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The proposal initially introduced by County Executive Joe Parisi several weeks earlier included an operating budget of \$787.6 million and a capital spending plan coming in at \$149.8 million.

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Andrea Nelson, head coach and president of the Bob Lynch Boxing Foundation, holder of the WI Golden Gloves franchise, gives tactical advice to 22-year-old Kayden “the Sentinel” Lambert (158 pounds), boxing out of the Red Corner. He went on to win Bout One of the annual fundraising Bucket List Boxing event that was held November 4 at The Red Mouse Bar & Grill. Photo by Ron Lutz II. www.lutzr2.com.

The Village of Mount Horeb residents are reminded that winter parking regulations go into effect in the village on December 1, 2023 and continue in effect until March 31, 2024.

On even numbered days of the month, vehicles must be legally parked between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on even building numbered side of the street.

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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages hunters to donate Wisconsin-harvested deer through the DNR's Deer Donation Program. The program helps stock food pantries for the upcoming holiday season and supports residents in

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Wink family is active in conservation and hunting

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

In a state of nearly 6 million people, only eight lucky individuals won the opportunity to take part in this year's elk hunt.

Four were members of the Ojibwe tribes, who declared their elk according to treaty rights within the Ceded Territory. The other four were state-licensed hunters who won their tags through the

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' annual lottery.

One of them lives right here in Mount Horeb. Sixteen-year-old Isabella “Izzy” Wink harvested her

1,000 pound bull on October 19, following months of planning and scouting and five days of hunting in Wisconsin's northern elk zone, which covers portions

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Vietnam vets get long overdue ‘Welcome Home’



Past National Commander of the American Legion Denise Rohan, Guest Speaker at the podium,

By JERRY HOOK
American Legion

On Wednesday, November 8 the Frank E. Malone Post 113, Mount Horeb American Legion, and Post 9511 Veterans of Foreign Wars hosted a long overdue and well-deserved Welcome Home and Recognition Dinner for over 75 Vietnam Era Veterans, with over 140 Veterans and loved ones in attendance.

Scott Klassy did a lot of the planning and preparations. He also had help from the planning committee of Laura Mason, Don Hartman and Gary Friske. Scott and the planning committee planned and put on a fantastic event honoring the service of the Vietnam Era Veterans in attendance. We know there are other Vietnam Veterans who were unable to attend for various reasons we thank each and every one of them for their service and sacrifices.

The night started with a moment of silence for all POWs and MIAs and Deanne Haag, who passed away Wednesday morning. Deanne was supposed to be honored at the dinner along with other Vietnam Era Veterans. Don Hartman, the Commander of the VFW asked us to remember all those who served and could not be with us at the celebration.

Doc Schmitt from the

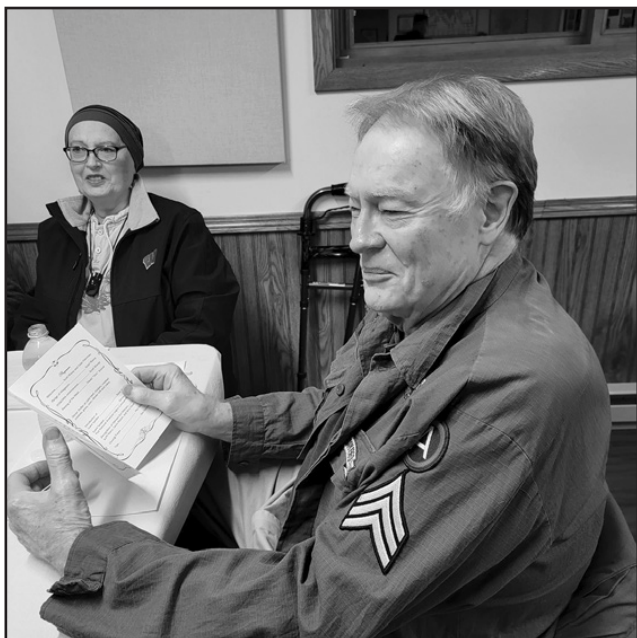
Vietnam Veterans, Chapter IV provided a prayer to start the evening.

Don told a very short story of his service in Vietnam, going to Vietnam in 1968 after the Tet Offensive where the leaders of the North Vietnamese believed if they could launch this major operation they could decrease the support for the war in the United States. This served as the backdrop for Don's year in Vietnam, it was so tense and unsettled in both the United States and in Vietnam. He mentioned that when he arrived in the United States he placed a collect call home and his younger sister who was home prior to heading off to school in the morning answered. When the operator asked her if she would accept a collect call from Don Hartman she thought, 'Well he's in Vietnam' and declined the call.

Scott Klassy the Commander of the Mount Horeb American Legion welcomed everyone and told everyone the flow of events for the evening. Scott mentioned that we were there to honor everyone's Vietnam Era Service. After the meal Scott introduced our Guest Speaker Past National Commander of the American Legion Denise Rohan. Denise has served as an officer and in command positions at Post, County, District,



VFW Commander Don Hartman speaks to the crowd.



Jim Mavis looks at the program.



Veterans were treated to a special dinner in their honor at the Mount Horeb VFW Post last week. Photos contributed.

Department and finally as the National Commander 2017 to 2018. Past National Commander Denise was the first woman to lead a Veterans Service Organization at the National level. Denise continues to serve Veterans maybe as much or more today as when she was the National Commander. Denise currently serves as the Director of the Selective Service in Wisconsin, she continues to serve in so many ways at so many Veteran events.

Past National Commander Denise Rohan is a Vietnam Era Veteran and wanted to speak to and about what it is to be a Veteran. She mentioned that Verona recognized their Vietnam Veterans this past summer. She mentioned that it is so important that we recognize our Viet-

nam Veterans before we lose more of them. Her speech is so important that I've included the entire speech.

PNC Denise thanked everyone and mentioned that she could not think any better way to explain what it is to be a veteran, she mentioned that there was no better way to describe what it was like to be a Veteran than the words of an anonymous author who wrote:

"We left home as teenagers or in our early twenties for an unknown adventure.

We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.

We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.

We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the Earth.

We found new friends and new family.

We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race or creed.

We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.

We didn't get enough sleep.

We smoked and drank too much.

We picked up both good and bad habits.

We worked hard and played harder.

We didn't earn a great

wage.

We experienced the happiness of mail call, and the sadness of missing important events.

We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again.

We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.

We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.

Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.

Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.

Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.

We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.

We participated in time honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.

We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.

We have dealt with victory and tragedy.

We have celebrated and mourned.

We lost a few along the way.

When our adventure was

over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new, and some of us never came home at all.

We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.

We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people don't experience, and few will understand.

We speak highly of our own branch of service, and poke fun at the other branches.

We know however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.

Being a Veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.

It has no monetary value, but at the same time it is a priceless gift.

People see a Veteran and they thank them for their service.

When we see each other, we give that little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.

So, from myself to the rest of the veterans out there, I commend and thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed for our country.

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Rotary Club News

Students attend World Affairs summit

Two Mount Horeb High School Students were selected to attend the World Affairs Seminar, held in June at Carroll College in Waukesha.

Kaitlyn Farr and Aminata Ndiaye were among students from 30 countries who took part in the weeklong event. The event's theme was "Climate Change: Youth Take Action." Ironically, the event in late June coincided with smoke and poor air quality that caused some of the outdoor events to be canceled.

Farr and Ndiaye came to Mount Horeb Rotary to explain what they learned at the seminar, which was supported by Rotary scholarships.

Farr said they participated

in a week-long diplomacy simulation over an issue that involved building a dam on an international boundary. The groups advocated on behalf of the two rival countries, climate change concerns and a wildlife issue that affected migrating cranes.

"You end up balancing between what your group needs and what everyone needs," Farr said.

They also learned about sustainable forestry on the Menominee reservation and met a Menominee "forest keeper" who helped them to plant a tree to honor the original people of the land that is now Carroll College.

Ndiaye said her favorite speaker was Dr. Joy Ngobi, who spoke about the impact

of climate change on health in Africa. They also met Rotary International President Gordon McNally, of Scotland.

They learned about the climate costs of fast fashion and how to care for their own mental health in the face of concerns about climate catastrophe.

It involved not looking at your phone updates first thing in the morning, said Farr, and "feeling your own emotions before you feel everyone else's."

The students were also amused to learn that their fellow delegates from Denmark were most excited about visiting a Walgreens and a supermarket, because they don't have big box stores at home.



Kaitlyn Farr and Aminata Ndiaye took part in "Climate Change: Youth Take Action."

Aquino and Kolb named Student Rotarians



Student Rotarians Rachel Aquino and Ava Kolb, pictured here with Paul Christian-sen, Mount Horeb Middle School principal.

Rachel Aquino and Ava Kolb were student Rotarians for the month of October, and brought the Mount Horeb Rotary Club up to speed on all the Club Interact activities this fall. Aquino is the club's president and Kolb is vice president.

The student service club dressed up in Halloween costumes and did "reverse trick-or-treating" with residents at Ingleside and Bee Hive the last weekend in October.

Interact is collecting for a donation drive for Friends of the State Street Family, who help homeless people in Madison. Needed items include gift cards, non-perishables, gloves, hats, socks, hand sanitizers, and area store gift cards. Club members are making holiday cards for military service

people, tied blankets for American Family Children's Hospital, and shoe box gift boxes. You might see Interact students at the Kohl Center running a concession stand during UW men's basketball to raise funds for their projects.

Rachel Aquino is the daughter of Kellie and Mark Aquino and the sister of Laurel. In addition to Club Interact, she is active in National Honor Society, Student Advisory Board, Viking Book Club, band, choir, and volunteers at Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Snapdragon Farm and organized a cleanup at Stewart Lake. She plays guitar, rides horses and hopes to pursue a career in medicine or equine-assisted therapy.

Ava Kolb is the daughter of Kendall Kolb and Heather Zingg, and the sister of Addyson, Anabelle, Raegan, and Halayna. Besides Club Interact, she is in the National Honor Society, plays basketball and loves painting, drawing and print-making. Her work has been featured in the Student Spotlight Art Show, the Badger Conference Art Show and honored with a Gold Key Scholastic Art and Writing Award. She hopes to study architecture in college.

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PERSPECTIVE

A Bird in the Bush

Keeping the world alive through hunting

“We have to initiate the young men. If we don’t, they will burn down the village.”
- West African saying

By **WILLIAM ROBICHAUD**
A Bird in the Bush

My friend Tony and his fine grandson, Dylan, started deer hunting here at the farm several years ago, when Dylan was fourteen. That first season we hunted together (and many since) I hosted “deer camp” at the farmhouse. After dinner the night before opening day, and before Dylan rolled out his sleeping bag on the living room floor near the fireplace, I showed him how to grind blue corn into cornmeal, to have something to offer in gratitude to the spirit of any deer he might kill. Later, by the fire, Tony gave his grandson a new hunting knife, and taught him to pay for it, even with just a penny. It is said that to gift a knife to a friend risks inadvertently cutting the bond of friendship. Better that the friend pays something for the knife, to camouflage the giving as a relationship-free transaction.

Over the next several seasons Dylan killed some deer, mostly does to start, all taken cleanly with one shot. I showed him how to field dress the first one, then let him struggle in the dark with a headlamp over the field dressing of his next kill. He learned. It was a pleasure and a reward for both Tony and me to mentor this good, gentle soul in hunting, and watch him take to it. The second season he returned, one of the first things he asked is if we could again grind corn for the offerings. It made my day.

One fall, he shot his biggest doe out of a ‘double’



with me. I was hunting in late afternoon on the ground along a ridge, waiting in a tangle of some downed timber close to a trail. Dylan was on stand somewhere down the slope behind me. At about 3 p.m., a magnificent large doe, tense with energy, trotted into view twenty yards away, and paused. As I slowly raised my .30-30 to take her, she looked back over her shoulder. I held, both gun and breath, and sure enough, as she moved on with nose to the earth, an eight-point buck stepped into view, trailing her. I shot him through the heart, and he ran 30 yards and collapsed. Within moments I heard a shot from Dylan’s direction – he had killed the doe as it moved past him. Later, when we were comparing notes and swapping our stories, Dylan said, “You’re always just ahead of me: I shoot a big doe, and you shoot an even bigger buck.” Perhaps, but it was not to last – the student would soon surpass the mentor.

The first buck Dylan finally took was the “defecation buck”. We’d all gotten up in the dark on opening morning for a breakfast of venison sausages, fried eggs and blue cornmeal pancakes (it is important to feed ourselves as well as the spirits). After breakfast, Dylan and Tony followed their headlamp beams up a track into the dark woods behind the house, to hunt together – Dylan in a treestand, and Tony on the ground, sitting against a trunk about twenty yards away. Just as the first gentle light illuminated the world, the prime hunting hour of the entire season, Tony discovered that he had to take bathroom break. So he did what a fella’s got to do, and got up and crunched off through the woods over the dead and frosted leaves to a secluded spot far from his grandson, and to keep the scent of what was coming away. It was a heinous if obligatory sin at that hour on opening morning, but sometimes we are forgiven. Just then, a shot rang out. A fine buck had followed just as Tony left, and Dylan killed it cleanly, for his first antlers.

An autumn or two later, when Dylan was 17, he killed the biggest buck yet taken here at the farm - another one-shot, clean kill.

His days of feeling one step behind were over – and he was only getting started.

After graduating from Waunakee High School and working for a year, this big-game hunting lad did a wise thing – last year he enrolled in Montana State University in Bozeman, and moved to Montana.

Dylan being Dylan, he both quickly made friends, and figured out where to hunt. When I was a freshman at university it took me the first couple of months just to learn where my classes were. But for Dylan, by his first October last year, just a couple of months after being assigned his dorm and starting freshman classes, he was deer hunting in the mountains of Montana. And he soon sent me a sequence of amazing texts and photos. He and a new friend Cam had gone to hunt for the weekend in an area north of Bozeman. It was one of Dylan’s first times afield in Montana, and it was not long before my iPhone dinged with a photo of an absolute trophy of a mule deer he shot on Friday, their first day of the trip. The next day he and Cam found and stalked, and Cam killed, the 62nd largest typical white-tailed buck ever registered in Montana. Not a bad weekend for a couple of immigrant newbies!

This year, Dylan expanded his Montana field repertoire to elk hunting, starting with the early fall archery season. Once again, incredibly, it didn’t take him long. In September he sent me an extraordinary photo – a picture of himself with one of the largest bull elks I’ve ever seen, be it on the pages of a hunting magazine or mounted at Cabela’s. Dylan had put his arrow through the bull’s heart at 55 yards. I know some local guys here who head out west to hunt elk ever year, and many of them make the trip for decades without ever seeing an elk this big, let alone taking one (with bow or rifle). For many hunters, Dylan’s first would have been the elk of a lifetime.

I shared the photo with a Whatsapp group I’m on of wildlife trackers. One of them responded with: “Why did the elk have to die?” It opened an interesting conversation over the ether. From my perspective, sev-

eral threads entwine to shape the answer. There was some initial concern expressed that Dylan might have been only trophy hunting. But I know Dylan better, and in fact he’d texted: “Cut all the meat off him except for the ribs gotta leave some for the critters they gotta eat too”.

The first, most obvious answer to the nature of the elk’s death is that it had to die because all living thing must die. That’s the nature of the world, and also an element of the world’s beauty, given that all life in some way springs way from, and is fed by, the death of something else. Most great art can probably trace its root to grief. It was inevitable that the elk would die sometime, and for it to die quickly, shot through the heart by a good, respectful soul like Dylan, strikes me as a good and fortunate death.

As writer and thinker Martín Prechtel views it (in his book Rescuing the Light, 2021):

“For a bear, death is part of his living. Trees concentrate on being forests not on being sad if they evolve out of existence.”

“No human is supported by anything while it’s alive, only by what has generously died in order to keep you alive and feed you. It’s not about being sad about that reality. It’s not about numbing yourself to it. It’s not about pretending it could be otherwise. It’s about learning to have gratitude, which only comes from the grief of the realization of that generosity.”

“The animal killed for food is not a ‘poor thing’. He is a courageous being giving his life to you for your well-being. He is superior to you. This means you have an obligation to become and equally glorious human being with a soul of such generosity that is worth that animal’s gift of having died to support you and your people.”

Another way to come at the question would be to ask not why the elk had to die, but why did Dylan have to kill it? Dylan could have stayed on campus, studying or playing video games, and left the elk to a more ‘natural’ death by wolves, winter or age. I’ve found the answer in Hmong villages I’ve worked with in the mountains of Laos, as

part of my biodiversity conservation work. In a Hmong village, like most other villages in Laos (or in Wisconsin and Montana for that matter), some members of the community are more talented hunters than others. The Hmong believe that the skilled hunters in the village have been endowed with their talent by the spirits, and if they don’t use their talent it will constitute an affront – the refusal of a gift generously bestowed. In response, the spirits will stop protecting the non-hunting hunter from accidents or disease. In short, a talented Hmong hunter views his very well-being as dependent on his hunting, on doing what he has been called to do. And by using his skill, he contributes to and feeds his community.

I see in Dylan one of those who has been touched by the Holy with a gift for hunting. The elk had to die, and Dylan had to be the one to kill it, because their magnificent destinies are entwined. This doesn’t mean that all kills made by all hunters are good deaths. Some kills are done shoddily, devoid of respect, awareness and gratitude. We can be sure that the elk and the deer are conscious and alive, and it takes the other side, the hunter, to meet the animal there to make a good death.

If Dylan is also hunting for a trophy (which I’m sure he is), at his age that, too, can be a beautiful thing. Young men need to test themselves, to go out into the wild in search of the Grail, and if luck and the Holy are with them, to return home with

it, tested yet triumphant, and no longer quite the same unformed boy who left.

I remember deer hunting at Dylan’s age, and feeling the warm flow of adrenaline up the back of my neck when I heard the first crunch of hooves on leaves and saw the antlers of a buck come into view. In traditional Mayan villages (the culture from which Martín Prechtel comes), the young teen-aged men of the village would go out into the mountains on long hunting trips with the older men. When they returned a few days later, the boys who brought back the biggest deer for the village would attract the attention and smiles of the prettiest girls, as they and the other women collected the deer from the returning hunters for cooking.

By hunting, Dylan is doing one of the things he was put on this good Earth to do. And perhaps paradoxically, by engaging in death through hunting, he is becoming more alive himself, and is an active participant in the essential cycle of death feeding life, and life feeding the spirits of those who have died to feed us.

The elk had to die, by Dylan’s hand, to keep the world alive.

Bill (“Bird”) Robichaud is an award-winning conservation biologist who lives on a farm north of Barneveld, on ancestral Ho-Chunk land. He hasn’t grocery shopped for his meals for more than three years, and shares reflections on the experience at www.birdin-thebush.net.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Salon hosts Santa Claus

The Salon at Mount Horeb, located at 117 East Main Street, will host Santa Story Time, a fundraiser for the Madison Reading Project on December 2. The event will run from noon until 4 p.m. and include a chance to get portraits with Santa. All proceeds will go to the Madison Reading Project, and there will be treats available for the children. The Madison Reading Project Book Bus will also be here to do a book giveaway to the kids in attendance.

Farmers market Sat.

The Mt. Horeb Farmers Market will be holding their first indoor market of the winter season this Saturday, November 18, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 315 E. Main Street between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be plenty of parking both on Main St. and in the large parking lot behind the church. Enter the building from either the front or the back and

follow the signs.

Vendors at the market will be offering a wide range of products including seasonal vegetables, apples and apple cider, maple syrup, beef, pork, sourdough baked goods, gluten-free baked goods, fresh roasted coffee, whoopie pies and dog treats, and a variety of hot sauces.

Unfortunately, a hot breakfast will not be served, but hot coffee will be available. As usual, the market managers will be selling their very sturdy tote bags.

Other cold weather markets will be held on December 16, January 20, and February 17. For more information visit the market's Facebook page or inquire by email at mthorebfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

'Legacy of Love'

Mount Horeb United Methodist Church invites the community to be part of an ambitious project that will honor the church's nearly 170-year legacy and help it grow and strengthen that legacy through ex-

panded ministries and outreach for members and the broader community.

"Legacy of Love" will be a permanent wall display within the church to allow members and others who have a connection to MHUMC to recognize and honor individuals and organizations who have made a difference in their lives or the greater community.

Importantly, the project will help retire mortgage debt MHUMC acquired to make critically needed building improvements, including a beautiful and welcoming entryway/ gathering space and an elevator that improves accessibility between floors. Eliminating debt will enable MHUMC to focus resources on the church's important mission and ministries and assist community groups it helps support.

The Legacy wall will feature a church history section surrounded by engraved wood blocks that individuals, groups of individuals or organizations can sponsor to express their personal sentiments. Blocks can recognize the donor or their organization; honor a loved one or their memory; commemorate an important date, such as a wedding, baptism or confirmation; or provide a personal message, favorite Bible verse, or line from a hymn or poem.

"We are inviting anyone who has or had a connection with the church to participate," said Susan Wallitsch, co-coordinator for Legacy of Love. "Perhaps that connection was through a family member or friend, attendance at a wedding, baptism or memorial service, or participating in a community organization event hosted at the church,

such as Neighbors Helping Neighbors, The Giving Tree, PFLAG or Boy Scouts."

To sponsor a Legacy of Love wood block, the church is kindly asking for donations, which will go directly toward the church's mortgage and elevator debt. For more information about Legacy of Love including block sponsorship pricing, please request a brochure by contacting Susan Wallitsch at swallitsch@gmail.com, (608) 509-2261, or the church at office@umcmh.org.

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Rotary Grants

Do you have a worthwhile community project that could use a boost?

Mount Horeb Rotary is changing the way it times its grants. Community groups can apply anytime up until March 31. Some groups may be funded before the deadline if they have the need for funds before spring. You can find the application at www.mthorebrotary.com.

If you have questions,

contact grant committee members Heidi Kopras heidi@homelobster.com, Shawn Bollig shawnbollig.com or Mark Rooney mbrooney@charter.net.

New poems from Sailor

Finishing Line Press is proud to present 15 new poems from Mount Horeb author Kimberly Sailor. "Holy Week in Cave Country" documents a family's road trip to Kentucky, where karst topography sinks into the region's history of living, and sustaining, from attractions underground. Poems include Shark Teeth in Mammoth Cave, Break Up the Day with Kangaroos, and Easter Sunday in a Tow Truck.

Sailor, from Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, is a 2020 poetry fellowship recipient from the Martha's Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing. Sailor, a 2022 and 2019 Hal Prize poetry finalist, is the editor-in-chief of the Recorded A Cappella Review Board. Her poetry has appeared in Driftwood Press, Sixfold, the Peninsula Pulse, Silver Birch Press, and the Eunoia Review. She is the author of the novel The Clarinet Whale, and serves as a volunteer firefighter in Mount Horeb and EMT in Cross Plains. Presales available until December 29, 2023 at Finishing Line Press, with delivery in February 2024.

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Upland Hills Health Hospital and Clinics was one of the top performing rural

hospitals in the nation. The awards are based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance Index, a comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. The Index data is relied upon by rural hospitals and health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of rural health around the country to measure and monitor performance across several areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

"Wherever we go in rural America, we witness first-hand the commitment, determination, and compassion with which rural hospitals serve their communities. Rural healthcare truly is mission-driven," said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "November 16 is National Rural Health Day. Let's recognize the efforts of this year's Performance Leadership Award winners and all those driven to deliver high quality care throughout rural communities."

FFA event returns

It is that time of the year again...

Mt. Horeb FFA members are selling fruit, nuts, honey, cheese, sausage, and popcorn. Proceeds fund the Canada Fishing trip, convention and conference attendance, individual FFA jackets, career development events, and the annual awards banquet. Community members who have not been contacted can leave a message with the FFA by emailing allenpam@mhasd.k12.wi.us or calling 608-437-7196. An FFA member will return the message.

Please contact the FFA by 4 p.m. Friday, November 24.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Mt. Horeb Seniors lunch outing to Fifth Quarter, Verona. 10:00am, RSVP - 608-437-6902
UW Extension - "Seniors EatingWell", 1:00-2:30pm, RSVP 437-6902, Mt. Horeb Senior Center
Trollway Diabetes, 1:00-3:00pm, Mt. Horeb Senior Center
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet - OPEN 6:00 to 7:30pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Model railroad show at Mt. Horeb Public Library, Info at 608-437-5021
BINGO! Mt. Horeb Senior Center, 12:30pm
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet OPEN 9:00-10:30am (Seniors)
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet OPEN 3:00 to 4:30pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Model railroad show at Mt. Horeb Public Library, Info at 608-437-5021
Neighbors Helping Neighbors-Food Closet and Clothes Closet OPEN 10:00-11:30am

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Card Making, 9:00am-12:00noon. RSVP, 608-279-6108-Stacey

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Badger Hearing, 1:00-3:00pm. Call for appt., 608-437-6902 OR walk-in. Mt. Horeb Senior Center
Tai Chi, 1:00pm, Mt. Horeb Senior Center
Ageless Grace, 2:00pm, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Foot Clinic, 9:00am-3:30pm, RSVP 608-437-6902, Mt. Horeb Senior Center
Lunch for Mt. Horeb Seniors at Fink's Cafe, 11:00am-1:00pm.
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Information for the Community Calendar must be emailed for the by noon on the Monday of the week of publication.
Information should be emailed to mhclassies@newspublicinc.com.
We reserve the right to edit for length.

Perry Lutheran hosts annual bazaar



Perry Lutheran Church in Daleyville is holding their annual holiday bazaar on Saturday, November 18 from 10:30 to 1:00 p.m. This event features a large craft and bake sale. Pictured above standing in front of this year's grand prize are Judy Volden, Lois Frame, Elaine Hankel, Barb Nelson, Janis Hiltbrand, Monique Volden and Carol Peterson. Kneeling in front are Kate Boullion, Joni Jeglum, Luann Schuhler and Annette Volden.

COMMUNITY

OBITUARY

Deane Richard Haag

May 21, 1947 – Nov. 7, 2023
BLANCHARDVILLE / MOUNT HOREB - Deane Richard Haag, age 76, of Blanchardville, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at his home. He was born to Richard and Edna (Post) Haag on May 21, 1947, in Madison, Wis. Due to the deaths of his parents when he was a young teen, he lived with different families in the Mount Horeb area. Living with the Slaney family, Deane learned to build fences. He graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1965. After graduating, he built fences and worked at Coca Cola and Central Colony. Deane enlisted in the U.S. Army and was in Vietnam during the Vietnam Tet offensive in 1968. In 1970, Deane and Carolyn (Cook) met on the job at Central Colony. On Nov. 20, 1970, they were married at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Madison.



After Police training Deane worked as a police officer at UWPd for 6 years and then 27 years at Shorewood Hills. After working the midnight shift, he would spend the day fencing in the Mount Horeb area, he did this while living in Lodi and eventually in Mount Horeb. Carolyn and Deane would wave as they passed each other. Deane loved building fences and eventually started his own business, DRH Fencing. On their drives later in life he would proudly point out his fences and usually have a story to go with them. Due to health problems, he quit fencing, but his business lives on. Deane loved his family, home, talking to everyone and a good cup of coffee.

Deane is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carolyn; daughters, Heather (Billy) Meckley, Holly Brickner, Hillary (Vince) Spruill and Haley (Ray) Hellenbrand; grandchildren, Lyndsey Meckley, Billy Deane Meckley, Ashley (Cody) Pharo, Isaac Brickner, Kallie Hellenbrand, and Mason Hellenbrand; great-granddaughter, Wynter Meckley; two great-grandsons on the way; brothers, Jerry Haag and Dominic Haag; sister, Jean (Bob) Lee; sisters-in-law, Tykie (Don)

Wescott and Barb (Bob Johnson) Cook; many nieces and nephews, cousins, and a world of friends. Deane was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister; in-laws, Chuck and Mary Cook; still-born daughter, Amy; niece, Amy (Lee) Ward; sister-in-law, Lori (Cook) Lloyd; and all Post and Haag Aunts and Uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, with Father Robert Butz presiding. Visitation will be held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, and also at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Saturday. Following the Mass, burial with Military Honors will be held at HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY, 10071 Spring Valley Drive, Mount Horeb, with a luncheon at the church afterwards.

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

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A conversation with Spencer Woller

By JERRY HOOK
American Legion

You grew up in the military, moved several times, you saw what the military life was like packing up and moving to new locations. It's not always an easy way of life for family members or service members. Why did you decide to serve our Great Country in the military by going through the Reserve Officer Training Corps?

Woller: I chose to join ROTC because of the door it opened to becoming a military officer. I appreciated the flexibility ROTC created by allowing me to grow in military leadership and become an Army officer while attending the university of my choice, Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon. Furthermore, receiving a full-tuition scholarship through Army ROTC made military service an excellent decision meant I did not have to take out any loans to earn a college degree.

Why did you decide to go through AF ROTC and then Army ROTC?

Woller: I initially chose AFROTC because of the great heritage of Air Force service in my family. I am incredibly proud of my fa-



Spencer and Kayla Woller

ther, LTC (Ret.) Tim Woller, and his 20 years of honorable service in the U.S. Air Force. I desired to carry on his legacy in the Air Force by joining the same service branch he served in. The Air Force did not clear me medically to join and I spent my first semester of college at Concordia disappointed

because I still wanted to join the military but felt that my main avenue of entry had closed. Fortunately, I connected with the Army ROTC recruiter at Marquette University in the fall of 2017 and by January 2018 I was medically cleared by the Army and began Army

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CHURCH NOTES

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

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

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

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

Recreation Notes

Winter and Spring Activity Guide is NOW AVAILABLE! There are some exciting new adult classes being offered such as Macrame, Ballet for Seniors, and new youth classes being offered such as preschool and toddler yoga classes, Little Folk Art winter pop classes, and coding classes for middle schoolers. Let's pack your cold season full of action!

NEW Adult program this winter is **Macrame Workshops!** Create your own beautiful and unique macrame hangings and bring texture and life to your space. In these workshops, you will learn some basic knots and techniques to create a macrame hanging made from natural un-dyed cotton. You will leave with a finished wall/plant hanging and a mind filled with inspiration! All supplies will be provided. No experience necessary. Session 1 will be a wall hanging on January 27th from 9:00-11:00 AM at the Recreation Department Multipurpose Room, and Session 2 will be a plant hanging on February 17th from 9:00-11:00 AM at the Recreation Department Multipurpose Room. Resident fee is \$30 and

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

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

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street

Place completed form and payment in 24-hour drop box

Email completed form and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Adult Strength Fusion – (11/28)
Babysitting Class on Dec 9 (11/30)

Ballet Joy (12/4)
Kids Painting Classes (12/4)
Christmas Cookie Decorating Class (12/7)

non-resident is \$40. Registration deadline is January 10th for first session, and February 7th for second session.

NEW fun and engaging family event

is being offered this winter – Puzzle Palooza! Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Are you looking for screen-free fun? Join us with friends and family where puzzle building and friendly competition come together! Teams of up to four people will race to complete a 500-piece puzzle while competing for prizes. Puzzles and snacks will be provided. Puzzle Palooza will take place at the Senior Center on Friday, January 19th at 6:00 PM. Fee is \$10 per team, pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is January 4th.

Are you looking for a fun, low impact way to move around this winter? **Ballet Joy for Seniors** is an exercise program that uses ballet fundamentals to help with strength, stability and mobility. No ballet experience is needed! This class will engage any personal fitness level while also growing a community with fellow dancers. Winter session will be on Fridays from February 2 through March 22 at the Recreation Department Multipurpose Room from 2:30-3:15 PM. Resident fee is \$90 and non-resident fee is \$100. Registration deadline is January 29.

WOLLER

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ROTC training on 29 January 2018.

When did you decide you wanted to go through ROTC in college?

Woller: I knew that I wanted to participate in ROTC during my junior year of high school. In my first two years of high school at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, I participated in the Air Force Junior ROTC program and enjoyed the military camaraderie and culture. Although the military service academies offer exceptional training, I chose ROTC because I wanted to have the traditional American “college experience” while taking military courses and training.

Did you feel like you worked hard for the ROTC scholarship?

Woller: I worked incredibly hard for my ROTC scholarship. Academics and physical fitness are two of the key components that help students earn ROTC scholarships. In high school, I took and passed nine Advanced Placement courses and took the ACT three times to get as high of a score as possible. I also spent a considerable amount of time in the Mount Horeb High School fitness center conditioning myself for baseball, which helped me prepare for military physical fitness tests.

What are some of the things you had to do beyond your normal college classes to complete the requirements for ROTC? Was it difficult? Was it worth all the extra work?

Woller: I compare participation in ROTC to double-majoring in college. The Army ROTC curriculum is rigorous, requiring cadets

to participate in military activities 4-5 days per week. Furthermore, commitments and leadership responsibilities increase as cadets progress through the program. I was in a unique situation as a “crosstown cadet,” since I attended Concordia in Mequon, but participated in ROTC at Marquette in downtown Milwaukee. My geographical separation from Marquette created unique challenges, as I commuted 20-25 minutes to Marquette 5-6 times every week, at times between 4:00 AM and 9:00 PM. While the gauntlet of early mornings, late evenings, and stringent physical and academic demands wore on me over the course of my college experience, I found that it helped me become exceptionally disciplined in my time management and military discipline.

What would you say to someone at Mount Horeb High School who is thinking

about exploring their college options and thinking about ROTC?

Woller: I would highly recommend enrolling in ROTC courses even if you are unsure about pursuing military service. During a student’s first two years of college, they can participate in ROTC courses without being contracted into the military. This “free trial” period could help someone who is unsure about military service discern whether ROTC is a good fit for them with no strings attached. The leadership development ROTC fosters in college students is exceptional, and those skills easily transition into many civilian career fields.

Where are you now and what are you doing now that you graduated college and have received a commission as an officer?

Woller: I was commis-

sioned as a Second Lieutenant into the U.S. Army Reserves on 22 May 2021 with an educational delay. Educational delays exist for officers in postsecondary student status, such as Soldiers seeking additional schooling to become chaplains, lawyers, or health care professionals. My educational delay was granted for me to attend seminary to become an Army chaplain. In August 2021, my wife Kayla and I moved to Lynchburg, Virginia so I could begin my Master of Divinity in Military Chaplaincy at Liberty University. I am currently studying in my fifth semester of seminary and plan on graduating in December 2024, with hopes of becoming a fully branch-qualified chaplain in early 2025.

When did you decide to go into the Chaplaincy and why?

Woller: I felt God’s call to chaplaincy in my life in

April 2018 at my first Army ROTC field training exercise. I noticed that many of my classmates were struggling in their relationships or with addictions. I thought that it would be incredible to have a job in the Army that could help them and their future families with life’s burdens and struggles. Being an Army chaplain satisfies all those desires while allowing me to freely share my hope and faith in my savior Jesus Christ with Soldiers, their Families, and Army Civilians. Although the Army is a pluralistic mission field, I am optimistic that I can use my faith to point others toward the Savior of the world in the chaotic mission field of the United States Military.

*Please note that all of the views expressed are my own and are not the opinion of the Department of Defense or the United States Army.

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need throughout the state.

Since the program began in 2000, hunters have donated 98,000 deer, totaling over 3.9 million pounds of venison, to help Wisconsin-ites in need.

Wisconsin has a network of venison donation partners, including county land and water conservation departments, food pantries,

charitable organizations, USDA - Wildlife Services and participating meat processors, who all help implement and administer the program.

“This is a great opportunity for hunters to showcase their sportsmanship and help individuals in their local communities facing food insecurity,” said DNR program administrator Grace Nugent. According to data from the Wisconsin De-

partment of Health Services, more than 900,000 Wisconsin residents received food assistance in 2022. “There is a big demand for venison provided through the Deer Donation Program, and we are hopeful hunters will continue to donate their deer and help those in need.”

Hunters interested in donating a Wisconsin-harvested deer to the DNR’s Deer Donation Program should follow these steps:

1. Field dress the deer.
2. Register the deer through GameReg. Please note the registration confirmation number and keep it on hand when dropping off the deer.
3. Test the deer for CWD before taking the deer to a processor if harvested from a CWD-affected county. A list of CWD sampling locations is available on the DNR’s Sampling For

Chronic Wasting Disease webpage.

4. Call ahead. Contact a participating processor before dropping off the deer to make sure they have space to accept it. More processors may be added later in the season, so check back if you don’t see one currently in your area.
5. Bring the deer to the processor. If donating a deer being tested for CWD, inform the processor and

provide the CWD barcode number. The processor will not distribute the deer until the results are known.

Hunters and non-hunters may also support the Deer Donation Program through a monetary donation at any Wisconsin Hunting License sales location or online through their Go Wild account.

Visit Wisconsin’s Deer Donation Program webpage to learn more.

BUDGET

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Under that budget, the overall county levy would have increased by around \$29.3 million - or 13.1 percent - over the 2023 budget. Taxes on the average area home would have gone up by \$142.14 under that proposal.

However, the county board came back with several amendments to the budget, pushing total spending to \$968,515,154 in what was approved last week.

“The budget as proposed

by County Executive Parisi reflected many of the County Board’s priorities,” said County Board Chair Patrick Miles (District 34). “The amendments to the budget push the Board’s priorities further, particularly regarding crisis care services, affordable housing, and the capacity to address the needs of youth and families.”

Some of the board’s amendments were: An increase in wages for Point of Service agencies, including an additional 2.5% Point of Service COLA in-

crease, bringing the total to 7.0%; An increase of \$1.065 million to Journey Mental Health to allow wage increases among staff involved in the crisis response system; \$45,000 for the Madison Reading Project to increase reading resources for children in many Dane County communities; An additional \$217,500 in funding for supportive service for Fair Chance Housing projects; A \$10 million increase to the Affordable Housing Development fund; A new capital housing fund of \$8 million targeted for farmworker housing; Funding for identifying the place-

ment of culturally diverse markers; Two positions to move the Regional Housing Strategy recommendations forward; A \$100,000 increase in funding for youth programming across Dane County youth centers; A \$50,000 increase for Public Health Madison Dane County to increase funding for the Saving Our Babies initiative, with funding provided to the Foundation for Black Women’s Wellness.

The operating budget with those additions now totals \$789,298,454. The capital budget is \$179,216,700. The budget includes a levy increase of 13.6 percent driven

primarily by increased debt service costs. Property taxes on the average home will now increase by \$147.22.

Not everyone on the board was happy with the historic increase in spending.

“This year’s budget set yet another record for spending with the \$968,515,154 budget being the highest in county history,” said supervisor Jeff Weigand (Dist. 20) after the vote. “While I understand that any budget requires compromise, this budget simply had too many issues for me.”

Pointing out that the county’s debt has doubled in the last 10 years, reaching \$499 million, and that Dane is the

highest-taxed county in the entire state of Wisconsin, Weigand said the budget would primarily fund services in major cities while largely ignoring the rural and suburban areas where half of the county’s residents live.

The annual budget process takes place each October and November and sets spending priorities for the following calendar year. The County Executive released his proposed budget on October 2, and County Board committees have spent the last several weeks hearing from the public and making amendments regarding staffing and funding levels.

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MHASD Board of Education

Board approves locker room privacy policy

By ANSLEY HOELSCHER
Mount Horeb Mail

The board discussed a new academic program and locker room privacy last week. The board approved a new policy to protect students from being photographed, interviewed or recorded in locker rooms, restrooms and anywhere else they may be changing

clothes or otherwise be in a state of undress.

The policy also bans using cell phones, cameras and any other device that can capture audio or images inside locker rooms and restrooms.

Anyone who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action or penalties under state and local law.

High school principal Cody Lundquist and assistant principal Talisa Corcoran also presented the International Baccalaureate (IB) program to the board.

“It sets a different high bar for us compared to AP,” Lundquist said, “it provides students a different opportunity to try things at a really high level differently.”

The IB organization is more internationally accepted than Advanced Placement (AP). The career-related pathway allows students to take IB courses that span the last two years of high school. Students who complete courses within the program may earn college credit and advanced placement in college courses.

They are also likely to stand out in college and scholarship applications. The higher level of the courses may also allow students to learn time and stress management skills before college or entering directly into a career. Which courses students will have access to has not yet been determined, as the district is very early in

the IB integration process.

There are currently no other schools in Dane County offering the career-related IB program. Salerno said this could attract more families to either move to the district or participate in open enrollment. The class of 2027 will be the first students to whom the program could be available.

VETS

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Try to remember the good times and make peace with the bad times

Share your stories.

But most importantly, stand tall and proud, for you have earned the right to be called a VETERAN.”

As the program continued Scott Klassy recognized all

75 Vietnam Era Veterans in attendance by introducing them by name, with their branch, dates of service and where they served, while Jerry Hook and Laura Mason presented Vietnam Era Coins to each as a small token of appreciation for their service. Vietnam Era Veterans in attendance were Don Hartman, Gerry Brock, Jeff Anderson, Duane Iverson, John Berryman, Larry Soltis, Vaughn Ableman,

Jim Mavis, Ron Reuter, Paul Kellesvig, Vaughn Pakkala, Phil Solchenberger, David “Doc” Schmit, David Flom, Bill Thousand, Dave Stenseth, Joe Connors, Bob Johnson, Joe Williams, Grace Schroeder, Jim Rohowetz, Dave Grindle, Jim Blankenheim, Warren Bohlman, Keith Gottschall, Rick Skindrud, Gib Docken, Mike Jennings, Paul Hodgson, Paul York, Glenn Stensby, Tom Pedretti, Rick John-

son, Vern Landmark, Steve Stensby, Paul Klassy, Curt Winter, Irv Steinhauer, Rick Everton, Bob Pertzborn, John Erb, Harold Schlimgen, Larry Hefty, Del Warner, Brian Blanchette, Tony Helt, Harold Miller, Jim Wendt, Doyle Waters, Allan Mickelson, Jay Springer, Don Miller, Doug Johnson, Scott Hurd, Bill Lorenz, Wayne Knudson, Paul Julson, Steve Haroldson, Steve Gauger, Steve Rankin, Fred

Doebler, Alan Ripp, Larry Dietrich, Les Thompson, Bernie Schmelzer, Harlan Olson, Dan Allen, James Brice, John Larson, Larry Die, Chuck Abplanalp, Dan Hamilton, and Keith Bakken. If I missed anyone I apologize.

Paul Hodgson, Chaplain for the Mount Horeb American Legion provided a very fitting closing prayer and Mike Jennings played TAPS.

As the program ended Veterans were invited to take a Vietnam Era or Vietnam War cap, and pin.

Everyone in attendance had a great evening. The Mount Horeb American Legion Post 113 and the VFW Post 9511, as well as the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter IV want to say Welcome Home and Thank You for your service to every Vietnam Era Veteran.

ELK

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of Ashland, Bayfield, Price, Rusk and Sawyer counties. The northern herd’s area includes the 1995 reintroduction effort, which began with 25 elk from Michigan. The northern elk herd population is projected to reach 355 animals this year. The central elk herd is estimated near 155 elk this year, bringing the statewide post-calving population above 500 elk.

This hulking, iconic animal, one of the largest cervids in the world, is native to Wisconsin and is making a strong comeback. One creature can feed a family for a year and the Winks have freezers full of meat and hearts full of memories that will last a lifetime.

The tag was initially won by Izzy’s father, Brian. The Winks are passionate conservationists who donate both their time and money to a variety of causes, including elk management.

Elk applications from Wisconsin hunters contribute directly to the future of the state’s elk population. For each \$10 application fee, \$7 goes to elk management, habitat restoration and research. In 2023, some applicants chose to give amounts above the \$10 fee, and their additional donations totaled more than \$8,000. Most were happy with a bit of hope – however slim – as well as the knowledge they are actively supporting the state’s wildlife. The Wink family got an unexpected

surprise: the chance to hunt.

“In our family, we apply every opportunity we get,” said Brian. “You have to be pretty lucky to draw a tag. It’s like winning the lottery.”

It was late spring when Brian received a call from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). “Shortly after that, I thought it would be a pretty unique opportunity for our whole family,” he said. So he reached out to the DNR and asked if he could transfer the tag to his daughter. They said yes, and it was all arranged. Izzy received the elk tag as a surprise on her birthday in August.

“I was ready to help him,” said Izzy. “I was super excited for him. I was so surprised when I learned it was going to me that I couldn’t believe it. I didn’t want to take away from his experience, but I was extremely grateful.”

The family spent much of the ensuing months researching the northern Clam Lake herd and its habitat. The area they planned to hunt includes 1,600 square miles, much of which is public.

“I’m one for boots on the ground scouting,” said Brian. “Walking, hiking, driving; just trying to put together a mental picture, investing a ton of time.”

When the season opened, Izzy, Brian and a family friend spent four-and-a-half days hunting without seeing an elk. Then, as the sun began to set on their fifth day, everything happened in a flash.

“There were three of us,

The DNR randomly selected these hunters from more than 21,300 applicants. This drawing is random, with all applicants having an equal chance to be selected. All four hunters have been contacted by the DNR and are from Cedarburg, Green Bay, Sparta and Mount Horeb.

“The winners are excited to pursue elk right here in their home state and create memories with family and friends – something they will hold onto for the remainder of their lives,” said Josh Spiegel, DNR Wildlife Biologist. “We wish them the best of luck.”

In May, the DNR presented the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board the eight-bull harvest quota within the northern elk management zone, the same quota that was approved for the 2021 and 2022 seasons. Of the eight-bull quota, the DNR awarded four licenses to state hunters. The Ojibwe tribes have declared the remaining four elk, per their treaty rights within the Ceded Territory.

one of my dad’s friends was there as well, and we were spread out about 50 yards apart so we could all get our eyes on different areas. It was probably six o’clock, the sun was going down, and I was starting to lose hope.”

But then, after several days without seeing a single elk, they saw a lot of them.

“I just started shaking,” she said. “I grabbed my pack and my tripod and my rifle. The only path was across a bunch of rocks. I looked over and there was a field full of elk.”

“I was trying to be as quiet as possible, and I didn’t have much cover,” she continued. “I had the cow call in my mouth and I was making noise. A bunch of the cows looked up and I was like, ‘I’m busted; it’s over.’ But then I saw this big bull, and I set down my tripod. I was shaking – elk fever, I guess – and I just kept calling and calling. Then the bull starts running toward me. He stopped and

turned broadside.”

Standing between 70 and 100 yards from the animal, Izzy fired, sending a 140-grain 7mm-08 bullet through the bull’s vitals. He spun 180-degrees and she fired again almost immediately, ensuring a quick and ethical death. The two bullets hit less than two inches apart from one another.

DNR officials confirmed that the six-year-old animal she harvested, which was wearing a tracking collar, was the herd bull. He had traveled three miles that day and crossed a river to get to the spot where they found him.



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A local farmer helped them load the bull, and they headed south. Izzy drove the truck with her bull, and her father followed her. On their journey, people pulled over and stopped to take pictures.

They turned the carcass over to the DNR, then it went to Outdoor Addiction in Blue Mounds to be processed. Soon after that, they sat around the table as a family and ate their first Wisconsin elk steaks together.

“That is something that’s very important to us,” said Brian. “We don’t hunt for antlers. We harvest animals to consume and be respectful of the animal that gave up its life for us.”

The meat will last a long time. But even after it’s gone, this local family will have a special experience to relive and retell, again and again. And because of the efforts of conservationists and hunters like them, wild elk will roam Wisconsin for generations to come.

“Honestly, the best part of this whole experience was, well, the whole experience, but also the fact that, as I’m getting older, I get to spend less and less time with my family. We’re all busy, you know? And this gave me a chance to spend extra time with my family. Time to be together. Honestly, that was my favorite part of the whole thing.”

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Countryside News

By JERRY DAVIS
Countryside News

Wisconsin’s deer season opens Nov. 18, about 6:30 a.m. depending on where a hunter is standing ready. Before that time, as the light begins to appear,

there is time to think, as well as look at shadows too dark to fully identify. Some of those thoughts might bump into hunter responsibilities.... Hunter numbers continue to decline. News media have all but forgotten the nine-

day season. A few hunters throw their deer away after taking the antlers. A few hunters seem to have lost respect for the animal. The animal’s food value rating has dropped. Should hunters have a responsibility to help right some of these wrongs

as well as hunt legally and ethically? And because most residents brush against blaze orange, during these nine days shouldn’t we begin make an effort to educate those folks how Wisconsin’s deer season maneuvers?





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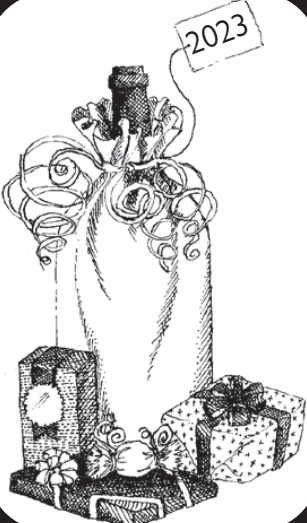
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How to Avoid a Dry Turkey

Essential Gear for First-Time Thanksgiving Hosts

Turkey is the centerpiece of Thanksgiving dinners. The National Turkey Federation estimates approximately 46 million turkeys are consumed on Thanksgiving each year, followed by 22 million turkeys at Christmastime.

Turkey makes a pleasing picture on the dinner table. However, some people insist that turkey is their least favorite component of the Thanksgiving meal. One of the biggest complaints is turkey tends to be dry.

There are many reasons why turkey can come out dry. Turkey is a lean meat, and Healthline reports that turkey has slightly less fat in its dark meat than chicken. Another reason why turkey may be dry is due to its poor breast-to-leg ratio. By the time one gets the leg meat to cook to temperature so it's safe for consumption, the breast meat often has dried out. Seeing how many people dive for the breast meat initially, they could dish up some dry bird.

There are many ways home cooks can prevent dry turkey this Thanksgiving. Consider these turkey-tending tips.

- Brine your bird. According to ScienceBlogs, what causes a human to perceive a food as juicy may actually be his or her own saliva at work. Salty foods may stimulate the production of saliva in the mouth, helping the food to feel much more moist while on the palate. To adequately inject enough salt into the turkey meat, submerge it in a salt brine for a few days before cooking.
- Watch your cook time. It's important to avoid overcooking the turkey, which will turn it as dry as the Sahara. Some turkeys come equipped with pop-up timers to help cooks gauge when to take them out of the oven. However, a more accurate tool is a digital food thermometer that can be set to go off when the turkey reaches the correct internal temperature.
- Cook the turkey parts separately. As previously noted, the breast meat will likely reach the desired temperature before the leg meat. To fix this, take the turkey out of the oven when it reaches five to 10 degrees before safe temperature for the breast meat, around 165°. (Remember, the meat will continue to cook while "resting.") Let guests "ooh and aah" over the picture-perfect turkey. Then cut off the legs and return them to the oven until they are done. Arrange the properly cooked breast and leg meat together on a serving platter.
- Offer condiments. A moist dollop of stuffing, a drizzle of gravy or a scoop of cranberry sauce can add moisture to turkey. This approach does not prevent drying out, but it can make a turkey that has dried out a bit more satisfying.

Dry turkey can put off diners. However, some strategies can harness as much moisture as possible to enhance Thanksgiving dinners.



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Hosting Thanksgiving is a large undertaking that can put some hosts under pressure. Unlike some other holidays that are less food-focused, Thanksgiving is largely about the meal. Turkey is the centerpiece of the celebration, and any guests who come over are going to expect turkey and several side dishes. Leaving hungry is never an option on Thanksgiving.

Individuals who are new to Thanksgiving hosting may be at a loss as to where to start with their preparation. There are certain must-haves hosts should familiarize themselves with. Many of these essentials revolve around tools for cooking in the kitchen and serving guests.

- Large roasting pan: You'll need somewhere to oven-roast the turkey. While it's perfectly acceptable to purchase a disposable aluminum pan for this purpose, if you plan to host Thanksgiving year after year, investing in a quality roasting pan will help deliver even cooking temperatures to the food and can be used for roasting other meats.
- Wire rack: The turkey is placed upon a rack inside of the roasting pan so that it will not swim in the juices and cause a soggy bottom during cooking. Many roasting pans and racks are sold as sets, but others can be purchased separately. The rack can be used for other purposes as well, including cooling baked cookies or even drying out fresh herbs.
- Food thermometer: Ensuring the turkey and other foods are cooked to the correct internal temperature is essential. You do not want to send guests home with foodborne illnesses. Food thermometers run the gamut from very basic to those that can be programmed to alert cooks through an app on a smartphone. Turkey is done when the temperature reads 170° in the breast and 180° in the thigh. If stuffed, the stuffing should register 165°, according to Butterball.
- Coordinated casserole dishes: Casserole dishes can hold all the sides served with the turkey, including stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, and more. A set of matching dishes will help the tablescape look more coordinated.
- Service for eight or more: Thanksgiving draws a crowd, so take inventory of silverware, dishes, wine glasses, and any other table needs

Thanksgiving Facts

Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends and reflect on one's blessings. In 2022, Canadian Thanksgiving took place on Oct. 9, while Americans will celebrate on Nov. 23. Here are some interesting facts about the Thanksgiving celebration.

1. American Thanksgiving is largely modeled on a 17th century harvest feast shared by the English settlers and the Wampanoag tribe.
2. Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of October. It is based on European harvest festivals.
3. The National Turkey Federation says around 45 million turkeys will be eaten on Thanksgiving, which equates to about 720 million pounds of turkey being consumed (with the average turkey size being 16 pounds).
4. The Butterball hotline answers roughly 100,000 calls every year on its turkey question hotline.
5. In 1953, the Swanson company overestimated the number of frozen turkeys it would sell for the holiday season by 26 tons. Rather than waste the meat, Swanson sliced it up, repackaged it and created the first frozen TV dinners.
6. Thanksgiving in America may be older than many recognize. While Thanksgiving is largely tied to the 17th century settlers, the National Parks Service says in 1565 Spanish settlers in St. Augustine (now Florida) celebrated by having a meal

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Handling and Roasting a Whole Turkey

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, properly handling the turkey is important since poultry is a source of salmonella. Here are some tips from the USDA on how to thaw and cook your turkey.

Thawing Your Turkey

There are three ways to thaw your turkey safely—in the refrigerator, in cold water, or in the microwave oven.

In the Refrigerator (40°F or below), allow approximately 24 hours for every four to five pounds, guidelines are as follows:

Four to 12 pounds-1 to 3 days
12 to 16 pounds-3 to 4 days
16 to 20 pounds-4 to 5 days
20 to 24 pounds-5 to 6 days

Keep the turkey in its original wrapper. Place it on a tray or in a pan to catch any juices that may leak. A thawed turkey can remain in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 days. If necessary, a turkey that has been properly thawed in the refrigerator may be refrozen.

In Cold Water, allow approximately 30 minutes per pound as follows:

Four to 12 pounds-2 to 6 hours
12 to 16 pounds-6 to 8 hours
16 to 20 pounds-8 to 10 hours
20 to 24 pounds-10 to 12 hours

Wrap your turkey securely, making sure the water is not able to leak through the wrapping.

Submerge your wrapped turkey in cold tap water. Change the water every 30 minutes. Cook the turkey immediately after it is thawed. Do not refreeze.

In the Microwave Oven

- Check your owner's manual for the size turkey that will fit in your microwave oven, the minutes per pound, and power level to use for thawing.
- Remove all outside wrapping.
- Place on a microwave-safe dish to catch any juices that may leak.
- Cook your turkey immediately. Do not refreeze or refrigerate your turkey after thawing in the microwave oven.

Remember, always wash hands, utensils, the sink, and anything else that comes in contact with raw turkey and its juices with soap and water.

Roasting Your Turkey

- Set your oven temperature no lower than 325 °F.
- Place your turkey or turkey breast on a rack in a shallow roasting pan.
- Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of the stuffing. The stuffing must reach a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 °F.
- A whole, unstuffed turkey is safe when cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165° F as measured with a food thermometer. Check the internal temperature in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast.

Turkey Cooking Times at 350 °

Unstuffed

4-8 pounds 1 1/2-1 3/4 hours

8-12 pounds 2 3/4-3 hours

12-14 pounds 3-3 1/2 hours

14-18 pounds 3 3/4-4 1/4 hours

18-20 pounds 4 1/4-4 3/4 hours

20-24 pounds 4 1/2-5 hours

Stuffed

6-8 pounds 2 1/2-3 hours

8-12 pounds 3-3 1/2 hours

12-14 pounds 3 1/2-4 hours

14-18 pounds 4-4 1/2 hours

18-20 pounds 4 1/2-5 hours

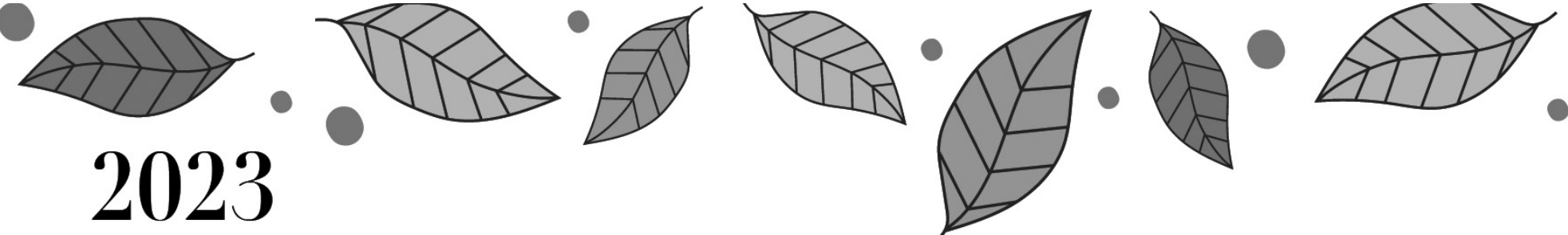
20-24 pounds 5-5 1/2 hours

Use time tables above to determine how long to cook the turkey. These times are approximate. Always use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of your turkey and stuffing. Internal temperature should reach 165°.

For reasons of personal preference, consumers may choose to cook turkey to higher temperatures.

- If your turkey has a "pop-up" temperature indicator, it is recommended that you also check the internal temperature of the turkey in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast with a food thermometer. The minimum internal temperature should reach 165 °F for safety.
- For quality, let the turkey stand for 20 minutes before carving to allow juices to set. The turkey will carve more easily
- Remove all stuffing from the turkey cavities.

For more information on cooking, and storing turkey, visit the USDA website at www.usda.gov.



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Black Friday Shopping Tips

Retail holidays now dot the consumer landscape throughout much of the year. That shift has made a day like Black Friday somewhat less unique than it was in years past. However, Black Friday remains the unofficial kickoff to the holiday shopping season, and it's still a major day for retailers big and small.

According to Adobe Analytics, in 2022 consumers spent \$9.12 billion while online shopping on Black Friday. A separate report from the National Retail Federation and Prosper Insights & Analytics indicated just under 200 million consumers shopped online and in store between Thanksgiving Day and Cyber Monday, which is the Monday following Black Friday. Such figures indicate that holiday shopping on the weekend of Thanksgiving might have changed, but it's still wildly popular. This Black Friday, shoppers can consider these tips to ensure they find the right gifts at the right price.

- Do some research before the big day. The spirit of competition is alive and well on Black Friday. Consumers once flocked en masse to store parking lots in the wee hours of the morning to get sale items before shelves emptied. Some still do, so shoppers may need to be willing to compete to find the best deals. But some pre-Black Friday re-



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search might prove the best way to land the best deals, and it may not require waking up in the middle of the night. Much like shoppers compete with one another to grab sale items, retailers also compete to get shoppers in store or on their websites. As a result, it's not uncommon for retailers big and small to advertise Black Friday sales weeks in advance. Shoppers can research these sales and plan when to visit certain stores to land the best deal.

- Wake up early. Shoppers may not need to get out of bed

at 3 a.m. to land the best Black Friday deals, but the early bird still gets the worm on the day after Thanksgiving. Plan to shop early in the morning, which increases the chances of finding the right gift at the right price. If an item you've earmarked is part of a doorbuster deal, plan to get to the store or onto the website as early as possible.

- Establish a budget. It's easy to go overboard when shopping deals on Black Friday. However, busting the budget on the first day of the holiday shopping season sets a bad precedent for

the weeks to come. A holiday debt survey from LendingTree found that 35 percent of shoppers took on debt to pay for their holiday purchases in 2022, with the average consumer accumulating more than \$1,500 in debt. Savvy shoppers devise a budget prior to shopping and stick to that budget.

Black Friday remains a wildly popular retail holiday. A little research, a willingness to get up early and some determination to stay on budget is a formula for a successful Black Friday.

Recycle & Reduce Waste During Holidays

The holiday season is a special time of year. Individuals often spend a little more on gifts, indulge a little more on rich foods and treats and make a concerted effort to enjoy more time with their loved ones during the holidays.

The tendency to overdo things during the holiday season can create a lot of waste. In fact, Americans produce 25 percent more garbage from Thanksgiving through the end of the year, according to Waste Advantage magazine, a publication of the waste and recycling industry. That uptick equates to one million tons of extra trash per week throughout the holidays.

Extra food, plastic and paper waste is generated this time of year, but people can be mindful of the potential to go overboard and take some steps to be more waste-conscious as they entertain.

- Reuse a small portion of wrapping paper or look for other wrapping items.

Sunday comics, newsprint, colorful magazine pages, and even pieces of fabric can be used to wrap gifts in lieu of purchasing new wrapping paper. Otherwise, collect used wrapping paper and reuse it next year, doing the same with boxes and bows. According to researchers at Stanford University, if every American family wrapped just three presents in reused materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

- Skip disposable party items. It's certainly easy to use disposable plates, napkins and cups when hosting holiday parties, but that is very wasteful. opt for durable, reusable products that can be packed away and used each year during holiday events.
- Buy durable and reusable items as gifts. Avoid fad gifts and focus on items that will have staying power. Homemade gifts, such as foods, knitted scarves, artwork, and more, are generally eco-friendly.
- Set up marked trash and recycling re-

ceptacles. Remind party guests to recycle the appropriate materials by clearly marking a pail designed for collecting recyclables, such as cans, plastic beverage bottles and glass wine bottles. Most hard plastics can be recycled.

- Remove your name from catalog lists. Call companies and ask to be taken off promotional mailing lists to reduce paper waste.
- Send a photo. Mail holiday card recipients' photos of the kids or the entire family in lieu of cards. They're apt to save the photos and display them, helping to keep even more paper trash out of landfills.
- Research new recipes for leftovers. With an abundance of food remaining after entertaining, turn leftovers into new meals by exploring recipes from friends or by doing a little research online.

Waste can get out of control during the holidays, but there are ways to tame the excess.

Festive Appetizers



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Thanksgiving is a food lover's paradise. Even though the turkey and side dishes are the crowning achievements on Thanksgiving, hungry guests will need something to tide them over until the pièce de résistance is ready. In such situations, bite-sized appetizers that are tasty yet not too filling can fit the bill.

Charcuterie boards and tasting menus continue to be all the rage. In addition to a platter of fruit slices, figs, aged cheeses and crostini, treat guests to "Mini Cheese Ball Bites," which offer various textures and flavors in bite-sized morsels. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of "Spectacular Spreads: 50 Amazing Food Spreads for Any Occasion" (Rock Point) by Meagan Brown.

Mini Cheese Ball Bites
Serves 12
8 oz. light cream cheese, softened
1 c. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
3 T. drained, chopped pimentos
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. paprika
Pinch kosher salt
Pinch freshly ground black pepper
1/2 c. crushed pecans
1/4 c. chopped chives
12 pretzel sticks

In a large bowl, stir together the cream cheese, cheddar, pimentos, garlic powder, paprika, salt, and pepper until well combined. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

Place the crushed pecans and chives in a small bowl. Set aside.

Roll the cheese mixture into 12 one-inch balls. Evenly coat each ball with the pecan-chive mixture. Press a pretzel stick into the top of each cheese ball just before serving. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

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to which they invited the native Selay tribe. The Spanish served pork stew, sea biscuits, red wine, and garbanzo beans. Some say the Selay contributed turkey, venison and maize.

7. Thanksgiving didn't become a civic holiday until Abraham Lincoln made it one after the Civil War tragedy. Thanksgiving was declared a national holiday on October 20, 1864.

8. The Pilgrims did not refer to themselves as "pilgrims."

They used the word "separatists" as they were separating themselves from a larger belief system.

9. In addition to Canada and the United States, Grenada, Liberia, the Philippines, Saint Lucia, and the Netherlands celebrate their own versions of Thanksgiving.

10. Each year, the American president "pardons" a turkey from slaughter on Thanksgiving. This tradition dates back to

when Abraham Lincoln's son was upset that his family's turkey that was going to be killed for Thanksgiving dinner.

11. According to the U.S. Calorie Control Council (CCC), an average American may consume 4,500 calories and 229 grams of fat on Thanksgiving Day.

12. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is an annual tradition. People line the parade route in New York City or tune

in to watch the parade on television. It originated in 1924 and the famed balloons were added in 1927.

13. Apple pie is the pie of choice for Thanksgiving, even though pumpkin pie is prevalent this time of year.

Thanksgiving is a popular holiday in Canada and the US. Many traditions have been borne of the holiday, and it is a favorite time of year for many people.

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to ensure that you can accommodate all the guests. Purchase new items if you cannot set the table completely with what you have, as mixed and matched may be okay for informal events but may not set the tone hosts are aiming for on Thanksgiving.

- Table and chairs: Determine if you have enough table space to seat all your guests. Some dining tables come with an extension leaf, but you still may need to supplement with a folding table. You may need more seating. Chairs can be rented, or you can utilize some folding chairs.
- Turkey serving platter: When the turkey is ready, it can be placed on an attractive serving platter for your photos, after which you slice and then return the sliced poultry to the serving platter for dining.

Thanksgiving requires several essentials that hosts will need to have on hand to make the holiday complete.

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MoHo swimmers make a splash

Vikings finish 17th at state swimming and diving meet

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Ava Newman admits she was skeptical. Newman, a junior on Mount Horeb's girls swimming team, wasn't sure how things would operate when the Vikings separated from Verona and established independence in 2022. "The team becoming an independent program definitely was a change of pace," Newman said. Two years into the new arrangement, this change of pace is working out quite nicely. The Vikings went to the WIAA Division 2 state meet held at Waukesha South High School last Friday and excelled. Mount Horeb posted 43 points and finished in 17th place overall. A year ago, the Vikings scored 24 points and finished 24th. Rhinelander won this year's state title with 308 points, while Whitefish Bay (221), Madison Edgewood (208), Ashwaubenon (152) and Jefferson/Cambridge (114) rounded out the top five. "I am so proud of how

our team did at state," Mount Horeb first-year coach Jalen Butteris said. "We nearly doubled our points scored from last year's state appearance. We had a chance to get a medal or two, but missed out by only a couple seconds." Newman agreed. "The team finishing 17th was definitely a huge accomplishment," Newman said. "We placed much higher than we did last year and I'm very proud of how well we did." With good reason. The Vikings had just 13 swimmers in the program this year. And without a pool at Mount Horeb High School, the Vikings were typically beggars — not choosers — when it came to finding practice time elsewhere. Much like the 2022 season, though, Mount Horeb proved to be the little engine that could and exceeded any and all expectations. Newman had the Vikings' top finish with a seventh place showing in the 500-yard freestyle. Newman's time of 5:25.32 was continued on page 20



Emmy Bennin (top) and Ava Newman (above) helped Mount Horeb's girls swimming team finish in 17th place at the WIAA Division 2 state meet last Friday. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Mount Horeb girls basketball coach Bart Leibfried has high hopes for his Vikings this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Moving on up?
Mount Horeb's girls basketball team hoping to take a jump

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

A gifted group of veterans returns. A handful of talented youngsters seems ready to contribute. And a Mount Horeb girls basketball team that went 9-16 a year ago seems poised to take a major jump. The Vikings opened up their new season Tuesday when they histed Prairie du Chien. "Our program theme this year is believe," Mount Horeb coach Bart Leibfried said. "They have to believe

in themselves as much as the coaching staff does. If you believe in the work you put in and trust yourself to apply it then you just play instead of always thinking and questioning." Senior Rowan Johnson — an honorable-mention all-conference player last season — leads a group of seven returnees that all played valuable minutes. Johnson led the Vikings in scoring last year (8.4) and did so despite playing with a broken nose for much of the year. "Rowan broke her nose in the first 30 seconds of the

second game, but played the entire game, never missed a practice, had a surgery on a Thursday to reset the nose and played a game on Friday," Leibfried said of Johnson. "That toughness rubbed off on her teammates and how we had to play to be successful." The Vikings also return a gifted group of letterwinners that includes seniors Ella Fager, Ava Kolb, Jada Mathews and Katie Smith, along with juniors Morgan Monroe and Hallie Klein. Those seven players combined for roughly 80% of continued on page 18



Mount Horeb lands three on all-conference team

by **ROB REISCHEL**
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Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team played high-level defense all season.

So it was no surprise the Vikings had three defensive players earn all-Badger South Conference honors.

Senior defender Nico Baden was named second-team all-conference. Senior defender Leo Helwig and senior defender Jack Schultz were both named honorable-mention all-conference.

“We were not a high scoring team this year, so it is no surprise that our defensive players were our all-conference award winners,” Vikings coach Rick Gage said. “The whole team really embraced the idea of being a hard team to score on. The team defense really improved over the course of the year.

“All players from goalie, defense, midfield, and forward worked hard and improved their ability to defend on the field. The three all conference winners were key in helping organize the defense and provide the leadership and playing ability necessary to be a good defensive team.”

Baden, the Vikings’ center back, helped Mount Horeb post three shutouts. Baden, a captain, was also one of

the Vikings’ top leaders.

“Nico was strong on the ball, strong in the air, has good speed and awareness on the field,” Gage said. “We were not a high scoring team so we needed to play very defensive and the tough play of our defense kept us in most games late.”

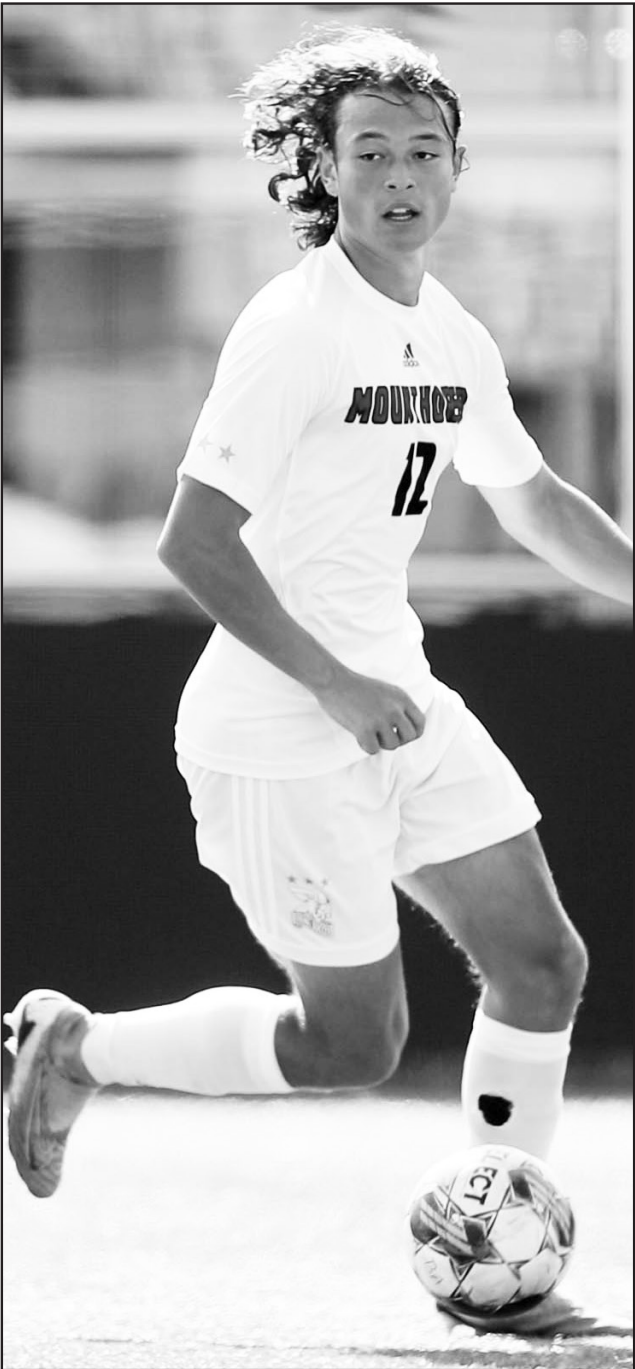
Helwig, a captain, was another anchor at center back. His speed was also a tremendous weapon.

“He’s one of the fastest players on the team,” Gage said of Helwig. “He rarely came off the field.

“He was a good tackler on the ball and read the game well. We needed to play very defensive and the tough play of our defense kept us in most games late. He was a calming presence in his leadership position as captain.”

Schultz played both right back and center back, as well as forward occasionally. He scored one goal and had one assist from the back and often drew the opponent’s top player.

“Jack’s a high energy player who did not back down from tackles,” Gage said. “He’s very fast and often drew the assignment of shutting down the top forward for the other team. Jack also gave us a strong attack out wide making runs out of the back.”



Leo Helwig (top) and Jack Schultz (above) were both named honorable-mention all-Badger Small Conference. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

All-Badger Small Conference Soccer

First Team

Name	School	Yr.
Ethan Uptagraw	Baraboo	12
Dillon Pliszka	Edgewood	11
Owen Orville	Edgewood	11
Ty Sampson	McFarland	11
Cole Willems	McFarland	12
Cris Quezada	Godoy Sauk Prairie	10
Eliot Carlson	Sauk Prairie	12
Will Judge	Sauk Prairie	12
Max Packard	Stoughton	11
Elijah Hartberg	Stoughton	12
Thiago Vieira	Sauk Prairie	12

Second Team

Name	School	Yr.
Isaiah Thompson	Baraboo	10
Elliot Meyer	Baraboo	12
Jonah Caldera	Edgewood	11
Logan Bennett	Edgewood	11
Cole Larsen	McFarland	12
Niko Dabetic	McFarland	12
Nico Baden	Mount Horeb	12
Dylan Trudell	Portage/Poynette	12
Dawson Schmelzer	Reedsburg	10
Nick Keyser	Sauk Prairie	11
Wesley Donovan	Edgewood	11

Honorable Mention

Name	School	Yr.
Declan Hurley	Edgewood	10
Kellen Klein	Edgewood	9
Jack Schultz	Mount Horeb	12
Leo Helwig	Mount Horeb	12
Matthew Lannoye	Portage/Poynette	12
Ty Miller	Portage/Poynette	12
Allen Stupinean	Reedsburg	12
Trenten Scherbert	Reedsburg	12
Aiden Klawitter	Stoughton	11
Luke Parisi	Stoughton	12
Griffin Butson	Portage/Poynette	12



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BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 21	at River Valley	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Stoughton	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Sauk Prairie	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 12	vs. Madison Edgewood	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	vs. Baraboo	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 22	vs. McFarland	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 28-29	at Concordia Tournament	TBD
Jan. 4	at Portage	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Onalaska	2 p.m.
Jan. 9	vs. Beloit Turner	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 11	at Reedsburg	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Watertown	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	vs. Lodi	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Badger Challenge	12:40 p.m.
Jan. 25	vs. Stoughton	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Monroe	12:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Platteville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Baraboo	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 6	vs. Sauk Prairie	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Madison Edgewood	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 13	at McFarland	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 16	vs. Portage	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 22	vs. Reedsburg	7:15 p.m.

BOYS JV1 BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 21	at River Valley	6 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Stoughton	6 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Sauk Prairie	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 12	vs. Madison Edgewood	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 19	vs. Baraboo	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 22	vs. McFarland	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Portage	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Onalaska	12:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	vs. Beloit Turner	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 11	at Reedsburg	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Watertown	1 p.m.
Jan. 16	vs. Lodi	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Badger Challenge (at Fort)	5:50 p.m.
Jan. 25	vs. Stoughton	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Monroe	11 a.m.
Feb. 1	at Baraboo	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 6	vs. Sauk Prairie	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Madison Edgewood	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 13	at McFarland	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 16	vs. Portage	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 22	vs. Reedsburg	5:45 p.m.

BOYS JV2 BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 21	at River Valley	6 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Stoughton	6 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Sauk Prairie	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 12	vs. Madison Edgewood	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 19	vs. Baraboo	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 22	vs. McFarland	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Portage	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Onalaska	12:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	vs. Beloit Turner	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 11	at Reedsburg	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Watertown	1 p.m.
Jan. 16	vs. Lodi	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Badger Challenge (at Fort)	TBD
Jan. 25	vs. Stoughton	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Monroe	11 a.m.
Feb. 1	at Baraboo	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	vs. Sauk Prairie	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Madison Edgewood	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 13	at McFarland	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 16	vs. Portage	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 22	vs. Reedsburg	5:45 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 14	vs. Prairie du Chien	7:15 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Stoughton	7:15 p.m.
Nov. 21	vs. Baraboo	7:15 p.m.
Nov. 28	vs. Evansville	7:15 p.m.
Nov. 30	at Sauk Prairie	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 5	vs. Madison Edgewood	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 9	vs. Lakeside Lutheran	1:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. McFarland	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Portage	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Lake Mills	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Mineral Point	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Reedsburg	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Barneveld	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Badger Challenge at Mount Horeb	6 p.m.
Jan. 18	vs. Stoughton	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Sun Prairie East	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Baraboo	7:15 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Wisconsin Heights at Wisconsin Dells	5:50 p.m.
Jan. 30	vs. Sauk Prairie	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Madison Edgewood	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 8	at McFarland	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Portage	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	vs. New Glarus	7:15 p.m.
Feb. 15	vs. Reedsburg	7:15 p.m.

GIRLS JV1 BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 14	vs. Prairie du Chien	5:45 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Stoughton	5:45 p.m.
Nov. 21	vs. Baraboo	5:45 p.m.
Nov. 28	vs. Evansville	5:45 p.m.
Nov. 30	at Sauk Prairie	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 5	vs. Madison Edgewood	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 9	vs. Lakeside Lutheran	Noon
Dec. 15	vs. McFarland	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Portage	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Lake Mills	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Reedsburg	12:45 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Barneveld	6 p.m.
Jan. 15	Badger Challenge vs. Beaver Dam at Mount Horeb	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	vs. Stoughton	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Sun Prairie East	1 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Baraboo	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 30	vs. Sauk Prairie	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Madison Edgewood	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 8	at McFarland	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Portage	11 a.m.
Feb. 12	vs. New Glarus	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 15	vs. Reedsburg	5:45 p.m.

GIRLS JV2 BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 21	vs. Baraboo	5:45 p.m.
Nov. 30	at Sauk Prairie	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 5	vs. Madison Edgewood	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. McFarland	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Portage	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Reedsburg	12:45 p.m.
Jan. 12	Badger Challenge vs. Beaver Dam At Mount Horeb	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	vs. Stoughton	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Baraboo	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 30	vs. Sauk Prairie	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Madison Edgewood	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 8	at McFarland	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Portage	11 a.m.
Feb. 12	vs. New Glarus	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 15	vs. Reedsburg	5:45 p.m.

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BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY (co-op with Sauk Prairie, Wisconsin Heights and River Valley)

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 21	vs. Onalaska	7 p.m.
Nov. 27	at Stoughton	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 1	vs. Madison Edgewood	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	at McFarland	7 p.m.
Dec. 8	vs. Baraboo	7 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Reedsburg	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. Aquinas	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Muskego	TBD
Dec. 19	vs. Tomah	7 p.m.
Dec. 22	vs. Monroe	7 p.m.
Dec. 27	at Madison Memorial Invite	TBD
Dec. 28	at Madison Memorial Invite	TBD
Dec. 29	at Madison Memorial Invite	TBD
Jan. 5	vs. Stoughton	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Madison Edgewood	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Badger Challenge (TBD)	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Sun Prairie East	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	vs. McFarland	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Pacelli Catholic	7 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Baraboo	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	vs. Reedsburg	7 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Madison West	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Viroqua	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Monroe	7 p.m.

BOYS JV HOCKEY (co-op with Sauk Prairie, Wisconsin Heights and River Valley)

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 21	vs. Onalaska	5 p.m.
Dec. 1	vs. Madison Edgewood	5 p.m.
Dec. 5	at McFarland	5 p.m.
Dec. 8	vs. Baraboo	5 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Reedsburg	5 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. Aquinas	5 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Muskego	TBD
Dec. 19	vs. Tomah	5 p.m.
Dec. 22	vs. Monroe	5 p.m.
Jan. 5	vs. Stoughton	5 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Viroqua	Noon
Jan. 9	at Madison Edgewood	5 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Sun Prairie East	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	vs. McFarland	5 p.m.
Jan. 25	vs. Reedsburg	5 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Monroe	5 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 1	at Baraboo	7 p.m.
Dec. 2	at Darlington Invite	9 a.m.
Dec. 8	vs. Sauk Prairie	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Mount Horeb Invite	9 a.m.
Dec. 21	at Stoughton	7 p.m.
Dec. 29-30	at La Crosse Invite	9 a.m.
Jan. 4	vs. Portage	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Sauk Prairie Invite	9:15 a.m.
Jan. 12	vs. Fort Atkinson	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	at Elkhorn	6 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Homestead Invite	4 p.m.
Jan. 26	vs. Reedsburg	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	Badger Conference meet	9:30 a.m.

BOYS JV WRESTLING

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 1	at Baraboo	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 2	at Stoughton Invite	9:30 a.m.
Dec. 8	vs. Sauk Prairie	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Middleton Invite	7 a.m.
Dec. 21	at Stoughton	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	vs. Portage	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	vs. Fort Atkinson	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Poynette Quad	5 p.m.
Jan. 26	vs. Reedsburg	5:30 p.m.

GIRLS VARSITY GYMNASTICS

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 2	at Sun Prairie West Invite	9:30 a.m.
Dec. 9	at Janesville Craig Invite	10 a.m.
Dec. 12	vs. Reedsburg	6 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Waunakee	6 p.m.
Jan. 6	Mount Horeb Invitational	10 a.m.
Jan. 9	at Sauk Prairie	6 p.m.
Jan. 18	vs. Monona Grove	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Milton	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	vs. Watertown	6 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Baraboo	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Platteville Invite	10 a.m.
Feb. 17	Badger Conference Tournament At Sauk Prairie	10 a.m.

GIRLS JV GYMNASTICS

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 2	at Sun Prairie West Invite	9:30 a.m.
Dec. 8	at Elkhorn	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Milton	6 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 2	at Sun Prairie East Invite	10 a.m.
Dec. 5	at Badger Small Relays	6 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Fort Atkinson Invite	10 a.m.
Dec. 12	at Madison Edgewood	6 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Sauk Prairie	6 p.m.
Dec. 30	at Verona Invite	1 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Stoughton Invitational	10:30 a.m.
Jan. 9	at Stoughton	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	at McFarland	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Baraboo	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Badger Small Conference Relays	
	At Sauk Prairie High School	1 p.m.
Feb. 10	WIAA Sectional	1 p.m.

BOYS JV SWIMMING

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 5	at Badger Small Relays	6 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Madison Edgewood	6 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Sauk Prairie	6 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Stoughton	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	at McFarland	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Baraboo	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Badger Small Conference Relays	
	At Sauk Prairie High School	1 p.m.



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Ella Fager (left) and Rowan Johnson (above) will be two key members of Mount Horeb’s girls basketball team this winter. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

GIRLS BB

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the Vikings’ minutes last year, meaning experience should be a huge strength.

“These girls along with our younger players put a lot of time in this summer in the weight room, in open gyms, summer leagues and tournaments,” Leibfried said. “Now we need to see them apply that on the court.

“We need Ella Fager, Rowan Johnson and Morgan Monroe to score for us and hit open shots when they get them. All three averaged around 8-10 points last year, but we need them to push that to 12-15 this season.

“What we are really looking for in this group is a vocal leader on the court that can get us in the right spots and get us to run the correct defenses and offenses. We can’t afford to have four girls do one thing and another doing something different.”

Mount Horeb will also look for major contributions from a group of newcomers that includes sophomore Nalia Craven, and freshmen Maren Johnson and Courtney Monroe.

“They will give us some athleticism to play aggressive defense the way we want to,” Leibfried said.

Juniors Lily Beadle and Ellie Larson will also look to break into the rotation.

Leibfried believes the Vikings will have solid perimeter shooting, and should be able to pressure many opponents.

“We have good perimeter shooters in the program and they have worked really

MOUNT HOREB GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Year
1	Nalia Craven	10
2	Ellie Larson	11
4	Ava Kolb	12
5	Hallie Klein	11
11	Katie Smith	12
12	Ella Fager	12
21	Maren Johnson	9
22	Jada Matthews	12
23	Morgan Monroe	11
24	Courtney Monroe	9
31	Rowan Johnson	12
32	Lily Beadle	11
34	Mikayla Holler	11
Head Coach: Bart Leibfried		
Assistant coaches: Dana Showers, Liz Fanscali, Serena Pretti		

hard this summer on getting downhill and finishing in the lane,” Leibfried said. “I think we can pressure opposing guards and make it hard for them to feel comfortable running their offense with Jada Mathews, Katie Smith and Hallie Klein. We need to get our defense to produce 10 easy points a game for us to be successful.”

On the flip side, Leibfried knows rebounding and post defense will be areas the Vikings must improve.

“We need our post players to be physical and aggressive,” he said. “We don’t have a lot of big thick strong kids that can bang with opposing post players. If we can rebound that allows us to get out and run on offense.”

McFarland, which reached the state tournament last year and is led by Iowa recruit Teagan Mellengi, joins the Badger Small this season and is the league fa-

vorite. Reedsburg, led by standout Sydney Cherney, will be strong, as will Madison Edgewood.

“When I tell you all this it looks daunting but can we compete? Definitely,” Leibfried said. “If we want to compete there will be no off nights so the girls need to bring it every day at practice, in film study, in the weight room, at home with sleep, hydration and nutrition in order to continue to get better and then believe in themselves during games.

“We set a goal of being more physical in all aspects of the game. The majority of our players have bought in and worked hard in the weight room the past 18 months. We have seen the dividends of that already in practice. That will continue in season as we make it a point of emphasis to get in the weight room two to three times a week.”



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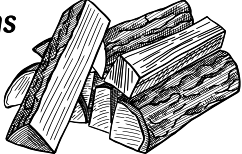
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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 20, 2023

The Plan Commission/Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Mount Horeb will hold a public hearing on the above date at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider a Conditional Use Permit Application from Pamela Lee to allow a proposed one-bedroom Airbnb/VRBO establishment in the lower level of the house at 307 Oak Street, Parcel 0606-123-2612-4.

Be it further notified that the Village Board, by its Plan Commission/Historic Preservation Commission, will hear all persons concerning all matters and/or objections written or oral at that time.

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS APRIL 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in an election to be held in the TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS on Tuesday April 2, 2024, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Town Board Supervisor III	Greg Haack
Town Board Supervisor IV	Paul Correll

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2023, and the final day for filing nomination papers is January 3, 2024, in the office of the Town Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.
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- Ability to work effectively in a team environment.
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Application Process: To apply for this position, please submit your resume, cover letter, and any relevant certifications or licenses to Jeff Moyer, Wastewater Superintendent, at daneiwawwtf@gmail.com.

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Post Messenger Recorder..... **11 am Wednesday, November 22 for the November 30 issue**
Star News **Noon Wednesday, November 22 for the November 30 issue**
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Siobhan Mertz (above), Caitlin Patrick-Stern (right) and Mount Horeb’s girls swimming team shined at the WIAA Division 2 state meet last Friday. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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more than one second better than her seed time from sectionals (5:26.42).

“I went into that event fairly confident and with a positive mindset because the 500 is my favorite race,” Newman said. “I didn’t place and go what I had hoped for, but I have plenty of training to do before my senior season.”

Mount Horeb sophomore Caitlin Patrick-Stern added an 11th place finish in the 500 free, as her time of 5:29.55 was more than six seconds faster than her seed time (5:35.91).

Newman was also 12th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:00.86.

“I went into (the 200) with a good mindset and the time that came out of it was just what I had hoped for,” Newman said.

Senior Emmy Bennin made her final races with the Vikings memorable ones.

Bennin was 10th in the 50-yard freestyle (25.07) and 12th in the 100-yard freestyle (55.23).

Mount Horeb also qualified two relay teams and both performed well.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Patrick-Stern, junior Siobhan Mertz, Newman and Bennin finished in 14th place at 3:54.06. And that same foursome combined to place 16th in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:47.15).

“When it comes to competing at such a high level like this, you never know exactly how other teams are going to perform,” Butteris said. “But I know that

Ava, Caitlin, Siobhan, and Emmy gave their all, and that’s all I can ask for.”

The Vikings gave Butteris all she could have asked for during her first season.

Mount Horeb won the first dual meets since breaking away from Verona. The Vikings were competitive at countless invites and throughout the postseason.

And Mount Horeb’s performance at state was both impressive — and encouraging for the future.

“This has been such an amazing first season as a coach, and I can’t wait to see how we can improve

next season,” Butteris said.

Newman agreed, noting how pleased she is the Vikings have proven more than capable of standing — err, swimming — on their own.

“I feel as an independent program we have more time to receive advice from the coach, and there is more attention on all the swimmers on the team,” Newman said. “Today I would say I am very happy with the independent program, and I hope it continues to grow next year and even after I graduate.”

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