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WHAT MATTERS MOST?

Bring your ideas, listen to your neighbors, and help shape the choices that will guide the community forward

By Matt Geiger
The Mount Horeb Mail

Community leaders urge residents to take part in a free community meal Monday, Nov. 9 where the public will discuss the fate of Mount Horeb. The Come to the Table event is part of the Mount Horeb Public Library's "Disagree Better" series, which organizer Melissa Roelli said is "designed to show community members a proven method of tackling hard topics together."

This is an opportunity for residents to talk with one another, hear different per-

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Village of Mount Horeb unveils interactive map showing local projects

The Village of Mount Horeb recently unveiled a new tool on its website that allows the public to explore and understand an array of local projects, from street work to development. "My goal is to give [citizens] the tools to be able to understand what's going on," stated village administrator Gabe Altenbernd. View the interactive map at mounthorebwi.info/376/Village-Projects



U.S. Sen. Baldwin visits Mount Horeb farm to talk fuel prices

On Friday, October 2, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin toured a rural Mount Horeb farm and heard from local farmers about the impact of record-high diesel prices on agriculture. Wisconsin has experienced the highest year-over-year increase in the cost of diesel out of any state in the country. As of September 30, the average cost for a gallon of diesel gas in Wisconsin was $6.43, up from $3.49 per gallon a year ago. Pictured above, Baldwin tours Generations Beef and Brunkeberg Kviteseid Farms on County Highway H.

Democrats pouring cash into race to flip GOP state Senate seat in SW Wisconsin

State Democrats are using a well-worn loophole to boost state Rep. Jenna Jacobson's run for state Senate, doubling the campaign cash of Howard Marklein, the GOP incumbent, who's also getting six figures from his party

By Annie Pulley
The Badger Project

Wisconsin's Democratic Party is putting major resources into flipping the swing district Republican state Sen. Howard Marklein has represented for more than a decade.

Marklein, the 72-year-old incumbent who grew up on a dairy farm in Spring Green, is facing off against state Rep. Jenna Jacobson of Oregon, a 44-year-old Democrat, who has, so far, outraised him 2-1, as of the last campaign finance deadline at the end of September.

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin gave Jacobson about $1.1 million from January through the most recent reporting window that ended Sept. 23. She also received about another $300,000 from individuals and political action committees donating to her campaign.

In the same time, the Republican Party of Wisconsin gave Marklein about $340,000. Individuals and political action committees gave Marklein about another $360,000.

The candidates can continue raising funds through the election, but they don't need to report again until this week, a week before the election.

A retired accountant, Marklein won a seat in the

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Someone You Should Know



Ryan, Maddie, Lindsay and Haylie Becker.



Karen, Melaina and Sacha Tetzlaff.



Eric, Neela and Teresa Patterson.

MADDIE BECKER IS "SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW"

Maddie Becker is "Someone You Should Know." Maddie was chosen as the Optimist Club's high school recipient of the "Someone You Should Know" award for outstanding community service for the month of September.

Maddie Becker is a senior at Mount Horeb High School. Since moving to Mount Horeb 4 years ago, Maddie has become very involved in her school and her community. Within her school she is active in numerous clubs including: Student Council, National Honor Society, Club Interact, Outdoors Club, Skills USA and Debate Club. Maddie has served as Vice President of Student Council her junior year and this year as a senior she is serving as Student Council President. She is also on the officer team for the National Honor Society. During her junior year, Maddie was a student representative for the School Board and served on the Education Committee. She is currently awaiting her assignment for this year. Over this past summer Maddie was sponsored by the Mount Horeb Rotary Club to attend the World Affairs Seminar at Carroll College.

Maddie has competed as a member of the MHHS track team the past 3 years, serving as a captain her Junior year. She intends to run the spring of her senior year as well. Maddie has also been on the Viking Girls Swim Team for 4 years and is currently a team captain.

Additionally, Maddie is active in the Mount Horeb Music Program. She is a member of the band and has served as Drum Major her junior and senior year. She has also represented MHHS at State Solo & Ensemble for the past 3 years.

In her community, Maddie serves by volunteering through Club Interact. She is also a volunteer with the Optimist Club of Mount Horeb throughout the year at Storybook Theatre, Super Bowl

Silent Auction and at the Kid's Zone at the Norsk 4th of July Festival. Maddie is always happy to help wherever she is needed.

Maddie dances with Forte Studios and is starting her 5th season as part of X-Tension dance company. She is Dance Captain for the company this year. The dance company serves the community throughout the season with various acts of kindness as well as performances for

local nursing homes.

Next year, Maddie plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in neurobiology and psychology with an emphasis on research.

Maddie was honored at the September meeting of the Optimist Club. She received a certificate of recognition, $50.00, and is also in the running to receive one of the Optimist Club scholarships awarded at the Senior Awards event in May. The Optimist Club of Mount Horeb is proud to name Maddie Becker as "Someone You Should Know."

Photo Caption: Ryan, Maddie, Lindsay, Haylie

NEELA PATTERSON IS "SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW"

Neela Patterson is "Someone You Should Know." Neela was chosen as the Optimist Club's high school recipient of the "Someone You Should Know" award for outstanding community service for the month of October.

Neela is a senior at Mount Horeb High School. She is a four year member of the Social Justice Club which provides opportunities for creating fair and equitable learning environments, providing opportunities for discussion, and deepening the understanding of social justice. She has been a three year member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) learning about the future of healthcare. Neela is also a member of the high school French Club.

Outside of school, Neela volunteered for two summers in the Mount Horeb Summer School program helping students develop their math and reading skills as well as making sure they remained motivated and engaged in their learning. She has been working as a CNA for over a year and a half helping senior memory care residents in the community with caregiving and creating a community for them to thrive with supportive care. Neela has been a member of the Warriors Academy of Martial Arts for nine years. She is a second degree black belt and has been helping younger students learn and develop their skills for almost seven years. As one parent shared, "Neela has helped to build an encouraging, welcoming, and supportive environment and helped younger students learn new skills and have fun. The kids and parents there adore her and really look up to her. She is so patient and kind. She pays attention to what each student needs and creates a really trusting relationship where the kids can thrive. Earning a second degree black belt before even graduating high school is crazy impressive. That took incredible dedication."

Neela was honored at the October meeting of the Optimist Club with her parents Eric and Teresa present. She received a certificate of recognition, $50.00, and is also in the running to receive one of the Optimist Club scholarships awarded at the Senior Awards event in May. The Optimist Club of Mount Horeb is proud to name Neela Patterson as "Someone You Should Know."

MELAINA TETZLAFF IS"SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW"

Melaina Tetzlaff is "Someone You Should Know." Melaina was chosen as the Optimist Club's high school recipient of the "Someone You Should Know" award for outstanding community service for the month of October.

Melaina is a senior at Mount Horeb High School. She has been a member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) for three years and is currently serving as the president. She is the vice president of Best Buddies, and has also been a two year member of Letters of Love and Club Interact. Melaina participated for two years on the high school volleyball team and played ClubVolleyball for six years.

Outside of school, Melaina has been a volunteer at Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the Clothes Closet, and she has helped fill activity bags for kids at ELC Church. She helped coach Middle School volleyball and coached Little Kids Soccer. The Optimist Club has been thankful to have her volunteer with such events as the Silent Auction, Prairie Fire and their Christmas event during Covid. With her family, Melaina has been a bell ringer for many years during the Christmas season and has helped with Meals on Wheels. Helping the Chamber, she has served snacks and drinks during Creepy Crawl and has even dressed as Jorgen the Troll for Chamber events. She volunteered at Urgent Care in Mt. Horeb. Before working as a CNA at Beehive, Melaina played games with the residents. She also does in-home care.

Melaina was honored at the October meeting of the Optimist Club with her parents Karen and Sacha present.

She received a certificate of recognition, $50.00, and is also in the running to receive one of the Optimist Club scholarships awarded at the Senior Awards Event in May. The Optimist Club of Mount Horeb is proud to name Melaina Tetzlaff as "Someone You Should Know."

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Obituaries

Marjorie Sutter

January 14, 1934 - October 20, 2026



MOUNT HOREB – Marjorie A. Sutter passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2026, followed by a graveside service at Calvary Cemetery in Mount Horeb. Visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Friday. A luncheon after the burial will be hosted at the church.

For more information and online condolences, please visit www.gundersonfh.com.

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Sharon Marie Rosol

January 25, 1950 – October 18. 2026



COTTAGE GROVE - Sharon Marie Rosol age 76, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2026, after battling cancer with the support of family and friends.

Sharon was born on January 25, 1950, in Stoughton, the daughter of John Marvin Norton and Carol Ruth (Clark) Norton. She graduated in 1970 from Golden Valley College in Minneapolis with an associate degree in business and music.

In 1980, Sharon married David Rosol. Together they managed Elizabeth Manor Apartments in Middleton for six years until they bought their home in rural Mount Horeb. Together they raised two daughters, Melissa and Sara.

Music was an integral part of Sharon's life. At the age of eight she started taking piano lessons and was a church organist by the age of 17. Throughout her life she was an organist in many churches. The moment Sharon got in the car or got up in the morning, the first thing that was turned on was music.

Sharon had hobbies of flower arranging, photography, bowling and crafts. Garage sales were something that she never missed, driving to area communities and having several of her own with her mother and daughters. She loved dogs and would never miss an opportunity to greet one. When Sharon moved to Cottage Grove, she enjoyed planning events at her senior apartment and decorating for the seasons, along with meeting new friends and attending events together. However, Sharon's number one interest was her grandchildren. She loved them with all her heart and was so thrilled whenever she could spend time with them. She displayed many pictures of the grandchildren throughout the house and would always share them with friends when new pictures were taken.

Sharon is survived by her daughters, Melissa and Sara; two sisters, Susan Everson and Shelia Olson; two granddaughters, Victoria and Naomi; two grandsons, Rylan and Anders; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, David; and two sisters, Ardie Vallem and Melinda Vallem.

A funeral service will be held at DOOR CREEK CHURCH, 6602 Dominion Drive, Madison, at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 26, 2026, with the Rev. Chad Reeser presiding. Visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday. Burial will be at Sunset Memory Gardens in Madison.

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Board of Education

School board gets update on mental health initiative

By Annie Pulley
The Badger Project

District officials say student mental health remains a priority. The Board of Education met for its biweekly regular meeting October 5, where it received an Oregon Mental Health Services (OMHS) update from Director of Student Services Becca Johnson. Additionally, the board received its annual technology update from District Technology Coordinator Will Brueggeman and approved its meeting agenda, personnel transactions, consent agenda and minutes for its September 21 regular board meeting. It also approved Board Policy #463, "Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship," at its second reading as well as the high school softball team's travel to South Carolina for Spring Break 2027.

In her presentation to the board, Director Johnson described the ongoing partnership between Mount Horeb ISD and OMHS and the benefits therein for district students.

"We were able to see 64 students last year and provide therapy in all of the schools. We've had 1,096 appointments, 25 consults and 28 referrals," Johnson said. "We have three fully licensed clinicians and a lot of insurance in our network. We are also able to provide free services to 5% of the population, so if we saw 64 students, that means we could essentially have three students covered."

According to Superintendent Steve Salerno in his meeting recap, the district has partnered with OMHS for nine years, during which their in-school services have continued to expand as more therapists are available to provide high-quality mental health care across multiple grade levels. He said the board continues to consider mental health essential to the success of district students and has consequently made it an integral part of its strategic plan. As such, he said in-school mental health services will continue to be a resource for families who may otherwise face barriers, including time constraints or transportation issues.

"One of the things I love about your team is how you meet a student where they're at and build them from there," Superintendent Salerno said. "You give our kids the opportunity to have this service right in their own schools in a confidential way without having to worry about getting transportation. You all have built such loving relationships with our kids and our families, and we're so lucky to have you."

Information about in-school mental health services is available on the "Student Services" page of the district website.

The Board of Education holds its next regular meeting October 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Department of Justice

Wisconsin DOJ joins lawsuit regarding mail-in ballots

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) this month joined a coalition of 25 states in filing a lawsuit against the United States Postal Service (USPS) challenging its new rule that purports to grant USPS the authority to regulate mail voting in elections.

Tens of millions of voters across the country rely on mail-in ballots. The coalition argues that USPS's rule will prevent states from effectively administering their mail voting programs, putting voters at risk of being disenfranchised.

"If implemented, this unnecessary rule would bring chaos to the administration of this fall's election," said AG Kaul. "We must not allow the Trump administration or anyone else to unlawfully interfere with our elections."

On March 31, President Trump issued an Executive Order attempting to, among other things, establish a national list of eligible voters and directing the USPS to transmit mail ballots only to voters on the list. On August 21, USPS announced a new rule implementing the President's demands. The rule requires states to register every voter who is eligible to vote by mail into a new USPS database. The rule also establishes new design requirements for the mail-in ballot envelopes created by states, which must be approved by USPS before states may enter their mail-in voters into the USPS database. Under the rule, USPS will not deliver ballot mail to voters who do not appear on the USPS-generated lists and will not deliver ballots in envelopes that fail to comply with the rule's new standards.

The coalition argues the rule inflicts "significant, irreparable harm on states by imposing burdensome mail voting requirements that may be impossible to implement before the general election and risks disenfranchising eligible voters."

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PERSPECTIVE

Bluebirds and Stewart Park

By Jack Saltes

Stewart Lake County Park has an abundant and flourishing population of bluebirds. But it wasn't always that way. In the 1990s, few bluebirds were being observed in the park, mostly due to limited habitat. Bluebirds prefer open areas, such as native oak savannas and prairies, grasslands and meadows with cavities to nest in.



Jack Saltes with a bluebird box.

To initially increase the park bluebird population, a bluebird trail of 12 boxes was started in 2001 by park volunteer Jack Saltes, with approval by the Dane County Parks Department.

The first nesting boxes were located in open areas of the park, namely grasslands and meadows. Since then, as oak savanna and prairie restorations occur, more natural habitat is created increasing the biodiversity for pollinators, bluebirds, many other birds and wildlife. Over the past 25 years, bluebird nesting boxes have been incrementally added thanks to the land restoration efforts of the Dane County Parks Department, Operation Fresh Start, Friends of Stewart Park and many volunteers/groups. Currently there are 35 bluebird boxes in the park, most of them along the Oak Trail and the Upland Prairie Loop, areas accessible at the end of Blue View Drive and Viking Road in Nordic Hills.

Many bluebirds can now be seen in these areas as well as other areas throughout the park and in adjacent neighborhoods.

A particularly noteworthy project occurred in 2024. Four Girl Scouts from Mount Horeb Troop 7669, for a bronze award, chose a conservation project of lasting impact by building bluebird boxes for Stewart Park to replace existing boxes or add new boxes to the bluebird trail. They constructed 20 boxes using bluebird box design guidance from the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin and Jack Saltes, Stewart Park bluebird trail monitor. They then replaced many older boxes in the park in the spring.

Four Girl Scout built boxes were installed along the lower Oak Trail in May 2026 by Dane County Park's Youth Volunteers for Conservation.

These four boxes were then monitored during the summer by a high school student and mentor. It is intended that these four boxes each season can be part of an "Adopt-A-Trail" educational opportunity for anyone interested to monitor, especially students. Another park volunteer monitored four boxes in Henze Meadow off of Grove Street this season as well. Bluebird boxes are monitored weekly and observations recorded. They are cleaned out as needed. All bluebird data is compiled in a Summary Report and submitted to Dane County Parks Department and the Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin every September.

Major Park bluebird milestones were reached in 2025 and 2026. In 2025, the total number of bluebirds fledged topped 1000 with a total of 1021 fledglings (2005-2025). This year, 2026, was a record-setting year with 101 bluebird chicks fledged! The 20-year average (2005-2025) is 50 and the single best prior year was 71 in 2014. It was quite a successful year for them.

With so many bluebirds in the park and as they expand their range in search of nesting cavities, Mount Horeb and area residents are encouraged to put up bluebird boxes on their own property to monitor each season, especially areas that has some open habitat. They are captivating, beautiful birds to observe, especially their nesting activities and cycles.

The Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (BRAW) is an excellent comprehensive resource for information.

You can also contact Stewart Park Bluebird Trail Monitor Jack Saltes (saltes@mhtc.net) for box design, installation and location advice/suggestions as well as monitoring information.

Most bluebirds migrate south in the fall, usually sometime in late October or early November as days get much shorter and their main source of food, insects, significantly decrease. Some bluebirds however do spend the winter in the park, relying on their fat reserves and native berries for survival. Overwintering bluebirds can usually be spotted down by the lake where it is sheltered and water available but they are also sometimes seen in other parts of the park and neighborhoods in the winter. Bluebirds return to Wisconsin in early March each year. In search of nesting cavities and boxes in March, they begin nesting activities in April. Bluebirds usually lay 4-5 eggs and can have two broods each season. A bluebird nesting cycle (building a nest, laying eggs, incubating eggs, hatching, feeding and fledging) takes 6-7 weeks, from April through August. Consider planting native plants, shrubs and trees on your property to increase pollinators, bird species and wildlife.

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Letter to the Editor

O Say, Can You See?

Have you ever noticed that our national anthem begins and ends with a question? It seems to me the questions that bookend Francis Scott Key's masterpiece reflect an uncertainty about the staying power of the great American experiment that has been with us since the beginning. The question this raises for me is: will we do our part to ensure the star-spangled banner continues to wave? Will we engage in local, state, and national conversations and help to shape the future? Will we vote, practice civility, and learn to disagree better? I hope we will.

None of this guarantees an outcome. But democracy has never been something we could take for granted. It survives when people choose to care for it and act to preserve it.

The flag will not keep waving simply because it always has. It will keep waving because we show up with grit, determination, love, and hope. So the next time we sing, "O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave?" may we remember that the answer depends, in part, on us. And also, get out there and cast your vote on Nov. 3.

Tisha Brown
Mount Horeb

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Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Nov. 3, 1886

Henry Shultz left this place last week for Middleton, where he will take up his home.

John Ryan marketed 24 porkers last Wednesday, weighing an average of 340 lbs., the best on the buyer's book here this fall.

This morning the sad word reached us that Ole Holverson, Irving, about 5 miles south of here died suddenly last evening, having enjoyed good health up to the time of his death.

Yes, there is still to be found a new assortment of Ladies' Fine Shoes of the latest styles, which he will sell at moderate prices and much less than they are sold for in cities, and those bargains are to be found at the shoe store of P.A. Sletto.

Election is over and two thirds of the candidates for office were defeated.

Twenty-six persons lost their lives in the recent railroad accident near Portage.

130 Years Ago- Nov. 5, 1896

Syver Johnson has been investing in new trimmings on his roadster. Lewis Martin did the job which sets off the "turn out" in improved appearances.

Sater & Scott has entered into partnership and the firm name will be The Mt. Horeb Machine Shop and Bicycle Factory.

Petie Nace seems to be an expert horse jockey. He has traded horses two times, bought three and sold four inside of three months.

Barney Burns sports a fine pony which he bought of Petie Nace. Mr. Nace likes fine horses, but he likes silver too although he is a goldbug.

Halloween was a quiet affair at this place this time. Not even the lady portion of our younger element showed any ambition to play pranks. It is noticeable that since the great tumult of '93, this prank playing festival has not been celebrated very extensively at this place.

Albert Thompson has taken some very comical pictures which he has made of people while in the highest degree of political excitement standing on the street corners talking and gesticulating.

Burchell's and T. G. Lingard were disturbed in their slumbers on the morning after election by a rooster crowing in Huset's front door. Can some one say not why that rooster should call on the free silver champion so early in the morning.

120 Years Ago- Nov. 1, 1906

J. S. Donald marketed a fine large bunch of fat cattle Monday.

The corn shredder is now in operation and happily it has now become our duty to chronicle any serious fatality, the work of this dangerous machine.

The opening of a public road through Flower Hill Valley would seem to us a very wise move. We learn that a petition is being circulated for signatures and the board will likely be asked to act on same.

It appeared that Barneveld was a little severe on a gypsy caravan that camped near or within the village limits one night recently, allowing their ponies to graze along the roadside or on vacant lots. The authorities had the company arrested and fined $15 for this trespass. $5 of this went to the marshal.

Henry Lee has been remodeling his horse barn and making things handy for his R.F.D. paraphernalia.

110 Years Ago- Nov. 3, 1916

Raymond Bakken left Monday for Chicago where he has secured employment in a barber shop.

Our people will surely turn out well to the Home Talent Recital next Tuesday night. Certainly they will be treated to something fine in the way of music and public speaking.

Election Returns at the Mt. Horeb Opera House: Tuesday evening Nov. 7th via Western Union, read from the stage during Miss Pickard's recital. Immediately after the recital several reels of comedy films will be shown, further reports will be read between reels. Regular admission of 10¢ will be charged. The Minerva Literary Society will serve sandwiches, cake and hot coffee.

100 Years Ago- Oct. 28, 1926

A.M. Hrubesky, of Omro, has purchased the Evans Drug Store from Miss Nora Evans, who recently became the owner, having bought out her brother, C.M. Evans. The Hrubesky's will move here this weekend and will occupy the late Mrs. Marie Hoff residence.

Lewis Slotten, Forward, is mourning the loss of 12 pigs, born this spring. No one seems to know how it happened, but they all vanished, at the same time. It is thought that they have entered the wicked city of Chicago and if so they surely are not numbered among the living. Should they still linger here on earth, Mr. Slotten or Mr. Vilberg of this village, will be pleased to learn about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Knudt Stenseth, living south of Blue Mounds, were surprised last Sunday when they returned home from church and found their home invaded by
self-invited guests who came to help them celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

The work of paving and laying curbs and gutters on the street between Martinson Bros. and the Mt. Horeb House corner to the Farmer Store is well underway. This improvement will be most appreciated next spring when the annual mud season arrives.

While the Edgar Field family were absent from their farm Southwest of Blue Mounds, on Wednesday afternoon their hog house and machine shed burned to the ground. A man passing on the highway noticed the smoke and went down to the farm. Not finding anyone home he drove out the car which was all that was saved. The cause unknown.

90 Years Ago- Oct. 22, 1936

Dale Luhman had the misfortune to injure three fingers in a power saw accident Monday. The accident occurred at the Way Milling Co. shop, Madison, where he is employed.

James Nye, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nye, on the old Malone farm near Mt. Vernon, died Sunday afternoon from pneumonia enroute to a Madison hospital. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Nye.

Mrs. Sever Johnson passed away at her home Wednesday, Oct. 21, after a long illness.

A pre-nupital party was held at the O.K. Stenseth home, Clay Hill, Friday evening, Oct. 16, in honor of Miss Hazel Bang and Quintin Stenseth.

80 Years Ago- Oct. 24, 1946

A dinner was given at the Olson home in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Olson on Thursday, Oct. 17.

Jergen Greve has purchased the Mount Horeb Produce from Joseph Nelson and will take possession Nov. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holm, Daleyville, were happily surprised Sunday when a large number of relatives and friends gathered at their home to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Joseph Dolohanty, 53, died at her home in the township of Blue Mounds, Tuesday, Oct. 22, after a long illness.

70 Years Ago- Oct. 25, 1956

A son, Todd Walter, was born Sunday, Oct. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Post at Madison General hospital.

Bouquets of white, yellow and bronze chrysanthemums decorated the church altar of Perry Lutheran church for the wedding of Miss Donna Dean Scot and Merlyn Henry Fink, Saturday, Oct. 20. The Rev. J. O. Jorgenson read the 2 p.m. service.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Zarndt announce the birth of a daughter, Carol Ann, Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Madison General Hospital.

40 Years Ago- Oct. 30, 1986

The highest achievement in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award, was bestowed on two Mount Horeb Senior Scouts, Heather Paulus and Jenifer Stone, by the Black Hawk Council in Madison.

A daughter, Lisa Marie, was born to Dennis and Cindae Dignan, Mount Horeb, on Sunday, Oct. 26, at Madison General Hospital.

Betty Burns, Mount Horeb, recently received a Dane County Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding dedication and contributions to the Mount Horeb Volunteer Fire Department Emergency Medical Service (EMS).

30 Years Ago- Oct. 31, 1996

Homestead Cooperative 'Pioneer' homeowners didn't waste time last week at the groundbreaking ceremony. The 24-unit senior cooperative building is expected to be ready to move in around a year from now.

Donald and June Underwood will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 3, with a family dinner.

Jane Albright-Dieterly, women's basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin, addressed the Rotary Club last week at the Karakahl Inn.

Sugar River Euchre

Sugar River Euchre League's October 22 Results

By Stan Hook

This week's high scorers were Cowboys Don Field and Ferdie Schmitz along with Pranksters Dave Hook and Tom Schulenberg. Each couple had 118 points just missing a perfect game by 2 points. Steve Dower and Roger Olstad contributed an additional 110 points to the Cowboys' total score to help secure a 92 point win over the now 0 and 4 Sportsman's Bar Cheese Eaters. Hay Shakers Roger Truttmann and Barb Judd countered Dave Hook and Tom Schulenberg's score by putting up 113 points of their own to secure a 10 point win for the Hay Shakers over the Pranksters.

There was a three-way tie for this week's low score. Pranksters Jim Borland and Larry Losenegger, Cheese Eaters Giff Hoesly and Kendal Wenger, and Shufflers Stan Hook and Dave Herfel all recorded just 76 points. In the match between the Red Mouse Shufflers and team Uff-da, the Shufflers took a 24 point lead after the first frame. But, by the end of the third frame they found themselves down 8. They crawled back into a 7 point lead after the fourth frame. By the end of the sixth frame the Shufflers lost the lead for good to lose the match by 31 points.

The Pipe Benders and the Viking Trolls had a little excitement of their own when a bus load of Dolly Parton impressionists walked through the doors at Kurniki's Bar & Grill. Apparently, Ryan Arneson and Scott Prohaska didn't notice their visitors as they were able to concentrate enough to record 115 points for the Pipe Benders. Unfortunately, the Trolls were easily distracted and found themselves 27 points short by the end of the night.

Kurniki's Express pulled out of the station in Belleville one minute ahead of the J&M Bar River Rats. Not sure what kind of cheese the River Rats devoured, but they skirmished ahead and took a 7 point lead by the end of the second frame. The lead remained at 7 after both teams scored 51 points in both the third and fourth frames. After the fifth frame the Express was able to retake the lead by 1 point. The match remained close until Jimmy and Jack Gehin were held to 3 points in the seventh frame by Charlie Steinhauer and Tracy Haag. The Express was able to steam into the last station 23 minutes ahead of the River Rats.

Standings:

Kleeman's Hay Shakers 3-1

Kurniki's Express 3-1

Kurniki's Pipe Benders 3-1

Norsk Cowboys 3-1

Red Mouse Uff-Da 3-1

J&M Bar River Rats 2-2

Red Mouse Shufflers 2-2

Doghouse Pranksters 1-3

Sportsman's Cheese Eaters 0-4

Viking Trolls 0-4

October 29 Schedule (all starting times are 7:00)

Red Mouse Shufflers at Norsk Cowboys

Doghouse Pranksters at Red Mouse Uff-da

Kurniki's Express at Sportsman's Cheese Eaters

Kleeman's Hay Shakers at Kurniki's Pipe Benders

J&M Bar River Rats at Viking Trolls

Recreation Notes

Get involved with hockey in our Learn to Play Hockey program! This program provides children, ages 4 to 8, with the opportunity to learn how to ice skate and exposes them to youth hockey in an exciting, supportive environment. Lessons will focus on fundamentals, teamwork, and fun! Registration includes the rental of a full set of gear. This program runs in partnership with Ice Wolves Hockey and is taught by USA Hockey certified coaches. Classes are on Saturdays from 8:15-9:00 AM. Session 1 is 11/14 - 12/19 and Session 2 is 1/16 - 2/20. The program takes place at the Ley Pavilion in Dodgeville. The single session fee is $50 for residents and $60 for non-residents, or sign up for both sessions and pay only $75.00 total (fee does NOT include required USA Hockey Membership). Register for session 1 by 11/7 and session 2 by 1/11!

Learn to Line Dance! No experience needed, a complete beginner class! Just bring a bottle of water, yourself, and friends for a fun night of country line dancing! Participants will learn the popular classics to the very latest favorites, and discover why people everywhere love line dancing! This program is designed for those 18 years and older. The program takes place on Tuesdays, November 10 through December 1, in the Senior Center from 6 to 7 PM; and the session fee is $55 for residents and $65 for non-residents. Register by 11/3!

Hit the court this winter with 4th-6th Grade Big Ten Rec Basketball! The Big Ten Basketball League is a cooperative league with

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News & Notes

How Families can Support Their LGBTQ+ Loved ones



Janna Barkin

People learn from stories about others' journeys of understanding and acceptance. On Nov 2, PFLAG will welcome Janna Barkin (she/her), author, speaker, group facilitator, and parent coach, for a heartfelt talk about family acceptance, hope, and the power of connection. Janna will draw upon her experience as the mother of a transgender son, as well as her experiences as a support group facilitator and coach, to share insights and stories that highlight how families can support their LGBTQ+ loved ones, foster understanding, and remind parents, grandparents, and allies that they are not alone.

Janna Barkin is a passionate advocate for transgender youth and the facilitator of support groups, including online groups for PFLAG National. She is the author of He's Always Been My Son and A Grand Love: Stories for Grandparents of Transgender Grandchildren, both Amazon #1 bestsellers. A lifelong educator and student, Janna leads multiple support groups, speaks widely, and shares guidance, encouragement, and stories that foster understanding, compassion, acceptance, and hope.

The meeting will be held at the Mount Horeb Public Library from 6 to 8 pm. Janna will speak from 6-7 and confidential sharing will follow from 7 - 8.

There is no need for an RSVP if you'd like to join in person at the library. If you prefer to attend via zoom, RSVP at PFLAGmoho@gmail.com and a link will be sent.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Mt. Horeb Community Foundation and is not a library sponsored event.

"Stop the Bleed" training

There will be a free "stop the bleed" training November 9, 1 – 3 p.m. at the Mount Horeb Public Safety Building, 400 Blue Mounds St., Mount Horeb.

This course is like a superhero cape for nonmedical folks. Dive in and become a life-saving champion because you never know when your new skills might just save the day.

Dane County Awards $96,750 in Grants to Area Arts Organizations

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard and the Dane County Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission announced last week that 70 grants totaling $96,750 have been awarded to local organizations supporting arts, history, and cultural activities throughout Dane County.

One of the grants went to the Mount Horeb Area Arts Association for the Spring Art Tour, in the amount of $1,420. Celebrating 20 years, the Spring Art Tour is a free, self-guided journey through artist studios and the scenic landscapes of western Dane County. Anniversary celebrations, artist demonstrations, and unique local experiences make this milestone event a memorable weekend for visitors of all ages.

"Dane County's vibrant arts community is one of the things that makes our county such a special place to live, work, and raise a family," said Dane County Executive Melissa Agard. "From local performances and exhibitions to programs that celebrate our history and culture, the arts bring people together and strengthen our communities. I'm proud that Dane County continues to support the artists and organizations whose creativity enriches the lives of our residents."

Dane Arts grants are supported through a public-private partnership that combines county funding with generous private donations from Diane Ballweg and the Endres Manufacturing Company Foundation.

Between Cycle 1 and Cycle 2, Dane Arts will award more than $211,000 in public-private funding to nonprofit organizations, schools, individuals, and municipalities in 2026. These grants support arts, cultural, and local history projects, along with other community arts programming offered throughout Dane County.

The next deadline to apply for Dane Arts project grants is February 1, 2027, at 4 p.m.

Garden club event will cover success and failure

On Tuesday, November 10th, the Mound Vue Garden Club Members will present a program on Gardening Successes and Failures. Members will tell stories, provide tips and respond to questions about gardening to help build the knowledge of others. Come join us and learn about what works and what might not work well when it comes to local gardening.

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

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

DNR Adopt-A-Kiosk Program Creates Statewide Partnership Opportunities

In response to hunters seeking to get more involved with chronic wasting disease (CWD) efforts, the DNR launched the Adopt-a-Kiosk (AAK) program to create partnerships between the citizens of Wisconsin and the DNR to work towards common goal of providing CWD sampling options for hunters.

Testing deer for CWD provides the DNR with valuable data to better understand disease distribution in the state and informs hunters of the CWD test result for their harvest. Making CWD sampling convenient and increasing participation are vital to the state's CWD monitoring efforts.

The DNR's self-serve CWD kiosks provide hunters with convenient 24/7 access to CWD sampling materials and test kits. The DNR partners with volunteer individuals and organizations to help manage some of these kiosks each deer season.

Adopt-a-Kiosk participants are responsible for monitoring the kiosk and following the guidelines associated with the partnership, but the DNR provides the kiosk and all the supplies. The program is a great opportunity for schools and youth organizations for involved community service. Visit the DNR's Adopt-a-Kiosk webpage for information on how to get involved.

More information about CWD in Wisconsin is located on the DNR's CWD webpage.

Creepy Crawl takes over Military Ridge Tral Oct. 29

Save the date! Join the Mount Horeb Recreation Department for the 22nd annual Creepy Crawl haunted hike on October 29. Take a haunted hike through part of the Military Ridge Trail lit by carved pumpkins and lined with spooks and scares of all kinds. After the hike, there will be fun for all ages including hay wagon rides, Haven's Petting Zoo, and more. The Less Scary Experience is from 6:00 - 7:00 PM and the Scarier Experience is from 7:15 - 8:15 PM.

IN CONCERT: SHAUNCEY ALI QUARTET

Come experience the melody-driven, arrangement-focused, beautiful soundscapes, and musical storytelling of the Shauncey Ali Quartet on Saturday, November 7 at 10 a.m. This free concert is great for all ages and features music influenced by bluegrass, Celtic, and Nordic fiddle styles. The quartet features Nicholas Vanhaute (mandolin), Hans Holzen (acoustic and electric guitar), David Havas (upright bass), and Shauncey Ali himself playing the fiddle.

Shauncey Ali has won the RockyGrass fiddle competition, performed with Peter Gabriel, composed and recorded theme music for an Ambie-nominated podcast and created MadFiddle, a reimagined model for youth music education. His work has taken him across the U.S., Canada, Italy, Spain, and Scotland. This quartet will challenge listeners with an experience that is virtuosic yet accessible, rooted in tradition yet unbound by convention.

For more information about the library, its events and services, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.



COMMUNITY

Senior Center News

November Events

Mondays & Thursday, Table Tennis, 10:00am. It is open to all levels, providing a casual and friendly atmosphere for playing

Tuesdays, Tai Chi, 1:00pm & Ageless Grace Chair Exercises 1:55pm. The current session ends on November 3 . The next session begins on November 10 and ends on December 15. Each session is $30 per person. Please call us at 608-437-6902 for more information.

Fridays, Coffee & Chat, 9:00am. Coffee and tea will be provided, or you can bring your own. Enjoy your morning coffee with some conversation. Free and open to all.

Tuesday, November 3, Election Day. All regularly scheduled activities will be held downstairs.

Thursday, November 5, Dementia Caregiver Support Group, 1:00pm. This group creates a safe space for discussion, education, support, and sharing of ideas and resources.

Friday, November 6, A Christmas Story at Fireside Theater. We will leave the senior center at 9:30am. Please call the senior center at 608-437-6902 to reserve your spot or be added to the waitlist as well as select your lunch option. Tickets are $84.50 and include lunch, admission to the show, and a tip. Lunch options consist of chicken parmesan, grilled salmon, sliced beef tenderloin, or veggie pot pie. An additional $3 will be necessary for the bus cost.

Friday, November 6, Medicare Informational Seminar, 1:00pm. Medicare can be confusing! Understanding how Medicare works and what your options are is important! Financial Professional, Mike Truong will be here to break down important Medicare topics.

Monday, November 9, Downsizing with Karen, 2:00pm. Moving soon? Need to downsize your space? Don't know where to begin? Attend our Downsizing with Karen class! Real Estate Broker, Karen Teztlaff will be here to help guide you through this sometimes overwhelming process. Please give us a call at 608-437-6902 to RSVP.

Tuesday, November 10, Cell Phone Assistance Class, 11:00am. Have questions about your smartphone? Need a course to answer some general questions about using your Android or Apple? We've got you covered. Local technology enthusiast, Andrea, will be here to help.

Thursday, November 12, Travel Show, 1:00pm. Premier World will be here to present and share information on 2027 travel opportunities!

Friday, November 13, Health Fair, 10:00am-12:00pm. Drop by the senior center to learn what helpful health resources are local to you. You'll have the opportunity to meet with the vendors and maybe even receive some free giveaways!

Monday, November 16, Movie Matinee, 2:00pm. We will be showing "Nonnas" starring Vince Vaughn, Lorraine Bracco, Talia Shire, Linda Cardellini, Brenda Vaccaro, & Susane Sarandon. "After losing his beloved mother, a man risks everything to honor her by opening an Italian restaurant with actual nonnas - grandmothers, as the chefs. " Based on a true story!

Tuesday, November 17, Card Making, 9:15am. We will be making homemade cards. Everyone is welcome to join. Please RSVP to Stacey at 608- 279-6108 by November 13 .

Tuesday, November 17, Men's Group, 12:00. Any gentlemen are welcome to join us for lunch and to get out of the house to socialize. Please make reservations 2 days prior for lunch, which is served at 11:15am.

Tuesday, November 17, Badger Hearing, 1:00-3:00pm. Tracy will be here to check hearing aides, no appointment is needed.

Thursday, November 19, Roots & Resilience Wellness Group, 1:00pm. This monthly group will be blending ancestral and genealogy insight with personal wellness, helping to understand our capacity to engage health, healing, and grace through ancestry. This group is free and welcome for all to attend. Relax, reflect, and reconnect together!

Thursday, November 19, lunch outing to 5 Quarter Bar & Grill in Verona. The bus will leave the senior center at 10:30am. Please call 608-437-6902 to reserve your spot.

Friday, November 20, BINGO, 12:30pm. $1 a card to play. Lunch is provided. Agrace is sponsoring.

Monday, November 23, Earwax Removal at 12:30pm. Amy will be here to assess and gently remove ear wax if needed. Call 608-437-6902 to schedule an appointment.

Thursday, November 26 Senior Center is CLOSED. Happy Thanksgiving! If you currently receive home delivered meals, double meals may be ordered in advanced.

Friday, November 27, Senior Center is CLOSED.

Director's Note:

November: "The Month of Thanks" We are all so fortunate to live in such a giving community. The Senior Center is blessed to have many volunteers who help make our mission of serving seniors in Mt. Horeb and our surrounding municipalities possible. We are also lucky to have many community members who make not only monetary donations but donate items for Bingo and supplies for day-to-day operations and activities. We would like to send a special "Thank You" to our volunteers who give so much of their personal time to the operations of the center: Butch Miller, Cheri Karls, Cheryl Snyder, Chris Ruppelt, Dennis Garfoot, Dolores Gilbertson, Donna Read, Donnie Schwoerer, Elaine Schmidt, Gordy Kahl, Gregg Amick, Janis & Jim Hiltbrand, Jean Hanson, Jeff Anderson, Jim Dahlgren, Jim Von Eschen, John Kats, June Myers, Karen Sommers, Kay & Tony Truman, Ken & Deb Uebersetzig, Kim O'Connell, Linda Schroeder, Marian Applegate, Mark Buttchen, Mary Ann Nelson, Mary Williams RN, Mike Hilgers, Mitzie Forbes RN, Nancy Legris, Pat Glynn, Pat MacLean, Patsy Byrnes, Peg & Don Donaldson, Rita & Denny Gilberston, Rita Schraepfer, Sam Flemming, Steve Frame, Terry Forman, and Vicki Sutter. Whether you help in the kitchen, deliver meals to seniors, answer the phones and help with projects, set up activities, or offer a friendly smile to everyone who walks through our doors; your dedication makes our center a true community. To each and every one of you: your kindness and time ensures

Case Manager's Note: To better track our loan closet inventory, the senior center is transitioning to having borrowers fill out a loan closet user agreement. You may be asked to review and sign one in the future if you would like to borrow equipment. Durable medical equipment items are available to anyone in need and do not have a strict return date-please use the equipment as long as you need! Due to limited storage, we appreciate any time someone is able to call ahead to let us know they would like to donate equipment. We are immensely thankful for donations we receive and the variety of options we are able to offer those in need.

Nutrition Manager's Note: November 3rd: Crispy Chicken Caesar salad with croutons and Caesar dressing

November 10th: Chicken Cobb with bacon, avocado, egg, with croutons and ranch dressing

November 17th: Mandarin Orange Chicken with crunchy chow mein and sesame ginger dressing

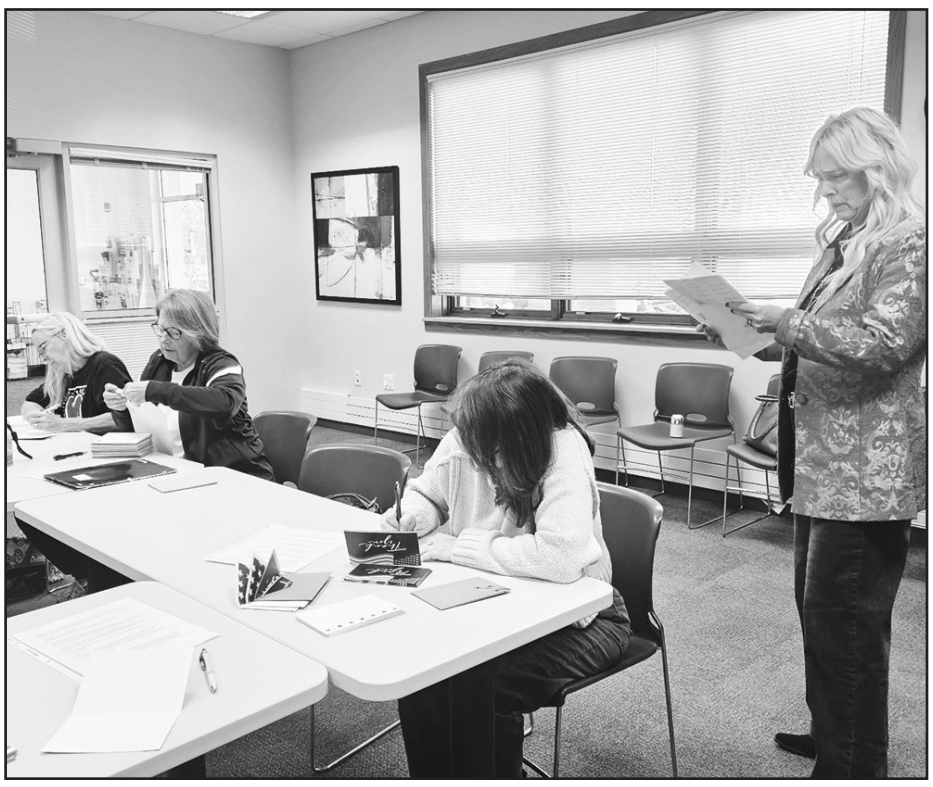
November 24th: Garden salad with chicken, croutons, and French dressing Tuesday

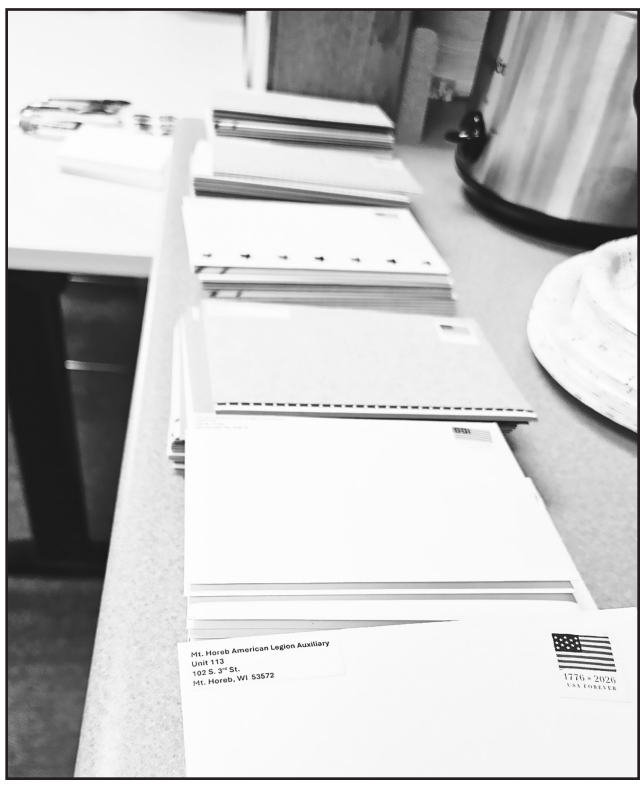
As a reminder, the senior center will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. We will be offering double meals to cover Thursday & Friday. Please give us a call at 608-437-6902 at least two days in advanced if you'd like meals on the 26 or 27.

American Legion Auxiliary write 'thank you' cards for vets

The Mount Horeb American Legion Auxiliary got together October 20 and wrote out "thank you" cards for Veterans Day. They completed 160 cards that will be sent out to local veterans. "We wanted to extend our appreciation of all their service and sacrifice they made to keep us safe," said Connie York, Mount Horeb American Legion Auxiliary President. "It is our Veterans who have given us our freedom!"

"We also completed an additional 40 thank you cards that will be used in the care packages the Legion, VFW and the Auxiliary are putting together," she said.





DHS Issues Immunization Recommendations Ahead of Virus Season

Encourages flu, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines, if eligible

As respiratory virus season arrives, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has released immunization recommendations for flu, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). These recommendations follow the release of standing medical orders for flu and COVID-19 vaccines to improve access to vaccination across the state.

"At DHS, our goal is to help people across the state make the best choices for their own health and the health of their communities. To do that, we review the latest science and evidence and make recommendations that help your health care providers answer your questions and get you the best care you need, while working to make vaccines easier to access. Ultimately, our goal is to help everyone make informed decisions and get protected," said DHS Secretary Kirsten Johnson.

While the common respiratory viruses of flu, COVID-19, and RSV circulate all year, cases increase during the fall and winter months. DHS tracks and monitors these viruses year-round to inform health care providers, public health partners, and all Wisconsinites about current virus activity and when risk of illness may increase. Respiratory illness activity is currently low across Wisconsin based on emergency department, laboratory testing, and wastewater data.

During the 2025-2026 season, Wisconsin saw nearly 11,000 hospitalizations associated with complications of flu, RSV, and COVID-19, with the majority occurring in older adults. Routine vaccinations help prevent the most serious symptoms of these viruses, as they are proven to safely help our bodies learn how to recognize and fight serious illnesses.

"While these viruses may only cause mild sickness for some, they can cause serious illness that results in missed days of school or work, or even costly medical appointments or hospitalization. And, sadly, each year we see deaths from health complications caused by these viruses," said Paula Tran, state health officer and Division of Public Health administrator. "Vaccines help protect your own health, and the health of the people around you, by safely teaching your body how to recognize and fight viruses. This reduces the chance of serious illness and spreading the virus."

DHS recommends the following immunization guidance for the upcoming respiratory virus season:

Flu (influenza): Flu vaccines are updated every year to offer the best protection against the viruses predicted to circulate. A flu vaccine is recommended each flu season for everyone 6 months and older. This is especially important for people at highest risk of severe illness including older adults, people with chronic health conditions, people who are pregnant, and young children, as well as those who interact with high-risk individuals.

COVID-19: COVID vaccines are updated to help offer the best protection against current variants. An updated COVID-19 vaccine is recommended every fall for all Wisconsinites 6 months and older. This is especially important for people 65 and older, people who have never received a COVID-19 vaccine, and people who are at risk for sever complications from COVID-19, including infants and young children, people who are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or who have recently given birth, and people with underlying health conditions. People who spend time with these populations should also be vaccinated against COVID-19 to reduce their likelihood of spreading the disease.

RSV: A one-time dose of RSV vaccination for those who are over age 50 and at increased risk of severe RSV disease, and for all adults 75 and older. The RSV vaccine is not a vaccine that older adults need to get every year. DHS also recommends one dose of the vaccine be given during 32-36 weeks of pregnancy, between September 1 and March 1. If the RSV vaccine isn't given during pregnancy, an RSV antibody shot is recommended for infants less than 8 months old and some toddlers to protect them from severe RSV disease. The RSV vaccine can be given at the same time as other vaccines, including COVID-19 and flu.

To find and schedule a vaccine, Wisconsin residents are encouraged to check with their primary care provider, local or Tribal health department, pharmacy, or community clinic. DHS has issued statewide standing orders for flu and COVID-19 vaccines that allow most Wisconsinites who want them to get vaccines at pharmacies across the state without a prescription.

Most health insurance plans continue to cover recommended vaccines, although coverage can vary. Wisconsinites should consult their insurance provider to learn about coverage options. Anyone who does not have health insurance, or whose health insurance does not cover vaccines, can connect with the Vaccines for Children Program and Vaccines for Adults Program. Both programs will provide access to flu and COVID vaccines.

Find more information about respiratory viruses on the DHS Respiratory Viruses webpage.

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spectives, and explore what matters most to the people who call Mount Horeb home. Participants will consider different visions for the community's future, ask questions, listen to what others value, and discuss the real tradeoffs that come with difficult decisions. This is also a time for village administration and elected officials to hear what residents prioritize.

The night features a Deliberative Dialogue approach, which utilizes small group discussions, neutral moderators, and a balanced Issue Guide to frame the conversation.

"This entire programming line-up has been designed to give people tools for more civil engagement and constructive discussions," said Roelli. "I think the best way to learn something is by doing it, which is why conversations focused on actual contentious issues are an integral part of the series."

"My main goal for the Come to the Table session is for people to leave feeling more connected with their neighbors, and with a deeper understanding of how to engage with different ideas in a more thoughtful, respectful, way," she continued. "I hope participants are able to incorporate lessons from this event into their own difficult conversations, whether they happen in community conversations or just around the dinner table."

Roelli asked village administrator Gabe Altenbernd and school district superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno to take part in the Disagree Better series of events.



Adult Programming Librarian Melissa Roelli (right) helps lead a prior Disagree Better event. The next, a community dinner, will take place Nov. 9.

Salerno chose to address mental health in the district at a special event that took place September 28 at the Mount Horeb Public Library.

With the next gathering, Altenbernd hopes to seize the opportunity to glean feedback from the community regarding which path they want Mount Horeb to follow in the coming years. He said that means tackling thorny issues in a collaborative manner.

"It's a chance for people to share their thoughts in a safe space, not on camera, with a little bit of anonymity," he said.

The village is currently at a crossroads. Some people want it to grow and become more like its suburban counterparts. Others want it to remain a small community. Altenbernd said he knows the decisions that decide which path to pursue will be painful, but they can take place in a productive and non-threatening way.

"I think Mount Horeb needs to get a little bit uncomfortable in a safe spot," said Altenbernd. "I also think this is a first step into a strategic plan."

"It's an opportunity," he said, "to find out what do people care about."

According to the administrator, municipal government needs public input to know where to focus its funding staffing and planning resources.

"Human services, recreation, parks, brush pickup; where do you want us to spend our money," he said. "Growth is such a huge topic. I hear we don't want growth, I hear we want more growth, I hear don't touch our downtown and grow elsewhere, I hear we want more parks, I hear I like the parks we have."

The upcoming community dinner will be an opportunity for community members to delve into those issues, and more, in an environment of collaboration rather than conflict, he said.

"I just really want as many residents as possible to come share their voice, share their opinions," said Altenbernd. "We can't move forward unless we know that."

If enough residents take part, Altenbernd said it will help him and the village board know how to guide Mount Horeb's various municipal departments moving forward.

Salerno said public input is key to forging a successful future for the school district, the village and the community in general.

"While the primary filter of November 9's program is around the work of the Village of Mount Horeb, there is an interconnectedness between our two entities," said Salerno. "Neither the village or the schools can be fully successful without the support of the other."

"For example, as declining student enrollment impacts 70-plus percent of schools around the state, village leaders are to be commended for their thoughtful, purposeful approach to housing development and growth," Salerno continued. "Evolutionary, not revolutionary, development will permit community members' multiple opportunities to validate or refine the approach to growth."

"More broadly, efficiency reconsiderations have led to recent conversations between the village and the district about shared services: snow removal, use of facilities/machinery, supply purchasing - paper/cleaning supplies," he said.

Salerno said the Disagree Better series was a good way to connect with the public regarding the district's mental health efforts.

"[G]reat strides have been made by this community to destigmatize support and allow our schools to be at the forefront of a service delivery model in our buildings during the school day," said Salerno. "Oregon Mental Health, LLC has been a great partner in providing families [and] children support in our own backyard without having to schedule appointments in Madison or elsewhere."

"It's crucial to have the board of education's focus on the wellbeing for all, including our staff," he continued.

Altenbernd said he's well aware that not everyone will agree on key municipal issues. Development, taxation, public works and more are complex issues and indicidual citizens can correctly harbor varying opinions on what's best for the community. But coming to the table is the first step toward true collaboration. Even in disagreement, good faith conversation can build trust and collaborative relationships.

"I think honesty and trust, when it comes to trustees, to each other, to forgetting some differences and working together, and even after you leave the room being able to work together again on the next thing, to not take things personally, these are all key," said Altenbernd.

Altenbernd was hired as Mount Horeb's top staffer earlier this year, replacing longtime administrator Nic Owen. He said listening to and informing the public are key components of his position, so the community dinner is a perfect venue.

"When I'm working with a resident, it's not my goal for them to agree with me," he said. "It's great if they do. But they need to feel heard and they need to feel valued; do they know their voice mattered when they were speaking to me?"

"When it comes to the public, they need to be able to share as much as they can and get as much information as they can," Altenbernd said. "My role is to give them as much information as possible, and then they can make the decision."

Come to the Table will take place Monday, November 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Horeb Senior Center.

Registration is required at www.mhpl.org/disagree-better. Pizzas will be provided.

BADGER HONOR FLIGHT EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY TO POST-VIETNAM AND DESERT STORM ERAS





By broadening its criteria, Badger Honor Flight hopes to directly honor a new generation of heroes.

Change is on the horizon for south-central Wisconsin Veterans. Badger Honor Flight (BHF) is currently accepting applications from all heroes who served from December 7, 1941 to July 31, 1991. Veterans who served anywhere at any time, in any branch, and in any component (Active, Reserves, or National Guard) during this window are considered eligible to fly.

As a regional hub of the national Honor Flight Network, BHF has opened its application process effective immediately. This expansion follows a historic shift in national eligibility guidelines.

By broadening its criteria, Badger Honor Flight will directly honor a new generation of heroes. Veterans who served from May 8, 1975 through July 31, 1991—an era previously ineligible for the program—are now welcome to apply.

This change arrives at a momentous time. On October 24th, Washington, D.C. will officially dedicate the new Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial, permanently cementing this era of service to our nation. Badger Honor Flight proudly plans to incorporate this brand-new monument as an official stop for our heroes, beginning with the November 7th flight this autumn.

PRIORITY TIERS AND FLYING TIMELINE

While applications for these newly eligible eras are being accepted right now, actual travel for these flights is scheduled to begin in 2027. Badger Honor Flight will maintain its long-standing commitment to honoring our most senior Veterans first. Many hubs across the country continue to maintain waitlists for these individuals. Ensuring these heroes can visit the memorials built in their honor remains the network's highest focus, which is why BHF will utilize a structured tier system:

Priority Tier 1: Veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and any individuals facing terminal illness remain the top focus for available flight seats.

Priority Tier 2: Applications from the post-Vietnam and Desert Shield/Storm eras will be treated as a single group and processed collectively in the strict order they are received, rather than by specific service branch or date.

FALL 2026 FLIGHT SCHEDULE

In addition to expanding future eligibility, Badger Honor Flight is in the midst of its Fall 2026 flying season. They held missions on Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, October 3, 2026. The next trip is set for Saturday, November 7.

ABOUT BADGER HONOR FLIGHT

Badger Honor Flight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, regional affiliate of the national Honor Flight Network. Based out of Madison, Wisconsin, BHF has flown more than 5,700 Veterans to Washington, D.C. since its inaugural flight on April 17, 2010.

The hub coordinates all amenities for our heroes—including chartered air travel from Dane County Regional Airport (MSN), ground transportation, meals, and other amenities—ensuring a safe, deeply meaningful day of honor and reflection.

Operating entirely as a 100% volunteer-run organization, each comprehensive, VIP mission costs approximately $140,000. Flights are provided entirely free of charge to Veterans, funded completely through community donations, corporate support, and local partnerships.

Veterans from all eligible eras, as well as community members interested in volunteering or donating, can find application forms and more information at www.badgerhonorflight.org.

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surrounding communities. Weeknight practice days vary by program, with times TBD. Saturday practices (times TBD) will be held in Mount Horeb until games begin. Games are expected to start the 2nd or 3rd week of January. Each week a different community will host games, so some travel is required. Season begins the week of November 30 and runs for approx. 12 weeks with a final tournament in late February/early March. The fee is $70 for residents and $80 for non-residents. Join by 11/9!

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In-person at 105 N. Grove Street.

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All ages enjoyed dinner and a costume contest at Buck & Honey's.



The costume judges, hosted upstairs at Buck & Honey's with live music.



Rain didn't stop lots of people from enjoying the evening.



Photos by Casey McCoy.

Fall Election

51st Assembly candidates answer our questions

There are two candidates running for Representative to the Assembly District 50, Jon Aleckson (R) and Bill Oemichen (D)

Bio

Jon Aleckson: I've called Dane County home for 50 years — and I have been a small business owner and a husband to Mary (three children, five grandchildren all living in Dane County). We are public high school parents and grandparents. I've spent my career solving problems for a living, not scoring points for a living. My legislative mission is Restore Wisconsin via smarter schools, affordable homes, stronger farms, and economic development. I believe in strong public schools, and a fair shake for working families and seniors.

Bill Oemichen: Family: Married with two children. Wife, Mary Anne, is Executive Director of a disability-related nonprofit. Resident of the Town of New Glarus for 26 years. Twin sister is a cranberry grower in Central Wisconsin. Native of Western Minnesota, where parents owned and operated a grain and Christmas tree farm. Father was also a conservationist, and mother was a Special Education and High School English teacher.

Education: J.D. from University of Wisconsin Law School and B.A. in Economics from Carleton College with a Concentration in Science, Technology and Public Policy.

Employment: Professor of Practice – Law/Local Government Law Educator, UW-Madison Extension; former Trade & Consumer Protection Administrator at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection; state Preparedness and Emergency Health Care Director at Wisconsin Department of Health Services; and Deputy Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner (while living in Wisconsin). Former President & CEO of Cooperative Network, the trade association for Wisconsin and Minnesota member-owned cooperative businesses. Former national security researcher with UW-Madison.

Community Involvement: New Glarus School Board member and current board President. Chair of the board of trustees of the state $10 billion College Savings Program (Edvest); member of the AgCountry Farm Credit Board of Directors; member of the Green County Leaders Board. Former member and treasurer of the Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin Board, former chair of the Slipstream Inc. Board (Madison-based energy efficiency research), former chair of the Board of Visitors for the UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and former chair and treasurer of the Monroe Clinic Board. Current Cooperative Weather Observer for the National Weather Service.



Aleckson



Oemichen

What are your top priorities if elected?

Aleckson: My theme for this campaign is Restore Wisconsin. That means making Wisconsin an excellent place to work and develop a career, raise a family, educate young people for the dynamic new and fast changing artificial intelligence work place, enjoy safe and prosperous communities, and keep Wisconsin in the front of changes to our economy and country. How?

SMARTER SCHOOLS – The artificial intelligence economy will demand new skills, new teaching methods, and a new way of preparing young people for work. We should cap educational bureaucracy and send more dollars to teachers, their advanced training, and students. Much of the new economy will be skills-based, so the curriculum must include that path alongside college preparation. Our schools and current teachers will be essential—because change and opportunity will arrive as fast as an IndyCar race at Road America, near Kohler, WI.

WHAT I WILL DO. Having founded and led Web Courseworks—an educational technology and software company—for 24 years and holding a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from UW-Madison, I will put that experience to work for the 50th District. When elected, I will convene a task force of 50th District residents and forward-thinking people from across Wisconsin to make recommendations to the Legislature, schools, universities, and others in education. I will report those efforts to you.

AFFORDABLE HOMES – We have a housing crisis at both ends of the home-ownership spectrum: starter homes and seniors retaining their homes.

Starter Homes. Young adults, especially those ready to start a family find it hard to find an affordable home. We need to change that. Inflation was a key component of housing price rises and while those have come down, the prices have not. Regulations are a serious component of housing costs adding 10-30% to the cost of building a house. We need to make it attractive to lenders to make small mortgage loans again. We need to attract more builders to the starter home market.

WHAT I WILL DO. When elected, I will form a task force in this district to lead an effort to create more affordable starter homes. It will include housing experts from around Wisconsin and people from the building industry to cut costs and increase the supply of those homes.

SENIORS HOME RETENTION. Many seniors are struggling to keep their homes that they have worked all their lives to pay for. The primary cause is property taxes going up faster than their fixed incomes and limited savings. That is wrong.

WHAT I WILL DO. When elected, I will form a 50th District task force to Keep Seniors in Affordable Homes. I will also work to launch similar task forces in other parts of Wisconsin that share this concern. We will have two goals. First, introduce a bill in 2027 that doubles both the eligibility and the available amount of the Homestead Tax Credit for qualifying seniors. Second, begin the process of amending the state constitution so that targeted seniors have their property tax bills frozen. These changes could mean that some 200,000 Wisconsin seniors are able to age gracefully in the homes they love.

STRONGER FARMS. Farming and agribusiness are the bedrock of Wisconsin's economy, especially in rural areas. Wisconsin was once a wheat state, before the Dakotas opened. After a period of experimentation, it became the dairy state it is today. We need to actively back farmers in Green County and southwestern Dane County.

WHAT I WILL DO. When elected, I will form a Farm Group for our two counties to tackle farm problems and opportunities:

Help farmers reach new markets for current and future agricultural products.

Double the farmland preservation tax credit from $7–$12 to $14–$24 per acre to lower property taxes each year—with no new rules.

Freeze state licensing fees on livestock dealers and milk haulers and freeze DATCP fees.

Fight to pass the dairy loan program.

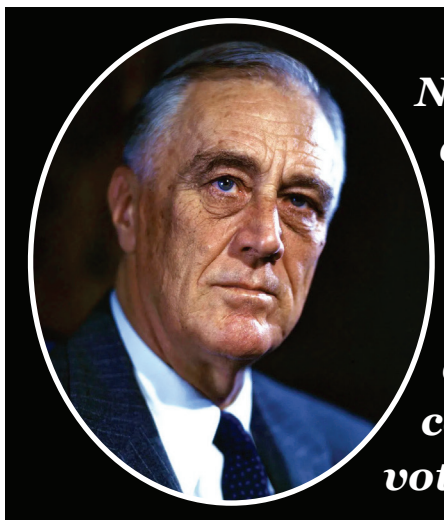
Work with farmers to cut costs wherever possible.

Expand farm-ownership succession tools so family farms can stay in the family.

STRONG WISCONSIN ECONOMY IN THE TECHNOLOGY AGE. Historically, Wisconsin was a leading wheat production state. During the Industrial Revolution, Wisconsin was a leading engine of industry, especially in the Milwaukee region. When the first Technology Revolution came along with the computer, Wisconsin was not a strong contender with the west coast, upper east coast, and the Carolinas. We cannot be left behind in the next phase of the Technology Revolution powered by artificial intelligence. It will create new companies and technology jobs, support jobs, jobs in new businesses, and new opportunities for people to create their own careers and small businesses.

WHAT I WILL DO. When elected, I will work to create a Biennial Wisconsin State Conference on Technology Economy and Jobs. Participants will include qualified people from our 50th Assembly District,

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Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people - and the only way they could do this is by not voting.

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt

The decisions we make in this election will have direct implications for the health and wealth of households, community, nation and planet. There is no more important act an individual can perform than to cast a vote in this and every election.

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ASSEMBLY

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economic development people from state and local government, private sector companies especially in the technology area, educators from four-year and tech colleges, national experts, and others. The job is to provide pathways to Wisconsin's economic future, attract technology companies, actively promote well-paid skills-based jobs attainable without a college degree as well as jobs for highly trained professionals. My plan for Smarter Schools is a key part of this preparation for the future.

Oemichen: #1 - Fixing our broken public school funding system that has led to continual local referendums and excessive local property tax bills.

#2 - Expanding Medicaid/Badgercare health insurance programs for the disabled and working poor like nearly every other state has done.

#3 - Restore the $120 million in funding support for childcare providers that ended on June 30, 2026, and seek out additional funding support such as a tax on data centers. This is needed to ensure both accessibility and affordability and will benefit families and employers across the state.

#4 - Continue and enhance state support for agriculture such as use value taxation to ensure we remain America's Dairyland.

#5 - Restore funding for vital state environmental programs like Knowles-Nelson because they benefit our natural environment and state tourism.

#6 - Ensuring an individual's right to privacy, including the right to make decisions about one's own body and the freedom to decide who to marry, all without government interference.

What's something that makes you uniquely qualified to lead and govern?

Aleckson: As a Wisconsin Badger with a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from UW-Madison, I formed my own company, Web Courseworks, that specialized in educational software. Leading that company for 24 years, I successfully balanced budget, created jobs, marketed products, and managed through all kinds of challenges. I sold the company. My experience has prepared me to deal with state budgets and bureaucracy, people issues, community issues, and to be able to find solutions for our toughest problems. I believe in civility and working with a broad range of citizens.

Oemichen: I teach law to counties, cities, villages and towns across the state. This includes ethics, conflicts of interest, public records, open meetings, budgeting, and strategic planning. I know how state and local government works and I can hit the ground running if elected to the State Assembly.

Prices are soaring and property taxes have doubled for many working-class Wisconsinites in recent years. What can state government do to help the middle class survive these turbulent times?

Aleckson: #1 – Approve my program to double eligibility for the Homestead Tax Credit and double the amount available to qualified seniors in 2027 that will reduce their tax liability on the 2028 tax filing.

#2 – Approve my property tax freeze for qualified seniors requiring a constitutional amendment in the next two sessions of the legislature, 2027 and 2029 so that we can vote on it by state referendum in 2030.

#3 – Support incentives for qualified young adults buying their first starter home.

#4 – Keep a tight rein on the state budget and use budget surpluses to reduce the tax rates at every opportunity.

#5 – Support efforts to become a hub of innovation by attracting and supporting new Technology Age companies and the economic boost they give. The new skills-based jobs and other expert jobs will raise incomes for existing and new people in the workforce.

Oemichen: This is the main reason I am running for the State Assembly. Wisconsin property taxes are far too high. Why? The Republican Legislature has failed to fund public schools, with no state inflationary funding increases since 2009. In addition, the Legislature reimburses only an estimated 34% of the special education costs, which places us last in the nation behind states like Alabama. This is why school districts must continually go to local referendums; going to referendum is the only way for schools to keep up with inflation. Part of the $3 billion state surplus should be spent on increasing per-pupil funding support, bringing special education reimbursement up to at least 70%, and increasing the local school property tax credit.

But we can't stop there. The Legislature should reverse the estimated $1.8 billion in state spending on private tuition vouchers. Taxpayers can't afford to fund both a public and private school system, especially as private schools get those funds without accountability to taxpayers. Wisconsin should also quit paying school property tax credits to non-residents.

Simply stated, Republicans put forward band-aids like increased property tax credits to seniors, but the reality is the public schools funding system is broken and needs to be fixed. The state created the current public school funding system in 1993 and, according to Governor Tommy Thompson, was supposed to last only for five years. Band-aids are not enough. A real fix is needed now.

Healthcare costs and health insurance are far beyond what many middle-class Wisconsinites can afford. Is there a solution?

Alleckson: Yes. I will work to expand affordable healthcare association plans so small businesses, family farms, and self-employed Wisconsinites can pool together and negotiate the same lower rates that large employers already enjoy. I will also push for greater transparency in healthcare pricing so families can compare costs before they receive care, and I will support reforms that direct more health insurance dollars toward actual patient care rather than administrative overhead.

Oemichen: This is one of the most difficult issues of our time due to the spiraling cost of purchasing health insurance and the increasing lack of access, particularly in rural areas. As a former hospital and clinic network board chair and as a former board treasurer of a member-owned health insurance and clinic cooperative, I know firsthand about the financial challenge. Wisconsin needs to provide expanded Medicaid/Badgercare coverage to those most at risk of going without healthcare or going into bankruptcy because of high uninsured treatment costs. Wisconsinites shouldn't have to decide between putting food on the table and obtaining needed healthcare. Fixing the system will likely include creating a public health insurance option.

Can Wisconsin remain America's Dairyland? Should it?

Aleckson: Yes and more. My program for Stronger Farms above spells my approach.

Oemichen: My personal and professional life has been deeply embedded in agriculture. My answer is an emphatic yes to both questions. Wisconsin's 5,100 dairy farms, and the agricultural cooperatives and processors they rely on, are vital rural businesses with an estimated $52.8 billion contribution to our state economy. I co-wrote the Wisconsin Dairy Investment Tax Credit law that was unanimously passed by the Wisconsin Legislature and co-founded the Farmers' Health Cooperative of Wisconsin (FHCW). The tax credit is estimated to have incentivized over $2 billion in reinvestment in dairy farm modernization and FHCW provided affordable and high-quality health insurance to farmers. Wisconsin should stand ready to help during challenging times with support like loan guarantees, particularly for young and beginning farmers who face the challenge of the high cost of farmland. This will help ensure a next generation of Badgers enter agriculture.

What steps would you take to promote transparency in state government?

Aleckson: The experience of creating a company, developing products, matching those products to the needs of companies and people, getting the result those products promised in various customer situations, riding the roller coaster of economic changes, managing people, managing finance, and continuously responding challenges and crises, has taught me how to review both large and small enterprises. I will always take steps to build in gateways to transparent examination of government programs. One new approach I will advocate is that each program has both transparent measurement metrics and targeted objectives. What gets measured gets evaluated—and improved.

Oemichen: I teach ethics and conflicts of interest to local governments. If elected, I would move legislation to strengthen the state's ethics and conflict of interest laws because existing laws don't provide enough guidance to local officials. Elected officials must act in the best interest of their constituents and not in their own self-interest. I am also a strong supporter of the state Public Records and Open Meetings Laws and teach both to local government officials as a UW-Madison Extension Local Government Law Educator.

Explain how you would bring different ideas to the table, and even disagree, in a way that is productive, helpful, and does not detract from civil discourse:

Aleckson: I will be an activist legislator forming groups to promote key ideas I am proposing working with citizens, governments, private sector, educators, and economic groups to achieve our objectives. That is a different approach from the go-to-the-capitol-discuss-vote-and-go-home. The only way to get anything done is to work together with lots of people and civilly. It's the only way to build public support to get things done.

Oemichen: I come out of the cooperative tradition that is deeply entrenched in agriculture and rural Wisconsin. This tradition believes we can achieve far more working together than we can on our own. I would bring this same philosophy to the State Assembly. Disagree when and where we must, work together when and where we can. We have too many problems to solve as a state to just focus on social media arguments.

Name a specific issue on which you are willing to work across party lines?

Aleckson: The Restore Wisconsin program is all based on working on a bi-partisan basis including Smarter Schools, Affordable Homes, Stronger Farms, and Strong Wisconsin Economy. With each area I have included a "What I Will Do" section explaining my activist approach which will require working with everyone I can.

Oemichen: Creating a bi-partisan legislative redistricting commission that draws federal and state legislative districts every ten years after a federal census. Hopefully we can agree that voters - and not the politicians themselves - should choose their elected officials and that competitive elections are good for our democracy. I would like to extend this cooperation to working for real campaign finance reform. This includes eliminating unlimited corporate campaign contributions and dark money from campaigns where the source of the contribution is not disclosed. However, this is likely a bridge too far for many Republicans.

What's an important issue you feel is not talked about enough? Perhaps something that is vital to the state's well-being but not glamorous enough to garner a lot of headlines or clicks?

Aleckson: How we measure government success. The state passes programs. The "feel good" lasts for a bit, the results are not measured. As I said above, I will advocate the inclusion of "Program Goals" for every state program and measurement metric to judge results. Further a "Biennial Review of State Achievements" report will be created to put all the achievement in one plain language, searchable document that everyone can review.

Oemichen: Wisconsin is home to an estimated 726,000 adults with significant disabilities and more than 126,000 children with significant disabilities. This is nearly 20% of our state based on the strictest definition of disability. The Trump Administration keeps putting in place shorter timelines and greater paperwork for these families when applying for critically needed financial and insurance benefits. I would advocate for a state budget that would require the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to help families ensure they meet federal deadlines and understand what they are required to do to maintain benefits. To not do so means Wisconsin would lose considerable federal Medicaid and other program funding. This would have a hugely negative impact not only on those families, but on the overall state economy and budget as the state tries to make up for shortfalls.

What is a misconception about you, perhaps one espoused by opponents of your campaign, that you would like to clear up?

Aleckson: Opponents want you to believe that because I built a business, I do not understand working families or public education. That is not true. I am a product of Wisconsin public schools and a Wisconsin public university, my children and grandchildren attend public schools today, and I have spent my career solving real problems, not scoring political points. Running a company for 24 years taught me the discipline to balance a budget without shortchanging the people doing the work. That is exactly the mindset Madison needs, and it is why I am running to serve for a short time and get results, not to build a career in politics.

Oemichen: Yes, I am a school board president who argues the state needs to step up to financially support school districts. However, I also recognize we must effectively spend the dollars we already have. The taxpayers deserve and expect nothing less. I will note I was often the only citizen at New Glarus School District Annual Meetings before I was elected to the school board. I continually asked if there were ways the district could reduce the mill (tax) levy and suggested more than a few possibilities. As a school board member, we have annually reduced the mill levy in each of the last few years. As a county board and county finance committee member, I successfully worked to reduce our county spending from base, not just reduce the rate of increase. This led me to my appointment to chair the Wisconsin Counties Tax and Finance Steering Committee. I would bring this same proven fiscal discipline to my work as a member of the State Assembly. I want to spend taxpayer dollars well.

Critics worry that Artificial Intelligent poses

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state Assembly in 2010 before moving to the state Senate in 2014.

Jacobson previously worked as a housing program specialist and financial analyst, according to her legislative bio. She also sat on Oregon's village board.

Both candidates are benefiting from a glaring campaign finance loophole: in Wisconsin, political parties can raise and donate unlimited amounts to candidates.

A U.S. Supreme Court decision created the loophole back in 2014, and Wisconsin's Republican-controlled legislature has opted not to close it, ignoring attempts by Democratic legislators in the minority to do so.

Both parties have taken full advantage of this loophole, accepting millions from their billionaire supporters and then funneling piles of cash to candidates, circumventing legal limits on donating to campaigns directly. Until 2026, megadonors to the state Democratic Party had dominated political giving in recent years.

State law caps donations from individuals and political action committees to candidates for the Wisconsin State Senate at $2,000 per election cycle.

Marklein has received the maximum contribution from dozens of individuals and groups, including conservative megadonor and billionaire Diane Hendricks, several groups representing realtors and the political action committees for Charter Communications, Koch Industries and Northwestern Mutual Insurance. Hendricks has also given nearly $20 million to the state GOP this year, some of which may have made its way to Marklein's campaign. And the conservative megadonors Richard and Elizabeth Uihlein have given another $40 million, swelling the Wisconsin Republican Party's coffers to distribute to races across the state.

Jacobson's top individual contributors include environmental and labor groups as well as EMILYs List, an organization that supports pro-choice female candidates.

The total contributions reported by both candidates don't include money spent by independent groups like super PACs, which can run advertising to support or oppose candidates. These groups are not limited in how much they can raise and spend, but by law cannot coordinate directly with any candidate's campaign.

The state Senate is currently controlled by Republicans, 18 to 15. To gain a majority, Democrats need a net gain of two seats. Republicans have controlled the Wisconsin State Senate since 2011.

The district borders of the state Legislature changed in 2024 after Republicans approved maps submitted to the courts by Gov. Tony Evers, a Democrat. Previously, Republican legislators like Marklein had been able to run in districts more favorable to them because they were drawn by their own political party. November's election will be the first time Marklein faces a challenge using the new, more competitive maps.

These maps make Democratic victories more likely, said Anthony Chergosky, a political science professor at UW-La Crosse.

The race between Marklein and Jacobson is one of four highly competitive state Senate contests, Chergosky noted. Of those, it's the only one where a Republican incumbent is running for reelection.

"Defeating an incumbent is a much different type of challenge than winning an open seat," Chergosky wrote in an email to The Badger Project. "Jacobson's spending advantage can help her introduce herself across the larger Senate district. Meanwhile, Marklein can point to his powerful position as co-chair of the Joint Finance Committee to make the case that his influence in the legislature benefits the district."

Democrats don't need the seat to flip the state Senate, Chergosky said. They just need to hold their 15 seats and pick up two more being vacated by retiring Republican state senators in swing districts.

In those, the GOP is contributing more to their candidates than the Democratic Party has so far.

Marklein's district encompasses the southwestern corner of the state, including Crawford, Grant, Green, Lafayette and Iowa counties, as well as the southwestern portion of Dane County.

Jacobson has represented Assembly District 50, which includes Monroe and Brodhead, since 2022. Her district makes up the eastern third of Marklein's Senate district.

State senators serve four-year terms. The salary for a state legislator in 2027 will be about $64,000.

ISSUES

Marklein and Jacobson have both made education, affordable healthcare and the cost of living primary components of their campaigns.

"Howard has been in the Senate for the last decade, and in that time we have lost schools, hospitals, family farms, and watched as families are priced out of their communities," Jacobson's campaign manager Orion Danou wrote in an email to The Badger Project. "He has consistently put working Wisconsin families on the chopping block to appease his Epstein-class donors. Jenna Jacobson has shown she is working for Wisconsinites."

Marklein's campaign did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Jacobson believes the state Legislature ought to prioritize public school funding, including for special education and school safety, according to her campaign.

Marklein calls himself a "strong supporter of public K-12 education" and argues he has "used (his) position on the Joint Committee on Finance to ensure each student has the opportunity to succeed," he states on his campaign website.

The senator said in a Facebook post that he's helped secure funding for hospitals, mental health services and long-term care through his work on the state budget, which Jacobson voted against, along with most legislative Democrats, before Evers signed it. Marklein said he plans to double down on these investments and to expand telehealth for rural families.

Jacobson said she plans to continue her work to expand postpartum Medicaid coverage, lower the cost of prescription drugs and advocate for women's reproductive health. The state representative was endorsed by Planned Parenthood in September.

Marklein touted the tax cuts in the last state budget and said he hopes to legislate in a way that makes it easier and faster to build housing.

Jacobson also said she wants to increase the housing supply and argues the state's minimum wage, sitting at $7.25, must be increased. Iowa's minimum wage mirrors Wisconsin's, but Minnesota's minimum wage is about $11 and Illinois' is $15, and both are scheduled to increase next year.

The Freedom Index, a group that ranks members of Congress and state legislators on issues like limited government, fiscal responsibility and national and state sovereignty, gave both Marklein and Jacobson an F, although Marklein scored 57% and Jacobson 8%.

Wisconsin Conservation Voters, an organization that advocates for environmental issues, included Jacobson among its list of dozens of legislators as a "Conservation Champion."

The group also singled out a few Wisconsin lawmakers, including Marklein, for its "Dishonor Roll," who it says "go to extraordinary lengths to jeopardize Wisconsin's natural resources and democracy, simply to hold onto power."

The organization wrote that Marklein, along with one other Wisconsin state legislator, pushed a bill meant to slow the state's clean energy progress, then waited until the legislative session had ended request a hearing for it, "ensuring the bill would only be used as a public platform for beating up on clean energy development in Wisconsin."

Wisconsin Family Action, an advocacy group that describes itself as defending marriage, family, life and religious freedom, said that Marklein voted in agreement with the group's position on bills 86% of the time on its most recent scorecard, whereas Jacobson voted in alignment with the group's positions 33% of the time.

Voters in Senate District 17 head to the polls to choose between the two candidates Nov. 3.

ASSEMBLY

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myriad threats to humanity, the arts, critical thinking, media literacy, the job market, and more, but A.I. data centers come with their own distinct concerns. Their critics worry they will pollute the environment, gobble up land, and raise utility rates. Their supporters tout them as the future. What's your stance on data centers?

Aleckson: The second part of the Technology Age is the Artificial Intelligence Phase. We need to proceed eyes wide open and insure it works for us and is safe.

First, we need to regulate data centers to protect the environment by using enclosed cooling systems, generate all the power they require within the data center, transfer 2% into the general power grid, locate in places where they do not disturb residents such as old or current military facilities or old business parks, and ensure local governments have a say.

Second, we need to participate in this new phase of the Technology Age attracting or supporting AI companies and become one of the leading states in this new economy. It will greatly boost Wisconsin's economy, create thousands of professional jobs, power tens of thousands of skills-based jobs both in that industry as well as the hundreds of offshoot companies that are the future of this new economy.

Third, we must actively evaluate every risk and take a continuous, all-of-government approach to safety and security. With my education at UW-Madison and my work in the technology sector through my company, I am well equipped to take a leadership role in that task at the state level.

Oemichen: I am the primary Extension teacher in artificial intelligence. I teach both about AI opportunities and risks. Yes, AI can bring forward substantial innovation. However, at the same time, state and local governments are often ill-equipped to keep up with the fast pace of technological advances. Wisconsin law - and regulators - need to ensure hyperscale data centers do not adversely impact the environment and energy ratepayers. We also need to ensure local governments have the legal tools to properly review and regulate data centers, including the legally enforceable ability to enact a moratorium to update land use regulations, or even to just say no.

What, in your opinion, should government do (and not do)? What does good government look like to you?

Aleckson: Government must evolve quickly in this new age. The old methods and systems must be re-evaluated and modified to take advantage of these new capabilities and designed to prevent any dangers.

Good government does only what is necessary to ensure the welfare of the people of Wisconsin, and it does so in the most economical way. It is transparent enough that people can see what is happening and judge for themselves. That is the quickest way to restore respect for government.

Oemichen: State and local government should be responsible for providing collective benefits like national defense, local law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, public health, human services, consumer protection, and economic development. Government should not seek to replace the private sector except where there is a market breakdown.

Anything else?

Aleckson: I will be an activist legislator. I will keep a report card on myself, involve citizens from the district, build broad-based efforts to get the policies I advocate adopted, and encourage civility at every step.

Oemichen: I am honored to be supported by many local elected officials across the 50th Assembly District and by numerous civic organizations. Campaign website: billforwisconsinassembly.com.



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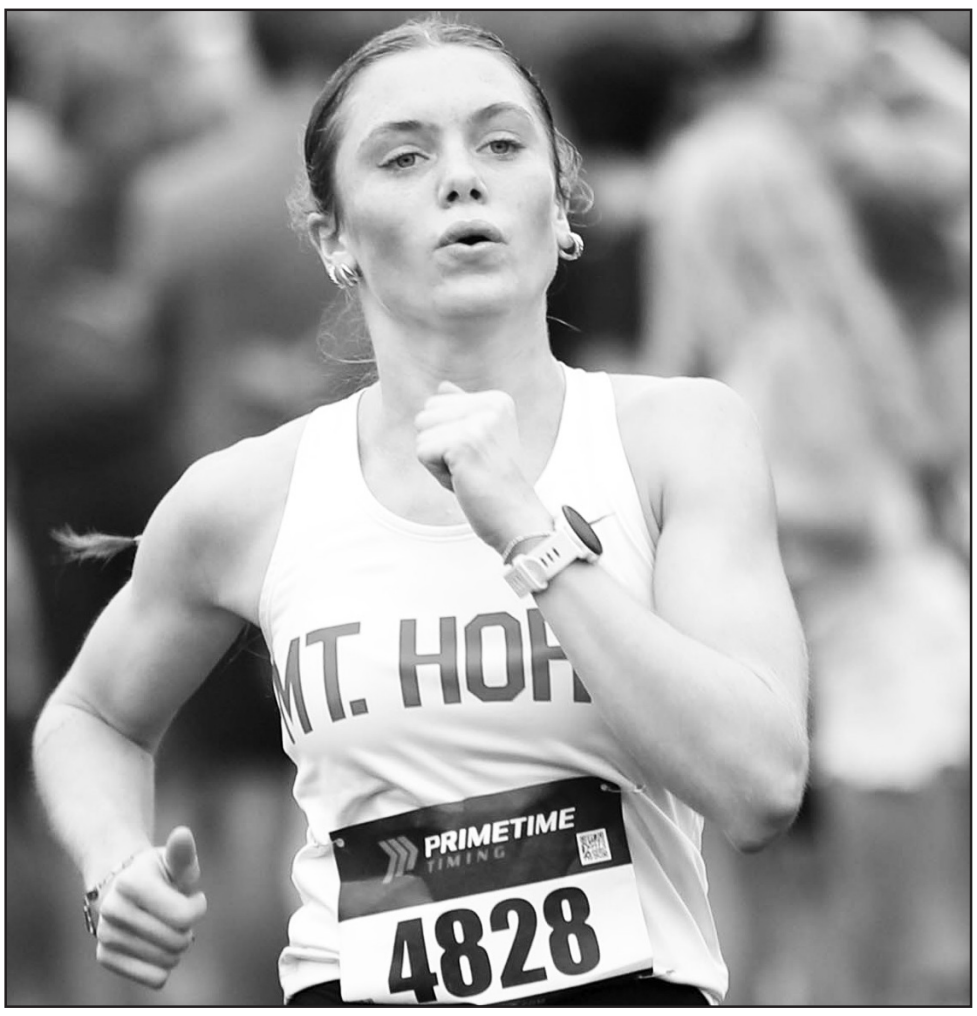
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Mount Horeb races back to state

Jump to D1 can't slow the Vikings

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor





Mount Horeb's Isla Odgers (left) finished in first place at the WIAA Division 1 Verona cross country sectional and Mia Caygill (above) was third. The duo helped the Vikings earn a trip to Saturday's state meet. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

VERONA — Three teams at the WIAA Division 1 Verona girls cross country sectional have more than 2,000 students roaming their halls.

Overall, the 12-team field had an average of 1,669 students.

Then there was tiny Mount Horeb, with an enrollment of 745.

The Vikings' attitude?

Bring it on.

Mount Horeb, bumped up and into the Division 1 field after winning the Division 2 state championship last season, showed school size does not matter. What's important is speed, talent and strategy — and the Vikings reigned supreme in every category on Oct. 24.

Mount Horeb cruised to the sectional title, finishing with an eye-popping 37 points and locking up a trip to Saturday's WIAA Division 1 state team meet at Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. That race begins at 1:20 p.m.

Madison West was a distant second with 77 points and also earned a trip to team state, while Verona (96), Waunakee (118) and Madison East (129) rounded out the top five.

"Winning a Division 1 sectional was such a special experience for these girls," said Mount Horeb coach Alexa Richardson, whose team moved up a division due to the WIAA's controversial 'Performance Factor.' "Getting bumped up to Division 1, being forced to run against schools sometimes more than double the size of ours can be intimidating.

"I told the girls I was just using the meet as a 'check point.' They just need to get through the race, they do not need to do anything crazy or spectacular, just run a decent race and save some gas in the tank, which is what they did despite the results. If we can achieve these types of results with me yelling to them mid-race, 'Slow down, you're already winning! Relax!', I think they will be a pretty dangerous team at state."

Many of the Vikings felt the same way.

"Making it back to state after jumping up divisions means so much to us," said Mount Horeb sophomore Isla Odgers, who finished first individually. "Moving from D2 to D1 is definitely a challenge, but it was a challenge that we were all ready for.

"Being in D1 and still succeeding has proven a lot and shows us what we are really capable of. We are more than ready for state and can't wait to show everyone what we can do."

Mount Horeb senior Willa Vigliotta, who finished sixth individually, agreed with Odgers.

"Getting bumped up to D1 was intimidating at first because we are going up against bigger schools," Vigliotta said. "But we've had a target on our backs due to our past success. Going back to state this year as a D1 team proves that we can compete at a higher level and still be successful."

Mount Horeb certainly showed, emerging from a loaded sectional that in-

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Vikings take care of business

MH-B routs Baldwin-Woodville in playoff opener

by DAN LARSON
Sports Reporter

Fifteen plays, 80 yards, 7 minutes, 16 seconds.

Mount Horeb-Barneveld's first scoring drive against Baldwin-Woodville in Level 1 of the WIAA Division 3 playoffs on Oct. 24 was a sign of things to come.

The fourth-seeded and host Vikings finished drives all game long, punting only twice.

The fifth-seeded Blackhawks simply couldn't finish, missing a chip shot field goal on their first drive and turning it over on downs two more times while the outcome still hung in the balance.

The result? A convincing 35-0 victory for MH-B and a date with top-seeded La Crosse Logan (10-0) in a Level 2 contest this Friday at 7 p.m..

"We thought it would be a fight, and it was," MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld said. "But we always felt like if we could survive the initial punch — their initial strike — we'd be all right, and we did. So that, ultimately, is what we thought would happen."

Baldwin-Woodville punched, but it never did strike.

MH-B, which won its sixth straight game and improved to 7-3, had plenty of punch — and finish. No surprise, it was Eli Maier.

The senior running back racked up 51 yards on 12 carries on the opening drive — including runs of 11 yards and 12 yards, respectively, on MH-B's first two plays — to provide the lion's share of the work.

The big play, though, was a 17-yard strike from quarterback Preston Myers to wideout Cullen Olson on third-and-9 from the Blackhawks' 19-yard-line.

Olson peeled away from the defense and was wide open, giving MH-B the ball at the 1-yard line.

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team rolled past Baldwin-Woodville, 35-0, in their WIAA Division 3 playoff opener last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

Soccer Vikings drop playoff opener

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb boys soccer coach Rick Gage knew the task would be tall.

That the challenge was large.

And his Vikings almost met it.

Mount Horeb, the No. 10 seed in its WIAA Division 3 sectional, traveled to seventh-seeded Platteville for a regional semifinal on Oct. 22. The teams were scoreless after regulation and two overtimes.

Host Platteville got the better of the Vikings in the shootout, though, and prevailed, 4-2, on penalty kicks.

Mount Horeb finished the year 6-9-3 overall.

"We were all disappointed by the loss," Gage said. "We got the game we expected. Platteville is a good team and so are we. It was an even game, but someone had to be the victor.

"I was so proud of how the team played. We fought for the entire 100 minutes. We played physically. We played focused. We played with confidence.

"The entire defense — Ethan Gieseke, Jaiden Hesseling, Miles Anderson and Maxwell Seibel — played the entire 100 minutes. The defense and (keeper) Parker (Smith) earned the shutout. They battled the entire time. The midfield worked hard and created many great chances along with the forwards, but just couldn't find the back of the net."

Mount Horeb played without one starter and two key contributors due to injury and sickness, making the challenge even greater. But the Vikings battled and had chances to win.

Platteville started fast and put the Vikings on their heels early.

"Platteville plays a very direct style," Gage said. "They look to get the ball up the field quickly to put pressure on our defense. We held up well against their early pressure and slowly started to work our way into the game. As we started to get comfortable we started to create some good chances on goal, but couldn't find the back of the net. Our defense along with Parker did a great job of limiting Platteville's chances and keeping them out of the net."

After a scoreless first half, the Vikings talked about slowing the pace, a bit, in the second half.

"I felt that we were trying to play at Platteville's speed," Gage said. "We need to slow down and work the ball down the field. As the second half started I thought we did a better job of moving the ball. We created some good chances and did a great job of shutting down Platteville's attack.

"Over the course of the half we had a few more players get roughed up a bit and it shortened our bench a little more. Our team was playing tough and working extremely hard. The team knew that this was going to have to be a game that we just kept working hard to get the victory."

Unfortunately for the Vikings, though, they could never break through offensively — in both the second half or the two 10-minute overtimes.

Platteville then got the better of Mount Horeb in the shootout, ending the Vikings' season.

"The record doesn't reflect how good this team is and how good they will be next year," Gage said. "It was a young group who battled and got good results against some really good teams. We were a bit inconsistent at times, but this came to practice every day to work hard and really improved over the course of the season. We will miss the seniors … they showed good leadership and a great example for our players this season."

Mount Horeb will return 15 of 21 varsity players next year, though, so the future is extremely bright.

"Things look good for next year's team," Gage said. "We return nine starters and have a lot of experienced players back. I am thankful to have coached a great group of young men and look forward to seeing what they will do next year."

• Mount Horeb 1, McFarland 0 — The Vikings toppled the host Spartans — the No. 4 ranked team in Division 3 — on Oct. 15.

"We knew that this game was going to be a challenge," Gage said. "McFarland is a very good team and we would have to play very well to be competitive.

"With this being our last game before the start of the postseason this game would be important to set us up for our first playoff game. We made some adjustments to how we play defense based upon our play over the last few weeks. We were hopeful that these adjustments would help us improve our results."



Gavin Van Gorden and Mount Horeb's boys soccer team lost to Platteville in their playoff opener on Oct. 22. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

The teams played a highly competitive, but scoreless first half on a turf field that was extremely slick from the rain.

"I thought throughout the first half we played well," Gage said. "We continued to create good chances on goal and we were able to limit McFarland's chances."

In the 49th minute, Vikings' midfielder Gavin Van Gordon got on the end of a free kick from Ethan Gieseke, but the McFarland keeper made a save to keep the game scoreless. A minute later, Mount Horeb's Veyron Ruef sent in a corner kick that found the foot of Ro Gilles, who buried the ball in the back of the net to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead.

"We continued to play well after the goal," Gage said. "However, as the half continued we started to play a little too much defensive and McFarland was able to put a bit more pressure on our net.

"Our defense and (keeper) Parker (Smith) did a good job of limiting McFarland's opportunities on net. We did a good job of managing the last 10-15 minutes of the game.

"I thought we did a good job over the entire game of creating quality chances and our defense did a good job of keeping McFarland from creating quality chances to score. I was happy with the play of our team and especially pleased with our defensive effort from our back line and Parker in net."

MoHo swimmers keep making waves

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls swimmers earned their fifth dual meet win of the season with a 115-53 victory over Stoughton on Oct. 13.

That's the most dual meet victories by a Mount Horeb team since it separated from Verona in 2022.

Mount Horeb's quartet of Maddie Becker, Maggie Coe, CeCe Watson and Ellie McKillps won the 200-yard medley relay, while the foursome of Heidi Sheahan, Ava Beglinger, Natalie Sheahan and Charlotte Johnson was second.

Mount Horeb's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Evy Vedo, Delilah Gasch, Haylie Becker and Lucy Peterson was first. And Mount Horeb's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Madeline Evans, Haylie Becker, Heidi Sheahan and Peterson was first.



Maddie Becker and Mount Horeb's girls swimming team recently won their fifth dual meet of the season, a new program record. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Peterson won the 200-yard IM and Maggie Coe was second. Maddie Becker won the 100-yard butterfly and Natalie Sheahan was second. Evans won the 500-yard freestyle and Heidi Sheahan was second. Peterson also won the 100-yard breaststroke and Coe was second.

Evans was second in the 200-yard freestyle, Heidi Sheehan was second in the 50-yard freestyle, Delilah Gasch was second in the 100-yard freestyle and Maddie Becker was second in the 100-yard backstroke.

FORT ATKINSON INVITATIONAL

The Vikings finished in fourth place at the eight-team Fort Atkinson Invite on Oct. 17.

Oregon finished first with 440.5 points and DeForest was second at 434. Sun Prairie West (397.5), Mount Horeb (249.5) and Watertown (228) rounded out the top five.

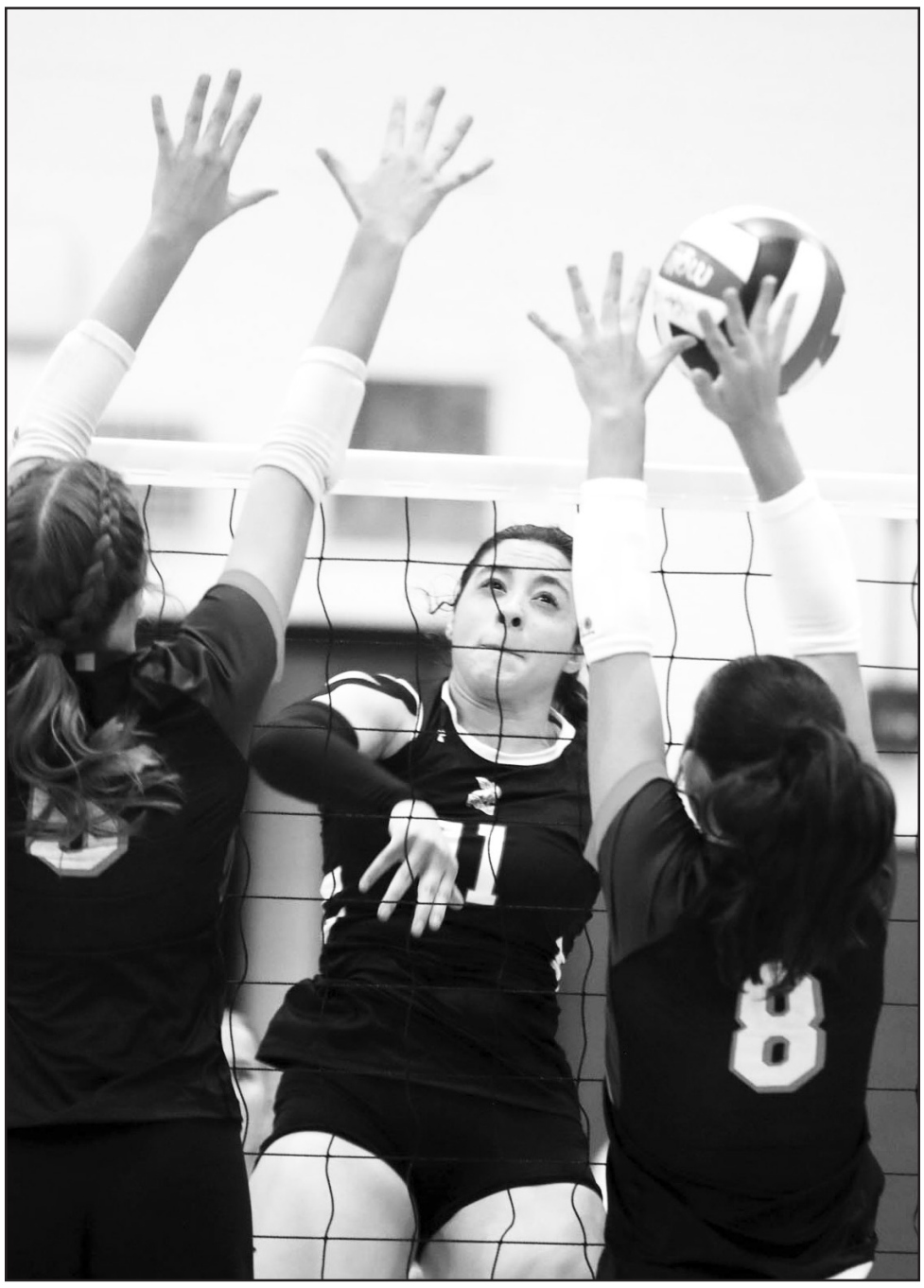
Lucy Peterson won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:00.86 and finished second in the 500-yard freestyle with a 5:27.48.

Maggie Coe finished fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:16.24 and seventh in the 200 IM. Madeline Evans and Haylie Becker finished ninth and 10th, respectively, in the 200 freestyle.

"Our team continues to see strong performances across the board as we head into the final stretch of the season," O'Rourke said. "With conference and sectionals right around the corner, we're excited to see what this group can accomplish."

• On deck: The Vikings are at the Badger Small Conference meet Saturday at 1 p.m. at Stoughton High School.

Mount Horeb then heads to the WIAA Division 2 McFarland Sectional on Nov. 7 at 1 p.m.





Alayna Alexander (left), Courtney Monroe (above) and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team defeated Beloit Turner in their playoff opener before falling to Platteville in the regional semifinals. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Season ends for Mount Horeb spikers

Vikings fall to Platteville in the regional semis

by **ROB** REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team did some terrific things again in 2026.

The Vikings won 20 matches for the fifth straight season and ninth time in 10 years. Mount Horeb also produced its 11th straight winning season.

But the Vikings couldn't make the postseason run they were hoping for.

Seventh-seeded Mount Horeb defeated 10th-seeded and visiting Beloit Turner, 3-1, in a WIAA Division 2 regional quarterfinal on Oct. 20. The Vikings then traveled to second-seeded Platteville on Oct. 22 and dropped a 3-0 decision in a regional semifinal.

Mount Horeb ended the year 20-14 overall despite losing all five of its all-conference players from 2025.

"I'm extremely proud of the culture of this team," Mount Horeb coach Josh Smelzer said. "Overall, it was a successful season filled with growth, memorable moments, mental toughness, and individual accomplishments. This team leaves behind a lasting legacy, and its contributions will continue to benefit the Mount Horeb volleyball program for years to come."

The Vikings opened the postseason with a 22-25, 25-21, 25-17, 25-21 win over visiting Beloit Turner.

Senior outside hitter Elaina Imbus had a big match for Mount Horeb, finishing with 23 kills and a .284 kill percentage. Imbus added 11 digs and one ace.

Junior middle blocker Olivia Turk had 23 kills, three total blocks and a dig, while junior rightside Claire Wagner-Leek added eight kills, four total blocks, six digs, an assist and an ace. Sophomore rightside Lily Paquette added seven kills and three digs, while junior middle blocker Alayna Alexander had seven kills, three total blocks and two digs.

Senior setter Claire Casey had 33 assists, six digs and an ace, while junior setter Quinn Johnston had 13 assists and two digs. Senior libero/defensive specialist Courtney Monroe had 23 digs, senior defensive specialist Vera Pernot had four aces, five digs and an assist, senior defensive specialist Harper Hendrickson added three aces and a dig, and freshman outside hitter/setter Hannah Smelzer had two assists.

Overall, the Vikings had an impressive .255 kill percentage, had 57 total kills to Turner's 39, and had 50 assists to the Trojans' 34.

"Beloit Turner was scrappy and they had a good outside hitter," Smelzer said. "The girls battled hard … we made a lot of big plays on defense and offensively we outpowered them."

Second-seeded Platteville then rolled past Mount Horeb, 25-16, 25-21, 25-21 in the regional semifinals.

Imbus had another strong match, recording 10 kills and 11 digs, while Paquette had eight kills and four digs. Casey had 19 assists and two digs, while Johnston had 13 assists and three digs.

Wagner-Leek had six kills, two aces and a dig, while Monroe had 13 digs and three aces. Alexander had five kills, Elise Ellestad had four kills and two digs and Pernot chipped in with three digs.

"We did very well in serve receive and other facets of the game," Smelzer said. "In the end we couldn't really get in a rhythm offensively, and string together big runs, which Platteville had a lot to do with. I will say the girls battled to the end."

The Vikings will lose six quality seniors — Casey, Monroe, Imbus, Ellestad, Hendrickson and Pernot.

That group also made their mark on the Mount Horeb record books.

"All six made lasting contributions to the program, helping build a stronger foundation and setting a standard for future teams," Smelzer said. "Their leadership and dedication will be missed."

Several Vikings also made their mark on the Mount Horeb record books this season.

• Alexander finished No. 8 in single-season blocking with 36.5.

• Monroe finished No. 10 in career aces with 110 and No. 7 in single-season digs with 358.

• Casey finished No. 8 in career assists with 551 and No. 6 in single-season assists with 488.

• Imbus finished No. 5 in single season kills with 350. Only Elise Goetzinger (561, 453 and 439) and Gabby Coulthard (363) had more kills in a single season.

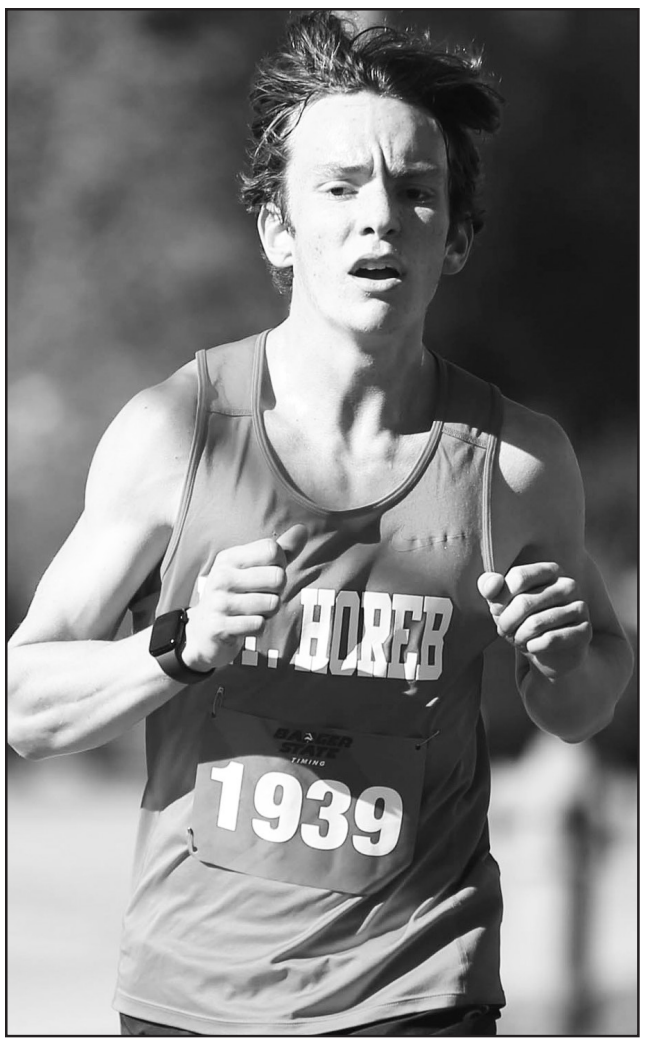


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Mount Horeb's Samuel Wyse qualified for the state cross country meet as an individual. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Wyse punches ticket to state

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Welcome to the show Samuel Wyse.

Wyse, a senior for Mount Horeb's boys cross country team, earned a trip to the WIAA Division 2 state meet, which will be held Saturday at Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

Wyse finished in sixth place individually at the Monroe Sectional on Oct. 24. The top five runners from teams that did not qualify for state earned individual state appearances, and Wyse locked down the fifth and final individual spot.

Wyse completed the 5,000-meter run in 16 minutes, 52.9 seconds

Monroe won the team title at sectionals with 60 points and earned a trip to the state meet, while McFarland was second with 82 and also qualified for state.

St. Ambrose/Abundant Life (87), Dodgeville/Mineral Point (114) and Mount Horeb (141) rounded out the top five.

In addition to Wyse's big day, Mount Horeb sophomore Liam Crolla was 15th in 17:23.0, sophomore Jackson Ballew was 22nd (17:39.8), senior Jaxon Hughes was 43rd (18:23.0) and junior Blake Losenegger was 55th (18:50.5).

Teams only counted the top-five scores, but the Vikings got solid performances from senior Nathaniel Sherven (56th, 18:50.5) and junior Laszlo Kelley (57th, 18:53.5).

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cluded the state's largest school in Middleton (enrollment: 2,454), Madison West (2,302) and Madison Memorial (2,027).

Nothing phased the Vikings, though, who produced three of the top-six finishers and five of the top-15.

"Earning a trip back to state means everything to us," said junior Mia Caygill, who was third individually. "We have worked harder than ever this season, so it's extremely rewarding to see that hard work pay off, especially with the challenge of moving up to Division 1. Qualifying for state again shows how much we've grown as a team, and I'm really proud of everyone for pushing each other throughout the season."

Odgers finished first in a sizzling 18 minutes, 21.4 seconds, edging runner-up Violet Wickizer of Madison West (18:27.5).

Odgers led Wickizer by a nose at the one-mile mark, then slipped behind the Regents' standout at the two-mile mark. But Odgers closed with a bang and pulled away by just more than six seconds.

"Going into the race I knew I had a target on my back," said Odgers, whose enjoyed a terrific sophomore season. "I had to get out quick, settle in, and just maintain my position.

"I was neck and neck with (Wickizer) almost the whole race until there was about 0.5 (miles) to go, which is when I decided to make my move. Overall, I am happy with how I raced and can't wait to compete with the best of the best at state."

Caygill shined as well, finishing third in 18:58.7. Caygill was in fourth place after a mile, jumped to third after two miles and held that position down the stretch.

"My biggest focus going into the race was not giving up on myself mentally, especially during the final mile," Caygill said. "I planned to go out somewhat conservatively during the first mile while still putting myself in a good position for the rest of the race. I really emphasized pushing on the hills and maintaining my pace through the final mile."

While Caygill enjoyed another strong season, she also dealt with an injury, as well as iron deficiency. But with the stakes at their highest at Verona, Caygill delivered a clutch performance.

"This season has been challenging, so putting together a solid race has been difficult," Caygill said. "Breaking 19 minutes and placing third at Verona was really special, and I was proud of how I competed mentally, as well as physically. It gave me a lot of confidence and put me in a really optimistic mindset heading into state."

Vigliotta should be confident, as well, after finishing sixth in 19:13.7.

"Going into the race I knew I wanted to go out conservatively and not waste all my energy in the first mile," Vigliotta said. "By doing that I could save some energy for the end. Getting top-six was a big accomplishment."

Mount Horeb also counted a 12th-place finish from senior Maeve True and a 15th-place showing from senior Julia Straka.

True was in 15th place early on, but battled her way back up and finished with a terrific 12th-place showing in 19:52.9. Straka was a model of consistency throughout and captured 15th place in 19:58.3.

"Maeve has improved significantly over the years, but especially this season," Richardson said of True. "Maeve and Julia are what I call our "constants." They may be nervous on the inside, but are always the two that I can rely on to execute the plan perfectly. I think being seniors and running all four years have made them fantastic racers instead of just 'runners' — and their calm demeanor really helps tame the nerves of their teammates."

While only the top five finishers have their scores count, the Vikings also got solid performances from junior Kira Buttner (41st, 21:26.8) and junior Samantha Hartwig (51st, 22:12.0).

"If something goes wrong, someone like Kira or Samantha is able to step up and get the job done," Richardson said. "We have three seniors leaving us who are currently in our top five, however, we have so many up and coming athletes that are hungry to keep the traditions alive, that even though we are losing some of our top ladies, the years to come will still prove to be special."



Willa Vigliotta and Mount Horeb's girls cross country team will be competing at the WIAA Division 1 state cross country meet Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

What's special now, though, is a state meet that promises to be electric.

Neenah, last year's Division 1 state champion, was ranked No. 1 in the final poll of the season. The Rockets had four runners break the 19-minute mark at sectionals and are certainly the favorites at state.

Mount Horeb was ranked No. 2 in the final poll of the year, though, and is expected to be the greatest threat to Neenah at state. No. 3 Bloomer, No. 4 Wauwatosa East and No. 5 Madison West rounded out the top-five in the final poll and are expected to be in the mix, as well.

Mount Horeb won the Division 2 state championship in 2025 after finishing third in 2024 and fifth in 2023. That three-year stretch of success is what jumped the Vikings into Division 1 this season.

Now, after showing that school size couldn't slow these Vikings at sectionals, they'll look for the same big-time results at state.

"Our goal is to go in with confidence, trust the work we've put in all season, and compete from start to finish," Caygill said. "We know the competition will be tough, but qualifying has shown us that we belong there. We want to finish the season knowing we gave it our all and made the most of this opportunity."

Odgers agreed.

"Obviously going into state we have big goals in mind," Odgers said. "The race will be very competitive and there will be lots of great competition, including teams we have not faced yet this year. I believe we have a great chance of achieving great things."

Added Vigliotta: "State is going to be very competitive, as there are lots of fast teams all competing to get first. Our goal is to have good races and get back on the podium once again."

As for Richardson, she's keeping all predictions to herself.

Mount Horeb's coach says her track record of "guessing" the outcome at state beforehand has been "quite successful." But she'd rather keep all projections and forecasts quiet for now, enjoy the moment and see what this remarkable group of Vikings can do next.

"I find that talking about what my expectations are, or my predictions are, only makes the girls more nervous and anxious," Richardson said. "We need to go into this meet loose, a bit goofy, and relaxed.

"The girls are so good at locking in on their own. I almost need to 'unlock' them sometimes, make them laugh, and release the tension in the room. These girls are powerhouses and are all in for their teammates. I have no doubt state will be another special and proud moment for them."

WIAA DIVISION 1 VERONA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY SECTIONAL

Team scores: 1, Mount Horeb, 37; 2, Madison West, 77; 3, Verona, 96; 4, Waunakee, 118; 5, Madison East, 129; 6, Middleton, 154; 7, Monona Grove, 195; 8, DeForest, 205; 9, Sun Prairie West, 229; 10, Oregon, 265; 11, Madison Memorial, 286; 12, Sun Prairie East, 296.

Top-10 individuals: 1, Isla Odgers, Mount Horeb, 18:21.4; 2, Violet Wickizer, Madison West, 18:27.5; **3, Mia Caygill, Mount Horeb, 18:58.7;** 4, Alexandra Richardson, Waunakee, 19:06.1; 5, Celia Zoeller, Madison East, 19:08.0; **6, Willa Vigliotta, Mount Horeb, 19:13.7;** 7, Annika Stringer, Madison East, 19:20.9; 8, Brecklyn Drobac, DeForest, 19:22.5; 9, Emma Lagerwall, Sun Prairie West, 19:24.3; 10, Stella Roltgen, Verona, 19:44.6.

Mount Horeb results (top five finishers count toward team score): 1, Isla Odgers, 18:21.4; 3, Mia Caygill, 18:58.7; 6, Willa Vigliotta, 19:13.7; 12, Maeve True, 19:52.9; 15, Julia Straka, 19:58.3; 41, Kira Buttner, 21:26.8; 51, Samantha Hartig, 22:12.0.

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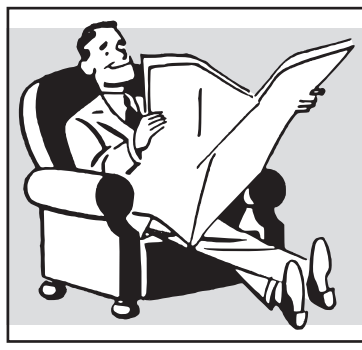
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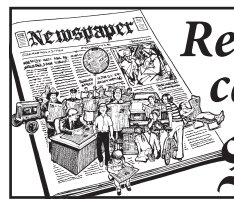
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Mount Horeb Public Library 105 Perimeter Road	Wards 1 – 5, 12
Mount Horeb Senior Center 107 N Grove Street	Wards 6 - 11

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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1. To approve the 2026 total town tax levy, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a).

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2026.

Matthew Waite, Town Clerk,
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TOWN OF PERRY
LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Perry Town Hall, 10084 County Highway A 7:00 PM
Teleconference - 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206 #

Agenda

1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 7, 2026.
3. Ron Josephson, 9835 County Rd A – zoning changes to adjust the sizes of four existing parcels and create a 2-acre residential lot.*
4. Eric Grover, 313 State Hwy 78 – informal discussion.
5. Town Comprehensive Plan – review and edit Element 8, "Land Use."
6. Pending applications – review and discussion.
7. Schedule meetings.
8. Adjourn.

Stephanie Zwettler, Clerk/Treasurer

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

* A site view will be conducted at the Josephson site on Saturday, October 31, 2026, beginning at 8:30 AM.

Posted: Town Hall, Town Garage, Daleyville signpost, Town website – October 29, 2026.

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE
NOTICE
LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the primary to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in the Town of Primrose, the following polling locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location	Wards
8468 County Road A, Verona, WI	1

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Matthew Waite, 608-571-2988, clerk@townofprimrose.com 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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TOWN OF PRIMROSE, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
Thursday, November 12, 2026

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 12th, 2026, at 7:00 pm the Town of Primrose will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 budget at the Town Hall, 8468 County Road A, Verona, Wisconsin. A Special Town Elector Meeting will be held at this time to approve the 2026 total town tax levy to be collected in 2027. The proposed budget, in detail, is available for inspection at the Clerk's office by appointment, or on-line at www.townofprimrose.com. The following is a summary of the 2027 Proposed Budget:

	2026 Approved	2027 Proposed	Change
Revenue			
Municipal Taxes	$ 348,868	$ 369,534	5.92%
Lottery Credits, Dog Licenses	$ 11,363	$ 11,463	0.01%
Intergovernmental Revenue	$ 207,291	$ 195,338	(5.8%)
Licenses & Permits	$ 9,600	$ 10,100	5.2%
Public Charges for services	$ 0	$ 0	0.0%
Miscellaneous Revenues	$ 10,250	$ 12,250	19.5%
Total Revenues	**$ 585,572**	**$ 596,685**	**1.9%**
Expenditures			
General Government	$ 126,075	$1 23,791	(1.8%)
Public Safety	$ 93,420	$ 117,979	26.3%
Public Works	$ 330,149	$ 303,426	(8.1%)
Health & Human Services	$ 5,795	$ 5,982	3.2%
Capital Outlay	$ 0	$ 0	0.0%
Debt Service	$ 49,471	$ 64,484	30.3%
Total Expenditures	**$ 604,910**	**$ 615,662**	**1.8%**

Note: The proposed expenditures exceed projected revenues by $18,977, which will be funded from the town's existing fund balance carried over from the prior year.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2026

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FOOTBALL

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A false start pushed the Vikings back 5 yards, but two plays later, Myers hit tight end Henry DeRosier for a 5-yard TD on a screen to the left, giving MH-B a 7-0 lead with 4:44 left in the first quarter.

The Blackhawks (7-3) answered with a promising drive of their own.

A pass interference penalty gave them 15 yards, then junior Landyn Kuske picked up 20 yards on a wide receiver screen.

On third-and-3 at MH-B's 32-yard-line, bulldozing junior tight end Ryan Aho — utilized as a ball carrier in this game — ran for 27 yards to march Baldwin-Woodville inside MH-B's 10-yard-line.

Aho operating from the backfield caught MH-B off guard a bit.

"The only time that they put him in the backfield (before Saturday) was on jet sweeps," St. Arnauld said. "They ran several different running backs throughout the year, but (Aho) hadn't really been back there.

"So when they put him back there — he's tough, a good tight end, a physical blocker, one of their toughest dudes. So it was different, definitely not what we anticipated."

Aho finished with 107 yards on 19 carries.

That drive stalled, however, and senior kicker Mayson Flores' 24-yard field goal try missed wide right.

"The defense stood up and made a couple big plays," St. Arnauld said. "It was a good tone-setter. It's a little difficult kicking when you're on the left hash, and he pushed it right."

MH-B was forced to punt on the ensuing drive, and Baldwin-Woodville threatened again.

Senior wide receiver Aidan Foster's 24-yard catch was the big play of the drive, but it wasn't enough.

Aho was stuffed for no gain on third-and-3, then on fourth-and-3 quarterback Joe Jensen's pass fell incomplete, resulting in a turnover on downs.

The Vikings capitalized from there.

Maier picked up 53 yards on a screen pass. Then three plays later, Myers rolled to his left and found Olson streaking to his left along the back line of the end zone for a 5-yard TD strike.

That gave MH-B a 14-0 lead with 3:41 left in the first half.

Twice the Vikings made it into the red zone, and twice they scored touchdowns.

"I felt good about where we were at," St. Arnauld said. "It felt like they couldn't really get us off the field, and we responded defensively."

MH-B forced a quick three-and-out, then the Vikings ran their 2-minute offense to perfection. MH-B took over with 2:13 left in the half, and Maier's 1-yard TD run with 10 seconds left in the half capped an 11-play drive and gave the Vikings a 21-0 lead at the break.

"Being able to go up 21-0 at halftime was huge, knowing that they were going to get the ball (to start the second half)," St. Arnauld said. "If they get the ball down only 14 and they go down and score to start the half, well then it's a one-score ball game the rest of the way and you have to play pretty flawless football the rest of the way. You can't afford mistakes.

"So getting that drive together was important for us. That was kind of a backbreaker. It just kind of felt that way, like it was a backbreaker for them."

Early in the third quarter MH-B took over inside its own 10-yard-line after stopping Baldwin-Woodville on fourth down. Shortly thereafter, Olson caught a backward lateral from Myers to the right before throwing all the way back across the field to Maier for a trick play that went for 72 yards.

Injuries have hampered MHB's wide receiving corps all season, so Maier has picked up the slack in the passing game.

"Eli's been that consistent guy for us," St. Arnauld said. "Getting him out on the screen, we thought we could get him out on the edge and that would be pretty successful. And obviously it was.

"He's the heartbeat of our offense. He can do it all, and that's why getting the ball to him as much as we could was the goal. The game plan went exactly as we planned it."

Maier is now third in the state in all-purpose yards with 2,285. He trails only Green Bay Notre Dame and University of Wisconsin recruit Kingston Allen (2,856) and Webster-Lakeland's Ronald Hatch (2,332).

Maier also ranks ninth in the state with 1,790 rushing yards, despite missing some time early in the year due to injury. Maier also added his 21st rushing TD of the year — a 1-yard plunge with 3:38 left in the third quarter — to make it 28-0.

The Vikings then established a running clock when Myers hit Jackson Marthe for a 46-yard TD with 9:04 remaining in the game to make it 35-0.

Marthe had only one catch on the year entering this game, but finished with three receptions for 66 yards.

"We've been really waiting for him to come out of his shell and break out," St. Arnauld said of Marthe. "We thought it would be a breakout on the defensive side of the ball, but it's been him showing flashes on offense. He's a great athlete and I think it was all coming down to his confidence level.

"This was a great week to kind of break him out of that shell and really build that confidence. Hopefully we can carry that into this coming week. I'm really excited about where his growth is. He's loaded with potential. We've been waiting for him to get there, and he finally got his opportunity and shined."

St. Arnauld added that he's excited about the 6-foot-3 Marthe's chances to build on that performance in Level 2 against Logan's cornerbacks, who are both 5-foot-9.

"If you get into a jump ball situation and you have a 6-foot-3 kid who can jump and is athletic, I like his chances," St. Arnauld said.

Things get much tougher Friday, though, against undefeated Logan.

The Rangers routed visiting and eighth-seeded Waukesha North, 48-7, in Level 1 of the playoffs. Logan has outscored its foes by an average of 39.0-15.1 this season, scored at least 28 points every game, and held four opponents to seven points, or less.

Logan is a run-first team, rushing the ball 76.9% of the time and averaging 237.2 rushing yards per game. Senior Jameson Degenhardt leads the way with 1,191 rushing yards and 17 rushing TDs, while quarterback Thomas Check is a dual threat with 927 rushing yards and nine rushing TDs.

Check can hurt teams with his arm, as well, though, having thrown for 1,007 yards and 16 touchdowns, although he's also thrown six interceptions.

MH-B has steadily improved, though, throughout the season, gotten healthier as the year progressed and is excited for a shot at the top-seeded Rangers.

"We went in and corrected the things we needed to correct," St. Arnauld said of MH-B rebounding from a 1-3 start. "It's always cool to win a conference championship, but it's even cooler to be playing good football at the right time of year, and we've kind of done that.

"We're playing good football. Now we're a team that people probably don't want to play because we're playing really well and we're a force to be reckoned with at the moment.

"So the ultimate thing that I took from this game is we're peaking at the right time, and if we're going to go (to La Crosse) and cause an upset, we're on the right track. I'm happy with where things are at."



Mount Horeb-Barneveld quarterback Preston Myers (with ball) threw for two touchdowns in the Vikings' 35-0 win over Baldwin-Woodville in their playoff opener. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Oct. 24

Mount Horeb-Barneveld 35, Baldwin-Woodville 0

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MH-B ..... 7 14 7 7 — 35

MHB ..... Henry DeRosier 5 pass from Preston Myers (Cullen Olson kick)

MHB ..... Cullen Olson 5 pass from Meyers (Olson kick)

MHB ..... Eli Maier 1 run (Olson kick)

MHB ..... Eli Maier 1 run (Olson kick)

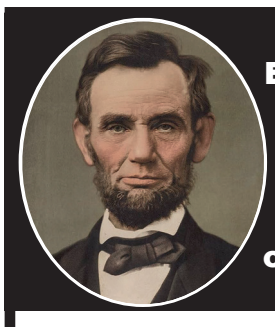
MHB ..... Jackson Marthe 46 pass from Myers (Olson kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

First downs — BW 13, MHB 18. Total yards — BW 270, MHB 398. Rushing (At.-Yds) — BW 30-128, MHB 35-116. Passing yards — BW 142, MHB 282. Passing (Comp.-Att.-Int.) — BW 13-24-0, MHB 14-18-0. Fumbles-lost — BW 0-0, MHB 3-0. Penalties-yds. — BW 4-23, MHB 5-55.

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Rushing (Att.-Yds.) — BW: Ryan Aho 19-107. MHB: Eli Maier 29-102. Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.) — BW: Joe Jensen 13-22-0-142. MHB: Preston Myers 13-17-0-209. Receiving — BW: Aidan Foster 5-77. MHB: Eli Maier 4-158; Jackson Marthe 3-66.



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