

Mike and his wife met while interning together for U.S. Senator Russ Feingold, **continued on page 11**

REMATCH: Olsen versus Pocan

United States Representative for Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District Mark Pocan faces a familiar foe in his reelection bid, facing challenger Erik Olsen. In 2022 Pocan beat Olsen 71 to 29 percent. Prior to that, Pocan topped Peter Theron in a blowout contest, 70 to 30 percent. Pocan has consistently racked up 70 percent on the vote in all of his elections.

Olsen faced Charity Barry in the Republican Primary, winning 56 to 44 percent. He faced Barry in the 2022 Republican Primary as well and won with a razor-thin margin of 63 votes out of over 43,000 cast.

The 2nd Congressional District stretches from Wisconsin Dells in the north, encompassing all of Sauk, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties along its western border. To the south it includes Green and parts of Rock Counties. Dane County, including Mount Horeb,

makes up the heart of the District.

Mark Pocan

1) Why are you running for re-election?

I decided to run for Congress to ensure the voices of working Americans are represented in the Halls of Congress. As a small business owner and card-carrying member of IUPAT, I understand the struggles working families across this country encounter. During my time in Congress, I have prioritized issues like education funding, worker protections, accessible and affordable health care, and equality for the LGBT+ community.

I am running again because there is more work to do. While we made strong progress over the past four years of the Biden-Harris administration, we still face many challenges. Middle-class families need some-



Olsen

one in Washington who will stand up for the common sense values we hold dear in South Central Wisconsin and fight the entrenched special interests standing in the way of our country moving forward.

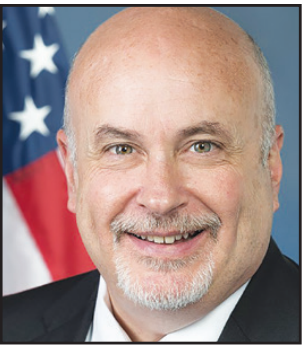
2) What are the greatest issues facing this district?

Wisconsinites are continuing to grapple with the high cost of living, which worsened during the pandemic but has remained challenging despite the economic recovery. Grocery costs, in particular, have failed to come down even as inflation has fallen significantly, largely due to corporate greed. Despite supply chains and inflation returning to pre-pandemic conditions, corporations have kept prices high and are raking in record profits as everyday Americans struggle to make ends meet.

The cost of housing is another key challenge. We need to do more to build more housing stock, provide financial assistance like tax credits for first-time homebuyers, and tackle the rise of private equity buying up residential real estate and squeezing the housing supply further.

The agricultural industry in South Central Wisconsin is also facing many challenges. Wisconsin has lost nearly 40,000 dairy farms over the last four decades, and many of these closures are due to consolidation in the agricultural system, which weakens the supply chain, harms local farmers, and wipes rural communities off the map.

3) What would be your biggest priorities if elected?



Pocan

During my time in Congress, I have prioritized issues like education funding, worker protections, accessible and affordable health care, and equality for the LGBT+ community. I will continue to work to advance these priorities. I also support funding investments in child care programs, including Head Start, and building more affordable housing to help prospective homeowners purchase their first home.

I am also committed to reforming Medicare Advantage, private insurance disguised as Medicare, to dupe seniors into enrolling in more expensive plans that provide less coverage than traditional Medicare.

I also believe we must urgently restore women's right to make their own health care decisions nationwide, as was the case under Roe v. Wade. I support legislation like the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA), which would reestablish a nationwide right to access abortion care throughout the United States.

Climate change is a very present and serious threat to the health of our planet and the safety of people worldwide. To help address this, I support efforts to incen-

tivize the transition to clean and renewable energy. As a Co-Chair of the Biofuels Caucus, I support efforts to include more renewable fuels in our transportation sector and support incentives to spur more wind and solar energy production.

4) Which accomplishments are you most proud of from your latest term?

I was honored to be able to bring \$11.5 million back to the district last year in Community Project Funding, commonly called earmarks, to fund specific projects happening all across the district. From funding a new Community Center to expanding the Field House in Reedsburg, I have brought a total of \$71,962,717 back to the district for projects like these over the past three years.

Additionally, as a longtime proponent of reining in the bloated Pentagon budget, I was very proud this year to work with a bipartisan group of colleagues to add language to the House-passed National Defense Authorization Act that would require the Pentagon to pass an audit, which it has never successfully done.

5) Is there anything you'd like to add? Feel free to include it here.

I want to reiterate the serious threat that Donald

Trump's Project 2025 poses to our nation.

Project 2025 would undermine our democratic institutions, replace nonpartisan, career civil servants with Trump lackeys, and strip away fundamental rights and freedoms from Americans. It aims to enact a nationwide abortion ban, gut worker rights and protections like the right to unionize and receive overtime pay, roll back civil rights protections, increase costs for seniors by increasing the cost of prescription drugs under Medicare, and increase taxes on middle-income Americans while also cutting taxes for those in the highest tax brackets.

This document lays out an extreme vision for the future of our country, one that I strongly believe most Americans do not support, and it should never be allowed to become reality.

Erik Olsen

1) Why are you running for election?

I am running because I represent a big group of people in this district who all feel that the United States of America is on the totally wrong track under existing Democrat leadership. For twelve of the last sixteen

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Republican, Independents challenge incumbent Democrat Baldwin for United States Senate seat

Democrat Tammy Baldwin will have some competition this fall.

Baldwin, who has been a senator since 2013, is running against Republican challenger Eric Hovde. Also on the ballot are Phil Anderson of the Libertarian Party and Thomas Leager of the America First Party.

The General Election is Nov. 5.

Baldwin is a Madison native and has held multiple leadership roles, including in the House of Representatives. Baldwin also has experience as an attorney working in private practice. She was first elected to the Senate in 2013 and was re-elected 2018, with that term ending in 2025.

Hovde, who was born and raised in Madison, is an entrepreneur who started his first business in his 20s, according to his candidate website. His bio says he also formed a charitable foundation and, as an MS patient, supports medical research and outreach efforts.

Anderson was born in Beloit and has sales and managerial experience in real estate and auto sales. He is an Army veteran, having served from 1985-1988, according to his candidate website. He previously ran for Wisconsin governor, Assembly and Senate.

According to his candidate website, Leager describes himself as a “Populist America First conservative. The Milwaukee-born activist protested against COVID lockdowns and mandates during the pandemic, and has been an advocate for arms rights under the Constitution.

Senate terms last for six years.

The Reedsburg Independent reached out to all of the candidates to question them about the Election. They were given no word limits,

and answers are printed verbatim.

TAMMY BALDWIN Why are you running again for office?

“I’m running for reelection because I’m committed to making sure that middle-class Wisconsin families, not just big corporate special interests and the super wealthy, have someone working for them. I believe that every Wisconsinite should have the right to a good paying job, relief from rising costs, and the same freedoms their parents and grandparents had, including the freedom to make their own health care decisions.

“I travel across our state constantly and in our rural communities, our suburbs and our cities I show up, listen, and take Wisconsin’s voice to Washington to fight for our great state.”

What are the greatest issues facing this district?

“When I travel across South Central Wisconsin, I hear from families struggling with the rising cost of living. Many seniors tell me they’ve had to ration their prescription drugs to afford groceries and parents talk about rising costs of everything from diapers to school clothes. I believe we have to do more to confront the corporations responsible for rising prices and bring costs down to Earth so everyone can afford to live and work here in Wisconsin.

“Throughout my career, I’ve taken on corporate greed in the health care industry. I am leading the fight against Big Pharma and health care giants to lower prescription drug prices and stop price gouging, and I’m fighting the giant corporations to bring costs down for our families. I’m also leading the fight against ‘shrinkflation’ as companies try



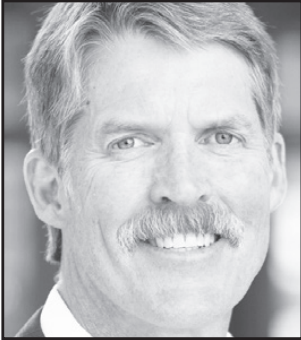
Baldwin

to quietly shrink everyday products while raising prices for consumers.

“And right now, I’m leading efforts to pass legislation that’ll cut the costs of housing, child care, and everyday items. I’m not afraid to stand up to corporations and their CEOs, and I promise Wisconsinites that I will continue working tirelessly to help alleviate some of the most pressing financial burdens for Wisconsin families so that they can have the opportunities to get ahead.”

What would be your biggest priorities if re-elected?

“I want to keep building on all my Buy America work and get these rules in even more legislation to keep creating good paying American jobs. But I also have a few bipartisan bills I’m leading that still need to get across the finish line. My *Resilient Communities Act*, *De Minimis Reciprocity Act*, *Invent Here, Make Here Act*, and the *COOL Online Act*, are all different pieces of legislation that crack down on China and other overseas competitors who undermine Wisconsin businesses and workers. I’m also working to pass my *Made in America Act* and *Made in America Shipbuilding Act*, both of which protect our workers and industries keep our Made in Wisconsin economy going strong. So we’ve accomplished a lot but we’ve still got more to do especially when it comes



Hovde

to holding our overseas competitors accountable and getting our American economy to become more dependent on American workers, industries, and resources.

I also know a good paying job can only go so far though when checks aren’t stretching like they used to. One of my top priorities is addressing the high cost of living to ensure our families can achieve a middle-class life and have the opportunity to get ahead. One of the biggest costs for our families is health care costs. So I stood up to the Big Pharmaceutical companies and won to cap the price of insulin at \$35 per month for our seniors and pressured the biggest manufacturers of asthma inhalers to cap their prices too.

And now, another crucial fight for our rights and freedoms is underway. After *Roe* was overturned two years ago, Wisconsin women lived under an



Anderson

1849 criminal abortion ban for more than a year, and now, abortion care is still only available in 3 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties. Right now, I’m proud to continue fighting for my *Women’s Health Protection Act* to codify *Roe* into federal law, restoring abortion access for women nationwide, regardless of their zip code. So regaining and protecting our reproductive freedoms is a top policy priority for me because half of this country shouldn’t have less rights than their mothers and grandmothers had.

A good paying job, health care you can afford, the freedom to make your own choices - these are basics that every Wisconsinites should enjoy. I promise I will keep working hard for you, for your family, and for our great state if I am re-elected this November.”

Which accomplishments are you most proud of accomplishing during your



Leager

current term?

“Through my Buy America rules, which simply means that if we’re going to spend taxpayer dollars we ought to be supporting American jobs and American small and medium sized businesses, we’ve created jobs across the country and have kept factories open here in Wisconsin. I’ve gotten those rules in our historic *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, so when we’re building new bridges, roads, broadband, and waterways all across America, we’re using American steel and American concrete to do it.

“I was also proud of the work we did to pass the *Inflation Reduction Act*, which finally gave Medicare the power to ne-

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PERSPECTIVE

Goldsmith: Vote yes on school referendum

I have been a resident and homeowner in the Mount Horeb School District for twenty years. As a homeowner, I will be directly affected by the proposed \$34,000,000 referendum to support our schools if it passes.

I attended the listening session held at the Early Learning Center on October 22nd so I would have a better understanding of this proposal and how the money would be spent if it does pass. I would like to share with you some of the things I learned.

The Early Learning Center, which would be torn down, was built in 1968. It has insufficient space; many of the classrooms do not meet current industry standards regarding the size of classrooms for teaching our youngest students.

Many of the HVAC and plumbing components are original equipment to this 56 year old building, which makes it the most expensive building to operate (per square foot of space) in the entire school district.

The recently renovated Primary Center is the least expensive building to operate (per square foot of space) in the school district. This is due in part to the building improvements already made, and the geothermal

system that was installed in 2010.

The security systems at the ELC are woefully inadequate, and some areas of the building are not exactly handicap accessible.

Currently the kindergarten classrooms are in a separate building from the first and second grade classrooms.

If this referendum passes, here are some of the benefits: 1. Kindergarten through second grade classes will all be together in the Primary Center. 2. Security and accessibility will be greatly enhanced for all of these students and the staff who serve them. 3. A terribly inefficient and inadequate building will be replaced by one that is much better suited to meet the needs of our students, staff, and school district. 4. Other urgent facility and building needs within the school district will also be addressed.

As a homeowner and member of this community, I understand the economic impact placed on property owners if this referendum passes. I also hear the concerns of some residents who are afraid of losing the ability to live in their own homes; they survive on very limited incomes and feel they cannot afford the property tax increase. I hope there is some type of program out there to help them.

I certainly don't think it's right to tax people out of their homes, but I do believe that educating our children in the best possible learning environment is a very im-

portant responsibility, and we should bear it collectively. Remember, today's students will be our leaders of tomorrow.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON THE REFERENDUM TO SUPPORT THE MOUNT HOREB SCHOOLS ON NOVEMBER 5TH.

Jim Goldsmith
Blue Mounds

Teachers urge support for ballot initiative

You've likely heard the saying, a community is only as good as its schools. With that in mind, The Kindergarten Teachers are writing to urge you to support the upcoming school referendum. Our administration has provided several opportunities to educate residents about the urgent needs of our Early Learning Center (ELC), and we hope you've had the chance to explore them.

The ELC is encountering significant challenges that impact our ability to serve students and the community effectively. The absence of central air conditioning creates hazards, especially after we apply fresh wax to our floors each fall. Last year, we were forced to cancel our student and family drop-in event due to extreme heat and slippery surfaces. Addressing these issues is crucial for ensuring a safe and productive environment for everyone.

As classroom teachers in this building, we have witnessed firsthand the pressing issues facing the ELC. It's the only building in our district without a secure entry.

It's also the most expensive to heat. The classrooms are smaller than typical kindergarten learning spaces, limiting the ability to create an optimal environment for early childhood development. There are inadequate restroom facilities for students and staff, and ADA accessibility remains a challenge in several parts of the building. Additionally, many staff members must frequently travel between the Primary Center (PC) and the ELC—a task that is not as simple as it sounds. This travel time impacts staff availability and, ultimately, the support and education we provide to our students.

Investing in our schools is crucial to ensuring a safe, supportive, and efficient learning environment for our children.

Please vote YES in the upcoming referendum!

Early Learning Center
Classroom Teachers:
Melissa Olmstead
Kirk Nichols
Heather Hurley
Kay Moore
Gina Mercurio
Marie Beer
Sara Schauf
Ambriel Chamberlain

Dr. Salerno offers final message prior to election day

Dear Vikings,

When schools were built years ago, safety precautions and mobility/accessibility were not viewed the way we see them today. Such was the case with our kindergarten building, the Early Learning Center, which was

erected in 1968. Our long-range capital improvement plan calls for replacing that building with a modern, accessible and secure addition to the Primary Center, which currently serves first- and second-graders. Our community will have the opportunity to make this investment in our District's future by voting in our referendum on (or before) November 5.

In many respects, considering accessibility for those with mobility concerns speaks volumes about how far we have advanced as a country. Children and employees with physical limitations, who might be wheelchair-bound, are sometimes met with structural obstacles that challenge their ability to participate in educational opportunities with their non-disabled peers. The Early Learning Center's current layout is not supportive of people with physical limitations. One important facet of this referendum is to solve some of the challenging areas throughout the District (e.g. bathrooms, hallways, etc.). Ensuring all students entrusted to our care have access to physical spaces without limitations is fundamental to our high mission.

The need for enhanced school safety features also speaks to the status of our world. As a District, we have come a long way since significant updates were made in 2016 to our safety and security protocols. This would not have been possible without our community's generous support and multiple successful grant applications. However, we can and should take additional strategic steps. For example, the implementation of bollards in front of many school entryways would decrease the risk of a vehicle-related ac-

cident. The bollards would serve dual purposes: functional and decorative (e.g. large planters).

Over the past few weeks, my community letters have identified solutions to the many needs confronting our District's brick-and-mortar needs. The passage of the \$34 million referendum, which equates to approximately \$0.68 per \$1,000 of equalized property value, would:

- add facility space for kindergarteners to the current Primary Center (grades 1-2). In so doing, we would address significant inadequacies in our educational and support spaces;

- solve many of our significant building systems and infrastructure concerns (e.g. fire panels, roofing, heating, etc.) at multiple sites; and

- enhance many of the District's safety and accessibility needs.

If you would like specific information about each facet of the referendum there are multiple avenues to learn more:

- please go to www.mounthorebschools.org and click the red banner atop the webpage. There you will see videos and other resources to inform your decision;

- listen to a brief podcast devoted to each of the three focus areas of the referendum. Simply, search "Youngest Learners Referendum Podcast" wherever you listen to your favorite podcasts; and/or

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Dr. Steve Salerno
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A Bird in the Bush

Fishing with Maria

By William Robichaud
A Bird in the Bush

I've sometimes put my head to pillow at a motel near the fine town of Viroqua, for a night's rest after trout fishing in the area's spring creeks. I was recently back at one of my usual such motels, but for a different reason this time, a pause for a night's rest on a trip to Minneapolis. I was at the end of long day of work, and still immersed in jetlag from a recent trip to Europe, and I couldn't make the drive all in one go. I was on my way to attend the memorial service of a dear friend, Maria, taken by cancer in a flash between diagnosis and her death. Her passing left a hole in the good of the world. She was a generous and soulful one, whose work in this world was intergenerational dance. She founded and directed a troupe, Kairos Dance! that brought dance participation into nursing homes and other care facilities.

After checking in to the motel, I made it to my room, and crashed. But as jet lag will do, the hour at which you go to bed and fall asleep, or how weary you are, are immaterial. It will rouse you when it sees fit, and in this case it was two in the morning. I was wide awake, eyes popped open like roller blinds. My brain was too fogged for reading, and channel surfing turned up no movies or reruns of any interest (Home Shopping Network at 2 am anyone? The Boss knows a thing or two - "57 Channels and Nothin' On"). Clocks turn slowly in those dark and quiet hours, and I had



several more of them before it would be time to catch breakfast and continue the drive toward the 11:00 am service. What to do in the meantime?

Go fishing of course. It's something that connects me with the world, and a few weeks earlier I'd fished one of my favorite streams nearby, and came upon some large trout at the bottom of a large pool. They would have nothing to do with me or the flies I cast to them, as is often the case with larger trout. The big boys and gals often hold at the bottom of a pool during daylight, ignoring everything, then emerge, like leopards, to hunt at night. One reason is that it's safer then; many of their fellow creatures that hunt them - ospreys, eagles, fishermen - have gone to bed. If you can manage it, fishing for brown trout at night can sometimes be very good, especially for larger fish. I'd made a mental note to one day return to this pool after dark.

Well, here I was, with jetlag at 2 am, and only about 15 minutes' drive from that pool. Carpe diem - or rather, carpe piscis. By 3 am I was walking along the streambank toward the pool, guided by the friendship of a three-quarters moon. I love this world of fishing in the dark, when the rest of humanity is asleep, and the world is reduced to just me, the barred owls and the moon. As I approached the pool and made the first casts I promptly landed and released a small trout. And soon another one, not a lunker, but a good fish about a foot long. I made an offering of gratitude, dispatched it, and put it in my creel. I had a cooler and ice packs back in the car, since I'd planned to fish a bit on the return trip home. This first fish would hold just fine. It started well, but then completely shut down. Over the next 40 minutes or so, I raised not another trout. I was back at the motel just as dawn was breaking onto the

world, and soon continued the drive toward Minneapolis.

The service for Maria was beautiful. Her husband, my good friend Cris, and their two daughters brought into the proceedings some ritual, but not only that; some heartfelt grief, but not only that; and some happy celebration of Maria and her generous, dancing life, but not just that. It was a skillful and moving blend of all three.

At some point during the service, a regret hit me: it felt like a mistake, a transgression, to have taken a life, to have killed that trout, on this day of Maria's memorial service. We were all assembled in the church precisely because there had already been too much death. It was not a day to add more. As I pondered this, I decided to make a modest amends: I wouldn't eat the trout and thereby benefit from my mistake. Instead, I would feed it to my compost pile when I returned home, and from there the trout would feed the gardens and the earth next year. Rumi wrote, "there are a thousand ways to kneel and kiss the ground", and this is a small way I could honor Maria.

When the service finished, Cris directed the couple hundred of us in attendance to head downstairs to the basement meeting hall, to share a meal. And he made a request - that we all look for someone we didn't know and sit with them and introduce ourselves. He said that since we were all friends of Maria we were all amazing people, and all connected through her, and so we should take this opportunity to deepen that connection.

His assignment was easy for me. I'm not from Minneapolis, and so the only people I knew of the multitude were Cris and his two daughters. But, you know, go with the flow, stay open and see what life serves up. After passing through the buffet line, with my plate

of food in hand, I scanned the tables and chairs for a landing place. A couple at a partially filled table caught my eye. "They look like interesting people", I thought, "I'll sit there." I sat down, and introduced myself to Trish and Gary. The open chair was next to Trish, and so she and I started a conversation. In short order, not apropos of anything in particular, Trish mentioned a great meal of fresh walleyed pike she'd enjoyed recently in northern Minnesota, and another of lake herring along Lake Superior. Interesting...

"Do you like fresh fish?", I asked.

"Yes, I do!"

"Um, would like a fresh trout?"

I then told her about my fishing outing earlier that morning, and my insight just minutes before that I should make an amends by making a gift of this trout. Would she like to have it? She surely would! And so after the meal we walked to my car, and I gave the trout away, not to my compost pile, but to a grateful Trish, a dear friend of Maria's. I'd listened with amusement as she explained that her husband Gary hated fish, and consequently she had more experience eating fish in restaurants than cooking them at home. So I gave her some tips on how to cook the trout, and I could see as she took it that she looked happily forward to the adventure of it. The world was feeling right again.

After spending some time with Cris I pointed the car home and got another night's rest at a motel on the way back, still in Minnesota. The next morning, over a good greasy spoon breakfast, I pulled out maps of the rest of my route through Wisconsin, scouting for a trout stream to try. Given that I was still well north of my usual angling haunts, I thought to give a new stream a try, see what *terra incognita* had to offer.

I traced my finger over a

county I'd never fished before, La Crosse, and my eyes fell upon a small blue thread of a creek, which looked like it had some promise. I'd never heard of it, but I saw it had a mention in my booklet of Wisconsin's extensive trout fishing regulations, so there must be something doing there with trout.

When I reached the bridge over the stretch of the stream I planned to try, already parked there was a car adorned with some trout fishing decals and stickers. So I kept moving and drove upstream a few miles more to the next bridge, which my map showed was probably the last bridge before the stream faded into the Driftless hills. I parked, and walked onto the bridge to have a look over the rails. Here the mapped 'blue line' had become so narrow and shallow that I doubted it held trout, or at least not many, and not of any size. The creek was just a few feet wide in places and most of it was just a few inches deep. But while small, it was beautiful, and its bright, clear water tumbled in constant, musical movement. It danced, like Maria.

I decided to give it a go, despite the marginal prospects. I was here, it was a fine autumn day, nowhere else to go or be, and it was unlikely that other anglers would bother with such a diminutive ribbon of water. And after Maria's memorial service, it would just be good to take a wade in cool, flowing water, and let its movement and music take some of the sorrow downstream.

I tied a fly onto my line, stepped into the creek, and gave the living water some greeting. I started some casts, each one a whisper of hope, or a prayer, as they always are. On one of the first casts I was some-

what startled when a trout, a hefty one, smacked the fly in very shallow water. I soon brought it to my net, and thought, hmm, a bit of a freak, living in that spot. But within minutes another trout, and then another, and another. The little stream was flush with them, many of the them good-sized, pressing themselves against the bottom in swift current just a few inches deep. I'd never seen anything quite like it.

I've fished a lot of streams in various parts of the world, and considering both the size and the quantity of these trout, in such minimal water, I'm quite sure it ranks as the highest ratio of trout biomass found/volume of water fished that I've ever experienced. If I may dive into that word, the fishing felt miraculous. In just a couple of hours I landed 20 brown trout, my creel was bulging with my limit of keepers, and I headed back to the car.

I had felt Maria's presence in the interaction with Trish the day before, and I felt it again on this creek. It was as if my amends with that first trout, to honor and keep a bit sacred the day we'd gathered to remember her, was now somehow being rewarded, with abundance. To be clear, the purpose of an amends isn't in expectation of something in return; its sole purpose is to clean up our side of a messy street, and learn to do things a bit better next time. That said, good consequences sometimes flow from an amends, such as the healing of a relationship, even if such an outcome is not the goal.

Of course, it might all be nothing, this felt connection with Maria - merely mundane coincidence rather than more meaning-

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! WATCH FOR TRICK OR TREATERS!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Food and clothes closet open 9:00-10:30am and 3:00-4:30pm, 102 E. Lincoln St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Daylight saving time ends - turn clock back 1 hour

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Mt. Horeb PFLAG meeting, 6:00pm, Public library, Speaker: Therapist: Jess Dallman.
For Zoom link go to: pflagmoho.org.
Not a library sponsored event.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ELECTION DAY! EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!!! - 7:00am-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

Euchre, Senior Center, 12:30pm

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

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

Stay safe while Trick-or-Treating

2024 TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS
Thursday, October 31 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
COSTUMES

Masks, beards, wigs and costumes should have a flame-resistant label.

Use non-toxic make-up if you can. If you choose to wear a mask, hat or scarf, etc., it should fit properly and not obstruct vision or restrict breathing.

Use reflective tape on costumes and trick-or-treat bags.

Wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes.

Keep costumes short enough to prevent trips and falls.

Swords, knives, wands, etc. should be short, soft and flexible to prevent injury.

TREATS

Parents should examine all candy before eating.

Throw away anything that is unwrapped, has torn packaging or looks questionable.

Wash and cut all fruit before eating.

Don't eat anything homemade unless you know the cook very well.

Call the police regarding any suspicious treats.

TRICK-OR-TREATING

Have a responsible adult or older responsible child accompany young children.

Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries to see and be seen.

Don't forget your cell phone to call 911 in case of an emergency or to report suspicious/unlawful activities.

Don't run between parked cars or across lawns. Use sidewalks.

If no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.

Only go to houses that have outside lights on in your own neighborhood.

Do not enter homes or apartments unless accompanied by a responsible adult.

Stay together. Older kids trick-or-treating without a parent should walk in groups.

YOUR OWN HOUSE SAFETY

Turn your porch light on so children know it's okay to visit your home.

Remove obstacles from lawns, steps and porches. Keep jack-o'-lanterns away from landings and doorsteps and away from costumes.

Inside, keep lit pumpkins away from curtains, decorations and furnishings.

Never leave candlelit pumpkins unattended.

Let young children use markers on pumpkins. Or invest in a pumpkin cutter equipped with safety bars.

Control your pets. Keep them in a safe place during Trick-or-Treat hours to prevent lost pets or children getting jumped on or bitten at the door.

HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE!

Thanksgiving Day 5K will support local organizations

If you're interested in burning some calories before indulging in your Thanksgiving meal while supporting several local organizations, please consider registering for the Mount Horeb Thanksgiving Day 5K Fun Run and Walk.

The Mount Horeb Thanksgiving Day 5k Fun Run and Walk will return on Thursday, November 28th at 8:30am at the Norsk Golf Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Mt. Horeb Pay It Forward and Give Ziro.

For more information and to register: sites.google.com/view/moho5k/home

Unable to make it the day of the event but would like to donate? Please email mohoturkeyday5k@gmail.com

Sugar River Euchre

By **STAN HOOK**
Sugar River Euchre

In a tight match with the Red Mouse Shufflers, the Viking Trolls got their first win of the season on the backs of Erika Forseth and Dean Epping. Erika and Dean lost only their first game of the night to Ed Chancellor and Erik Massey to finish with 115 points. However, things changed quickly for Ed and Erik after that game. In the second frame they were not able to get on the board and received a visit from Pepé Le Pew after being skunked by Scott Hook and Paul Mason. In the fourth frame Scott and Paul almost received a payback for their misdeeds against Ed and Erik when Loretta Herfel and Randy Skogen came close to skunking Scott and Paul by holding them to just 1 point.

But as you will see, the night wasn't over for little Pepé. Immediately following his visit with Ed and Erik, Pepé Le Pew scurried up to the Norsk Golf Club in Mt. Horeb to check-in on J&M Bar River Rats Darrell Storkson and Jack Gehin. They were not happy to see Pepé. It was Laural Grindle and Rodney Latham during their first game who invited Pepé to visit Darrell and Jack. Pepé stuck around until the fourth frame as he thought he was going to have to sit with Ernie Sarbacker and Tracy Funseth as well. But they were able to get on the board with a single point against Pranksters Chris Hook and Larry Losenegger to keep Pepé away. It goes without saying that

Pepé was a little disappointed that he couldn't add Ernie and Tracy to his circle of friends. Ernie and Tracy did end the night with this week's low score of 74 though. The Pranksters were able to force the River Rats back into the river by 37 points.

The match between the Norsk Golf Club Cowboys and the undefeated Kleeman Hay Shakers was billed as the match of the week and it certainly started out that way. After three frames, the Cowboys were down by 3. At that point the Cowboys ordered up a round of whisky for the men and beer for their horses. With the extra boost of confidence the Cowboys began to scatter Kleeman's haystacks back over the fields from which they came. The Cowboys rode to an easy 32 point victory over the Hay Shakers. Steve Dower and Harold Schlingen shook 116 points out of the Hay Shakers for this week's high score.

Speaking of undefeated teams, Kurniki's Express remains the only undefeated team after four weeks of play. They forced the air out of the Red Mouse Uff-da team as the Express flew by team Uff-da with a 16 point tailwind. Tom Magnuson and Dan Meinholz were glad to see their score of 76 didn't end up as the low for the week.

The Sportsman's Bar Cheese Eaters were making Swiss cheese out of the Kurniki's Bar Pipe Benders when they took a 23 point lead by the end of the third frame. At the end of the sixth they increased their lead to 30 points. But by now the cheese had sat out too

long and things started to crumble for the Cheese Eaters. The most exciting part of the match was when Chris Booth called a lone hand and Keith Wenger challenged him by taking Chris Cross Corners (this is where an opponent challenges the lone hand caller to play one on one). It was a good call by Keith as he was able to take three of the tricks, thereby euchring Chris and stealing the 4 points. As a retaliation, Jeff Buesser and Brett Hoesly put up 113 points and Bryan Buesser and Larry Disch added another 111 points to the Cheese Eaters score. This still wasn't enough, with the 113 points recorded by Jerome Krantz and Tiny Zander the Pipe Benders were able to chase the Cheese Eaters out of the pantry and won the match by 15 points.

Standings:

Express 4-0
Kleeman's 3-1
Cowboys 3-1
Jones Plumbing 3-1
Pranksters 2-2
Cheese Eaters 1-3
J&M Bar 1-3
Red Mouse Uff-Da 1-3
Shufflers 1-3
Trolls 1-3

Schedule for Oct. 31

Cheese Eaters at Cowboys (7:00)
Shufflers at Uff-da (7:00)
Pranksters at Hay Shakers (7:30)
Trolls at Pipe Benders (7:00)
Express at River Rats (8:00)

GLEANINGS

By **BARR JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years ago- Oct. 31, 1884

Only a few days more and this campaign struggle will come to a close.

We now have on exhibition a mammoth carrot and hive beet that are hard to beat.

C.R. Lowe has received a stock of the latest improved watches from New York.

Do not the parties who own the land upon which gold was recently found in Blue Mounds, intend to prosecute their search further?

We are informed that Chas. Agrelius, our whistling vender of fly-nets and other horse gear, contemplated removing his effects to Mt. Vernon before many moons shall have passed.

The village of Blue Mounds rejoices in the advent of a roller skating rink which has lately taken up its abode in their midst. For a few weeks the new enterprise will be a paying investment for the doctors who will be called upon to readjust the simple and compound fractures, to say nothing of bruises of all sizes and conditions.

120 Years Ago- Oct. 27, 1904

The large plate glass at the post office was replaced this week and cost about \$40.

Thomas Lock and family will move next Monday to their farm in Vermont. Their many friends here do like to see them leave town, but are pleased that they do not go far, besides a telephone has been ordered installed in their new home whereby they can be communicated with quite conveniently.

If you believe that the people and not the railroads should rule the state of Wisconsin you should vote for men for the legislature that

will represent your interest and not those of the railroad. Hon. John S. Donald has proven by his acts in the last legislative session that he represents the interest of the common people.

A great many of the colts bought at T.J. Whalen’s sale at Middleton a month ago have died.

We have seen the frail infant when the faint struggle for existence seemed almost ended, resuscitated and made strong by he use of Whit’s Cream Vermifuge. Price 25 cents. N.C. Evans.

110 Years Ago- Oct. 30, 1914

Brick laying is in full swing on the large new addition to the Mt. Horeb Hardware Company’s store building.

Secretary Daniels sets an example for the cotton patriots of the south. Henceforth he will wear nothing but cotton suits. That puts one bale of cotton where it will do the most good.

William Hamilton passed away in death at St. Mary’s hospital at Madison, on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1914 at the age of 63 years. He was left motherless while but a few days old and was brought up without a mother’s care. He was of a very reserved disposition, was a man of few words but highly intelligent and a very efficient man in the print shop.

Henry Craigo is the new barber at O.J. Bakken’s shop and is a smooth workman, his former home was Richland Center.

Hog cholera has appeared northeast of Pine Bluff, and near Cross Plains village.

90 Years Ago- Nov. 1, 1934

The CCC Camp, which has been located at the Lake Park here since May 8, will move tomorrow, Nov. 4 to go to Camp Alvin, Iron

River Mich.

Carl Bohle stepped on a spike while working for Sam Swenson and is under the care of Dr. Thompson.

Mrs. Wallace Field entertained a number of ladies at their home Saturday evening in honor of Miss Maxine Luchsinger who will become the bride of Burnell G. Halverson Saturday, Nov. 17.

Christ Schaller, who has been employed by J.S. Hoffman Co. for the past 10 years, will retire.

At the Village Board meeting Monday evening, Joseph Egeren of Milwaukee was given the contract for drilling the new deep well on the village lot. Drilling will begin in about two weeks.

Gaylord Sutter, who has been employed in the CCC Camp at Ashland, returned home Tuesday.

A statement from the Buckner Hospital on Wednesday afternoon states that the condition of Ernest Locke, injured in a repair shop accident at Hanley Auto Co., Saturday, is considerably improved.

80 Years Ago- Nov. 2, 1944

The public is invited to the Red Cross Prisoner of War display that will be at the municipal building tomorrow. Sample capture parcels and food parcels will be on display.

A second municipal well to meet additional demands for water was authorized by the village board at a recent meeting.

Mrs. Anna Marie Tollefson, 80, died at her home here on Monday.

Dr Paul Paepke, specialist in successfully treating piles, rupture, chronic diseases of stomach, liver, bowels and constipation, rheumatism and goiter will be at the Park Hotel, Madison on Wednesday.

Pfc. Henry N. Rue, 34, was killed in action Oct. 2 in the Palau Islands, his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Halvor Rue, Blue Mounds, were notified.

70 Years Ago- Oct. 28, 1954

Pvt. Ronald Wirth has completed his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and arrived home Saturday to spend a two-week furlough with his wife and son, and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wirth.

Mount Horeb lost its homecoming game last Friday night to Lancaster, 12-7. Mount Horeb’s TD came on a lateral pass from Brad Hustad to Tom Rindy, with Milt Bakken kicking the extra point.

Mrs. Reinhard Gerke, 71, Mount Horeb, died Monday at a Verona nursing home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Haag are the parents of a daughter, Jill Ann, born Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Methodist Hospital, Madison.

60 Years Ago- Oct. 29, 1964

Anita Lund, Route 3, Mount Horeb, has been granted a \$200 Lutheran Youth Leadership award by Lutheran Brotherhood, Minneapolis, Minn., for study at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

Gary Zwettler, son of Roman Zwettler, Blue Mounds, a student at University of Wisconsin, recently pledged Delta Theta Sigma fraternity, a national agricultural fraternity.

George Kohls, 69, Portage, died Monday, Oct. 19, in a Madison hospital after a long illness. He is the father of Mrs. Orrin Bergey, Mount Horeb.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene W. Rhiner announce the birth of a daughter on Monday, Oct. 26 at St. Mary’s Hospital, Madison.

50 Years Ago- Oct. 31, 1974

Rod Sale, Mount Horeb, territory manager for Super-sweet Feeds, was recently honored as one of Super-sweet’s 10 outstanding territory manager’s for the second consecutive year.

The Mount Horeb High School football team had the best performance of the year Friday night when they pounced on Muscoda to the tune of 51-0 in a Dad’s night battle. The Vikings scrambled for 395 yards.

The newly purchased aerial truck was put to good use in one of two fire calls handled by the Mount Horeb Volunteer Fire Department this week. Damage to a barn on the Curtis Shutvet farm about two miles south of Mount Horeb was contained to about 400 square feet of the roof.

40 Years Ago- Nov. 1, 1984

Charges of felony theft are pending against two UW students accused of abducting Troll Odin, Mount Horeb’s unofficial troll from in front of Open House Imports. Eyewitnesses Dave Jones and Stan Olson jumped in the car and pursued the trollnappers. They caught up with the car and stopped near Lunde Rd. and 18-151.

Walter L. Hopkins, age 83, of Mount Horeb died on

Saturday, Oct. 27, 1984 at a Madison hospital.

30 Years Ago- Nov. 3, 1994

In an October 18 ceremony Alverna Robinson was the recipient of the Mount Horeb Lions Club Outstanding Citizen award.

Alverna Robinson, age 90, Mount Horeb, died on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1994 of cancer at the Ingleside Nursing Home.

A sugar maple tree was planted in Grundahl Park recently to honor Herman Frye, who served as an umpire for the Women’s Softball Association league for many, many years.

For the second time in five years, the female Viking harriers brought home the State Championship trophy for Division Two.

20 Years Ago- Oct. 28, 2004

The Ac-Wisconsin Disability Association presented the 2004 Education Award to Mary McDonough-Sutter at its Sept. 24 annual state conference held in Racine.

About 40 people turned out on a breezy, raining Friday to officially open Mount Horeb’s refurbished downtown. Resident, Olga Edseth did the ribbon-cutting honors. Her rosemaled designs were used for the light pole banners.

CHURCH NOTES

Good News Lutheran Church - WELS NEW LOCATION: 9975 Pepper Dr Pastor Jonathan Bauer Sunday Worship: 9:00 am (in person and online) Sunday School and Bible Study 10:15 am 608-437-4646 visit GoodNewsLC.org/location for details & directions	Mt Vernon United Church of Christ 1693 Washington St. Verona 608-832-6677 www.mtvernonucc.org Sunday Worship, in-person and on Facebook Live, 10:15 am Bible Study 9am-10am We are an Open and Affirming Congregation
Immanuel Lutheran - ELCA 310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb 608-437-8733 10am Sunday Worship www.immanuelmh.org/ 1st Steps Childcare 608-218-4425	Springdale Lutheran Church 2752 Town Hall Rd. 608-437-3493 Vicar: James Ranney Worship: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month at 10am twosteeples.org
Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church – ELC 315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012 www.elcmthoreb.org 5 pm Saturday Worship 9 am Sunday Worship	St. Michael The Archangel Parish Rev. Robert Butz- Parish Administrator St. Ignatius Catholic Church 109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb 608-437-5348 Mass: Sunday 10:30 am Tuesday thru Friday - 8:00 am Sat. 5:00 pm Holy Redeemer Catholic Church 10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb Mass: Sunday 8:00 am
Mt. Horeb United Methodist Corner of Hwy. S & Hwy. 78 Sunday Worship: 9am online and in person umcmh.org Celebrating God's Inclusive Love	Vermont Lutheran Church- ELCA 9886 Vermont Church Road Black Earth, WI 53515 www.vermontlutheran.org 608-767-3312 (office) Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
New Hope Evangelical Free Church 639 S. Eighth St., Mt. Horeb Phone: 608-437-3273 www.newhopeefc.org Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	West Blue Mounds Lutheran Church 2962 Church St., Blue Mounds 608-437-3493 Vicar: James Ranney Worship: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month, 10:00 am
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Library Corner

100 Cookies

by Jessica Gretzinger

I recommend everyone check out the book *100 Cookies* by Sarah Kieffer immediately!

About two weeks ago a container of Ginger cookies showed up on the library breakroom table. Normally, I’m a chocolate and peanut butter type of person, but these cookies looked pretty

delicious so I decided to try one. Let me tell you . . . they were so soft and melt-in-your mouth and they tasted like a delicious combo of Ginger and Molasses! I quickly tracked down the baker . . . who turned out to be our Youth Services Librarian, Hannah. “Hannah,” I exclaimed! “These are better than my Grandma’s cookies!” Sorry, Grandma, I thought to myself. Hannah told me they were a Ginger Cookie recipe from

the cookbook, *100 Cookies* by Sarah Kieffer, which she found in the library system. I immediately ordered the book for myself.

Several hours later Rachael, another staff member, walked out of the breakroom and proclaimed, “Oh my goodness! Who made those cookies? They are amazing!”

Just in time, *100 Cookies* arrived for me to bake Ginger Cookies for a social gathering. People were

grabbing them from the container two at a time! I have never been so motivated to bake for the Annual Friends of the Library Cookie Walk! That’s right . . . this message is two-fold! Please check out the afore-mentioned book immediately and also be thinking about what delicious treat you may want to contribute to the Annual Friends of the Library Cookie Walk, which will be here soon on Saturday, December 7th!

Experience the Magic of Christmas with the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Giving Tree Program

By Janna Hansen
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Together, We Can Bring Joy This Christmas. The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Giving Tree Program, formerly the Mt. Horeb Area Giving Tree, is a cherished initiative aimed at bringing joy to families and individuals in need during the holiday season. Our goal is to ensure that everyone, regardless of their financial situation, can experience the magic of Christmas.

The Giving Tree Program provides Christmas gifts to qualifying families and individuals in need. Families and individuals who qualify are connected to this program through recommendations by trusted partners such as the Mount Horeb Area School

District, Madison Area Rehabilitation Center (MARC - Mount Horeb location), the Mount Horeb Senior Center, and Ingleside Assisted Living.

Last year, this program touched the lives of 418 children, seniors, and adults with disabilities. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters, we were able to spread holiday cheer and create lasting memories for so many.

Application Information Applications for the 2024 The Giving Tree Program have been mailed out through the school district. You can also find applications in the lobby of the Mount Horeb Public Library and at Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The deadline for applications is Monday, November 4th.

Gift Distribution Day - Mark your calendars: Gift Distribution Day will take place on Saturday, December 14th, from 12:30-4 PM at the United Methodist Church in Mount Horeb. This is the day when families and individuals can pick up their Christmas gifts and enjoy the spirit of the season.

Support Our Giving Tree Program The Giving Tree program has recently been bolstered by a generous \$5000 matching funds grant from the Werndli Charitable Fund. This invaluable support will help us underwrite the program for 2024, ensuring we can continue to provide Christmas gifts to families and individuals in need within our community.

You can support The Giving Tree Program by sending checks to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, PO BOX 196, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572. Please note "Giving Tree" in the memo. Alternatively, you can donate to our Giving Tree Matching Funds Campaign. Every dollar donated from November 1st through November 30th will be matched by the Werndli Charitable Fund, doubling your impact.

Together, let's make this holiday season unforgettable for everyone in our community! Thank you to everyone who contributes to this heartwarming initiative.

Jacobson and Johnson square off in 50th Assembly Dist.

The race for Wisconsin's 50th Assembly District in 2024 features incumbent Democrat Jena Jacobson and Republican challenger Rich Johnson. Neither candidate faced an opponent in the Primary Election.

This contest is set against the backdrop of a newly redrawn political map, reflecting a shift in boundaries that has significant implications for the candidates and their constituents. The 50th district encompasses Green County and is located in southern Wisconsin in-

cluding the Village of New Glarus and City of Monroe.

Jena Jacobson (D)

Jacobson is seeking reelection after serving her first term in the Assembly, where she previously represented the 43rd District. Her political platform emphasizes public education, rural development, and economic growth. Jacobson has been a vocal advocate for increasing funding for schools, particularly those in rural areas, and co-authored bills that address these priorities.

She is also deeply invested in local business support and healthcare improvements, reflecting the needs of her southern Wisconsin district. Jacobson's tenure thus far has focused on policies designed to improve the quality of life for rural and small-town residents, including sustainable agriculture and environmental protections. Given her strong connection to these issues,

Rich Johnson (R)

Challenging Jacobson is

Rich Johnson, a Republican who seeks to bring more conservative values to the district. Johnson's campaign centers on traditional conservative priorities like reducing government regulation, lowering taxes, and promoting individual freedoms. His platform includes a focus on bolstering local businesses and reducing the influence of government in daily life, appealing to voters concerned about overreach and economic burdens. Johnson also supports policies favoring more local control over

education, as opposed to state mandates, which he argues would benefit schools by allowing them to address their unique community needs. Johnson has pointed to his 45 years of experience in a diverse collection of industries, from agriculture, to construction, to public service and the service industry. He said he is making an effort to get out and talk to voters while balancing a full-time job, knocking on over 1,500 doors in the last two to three months.

In summary, this election offers voters a choice between two distinct visions for the 50th Assembly District. Jacobson represents a continuation of progressive policies with a focus on education and rural issues, while Johnson seeks to shift the district towards conservative fiscal and regulatory policies. As Wisconsin grapples with the impact of redistricting and political realignments, this race will provide insight into the evolving landscape of the state's political future.

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farm girl did her family's hair, watched her mother and grandmother chat and put rollers in theirs, and started to realize that she enjoyed both the creative and social elements of such things.

"Growing up on a farm, there is not a lot of time for heart-to-heart conversations, it's just not the culture," she explained. But in those small moments together, she found a sense of belonging, joy and mindfulness.



Theresa Rowe runs Revelations Barber Shop at 209 East Main Street, Suite E. Photo contributed.

but she also wants it to feel that way for every customer who walks through the door.

"Because basically all of my family is dead except for my sister and son, my friends are my family now, and that's okay," she muses. She's thankful for those

comrades, and she wants her new barbershop to be a place where "families" of every type can form and gather. She also wants "people to find a place where they can go for their hair and know that every time they will get exactly what they want."

"People deserve to know more about their heads," she said, from vexing cowlicks to whichever styles look best for any particular person.

"I chose Mount Horeb because it's close to where I grew up," she said, "and one of my best friends lives here. She's home to me, and I'm

home to her."

"Every time I come to Mount Horeb, people are so friendly," she continued, laughing. "I've been coming here all of my life. I used to go to the dentist here when I was a kid, and after that I would get to go to Schubert's for a donut and a chocolate milk, which probably didn't help with my teeth."

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years, the Democrat party has been in power. It is time to turn the page. The Republican party is now the party of working people. We are committed to bringing our great manufacturing jobs back to the United States, ending tax on tips, ending tax on overtime, and ending tax on social security. Republicans will bring down inflation and begin paying off the national debt. The Democrat leadership is destroying the economy and making middle class people poor. The Democrat party has also not helped people who are struggling. We have to help them all succeed and join the middle class. A great America is an America of economic fairness with a strong and expanding middle class.

The Democrat party has unabashedly aligned itself with transnational capital and the corporate elite. Most disgustingly, the Democrat party has become the party of endless war. It is no surprise that as a result of the Democrat party becoming the party of endless war they have won the full throated support of Dick Cheney--a notorious cheerleader of the war industry--and his daughter, Liz Cheney. There are over a million casualties in the Ukraine war, and the Democrat party is not even discussing how to bring peace. Conversely, Trump has promised to bring peace within twenty-four hours of being elected. I am sure that Trump will bring peace to Europe and also to the Middle East, and it is for this reason that Trump has also won the endorsement of RFK, Jr. a man who I think has shared many wonderful ideas, and who I am sure would be the Democratic nominee for president if his party had not rigged the election against him.

Lastly, the Democrat party has become a home for a very vicious and dangerous strain of antisemitism. We saw it on college

campuses this spring in full force, including right here in Madison. I spoke with many Jewish students who felt unsafe on campus as sometimes violent demonstrations unfolded across the country in favor of Hamas (a designated terrorist organization) and act after act of violence was perpetrated. We all watched in horror as the utter incompetence of the Harris-Biden administration stood by ineptly as the Middle East became engulfed in the flames of war. Later, we watched Josh Shapiro, the Governor of Pennsylvania, be spurned by Harris as a VP pick in favor of Minnesota Governor Tim Waltz. Many of us felt that there was only one reason for this odd pick: Josh Shapiro is Jewish and Tim Waltz is not.

I stand 100% with Israel. My opponent Congressman Mark Pocan does not stand with Israel. When Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu came to address Congress, Congressman Pocan offered to work (apparently for free) as a volunteer process server. Pocan offered to serve an arrest warrant on President Netanyahu, should one be issued. It is unbecoming for a member of the United States Congress to offer to moonlight as a process server for the International Criminal Court, particularly when the only person who Congressman Pocan has ever offered to serve with an arrest warrant is the duly elected President of the only majority Jewish country in the world. It is even more unbecoming when that Congressman offers to serve that non-existent arrest warrant while Israel is involved in an existential war against the terrorist forces of Iran whose most fervent wish is to obliterate Israel and enact a genocide against the Jewish people. It is unacceptable when after offering to serve the non-existent arrest papers on President Netanyahu, Mr. Pocan then skipped President Netanyahu's address to congress. We pay you Mr. Pocan: you should at least

show up. Other than engaging in inflammatory and seemingly antisemitic posturing, Congressman Pocan seems to have done little if anything to actually end the war. I have asked Congressman Pocan twice to his face to change his position on this issue. This should be considered yet another request. A just and lasting peace can quickly be brought to this region if we strongly project Unity and Strength. Please be part of Peace Mr. Pocan.

Lastly, the Democrat party has declared a war on free speech. Both Kamala Harris and Tim Waltz have made it clear that they view free speech as a privilege as opposed to a right. They are the standard bearers of the same Democrat party that rigged the primary process against Bernie Sanders in 2016 and 2020, and then rigged it against RFK, Jr. in 2024. Instead of campaigning with Bernie Sanders, Kamala Harris has largely chosen to campaign with Liz Cheney. It is crystal clear to me that today's fallen Democrat party has no real commitment to working people, no commitment to peace, and no commitment to the Constitution, particularly not to free speech.

I am running for Congress to help bring relief to the great American Middle Class. I want to be a champion of working people so that people who work hard can participate, prosper, and get ahead. I want to help America put our finances in order. I am running to help bring Peace to Ukraine, and I am running to steadfastly support our great ally Israel and help bring a just and lasting peace to the Middle East.

2) What are the greatest issues facing this district?

The three greatest issues facing this district are the same reasons that I am running. Our economy is in a dangerously poor situation. We have at our fingertips the possibility of a prosperous and fair economy, but under the Democrat leader-

ship people are in debt, inflation has soared, and people need relief and a change of direction. Hard working people deserve to earn fair wages so that we can all participate in the American Dream. This can be accomplished by placing tariffs on countries that abuse working people, bringing great paying jobs and manufacturing back to the United States, and making sure that we all profit and share in the success. Our guiding principle here is PROSPERITY FOR ALL, not only for the billionaire backers of the Democrat party. We also have to prioritize paying off our national debt before it engulfs our future.

Coupled with our economic risk, is the very grave risk that the entire world is on the brink of World War III. In fact, it is completely accurate to say that a vote for Kamala Harris is truly risking World War III. Before Harris and Biden came into office, the world was in relative peace. The Biden Harris duo oversaw the world erupting into the flames of war. In Ukraine where there are now over one million casualties, and in the Middle East where a great tragedy has unfolded and where both American and Israeli hostages remain in Hamas captivity. We need a change in the White House, and we need to send clear minded Republicans like myself to Congress to say: WE MUST BRING PEACE NOW.

Lastly, we must protect and defend our Constitution. Freedom of Speech along with all of our other great rights must be absolutely protected. At a debate between Congressman Pocan and myself on October 16th, he made it clear that he supports diminishing our Constitutional Rights. His belief, echoed by many Democrats, is that today it is a "different world" and that therefore Democrats want to take away or diminish our Constitutional Rights. To this we say: WE WILL PROTECT AND RESTORE OUR CONSTITUTIONAL

RIGHTS.

3) What would be your biggest priorities if elected?

The priorities, of course, are the three issues that I have spoken of in response to the previous two questions. We must fix our economy and support and expand our middle class. We must ensure that there is an efficient and common-sense safety net for those in need. We have to ensure peace. We must support our greatest ally, Israel, and combat antisemitism on our college campuses and in the Democrat party. Perhaps most importantly of all we must absolutely protect FREE SPEECH and all of the rights enshrined in our great Constitution. So long as we can converse and share our thoughts freely, the compass of freedom and common sense will guide the United States of America towards a bright future. Let's each do our part to make sure this remains always the case!

4) Which experience would you bring to the role?

I have practiced law for almost twenty years, litigating in State and Federal court, and doing many appeals including to the Wisconsin Supreme Court and to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. I also completed a Master's Degree in cultural anthropology. If elected I will immediately be able to fully participate in drafting and advocating for the legislation that would accomplish the policy objectives that I have outlined in response to these questions, as well as the other policy objectives detailed on our website: <https://www.olsenforliberty.com>

5) Is there anything you'd like to add? Feel free to include it here.

Republicans in general, and Donald Trump in particular, have been demonized by the press for years on end. Meanwhile, Democrat leaders have gotten away with completely reprehensible

and irresponsible behavior and the press has ignored it or in some cases covered it up. A good example is the complete lack of outrage about the fact that there is a war going on in Europe where there are already over one million casualties. Another war rages in the Middle East, and instead of honestly explaining that it is another front line of the war between the United States, and Iran, China, and Russia, the press pretends that it is a war between Israel and Hamas. Why is there no outcry to stop the war and stop the dying?

Why does nobody pay any attention to President Trump's promise that he will immediately bring peace to these regions? One of the reasons that I most strongly support President Trump is that he has promised to bring PEACE.

As Republicans, we love the United States of America and we love everybody who lives here. We are the voice of common sense and reason. We are now the champions of working people and economic fairness. We want to take care of people and make sure that there is a free market where people can thrive in business, but also where there is a common sense and efficient safety net to protect everybody at times when they are vulnerable or need support. As an example, we need to help families with childcare and at the same time supporting small community based child care providers. We have to stop being a country that primarily serves big corporate interests, and immediately become a country that primarily serves We the People. We have to do all of this while always following our moral compass, and respecting, protecting, and restoring our great freedoms enshrined in our Constitution.

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BIRD

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ful synchronicity. But pretty much all any of us have in this world are stories. To a large degree, we create the world each morning when we get up (or at least after the first cup of coffee), assembled from the stories we tell ourselves about it. And so Maria was present with Trish and me, and somehow involved in this spectacular morning of fishing; I had that connection with her because I chose to believe it - or at least, allowed its possibility. Wonder can't pass through a closed door.

Whether this connection is 'factually' true or not,

matters little. Believing it helps keep the world alive, even as we individuals come and go through it. The Mexican celebration of the Day of the Dead will be this Saturday, November 2, and I will use the occasion to deepen my connections with others, in addition to Maria, whom I once thought I'd lost.

As for this special water, as trout fishermen are wont to do, I'm not giving up its

name. But you can know it by the name I'll use for it from now on: Maria Creek.

Bill ("Bird") Robichaud is an award-winning conservation biologist who lives on a farm north of Barneveld, on ancestral Ho-Chunk territory. He lives mostly from the Driftless land, and chronicles the experience at www.birdinthebush.net.

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and now have two young sons and happily reside in the City of Verona. Mike enjoys tending his moderately successful vegetable garden, loves to coach the boys' baseball teams, and to cook. He cheers on the Packers, Brewers, Bucks, and Badgers.

Relph: Robert Relph has lived in Wisconsin all his life and currently resides in Cross Plains, where he has lived for many years. He grew up on the far east side of Madison, raised by a single mother from the age of four. His mother worked at an insurance agency for 44 years, while his father taught Business Education and coached at Middleton High School for 47 years.

Robert is a graduate of Madison LaFollette High School. After high school, he became certified in fire-fighting from Southwest Tech and studied Business Administration at Ashford University. He has been a volunteer firefighter for 17 years. Additionally, Robert coached basketball for 19 years, 16 at the high school level and three at the collegiate level. Early in his career, he worked on a large dairy farm and was employed in safety and security for many years in the Madison Metropolitan School District while coaching.

Robert has also worked in the trades and business industries. He believes that his life experiences in these fields give him an advantage as a candidate. If elected, he aims to work in a more bipartisan manner, addressing the issues faced by the people of the 80th District. He hopes to foster cooperation and reduce the current atmosphere of division, striving for a return to the Wisconsin where people come together to solve problems.

What are the most important issues the winner of this election will face in the coming term, and how would you address them?

Bare: We must protect our democracy, restore our rights, and invest in our communities.

Republicans have been far too successful in degrading voters' confidence in our democracy. I advocate for pro-democracy policies like ballot drop boxes, automatic voter registration, voting by mail, and public financing of campaigns.

Too many of our rights—voting, collective bargaining, reproductive health choice, LGBTQ+ rights, and our freedom to assemble free from fear of gun violence—have been taken away or eroded in recent years.

We must make investments in our communities, including strong public schools and higher education, housing for everyone, transit options, childcare, Medicaid expansion, and environmental protections.

I am a leader in the State Assembly on legislation to help working people. I introduced bills to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit (AB471) that puts more money in workers' pockets, expand the Homestead Credit (AB458) that helps people pay rent or the mortgage, and create WISEARNS, a state-facilitated retirement savings program for workers whose employers don't provide it. We have a state budget surplus that could fund these priorities and more.

Relph: I believe with my life experiences in those fields it will give me an advantage if elected. Once elected it is a goal of mine to work more bipartisan. There is so much hate right now and that's not the Wisconsin I grew up in. We should be able to come together and solve the issues that the people of the 80th district are facing.

What unique challenges and opportunities do the people you represent face? How would you describe this district to people who live or represent elsewhere?

Bare: The top issue facing the 80th Assembly District is the rapid growth—it is one of the fastest growing areas of the state. Farm fields are quickly becoming apartment buildings and residential neighborhoods.

That growth requires us to make investments in our communities for them to be successful. First is strong public K-12 schools and higher education. Our public schools are the bedrock of our communities.

We must make housing more attainable for everyone. People we want and need in our community like teachers and nurses are priced out of home ownership today. We need starter housing and workforce housing, so I was proud to

be part of a successful bipartisan effort to provide more than \$500 million of funding for workforce housing.

We also must work toward the re-establishment of a Regional Transit Authority (RTA)—that's a bill I've been drafting and will roll out in the next session. We are not properly able to plan for getting people from point A to point B with our population growth.

State and local investments in housing and transit infrastructure create and sustain local union jobs. And the communities of the 80th Assembly District struggle with housing and transit at a magnitude rarely matched across the state, so it's been a major focus of my time in the Assembly. Both will continue to be a focus of mine and voters can count on me to be mindful of our local challenges.

Relph: I think it is vital that elected officials connect with the people to find out the everyday issues they are concerned with. You can't fix what you don't know. In the 80th district we have a very diverse population but all are facing very similar challenges. I would work hard to provide our public safety departments, Police, Fire and EMS with the tools they need to keep our citizens safe. Bringing down the tax hikes that everyone is facing. Lowering the sales tax and state income tax.

What's one important question you rarely get asked on the campaign trail, and what's your answer to it? Is there an issue that doesn't attract much attention or headlines but needs meaningful action from our leaders?

Bare: I'd like to be asked and have to answer more: "What can we actually do to defend our democracy?" ... Thanks for asking! We can and must do so much!

Donald Trump and his Republican allies have been incredibly successful at eroding peoples' confidence in our democracy. The idea of a President with immunity is demonstrably contrary to what the Founders intended. So is the idea that votes wouldn't get counted.

The best thing we can do is vote out the election deniers and those who perpetuated The Big Lie. Vote out those like Robin Vos who paid Mike Gableman our tax dollars to attack our democracy with unfounded conspiratorial nonsense. I

have faith in Wisconsin voters doing just that.

The fight for fair maps was the most consequential thing I was a part of in the State Assembly. And fixing it for good could be the most consequential thing we can do for the future of our state. Even with fair maps, it's still the case that WHO-EVER is in charge draws the maps. Whoever is in charge can also repeal and replace the statutes. So we're in danger of being gerrymandered again.

That means we need to amend our State Constitution to permanently prevent gerrymandering. Other states have done it successfully. When I was on the County Board, a nonpartisan commission drew supervisory districts with a strict set of criteria that included following the Voting Rights Act, keeping communities of interest together, and ignoring the party and address of incumbents. The Board's only role was to vote yes or no on their recommended map. And guess what?! It worked! It worked magnificently.

We know how to do this so the result is fair and democratic. Voters have sent a clear message on this by re-electing Governor Evers and electing Justice Janet by 12%. We should not allow ourselves to get gerrymandered again.

We should expand voting rights. We have one of the most restrictive voter ID laws in the country, and we should replace it with something more sensible.

We should keep ballot drop boxes now that they're constitutional again. We should expand voting by mail, and maximize early voting hours. And we should establish a system for public financing of our campaigns, especially nonpartisan elections.

Relph: We need to protect our veterans and ensure they have the necessary services available. Making sure they having proper housing and resources to deal with the massive PTSD issue that leads to so many suicides. They fought for our country, they deserve it. I support school choice but I believe we should not choke off the proper funding to public schools. In education I think it is so important to keep the trade programs in the schools. We are going to need people in our trades. Carpenters, electricians, plumbers, welders etc. Helping our farming industry so they can afford to continue for generations. Making sure that we have fair elections. Public drop boxes were used because of a pandemic. The pandemic is over, the need for drop

boxes is unnecessary.

Anything else you want to add?

Bare: It has been a privilege and joy to represent the voters of the 80th Assembly District. I'm grateful for their confidence in me, and I look forward to providing them the relentless representation that they know they can count on me for. Please vote for me November 5 or early.

Relph: I want to see to it that small businesses can thrive, employers and employees all prosper. Retirees can live comfortably without worrying about getting a part time job to supplement their income. Making sure every child has a great education. Teaching them how to think, not what to think and able to have a great opportunity to thrive in the future whether they choose to go into the trades or higher education. Staying connected with all the people of my district, Democrat, Republican or the independents is key because I will be representing all of them.



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LOCAL THEATER

Gearing up for ‘Guys and Dolls’



Mount Horeb High School will present its production of *Guys and Dolls* on November 7, 8, and 9 in the high school auditorium.

The high school production of the musical *Guys and Dolls* is less than 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 sophomore woodwind player Sam Wyse, who is excited to be

playing woodwinds in his first-ever musical at Mt. Horeb High School.

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.

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.

“Although the rehearsals are sometimes long, the results are totally worth it!” says sophomore Jake Lawrence, who plays gambler Benny Southstreet in the production.

Mount Horeb High School will present its production of *Guys and Dolls* on November 7, 8, and 9 in the high school auditorium. Show times are 7:30 p.m. each evening, with an additional matinee show on



November 9 at 1:00 p.m. All seats are reserved and cost \$10.00 each. There is a possibility of adjusting the Friday, November 8 show based on sectional football results. If needed, the Friday evening show would move to Sunday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m. We will keep the public updated on the Mt. Horeb Music website.

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

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HEARING

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lay out their case, but a lawyer for Ridglan Farms was not permitted to rebut their allegations or produce their own evidence.

Langford then asked attorneys to file briefs by Nov. 8 summarizing the evidence submitted, and said she would issue a ruling on the request for a prosecutor.

Wayne Hsiung, an attorney and animal activist, testified that he entered the Ridglan facility and took three dogs in what he said was a “rescue” mission. Hsiung said as many as 3,000 beagles were confined in small cages, some stacked three high in a windowless building.

Hsiung, along with others, was charged in Dane County Circuit Court for breaking into the facility, but those charges were later dropped,

partially at the request of Ridglan Farms, which said they received death threats from animal activists at the time.

In court last week, Hsiung said he saw two dogs kept in a four-foot-square cage, which may be cramped conditions but offered some socialization opportunities. That may have been better than dogs kept in solo cages as they exhibited distress and psychosis, alleged Hsiung, who added that he has dealt with dog abuse for years.

One of every five dogs exhibited “weird, repetitive” behavior including spinning in circles and barking for no apparent reason, he said. Those behaviors indicate “deep psychological” problems that may persist for years in some dogs, he added.

The stench of urination and feces burned his eyes and throat long after

leaving the building, he alleged. Also, the noise of barking dogs was so loud that the activists could not hear each other and communicated by hand signals.

“[The dogs] were never exercised or saw the outdoors” during their lives at Ridglan, he claimed.

Dr. Sherstin Rosenberg testified that the dog cages were smaller than another facility that had been shut down for confining animals in cages that were too small.

Rosenberg said that the facility lacked adequate staffing, and the staff lacked proper training in animal care. She recommended completely renovating the facility, saying adequate care of dogs isn’t possible in its current condition.

“We expect these problems to continue if it stays the way it is,” she said.

Dane4Dogs, Ltd. and the Animal Alliance, the groups

requesting the special prosecutor appointment, said they have notified Dane County authorities several times during the past six years about alleged conditions at Ridglan’s facilities, but no official action has been taken.

Ridglan Farms is a U.S. Department of Agriculture certified dog breeder and research facility, but activists say complaints to the agency have also fallen on deaf ears.

“Allegations against thousands of similar facilities about animal cruelty have been brought since 2017,” but neither state nor federal governments have pursued them, Hsiung said.

Wisconsin law allows citizens to petition a circuit court to appoint a special prosecutor if they believe local authorities won’t investigate or charge alleged criminality. It’s a rare occurrence, however, and

Eric McLeod, an attorney for Ridglan Farms, called it an “unusual procedure” in which both sides are not given the opportunity to make their cases.

“It allows for a private party to go and ask a judge for a criminal complaint separately from the District Attorney,” McLeod said. “It’s entirely one-sided.”

“Essentially it’s a well-choreographed show they put on to try to convince this judge that a lot of bad stuff is happening, without giving us the opportunity to rebut or make objections,” he continued.

McLeod and Rick Van Domelen, a veterinarian at Ridglan Farms, said many of the claims made in court last week were hearsay or misinformation.

“Anyone watching that or reading about it should use a high degree of caution to make sure the information is correct,” said McLeod. He

added that U.S. Department of Agriculture’s regulations for such facilities are extremely stringent and ensure that they are run “ethically and responsibly.”

“This is not some fly-by-night operation,” he said.

If chosen, a court-appointed prosecutor would gather and review evidence, check the statute of limitations and could decide whether or not to bring a case against Ridglan Farms.

Ridglan Farms’ website states that the company “[Is] committed to the highest standards of health and quality which is backed by our AAALAC International accreditation for animal care and welfare.”

AAALAC states that it is a voluntary organization that promotes the proper treatment of animals used in science.

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MOUNT HOREB/BARNEVELD 36, SAUK PRAIRIE 6

MH-B rolls in playoff opener

Vikings erupt
for 30 points in
second quarter

by ADAM MERTZ
Sports Reporter

How well did the first half go for Mount Horeb-Barneveld football team in its playoff opener against Sauk Prairie?

Well, you could point to a stunning stat: That the Vikings’ defense allowed the Eagles just one first down — on the opening drive, and on a penalty at that.

Or you could highlight a trio of lightning-fast scoring drives that effectively put the game away, with MHB’s offense amassing 22 points while covering a cumulative 135 yards on 14 plays over a span of just 5 minutes, 6 seconds of possession time.

Or you could roll up three impactful special teams plays — Ryan Skogen’s partially blocked punt that set up the Vikings’ first score, a Zach Maguire “flop shot” onside kick that Max Grundahl recovered to bridge the third and fourth touchdowns of the night, and Maguire’s rugby punt to the Sauk Prairie 7-yard line that paved the way for a safety.

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld defenders Talon Stoenner (33) and Jack Wilson (2) tackle Sauk Prairie quarterback Landon Schultz for a safety during the Vikings’ 36-6 win in Level 1 of the playoffs last Friday. Photo submitted

Vikings head back to state

Mount Horeb will be among the favorites at Saturday’s meet

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls cross country team has a long and impressive résumé at state meets.

The Vikings have finished in the top-five 11 times and captured four state titles during their illustrious history. Last season, Mount Horeb placed fifth.

Don’t be surprised if Mount Horeb’s terrific 2024 team adds to those lofty totals.

The Vikings won the WIAA Division 2 Deerfield/Cambridge Sectional

on Oct. 25 and earned the program’s 15th overall trip to state.

Mount Horeb had three of the top seven finishers at sectionals and finished with an impressive 56 points. Lancaster earned the second state tournament berth, placing second with 64 points.

The Division 2 state meet will be held Saturday at 12:40 p.m. at Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

“I think we’re in good position to run well again,” Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor said. “There are continued on page 15



Mount Horeb’s girls cross country team earned a trip to the WIAA Division 2 state meet, which will be held at Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mount Horeb Twitter



Mount Horeb’s girls volleyball team defeated West Salem last Saturday and won a WIAA Division 2 regional title. Photo courtesy of Mount Horeb Twitter

MoHo spikers win regional crown

Vikings meet Edgewood in sectional semis
by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Two down, two to go.

Mount Horeb’s girls volleyball won a WIAA Division 2 regional title last Saturday.

The second-seeded Vikings opened the post-season by defeating seventh-seeded Portage, 25-19, 25-22, 25-17 in a regional semifinal on Oct. 24. Mount Horeb then handled third-seeded West Salem, 25-13, 25-13, 24-26, 25-21, in a regional final last Saturday.

Mount Horeb now travels to top-seeded Madison Edgewood for a sectional semifinal Thursday at 7 p.m. If the Vikings win there, they would face either Catholic Memorial or Lakeside Lutheran in a sectional final Saturday at 7 p.m. at Portage High School.

Mount Horeb has never made the state tournament, but is hoping to change that this season.

In the Vikings’ win over Portage, Mount Horeb had 41 kills, 46 digs and five blocks.

Jayse Holman led the way with 12 kills and four digs, while Laila Rasmussen had 27 assists, five kills, three assists and nine



Morgan Monroe and Mount Horeb’s girls volleyball team won a WIAA Division 2 regional title last weekend. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

digs. Ella Kahl had seven kills, while Eliza Zweifel had six kills and one dig.

Kennedy Myers had four aces, six assists and 12 digs, Ruby Dahlk had 10 digs, Morgan Monroe had four digs and Finley Moore added three kills.

“We have been playing

really good ball lately and we wanted to come out firing on all cylinders,” Vikings coach Josh Smelzer said. “We didn’t care that we were the higher seed. We wanted to play our best ball and keep working on things and getting better.

“We took control early

on and the girls didn’t let up, which was great to see. Our service game was good as usual. Our serve receive was really good and our offense took advantage of that. As a coaching staff, we were extremely happy to get the win, but more importantly, we played hard

from start to finish.”

In Mount Horeb’s win over West Salem, Holman had 14 kills and five digs, while Dahlk had 13 kills and 14 digs. Rasmussen had 47 assists, five kills, 10 digs and two aces, while Kahl had 13 kills and two

Moore had eight kills and two digs, while Zweifel had five kills and a dig. Myers had 17 digs and three aces, while Maya Newman had nine digs. Morgan Monroe had four aces and four digs and Courtney Monroe had four digs.

“We barely got the No. 2 seed over West Salem. It was very close,” Smelzer said. “We did want to prove that we were the better team, but our focus was playing our best. We came out on fire in the first two sets and we pulled away in both.

“We made some early errors in set 3, and give credit to West Salem as they came out fighting. Our girls responded though. They didn’t get down on themselves or one another. They knew what they had to do to win regionals, and that is play our style of ball.”

Now, the Vikings take aim at Edgewood. The teams have met three times this season, with the Crusaders going 2-1 overall.

“Edgewood is a familiar opponent,” Smelzer said. “All three matches were very close. We think it’s going to be another great match of two top-10 teams. At this point in the season every opponent is tough. We have been playing our best ball as of late, and we are very excited for another opportunity to play some volleyball.”

Season ends for soccer Vikings

Mount Horeb eliminated by Comets

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

To the casual observer, Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team had a season very similar to 2023.

Vikings coach Rick Gage doesn’t see it that way.

Mount Horeb fell to Delavan-Darien, 1-0, in a WIAA Division 3 regional semifinal on Oct. 24. The Vikings finished the year 7-11-0, the identical record they had in 2023.

But Gage, who just completed his second season, saw plenty of progress from a team that played one of the area’s toughest schedules.

“I felt like we were an improved team,” Gage said. “I feel like we improved offensively and were still a very solid defensive team. While we would have liked to have had a few more wins, I feel like our schedule was very challenging and made it tough to get into a rhythm.

“Of our 10 regular season losses, six were to ranked teams and three others were to good Division 1 and 2 teams and the other loss was to a good fifth-seeded Platteville team. We did not have



Cam Goodwin (4) and Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team fell to Delavan-Darien in a regional semifinal on Oct. 24. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

a bad loss on the season. While I like to have a very challenging schedule, I feel like we had a few too many weeks of multiple tough games and it made it hard for our players to recover and be full strength.”

The Vikings, the No. 8 seed in the sectional, couldn’t get into an offensive rhythm against the

ninth-seeded Comets.

When these same teams met in early September, Mount Horeb notched a 3-1 win. This time, Delavan-Darien was much improved.

“Delavan is a good team that moves the ball well offensively,” Gage said. “The first time we played them they were missing their leading scorer and they have

since made a goal keeping change. We figured that we were going to see an improved Delavan team from our first meeting and that is what we got.”

After a relatively even first half, the Comets got leading scorer Aiden Nieves free on the right side of the goal box in the 37th minute. Nieves fired a rocket that

went off the cross bar and post and into the goal to give Delavan-Darien a 1-0 lead.

“It was a perfect shot,” Gage said.

Mount Horeb put more pressure on the Comets in the second half, but simply couldn’t find the equalizer.

“We regrouped at halftime and I thought we did a better job of pressuring their

defense and creating scoring chances,” Gage said. “As the half moved along we moved more players into that attack to try and score the equalizer.

“We were able to create a few good scrambles for the ball in front of the Delavan goal, but we were never able to get off a quality shot to score the goal we needed. I thought we played well against an improved Delavan team. We were just unable to score the goal needed to put pressure on Delavan.”

Overall, goal scoring was an issue for the 2024 Vikings.

Mount Horeb scored just 19 goals in 18 games and was shutout 10 times.

The Vikings will return a solid group in 2025, though, and Gage believes his team can make a leap.

“Next season we return a solid nucleus to the team,” Gage said. “We return 11 juniors, three sophomores and one freshman — nine of which started games throughout the season.

“We will feel the loss of our seniors, but there is a good core of young players that are working hard and I expect will be ready to contribute to the team. I think the future looks bright for next season.”

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about five or six teams in the mix at the top end of Division 2 and our girls should be among them. All of these teams have some strong runners up front, but the scores should be close. We’ll have fun at practice this week and do our best to show up ready.”

The Vikings were certainly ready for sectionals.

The Deerfield/Cambridge Sectional was arguably the toughest in the state, with five ranked teams, including four of the top eight.

“Besides us, Lancaster, Monroe, and Deerfield/Cambridge all have very good girls teams, so we were really just aiming to put together a good team performance to try to match up well against these other programs,” Chancellor said. “I’d projected out where I thought those teams and a few others would be and was aiming the team at the second place finish that we would need to get us through to state. To me, Lancaster was the team to beat and Deerfield/Cambridge would probably be our biggest challenge for that second place spot.”

Instead, everyone wound up chasing the Vikings.

Sophomore Willa Vigliotta led Mount Horeb with a third place finish, completing the 5,000-meter course in 18 minutes, 47.02 seconds. Freshman Mia Caygill was fourth individually in 18:58.02 and sophomore Julia Straka was seventh (19:04.76).

“We had a basic plan of where they would need to be and by a mile into it, things were mostly looking good,” Chancellor said. “Willa had a hold on third, Mia was part of a chase pack that wasn’t too far off Willa, and Julia was sitting somewhere around 10th.

“They finished strong. Willa was aiming for third and executed well to hold onto that spot. Mia put together a strong surge in the last 400 meters to move up to fourth. I had hoped that Julia could finish around 10th for us, so having her finish seventh was really exciting.”

Senior Ellie Larson had a terrific race and finished 14th in 19:39.44.

“Out of several very strong races our team had that day, Ellie might have had one of our best,” Chancellor said. “I had asked

her to try to stay close to Deerfield/Cambridge and Lancaster’s fourth runners, but she did more than that and managed to beat both of them.”

And sophomore Maeve True was 28th overall in 20:13.10.

“Maeve held on for a strong race and was able to stay right with Lancaster’s fifth runner at the end,” Chancellor said.

Freshman Emily Wittenwyler was 39th individually (21:15.48) and junior Lily Wahl was 40th (21:15.54), but only the top five runners have their scores count towards team totals.

Mount Horeb’s boys were eighth out of 16 teams as every one of the Vikings runners set new career-best times.

Monroe won the team title with 55 points, while Dodgeville/Mineral Point earned the second state tournament berth, finishing second with 66 points.

The Vikings finished with 229 points.

“I was proud of how they finished,” Chancellor said of his boys. “Every one of our guys ran a career best time and they really put out some amazing efforts.”

Sophomore Samuel Wyse

led the way with a 34th place finish in 17:33.50. Senior James Zwettler was 41st (17:44.50) and senior Jack Zwettler was 45th (17:55.86).

“Sam led the way for our guys and was able to achieve a time goal that has quite a bit of significance for both him and me,” Chancellor said. “James and Jack Zwettler were our second and third guys and put together what I think were the finest races of their careers in their last cross country race for Mount Horeb.”

Sophomore Jaxon Hughes was 47th (18:01.28), while sophomore Nicholai Solodin-Braun was 62nd (18:20.53). Senior Noah Gibbs was 73rd (18:43.64) and junior Desmond Kelley was 81st (19:00.54), but only the top five scores count towards the final team tallies.

“Our boys came into this race with a different set of goals than our girls,” Chancellor said. “For our guys, we were using this as an opportunity to put together a strong team race and to take advantage of our late season taper to run some fast times. In the last few weeks, our varsity boys have started to come together as a pack on



Mount Horeb sophomore Willa Vigliotta finished third individually at the Deerfield/Cambridge Sectional. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

our workout days, so the aim was to replicate that in this race.

“For us, eighth was a really good result in a strong field and I think it sets up our returning runners with an idea of where they can

continue to grow. I’m especially proud of our seniors, Jack, James, and Noah (Gibbs) for the work they’ve put into our team and our program and the ways they have helped a lot of the younger guys.”



At left, Mount Horeb-Barneveld standout Chris Kiel skies for a pass. Above, Hayden Anderson looks for room to run. Photos submitted

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The only thing missing from that first 24 minutes was the cherry on top that Harrison Walker almost delivered. On an untimed down following a penalty on MH-B, the junior defensive lineman scooped up an errant Eagles snap at the opponent’s 23 and rumbled all the way to the 2-yard line before being tackled short of the goal line to end the half.

All those fireworks earned the second-seeded Vikings a running clock and a sleepy second half in a convincing, 36-6 victory over Badger Small Conference rival and seventh-seeded Sauk Prairie last Friday in a WIAA Division 3 opening-round game.

“You can’t ask for anything more from Level 1. That’s a good win for us,” said MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld, whose team won its playoff opener for the third straight year. “All facets of the game were playing really well.”

“Everything was clicking on all cylinders tonight,” said junior linebacker Jack Wilson, who teamed up with Talon Stoenner to force that safety and notched an offensive touchdown as MH-B’s short-yardage back. “I’m super proud of our team. Great team win.”

Sauk Prairie (5-5), which finished in third place in the Badger Small, was left wanting in its first postseason appearance since 2019, and only its second in the past 17 years.

“I think our team came to play,” said Eagles se-

nior quarterback Landon Schultz, “but they’re just a better team.”

Junior quarterback Brooks Hendrickson threw for 257 yards and three touchdowns to three receivers (Hayden Anderson, Tyrus Hastings and Owen Preimesberger) on 21-of-32 passing. Preimesberger added 101 yards and a score on 15 carries and senior receiver Chris Kiel added 87 yards on six receptions.

Four-time reigning league champion MHB (10-0) will host Waterford (6-4) this Friday at 7 p.m. in a second-round game after the Wolverines — who finished in second place in the Southern Lakes Conference — dispatched Badger Small foe Stoughton, 20-14.

“We’re not going to get complacent. We’ve got to keep on moving forward,” Skogen said.

As in the teams’ first matchup this season — a 30-7 MHB win at Sauk Prairie on Sept. 27 — the Vikings put the Eagles into a deep hole early and put themselves into cruise control.

After moving the ball a mite on its penalty-aided first drive, the Eagles punted on their next set of downs and went three-and-out on their other six full possessions in the first two quarters. Meanwhile, MH-B scored on five of its seven possessions, and converted its lone punt into that safety.

But there was a moment when the momentum could’ve swung the other way. On the 12th play of MH-B’s first drive, Hendrickson’s pass to the left

side bounced out of Owen Aeschlimann’s breadbasket and into the arms of Eagles defensive back Jaxson Martin for an interception at the 5-yard line.

The Vikings quickly rebounded, with Skogen getting a big piece of Sauk’s subsequent punt attempt to give MHB possession at the Eagles’ 13. On the next play, Preimesberger burst around the right side for a 6-0 lead with 2:41 left in the first quarter.

“I actually called it right before that,” Skogen said of his blocked punt. “I told Eli (Maier), I’m going to go outside and get it.”

After another brief Sauk possession, MH-B unleashed its scoring rampage with the help of a trick play.

The Vikings were facing third-and-15 at the Eagles’ 20-yard line after a holding penalty when Hendrickson found Maguire on a hitch route. The senior quickly pitched the ball to Preimesberger, who was streaking across the field and outraced the trailing linebacker to the left pylon for a touchdown, then tacked on a two-point run for a 14-0 edge with 10:42 remaining in the second quarter.

“You can’t catch O.P. on the outside if he catches a head of steam,” Maguire said, adding that he was “speaking from experience.”

The Vikings inserted the play call on Wednesday, and might’ve surprised observers by breaking it out in a first-round game they were expected to win handily. But St. Arnauld and his staff — particularly offensive coordinator Chris Balbach —

have earned a reputation as a group that will accept risk to reap rewards.

“Oh, we’ve got a big bag of tricks. I’m not afraid of people knowing them,” St. Arnauld said. “Tonight, it was a tone-setting thing — let’s pull it out, because I know we can do it. And it worked out perfectly. So next week, the hook-and-ladder might not be in the playbook, but something else will. Coach Balbach’s a magician. He’ll pull something out of his hat.”

MH-B’s next drive featured a 33-yard deep toss to junior Colin Haag and a sublime 14-yard run by Kiel, who took a pitch left, hit a dead end and dead stop and reversed course, outracing the rest of the Sauk defense to the 2 to set up Wilson’s score.

On the ensuing kickoff, St. Arnauld called for Maguire to execute the onside kick. He did the same two years ago in a playoff game against Onalaska when MH-B was trailing and needed a spark. This time, it was to keep the pedal down.

“When we look at it from the dynamic of, what kind of program do we want to be, we’ve created a Frankenstein’s monster of my worst nightmare,” St. Arnauld said of unpredictability. “What we are is what I would not want to go against as a coach.”

When the Vikings did finally have to punt — after their drive stalled out at the Sauk 45 while leading 28-0 — the Eagles made a tactical gamble themselves by calling timeout before that kick. The goal was to get

the ball back with time to drive the ball and score. The risk was an opportunity for MH-B to layer on points and reach the scoring differential threshold that triggers a running clock.

After Maguire’s punt was downed at the 7, a false start backed the Eagles halfway to their own goal line, and MH-B sent a full blitz on the next three snaps. On the last of those, Wilson and Stoenner forced Sauk quarterback Landon Schultz into intentional grounding from his own end zone — an automatic 2-point penalty.

“It all starts with our D-line,” Wilson said, referencing Skogen, Stoenner and Walker. “We linebackers

couldn’t do anything without them. They chew up blocks and it lets everyone else play free.”

With their bonus possession after the safety, the Vikings closed out the scoring in the half with a six-play, 63-yard drive that culminated in three straight completions to Hastings — for 15, 20 and 15 yards, the last providing MH-B a 36-0 edge with 48 seconds left in the second quarter.

Hendrickson got hit hard in the pocket on more than one occasion in the third quarter, but stayed in the game until the clock rolled over into the fourth quarter. The reason was threefold,

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE
NOTICE OF LOCATION AND HOURS
OF POLLING PLACE

At the General Election to be held on November 5th, 2024, in the Town of Primrose, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location	Wards
8468 County Road A, Verona, WI	1

All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Ruth Hansen
8468 County Road A, Verona, WI
608-576-6821

By appointment
Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Notice of Meeting of MBOC to Process Rehabilitated Provisional Ballots

If provisional ballots have been issued and are subsequently cured by the voter before 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election, the MBOC must meet no later than the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. to process the cured provisional ballots. This is a public meeting and requires applicable notice.

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St. Arnauld said: The WIAA’s playoff rules allow the clock to stop in the third if the margin falls below 35; an injury earlier this week left MH-B without an experienced backup; and the Vikings have had a running clock in seven of their 10 games, taking away valuable reps from the starters.

“People might say, you have to think about the second and third rounds. We are thinking about the second and third rounds,” St. Arnauld said. “We’re going to play four quarters against somebody, at some point - are our kids going to be ready for it?”

When the first-team defense departed, Sauk netted its lone score, a 55-yard downfield strike from

Schultz to Nick Keyser with 7:54 remaining. MH-B sent in its second-team offense on the following drive, giving senior fan favorite Owen Krimmer a trio of receptions and freshman quarterback Harvey Hellen (3-for-4 passing for 16 yards) and freshman running back Django Christian their first varsity completions and rushes, respectively.

“That was awesome to get them varsity experience,” St. Arnauld said. “They both gave us great looks on scout team this week. They’re going to be ballers.”

Oct. 25
WIAA Division 3 Level 1 playoffs
MH-B 36, Sauk Prairie 6
Sauk Prairie 0 0 0 6 — 6
MH-B 6 30 0 0 — 36

First quarter
MH-B - Owen Preimesberger 3 run (run failed), 2:41.

Second quarter
MH-B - Preimesberger 20 pass from Brooks Hendrickson via Zach Maguire (Jack Wilson run), 10:42.
MH-B - Wilson 2 run (pass failed), 7:27.
MH-B - Hayden Anderson 2 pass from Hendrickson (Wilson run), 5:31.
MH-B - Stoenner safety, 1:55.
MH-B - Tyrus Hastings 15 pass from Hendrickson (run failed), 0:48.

Fourth quarter
SP - Nick Keyser 55 pass from Landon Schultz (pass failed), 7:54.

Team stats
Total offense: SP 120, MHB 347. First downs: SP 4, MHB 22. Fumbles-lost: SP 1-1, MHB 2-1. Penalties-yards: SP 7-39, MHB 6-55.

Individual leaders
Passing: SP - Landon Schultz 6-17-74-1-1; MHB - Brooks Hendrickson, 21-32-257-3-1. Rushing: SP - Schultz 3-32-0; MHB - Preimesberger 15-101-1. Receiving: SP - Nick Keyser 1-55-1; MHB - Hayden Anderson 8-51-1.



Mount Horeb-Barneveld’s Owen Preimesberger (3) rumbles forward while leaving behind two Sauk Prairie defenders. Photo submitted

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed 2025 budget for the Village of Mount Horeb will be held in-person, with a virtual option, on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. The proposed 2025 budget is available at <https://wi-mounthoreb.civicplus.com>. To connect to the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://trollway.tv/CablecastPublicSite/?site=1>

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY
(AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 65.90(3))

	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	% CHANGE
REVENUES				
TAXES (UTILITY AND OTHER)	470,432	488,230	498,880	2.18%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	879,841	1,088,912	1,167,835	7.25%
LICENSES & PERMITS	127,907	176,182	178,380	1.25%
FINES, FORFEITURES & PENALTIES	30,698	50,000	50,000	0.00%
PUBLIC CHARGES FOR SERVICES	803,124	871,578	885,181	1.56%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	55,710	57,200	59,488	4.00%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	199,648	336,104	327,354	-2.60%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,507	8,400	8,400	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	2,574,867	3,076,606	3,175,518	3.21%
EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	922,346	963,103	1,010,870	4.96%
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,826,159	3,353,848	3,324,961	-0.86%
PUBLIC SERVICES	1,611,445	1,911,379	1,811,411	-5.23%
CULTURE, RECREATION & EDUCATION	384,969	356,636	375,953	5.42%
CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT	54,121	268,400	302,400	12.67%
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	2,528,033	2,636,213	2,634,016	-0.08%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0	0	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,327,073	9,489,578	9,459,611	-0.32%
NET-REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPEND	(5,752,206)	(6,412,972)	(6,284,093)	
LOCAL PROPERTY TAX	5,520,333	5,658,437	5,755,860	
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(231,873)	(754,535)	(528,232)	
FUND BALANCE - START OF YEAR	2,336,495	2,104,622	1,350,087	
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	2,104,622	1,350,087	821,854	

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
2025 FUND SUMMARY

	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	LIBRARY FUNDS	OUTREACH NUTRITION FUNDS	SWIMMING FUND	EMPLOYEE RETIRE INS FUND	TIF DIST FUNDS	OTHER SPEC REV FUNDS	TOTAL VILLAGE FUNDS	ENTERPRISE (UTILITY) FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
TOTAL REVENUES	8,931,379	2,935,808	5,775,198	823,100	253,429	114,020	43,000	1,685,301	426,097	20,987,332	12,233,039	33,220,371
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,459,611	2,935,808	3,038,924	833,014	226,502	167,120	42,500	1,361,840	382,456	18,447,775	12,023,603	30,471,379
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	(528,232)	0	2,736,274	(9,914)	26,927	(53,100)	500	323,461	43,641	2,539,557	209,436	2,748,993
FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1	1,490,983	700,548	(1,253,511)	186,649	286,674	(94,819)	303,386	(333,997)	741,293	2,027,206	27,719,780	29,746,986
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31	962,750	700,548	1,482,763	176,735	313,601	(147,919)	303,886	(10,536)	784,934	4,566,763	27,929,216	32,495,979
PROPERTY TAX CONTRIBUTION	3,121,844	1,757,391	214,000	530,057	50,568	42,000	40,000	1,562,418	0	7,318,278	0	7,318,278
PROPERTY TAXES ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:												
GENERAL FUND	2024	2025	% CHANGE									
DEBT SERVICE FUND	3,022,224	3,121,844	3.30%									
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	1,754,428	1,757,391	0.17%									
LIBRARY FUND	250,000	214,000	-14.40%									
OUTREACH/NUTRITION FUND	512,132	530,057	3.50%									
SWIMMING POOL FUND	48,953	50,568	3.30%									
EMPLOYEE RETIRE. INS. FUND	30,700	42,000	36.81%									
TOTAL GENERAL LEVY	40,000	40,000	0.00%									
TID INCREMENT	5,658,437	5,755,860	1.72%									
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX CONTRIB.	1,578,597	1,562,418	-1.02%		\$(16,179.00)							
	7,237,034	7,318,278	1.12%									
ASSESSED VALUE	1,182,610,800	1,191,880,500	0.78%									
MIL RATE PER \$1,000 ASSESSED W/OUT TID	4.784699	4.829226	0.93%									
										9,269,700 Assessed Value increase(decrease) from prior year		

OUTSTANDING VILLAGE INDEBTEDNESS (THRU 12/31/2024)

VILLAGE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	10,892,000
VILLAGE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT	0
TID #3 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	2,523,000
TID #4 GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT	0
TID #5 GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT	3,560,000
UTILITY REVENUE BONDS	20,947,691
UTILITY GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT	0
TOTALS	37,922,691

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Noon Wednesday, the week prior to publication

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11 am Thursday, the week prior to publication

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Noon Thursday, the week prior to publication

Mount Horeb Mail.....

1 pm Thursday, the week prior to publication

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2 pm Thursday, the week prior to publication

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2 pm Thursday, the week prior to publication

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

The following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated, at the General Election to be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024** in the Village of Mount Horeb:

Mount Horeb Public Library

105 Perimeter Road

Wards 1 - 5

Mount Horeb Senior Center

107 N Grove Street

Wards 6 - 11

Both polling places will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. The polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Wisconsin law requires voters to be a resident of the Village of Mount Horeb for at least 28 days before the election to vote in the village. You can find your polling place on the My Vote Wisconsin website at <https://myvote.wi.gov/>. If you have any questions concerning your polling place or voting requirements, please contact Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney at 138 E Main Street or call 437-9404.

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MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the Mount Horeb Area School District on November 5, 2024, the following proposed Initial Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Mount Horeb Area School District, Dane and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$34,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of additions and renovations at the Primary Center, including for classrooms and academic space, a gymnasium, secure entrance and office, and to convert the existing gymnasium into a cafeteria/kitchen; site, playground, parking and traffic flow improvements at the Primary Center; demolition of the Early Learning Center and related site improvements; other capital and building infrastructure improvements at district facilities; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Mount Horeb Area School District, Dane and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$34,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of additions and renovations at the Primary Center, including for classrooms and academic space, a gymnasium, secure entrance and office, and to convert the existing gymnasium into a cafeteria/kitchen; site, playground, parking and traffic flow improvements at the Primary Center; demolition of the Early Learning Center and related site improvements; other capital and building infrastructure improvements at district facilities; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to approve the borrowing of \$34,000,000 by the Mount Horeb Area School District through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of additions and renovations at the Primary Center, including for classrooms and academic space, a gymnasium, secure entrance and office, and to convert the existing gymnasium into a cafeteria/kitchen; site, playground, parking and traffic flow improvements at the Primary Center; demolition of the Early Learning Center and related site improvements; other capital and building infrastructure improvements at district facilities; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the Mount Horeb Area School District the authority to borrow \$34,000,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of additions and renovations at the Primary Center, including for classrooms and academic space, a gymnasium, secure entrance and office, and to convert the existing gymnasium into a cafeteria/kitchen; site, playground, parking and traffic flow improvements at the Primary Center; demolition of the Early Learning Center and related site improvements; other capital and building infrastructure improvements at district facilities; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to undertake the school building and facility improvement program described in the question and borrow not in excess of \$34,000,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 1304 East Lincoln Street, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Mary Jo Michek

11011 Brigham Avenue, Blue Mounds

608-437-5197 x1

8-4:30pm Monday-Thursday

Nancy Meinholz

3734 County Road P, Cross Plains

608-798-0189

5-6:30 pm Monday-Thursday

Amanda Burghy

10566 Blue Vista Road, Blue Mounds

608-4367-8722

9-2pm Monday-Thursday

Mary Price

1004 State Hwy 78 S, Mount Horeb

608-437-4553

Mary Kolb

7674 County Road DD, Blanchardville

608-523-1381

Jackie Arthur

2379 Town Hall Road, Mount Horeb

608-437-6230 x1

12-4pm Tuesdays

Ruth Hanson

706 Bowers Road, Belleville

608-576-6821

By Appointment

Alyssa Gaffney

138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb

608-437-9404

7-4:30pm Monday – Thursday

Katie Zelle

4017 County Road JJ, Black Earth

608-767-2457 x1

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Information to Electors

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

o state their name and address

o show an acceptable form of photo identification*

o sign the poll book**

*If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**If the elector is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If an elector is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the elector provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

An elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," Clear Access or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an **optical scan ballot** on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen ballot** is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The elector may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot

November 5, 2024

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: ☒

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: ☒

School District

Question: Shall the Mount Horeb Area School District, Dane and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$34,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of additions and renovations at the Primary Center, including for classrooms and academic space, a gymnasium, secure entrance and office, and to convert the existing gymnasium into a cafeteria/kitchen; site, playground, parking and traffic flow improvements at the Primary Center; demolition of the Early Learning Center and related site improvements; other capital and building infrastructure improvements at district facilities; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Steve Salerno, District Administrator.

Done in the Mount Horeb Area School District

on October 31, 2024

Leah M. Lipska District Clerk

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TOWN OF PERRY

LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024

PERRY TOWN HALL,

10084 COUNTY HIGHWAY A

8:00 PM

Teleconference: 425-585-6272 access: 394-722-206 #

Agenda

1. Call to Order.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 7, 2024.

3. Teresa Barry, 1145 State Rd 78 – detached garage.*

4. Pending applications – review and discussion.

5. Schedule meetings.

6. Adjourn.

A quorum of the Town Board may be present at this meeting.

*A site view will be conducted at the Barry site on Saturday, November 2, 2024, beginning at 8:30 AM.

Stephanie Zwettler, Deputy Clerk

www.perry-wi.gov

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE, DANE COUNTY

NOTICE

OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the electors of the Town of Primrose, Dane County, Wisconsin will be held at the town hall located at 8468 County Road A, Verona Wisconsin, on the 7th day of November 2024, immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 town budget, which begins at 7:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To authorize the use of unused levy capacity from the prior year as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and as approved by the town board under resolution No. 2024-02, adopted pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(f)3.

2. To consider the adoption of a resolution by the electors at the town meeting endorsing a town board resolution which proposes that the town levy exceed the state allowable levy limit under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602, specifically a proposed tax levy which would exceed the allowable town tax levy for 2024, after adjustments, by .91%, for a dollar increase of \$3000.

3. To approve the 2024 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2025), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a).

Dated this 9th day of October, 2024.

Ruth Hansen, Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR THE

TOWN OF PRIMROSE, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 7th, 2024, at 7:00 pm the Town of Primrose will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 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 use of the 2023 unused tax levy, to endorse the town board resolution to exceed the levy limit and to approve the 2024 total town tax levy to be collected in 2025. The proposed budget, in detail, is available for inspection at the Clerk's office by request, or on-line at www.townofprimrose.com. The following is a summary of the 2025 Proposed Budget:

Revenue

2024 Approved

2025 Proposed

Change

Municipal Taxes

\$325,793

\$332,428

2.0%

Lottery Credits, Dog Licenses

\$5,635

\$6,085

43.0%

Intergovernmental Revenue

\$195,482

\$198,438

2.0%

Licenses & Permits

\$ 9,600

\$9,600

0.0%

Public Charges for services

0

0

0.0%

Miscellaneous Revenues

\$16,250

\$16,250

0.0%

Total Revenues

\$551,920

\$561,600

2.0%

Expenditures

2024 Approved

2025 Proposed

Change

General Government

\$118,8359

\$112,607

-5.0%

Public Safety

\$77,850

\$80,441

3.0%

Public Works

\$312,827

\$324,967

4.0%

Health & Human Services

\$5,438

\$5,614

3.0%

Capital Outlay

\$0

\$0

0.0%

Debt Service

\$37,972

\$37,972

0.0%

Total Expenditures

\$552,922

\$561,602

2.0%

Dated this 9th day of October, 2024

By: Ruth Hansen, Clerk, Town of Primrose

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

PUBLIC HEARING

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

The Plan Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an application from Rodina Real Estate for a zoning change from PB – Planned Business to R3 Multi-Family Residential then to PD-General Plan Development District for a zero-lot line residential development located at 418, 422 and 426 W Main Street further described as parcels 0606-114-2277-2, 0606-114-2290-5 and 0606-114-2294-1.

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

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TOWN OF PERRY PUBLIC NOTICE

TIRE COLLECTION DAYS

The Town of Perry will hold two tire collection days – Saturday, November 2 and Saturday, November 9, 2024.

Tires will be accepted from 8:00 AM until noon at the Town Recycling Center, 10832 CTH A, Daleyville.

Fees will be charged as follows:

Car Tire

\$ 6.00

Small truck or implement tire

\$ 8.00

Large truck tire

\$ 18.00

Small tractor tire

\$ 29.00

Large tractor tire

\$ 35.00

Residents are encouraged to participate in this semi-annual opportunity to dispose of tires properly and to contribute to the Town of Perry's recycling efforts.

Mary L. Price, Clerk

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VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUNDS

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, in the Village of Blue Mounds, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location

Wards

Blue Mounds Village Hall

1

11011 Brigham Avenue

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Mary Jo Michek

11011 Brigham Avenue

Blue Mounds, WI 53517

608.437.5197 ext. 1

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closed Fridays

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

DANE COUNTY

Upland Hills Health Inc.

800 Compassion Way

Dodgeville, WI 53533,

Plaintiff,

v.

Benjamin D. Biggerstaff,

117 Buechner Cir.

Mount Horeb, WI 53572

Defendant.

Publication Summons and Notice

(Small Claims)

Case No. 24SC5279

PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison, WI 53701 on the following date and time: November 12, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2024.

ADDRESS:

P.O. BOX 374

Fontana, WI 53125

(262) 248-9765

PETER B. KING ATTORNEY AT LAW SC

By: /s/ Peter B. King

State Bar No. 1006895

Attorney for Plaintiff

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MoHo swimmers fall to Monroe/New Glarus

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls swimming team dropped its final dual meet of the season, 123-47, to Monroe/New Glarus on Oct. 22.

The Vikings' 400-meter freestyle relay team of Caitlin Patrick-Stern, Siobhan Mertz, Madeline Evans and Ava Newman finished second.

Mount Horeb's 200-meter freestyle relay team of Nina Paterson, Mertz, Evans and Newman was second. And the Vikings' 200-meter medley relay team of Patrick-Stern, Clem Christian, Sam Hanson and Paterson was third.

Newman won the 200- and 400-meter freestyle

Patrick-Stern was third in the 100-meter butterfly and Paterson was third in

the 100-meter freestyle. Mertz was also third in the 100-meter breaststroke.

The Vikings now head to the Badger Small Conference meet Saturday at 1 p.m. at Sauk Prairie High School.

Mount Horeb then is at the WIAA Division 2 McFarland Sectional on Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.



Siobhan Mertz and Mount Horeb's girls swimming team will compete at the Badger Small Conference meet Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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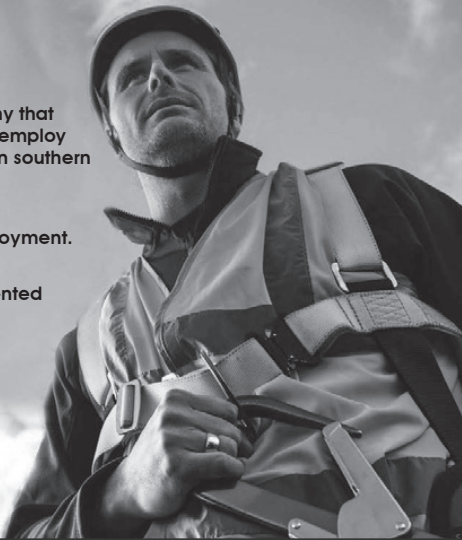
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- RN Float** – .6 to a .9 FTE evening/night shift position. **\$3,750 Employment Bonus eligible!**
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- Imaging Technologist** – day/night shift position in the hospital, p.m. shift in Urgent Care available. **Up to a \$5,000 Employment Bonus, prorated based on FTE!**
- Certified Nursing Assistants** – positions available in our Nursing & Rehab Center, **\$3,000 Employment Bonus included!**
- Environmental Services** – part to full time p.m. shift position & part time night shift available! **\$1,000 Employment Bonus!**

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