting beginning at 7:00pm, November 11, 2024. The Town of Vermont reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids based on the best value to the Town, total price and other factors considered.

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try Club.

The top four individuals from non-qualifying teams move on and three Vikings made the cut. Senior Emma Olsen shot an 86 and was the top individual from a non-qualifying team, while junior Delaina Nicewander (93) and freshman Ella Baber (94) also moved on to sectionals.

"We are excited for three of our players to be moving on and know they will represent as well at Edelweiss Country Club," Krentz said.

The Vikings certainly represented well at regionals.

Mount Horeb shot a 191 on the front nine, which was good for fifth place at the turn.

Verona led the way with a 180, followed by Monona Grove (188), host Fort Atkinson (189), and regional favorite Oregon (190).

Olsen led the way with a 43 and Nicewander carded a 47. Olsen started her day with a birdie at the par-four, first hole and also parred No. 5, while Nicewander birdied the par-four eighth hole and parred No. 2.

Baber shot a 50 and senior Alexa Vesely added a 51 on the outward nine.

"We got off to a great start," Krentz said. "The front nine is the more difficult side at Koshkonong Mounds with narrow fairways and sloping greens, but I thought we navigated it quite well and were able to put ourselves in a good position as a team heading into the back nine."

Mount Horeb shot a 188 on the back nine, and while the Vikings challenged for the final team spot, couldn't pass any of the top-four.

"We didn't get off to the best start as a team on the back nine, but never gave up," Krentz said. "We were down by 10 or more strokes for much of our second nine, but continued to battle back and ended up being right there with a chance at the end. The momentum was definitely in our favor as we played our last few holes, but give both Fort Atkinson and Monona Grove a ton of credit for finishing strong on holes 17 and 18 and claiming the final two spots at sectionals."

Olsen matched her front nine score with a 43 on the back nine after parring holes (No.) 15-17 and notching a birdie at the par-five 18th hole. Olsen's round of 86 was also good enough for third place individually in the 41-player field.

"Emma was sensational down the stretch, playing her last four holes in one under par to beat her previous career-low 18-hole score by five strokes," Krentz said. "She has been playing really well the past few weeks and will be looking to continue her stellar play at sectionals next week."

Nicewander closed with a 46 and finished with a 93, which was good for 11th place overall. Nicewander made pars on No. 13, 14, and 16 holes on her back nine.

"Delaina had a solid round in qualifying for sectionals for the second consecutive year," Krentz said. "She had a terrific round at sectionals last year and hopefully that experience will pay dividends this year for her."

Baber improved to a 44 on the back nine, her second-best nine-hole score of the season. Baber birdied the par-four, 14th hole along with pars on holes No. 16 and 17 as she finished the day with a 94 and in a tie for 12th place.

"Postseason play can be nerve-racking for a lot of players, especially freshmen, but Ella was in control from start to finish and posted her best 18-hole score of the season," Krentz said. "Her performance was truly impressive and earning a berth at sectionals will be a great experience for her moving forward."

Vesely added a 55 on her second nine holes, finishing with in a tie for 28th with a score of 106.

"Alexa really came on strong the past two weeks," Krentz said. "She had played most of this season on our JV team, but worked her way into our varsity lineup and ended up posting a counting score for us at both conference and regionals which was a terrific accomplishment for her."



Mount Horeb's Delaina Nicewander shot a 93 at the Fort Atkinson Regional and advanced to the Oregon Sectional. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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