

Village to host open house to address downtown parking

Online survey is live now

The Village of Mount Horeb is hosting a public open house on the state of downtown parking on Monday, October 23 at the Senior Center (107 North Grove St.) from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Village leaders are also asking the public to weigh in on the issue through an online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHParkingTest. Village government will use the input they receive from citizens, in addition to ongoing data from analysis of



Scan the QR code above with your phone to take the village's online parking survey.

parking trends, to formulate a plan moving forward.

An important note on the cost of trash service

Our Oct. 5 “Talking Trash” article about Mount Horeb’s upcoming change of waste management pro-

viders included a detailed breakdown of the expected costs, based on the village board’s accepted bid, that many readers (justifiably) found confusing. In significantly clearer terms, village households will pay approximately \$15 monthly for weekly trash pickup and biweekly recycling removal next year. The amount will increase by three-and-a-half percent annually throughout the life of the contract, which will be five years with an option to extend it.

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, the current provider, to Pellitteri, which will take over at the start of 2024.



School board approves \$2 million in additional compensation for teachers

The Mount Horeb Area Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution Monday evening that will increase compensation for local teachers by an estimated \$2 million. This is the second time this year the board has authorized raises, with a stopgap 2022-23 con-

tract approved early in 2023.

Much of the new funding this time around stems from a voter-approved referendum that significantly bolstered the district’s coffers. However, the exact distribution of the new money amongst staff is still unclear, as the local teachers union

and the district were scheduled to hold a “meet and confer” session on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at which they hoped to decide exactly how to allocate \$1,079,000 of the \$2 million in new funding that was approved by the board on Monday of this week. The board has asked

the union to draw up multiple options for supplemental salary distribution to use as a starting point at the meeting.

The school board issued a statement following Monday’s vote praising teachers and announcing the raises.

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Tempest can’t dampen Homecoming spirit!



While torrential rains, high winds and the risk of lightning prompted the Mount Horeb Area School District to cancel Friday’s Homecoming parade, students and staff still had plenty of fun, both indoors and out (at the football game). Pictured above, coach Donna Skogen talks to the Spirit Squad at the high school’s pep rally. See more, including the full Homecoming Court, on page 9. Photo by Aubree Hanks.

Mr. Waltz goes to Washington

Waltz, who served in the Army in Alaska Territory, goes on Honor Flight

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

Well before dawn on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 7, Mount Horeb’s Peter Waltz embarked on a special journey. Along with an airplane full of other former members of the military, he went to see some of the nation’s most inspiring and haunting monuments. Waltz, who enlisted in the Army in 1957 and spent two years at a

base in the Alaska Territory before it was even a state, never saw combat, so he didn’t realize until recently that he was eligible to take part in the trip. When he did go, he was moved by what he saw.

“It was something I’ll never forget, that’s for sure,” he reflects, sitting in his law office in downtown Mount Horeb, the wall behind him lined with books, a bust of

Abraham Lincoln peering down from above.

Waltz has called the Troll Capital of the World home for the past 55 years, serving in local government and with civic groups as he ran his business and saw the community grow and change around him. But before he moved to Mount Horeb, Waltz was a child on a small farm just outside Boscobel, Wisconsin.

“We had 20 cows, a few pigs, a few chickens,” he says. “We were poor, but we didn’t know it, you know?”

In his youth, Waltz tried his hand at several jobs. He worked in an orchard, at a gas station, tending bar and on an assembly line. One of his jobs was in the Army.

“There was a draft at that time, and I was aware my number was coming up, so I

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Addams Family promises to be scary good fun



At left, Bryce Losenegger gets ready to work on the set. Above, getting things ready for “The Addams Family,” which will run November 9, 10, and 11 in the Mount Horeb High School auditorium.

The high school production of the musical *The Addams Family* is a month away, and the students in the pit orchestra, tech crew, and construction crew are all hard at work.

The student musicians in the pit orchestra are busy learning the music to accompany the singers and the tunes that fill in the gaps between scenes. Students

involved in the pit orchestra develop close connections with each other; they’re often separated from the cast in rehearsals, and are isolated in the musical pit.

The musicians are very proud of their role in bringing the production to life. “We put the ‘music’ in the musical,” says senior cellist Colby Schaller.

Student members of the tech crew run lighting and sound for the show, and assist in lighting and sound design. They’ve been working on installing new audio systems to run wireless microphones for the performers, and they’ve also been programming the lighting effects that give the show a professional look.

Students have also been engaged in building set pieces, acquiring props, and creating backgrounds for the show; at times, the backstage area resembles a

construction site!

In addition to all of this, students in the cast have been in full swing learning their lines, singing their songs, and memorizing choreography. They also develop a close camaraderie with their fellow cast members.

“The memories, friends, and splinters will live with me forever!” says senior Aby Edseth, who plays Alice Beineke in the show.

For many of the older students, being back in a familiar setting with their friends provides an opportunity to connect in both serious and playful ways.

“My favorite thing this year is I get to pick on Lucas Gonzalez (i.e. Gomez) all the time, but since it’s also my character it’s okay!”

says senior Hayley Strother, who plays Morticia Addams in the show.

Mount Horeb High School will present its production of *The Addams Family* on November 9, 10, and 11 in the high school auditorium. Show times are 7:30 p.m. each evening, with an addi-

tional matinee show on November 11 at 1:00 p.m. All seats are reserved and cost \$10.00 each.

Tickets are available now. You can purchase tickets online by visiting the Mt. Horeb High School Music webpage or scanning the QR code on the show post-

ers around town. If you have trouble ordering, please call Kellen Dorner at (608) 437-7239 for assistance.

Pit Orchestra members:
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Sydney Alcorn
Sydney Almquist
Laurel Aquino
Caleb Dorning
Cole Egnew
Norah Egnew
Aaron Fendrick
Ella Gauger
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Big turnout for Witches' Night Out

It was Witches' Night Out in downtown Mount Horeb Thursday, with droves of sorceresses filling the village. Pictured above left, at Bergey Jewelry, are Heather Northrop, Angie Werth, Patty Klarer and Ivy Klarer. Above right is Uma Klarer. Photos by Julie Bergey.

TEACHERS

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Union officials, however, have again expressed frustration with the fact that the school board opted to “impose” the new contract on teachers when the two sides were unable to come to an agreement. Teachers have voiced concerns throughout the negotiation process, saying they disagree with how the school district defines “base pay” in its calculations and contending that the current methodology favors new educators over those who have been in the district longer.

“Great teachers make great schools, which is why the board is significantly increasing the Mount Horeb Area School District’s investment in attracting and retaining high-performing teachers,” said the school board’s official statement Monday night. “To this end, the board has approved a \$2 million (or 15 percent) budgetary increase thanks to the community-funded 2022 operating referendum.”

The board said it looks forward to “collaborating with our faculty regarding the distribution of funds allocated for compensation”

at Wednesday’s meet and confer session.

“The resolution to impose a conclusion to 2023-2024’s contract negotiations now enables both parties to move to the action we both want to happen: rewarding our teachers’ dedication for high student achievement by making their compensation scale more competitive with comparable districts in our area,” the board continued. “The board would like to express appreciation for the passion and dedication that our faculty bring every day and thank all members of this year’s bargaining team.”

In its statement, the teachers union elaborated on prior statements about what they say is a flawed bargaining process.

“Under Wisconsin’s collective bargaining law for school district employees, an employer can impose their final offer when the parties reach [an] impasse,” said the Mount Horeb Education Association (MHEA) in a statement released Monday. “Mount Horeb teachers certified in the spring of 2022; this will be the second year in a row the MHASD Board has imposed without reaching an agreement with teachers. Hundreds of sup-

porters packed the October 2 School Board meeting encouraging board members to work with teachers to find a compromise. Unfortunately, it appears that is not going to happen.”

“At the heart of the dispute is the definition of the base wage, the wage on which bargained increases will be calculated,” the union statement continued. “MHEA believes the district should use actual teachers’ salaries when discussing the base wage. This is common practice in neighboring school districts. However, MHASD maintains the base wage increase will be calculated off the starting teachers’ salary.”

The district has stated that its legal counsel says the union’s preferred method of calculating base pay is not legal under Wisconsin statute.

“It is a matter of respect to bargain over my actual salary as the base; it would show that Mount Horeb School District values my voice and regards my union as an equal collaborator,” said MHEA negotiator and middle school teacher Stephanie Schlingen.

“The MHEA offered a compromise that we believe could have led to a settlement without the District giving up anything,” MHEA co-president and Spanish teacher Steve Austin said. “Teachers have tried to meet the district more than halfway on this issue. All we were seeking through our offer was the opportunity to

continue working on this issue in the next bargain.”

MHEA said Mount Horeb “is poised to become the only school district in Dane County to impose on their teachers two years in a row.”

“While the MHEA Bargaining Team is disappointed in the outcome of this bargain, the team is looking ahead to meet and confer, the process for discussing supplemental pay,” their statement continued. “The MHEA Team is committed to advocating for fair, competitive teacher compensation, and will continue striving to collaborate with the district to ensure that Mount Horeb’s educators are compensated fairly.”

“MHEA appreciates the district’s agreement to move into the meet and confer process, and we look forward to discussing supplemental pay,” the union said. “All teachers thank the community for the overwhelming support in last year’s referendum. We know the community values teachers and MHEA values this community. Ensuring MHASD

educators are compensated competitively is crucial to attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers and ensuring those teachers can afford to raise their own families in our school district.”

“MHEA understands the district has budgeted significant increases for teachers through supplemental pay. We acknowledge and value that; an increase through supplemental pay matters and we do not want anyone to lose sight of that,” the union’s statement concluded. “However, the base wage is about much more than a number. It’s about respect. Redefining the base wage costs the district nothing. MHEA is not asking for more money in redefining the base wage; we are simply asking for the district to acknowledge teachers’ actual salaries in the bargaining process.”

“I have been teaching in Mount Horeb for 27 years,” said MHEA co-president Melissa Olmsted. “I am lucky enough to have landed

my first job here. Calculating my base wage increase off the lowest paid teacher is hurtful. All staffs’ base wage increases should be based on their salary; a 27-year veteran’s experience should be acknowledged.”

The additional spending approved this week comes after the school board voted in early 2023 in favor of a 2022-23 contract under which full-time faculty members received a wage increase of \$1,959 plus a longevity increase for those that qualified. A typical longevity increase was approximately \$827 but was sometimes higher. The 2022-23 contract increased the average salary by about 4.75 percent, from \$58,700 to \$61,488 per year, not factoring in benefits.

Look for a detailed breakdown of how the new contract will impact employees following the meet and confer session(s).

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by Matt Geiger, Editor



Carrot Top...

If you haven’t seen Carrot Top recently, imagine two clowns had a baby that grew up and spent all its time drinking protein shakes, going to the gym and doing prop comedy. The person you are seeing in your mind’s eye right now is Carrot Top.

I saw him with my actual eyes recently, walking through the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

“That’s a weird-looking guy,” I thought as he hustled past my wife’s elbow. “Oh, wait a minute, that’s a *famous* weird-looking guy.”

Shortly after that, I read that he was on the American Airlines flight from Dallas-Fort Worth to Orlando where a woman lost an earbud and then had a nervous breakdown, loudly accusing someone on the flight of not being real. “I’m telling you, I’m getting the *\$^&#@ off and there’s a reason why ... But I am telling you right now, that !*&\$!@# back there is not real!” she yelled.

Of course, some good Samaritan had the generosity of spirit to record a video of

the woman, which immediately went viral, because all of social media at this point is simply a library of cell phone footage of people on the worst days of their lives. Imagine, an entire generation of people judged by the entire world based purely upon the worst thing they ever said or did, the worst day they ever had, the worst moment in a vast sea of moments of every shape and timbre.

“Was I on that flight?” I wondered at first. “Did I sleep through all that mayhem?”

But no, I remembered. I haven’t been to Florida since packing up and moving away from that strange place 20 years ago. But even before I read that the stark raving mad woman in the video was headed to Orlando, I had a pretty good hunch she was headed either to or from the Sunshine State. Florida is our nation’s top producer of insanity. I think it says so on the license plates there. It also attracts lunacy better than any other place in the country, because “I’m moving to Florida” is a very logical urge to have for anyone who is in the midst of a lengthy chain of bad decisions.

So, if you asked me about the flight that went viral, I would have only assumed

it was headed to Florida, importing a fresh batch of crazies, or headed out of the Sunshine State, exporting a ripe crop of them.

There are a million great jokes to be made about Florida. Unfortunately for me, however, Dave Barry already made all of them, primarily in a wonderful book he penned about the place he calls home.

“Fort Lauderdale is sometimes called The Venice of America by people who clearly have never been to Venice,” Barry wrote.

“In some other state, a person might say to himself, ‘I believe I shall pose as Superman by the side of the road!’ But in Florida, that person is also going to say, ‘But first, I shall remove my pants!’” he also remarked.

“To begin with, sponges are not plants,” he also observed. “They are multicelled animals, although they have no mouths, internal organs, brains or nervous systems. They cannot move, but they can reproduce, eat, grow and obtain Florida driver’s licenses.”

On the state’s laws, he pointed out: “Under Florida’s ‘stand your ground’ law, it is legal to shoot anybody for any reason as long as you are standing on the ground.”

But despite his teasing, Barry is proudly patriotic about his homeland.

“Call me a proud American, if you want, but I truly believe that no other nation on Earth possesses the capabilities to put on a more powerful display of underwater mermaid patriotism,”

he wrote.

He also muses deftly about the time a tractor-trailer carrying four sharks northward from the Florida Keys crashed on the highway, ejecting one of the sharks: “Fortunately, it didn’t hit anybody, but the fact remains that there was, briefly, an airborne shark on Interstate 95, and it could have hit a car, which would have been tragic, by which I mean pretty funny.”

Getting a tiny bit serious for a moment, Barry wrote: “On the one hand, the national consensus is that Florida is a stupid weird insane dysfunctional hell-hole that is also—I forgot to mention this earlier—a hurricane zone that is soon going to be largely submerged when global climate change causes the seas to rise to the point where vast herds of lobsters roam what is now Interstate 95. On the other hand, people keep coming here. And most of them—even the non-stupid ones—decide to stay here.”

I didn’t stay there, but I did live in Florida for the five-and-a-half years it took me to earn my bachelor’s degree, making me the fastest (and only) person ever to complete a degree not involving marine biology there. My achievement is even more impressive when you consider the fact that my degree was in philosophy, which – like some wayward tropical storm – has general failed to make landfall in Florida.

I don’t miss the tourists, all of whom were having a terrible time and all of

whom decided to take out their anger on the slightly drunk waiter and philosophy student at Fratelli’s Italian Restaurant in Saint Augustine. I also don’t miss the constant threat of being gored by a wild pig or attacked by one of those people who paint themselves silver each day and work as living “statues.” But as time goes by, I do look back with increasing fondness on my time in Florida, a place that is defined – even more than by stupidity – by its proximity to a vast amount of water. There is nothing on Earth quite like wading into an ocean and knowing the next landmark is another continent. The wonderful feeling of smallness that comes with slipping into the salty waves, feeling the land disappear under your feet, feeling the tide begin gently playing its game of tug-of-war with your body, and knowing how unimportant you, and all your worries, really are.

Wisconsin is my favorite place to live. We have our idiots, sure, but our harsh winters tend to kill or drive away all the really egregious whiners, which helps. And each summer, briefly, the ice melts and we all seek it out, that cool immersion in something so alien, with snapping turtles and pike and bluegills and beavers silently swirling around us under a blanket of water in the Midwestern Summer.

Just a few years ago, I placed my little girl on a blue step next to a stainless-steel handrail in a pool at a local hotel, crouched in three feet

of water, and called to her. This is how kids learn to swim: you move away, then call to them. They overcome their fear, leaping toward you, swimming for a few milliseconds, then landing safely in your arms.

This summer, that same little girl, now a bit bigger, stronger and older, a whole nine years old, said, “Dad, look at this!” ... then leapt off of a rock that loomed 10 feet above a lake. That same afternoon, she grabbed hold of a thirty-foot rope and swung far out over the water’s surface, racing out, and then up to the pinnacle of the rope’s cantenary, where she let go and plunged 20-feet downward, disappearing deep beneath the lake, where she existed in that brief moment with the bluegills and snapping turtles and beavers that call the lake home, then emerged back into our world, to climb dripping from the water and clamber up a muddy slope and swing out all over again.

We were at a little lake in the town we call home, a place where people catch panfish, play on the shore, drink beer on the rocks, and appreciate the water for a few months each year. We are very lucky here, because the lake is mucky and there is abundant plant life and algae, which keeps all the whiners and wimps away.

If you see someone swimming there, you know they are robust and unafraid to get a little dirty. Unafraid to have a little fun and immerse themselves in the slop and mystery of life.



Sustainability Notes



From The
Sustainability & Natural
Resources Committee



Empowering Mt. Horeb with SolSmart: Paving the Way for Solar Energy Adoption

By Tom Butusov
Special to the Mail

In an era marked by growing environmental concerns and the urgent need for sustainable energy solutions, the shift towards renewable energy sources has become a paramount objective for societies around the world.

Among the various renewable options, solar energy stands out as a beacon of promise, harnessing the power of the sun to generate clean electricity. However, the widespread adoption of solar energy has been slowed by challenges such as complex regulations, permitting bottlenecks, and limited awareness. Enter SolSmart, a groundbreaking initiative that is helping the Mt Horeb community embrace solar energy.

Launched by the U.S. Department of Energy, the SolSmart program has created a roadmap for local governments and munici-

palities aiming to accelerate the adoption of solar energy within their jurisdictions. The program aims to facilitate the transition to solar power by providing communities with invaluable resources, expert guidance, and recognition for their efforts to create solar-friendly environments.

One of the primary hurdles hindering solar adoption is the sometimes daunting and confusing permitting and zoning processes. These processes can be time-consuming, cumbersome, and laden with bureaucratic red tape. This has deterred individuals and businesses from pursuing solar projects. SolSmart offers comprehensive assistance to streamline these procedures to make permitting easier and cheaper.

The financial aspect is

another crucial factor in the solar equation. The upfront costs of installing solar panels can and has deterred many potential adopters, despite the long-term savings that solar energy offers. SolSmart has recognized this challenge and provides aid in developing innovative financing options, such as solar loan programs and incentives, which make the investment in solar energy more financially appealing. By encouraging financial accessibility, Mt Horeb can use SolSmart not only to catalyze the growth of solar installations but also empower a wider range of individuals and businesses to contribute to sustainable energy goals.

A goal of SolSmart program seeks to encourage awareness and education on solar technology in the com-

munity. The Sustainability and Natural Resource Committee has already offered public programming on the steep incentives for solar technology that the Inflation Reduction Act provides. The Committee looks forward to producing a Solar 101 programing, covering the basic information on how solar works and how it makes economic and ecologic sense. These and future programs will allow community residents to make informed decisions about integrating solar energy into their lives. This awareness also contributes to a larger societal shift towards cleaner energy sources and a more sustainable future.

SolSmart will help shine a spotlight on our Village through its designation and recognition program. Successfully implemented solar-

friendly practices, receive SolSmart designations. By showcasing their commitment to sustainable energy and encouraging others to follow suit, the recognition not only celebrates the accomplishments of SolSmart communities, but also creates healthy competition that drives the widespread adoption of solar-friendly policies. The Village is well on its way to its first designation as a Bronze SolSmart Community. In the future we predict higher designations as we work to make solar installations easier, cheaper and expanded in greater numbers.

The Village’s Sustainability Committee aims to make Mount Horeb known not only for our trolls and roundabouts, but for our abundance of Solar installations.

Gleanings

By **BARB JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- Oct. 19, 1893

The Misses Susie and Sandy Johnson intend to become versed in the art of hat-trimming. They will take instructions from the Halferdahl girls, at A. Hoff and Dahle Bros. store.

Hans Haakeness Jr., thought sure he had made his fortune by a hand turn the other day. Walking in the woods he caught sight of a fairly large bundle laying on the ground, which he was positive was a bunch of greenbacks, and in approaching nearer he saw something glittering in the sun, like a diamond. His feeling ran high and a thought struck him like a bolt of lightning: "I will sell my farm and move to town and live from the interest on my money," but oh! in examining it, the bundle was an old quilt and the diamond an empty pint bottle – the whole tragedy was nothing else than some relics after a tramp.

One of G.G. Mandt's little girls has the scarlet fever, and Mr. Mandt is patronizing Hotel Britton, meantime.

James McCamp, aged 80, and Bridget Ryan, aged 77, were married at Beloit, Saturday evening at a late hour.

The Rue-Barton wedding, at Ole Barton's place, was largely attended, and ev-

erything that could be done for special accommodation for the guests was accomplished. As to the couple about whom so many were assembled, we will say, they are well equipped to enter upon their highest stage of life. They started out on their wedding trip Monday, and of course, the terminal point was the World's Fair.

Three of our riders went to take part in the bicycle race at Mazo Oct. 11, and were surprised to learn on arriving that, although the race was filled, two of Mazomanie's riders tried to bulldoze our boys out of the race. When they found out that was an impossibility they left and would not even speak a civil word to our riders. Is that honorable sporting? We ask this of our esteemed contemporary, the Sickles. By the way, our boys took all there was in it.

120 Years Ago- Oct. 15, 1903

One hundred twenty-two thousand (122,000) pounds of cheese was shipped by Fred Luder last week to eastern and southern markets.

A great number of ladies from this village will wish they possessed the physical strength and health of Mrs. H. G. Kahl, who one day last week for a little exercise, took the corn cutter and put up 72 shocks of heavy corn, each eight hills square.

Thompson, Becker & Grefsrud's clover huller was

put to work last Monday, and is a "dandy." It shelled out ten bushels of seed for F. Kessler in two hours.

Host Britton went to Sun Prairie last Saturday, accompanied by Master Ralph, who went along to see how his dad was getting along with the corn binder.

Andrew Benson received word from his aged mother in the town of York, announcing her serious illness. She is over 84 years old and very feeble.

Lars Wekken is now comfortably located in his new and cozy home on the street which Mr. Boeck named in honor of his friend Lars, naming same Wekken street.

110 Years Ago- Oct. 17, 1913

Lena Syverud is now clerking at the post office, taking the place formerly held by Hattie Grinde.

Mr. and Mrs. John Vilberg are on a trip to Texas.

Willie Witte and family left Wednesday for Freeport, Ill., where they will make their home. Mr. Witte has a job as fireman on a passenger train between Freeport and Chicago.

Evan Swenson of Perry had the misfortune to upset his Ford touring car as he was coming to town Wednesday morning at an early hour bringing Rev. Harrisville of the Hauges church, Chicago to catch the morning passenger, and as they were nearing town they heard the train come and Mr. Swenson speeded his car to reach the train at the depot. The car struck some rough places in the road near A.K. Syverud's place and upset

pinning Mr. Swenson under the steering wheel, and the minister was thrown to the ground but was able to assist Mr. Swenson and get him liberated, and as the train came along the conductor halted and gave assistance, took the injured men along to the station. Dr. Evans treated the two and Mr. Swenson was able to go home and the minister continued his journey on the noon passenger.

90 Years Ago- Oct. 19, 1933

Last Monday while Nels Hustad was looking over the G.A.R. rooms in the State Capitol, he spied the picture of President McKinley, taken while he was in the Army. McKinley was an officer of the 15th Wisconsin and Nels was a member of that regiment. Nels remarked that many a time he threw McKinley at wrestling. The officer in the G.A.R. rooms checked up and found that Nels and McKinley were in the battles together.

About 100 business and professional men from this village are attending a hearing today before the Rate Commission in the State Capitol in Madison on the electric rates in this village and a committee composed of Otto B. Dahle, A.A. Babcock, Roy Beat, H.C. Gier, and William Myrland will represent the village.

The bricklayers are at work on the new cheese factory. J. B. Buechner is in charge of the work.

80 Years Ago- Oct. 24, 1943

353 persons were x-

rayed at the chest clinic last Wednesday, according to Mrs. Irma E. Williams, County Nurse.

2000 people witnessed the destruction by fire of the largest of 5 barns at the Dane County home at Verona Saturday night, with damages estimated at \$19,900.

Hans Edseth passed away at his home Oct. 13. He was born April 14, 1854, in Nannastad parish, Norway.

50 Years Ago- Oct. 25, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Post were honored by a retirement dinner held at the Coachman's Inn, near Stoughton, Saturday, Oct. 20. Mr. Post retired after 12 years a Postmaster here, with a total of 37 years of postal service.

Miss Patricia Cunneen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cunneen of Mount Horeb, has been named to receive the 1973-74 DAR Good Citizen Award at Mount Horeb High School.

40 Years Ago- Oct. 20, 1983

A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Milestone, Mount Horeb, on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Methodist Hospital, Madison.

Sparks from a grinding wheel reportedly ignited a fire gutting a farmhouse on Highway 78 between Blanchardville and Mount Horeb last Thursday. Only a shell of the Richard Sklar residence remained when fire crews from Blanchardville, New Glarus and

Mount Horeb had put out the flames.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bakken, Mount Horeb, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Oct. 29 with an open house at Springdale Lutheran Church.

30 Years Ago- Oct. 21, 1993

A new steeple was raised last week at the Church of the Risen Savior. Pastor Bob Lee, Daryl Bertolino, Rich Topalski and Larry Christensen were up on the roof making sure the steeple was permanently attached and straight.

Rusty D. Christianson, age 29, Mount Horeb, died unexpectedly on Saturday, Oct. 16, 1993, as a result of a farm accident.

Dan and Mary Eckstein, Verona, announce the birth of a son, Kevin Michael, on Friday, Oct. 15, at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison.

20 Years Ago- Oct. 16, 2003

Bob Murray, commander of Mount Horeb's Frank E. Malone American Legion Post 113, presided over his last meeting Thursday, passing the gavel on to Keith Bakken.

Clyde C. Richelieu, died peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003 at Ingleside Nursing Home, Mount Horeb.

After four long, difficult years of studying late into the night – while managing a farm and raising two teenagers, by herself – Jean Elmer has achieved her goal. She is now Dr. Jean Elmer, Equine Veterinarian.

Letter to the Editor

Response to "Teachers Union must be Reasonable" 10/12/2023 and "Deal or no Deal" article 10/07/2023

Using internet search engines to discover/research

on topics can yield misinformation and lead to misunderstandings. In this letter to the editor, the 190-day "comfortable work schedule" is due to NON-NEGOTIABLE state mandate, aka "contract days." The State

of Wisconsin, not educators, unions or school districts, sets the number of days educators are allowed to interact with students.

However, Professional educators MUST obtain, without compensation, continuing education and professional development outside of contract days. As well, they often complete tasks outside of contract days and times, and thus, remain excellent.

Direct discussions from

sources eliminate misinformation and misunderstandings. The MHASD ADMINISTRATION have already received a FULL 9% of current salary raise BEFORE completing the current negotiation. The current "offer" to educators increases the base salary of educators by 8%, thus providing only nine (9) MHASD educators a FULL 8% of salary raise. The remaining educators percentage increase will be much

smaller because the current offer increases only base salary, NOT a current salary like the administration and the nine (9) first-year teachers.

In a recent referendum, MHASD citizens voted to increase teacher salary in order to attract, hire, and retain the best teachers for our children and be competitive with the rest of the region.

MHASD members must receive additional compensation (base salary increase plus a yearly "bonus") to equal a full salary increase.

Please contact your school board members. Tell them to approve a yearly equality bonus to ALL MHASD professional educators.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health officials unveil illness dashboard

Public Health Madison & Dane County launched a new Dane County Respiratory Illness Dashboard. The agency designed the dashboard to help people track the latest trends in COVID-19, flu, RSV, and more during the winter respiratory season.

“Our COVID-19 dashboard has been immensely popular and we hope this new data dashboard gives people a broader view of what viruses are circulat-

ing,” said Janel Heinrich, director of Public Health. “You can use the homepage to get a quick idea of current trends or look at every page to get in-depth information.”

On the dashboard, you can find trends by age, lab testing results, air sampler results, school testing results, hospitalizations, and deaths.

“One of the lessons learned during the COVID pandemic is that there is a strong demand for this kind of dashboard in our community,” said Heinrich. “We hope that by making this information accessible, we are

helping provide people with the information they need to make decisions about their health.”

The dashboard contains data from many different sources, including collaborations with Dane County researchers who are tracking viruses through new technologies like air sampling machines.

“To our knowledge we are the first public health department in the world with a dashboard that incorporates this type of air sampling data,” said Dr. Dave O’Connor, professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at UW Medical Foundation.

“We are excited to see comprehensive information on the viruses that affect us all condensed into something meaningful and accessible for families, educators, health professionals, and communities,” added Dr. Jonathan Temte, medical director at Public Health Madison & Dane County and associate dean for public health and community engagement at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Public health collaborated with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene, the UW Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, and the UW Department of Pathology & Lab Medicine to create this dashboard.

“We want to thank all of our partners for supporting

the work of this dashboard and contributing their data and expertise,” said Heinrich.

For more information, check out the dashboard at publichealthmdc.com/data.

Officials urge public to get vaccines

Public Health Madison & Dane County is encouraging everyone to get up to date on flu, RSV, and COVID vaccines ahead of the upcoming respiratory season.

your insurance does not cover vaccinations, Public Health is able to provide no cost vaccines for children and adults at its clinics through the Bridge Access Program and the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Other providers, including some pharmacies, may also provide no cost vaccines

consider bringing a nonperishable food item. Takeout will be available. Springdale is located at 2752 Town Hall Rd., Mount Horeb.

Gun sight-in event for hunters

The Dane County Sheriff’s Office will host the annual Hunter Sight-In event at the Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center starting Friday, November 10th and running through November 18th. Please note, this is a slightly shorter schedule than in past years.

Hours of operation will be 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Shooters must be off the range by 4:00 pm.

The cost is \$10 for the first gun and \$5 for each additional gun.

Only firearms legal for hunting deer in Wisconsin will be permitted.

Experienced instructors will be on hand to provide assistance in the sighting-in and adjusting of firearms. Bore Sighting and scope mounting are available.

Hearing and eye protection is mandatory and will be provided, or you may use your own. Hunters will also be able to receive information on hunting laws, regulations, and gun safety.

The training center is located between Interstate 90/94 and Waunakee at 5184 State Highway 19.

No appointment is necessary. For additional information, please call 608-284-2400.

Frontier Doctor to visit MoHo

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.

Church works to fight hunger

Springdale Lutheran Church will host a Soup & Sandwich Supper on Wednesday, October 25 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The menu will include homemade chicken vegetable and potato ham soups, assorted sandwiches, deviled eggs, cheese and bars. Beverages will include hot chocolate, hot cider, coffee and milk. Hand-beaded jewelry, crafts and baked goods will be available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds will help fight childhood hunger in the community. Please

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued updated recommendations that everyone age 6 months and older get the updated COVID vaccine.

“This updated COVID vaccine was formulated to target a recent strain of the virus. Getting this latest vaccine is important so that you continue to be protected against severe illness, hospitalization, and death,” said Janel Heinrich, Director of Public Health Madison & Dane County.

Both the COVID and flu vaccine are widely available in our community and can be given at the same appointment:

If you are insured, most insurance companies should cover the cost of the vaccines. Call your doctor or get your shot at a pharmacy. Visit vaccines.gov to find an appointment.

If you are uninsured or

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet - OPEN 6:00 to 7:30pm

Spaghetti Dinner, St. Ignatius Catholic Church, drive-thru only. Pay and pick up. 111 S. 6th St., Mt. Horeb

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet OPEN 9:00-10:30am (Seniors)

Mt. Horeb Seniors lunch outing, WI Riverside Restaurant, 10:00am

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet OPEN 3:00 to 4:30pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Lions Club FREE vision testing 1:00-4:00pm, 15 min. apptmt. 608-437-6902 - Mt. Horeb Senior Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

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

Badger Hearing - 1:00-3:00pm, - by appt. or walk-in. Mt. Horeb Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

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

Soup & Sandwich Supper to fight childhood hunger. Springdale Lutheran Church, 4:30-7:00pm. Non-Perishable food item donation appreciated.

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 mhclasses@newspublic.com.
We reserve the right to edit for length.

Join us for our Annual Creepy Crawl on October 26th. The trail will be lined with pumpkins and spooks and scares of all kinds starting at 4th Street Entrance to Military Ridge Bike Trail ending at 2nd Street Bike Shelter.

Are you looking for a fun, recreational basketball league? The Recreation Department has a Big Ten Recreation Basketball League with surrounding communities for grades 3rd-6th. Teams are separated by grade (may be combined based on registration numbers). There is one weekday practice and one weekend game. Practices begin week of December 4th. Resident fee for 3rd grade is \$60 and \$70 for non-resident (this league is

approximately 10 weeks). Registration fee for 4th-6th grades is \$70 for residents and \$80 for non-residents (this league is approximately 12 weeks). Registration deadline is November 1st.

Who’s ready to Mambo or Tango? 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.

HOW TO REGISTER:

There are multiple ways to register for programs and activities.

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

In-person at 105 N.

Grove Street

Place completed form and payment in 24-hour drop box

Email completed form and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

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

Tae Kwon Do - Little Lions (10/26)

Big Ten Basketball League (11/1)

Learn to Play Hockey (11/1)

COMMUNITY

Obituaries

David Lloyd Rosol

May 23, 1947 –
Oct. 13, 2023

MOUNT HOREB - David Lloyd Rosol, age 76, of Mount Horeb, passed away on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at UW Hospital. He was born on May 23, 1947, in Richland Center, the son of Lloyd and Julia (Levy) Rosol. He married Sharon (Vallem) Rosol on May 24, 1980, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Richland Center.

David graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1965. He earned his two-year degree in welding from MATC in 1967. He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969 during the Vietnam War. David worked for the State of Wisconsin as an AG Supervisor at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station from 1995 until he retired in 2022. He enjoyed hunting, car races, farming, playing cards, auctions, checkers and being outdoors.

David is survived by his wife, Sharon Rosol; daughter, Melissa (Brian)



Hahn, and granddaughters, Victoria and Naomi; daughter, Sara (Bob Lowe) Rosol, and grandsons, Rylan and Anders; sister, Jane (Ken) Deckert; three sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Julia Rosol; and aunts, Ramona Lingeitch, Evelyn Peterson and Elsie McWilliams.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 401 S. Owen Drive, Madison, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023, with Father Brian Wilk presiding. Burial will be held at Sunset Memory Gardens, followed by a luncheon at the church. Visitation will be held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, from 4 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023.

A special thank you to the Jones family, the Ball family, Dennis Garfoot, and Dennis and Jay Dreger for helping with the family's needs during David's illness.

Memorials may be

to the family or Queen of Peace Parish. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Lois H. Dale

MOUNT HOREB - Lois H. Dale, age 101, of Mount Horeb, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, at Ingleside Manor.



Lois attended UW-Madison and Mount Mary University in Milwaukee and worked as a dietitian.

Lois is survived by her son, Larry (Marilyn) Dale; daughter, Roberta (Bill) Sonzogni; five grandsons and 10 great-grandchildren; and brother, Clark (Joyce) Huston. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; and sisters, Jean and Barbara.

Lois will be fondly remembered for her love of family, travel, gardening and Bridge.

Memorials may be

gifted in Lois' name to Groundswell Conservancy, 211 S. Patterson St., Suite 250, Madison, WI 53703.

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Patricia L. "Pat" Ruegger

June 7, 1939 –
Oct. 11, 2023

Patricia L. "Pat" Ruegger, age 84, of Mount Horeb / Ojibwa / Dodgeville / Cornell, grabbed her knitting bag and ran through Heaven's gates on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023. No one will be wandering around Heaven without a warm hat, mittens, or socks this fall and winter!



Pat was born on June 7, 1939, the eighth of 10 children, to Jack and Mildred Ellis of Cornell, Wis. She learned to knit sitting on her grandfather's lap when she was 4 years old and spent

her life making fabulous things to keep her loved ones warm. If her knitting didn't make you happy, she'd bake you something. At least twice a week! She managed the bakery at Dick's Supermarket in Dodgeville for many years and perfected her cake decorating skills. Pat was also magical with plants and her husband often accused her of transforming their home into a jungle. He wasn't too far off. In her later years, Pat started building dollhouses and meticulously created each of her children's homes in miniature. Her love of antique dishes outgrew every cabinet in her home and sometimes found its way into bedroom closets. Pat was rarely far from a Diet Coke, on ice, and in emergencies, ice cream--real ice cream, not soft-serve---could get her through. That and a Vera Bradley bag. Or 10. With matching wallets.

Pat is survived by her devoted and endlessly patient husband, Marshall; children, Rebecca (Darryl) Mataya of Mount Horeb, Jody (Leisa) Jensen of

Hayesville, N.C., Jim Jensen of Eau Claire, Sara Ruegger (Adam) Pollock of Mount Horeb, and Sammi (Jesse) Korinek of St. Paul, Minn.; as well as handfuls of grandchildren and---the real reason for living---great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Mildred Ellis; in-laws, Sam and Esther Ruegger; sisters, Jane, Helen and Dorothy; brothers, Harold, Bill, Richard and John; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Pat's family would like to thank the team at BeeHive Homes for their loving and devoted care of Pat for the last 16 months.

There will be a Celebration of Life and Ice Cream Social at DRIFTLESS HISTORIUM, 100 S. Second St., Mount Horeb, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023.

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

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CHURCH NOTES

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Sugar River Euchre

By STAN HOOK

Sugar River Euchre

With all the rain of late, team Uff-Da had no problem creating 50 leaks in the Pipe Benders' work. Even with some masterful work by plumbers Jerome Krantz and Chris Booth, their 113 feet of threaded pipe was no match for the Uff-Da team. Bruce Milestone, and Lavern Maier countered that effort with 115 points of their own, while Jim Day and Dan Meinholz added another 114 points to Uff-Da's total.

The Norsk Cowboys, for the second week in a row, lost two of their prize steers. This week it was at the hands of the J&M River Rats, primarily Tracy Funs-eth and Jack Gehin who rounded-up 112 steers from the Cowboys.

Six points was the difference in the match between the Norsk Pranksters and the Sportsman's Cheese Eaters. The Cheese Eaters took an

Standings:

Express 2-0
Kleeman's 2-0
Red Mouse Uff-Da 2-0
J&M Bar 1-1
Pranksters 1-1
Jones Plumbing 1-1
Shufflers 1-1
Cowboys 0-2
Cheese Eaters 0-2
Trolls 0-2

Schedule for Oct. 19:

Uff-Da @ Trolls (7:00)
Hay Shakers @ Shufflers (7:00)
Pranksters @ Pipe Benders (7:30)
Express @ Cowboys (7:00)
River Rats @ Cheese Eaters (7:00)

early 28-point lead after two games, but the Pranksters slowly stole their cheese to win the match.

Tracy Haag and Dave Steinhauer along with Steve Hoffmaster and John Scheid-egger generated 111 psi for the Express in their route to an 8-point victory over the Shufflers. Tracy and Dave were well on their way to creating enough steam to achieve a perfect run if it hadn't been for their 9-point loss to Shufflers Steve Vogt and Loretta Herfel in the sixth game. Opie Taylor and

Charlie Steinhauer won their first two games but barely avoided a skunk in the third game when Stan Hook and Shane Kahl held them to just one point.

The Kleeman Hay Shakers caught the Viking Trolls completely off guard and baled 119 more points than did the Trolls. Not a single Troll scored more than 100 points while Shakers Barb Judd and Al Zimmerman had this week's high score by stacking 116 bales into the mow. Don Williams and Rick Skindrud stacked an-

other 114, while Jeff Goebler and Don Williams added 113 more. The Hay Shakers' low score came from Jeff and Jerry Judd with 110 bales stacked. Trolls Scott and Jolene Hook had this week's low score of 72 points. Two other couples, Pipe Benders Mark Losen-egger and Ross Nesheim, and Express Engineers Opie Taylor and Charlie Steinhauer, struggled record 3 points more than Scott and Jolene, thereby avoiding the cellar. Mark, you do realize that Ross had a perfect score last week, right?

Due to a controversy in one of the matches last week, this seems to be a good time to remind everyone that when raking in tricks, you should stack them in such a manner as to keep each trick together and in order of play so a trick can be easily segregated from the next in case a player is accused of mis-playing a card.

Warriors Academy hosts open house and ribbon cutting



Warriors Academy of Martial Arts welcomed members of the community into their beautiful new space on Main Street for an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 27. Roughly 60 people attended and had the chance to see and experience what Warriors Academy has to offer at this expansive local dojo.

Located at 132 East Main Street in downtown Mount Horeb, in the building upstairs from Jangle Natural Living and Isaac’s Antiques, Warriors Academy teaches a combination of Traditional Tae Kwon Do, Close Quarters Combative (Self-Defense), and Chanbara (Padded Weapons Sparring). “By offering these three items in conjunction with each other,” says head instructor Chad Moore (above right), “we feel we offer a well-rounded easy to understand curriculum that can be adjusted as needed to meet each person’s individual needs.” They recently added Brazilian Jujitsu to their curriculum, as well. Above left, Master William Booth, owner and master instructor, cuts the ribbon.

WALTZ

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knew I could volunteer and sign up rather than wait,” he recalled. “So, a classmate and I volunteered. I was 22 when I signed up.”

Waltz was sent to Milwaukee, then Missouri, and eventually Fort Dixon in New Jersey, before being jettisoned off to Alaska.

“I had really wanted to go to Germany,” he recalls with a smile. “And I ended up in Alaska, at Fort Rich-

ardson. I didn’t really know much about Alaska. I guess I would say that not many people desired to go there, back then.”

While enlisted, he quickly got used to life on the base. “You’re a private, basically a robot, and you get into routines,” he says. “I worked at a depot there, and it was basically like a normal job.”

When not working, he engaged in extensive training exercises, carrying his heavy Browning rifle and rucksack out into the frozen

Alaskan wilderness.

Waltz served his time, returned, went to law school, and eventually embarked on a lengthy career. He didn’t know that his service made him eligible to go on an Honor Flight until his friend, Steve Van Hout, signed him up to go.

The purpose of the Honor Flight Network is primarily “to ensure that World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and terminally ill Veterans from any war have the opportunity to see the memorials that have been erected in their honor.” But they sometimes bring others who served in the military, as well. Badger Honor Flight provides all amenities to the veterans, including all transportation, shirts, jack-



Peter Waltz (second from right) traveled to the nation’s Capital with Badger Honor Flight on Saturday, Oct. 7. Photo contributed.

ets, hats and meals. Everything is free to the veterans who make the journey, and the average flight full of veterans costs an estimated

\$130,000.

The first Badger Honor Flight took place in April of 2010. In just over 10 years the organization has flown more than 3,987 veterans on 35 flights to Washington D.C.

“I was surprised. I guess I thought it was for members of the military who were in wartime,” Waltz says, “because they are the heroes.”

“The more I looked into it, the more excited I got,” he continues. “It was everything they say.”

The group left out of Green Bay at 4:15 a.m., traveling to Washington and then returning to Wisconsin that evening, shortly after 8 p.m.

“The first thing that hit me was when we deplaned,” he says. “We walked into the terminal and there was yelling, screaming and clapping. It was so loud. There was a long line of people, all saying thank you for your service. I don’t mean 20 or 30 people. I mean, like, 500 people.”

“We went to the various monuments,” he says. “You’ve seen the pictures, but they are much more impressive when you’re there. It really starts to sink in when you see the names of all the people who died. It makes you think.”

Waltz was particularly impressed by the Lincoln Memorial. But even after they left Washington and began their return journey, the special moments were not over.

“When you get back on the plane, everyone gets a package of mail,” he explains. “I got about 40 letters from different people. I read them and it took about three quarters of the flight back. They were all people saying, ‘Thank you.’ It really strikes you. It was very moving. Very moving. I guess you are a little overwhelmed by all the attention you receive.”

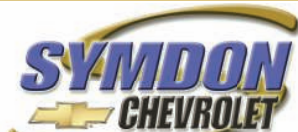
Waltz was very appreciative of all that attention. And he said his story wouldn’t be complete without one more, very important ‘thank you.’ More than anything else, Waltz credited his wife, Mary Grace, for all the good in his life. “She really turned me around,” he said of Mary Grace, who died on Christmas Eve of 2017 with her husband by her side. “Everything that was good in my life came from her.”

Waltz’s flight was sponsored by the Green Bay Packers. The non-profit Honor Flight Network currently has 140 hubs in 45 states.



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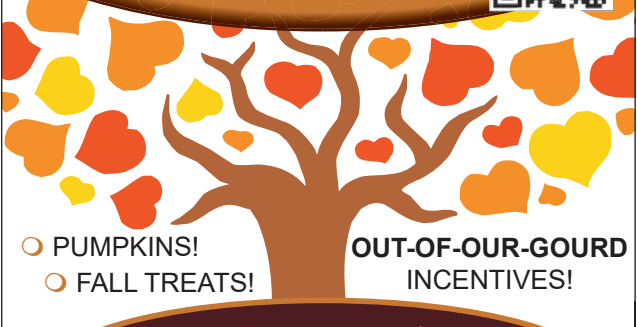
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Scenes from Homecoming celebration



Clockwise from top left: Paul Christiansen, Mount Horeb Middle School principal, speaks at his school; Katie Hauge, Intermediate Center principal, speaks to hers; high schoolers party at the Homecoming Dance; students from the Early Learning Center and Primary Center celebrate. Photos by Aubree Hanks.



The Homecoming court: Back row: Landon Ellestad, Drew Preimesberger, Brooks Pernot, Gavin Rick, John Malin, Jake Sroda, Emmy Bennin, Kaitlyn Farr, Lauren Johnson, Leo Helwig, Hannah Jones and Aaron Schmidt. Front row: Charlie Olson, Jaxon Wunder, Shelby Amble, Olivia Kruse (Queen), Lauren Albrecht and Hayley Strother. Not Pictured: Austin Leibfried (King).

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld quarterback Kasey Helgeson surveys the Portage defense during the Vikings’ win over the Warriors last Friday. Photo courtesy of Anita Schmid

MOUNT HOREB-BARNEVELD 48, PORTAGE 25

SINGING IN THE RAIN

Vikings put finishing touches on unbeaten regular season, then receive No. 1 seed in the playoffs

by **DAN LARSON**
Sports Reporter

It took a series for the Mount Horeb-Barneveld offense to get its footing Friday night vs. Portage. Literally. Once the Vikings did, they were off to the races. MH-B lost five yards on its first possession, but tallied 491 the rest of the way and went on to rout the visiting Warriors, 48-25. The Vikings improved to 9-0 overall, 7-0 in the Badger Small Conference and won their third straight league title. MH-B also secured a No. 1 seed in the WIAA Division 3 playoffs. They have a first-round date with Seymour (3-6) in Mount Horeb Friday at 7 p.m. “It’s just one of the many goals that we have for ourselves,” MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld said of going undefeated in the regular season. “You kind of know what kind of team you’re going to have and you get

in your mind what you want to accomplish. “The last couple years we were 8-1 — we were 8-1 in 2021 and 8-1 in 2022 — and the goal was to get over that hump and hopefully find a way to earn a one seed. That was just part of the mindset that we have.” The Vikings had to adjust to playing in the sloppy conditions to make that happen. MH-B moved its start time ahead two hours following two days of pounding rains and nasty winds. And it took the Vikings a series to adjust to the sloppy turf. “It was just part of the conditions,” St. Arnauld said of going three-and-out on that first drive after forcing a turnover on downs and starting at Portage’s 29-yard-line. “People had to get used to playing in the rain. “They weren’t upset about not capitalizing — continued on page 14



Landon Ellestad (12) and Talon Stoenner (33) combine to tackle Portage running back Keegan Hooker during the Vikings’ 48-25 win over the Warriors last Friday. Photo courtesy of Ryann Utt

Sadler, Vikings rule the day

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team wins Badger Small Conference title

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The weather was miserable.

The performances were downright sunny.

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team won the Badger Small Conference championship held in Reedsburg last Saturday.

The Vikings finished with 49 points and edged runner-up Sauk Prairie (52) for the title. Madison Edgewood (90), McFarland (101) and Stoughton (102) rounded out the top five at the eight-team meet.

"It was really nice to get the win on the girls side," Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said. "Sauk Prairie has a strong girls team and we knew it was going to be a close one."

Mount Horeb senior standout Abigail Sadler won the individual title, finishing the 5,000-meter course in 18 minutes, 50.20 seconds. Freshman Willa Vigliotta was second overall in 18:57.10, just seven seconds behind the dynamic Sadler.

"Having Abby and Willa go 1-2 was really nice to see," Chancellor said. "Abby and I had talked through a few potential race strategies in the days leading up to the race and ultimately she chose to use this race to run with Willa."

"As a coach, it was re-

ally gratifying to watch her guide Willa through the race — talking her through the moves they were making, blocking the wind, and helping her pick good lines. Everyone knows that Abby is a great runner, but fewer people get to see how much she cares for her teammates. It was on full display in the race."

The Vikings also counted a fourth place finish from freshman Julia Straka (20:02.50), a 17th place showing from junior Katherine Straka (21:27.10) and a 25th place finish from senior Kayman Sutter (21:56.90).

"Julia ran what was likely the best race of her career so far and a strong finish helped her secure fourth," Chancellor said. "Katherine and Kayman had strong races and did what they needed to do to stay close to Sauk's main pack. This race sets us up well for sectionals. Everyone is healthy right now, running well, and we've got enough depth to have options."

Mount Horeb's boys placed eighth with 181 points. Stoughton won the boys' meet with 42 points.

Sophomore Jack Loger led the Vikings with a 21st place finish (18:27.70), while Marc Stoddard was 29th (20:46.70). Senior Thomas Dahl added a 31st place finish (21:03.90),



sophomore Desmond Kelly was 39th (21:36.0) and sophomore Benjamin Brohn was 42nd (21:41.60).

"I was really happy to see Jack Loger have a good race," Chancellor said. "He's had some setbacks this season, so this was a meaningful race for him. Overall, our boys ran well with five of our varsity eight running a season best time, but it wasn't quite enough."

"The team scores between the fifth and eighth place teams were very close and with just a few things going differently we might have come away with a higher placing. We'll make some adjustments for sectionals and take another shot at it."

• **On deck:** The Vikings are at the WIAA Division 2 Monroe Sectional at Twinning Park on Saturday. The boys race starts at 11 a.m. and the girls begin at 11:45 a.m.



On top, Mount Horeb's Abby Sadler (145) and Willa Vigliotta (152) were the top two finishers at the Badger Small Conference girls cross country meet.

Above, Mount Horeb's Jack Loger (122) finished 21st in the boys race. Photos courtesy of Michelle Nelson



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Ellie Hefty (left), Laila Rasmussen (above) and Mount Horeb’s girls volleyball team hope to make some noise during the postseason. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MoHo spikers optimistic about playoffs

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

There’s a cautious optimism. A quiet confidence. Mount Horeb’s girls volleyball team headed to the postseason this week believing it could be a surprise team. The Vikings are the No. 3 seed in their half of the Dodgeville Sectional and hosted 14th-seeded Clinton in a WIAA Division 2 regional quarterfinal on Tuesday. McFarland and

Madison Edgewood are the top two seeds in their half of the sectional. “We feel pretty good about this one,” Mount Horeb coach Kurt Owen said of facing Clinton. If Mount Horeb won its opening match, it would likely face sixth-seeded Edgerton in a regional semifinal Thursday at 7 p.m. The regional final is Saturday, and if seeds hold, the Vikings would travel to Madison Edgewood at 7 p.m. The sectional semifinals

are Oct. 26 and the sectional finals are Oct. 28. Edgewood is 4-0 against Mount Horeb this season, but Owen believes his team can hold its own against the Crusaders. “I really think it’s a match we can win if we are focused mentally,” Owen said. “We have the skill, but we can’t let them get in our heads when they are serving or when they get big kills. We’ve shown we can play with them when we collectively want to and believe in ourselves.

“We’ve led in many of our sets with them, we just haven’t finished as often as we would have liked. Edgewood is obviously a talented team though, so we will need to play our best of the season to get it done. We can do it though, so it should be fun to see.” The Vikings finished the regular season with a 25-21, 10-25, 25-11, 21-25, 15-10 win over DeForest on Oct. 10 in the Badger Challenge crossover match. “Over the years, we’ve been up-and-down in this match,” Owen said. “Overall, it’s kind of a meaningless game. It doesn’t count toward conference standings and it’s after the play-off seeding meeting, so the

results don’t help or hurt us there either. “It’s mostly for pride, but also gives us a chance to play a best-of-5 set match against an opponent with similar skill level to us in preparation for the playoffs. Some years, we come out with little focus or desire. Other years, we realize our opportunity and make the most of it. This year was one of the latter.” Jayse Holman and Ruby Dahlk both had 11 kills to lead the Vikings, while Addison Anderson had seven kills. Both Ellie Hefty and Laila Rasmussen had 14 assists, while Kennedy Myers had 17 digs, Dahlk added 14 digs, Hefty had 13, Rasmussen had 12 and Anderson had 11. The Vikings added nine aces, including three from Dahlk, and served at a 95.8% clip. “It was a good match,”

Owen said. “Some good experience winning a fifth set. Having those under your belt going into the playoffs can really help our confidence if it comes up again. “We were decent offensively. Defensively, we were all over the court.” • **JV teams shine:** Mount Horeb’s JV1 team finished second at the conference tournament, losing a nailbiter to Madison Edgewood in the championship game. The JV1 team finished the year with a 21-3 record, the best overall record for a JV team in school history. The JV2 team won the conference tournament for the first time in Mount Horeb history and finished the year 18-4. “The future looks great for the Mount Horeb volleyball program,” Owen said.

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Noah High and Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team begin the postseason Thursday with a trip to Evansville. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Soccer Vikings hoping to make postseason magic

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

There’s hope, excitement and optimism.

After an up and down season, Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team is hoping to make some noise this postseason.

The Vikings are the No. 9 seed in their sectional and travel to eighth-seeded Evansville Thursday at 7 p.m. for a WIAA Division 3 regional semifinal. If Mount Horeb wins, it will likely travel to top-seeded Edgerton on Saturday for a regional final.

The Vikings dropped a 2-1 decision to Evansville earlier this year. But Mount Horeb feels it’s better now and excited to try proving it beginning Thursday.

“It was a very even match and the team is looking forward to having another chance at beating them,” Mount Horeb coach Rick Gage said of facing Evansville again. “They are a good team who has had a good season. We feel like if we play well we have a good chance of being able to beat them.

“We will have to bring

our usual tough defense and take advantage of any scoring chances that we get. I feel our team is much better now and would love to be able to play (Edgerton) again. However, we need to stay focused on Evansville as they are a good team and to get past them means we need to be ready to bring our best game.”

The Eagles finished the regular season with a 2-0 loss to Sauk Prairie on Oct. 10 and a 1-0 setback against Sugar River in a shortened game on Oct. 12.

Sauk Prairie, which tied for the Badger Small Conference title, struck for two first half goals and prevailed.

“Since this game was after a seeding meeting, this was a game that we planned on playing everyone in order to make sure the team was healthy and not run down for the postseason,” Gage said. “This was a good chance to give all players a chance to get good playing time and experience.

“Sauk is a very good team, so we knew we were in for a tough game. Sauk

was able to control the flow of the game, but I thought we defended well and were able to limit their opportunities. Unfortunately we gave up a goal off a free kick and a corner kick. I thought we were able to move the ball well at times and created some good chances, but we were unable to score a goal against a good Sauk team.”

The Sugar River game was shortened to 30 minutes due to inclement weather. Still, that allowed Mount Horeb a chance to honor its seniors.

“The weather was not good and Sugar River asked to just play a 30 minute half so they could avoid injuries and so that we could do something for our seniors,” Gage said. “Although we could not get the full game in, I was appreciative of Sugar River playing a partial game so we could still recognize our seniors. I was glad we were able to do something to help show appreciation for all the hard work and dedication our seniors have shown throughout the past four years.”

Swimmers drop thriller to Sauk Prairie

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls swimming team lost a thrilling, 87-83, meet against Sauk Prairie on Oct. 10.

The Vikings’ 200-yard medley relay team of Ava Newman, Siobhan Mertz, Caitlin Patrick-Stern and Emmy Bennin was first, while the foursome of Bridget Drapp, Piper McMahan, Sam Hanson and Nina Paterson was third.

The Vikings’ quartet of Paterson, Drapp, Perri McMahan and Madeline Evans was second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

And Mount Horeb’s foursome of Patrick-Stern, Mertz, Newman and Bennin was second in the 400-yard freestyle relay, while the team of Hanson, Perri McMahan, Sammy Parmley and Madeline Evans was

third.

Bennin won the 100-yard butterfly, while Patrick-Stern was second and Hanson was third.

Newman won the 500-yard freestyle, while Patrick-Stern was second.

Newman was second in the 200-yard freestyle, while Evans was third. Perri McMahan was second in the 200-yard IM and Mertz was third.

Bennin was second in the 50-yard freestyle and Perri McMahan was second in the 100-yard backstroke. Mertz was second in the 100-yard breaststroke and Bridget Drapp and was third.

Paterson was also third in the 100-yard freestyle.

• **On deck:** The Eagles were at Monroe Tuesday, then are off until they head to the Badger Small Conference meet Oct. 28 at McFarland High School.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGENCY: USDA-Rural Development/Rural Utilities Service
Notice of Availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kV Transmission Line Project Route Modifications

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a supplemental environmental analysis for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (C-HC Project). RUS is issuing a Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the C-HC Project.

A copy of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) may be viewed on the RUS project website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/resources/environmental-studies/impact-statement/cardinal-hickory-creek-transmission-line-project-iowa-wisconsin>. This page is accessible by visiting the USDA Rural Development homepage, clicking on the “Resources” dropdown banner along the top of the page, clicking “Environmental Studies,” then “Impact Statements.” On the Impact Statements page, the C-HC Project webpage link is provided under “Dairyland Power Cooperative.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 2023, RUS published the Draft Supplemental EA (SEA) in connection with possible impacts related to nine proposed route modifications for the Cardinal- Hickory Creek 345-kV Transmission Line Project, including one proposed land exchange action involving U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-managed land within the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. The Draft SEA described the project, assesses the project’s environmental impacts, and summarizes mitigation measures used to minimize the environmental effects. The SEA tiers to the Final Environmental Impact Statement that was published for the approved C-HC Project in October 2019. On January 16, 2020, the RUS, USFWS, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved various components of the C-HC Project and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed by the three agencies.

RUS released the SEA to obtain feedback from the public, as part of the federal environmental review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR 1970 related to providing financial assistance to Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC) for its share in the construction of a proposed 345-kV transmission line and associated infrastructure connecting the Hickory Creek Substation in Dubuque County, Iowa, with the Cardinal Substation in the Town of Middleton, Wisconsin (near Madison, Wisconsin).

The availability of the Draft SEA for public review was announced in local newspapers on September 8, 2023. A 14-day comment period was provided for review of the SEA. Copies of the Final SEA and FONSI are available from RUS or Dairyland Power Cooperative, 3521 East Avenue, South, La Crosse, WI 54602 and in the six libraries where hard copies of all previous documents for public comment for the C-HC Project have been available.

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Based on its SEA, RUS has concluded that the nine proposed route modifications for the C-HC Project would not result in significant changed circumstances or new significant impacts to geology and soils; vegetation, including wetlands; wildlife; historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; federally listed threatened and endangered species, candidate species, or federally designated critical habitat; water resources and quality; 100-year floodplains; air quality and climate change; noise; land use; transportation; visual resources; or human health and safety. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority or low-income populations.

In accordance with the NEPA, as amended (42 U.S. Code 4321 et seq.), the CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), and RUS’s Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970), RUS has determined that the environmental effects of the route modifications have been adequately analyzed for any potential future action that it considers and that no significant impacts to the quality of the human environment would result from construction and operation of the route modifications. Any final action by RUS related to the route modifications will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant federal and state environmental laws and regulations. Because RUS’s potential action relating to this new information and changed circumstance is not expected to result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for the route modifications.

Dated: October 6, 2023.

FOOTBALL

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I think they knew that we could. It was just getting used to being in the rain, catching balls in the rain and picking your feet up in the rain, because it's different running the ball on a wet field as opposed to a dry field. Obviously after that, there was really no stopping them."

No, there wasn't. The Vikings, ranked second in Division 3 in the WisSports.net coaches poll, got the ball back and didn't miss a second time.

Quarterback Kasey Helgeson, who finished the night 8-of-10 for 260 yards and three touchdowns, found Chris Kiel on a short route then watched as Kiel did the rest, turning it into a 51-yard TD that gave MH-B a 6-0 lead before Trenton Owens ran in the 2-point conversion.

"We were looking to get the first down and then the DB was bailing pretty hard. Chris ended up almost not making the catch, but then he was able to maintain his balance and make him miss and beat everyone down the sideline," St. Arnauld said. "Kasey just knows that sometimes (all he has to do) is get Chris the ball in that situation and see what he can do, and obviously he was able to take it to the house."

Owens added to the lead with a 4-yard TD run, then ran in the two-point conversion to make it 16-0 with 1 minute, 2 seconds to go in the first quarter.

Portage (3-6, 1-6) answered, though, with an explosive play of its own after Keagan Hooker's 75-yard TD run with 40 seconds to go in the quarter pulled the Warriors within 16-6. Portage's two-point attempt failed.

"Our guys got too antsy, over ran it and then slipped and fell and then Hooker was able to keep his footing and cut it back," St. Arnauld said. "In that kind of weather if you try to slam the brakes down really fast when you're trying to pursue somebody else, your feet go out from underneath you. It happens sometimes in that kind of

weather." It didn't end up sparking any kind of rally for Portage, however, as MH-B responded by scoring 25 second-quarter points to effectively deliver the dagger before halftime.

The big play in that quarter was Owens' 71-yard TD catch on a screen pass that saw him break a pair of tackles before getting to the right sideline and outracing a defender step-for-step to paydirt.

Owens, a 5-foot-9 senior, finished the night with 286 all-purpose yards — 182 of them on the ground and another 104 through the air — but his skill set was never more on display than during his long TD catch.

"He's got great vision and believe it or not, it doesn't look like he's got great speed sometimes. They think he's just a downhill runner — he's got an extra gear in there," St. Arnauld said. "He's able to force defenders to take bad angles or force defenders to try and catch him. This is kind of what we anticipated from him as he was coming up the ranks."

Owens, one of the Vikings' many playmakers, closed out the regular season with 1,187 rushing yards and 19 TDs to go along with 202 receiving yards and two TDs through the air.

And 71 of those receiving yards came on that one big play Friday.

"I always get excited when we call screens because it's not something I get to do very often," Owens said. "I used to run them pretty poorly, but I've gotten better. I had a feeling it was going to be a big one because they sent a (line)backer and when I caught the ball, I found the sideline and just ran. At the end, I thought I was going



Mount Horeb-Barneveld's Zach Maguire kicks off during the Vikings' 48-25 win over Portage last Friday. Photo courtesy of Ryann Utt

to get chased down but luckily I was able to run through a few tackles. The blocks set it up for me and the rest was history.

"And an added bonus is that Kasey got credit for the play, too. I love that about screens."

Owens' long TD catch gave MH-B a 28-6 lead after his 14-yard TD run earlier in the quarter made it 22-6. He also added a fourth quarter TD run, and with four TDs and a pair of 2-point conversions, he accounted for 28 of the Vikings' 48 points.

But it was senior wide receiver and defensive back Landon Ellestad who capped off the big second

quarter, first returning an interception 11 yards to paydirt for a pick-six then hauling in a 30-yard TD pass from Helgeson to make it 41-6.

Portage added a late TD to make it 41-13 at halftime, but by then the damage was done. All that was left for MH-B was to salt things away.

The Vikings did just that with back-up quarterback Brooks Hendrickson under center.

"Kasey came out half-way through the second quarter. He had 250 yards passing and we had 41 points and I was like, 'Yeah, we don't need to play Kasey anymore.'

That's the last thing you need is to get your star quarterback hurt in a game that's out of reach," St. Arnauld said of giving Helgeson the rest of the night off.

Helgeson finished the regular season with 2,011 passing yards, 22 passing touchdowns, 608 rushing yards, six rushing touchdowns and a 70.1 completion percentage.

"I think Kasey's an all-state quarterback and the last thing you want is for a kid like that to get hurt in a scrappy mud bowl. He did his job. He helped get us 41 points," St. Arnauld added. "The script was to try and get him out as soon as possible."

And it was followed perfectly, starting with Owens' TD run to cap off a quick scoring drive after Hooker's long TD run that catapulted Portage back into the contest.

"We felt fairly confident in our abilities to put points on the board, but it was just a nice response considering the time in the game," St. Arnauld said. "We wanted to get to the point where we were able to move the ball efficiently in the wet weather and make them back off and not just play the run — to respect our pass. And that's what we did."

Indeed it was. The Vikings continued on page 16

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Monday, October 23, 2023,
at 6:00 p.m.
4017 County Hwy JJ, Black
Earth, WI 53517
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**TOWN OF PERRY, DANE COUNTY
INVITATION TO BID FOR TOWN HALL
REPAIRS AND RENOVATION**

The Town of Perry will accept bids to repair, renovate, and construct an addition to the Town Hall at 10084 County Highway A. The Town Hall is a one-story, wood-framed former school building currently used for town meetings, elections and records storage, approximately 1,000 sq. ft. The proposed addition is approximately 200 sq. ft.

The Town plans to repair and upgrade the Town Hall to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), and WI elections security statutes. Funding is provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other Town resources.

Contractors interested in bidding should contact Town Supervisor Mick Klein Kennedy at 608-843-3297 for more information.

Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered to the Town Deputy Clerk, Stephanie Zwettler, 9730 County Rd A, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572, to be received by 5:00 PM, Monday, November 13, 2023.

Bids will be opened at the Town Board meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 convening at 7:30 PM.

The Town of Perry reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any technicality in any bid, and to accept any bid deemed to be most advantageous to the Town of Perry. Bids should include construction scheduled to begin April 3, 2024 and to be completed by July 31, 2024 or earlier, completion sanctions, and performance references.

Mary L. Price, Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR THE
TOWN OF PRIMROSE, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**
Thursday, November 9th, 2023

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 9th, 2023, at 7:00 pm the Town of Primrose will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2024 budget at the Town Hall, 8468 County Road A, Verona, Wisconsin. Immediately following the public hearing, a Special Town Elector Meeting will be held to approve the 2023 total town tax levy to be collected in 2024. The proposed budget, in detail, is available for inspection at the Clerk's office by appointment, or on-line at www.townofprimrose.com. The following is a summary of the 2023 Proposed Budget:

	2023 Approved	2024 Proposed	Change
Revenue			
Municipal Taxes	\$323,519	\$325,793	0.7%
Lottery Credits, Dog Licenses	5,635	4,795	-15.0%
Intergovernmental Revenue	132,099	195,482	48.0%
Licenses & Permits	9,600	9,600	0.0%
Public Charges for services	0	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous Revenues	12,082	16,250	34.5%
Total Revenues	\$482,935	\$551,920	14.50%
Expenditures			
General Government	\$100,599	\$117,834	17.1%
Public Safety	63,789	77,850	22.0%
Public Works	274,781	312,827	13.8%
Health & Human Services	5,263	5,438	3.3%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0.0%
Debt Service	37,702	37,972	0.07%
Total Expenditures	\$482,134	\$551,921	14.50%

Dated this 12th day of October, 2023

By: Ruth Hansen, Clerk, Town of Primrose.

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- Conduct regular checks and inspections to monitor equipment and process performance and identify potential issues.
- Collect samples from customer communities, industries, and the WWTP and assist in conducting laboratory tests.
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Required Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Strong work ethic and willingness to learn.
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment.
- Basic mechanical aptitude.
- Valid drivers license and reliable transportation.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.

Ideal Qualifications:

- Basic or advanced wastewater operator's license in the State of Wisconsin with any of the following subgrades: A1, B, C, P, D, L, and SS.
- Associate or bachelor's degree in environmental science, environmental engineering, or other similarly applicable field.
- Experience in wastewater treatment plant operations
- Wastewater lab experience

Compensation: The position offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. In addition, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance, dental insurance state retirement plan, FSA, and paid time off.

Application Process: To apply for this position, please submit your resume, cover letter, and any relevant certifications or licenses to Jeff Moyer, Wastewater Superintendent, at daneiwawwtf@gmail.com. Please include "Entry Level Operator Application" in the subject line of your email. Applications will be accepted until a qualified individual is found.

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FOOTBALL

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kings were tired of not finishing out the regular season unblemished.

They were tired of tripping and falling on the road to the playoffs.

“My class has come so close to an undefeated season three times now,” Owens said. “First we went 6-1 in eighth grade and then we went 8-1 the last two years.

“To finally ‘finish the drill’ and actually be able to go perfect shows our growth and reflects all of the collective time that we have spent both on and off the field getting better.”

They’ll try and make it 10-0 Friday against Seymour.

The Thunder’s record doesn’t jump off the page, and as a No. 8 seed they were among the last teams to sneak into the playoffs.

But they will travel to Mount Horeb with some momentum, having pitched shutouts in each of their last two contests — a 34-0, Week 8 win over Waupaca (2-7) and a 36-0 drubbing of Shawano (2-7) to close out the regular season.

While it would certainly be an enormous upset if the Thunder — a run-first team with a committee of ball carriers who have combined to average 187.7 rushing yards per game — make it three straight wins, crazy things tend to happen this time of year and St. Arnauld knows that.

So his message to his team is simple:

“They’re going to come down here and look to knock us off,” he said. “You can’t be looking past them into the second round and third round. It’s right now — be present with where you’re at. That’s what we have to understand.”

Should MH-B advance, it would face the winner of No. 4 seed Tomah (5-4) and No. 5 Baraboo (5-4) — new Mississippi Valley Conference rivals that both finished in the middle of the pack.

If the Vikings are able to clear both of those hurdles, second-seeded Green Bay Notre Dame (8-1) — the third-ranked team in Division 3 — would likely be the foe traveling to Mount Horeb for the state quarter-finals.

St. Arnauld admitted that he was surprised to see Notre Dame get a No. 2 seed from the WIAA’s computerized seeding process and not a No. 1. The other top seeds in the 32-team Division 3 field are top-ranked Port Wash-

ington (9-0), sixth-ranked Rice Lake (8-1) and un-ranked Monroe (7-2), the champion of the Rock Valley Conference at 7-0.

“It doesn’t make any sense as to why, geographically, (we play) Seymour,” St. Arnauld said. “They’re in the Green Bay area. There are teams down here that could have been an eight seed that would have been close to us, and Notre Dame could have been the one seed and Seymour is the eight seed and that’s a Green Bay area game.

“Then Seymour doesn’t have to travel 2 ½ hours to come here. It would have been a 15-20 minute drive.”

Despite the questions as to how the bracket ultimately unfolded, St. Arnauld knows all that matters now is lacing ‘em up and taking care of business against the team across the line of scrimmage.

“It’s win or go home. There is no next week,” he said. “You have to take it week by week and hope that you can dominate that week and get the ‘W.’ Going into the first week of the postseason, that’s all we should be focused on.

“It’s a game-by-game situation and you let the chips fall how they may.”

St. Arnauld hopes they fall in his Vikings’ favor, which with the right execution and a few breaks would mean five more games and a trip to Camp Randall Stadium in mid-November.

No matter how things unfold, St. Arnauld thinks his team is peaking at the right time.

“We’re averaging 42 points a game and that’s with laying off the gas in some cases. Our offense is pretty lethal, and on top of that, over the last few weeks our defense has really rose to the occasion,” he said. “Our defensive line is playing extremely well, our linebackers are reading extremely well and our DBs are playing so much better.

“We’re at the point where all three phases are starting to come together. That, to me, is exciting. It’s taken us nine weeks to make sure that we’re on the same page on the defensive side of the ball and the offensive side of the ball.

“We already knew our offense was electric. It was our defense early in the season and middle of the season that we really were working on and getting kids prepared. Now they’re rolling.”

Owens agreed. “The guys on the team are hungry,” Owens said.



On top, MH-B’s Trenton Owens looks for room to run during a rainy, sloppy game against Portage last Friday. Photo courtesy of Ryann Utt

Above, Vikings’ wideout Landon Ellestad had four catches against Portage, including this impressive grab in which he gets his feet down before going out of bounds. Photo courtesy of Anita Schmid

“And I do believe that we really have what it takes to ride this all the way.”

run (pass failed), 11:01, 4th
MHB — Trenton Owens 21 run (Zach Maguire kick), 8:05, 4th
Port — Donovan Navone 5 pass from Brody Kayartz (kick failed), time N/A

Kreuziger 1-60, Donovan Navone 2-12, Braxton Druckrey 2-10, Jason Howell 1-10; MHB, Trenton Owens 3-104, Landon Ellestad 4-70, Chris Kiel 2-86, Owen Preimesberger 2-26.

MHB 48, PORTAGE 25
Portage 6 6 0 13 — 25
MHB 16 25 0 7 — 48

MHB — Chris Kiel 51 pass from Kasey Helgeson (Trenton Owens run), 4:02, 1st
MHB — Trenton Owens 4 run (Owens run), 1:02, 1st
Port — Kaden Hooker 75 run (pass failed), 0:40, 1st
MHB — Trenton Owens 14 run (run failed), 10:12, 2nd
MHB — Trenton Owens 71 pass from Kasey Helgeson (pass failed), 6:50, 2nd
MHB — Landon Ellestad 11 INT return (pass failed), 5:43, 2nd
MHB — Landon Ellestad 30 pass from Kasey Helgeson (Zach Maguire kick), 4:11, 2nd
Port — Lucas Kreuziger 60 pass from Johnathan Stout (Griffin Garrigan kick), 2:47, 2nd
Port — David Nadolski 84

TEAM STATS
First downs: Port 13, MHB 18. Rushes-Yards: Port 38-270, MHB 31-202. Passing yards: Port 96, MHB 286. Passing (comp-att-int): Port 8-19-1, MHB 11-20-1. Penalties-Yards: Port 4-35, MHB 7-107. Fumbles-Lost: Port 1-1, MHB 0-0.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
Rushing: Port, Keagan Hooker 12-87, David Nadolski 1-85; MHB, Trenton Owens 23-182, Owen Preimesberger 5-32.
Passing (comp-att-yards-int): Port, Johnathan Stout 6-12-84-1-1; MHB, Kasey Helgeson 8-10-260-3-0, Brooks Hendrickson 3-10-26-0-1.
Receiving: Port, Lucas

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