

Spring Election candidates can soon kick off their campaigns

Village and school board races are on the horizon

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

Hopefully a year off was good for everyone’s mental health. But that year is nearly over and the next batch of elections are already on the horizon.

The Spring Election will take place on April 2, 2024, deciding who will serve on the government boards that run local communities and school districts. These races will determine everything from how much you pay in

taxes to what kind of community you raise your children in.

If a primary is necessary to whittle down any of the races, it will take place Tuesday, February 20.

Mount Horeb Village Board

The terms of Mount Horeb village trustees Marc Schellpfeffer and Tim White will be up on April 16 of next year. The incumbents and - any challengers who

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Village’s 2024 budget approved

No citizens speak at hearing; tax levy to rise, mill rate to fall

By SARAH ELIZABETH WARD
Mount Horeb Mail

The Village of Mount Horeb held a public hearing on the proposed 2024 budget in-person on Wednesday, November 15 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E Main Street.

The proposed budget includes \$28,037,430 in spending, and the village plans to collect \$7,237,034 in property taxes. The draft budget includes \$9,027,114 in general fund expenditures, \$2,845,284 in debt service and \$1,459,112 in spending on capital projects.

The assessed value of land in Mount Horeb rose by more than 25 percent this year, from \$873,404,820 to \$1,099,480,800, which means despite the fact that the village expects to collect significantly more in taxes, the mill rate would decline by 18.5 percent, from \$6.321906 to \$5.146463 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

That means a Mount Horeb resident would pay \$2,058 in village taxes on a \$400,000 home.

The village currently has \$43,434,323 in outstanding debt.

Upon opening the meeting village administrator Nic Owen reported that there were “no new changes or

new news since we last discussed the budget.” The floor was opened to comment and discussion by the public but, as no one was present to comment, the hearing was then closed.

The board then voted and approved the resolution to authorize the levy for the upcoming 2024 operational budget as well as the resolution to adopt the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan.

Mount Horeb village president Ryan Czyzweski commented on the vote, saying: “Thank you to staff in the budget and finance for getting this together. This will now go to the staff that will put together the property tax bills.”

Annual holiday tree lighting is December 2

Mount Horeb Fire and EMS invite you to the 34th annual Lighting of the Tree on Saturday, December 2. The festivities will include a silent parade of decorated fire and emergency apparatus moving slowly through the village down Springdale and Main Street at twilight. The parade will begin at 5 PM and will end at Grandma Foster’s Park where a tree

will be illuminated.

They expect a visit from Santa, who will be there to help us light the tree and shake hands with all his fans. After the tree lighting, check out some of the other events around town as part of Trollidays. The Fire Truck Parade and Tree Lighting is sponsored by the Mount Horeb Volunteers. They wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Life after death

Hagen starts taxidermy business

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail

“We don’t eat beef, or very little,” says Maureen Hagen, owner of Hagen Outdoors. “What we pretty much always eat in our fam-

ily is venison. My mom relies on it. We mostly grind it up and make deer tacos, but my mom also makes a pretty good roast. We made a goulash the other day. Pretty much anything.”

But when all the meat is butchered and packaged and stored in the freezer, there is still the matter of the rest of the animal; the

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“Taxidermy is art,” says Maureen Hagen, owner of Hagen Outdoors. Photo by Matt Geiger.

Pickleball fever grips Mount Horeb



The Village of Mount Horeb has finished new pickleball courts at Viking Park. Photo contributed.

By DANIEL LINS
Mount Horeb Mail

Mount Horeb is just one of the many communities across the nation getting in on the action of a rapidly

growing sport: Pickleball. With nearly 50 million pickleball players in the United States, it is quickly becoming one of the more well-known sports across

the country.

Linda Ferris, member of the Mount Horeb Pickleball Club, started playing pickleball before the COVID-19 pandemic, so she is not

new to the sport. She offered an overview of the process from when she started playing until now.

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, so she is not

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County only gets one bid for jail project, and it is \$25 million over budget

On Tuesday, November 14, Dane County revealed the sole contractor bid for the Dane County Jail Consolidation Project, which was roughly \$25 million over budget.

Sheriff Calvin Barrett said, “We are aware the only bid amount for the jail con-

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Lions Club holds annual awards night



The Mount Horeb Lions Club held its annual awards night October 17 at Hi-Point Steak House. The Citizen(s) of the Year award went to Cynthia and Charlie Jefko (above left). Lion Robert Faliveno presented the Melvin Jones award - which is the highest honor from the International Foundation - to current President, Jill Kietzke and 2nd Vice President, Bill Severson (above right). Lion of the Year award went to Immediate Past President, Krisann Holthaus, who was on her honeymoon and unable to attend in person. Photos contributed.

Local Giving Tree is in need of donations

For many, the Christmas season offers feelings of love, hope and peace, but for others it causes stress. Stress about finding time to go shopping, get the food for the holiday meal, and where the money will come from to pay for all the holiday extras. The Mount Horeb Giving Tree strives to ease that holiday stress for low-income families, disabled adults, and senior citizens by providing gifts, winter hats and gloves, and personal hygiene items for them.

The colorful paper tags were distributed

throughout the community in early November this year. Many businesses have offered to be a host site with a smaller tree and will continue to have tags through November 29. These businesses include: Vike-Steinich Chiropractor, Mount Horeb Family Pharmacy, The Yoga Space, Lake Ridge Bank (formerly State Bank of Cross Plains), New Beginnings Chiropractic, Hearts and Hands Children's Center, Buck and Honey's, United Methodist Church-Mount Horeb, and Strands Salon. There

is also a larger tree with more tags in the front area of Miller and Sons Supermarket (Mount Horeb location only). The tree at Miller's will remain up through Saturday, December 2.

If you don't want to shop for gifts, but would like to help out financially, they accept donations in the form of check, written out to: Neighbors Helping Neighbors, ATTN: GIVING TREE DONATIONS, PO Box 196, Mount Horeb, WI 53572. You can also visit our website at

<http://mhgivingtree.weebly.com> and click on the "Donations" tab to donate online, through the Neighbors Helping Neighbors portal.

The Mount Horeb Area Giving Tree is an organization solely made up of volunteers. A majority of the donations are used to purchase gifts; a small percentage is used for essentials like stamps and paper.

Make this a happy holiday for others who need your help and see what happens. You may end up getting the best gift in return.

'Spectacular' community Christmas concert to return

'Tis the Season in Barneveld

Area residents are invited to 'Ring in the Holiday Season' in Barneveld on December 9 at the 16th annual 'Spectacular, Spectacular' Community Christmas Concert.

The concert will feature nine nationally, regionally and locally known musicians who will perform a variety of Christmas and contemporary music.

The concert, scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at the Barneveld Lutheran Church, will benefit the Community Connections Free Clinic in

Dodgeville. A freewill offering will be taken during the event to be given to the Free Clinic.

The headliner for the 16th consecutive year will be Dale Kitchell, an operatic tenor whose work spans the gamut from classical to Broadway to contemporary music. Kitchell, who lives in Miami, Fla., has been entertaining audiences in south Florida for more than two decades.

Michael Massey, a regionally known composer, songwriter, singer and pianist, returns for his 13th Spectacular, Spectacular. Massey, who now lives in

the Barneveld area, has written or collaborated on more than 250 rock, pop, country and instrumental songs. He performs regularly with the Piano Fondue Dueling Pianos and was voted Piano Player of the Year for the city of Madison. He is also the author of current best seller 'More'.

Emily (Johnson) Wicker returns for her 11th performance at the event. A graduate of Barneveld High School, Wicker sang with the Minnesota Opera Chorus and the One Ounce Opera Co. in Austin, Texas, before moving back to Wisconsin. She was selected to sing the National Anthem at the Grand Daddy Rodeo of them all in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She and her husband now live in Chaseburg.

Paul Kittleston is a guitarist, singer and dairy farmer from Blanchardville, who has been entertaining audiences for decades with his rich and mellow base voice. He is perhaps best known in the area as the former lead singer in Country 4+1. Kittleston will perform at the event for the 13th time.

Linda Seeley is a piano soloist from Ridgeway who has performed regionally and recorded three piano solo CD's. She is a piano instructor and lives in Ridgeway.

"Big Mike" Mitchell from Mineral Point is no stranger to the Southwest Wisconsin music community. He grew up singing with his mother and has sung backup for many Wisconsin folk musicians and has performed in Community Theater productions.

Mason Kittleston, grandson of Paul Kittleston and a graduate of UW LaCrosse, will be joining his grandfather and the other performers. A great baritone voice like his grandfather now teaches in Lodi and lives in Windsor, Wi.

Liz Michelson is making her first appearance at this year's Spectacular concert. Liz is a native of Barneveld, where she cultivated her musical skills at an early age in the choir and as a trumpet player. About nine years ago Liz went to her first open mic performance in Madison and since then has continued to find avenues to perform. She lives in rural Argyle, is a licensed massage therapist, and has her own business in Barneveld.

Wayne Saturn is joining on the drums. Wayne started drumming at five years of

age to a Buck Owens Live at Carnegie Hall album. He has played in jazz bands as well as marching bands. He is currently involved in playing drums with the praise and worship bands at Abundant Life Christian Church and Hidden Valley Church in Dodgeville. He resides in rural Barneveld.

Emily Hefty-Dieckhoff, an accomplished violinist, will also be performing as well as accompanying on some songs. Emily resides in rural Mount Horeb.

Joining us this year for some group singing and accompanying Emily Wicker will be Brad Duesler and the Krause Family Band.

The concert is made possible by donations from more than 50 area businesses.

For more information about the event, contact Al Wright at 608-341-7388 or leefs@mhtc.net.

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Haight earns Student Spotlight honor

On Monday, November 6 the Mount Horeb Area Board of Education expressed gratitude for the contributions made by Intermediate Center fifth grader Matt Haight. Teacher Mrs. Maring told the board, “Matthew has the biggest heart; he cares tremendously for his friends, teachers and family.” Educators called him “a self-aware, hardworking 5th grader who is kind to all.” On hand to support Matt during his big night were: (background, left to right) Board liaison to the Intermediate Center Jim Myers; Principal Katie Hauge; parent Brian Guggenheim; teacher Tina Mauer (foreground, left to right) superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno, younger sister, and the man of the hour, Matt Haight.



Perry Lutheran to host holiday concert

Daleyville’s Perry Lutheran Church will be holding their annual holiday concert on Sunday evening, November 26 at 7 p.m. Mount Horeb’s David Jeglum and Diane Dangerfield will reunite with Darlington’s Tom Black to sing their favorite songs, hymns, and Christmas music. These former members of the local group, Old Hickory, give an enjoyable performance year after year. The pre-concert, which starts at 6:30 p.m., will feature local musician Mary Sutter. This event is being hosted by Perry’s Men in Mission group and is a wonderful way to begin the holiday festivities. Pictured above, David Jeglum, Diane Dangerfield and Tom Black will perform a holiday concert at Perry Lutheran Church on November 26.

Court Report

Mount Horeb Municipal Court

July 20, 2023
Barreto Alfaro, Sandra, 41, Madison, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (16-19 MPH), \$124
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Mount Horeb, WI, VEHICLE OPERATOR FAIL/WEAR SEAT BELT, \$10
Gonzalez, Alcides D, 46, Mount Horeb, WI, Mandatory Recycling, \$187
Kerley, Susan R, 62, Rock City, IL, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (1-10 MPH), \$98.8
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Digital Citizenship and addressing bullying in local schools



The Mount Horeb Area School District invites parents, staff, and community members to learn about social media safety and anti-bullying initiatives.

By **AUBREE HANKS**
Mount Horeb Area Schools

Have you heard about the new Saturn App?

It’s growing in popularity and has parents and schools worried. The Saturn app combines an online student calendar with social media functionality, which sounds great. However, the app lacks safety features and allows for easy sharing of personal information. This opens students to predators, cyberbullying, and other concerning mistreatment.

The Mount Horeb Area School District invites parents, staff, and community members to learn about social media safety and anti-bullying initiatives. Our Family Learning Series session entitled “Digital Citizenship and Addressing Bullying in Our Schools” will take place on November 29, at 6 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

This session is aimed at providing you with the tools and knowledge to ensure social media safety for students and adults alike. In addition, participants will learn how the district educates students in addressing

bullying, harassment, and intimidation. This program is developed as part of the district’s Human Growth and Development Plan, emphasizing the importance of parents and guardians in their students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health development.

The session will cover a wide range of topics, including the district’s digital citizenship curriculum, Instagram, Snapchat, and more. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from district leadership, including our School Resource Officer, Steve Rosemeyer, and our district’s library media specialists, Gretchen Malin, Angie Brauns, Jacci Baker, and Kim Hillary.

Mount Horeb Area School District is committed to fostering a safe and supportive environment for all students, and we believe that equipping parents, guardians, and the community with the necessary knowledge and tools is crucial in achieving this goal. Together, we can create a positive online experience for our students and promote responsibility.

MOUNT HOREB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024-2025 School Year

NOTICE: If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2024 and they do not participate in our MHASD 4K program, you will need to register them with the school district. Please go to the district website to register as a new 2024-2025 student at:
mounthorebschools.org/district/district-registration.cfm

Registration is now OPEN!!
Please complete the online registration no later than Friday, December 8, 2023.

You will need to upload your child’s birth certificate and proof of residency (driver’s license, utility bill, paycheck stub, etc.).

If you need assistance, please contact the District Office at (608)437-7018 or the Early Learning Center at (608)437-7606. You can also email Sierra at buchersierra@mhask12.wi.us.

*Again, this registration ONLY applies to kindergarten age eligible children who do not currently participate in the MHASD 4K Program. If you are unable to find an original copy of your child’s birth certificate, please do not let that stop you from registering, you can bring that in at a later date.

Please pass this information along to anyone you know with kindergarten age eligible students. We need to have an accurate count of incoming kindergarten students as we plan for staffing and spacing needs for the 2024-2025 school year.

Droessler and Fisher named November Student Rotarians

Faith Droessler and Helen Fisher are student Rotarians for the month of November, joining the Mount Horeb Rotary Club for its weekly Wednesday luncheons at Culver’s. Both students are lifelong Mount Horeb residents.

Faith Droessler has been playing the flute in band since sixth grade. She’s a four-year member of Club Interact and has been in National Honor Society for two and a half years. She’s the manager of the wrestling team and has earned varsity letters the past two years.

Outside school, she’s in her 13th year as a Girl Scout and has earned the bronze and silver awards for her Girl Scout work. She has volunteered more than 180 hours at Neighbors Helping Neighbors. She also runs a crochet business, making animals that she sells as “Faith’s Furry Friends.”

Faith is the daughter of Jamie and Holly Droessler and the sister of Drew. She hopes to study nursing in college.

Helen Fisher is also in Club Interact and National Honors Society, as well as SkillsUSA, Academic Decathlon, Ecology Club, and Viking Book Club.

She’s earned 125 Silver Cord hours and volunteers at the front desk of the Driftless Historium. She works as a cook at Pizza Hut and enjoys robotics, baking and hiking in her leisure time.

Helen is the daughter of Douglas and Carleen Fisher and the sister of Tom. She plans to study electrical engineering in college.

Pictured at right, Helen Fisher and Faith Droessler at last week’s Rotary Club meeting in Mount Horeb.



HAGEN

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lush hide, the striking antlers, the unique expression and bearing each deer has in life, and – when a good taxidermist gets involved – even in death. The 34-year-old rural Mount Horeb resident has always leaned toward creative outlets in her life, and Hagen’s love of both art and hunting came together nicely when she decided to take on the hobby of taxidermy. That hobby has now grown into a productive side business that she runs out of her farm home on County Road F in Blue Mounds.

“I think it comes from my dad’s side of things,” she says. “Always making things. Taxidermy is an art form and I know some people think it’s gross, but every deer has a story, and when you do taxidermy, you can help tell it.”

The eyes and ears, in par-

ticular, are vital to giving each mount a lifelike expression.

Hagen had always been interested in taxidermy. She started learning how to do it in earnest about three years ago.

“I was always interested,” she says. “My dad has a friend named Don Hartman [a retired professional taxidermist]. He’s a super nice guy; the nicest guy you will ever know. He just started teaching me. He’s that kind of guy. He said he’s grateful for what he has and wants to give back.”

“We would do them side-by-side and he would teach me,” she continued. “You have to be very detail-oriented, and when you’re learning you need to be okay with someone leaning over your shoulder.”

Hagen went to the University of Wisconsin at Platteville, starting as an animal science major, due to her



Hagen Outdoors operates out of Maureen Hagen’s rural home and can be reached at 608-712-5049.

love of animals, but later switching to communications and eventually getting a job with UW Health.

She also photographs weddings on the side and grows unique wolf pumpkins with her father. She bought her

23-acre farm two years ago.

In her workshop there, she carefully carves foam forms that come in an array of poses, from upright to full sneak.

“You have to customize it every time,” she states.

Hagen capes out each deer and sends the hide to a tannery. “Unfortunately, these days it can take a year to get the hide back from the tannery, but that’s the way it is,” she explains.

She has a good amount of business already, and she’s learning – and enjoying herself – with every animal whose story she tells.

“This is still really new and fresh for me,” she says. “I’m still refining my craft.”

She’s happy to take on a few new customers, but she’s not trying to take on more than she can handle, either. After all, she’s not in it for the money. She does this because she loves it.

“I don’t want a ton of business,” she says with a laugh. “I just want to have fun and bring things back to life.”

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hope to replace them - can circulate nomination papers starting on December 1, 2023. The final day for filing nomination papers is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Nominations must be filed in the office of the Village Clerk, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. For additional information, call the village clerk at 437-

9404.

Municipal Judge Joanne Morey’s term will also expire.

Mount Horeb Area School Board

The current terms of current school board representatives Rod Hise and Jim Myers are also set to expire in the spring. The term for whoever wins those races will start on Monday, April 29, 2024, and expire on April 26, 2027. The school district includes nine

municipalities including the Village of Mount Horeb, the Village of Blue Mounds, and some (or all) of the Towns of Blue Mounds, Cross Plains, Perry, Primrose, Springdale, Vermont and Moscow. If you live anywhere in the district, you can expect to vote in the school board races.

A Campaign Registration

Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the school district no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the office of the School District Clerk, and can be obtained at the School District Office, 1304 East Lincoln Street, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin 53572.

Blue Mounds Village Board

In the Village of Blue Mounds, the terms of trustees Jim Frame and Rick Kelly will end in the spring, with the new terms beginning April 20. The village uses a caucus system.

Vermont Town Board

In the Town of Vermont, the terms of seats 2 and 4, Kirk Lynch and Doug Meier, respectively, will be up. The terms in Vermont are for two

years beginning on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

Primrose does not have anything for the Spring primary except possible school positions or referenda. The Town of Blue Mounds does not have anyone on the spring ballot for town board seats. Their seats will be up for re-election in 2025. The Town of Springdale has only the municipal judge race. The Perry Town Board races will take place in 2025.

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struction came in over the budget set by the Dane County Board. We will continue exploring solutions to keep the jail project on schedule. I will never stop advocating for a safe, humane, rehabilitative, and sustainable jail facility for our incarcerated residents and Sheriff’s Office staff. It will take collaboration and cooperation by all Dane County stakeholders to make this happen. Together, we will get this done!”

“In the meantime, we will continue to treat our jail residents with dignity, humanity, and respect. We serve all with Character, Competence, Compassion, Courage, and Communication. Unfortunately, they will continue to be housed in the unsafe, inhumane, and borderline unconstitutional City-County Building jail until we build an updated facility. Our mission never changes; every challenge is an opportunity,” Barrett added.

The Dane County Jail is responsible for 811 individuals, 224 of whom are being housed in the City-County Building.

Gleanings

By **BARB JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago Nov. 23, 1893

Mrs. C. Boeck is quite sick. The Drs. are attending her every day.

Ole Uldrickson has retired from the restaurant business and is enjoying farm life again.

John Peih has moved his meat market into his new building which is certainly singular of its kind in solidity, neatness and beauty of construction along this line.

As printers we have not been more highly pleased with anything than our new No. 20 coal stove. We have lost some of the attention paid to prophecies about a cold winter since we got it.

Georgie, son of Tideman Gordon was kicked in the face by a colt last Sunday, and was a wonder that life remained. The unfortunate was unconscious for a while, but at the present writing he seems to be doing well.

Rumor has it that Mr. Robert Bilse and Miss Mary Keller are married and are residing in the state of Iowa.

It is claimed that more freight is delivered at Mount Horeb than any other station along this branch of the C&NW.

Rasmus Lunde has been rather ill of late. It is expected that he will spend the remainder of his days on the county farm at Verona,

although he has no earnest desire to go there.

Ole Olson, Jr. has rented the shop of Wm. Cullen, where he will wait on all in his line.

William Ogilvie of Verona is fattening 200 head of cattle this winter.

120 Years Ago Nov. 19, 1903

The Mount Horeb Independent Telephone Company has doubled their list of subscribers since April and now as the new directory just issued shows, have over 20 phones ringing and a number more to be installed.

Mr. and Mrs. James Retrum were crowned with the parentage of another baby boy on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

A joint meeting of Perry, York, and Blue Mounds congregations was held last Saturday at Daleyville, to call a permanent minister, first, second and third choice being named: Rev. Rostand, Austin Minn., Rev. Ingres and Rev. Overstad, both of Illinois. The interesting question with our people now is who will accept?

The Salmon cheese factory in the town of Springdale was sold at sheriff's sale Thursday of last week. F. Kuhni being the purchaser. The price paid was \$500.

Thompson, Grofsrud & Beckers' clover huller has been stalled on account of

the bad weather, but has had a busy and profitable season. They have a number of unfinished jobs which will be cleaned up next spring.

The patrons on the rural free delivery routes are hereby requested to provide themselves with stamps and place same on the letters mailed, to avoid the necessity of the carriers troubling to pick up pennies during the cold weather. Stamps can be obtained from the carriers, as they always carry a supply of same.

Jacob Tyvand, a brother of our townsman P.A. Tyvand, was brought a corpse last Monday. Mrs. Tyvand accompanied the remains.

Adolph and Andrew Quisler, twin brothers, are now home, having finished their summer's work in the country and are now attending school. Andrew, who returned last week, brought with him a fine three year old nag for which he paid \$50, and has been offered \$75. Thus boys with push and energy have splendid opportunities these times.

It adds spice to dreary life, encourages the human heart, lifts one out of despair, breathes new life and confidence. That's what Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents. Evans' Pharmacy, Helland's Pharmacy.

The Pine Bluff central Telephone Co. has commenced the work of reconstructing their line, replacing the old oak poles with new and heavy cedar timber. Geo. Bryant is superintending the work and do-

ing the re-wiring. George is very handy with the pliers and the come-along.

110 Years Ago Nov. 14, 1913

The Automobile Club will furnish road signs and danger signs to town chairmen or village presidents. You may see James Brown, treasurer of the Mount Horeb Auto Club for same. They are free but must be put up in good positions. Posts are furnished free with distance to towns neatly inscribed on signboard.

A brother editor says, you know editors always tell the truth, that a 16-year-old girl who goes out on the street at night with a slitted skirt is one who is apt to need watching, especially if her mother is not by her side. Such girls used to be sent to bed at 8 o'clock, and whatever we may think of the old style of conduct, in this respect the old style is the best still.

Capt. M. Griffith of the Volunteers of America came out from Madison to call on friends here and to take up a free will offering to assist in carrying out the good work they are doing and went home with about \$25 for his day of work here.

A demented man escaped from the county farm last week and Mr. Prean telephoned the Marshall here to head him off if he came here, but the poor fellow had wandered north into Vermont and was located by telephone on Sunday, and Jerry Lynch and the Deneen

boys brought him part way, when Deputy Sheriff Martin met them and brought him to town, keeping him in the lockup until Monday morning when he was taken to the county asylum.

The telephone cable men are finally back on the job and expect to stick this time until the job is completed.

90 Years Ago Nov. 16, 1933

The Mt. Horeb Creamery, which was closed about a week because of a strike, resumed operation Monday. The Evans Creamery is also operating.

Wednesday, Sylvanus Aavang, teacher in the Malone School, was delayed by the freezing of his car and arrived 10 minutes late. When he arrived, school was in session, roll had been called by John Bieri, one of the pupils and he was conducting the arithmetic class.

Special for Saturday at Olson's Restaurant and Bakery-fried cakes, 15¢ a dozen.

The Sand Hill Cheese factory, town of Perry, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. Gottlieb Gammeter is cheesemaker at the factory.

While driving along Highway 18, Monday, Forrest Bakken spied a Canadian Blue Goose. He stopped his car and shot the bird. This is only the second one of these birds which have been shot in this vicinity to our knowledge.

80 Years Ago Nov. 18, 1943

Citizens of Mount Horeb, Wis., who own any property in foreign countries were notified by Postmaster Cora J. Sorenson today that they must file reports of their foreign holding with the Treasury Department before December 1.

A son of Ed Basthemer was kicked by a horse Monday and taken to a Madison hospital in the Sharer ambulance.

Orvin T. Slotten returned to his home in Mount Horeb Sunday evening, Nov. 7, as he has finished his six-month job on the Alcan Highway, near Alaska.

30 Years Ago Nov. 25, 1993

Delbert and Mary Bollig will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a mass of Thanksgiving at St. Ignatius Catholic Church.

Kevin Wilkinson and Travis Oellerich, both of Mount Horeb, recently enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

20 Years Ago Nov. 20, 2003

Mark and Kristen Clark of Mount Horeb proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Eleanor, born Monday, Nov. 17, 2003 at Meriter Hospital, Madison.

Gary Frisch has been named the 2003 Friend of Youth by the Mount Horeb Optimist Club.

Letter to the Editor

A special very Veterans Day

Veterans Day was celebrated at Mt. Horeb High School on November 10th as November 11th fell on Saturday this year. The High School staff has done an exceptional job hosting this event over the years; but this year, it just felt even more special! Being that the staff and students were welcoming Veterans and their families much earlier. At 8:15 they were already greeting Veterans as they arrived. Parking can be very hectic, so we were met at the door, carried in our flags and flag holders and welcomed all to a special room just inside the door for a meet and

greet with coffee and muffins.

The Veterans Day program was again spectacular, the band and choir were very moving and as always certain songs brings a tear to your eye on this special day. This years' keynote speaker, Marny Skindrud, a 1994 graduate of Mt. Horeb High School really impressed the students with her story about her 20-year military career and how it fit in with her family. Lieutenant Colonel Skindrud is very active in our area veterans organizations as she moves into more leadership roles as well in the Mt. Horeb Community.

During my comments in the program, I ended with a challenge to the students who have always been very respectful to Veterans. They constantly repeat the phrase, "Thank you for your Service." I challenged them to add two words, "Welcome Home!" (Later that evening at Culver's, as I paid my bill the young checkout person ended the sale with a big smile and "Welcome Home!") WOW, the Kids do listen!

Don Hartman
Commander
VFW Post 9511

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CEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (11-15 MPH), \$98.8

Quiahua Gonzalez, Victor D, 36, Mount Horeb, WI, RETAIL THEFT - INTENTIONALLY TAKE (<=\$500), \$199.65

DG806B3PP1, 16, Mount Horeb, WI, Disorderly Conduct, 19 HOURS CS

August 10, 2023

Aguilar Tereso, Martin, 53, Madison, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE, \$124

Aguilar Tereso, Martin, 53, Madison, WI, OPERATING W/PAC (1ST), \$911

Buttke, Duane L, 74,

Mazomanie, WI, FAIL/OBEY TRAFFIC OFFICER/SIGN/SIGNAL, \$86.2

DG8049LVVX, 16, Mount Horeb, WI, HABITUAL SCHOOL TRUANCY, \$92.5

DG8049LVVM, 16, Mount Horeb, WI, HABITUAL SCHOOL TRUANCY, \$92.5

August 24, 2023

Bretall, Landen J, 20, Barneveld, WI, OPERATING WHILE UNDER INFLUENCE (1ST), \$766.5

Buechner, Rolland C, 83, Mount Horeb, WI, Failure to keep vehicle under control, \$136.6

Groy, Ryan D, 32, Mount Horeb, WI, EXCEEDING

SPEED ZONES, ETC. (1-10 MPH), \$98.8

Kizart, Joe J, 73, Milwaukee, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE, \$124

Milovani, Christine K, 50, Mount Horeb, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (11-15 MPH), \$98.8

Williams, Keith K, 40, Blue Mounds, WI, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (25-29 MPH), \$224.8

DG808CTJN3, 15, Mount Horeb, WI, POSSESS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, \$187

DG806B3PP2, 14, Mount Horeb, WI, THROWING STONES, MISSILES, etc., \$155.5 & Restitution

DG806B3PP3, 14, Mount Horeb, WI, DISORDERLY CONDUCT - COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY, \$155.5

DG806FSSLS, 15, Mount Horeb, WI, DISORDERLY CONDUCT - COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY, \$155.5

DG806FSSLT, 15, Mount Horeb, WI, THROWING STONES, MISSILES, etc., \$155.5 & Restitution

DG806FSSLP, 16, Mount Horeb, WI, DISORDERLY CONDUCT - COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY, \$155.5

DG806FSSLR, 16, Mount Horeb, WI, THROWING STONES, MISSILES, etc., \$155.5 & Restitution.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Painting the town for ‘Trollidays’

Mount Horeb is gearing up for a new event – Mount Horeb Trollidays – a whimsical month-long event celebrating the holidays the way only Mount Horeb can – with trolls! Visitors and locals are encouraged to shop area businesses, stop in for a seasonal treat at a local restaurant, go on a holiday troll stroll and find all 36 trolls, who are getting dressed up for the season! Snap a holiday photo in front of beautiful lighted snowflakes and our new holiday tree towering over Main Street.

All month long, visitors and locals can enjoy painted Trolliday window scenes at businesses throughout the village. Artist Katie Borud of Black Earth, Wisconsin, designed customized scenes for each participating business. An interactive map and scavenger hunt featuring troll treasures hidden in the window scenes, will be available online and at the Mount Horeb Welcome Center. If you turn in your completed scavenger hunt to

the Mount Horeb Welcome Center, you will be entered to win prizes.

The Troll’s Gift Guide spotlights gift ideas from your favorite local businesses, giving you inspiration to find that perfect give for that special someone. If you spot Santa Troll hiding at one of our local retail stores, you can enter to win prizes.

A full calendar of events will help you plan your visit to take part in fun Trolliday-themed events. We kick things off on December 1 with activities throughout downtown, including the 11th Annual Schoolhouse Holiday Market from 4-8pm. Shops are open until 8:00pm that night so you can get a head start on your holiday shopping. Jorgen the Troll will be handing out candy canes through that evening and again on December 2 during the Fire Truck Parade and Tree Lighting in Mount Horeb’s downtown. Plan your visit with Santa, make your own holiday decorations, (guys) get your shopping done on December 14 during Men’s Night in Mount Horeb, and

don’t miss the Light in the Cave event happening all month long at neighboring Cave of the Mounds. This is just a small sample of the many activities to take part in when you stop in for some Trolliday fun! Find all of these details and more at trollway.com/mount-horeb-trollidays.

A look at Israel and Palestine

Explore the dynamics of the current Israel/Palestine conflict during a special program at the Mt. Horeb Public Library Monday, December 11 at 6:30. This evening with Professor Nadav Shelef, UW-Madison, will give greater insight into the history of the region and the current conditions. Nadav Shelef is the Harvey M. Meyerhoff Professor of Israel Studies and Professor of Political Science. He teaches and studies nationalism, religion and politics, Israeli politics and society, and middle east politics. His current projects focus on understanding how homelands change and the conditions under which religious parties moderate their positions.



Shelef

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.

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 shawn@shawnbollig.com or Mark Rooney mbrooney@charter.net.

DNR seeks comment on safe drinking water loan

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced the village of Barneveld is an applicant for funding through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) to make improvements to its public drinking water system.

The project includes the construction of Well #3 and a wellhouse in the village of Barneveld.

Activities related to this project are minor actions under Chapter NR 150, Wis. Admin. Code, for which no environmental analysis is required; however, following the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program federal requirement 40 C.F.R. §35.3580, an environmental review must be conducted before funding this project.

The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program has determined that the project will not result in significant adverse environmental effects, and no further environmental review or analysis is needed before proceeding with funding the project.

The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding this decision and the potential environmental impacts of this project. Submit comments by Nov. 29, 2023 to:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
C/O Michelle Brietzman, Community Financial Assistance, CF/2 101 S. Webster St. P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707
DNRCFEEnvironmentalReview@wisconsin.gov

Based on the comments received, the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the funding process. The analysis would summarize the DNR’s consideration of the project’s impacts and reasonable alternatives.

Author and poet to speak at next PFLAG meeting

The PFLAG December 4 membership meeting is from 6-8 p.m. in the Mt. Horeb Public Library meeting room. Speaker, Annette Langlois Grunseth, author of the book, “Becoming

Trans-Parent: One Family’s Journey of Gender Transition” will tell about her parenting experience as her adult child transitioned. She will also read from her book of poetry about her family’s journey, and how her daughter has evolved into a most outgoing and interesting person. Her daughter has been married to the same person for 20 years, transitioning around their tenth anniversary.

Annette uses poetry to educate people and help them feel what it’s like to be transgender as well as the experience of being the parent of a transgender adult child. Her book “Becoming Trans-Parent: One Family’s Journey of Gender Transition” was published in 2017 and is often used by individuals when they come out, to help their families understand. Her book was nominated for a Pushcart prize, (a Best of the Small Presses honor.). Annette has been writing and publishing poetry in journals and anthologies for 35 years and has published two books. Her second book is her brother’s letters from Vietnam along with her prose and poetry. “Combat and Campus: Writing Through War” won a Gold Medal in 2022 with the Military Writers Society of America. Annette was awarded the Hal Gruetzmaacher prize for poetry in 2022 (in Door County).

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

Annette will join via Zoom from 6-7 PM. The remaining time is reserved for sharing and support. There’s no need to RSVP if you’d like to join us in person at the library. If you prefer to attend via zoom, RSVP at pflagmoho.org and a link will be sent.

Winter parking rules to return

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.

On odd numbered days of the month, vehicles must be legally parked between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00

a.m. on the odd building numbered side of the street.

No person shall park a vehicle in any municipal parking lot or on either side of any of the following public streets in the village between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the months of December, January, February or March:

On Main Street between Washington and Fourth Streets;

On Front Street between S. Washington and S. Third Streets;

On S. Washington Street, Perry Street, S. Grove Street, and S. Third Street all between Main and Front Streets;

On First Street and S. Second Street between Main and Lincoln Streets;

On N. Second Street and N. Third Street between E. Main Street and the alley immediately north of Main Street;

On N. Grove Street between W. Main Street and the Senior Center/Youth Center driveway.

There are some exceptions for cul-de-sacs and areas where there is only parking allowed on one side of the street.

If payment of a parking ticket is not made within 14 days, the vehicle registration will be suspended, privileges to register any vehicle in the State of Wisconsin will be denied, and an administrative fee will be assessed.

ChatGPT and AI explained

You’ve probably heard the terms “AI” and “ChatGPT” in the news and other arenas. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is popping up everywhere these days. Learn more about this innovative technology at the Mt. Horeb Public Library Monday, December 4 at 6:30pm. Professor David Williamson Shafer, UW-Madison, discusses AI’s potential to change work, education, and the way we think about what it means to analyze data and even to “know” something at all.

Williamson Shaffer is the Sears Bascom Professor of Learning analytics at the University of Wisconsin in the Department of Educational Psychology and a Data Philosopher at the Wisconsin Center for Education Research.

For more information about the library visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!

Mt. Horeb Senior Center - CLOSED.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors - CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet - CLOSED

Mt. Horeb Senior Center - CLOSED.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food and Clothes Closet - CLOSED

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

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

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@newspubinc.com.

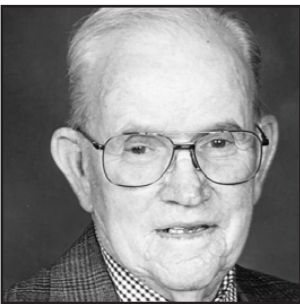
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COMMUNITY

Obituaries

Gaylord W. Kittleson

August 22, 1927 - November 15, 2023



New Glarus, WI - Gaylord W. Kittleson, age 96, of New Glarus passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. He was born on August 22, 1927 the son of Theodore and Myrtle (Frislie) Kittleson in Mount Horeb, WI. Gay-

lord graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1945. In 1954 he married Isabell Urban, and their union produced a daughter Sally and a son Gary.

On October 25, 1981 Gaylord married Marlys (Isely) Karlen. Gaylord was a lifelong dairy farmer who won many milk producer awards from his Registered Holstein's at Kitt-Valley Holsteins. He was also a lifelong member of the Perry Lutheran Church. Gaylord was an outdoorsman, who loved spending time in the woods hunting deer, or on the banks of a trout stream, and was an avid trapshooter. He also enjoyed polka dancing and cheering for the Brewers and Packers. As a younger man he had competed in ski jumping and taken ski trips to Colorado with Grant Slotten and Byron Berg.

Gaylord is survived by his children, Sally Kittleson and Gary (Marcia) Kittleson, grandson Clint Kittleson, step-children Kendall Karlen, Kerry Karlen, Kandace (Benny) Goins, and Kendra (Roland) Holland

and their families. He is further survived by a sister Teresa (Larry) Locher, nieces, nephews, and special friend Katie Elmer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Marlys in 2005, sisters Dorothy Lageson and Gloria Erickson, and a half-brother Arthur Kittleson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Perry Lutheran Church, 1057 State Rd. 78, Mount Horeb, WI with Rev. Kelli Fisher officiating. Burial will be in the Perry Lutheran Church Cemetery.

A visitation will precede the funeral service from 9:30 a.m. until time of services on Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Perry Lutheran Church.

The Zentner-Beal Funeral Home of New Glarus is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be given at www.bealfuneralhomes.com.

Harry "Neil" Ward

July 24, 1946 - November 11, 2023



Harry "Neil" Ward, age 77, of Mount Horeb, WI, formerly of Darlington, WI passed away Saturday, November 11, 2023 at UW-Hospital in Madison, WI. He was born July 24, 1946, in Madison, WI the son of Harry H. "Bud" and Hazel (Hanson) Ward-Gould. Neil grew up on the family farm in Willow Springs Township in Lafayette County, WI until 1958 when his father was killed in a traffic accident. The family then moved into the city of Darlington. In 8th grade, Neil transferred to Madison East High School for the hearing impaired. He graduated in 1966 and attended MATC where he learned the art of baking. Following college, Neil raised his family in Mount Horeb and lived there the rest of his life.

Neil is survived by his

daughters: Amy (Zach Miller) Eisele of Mount Horeb and Angela Hahn of Milton, WI; his grandchildren: Bekett Eisele and Maddie Hahn; three bonus grandchildren: Easton, Bentley, and Anika Miller; the mother of his children: Caroline Ward; his step-siblings: Nancy (Bernie) Ruf, George (Mary) Gould, and Mike (Pam) Gould all of Darlington, and Connie (Dave) Depover of Juneau, WI; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-father: Robert Gould; three brothers: Walter Ward, Gary Ward, and Gerald Ward in infancy; two step-siblings: Kathryn Coheen and Eugene Gould; and two sisters-in-law: Patricia Ward and Carol Ward-Vickerman.

Neil was a social butterfly and never met a stranger. He loved to do various things that allowed him to share stories and laughs with his friends such as playing cards at the Mount Horeb Senior Center, bowling, golfing, throwing horseshoes, and playing catch with his daughters. He was an avid sports fan and always cheered on the Wisconsin Badgers, Green Bay Packers, and Darlington Redbirds. Neil always kept track of the changing weather and made sure to let his family know what was coming their way. He also had a special saying: "nobody tells me nothing."

More than anything, Neil loved his grandchildren and always cherished the time he spent with them. He made sure that they all knew how proud he was of them. He loved tickling and watching TV with Bekett and reading books with Maddie.

A memorial service will be held Monday, November 27, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at Erickson Funeral Home (508 Main St., Darlington) with Rev. Nick McElrath of First Baptist Church in Darlington officiating. Burial will be in Union Grove Cemetery. A visitation will be held Monday, November 27, 2023, from 9:30 A.M. until 10:45 A.M. at Erickson Funeral Home in Darlington. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ericksonfuneralhome.com.

For those who prefer, a memorial fund has been es-

tablished in Neil's name.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Rue, a CNA at Vita Care Assisted Living and his special friend Brynn for their compassionate and loving care they extended to Neil.

Erickson Funeral Home
508 Main St.
Darlington, WI
608-776-3542

Irene Valeria Field

Jan. 30, 1931 - Nov. 8, 2023



MOUNT HOREB - Irene Valeria Field, age 92, of Mount Horeb, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at Spring Valley Health Center. She was born on Jan. 30, 1931, in Medford, Wis., the daughter of Arthur Poyda and Helen Tylka, and had a simple, happy, childhood life while living and raising cows and chickens on a small farm.

Irene graduated from Medford High School, home of the Raiders in 1948. She was an excellent student, earning straight A's except in Phys Ed, where she received her only "C." She was involved with Chorus, Annual Year Book, Student Council, Camera Club, Publicity Committee, Newspaper Editor, Senior Prom Queen, and was the Salutatorian class officer her senior year. A yearbook quote from Irene reads, "The only important thing in my dreams is school work." Irene continued her passion for school work by entering a one-year Legal Transcriptionist program at MATC. She graduated in May 1985.

Irene moved to Madison with her best friend, Phyllis Hutson, and they were apartment roomies for several years. Irene met her hus-

band, Wesley Field, the love of her life, at a USO Dance at Truax Military Base, in Madison. She married Wes in 1952 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, and was happily married for 63 years.

Irene worked at Gonstead Clinic of Chiropractic as the Seminar Education Coordinator for 15 years. Irene and Wesley owned Mobil Six N Ten Food Mart, for 30 years, the first convenience store self-service gas station in the local community. They also dabbled in the dry-cleaning business, owning the Mount Horeb Dry Cleaners.

Irene is survived by her children, Thomas (Jan) Field of Boca Raton, Fla., Shelley Froelich of Mesa, Ariz., and Patti (James "Louie") Filkins of River Falls, Wis.; and grandchildren, Sena Field, Siri Field, Ella Field and Nina Fischbacher; Taylor (Marie) Froelich; and Danielle (Matthew) Robbins, Samuel Filkins and Gina Filkins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Field; parents; sisters, Emily Zimpel and Adeline Werner; brother, Arthur Poyda; and grandson, Christopher Froelich.

A funeral service will be held at the chapel of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 315 E. Main St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, with Pastor John Twiton presiding. Lunch will directly follow the service. Burial will follow luncheon at Mount Horeb Union Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be gifted in Irene Field's name to Hospice Support Foundation, 7755 3rd St. North, Suite 200, Oakdale, MN 55128 or online at www.hospicesupportfoundation.org.

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

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Black Earth, WI 53515
www.vermontlutheran.org
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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

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608-767-3655

Quilt Guild honors Sue Thompson

On November 9, the Hands All Around (HAA) Quilt Guild had an in-house display and slide show for Larry, Tami and Deanne Thompson, family members of Sue Thompson. Sue had many interests and talents including crocheting, quilting, knitting, beading, embroidery and cross stitch. She was a true artist in whatever she put her hand to.

If you love someone who is an artist or a writer or a wood smith or even a mechanic, someday they will leave behind a workshop full of great tools and supplies. With this understanding, the Thompson family

gifted all of Sue’s studio supplies and unfinished projects to the HAA Quilt club and they challenged themselves to make as many completed projects as they could by November’s meeting. What a show they had: There were quilts of all sizes, pillows, table runners, wall hangings, doll clothes, and knitted socks.

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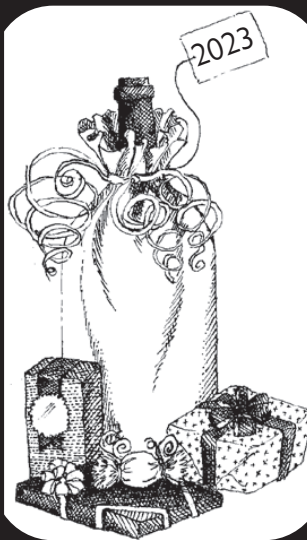




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Countryside News

By JERRY DAVIS
Countryside News

The white-tailed deer, a.k.a. Virginia deer, a.k.a. whitetail, and a.k.a. *Odocoileus virginianus* is Wisconsin's state wild game animal, along with 20 and more state symbols. We no doubt readily recall the robin, wood violet and sugar maple, but others lean toward some whimsical choices (decisions?) made for political or economic reasons of an individual or small group of folks. Hunters last week had already registered taking more than 60,000 whitetails into their possession when the gun season opened. Some hunters show deep respect for the animal and its human food value, while a slim minority take the antlers and toss the carcass in a dumpster. More than 550,000 hunters, some from every state, license up for this nine-day opportunity.



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Vikings have great expectations

Mount Horeb guns for league title, state berth

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

There’s no side-stepping the question.

No ducking the expectations.

Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team has arguably its best roster since the 2015 squad won the WIAA Division 2 state championship.

So when veteran coach Todd Nesheim is asked about this year’s Vikings, he’s not shy.

“This program has two goals and that is to win a conference championship and make the state tournament,” Nesheim said. “I definitely think both those are possibilities.”

They sure are.

The Vikings went 16-10 last season and finished in fourth place in the Badger Small Conference at 7-7. Mount Horeb won its playoff opener, then fell to Stoughton in a regional final, 71-69.

Not only do the Vikings return three starters from that team, they also bring back sophomore guard Josh Manchester, who was the only unanimous first-team all-conference selection a year ago.

Manchester came off the bench all year for the Vikings, but certainly made his mark on the league — and

the state.

Manchester had arguably the best freshman year in school history, averaging a team-high 17.9 points per game, shooting 52.9% on two-pointers, 38.4% on 3-pointers and 82.2% from the free throw line.

Manchester averaged 5.5 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.5 steals per game. Mount Horeb also outscored its foes by 154 points when Manchester was on the floor.

“He was able to do more than expected last season in terms of scoring — inside, outside, and dribble drive,” Nesheim said. “He will help carry this team again this year and look to make strides in all facets of the game — especially defensively.”

Manchester is the No. 6 ranked player in the Class of 2026 according to Wisports.net. Manchester recently took visits to Virginia and Minnesota, and went to a University of Wisconsin practice.

With another big year, the scholarship offers could begin pouring in.

“Josh will have to contend with teams face guarding him and really try to be physical with him,” Nesheim said. “They were doing that by the end of last season so it won’t be continued on page 12



Mount Horeb’s Josh Manchester was a unanimous first-team all-Badger Small Conference selection as a freshman last season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Mount Horeb junior guard Morgan Monroe (right) scored 21 points in the Vikings’ 50-47 win over Stoughton last Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Vikings split the difference

Girls basketball team opens the year 1-1

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls basketball team split its first two games of the season.

The Vikings fell to visiting Prairie du Chien, 47-37, on Nov. 14. Mount Horeb rebounded, though, with a 50-47 win over host Stoughton on Nov. 17.

The Vikings (1-1) hosted Baraboo Tuesday, then are off until Nov. 28 when they host Evansville at 7:15 p.m.

Here’s a recap of Mount Horeb’s first two games.

- **Prairie du Chien 47, Mount Horeb 37** — The Vikings led, 22-19, at half-time, but couldn’t hang on.

Morgan Monroe led Mount Horeb with 12 points, while Jada Matthews added five.

“Typical first game with lots of nerves and mistakes,” Mount Horeb coach Bart Leibfried said.

The Vikings committed 26 turnovers, which led to 18 Prairie du Chien points.

“The majority of turnovers were by returning players, so we have to do better,” Leibfried said.

The Vikings also allowed nine offensive rebounds in the second half that led to 10 second chance points by Prairie du Chien.

Prairie du Chien also held a 24-15 advantage in free throw attempts, and a 15-3 edge in points from the line.

“We have worked hard continued on page 13



Three MoHo runners named all-conference

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls cross country team landed three runners on the all-Badger Small Conference team.

Senior Abigail Sadler, freshman Willa Vigliotta and freshman Julia Straka were all named first-team all-conference.

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

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

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

The Vikings also counted a fourth place finish from Straka (20:02.50).

“Julia ran what was likely the best race of her career so far and a strong finish helped her secure fourth,”



Clockwise from top, Mount Horeb’s Abby Sadler, Julia Straka and Willa Vigliotta were all named first-team all-Badger Small Conference. File photos

Chancellor said. “Katherine and Kayman had strong races and did what they needed to do to stay close to Sauk’s main pack. This race sets us up well for sectionals. Everyone is healthy

right now, running well, and we’ve got enough depth to have options.”

The Vikings finished with 49 points and edged runner-up Sauk Prairie (52) for the conference champion-

ship. Madison Edgewood (90), McFarland (101) and Stoughton (102) rounded out the top five at the eight-team meet.

All-Badger Small Conference Girls XC First Team

Name	School	Yr.
Abigail Sadler	Mount Horeb	12
Willa Vigliotta	Mount Horeb	9
Erin Schauer	Edgewood	11
Julia Straka	Mount Horeb	9
Hannah Kirch	McFarland	10
Charlotte Gregg	Sauk Prairie	10
Aaliyah Bermudo	Sauk Prairie	9
Emilia Hopper	Stoughton	11

Second Team

Name	School	Yr.
Alexis Charbonneau	McFarland	10
Natalie Trampf	Edgewood	11
Brooke DeShong	McFarland	9
Savannah Liegel	Sauk Prairie	9
Evelyn Bahe	Sauk Prairie	9
Lainey Dillon	Sauk Prairie	11
Clarissa Brickl	Sauk Prairie	10
Julia Rohweder	Reedsburg	10

All-Badger Small Conference Boys XC First Team

Name	School	Yr.
Noah Kuhn	Edgewood	12
Spencer Alf	McFarland	11
Isaac Ewing	McFarland	11
Nick Gautreau	Edgewood	12
Elijah Judd	Stoughton	10
Riley Hansen	Stoughton	12
Brody Bjorklund	Baraboo	9
Elias Darga	Edgewood	12

Second Team

Name	School	Yr.
Gabriel Schneider	Stoughton	12
Ethan Zywicki	Stoughton	10
Brock Spiegel	McFarland	12
Alex Smith	Stoughton	9
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Zach Maguire (left) and Austin Leibfried (above) will be two key members of Mount Horeb’s boys basketball team this winter. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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pletely new.

“He will need to learn to stay within his game and not force things and not get frustrated. He will have ample teammates that are good enough to benefit and exploit this strategy and he is OK with that. He is a good teammate and wants team success so I don’t anticipate a problem.”

Manchester will have plenty of help, as senior guard Nick Vorwald, junior guard Zach Maguire and senior post Austin Leibfried all return to the starting lineup.

Vorwald was third on the team in scoring at 11.2 points per game last year and earned honorable-mention all-conference honors. Vorwald also averaged 4.0 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game.

Vorwald is currently being recruited by UW-Oshkosh, UW-Platteville, UW-La Crosse and Viterbo, and Nesheim is expecting him to have a terrific final year.

“Nick is primed to have a breakout season,” Nesheim said. “He has worked extremely hard this off season.

“He has had a fantastic off-season shooting the ball, driving to the lane and finishing, and rebounding the ball. I expect Nick to challenge for a first team all-conference spot.”

Maguire also earned honorable-mention all-conference honors last year when he led the Vikings with 6.6 rebounds per game and averaged 7.7 points per contest. He added 1.3 steals and 1.3 assists.

“Zach was a really good

player for us last year as a sophomore,” Nesheim said. “I think this is the kid that will surprise many opponents with how good he is and will become.

“He too can score from inside and out. He has a chance to be our leading rebounder again this year. He will benefit offensively from teams focusing on Nick and Josh.”

The 6-foot-5 Leibfried, a University of Indiana football recruit, gives the Vikings size and toughness.

“Austin was a big AAU guy and kind of a basketball kid growing up,” Nesheim said of Leibfried, who averaged 6.6 points per game last year. “The last few summers have been focused on football — rightfully so.

“We need Austin to be an inside presence and take a step in finishing around the rim this year. He will get plenty of opportunities and he needs to shoot a high percentage and get to the foul line.”

Junior forward Griffin Hannah, who came off the bench and averaged 3.0 points last year, could slide into the starting lineup.

“Griffin looks to be our fifth starter,” Nesheim said. “(His) older brother Torin is an alum and now playing at UW-La Crosse brings a similar game. Explosive athlete who will help us with dribble penetration and kick action. Also a good rebounder and can play near the rim.”

If Hannah doesn’t start, sophomore point guard Kam Nesheim likely will. The Vikings graduated point guard Zach Peter and must replace that ball handling.

“The benefit of having Nesheim start is that al-

lows Manchester to not have to play point guard,” Todd Nesheim said. “(Kam) Nesheim is a great passer and immediately makes his teammates better with those skills and his ability to see the floor and anticipate what’s coming. He is a solid on ball defender as well.”

Senior guard Landon Ellestad, junior forward Owen Aeschlimann, and junior guard Chris Kiel — a trio that all shined playing wide receiver during the football season — will now look to carve out roles on the hardwood.

“Landon Ellestad has had a very solid off-season and has regained some confidence in his shot with some hard work,” Todd Nesheim said. “Always a tenacious on ball defender, Ellestad looks to help out in other ways this season. He had an outstanding football season

and that will help him on the basketball court as well.

“Owen contributed last year as sophomore reserve. Another kid who had a great football season and looks to carry that confidence onto the basketball floor. Owen did a pretty good job last season of hitting some three’s for us and will look to expand his game this season.

“Chris Kiel is the third of the wide receiver trio who will help make an impact on the basketball court. A strong point guard who will look to bring a defensive intensity to the floor. Chris is capable of knocking down an occasional shot, as well.”

Senior guards Colton Martin and Will Ryan, along with sophomore center Hayden Anderson will look to get some minutes as reserves, as well.

“Colton received the most

valuable teammate last season as a junior reserve,” Todd Nesheim said. “He is capable of getting hot and knocking down some three’s. His most valuable attribute is his personality and positive energy.

“Will is coming off a missed junior basketball season due to injury. He is another valuable teammate because his teammates love him. He can bring a ‘run through the wall’ mentality to the court.

“Hayden Anderson brings his imposing 6-foot-5 frame to the team as a sophomore. Hayden will be the big of the future and will likely get mostly JV minutes and some key back up minutes to Leibfried.”

Stoughton and Mount Horeb will be picked by most to capture the Badger Small. The Vikings’ sectional, which now includes

three-time Division 2 state champion Pewaukee, will be brutal, too.

But Nesheim believes Mount Horeb has enough firepower to compete for a league title — and a trip to state, as well.

“The strength of this team will be its shooting/scoring ability,” he said. “I also think this should be a very good rebounding team after a disappointing effort last year overall.

“Chemistry tends to always be a strength for us and I do see that happening again with this group. Ball handling will be the biggest question mark only because we lost a veteran point guard last season. I do think that the trio of Manchester, Nesheim, and Kiel will handle things just fine.”

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and will continue to work hard in practice playing defense with our bodies, not hands,” Leibfried said. “Lots of things to work on, but all correctable mistakes. “The girls played hard. We have leg injuries to three of our seniors that have affected their shooting, so hopefully those heal soon and we can get them back on track. “We did not struggle with their three-quarters court 1-3-1 (defense), which is one of their staple defenses over the past few successful seasons. That is encouraging early in the season as we will see that again.”

- Mount Horeb 50, Stoughton 47 — The Vikings bounced back with a big road win last Friday. Monroe had a big game with 21 points and 10 rebounds, while Matthews

added nine points and Ava Kolb had eight. Mount Horeb trimmed its turnovers to 16 and knocked down 10 three-pointers. “If we can keep (turnovers) in the low teens that will help us win games,” Leibfried said. “We shot the ball much better. We knew we would get good looks from the perimeter because they play pack line defense and 2-3 zone. Once again our kids played hard and gave us everything they had. I could not be prouder of their effort.” Mount Horeb had a chance to ice the game with free throws down the stretch, but went just 1-of-4 from the line in the last 15 seconds. That allowed Stoughton a chance to tie the game at the buzzer, but its final shot missed. “We had fouls to give and tried to foul, but it’s so early in the season so we have not worked on it yet and we didn’t execute coming out of the timeout,” Leibfried said. “We will go through that situation in practice this week and learn from it. “It’s hard to win on the road in this conference. The coaches and players were very happy on the ride home.”



Ella Fager (left) and Maren Johnson (above) helped Mount Horeb’s girls basketball team split a pair of games last week. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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WisPolitics: 2025 state Supreme Court race already taking shape

It's never too early to start talking about an election. Especially when considering what could be at stake.

While much of the attention in Wisconsin is focusing on the run-up to November 2024, moves are already being made for the 2025 state Supreme Court election.

That includes former Republican attorney general and current Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Brad Schimel starting to put out feelers about a run for the Supreme Court in spring 2025.

Seventy-three-year-old liberal Justice Ann Walsh Bradley — still getting a taste of what it's like to be in the majority for the first time in 15 years — has already said she plans to seek a fourth 10-year term in 2025. And why wouldn't she? Liberals are on a winning streak in state Supreme Court races, the state Democratic Party is coming off an

election in which it proved to be a financial powerhouse for Janet Protasiewicz .

Plus the power of incumbency is huge in Supreme Court races.

Over the last six decades, Louis Butler — appointed to the court by then-Democrat Gov. Jim Doyle — is the only sitting justice to have lost a race. Whether Bradley would serve the full 10-year term is the subject of much speculation. The state Constitution only allows one Supreme Court contest a year. So if Bradley won in 2025 and decided to step away at some point, the earliest her governor-appointed replacement could face the voters is 2031, insiders note. And that time on the bench would be a huge boost for an appointee — should that kind of transition come to pass.

But before insiders get carried away with their parlor game of what ifs, conservatives would like a shot at flipping back con-

trol of the court by beating Bradley. Enter Schimel. A source with knowledge of the former AG's thinking says Schimel has been traveling the circuit in recent months with an eye toward a possible Supreme Court bid. And conservatives say there are some obvious reasons why he'd be a strong candidate. He's run statewide before and won. He's got a fundraising network. And he's got conservative bona fides that would make the base happy. Yes, he'd be more of a partisan candidate than any other Supreme Court contender going back to possibly Bill Bablitch, who was a sitting Democrat state senator when he was elected.

But the April race blew away any remaining facade of state Supreme Court contests being nonpartisan with Protasiewicz's approach to the campaign, some say. She rewrote the playbook on how to approach a race to

ensure your base is fired up, and you can expect Republicans to go with a similar plan in the future.

Meanwhile, insiders note Schimel's biggest drawback is simple. While he's run statewide, he also lost statewide. And there are plenty of political opinions that he laid out between his time in the AG's office and as the Waukesha County DA that could be used against him. Most of the other names being tossed around come out of Waukesha County. That includes 2nd District Court of Appeals Judge Maria Lazar, a former Waukesha County Circuit Court judge who worked at DOJ under Schimel. She tells WisPolitics she's flattered about talk of her running "but I've made no decision." Insiders note the ties between Schimel and Lazar and question whether both would get into the race.

Fellow 2nd District Court of Appeals Judge Shelley

Grogan appeared headed for a state Supreme Court bid after she knocked off an appointee of Dem Gov. Tony Evers in 2021 as she won an appellate spot. But she burned some bridges in conservative circles this past spring with the way she went after Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Dorow as a surrogate for former Justice Daniel Kelly. Dorow went into that race with a lot of buzz among conservatives over her handling of the Waukesha Christmas Parade trial.

But the attacks from Grogan and other Kelly supporters, along with those fired by liberals ahead of the primary, took their toll, some say. Some believe Dorow was taken aback by the attacks, possibly giving her second thoughts about another run in the near future. Democrats also say there was a lot more in her background that never got brought up on the campaign

trail because Kelly made it through to the General Election. Besides, insiders note, Dorow has a reelection bid for her circuit court seat on her plate in spring 2024.

The conservative field to take on Bradley will shake out by this summer, some expect. More than likely, you'll see an announcement by someone before the fall election really kicks into high gear. Then they'll recede from the spotlight a bit to line up donors and hit the ground running after the dust settles from the November 2024 election.

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PICKLEBALL

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pandemic, the courts where the new pickleball courts [are, at Viking Park next to the middle school] were not in very good condition. They had been patched," she said.

Viking Park was first developed in the 1970s as a joint venture between the village and the school district. The five-acre facility is located between the Middle School and the Intermediate Center and also includes a basketball court and a softball/youth baseball field.

Ferris added how the pickleball club decided to be the ones to spark a change.

"Because of this, the club started to lobby the Mount Horeb Horeb Parks, Recre-

ation and Forestry Commission to re-do the courts, and it took us over two years to move through the process for the village to finally budget for it," she said.

The project cost was more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Jeff Ingebritsen, another member of the Mount Horeb Pickleball Club, added how there were a multitude of meetings to get the project going.

"A lot of meetings were needed between our group and the village to convince the village that this was something that needed to be done," he said.

Ferris and Ingebritsen created the group that is now called MOHOP (Mount Horeb Pickleball), which has over 100 people on the

mailing list.

Ingebritsen said that after forming their group, they joined the local Chamber of Commerce and have since started receiving contributions from local businesses.

Ingebritsen also mentioned that pickleball is an intergenerational sport, and it is great exercise for anyone of any age.

Ferris and Ingebritsen said they are excited they are for the future of pickleball, especially in Mount Horeb.

"I am extremely excited to see what the future holds for us," Ingebritsen said. "Whether it is a boost to the local economy with tournaments held at the courts, or just the locals playing, it will be great to see what is to come."

Pickleball is for just about anyone, of any age, say its supporters. The high school has a physical education unit dedicated to pickleball that was previously only offered in winter, but it now can be played year-round.

Jeff Gorman, Mount

Horeb Public Services director, says the Village of Mount Horeb and the school district worked together to see what would meet the needs of the school curriculum.

Gorman added that the Mount Horeb Recreation Department will continue to offer pickleball.

"We will continue to offer an indoor, winter pickleball program, as well as potentially working with the local pickleball group on programs in the future," he said.

For those who would rather play tennis than pickleball, Gorman says there are two tennis courts still open at the park, and it will benefit everyone.

"Keeping two tennis courts will continue to meet the needs of the school district's physical education program, as well as the community's need for tennis," he said.

He added how the six new pickleball courts will help meet the community's needs for pickleball, and that

an additional four pickleball courts can be set up temporarily on the two tennis courts, which "may be helpful for potential pickleball tournaments in the future."

Dr. Steve Salerno, Mount Horeb Area School District Superintendent, is equally amazed by the pickleball project.

"Pickleball is an amazing sport, and it is continuing to grow throughout the country," he said. "There are a lot of people interested in the community, and the tennis courts needed to be redone anyways, so this was a perfect way to make it a win-win for everyone."

Salerno went on to say he was very proud of everyone involved, and it was a great example of people working together to make sure everyone's needs are met.

He also added how some people may perceive the project as mainly done by the village, but there are so many more people involved.

"The village and school district came together to make it all work flawlessly," he said.

Mount Horeb High School physical education teacher Todd Nesheim gave a lot of credit to the pickleball club for their hard work.

"The pickleball club is really the reason this is happening," Nesheim said. "They are the people behind the push for this."

He added that the club came to the physical education department a couple years ago with the vision to make the tennis courts into more of a pickleball facility.

Nesheim said the change will take some time to get used to.

"For us, tennis is a huge unit for physical education," he said. "Between the three physical education teachers at the high school, it is a nine week unit in the fall, and a nine week unit in the spring, so eliminating tennis courts for us was a pretty big deal."

"Pickleball is a huge sport worldwide, so for the people of Mount Horeb to make a push for something like this to happen, I think it is quite something, and the future looks very bright," Nesheim concluded.

NOTICE OF ELECTION APRIL 2, 2024

STATE OF WISCONSIN
VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Mount Horeb, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following officers are to be elected:

VILLAGE BOARD

TWO TRUSTEES, each for a term of three years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on April 16, 2024:

Village Trustee	Marc Schellpfeffer
Village Trustee	Tim White

MUNICIPAL JUDGE

A MUNICIPAL JUDGE, serving the Village of Mount Horeb and Towns of Perry, Primrose, Vermont, and Springdale, for a term of four years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on May 1, 2024:

Municipal Judge	Joanne Morey
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Multi-jurisdictional Judge Candidates should file with the Dane County Clerk, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 106A, Madison, WI 53703.

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 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Nominations must be filed in the office of the Village Clerk, 138 E Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. For additional information, call the village clerk at 437-9404.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUNDS NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION April 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the Village of Blue Mounds, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for village trustees will begin on April 20, 2024. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village Trustee	Jim Frame
Village Trustee	Rick Kelly

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a village caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled between December 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024. The caucus will be held on a between January 2nd and January 21st. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village of Blue Mounds
on November 22, 2023.
Mary Jo Michek, Village Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION TOWN OF VERMONT APRIL 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Vermont, 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 16, 2024.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Town Board Supervisor Seat 2	Nick Balster
Town Board Supervisor Seat 4	Doug Meier

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2021 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 4, in the office of the town clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, Feb 20.

Done in the Town of Vermont
Nov 23, 2023
Kathryn Zelle, clerk

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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 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election to be held in the Mount Horeb Area School District on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 29, 2024, and expiring on April 26, 2027.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
School Board Member	Rod Hise
School Board Member	Jim Myers

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the office of the School District Clerk, and can be obtained at the School District Office, 1304 East Lincoln Street, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin 53572.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

A description of the School District boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the Village of Mount Horeb
on November 1, 2023
/s/ Leah Lipska, Clerk
Mount Horeb Area School District

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Sections 60.12(1)(c) and 60.10(1)(a)WI statutes the Vermont Town Board shall hold a public hearing regarding the 2024 operating budget. The hearing will be at Town Hall, located at 4017 County Road JJ, Black Earth, WI. All interested persons are invited to attend and speak to the Board or provide written comments in advance.

The budget in detail may be inspected in person by appointment at Town Hall. Additionally, a copy of the budget is available on the town website. The following is a summary of the proposed 2024 budget:

Town of Vermont Two Year Budget Summary					
	2023 Budgeted	2023 to 10/31/23	2023 Projected	% Change to 2024	2024 Budgeted
Revenue					
Total Taxes	510,899.00	514,542.34	514,542.34	2.75%	524,956.00
Special Assessments	3,550.00	3,691.98	3,691.98	0.00%	3,550.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	123,932.87	118,055.88	123,932.87	34.03%	166,105.40
Licenses & Permits	12,970.00	6,660.75	12,970.00	-45.88%	7,020.00
Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Public Charges for Services	518.00	808.00	808.00	0.00%	518.00
Intergovernmental Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,180.00	20,913.23	20,913.23	1679.82%	38,800.00
Other Financing Sources	116,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Total Revenue	770,049.87	664,672.18	676,858.42		740,949.40
Debt as of January 1, 2023	49,063.41				
Debt as of January 1, 2024 estimated	37,347.57				

	2023 Budgeted	2023 to 10/31/23	2023 Projected	% Change to 2024	2024 Budgeted
Expenses					
General Government	79,655.82	73,484.63	79,655.82	2.68%	81,793.06
Public Safety	137,020.73	137,020.73	137,020.73	9.65%	150,238.68
Public Works	414,335.39	346,629.16	404,720.70	-21.99%	323,241.97
Health & Human Services	8,732.00	8,707.18	8,732.00	9.67%	9,576.00
Culture, Recreation & Education	2,000.00	1,485.91	1,485.91	0.00%	2,000.00
Conservation & Development	10,762.32	13,634.26	13,634.26	32.68%	14,279.13
Capital Outlay	116,000.00	-	-		-
Debt Service	-	-	-		-
Other Financing Uses	-	-	-		-
Reserve Fund & Contingency Fund	1,543.61	-	-		159,820.56
Minimum Operating Balance	-	-	-		-
Total Expenses	770,049.87	580,961.87	645,249.42	-9.00%	740,949.40

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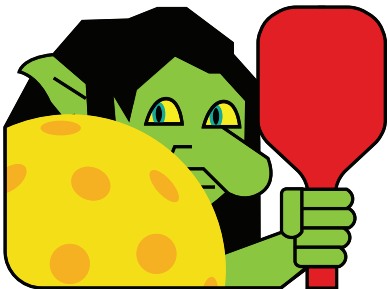
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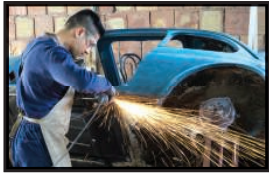
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