

The Mount Horeb Fire Department & EMS Departments hosted a few other regional volunteer fire departments in a Christmas parade down Main Street of Mount Horeb. The parade was followed by the 34th Annual Lighting of the Tree at Grandma Foster Park. Santa, with the Grinch at his side, used Truck 1 to light this year's Christmas tree. This amazing rig has a 2016 Pierce Quantum platform, a 85-foot ladder, 1500 GPM pump, and a 500 gallon tank. The gathered families seemed to be enthralled as Santa was lifted and then extended over them. Photo by Ron Lutz II.



The Rural Mutual Insurance team celebrates new Main Street location

Insurance Agent Jared Nelson and his team at Rural Mutual Insurance in Mount Horeb welcomed members of the business community, clients, friends, and family through the doors of their new location on Mount Horeb’s Main Street on November 8. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and cake and celebrated the new location with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Located at 327 W Main Street, Rural Mutual moved into their current location, a historic red house, after many years at another location on Main Street. The office offers agriculture and farm insurance, business insurance, auto insurance, home insurance, and life insurance. Nelson is also a volunteer firefighter and ambulance crew member for Fire Department of Mount Horeb.

Here in Mount Horeb, giving is a holiday tradition

Neighbors come together



Rotary members Jim Burns, Bob Johnson and Peggy Zalucha were joined by Tim Steinhauer as part of the crew that delivered meals to seniors and others around the area.

One of Mount Horeb’s most beloved traditions happened again this year, when Mount Horeb Rotary and friends delivered about 75 Thanksgiving meals to people who can’t go out for the holiday.

It’s a true community effort that begins with Lynn Forshaug at the Senior Center and Dixie Burns of Rotary making lists of who needs a meal. Neighbors Helping Neighbors pays for the meals. If you’d like to contribute to this and other efforts to help neighbors over the holidays, you can donate at the neighbors website or send a check to:

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P.O. Box 196, Mount Horeb, WI 53572

This year, the holiday cooking was done by the chefs at Hi Point Steakhouse. Co-owner Coz Skaife said the restaurant’s commercial kitchen was already cooking Thanksgiving for the people at the Porchlight shelter in Madison, so adding on another 75 meals was not a problem.

Since an electrical fire damaged the steakhouse on July 23, the Skaifes have kept their full time staff employed by using the kitchen in the separate event center to make meals for Porchlight.

Hi Point Steakhouse reopened after Thanksgiving, with a newly renovated restaurant that features a cozy hearth fireplace separating the new, larger dining room from the bar, which has been moved to the west end of the building.

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SKÅL

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now scale back and focus on drinks and appetizers, eschewing its lengthy dinner menu. December 17 will be Skål’s final day as a full-scale restaurant. After that, the food offerings will be trimmed down to include solely appetizers, while they focus on craft beer, cocktails and other drinks. They plan to be open Fridays (from 5 p.m. tp midnight) and Saturdays (from noon to midnight).

He said he was seriously considering moving to another community earlier this year but ultimately opted to stay. Selling the business remains an option in the future, he added.

LaDow went on to say he hoped to keep the entire operation running through the winter, but business had

slowed and he had to reduce Skål’s offerings in order to stay viable. “We really wanted to make it through the holidays for our staff, but the last thing we wanted was to get to a point where we can’t make payroll,” he said.

They will also continue to operate their axe-throwing room, as well. December and January are two of the busiest months for indoor axe-tossing.

LaDow spent much of his time running the restaurant fighting for the ability to use the public alleyway, which is located next to the building, for outdoor dining. During the initial COVID-19 outbreak, the village relaxed enforcement of various laws and guidelines to allow businesses to stay open by serving customers outdoors while indoor dining was banned by county govern-

ment. The “Streatery” program that emerged was so successful, however, that LaDow said outdoor dining became an integral component of Skål’s financial success, eventually making up 30 percent of the restaurant’s revenue. The ensuing years saw LaDow, some of his neighbors and village leaders engage in fairly passionate debates – one village trustee referred to it as “quite a ruckus” - about if and how Skål could use the alley without conflicting with the wishes of nearby businesses (and state law*). Critics of the outdoor dining area, particularly Trail This Bike Shop, said it effectively closed a public street that they needed for deliveries. LaDow said much of the criticism was unfounded and that the many people who loved his outdoor seating area were not listened to.

But while the alley generated quite a few strong opinions on both sides, two things were never in question: LaDow’s passion for his business, and the fact that customers enjoying food and drinks in the alleyway next to Skål, where LaDow went to great lengths to create a pleasant atmosphere. “It was a hit,” he said. “It was a huge hit.”

In 2022, village leaders, visibly weary of listening to local business owners debate the issue in government meetings, instructed Skål and its neighbors to come up with a compromise that would allow some form of outdoor dining to remain – at least temporarily - without restricting access for traffic or violating existing laws.

When a long-term compromise couldn’t be reached, LaDow says it dealt a seri-

ous blow to Skål.

“It removed our biggest selling point for most of the summer,” he lamented. “When you have 30 percent of your sales in an area, and it becomes such a marketable space, you can’t just flip a switch.”

While frustrated by the outcome of the alleyway saga, which LaDow said blew up into “something bigger than it was,” he also expressed gratitude for the support Skål has received from customers, and for the many workers who made up its growing staff in recent years. “We were always really lucky with our staff,” he said.

For now, Skål isn’t going away. It’s merely changing the scope of what it does. LaDow said he’s not entirely sure what will happen next, but he hopes people will continue to visit for drinks,

appetizers, and perhaps some axe throwing.

“Really, our plan is to keep the bar open and go back to what we originally wanted to do,” he said. “We’re just going to try to find some degree of normalcy and see what happens.”

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BLED SOE

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acclaimed author in their midst.

Alex Bledsoe has called the Troll Capital of the World home throughout much of his career, cranking out tales that blend reality and magic in ways that often defy common tropes and trends. His newest work, an audiobook anthology that includes stories old and new, is called, “Give the People What They Want and Other Stories of Sharp Wit, Cunning Women, and Wild Magic.” Published by Skyboat Media, it’s a chance to see Bledsoe’s writing evolve, both over the years and through various genres, while also providing a rollicking new novella about zombies and the people who fight them.

Bledsoe recently took the time to answer our questions about giving the people what they want, and keeping them guessing, often at the very same same time.

Q: *First of all, how did this collection get started? It’s pretty eclectic, right?*

A: I’ve worked with Skyboat Media’s Stefan Rudnicki on the audiobooks for all my novels, and it was his idea that we do a short-story collection exclusively for audio. I knew I wanted to, as the title says, give people what they want, which meant some Eddie LaCrosse, some Tufa, and some Firefly Witch, the last of which have gone out of print. I also saw it as a home for my novella, “The Last First Zombie.” In between, there’s a smattering of other stories, some of which have been published, some not. And they even coerced me into reading the introduction, so I apologize in advance for my weak-voiced drawl.

Q: *Eddie LaCrosse. Tufa etc. You’ve created some very beloved and lived-in worlds over the course of your career. What’s it like to go back to these people and*

places?

A: Oh, it’s always fun. I’ve already done the heavy lifting of the world-building, so it’s an awful lot like going back to a favorite playground. Especially Eddie LaCrosse: I can drop into his head and voice instantly. In an ideal world, all I’d write would be Eddie and the Tufa (which sounds like a band).

Q: *This is sort of related to the prior question, but... You just published a great novel (Dandelion) a year ago. It was very Bledsoian in some ways, but also something a bit fresh/new for you. What does the guy who wrote your newest stuff think of the author who wrote some of your earlier stories?*

A: I was pleasantly surprised that the old stuff held up as well as it did. I mean, yeah, there are parts that made me wince—specifically, a character I referred to explicitly as forty years old, and then later called “the old man”—but overall, I didn’t have to fix too much. I was determined not to rewrite anything that had been previously published, because that way lies

madness. If it was the best I could do at the time I wrote it, and somebody liked it enough to print it, I considered it finished. Otherwise, I’d still be revising.

Q: *Audiobooks are exploding in popularity right now. It’s incredible how many people consume stories that way. Does the way your fans consume your work matter at all to you as an artist? In other words, could it change the way you write in the future?*

A: I don’t think so. I don’t care how anyone gets my stories, as long as it’s not pirated. Audio, ebook, print, they’re all fine with me. And I don’t know that, beyond certain technical things, there’s any real difference in writing for the various mediums. A good story is a good story, whatever format it’s in.

Q: *“Mack’s Last Rhino” jumped out at me when I saw the stories in “Give the People What They Want.” Mostly because I love that story. For people who haven’t read it, can you talk about that one?*

A: That was inspired by

the nonfiction of Peter Hathaway Capstick, author of “Death in the Long Grass,” “Death in the Silent Places,” and other death-related titles. He was a stockbroker who abruptly chucked it all and went to Africa to be a safari guide. He’s hunted everything, and had the kind of adventures you couldn’t make up. It’s a deliberately old-fashioned story that I wrote in the 1990s, and probably wouldn’t write today; there’s no readership for big-game hunting stories anymore. But as you know, it’s not really about hunting, it’s about going out in the way you want.

Q: *Is the Last First Zombie the piece I read a few years ago when you were still working on it? If so, it’s one of my all-time favorites of yours. It’s full of humor and expertly paced. Tell us a bit about that story, without giving too much away....*

A: Yep, that’s the one you read. I love zombie stories, and I’d always wanted to write one, but it took me this long to come up with an idea that hadn’t been done. It’s a story that takes place at both the beginning of the zombie apocalypse, and the end. I suppose it bears

the marks of my longtime George Romero fandom by slipping in some social commentary, but I hope not enough to get in the way of the fun. It does contain one of my favorite acronyms, though, which I’m not going to spoil.

Q: *Anything else you want people to know?*

A: This collection contains the very first short story I ever got published, “The Chill in the Air Wakes the Ghosts Off the Ground,” and the most recent one, “The Castle in the Pines.” So, you get a sense of how far (or not) I’ve come in the intervening thirty years.

MOUNT HOREB
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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@mhasd.k12.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.

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Sustainability Notes



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From The Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee



By Tim White
Special to the Mail

Reflecting on our first year

Mount Horeb added a sustainability committee to our Village government in December 2022. There was no lack of passionate residents who wished to give their talents and ideas to the Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee (SNR). One year later we review the accomplishments and envision future ideas. Your continued citizen input is appreciated and welcomed!

Our first order of business was to create a mission statement. The SNR Mission Statement is: “To collaborate

with our Village residents to create and expand sustainability practices which are inclusive, safe, and resilient, and improve quality of life for current and future generations who call Mount Horeb home; to advocate and promote sustainable Village policies and practices and seek innovative solutions while recognizing the interdependence of environmental quality, economic resiliency and growth, and social equity. The Mount Horeb SNR Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the Village, and act in the long-term interests of environmental and economic sustainability for the Village.”

The SNR meets the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Seeking public input to prioritize our actions, the SNR surveyed over 900 Village residents. Comments and responses gleaned from these surveys have helped focus our discussions and actions. Some became agenda items for the SNR, while other items came from SNR members.

We recommended items to the entire Village Board for their consideration, while other items were further developed by ad-hoc subcommittees. The ad-hoc committees brought more information to the entire SNR for further discussion and consideration. You can view all past agendas and items of discussion on the Village webpage.

SNR recommendations the Village Board has acted on are (1) establishing a Village membership with Sustain Dane, (2) a Village no mow may policy, (3) enacting a pollinator and natural

landscaping ordinance, (4) commitment to participating in a federal solar advocacy program, and (5) issuing a proclamation to recognize local climate champions.

One of the SNR’s goals is to provide public programming, and we held two public programs our first year. Highlighting a partnership forged with Sustain Dane, one event celebrated local Climate Champions. Another event, presented by the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change, highlighted federal Inflation Reduction Act funding for renewable energy and energy saving actions. In 2024, the SNR will host public programs on residential solar and composting.

One goal of the SNR is to reduce our community’s carbon footprint. We are now working to obtain a certified designation from the federal SolSmart program. Our aim is to offset our municipal en-

ergy use and encourage and empower residents to do the same. A subcommittee is working closely with the Village Administrator and the Electrical Supervisor to obtain designation in this SolSmart program. We have already enacted many of the best practices requirements needed for advancing solar energy in the Village.

SNR Committee members have many diverse interests and backgrounds in sustainable practices. We learn so much from one another through our discussions and actions. We contact outside sources and organizations to research topics. Our discoveries have found great sustainable ideas for Mount Horeb to adopt. We take pride in our amazing community, and we have a keen interest in how surrounding municipalities approach sustainability issues. Nine other Dane County communities have established

Sustainability Committees. As our SNR works to craft a Mount Horeb Sustainability Plan, we look to the work of others to provide inspiration and incorporate their best practices.

Village residents can track the SNR actions through archived meeting videos and agenda packets on the Village website. We publish monthly columns in the *Mount Horeb Mail*, such as the one you are currently reading. Thank you *Mount Horeb Mail* for the community outreach! We have presented information to various local civic groups. We have forged strong partnerships within the community. The Village will continue to attend to today’s challenges, while committing to pass on the quality of life we have enjoyed to future generations. Our SNR committee is committed to help pass on that future promise.

Letters to the Editor

Library bill would create an unneeded burden

Back in 1956, I was thrilled to get a library card from the old Carnegie Library in my northern Wisconsin hometown, Rice Lake. Sixty-seven years later, I’m proud to serve on the board of Mount Horeb’s superb public library. Consequently, I was baffled and dismayed this week when State Senator Romaine Quinn, who represents my hometown, introduced a frivolous punitive bill proposing that libraries notify parents of their children’s book checkouts.

Wisconsin statutes al-

ready require 1) that parents/guardians of children under 16 be present when their child acquires a library card, and 2) parents/guardians of children under 16 have the right to request access to their child’s checkout records.

Senator Quinn’s bill falsely implies libraries don’t do what they’ve been doing for years regarding recognition of parents’ rights. Parents concerned about what their children read need only exercise existing rights. Rather than expecting parents to be parents, Senator Quinn’s bill, if enacted, will require considerable unnecessary labor, infrastructure, and expense for libraries. Since he isn’t also proposing adequate funding for these costs, his

bill emerges as an attempt to further burden strapped libraries at a time when he and like-minded legislators relentlessly neglect community services, especially schools and libraries, while favoring massive tax cuts unfairly benefitting the wealthy.

Jim Leary
Mount Horeb

Olson voices concern over school district Pride flag

Are you happy that the Mount Horeb Area School District (MHASD) has given preferential treatment to one group of people by flying the Pride flag during the month of June? They have been doing this on school flagpoles below the United States and Wisconsin flags for the last couple of years. I and many others are not happy with this display on public property, so I addressed the issue with Dr. Salerno and the District’s Board of Education. I reached out to them via emails, phone calls

and speaking at District Board meetings over the last several months. Their responses, or lack thereof, have been quite revealing. All is not well with the MHASD. In their effort to be welcoming to a small segment of the populace, these leaders are discriminating against many others.

The District’s Mission Statement of being welcome to all is good, and something with which most everyone should agree. The problem is with the liberties the MHASD has taken with its implementation. First, it is unfair to provide such exclusive recognition to just the Pride folks with their flag and not provide equity for any other groups or themes. Second, it is inappropriate for the District to be advocating for what the Pride flag represents and not be providing equity for heterosexual lifestyles. Keep in mind that this is public property that we are talking about. Private businesses and residences can do whatever they wish, but public institutions are supposed to be fair and unbiased.

These MHASD leaders have stated to me that we just have a difference of opinion on the Pride flag, and they are doing what the community wants based upon their outreach efforts. I contend that their opinion on the Pride flag is neglecting to consider the impact

that it has upon the whole community, that nowhere in their outreach efforts is flying the Pride flag mentioned, and furthermore, they are in violation of their own regulations and policies for flying this flag.

Reference MHASD Administrative Regulations Code 323A that states “on rare occasions” flags may be flown. It also requires a written request from a sponsor so I asked Salerno for a copy of the Pride flag request for 2023 and previous years, but he would not provide any records. Sounds like preferential treatment!

The District’s decision to fly the Pride flag disregards their DEI policies. Where is their consideration for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of all of the other groups or themes that would like to receive the recognition that the District is giving to the Pride flag? I asked the District’s leadership on numerous occasions to cease flying the Pride flag for they are doing more harm than good. Salerno said they would continue to fly the Pride flag and given the current makeup of the Board, there would not be any change in direction.

They cannot hide behind the curtain. This is not Oz and there is not any wizard. The Board and Administrators are only regular folks who happen to be in a position making decisions that

impact our lives. If we do not like their decisions, it is our responsibility to advise them of such, because they do work for us. I strongly encourage people to email, and phone the MHASD Board members and Administrators and participate in their meetings. They need to hear from the silent majority.

William Olson
Mount Horeb

Thompson family thanks Hands All Around Quilt Guild

The Thompson Family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Hands All Around Quilt Guild for the love, compassion, and abundance of talent displayed at the November 9th presentation of project completed with Mom’s (Sue Thompson) supplies. She loved quilting and she loved the members of her quilting guild. Seeing her projects spring to life and wrapping our heads around the depth and reach of these efforts was truly a blessing. We are humbled and honored by your efforts and extend our appreciation to everyone involved.

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GEIGER Counter

by Matt Geiger, Editor



Like riding a bike

As we cleaned out our garage the other day, we came across a bike that’s too small for our nine-year-old daughter. I sighed and looked at her.

“Remember when you first learned to ride a bike?” I asked, summoning that summer day under a canopy of walnut and maple trees, on a trail of crushed limestone where she tried, again and again, to stay upright and pedal at the same time.

“Yeah,” Hadley replied. “Do you remember what you said to me?”

“No,” I said. “What did I say?”

“I was sad because I couldn’t do it, and you said: ‘*Yet*. You can’t do it *Yet*.’”

I have no recollection of saying that to my daughter. It sounds like the kind of thing I might write in my column, with the benefit of several hours and much philosophical contemplation. But in real life and real time, I am never, ever that clever. My memory of the day Hadley learned to ride a bike is of saying, “Oh, God! Watch out for that tree!” “Wow, that’s a lot of blood!” and, my personal favorite, “Aaagghh!” I also recall swallowing a hearty banquet of swears as she tipped over, again and again. But then, she did eventually roll away, breaking whatever spell binds people to the ground.

I fully remember the first time she stayed up long enough to feel it, that sense of balance and speed and

freedom, and how quickly, after that, she was riding all over the place without a care in the world. Learning to walk seems to take forever, but riding a bike happens in the blink of an eye. It seems, as she ages, that everything happens faster and faster, that every new moment is fleeter and more fickle. All the more reason to really pay attention.

I also remember, a few days later, when we were riding our bikes to the Grumpy Troll together, looking forward to a chocolate milk and a beer, when she wiped out under a bridge on that same gravel path. When you have a little kid, you always have band-aids in your pockets, and I remember how prepared I felt when I brushed some small stones out of the wound in her little knee and applied that Dora the Explorer bandage.

“There,” I said. “All better.” As far as I know, band-aids do nothing to treat pain or speed up the healing process, but the general idea, when you put one on your kid, is to briefly touch the wound, utter a couple kind words, and move on.

But as children get older,

it grows increasingly difficult to carry the tools you will need to help them when they fall down.

That bike path is a former railroad. It has carried people and their things far and wide. (Well, considering the nature of railways, I guess more far than wide.) But we are always moving, always trying to stay upright, and often falling down. Our species never stays in one place for long. We are nomads at heart.

Small children fall down all the time, and it’s widely considered a temporary malady. Something they will grow out of. “You can’t walk *yet*!” you tell them, because you know that someday, their legs will carry them to and from every job and person and idea that has meaning to them. For a brief period in the middle of our lives, most of our tumbles are psychological. We fall economically, emotionally, domestically, parentally, professionally and spiritually. These accidents are much harder to see from the outside than a little girl crashing into a ditch on a blue bike. And they can feel difficult to bandage.

People of faith get down on purpose, even in the prime of life. Prostration is common in prayer in nearly every religion, from Islam and Buddhism and Hinduism to Christianity, Jainism, Sikhism and beyond. People feel they must bow in order to reach something so high above them.

But for most of your journey, you continue moving, telling yourself, “*Yet*. I haven’t gotten a promotion *yet*. I haven’t found true love *yet*. I haven’t figured out how to be a good parent *yet*. I don’t understand why I am here, *yet*.”

Then, as people reach the next phase of life, the falls once again become physical. And while, if my father told me he slipped and fell on a slippery patch of ice 20 years ago, I would have laughed gleefully at him, if he tells me that now, at the age of 74, my only logical follow up questions are either “How many of your hips broke?” or the more direct, “Did you die?”

“Yet” is a wonderful and horrible word. It can mean many things, like most good words, and it hints magically at the infinite. People in Wis-

consin use “yet” differently than people anywhere else in the United States, too. Many English speakers throughout the country use yet in negative cases. “I’m not home yet.” In many places, people say “yet” to mean “but” or nevertheless.”

But Wisconsinites actually use it as a synonym for the word “still” in positive instances. “I’m at the cheese store yet,” they say, meaning they are still shopping for cheese. People don’t talk like that anywhere else, I promise. It’s one of the many quirks that make this place unique.

Yet the world is always changing. And nothing lasts forever. It’s a gift and a curse. People who are suffering from depression are often reminded to think about the fact that all suffering is temporary. But of course, so is all joy. Every journey has a destination. Every prayer must end. Every bike eventually becomes too small, or your knees creak too much to turn the pedals. But no matter where you are on your journey, try to remember that nothing lasts forever, and you aren’t dead yet.

Gleanings

By **BARB JOHNSON**
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- Dec. 7, 1893

A. G. Paulson is very lonesome these days.

It is said that Hans Hegaard was taken to the poor house yesterday.

Mr. Burchell will not keep his barber shop open on Sundays, after this.

Now bring in your hides and get what they are worth in exchange for harness, blankets, robes, or anything in my line. J.N. Dahlen

The young ladies society met at the parsonage last Friday evening, and will meet two weeks hence at A.E. Thompson’s.

This office has been pretty well rushed with work this week, which accounts for the scarcity of local items in this issue.

Anton Keller, lost his pocket-book when in town last Monday and fortunately it was found by an honest man G. Kleven. He was on his way to the printing office to advertise the found article, when the owner was met, and received his \$160.

120 Years Ago- Dec. 3, 1903

Lewis Kittleson and wife drove to Black Earth and back last Saturday.

All three children of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Holum have been having the whooping cough.

See Dr. B. Hawkinson’s ad on 4th page. Owing to the short time the specialist is here it is advisable to call as soon after the train arrives as possible.

F. J. Finke is furnishing power for the corn shredder with his gasoline engine.

We had the pleasure of sharing the genial hand of Adolph Elver as he came from his Hawkeye home to spend a week visiting friends and relatives. Adolph looks as spry as usual but his hair is turning the natural color that comes in its good time.

Sam Gesme expects to leave for the western coast in the near future and intends to soon inhale the balmy atmosphere of California.

forinia.

C. A. Bernard of Evansville is here in the interest of the Equitable Fraternal Union, an organization which established a lodge here of about 35 members a couple of years ago. A new feature has been added to this order, the admission of ladies to full beneficiary and social membership, and by this it is expected to greatly augment membership.

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve on hand and there’s none as good as Bucklen’s Arnica Salve.

110 Years Ago- Nov. 28, 1913

The National Hotel has now been placed on a sound basis and the patronage of the house has outgrown the present capacity of the building. Nearly every night cots have to be provided, placed in the parlor and the halls, and transients taken to private homes for lodging.

The marriage of William Garfoot and Julieana Witte was solemnized at the Methodist Church on Thanksgiving Day.

There being but three days of school this week on account of the national holiday, the school board decided to have no school at all this week, and thus give the teachers a chance to visit their people over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sunday was a quiet day at Mount Horeb. The unusual closing of the churches, the bells were not heard and services were not held in either of the Protestant churches by reason of both ministers being unable to officiate, one being sick and the other under quarantine rule.

Local doctors report that the small pox epidemic is under control. A couple of new cases this week are in light form and a number of families quarantined have been released.

100 Years Ago- Nov. 30, 1923

An annual event that all the kiddies and most of the grownups look forward to is the opening of Hoff’s “Toyland” in the basement of their big store. This year the opening is tomorrow (Saturday).

There will be a measuring party in the M.E. Church parlors Wednesday evening, December fifth. Oyster stew will be served One cent an inch for waist measure will be charged. Children only ten cents. Stouts especially invited. Everyone welcome.

The best way to start a motor when the electric starting system refuses to work and the crank has been left in the garage is to jack up one of the rear wheels and turn by hand with the clutch in and high gear engaged. The spark should be retarded and only a small throttle opening allowed. Before removing the pack the gears should be shifted to neutral again.

The village board has decided to have the reservoir and the pumping plant emptied and cleaned and hereafter all the water used for domestic purposes will pass through the reservoir. This becomes necessary to supply the volume of water needed.

90 Years Ago- Nov. 30, 1933

Jorgen Moe served on the Federal Grand Jury at Madison last week.

Village President Frank Heuser and Marshal Martin Sponem went to Madison Monday in behalf of the village and applied for Federal Aid to give jobs to unemployed men. Mount Horeb will receive more than \$3,000, which will be used for improvements on Boeck’s Park, the high school park and some of our streets, and trimming trees.

Miss Lola Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Thompson, and William Ryan, both of Mount Horeb, were married Nov. 25 at Rockford, Ill.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fosshage last Thursday.

80 Years Ago- Dec. 2, 1943

A soldier band from Truax Field, Madison will furnish the music for a dance at the Parkway Ballroom, next Saturday night.

The post chapel at Soffolk Army Air Dome, Long Island, N.Y., was the scene Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1943, of the candlelight wedding of Miss Joanne Albert and Lieut. Randall Sale, both of Mount Horeb.

Mount Horeb Police Department Reports:

Four arrested-two for parking in bus stop, two illegal parking on cross walk. Two persons were put on the black list and several warnings were issued.

Ask for Pepsi-Cola at your fountain now! 5¢ for a big ten-ounce glass.

Ray Bakken Real Estate advertises: Several lots in town from \$75.00 and up.

60 Years Ago- Nov. 28, 1963

Five from this area left on Tuesday for Milwaukee from where they will be assigned for a two-year period in the U. S. Army: Allan Bartz, Alvin Johnson, Warren Knudson, Mount Horeb; Karsten Berg, Blue Mounds; and Bob Royston, Mazomanie, who has been employed at the Witte Barber Shop in Mount Horeb.

Mrs. Lovina Bakken, 83, Mount Horeb died on Thursday, Nov. 21, in a Verona nursing home. She was the wife of John Bakken, who died in 1947.

The people of the village and area mourn the death of John F. Kennedy and civic leaders eulogize the dead president. His 1960 visit to Mount Horeb while on the campaign trail is remembered by many.

50 Years Ago- Nov. 29, 1973

Seventy-five elderly persons from in and around the Mount Horeb crowded into the community room at the A.B. Grove Clinic Tuesday and formed the Mount Horeb Area Senior Citizens Group.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Judd, Route 1, Mount Horeb will observe their silver wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 1 with a dance at Club 18. Music will be provided by the Alpine Brass.

10 Years Ago- Dec. 4, 2003

Frieda H. Erfurth, “Gramma Frieda”, age 89, passed away Monday, Dec. 1, 2003 at the Don and Marilyn Anderson Hospice Care Center.

A biting wind didn’t stop a large number of people from turning out for Minitube’s groundbreaking ceremony last week at State Highway 78 just south of Highway 18/151.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celtic orchestra will return to MoHo for free holiday concert

On Monday, December 18, Good News Lutheran Church will welcome the Lutheran Ceili Orchestra to Mt. Horeb for an evening of free Celtic Christmas music. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at Good News Lutheran Church (9975 Pepper Drive in Mt. Horeb). The concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Join them for an evening of wonderful music that is sure to uplift the spirit and enrich anyone’s Christmas celebration.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VISIT MOUNT HOREB TROLLI-DAYS now thru December 31, 2023

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Trollway Diabetes, Inc. 12:00 noon, Mt. Horeb Senior Center

Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Food Closet open 6:00-7:30pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Holiday Tea and Sing-a-long, Senior Center, 12:30pm

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Closet open 9:00 to 10:30am (Seniors); Others 3:00-4:30pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

“Brain Health” presentation, 1:00 pm, Senior Center; 15 minute screenings, 2:30-4:00pm, RSVP at 608-437-6902

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Men’s Story Telling Group, Senior Center, 12:00 noon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Blood Pressure Check, Senior Center, 10:00-11:00am

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

Recreation Notes

Offering fitness, macrame and more!

Ready to crush some fitness goals? Or maybe you just want to get moving in the new year? Join Beth Trainor for **Adult Total Body Fitness** at the Mount Horeb High School Fitness Center. Class takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM. This class is designed to improve fitness and overall health. Tone muscles while boosting your balance, flexibility, endurance and speed. We will use dumbbells, resistance bands, fitness machines, and other equipment. Exercises can be modified to accommodate all fitness levels. Winter session runs January 8 through March 6. Resident fee is \$70 and non-resident fee is \$80. Registration deadline is January 2nd.

JUST ADDED – **Fit for Life** is BACK! This low impact cardio and strength-training fitness class includes balancing exercises, stability work and stretching. Standing and sitting exercises with optional chair

support. Class is designed for a moderate, beginner to intermediate level work out. Fit for Life takes place at the Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM. Winter session runs January 9 through March 21. Resident fee is \$100 and non-resident fee is \$110. Registration deadline is January 2nd.

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

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

Christmas Cookie Decorating Class (12/7)

Little Folk Art – Santas Workshop (12/11)

4K-2nd Youth Basketball (12/14)

Sugar River Euchre

By **STAN HOOK**
Sugar River Euchre

On this, the 82nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Sugar River Euchre League would like to thank all the WWII veterans for their amazing service to this country and the world.

There was plenty of excitement in Pine Bluff on November 16 in the match between the Hay Shakers and the Pipe Benders. In the sixth frame Hay Shakers Jerry Judd and Al Zimmerman received a pet skunk when Tom Burns and Tiny Zander held them to zero. After realizing how much it stunk, Al and Jerry did everything they could to pass it off to Pipe Benders, Jerome Krantz and Ross Nesheim. In the seventh frame, on Al’s deal, everyone passed the first time around with the score sitting at thirteen to zero. Jerome was first up in the second time around the table. He had the left and king in next, but no suit. He decided his best chance was to attempt to hold Jerry and Al to one point and so he could deal another hand. Little did he know that Ross had the remaining four cards of next. If he had called next, they would have most likely taken two points.

Jerome passed and Jerry made trump. Jerry and Al easily took all five tricks and thereby successfully skunked Jerome and Ross for back-to-back skunks. Don’t worry, all four will receive the infamous skunk card. The Kleeman Hay Shakers went on to win the match by 12.

There were no skunks in Mt Horeb on this night, but still some excitement. The Red Mouse Shufflers took an early lead only to have the Norsk Cowboys come back slowly to tie the match after five frames. By the end of the seventh frame the Cowboys had a 24 point lead. Near the end of the eighth frame three of the Shuffler couples reported wins and just like that the Cowboy’s lead was cut to 5 points with one couple yet to report. A 5 point win by Shufflers Loretta Herfel and Tom Meyer would result in a tie. Any more than that and the Shufflers would win outright. Players that had finished their match were asked to hang around in case a playoff round was needed. In the end Loretta and Tom did win their game against Roger Olstad and Bob Funs-eth but were 2 points short of tying the match. This is

the third time this season that the Cowboys finished a match with a 2 point margin. The difference is this time they won.

The match between the Red Mouse Uff-da and the Norsk Pranksters didn’t have the same level of excitement as the two matches above. The most noteworthy news in this match was that Uff-da partners Tom Magnuson and Lavern Meier inhaled 112 points from the Pranksters for an Uff-da 26 point win.

For the second week in a row John Scheidegger and Charlie Steinhauer were partners and finished with the highest score for the week at 118 points, one point less than the previous week. Engineers Shawn Farrell and Opie Taylor added another 117 points to the team total. At the other end of the spectrum, Cheese Eaters Brett Hoesly and Keith Wenger recorded a 75, this week’s low score. The Express flew into the station 68 cars ahead of the Cheese Eaters to remain undefeated with just two weeks left in the half.

The J&M Bar River Rats chased the Viking Trolls out of Belleville for a combined 41 inches shorter. River Rats Scott Keys and Steve

Ace were key players in this result with 114 points to their name. Trolls Scott Hook and Erika Forseth stopped River Rats Gordie Miller and Tracy Funs-eth, who finished with 112 points, from achieving a perfect score. Scott and Erika recorded 116 points for the Trolls.

Jim Day is leading the race for the high average with an average of 106.714 after seven games played.

Standings:

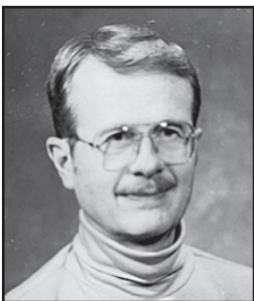
Express 7-0
Kleeman’s 5-2
Uff-Da 5-2
Cowboys 4-3
Pipe Benders 4-3
Shufflers 4-3
J&M Bar 3-4
Cheese Eaters 2-5
Pranksters 1-6
Trolls 0-7

Schedule for Dec. 7

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

COMMUNITY

Obit



Richard L. Zimmer
Jan. 21, 1933 -
Nov. 25, 2023

Menasha, WI - Richard L. Zimmer passed away on November 25, 2023, in Memory Care at Oak Park Place, Menasha, WI. He was born on January 21, 1933 in Springfield, IL, the son of Loren and Mildred Zimmer. He graduated from Lanphier High School, Springfield, IL in 1945.

He served in the army from 1953 to 1954. Richard married Janet L. Kinner of Springfield, IL on September 15, 1956 at the Douglas Avenue Methodist Church, Springfield, IL.

He attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake City from 1960 to 1964 earning a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He began teaching band and orchestra in the Mount Horeb Public Schools in 1965 and retired in 1989. Richard is survived by his wife, Janet, Menasha, WI; his son, Eric (Sheila) of Appleton, WI, a sister-in-law, Joyce Cranfill of Smithton, MO, and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be given to your favorite charity.

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Opsal family farm honored for longevity

Celebrating 156 years in the family

The Opsal family farm in rural Mount Horeb was honored this year by the Wisconsin State Fair as part of the Century Farm Program. The property was initially settled by the family in 1867, so they were honored as both "Century" and "Sesquicentennial" farms.

The Century Farm Awards Program began in 1948 as part of Wisconsin's Centennial Celebration. The program honors families who have had continuous ownership of their Wisconsin farm or home for 100 years or more. For the past 49 years, Hillshire Farm of New London, Wisconsin, has sponsored the Awards Program. Compeer Financial also sponsored the Awards Program. On Tuesday, Aug. 8 during the Wisconsin State

Fair, Hillshire Farm & Compeer Financial recognized 81 Century Farm families. More than 9,900 Century Farms have been honored since the program's inception. For more information on the Century Farm Program, please call Jill Albanese at 414-777-0580.

The 2024 Wisconsin State Fair, presented by UScellular, takes place Aug. 1 – 11.

Deanna Opsal said the family was thrilled to be recognized for their farm.



How new law impacts care for veterans

If you served in the U.S. military between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 31, 1946, a new law makes you eligible for VA health care benefits—including nursing home care—but you must apply because the VA cannot automatically enroll you. The Cleland-Dole Act was signed into law Dec. 29, 2022. Section 101 of this law expands eligibility for VA hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for Veterans of World War II. If you served during World War II, now is the time to apply for VA health care, even if you applied before and were not approved due to your income level.

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Eligibility for VA Community Care

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If you served in World War II and are not currently enrolled in VA health

care, this recent legislation ensures that you are now eligible for VA health care. WWII is defined as the period beginning Dec. 7, 1941, and ending Dec. 31, 1946.

Apply today, even if you applied before and your application was not approved. Income level and service length do not matter.

WWII Veterans will be at minimum in Priority Group 6. You could be in a higher priority group if you have other eligibilities. Even if you were deferred before, please consider applying again. Please note, you must apply for VA health care if you are not currently enrolled. VA cannot automati-

cally enroll you in VA care.

Apply today

Apply online at: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/>

Call VA's toll-free hotline at 1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411).

Visit your nearest VA medical center or clinic.

Call 800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411) to speak to a customer service representative, get answers to your questions and start the VA enrollment process

Now is the time to enroll

in VA health care benefits, even if you previously applied and were not approved.

You will find added reasons for eligibility requirements that might qualify for a higher priority group on the VA website: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility/>. Contact your local County Veterans Services Office 1-844-947-2876 or our office 414-902-5722, if you want added information on enrollment or have any questions on the other qualifying reasons.

CHURCH NOTES

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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
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Court Reports

Mount Horeb Municipal Court July 20, 2023

Barreto Alfaro, Sandra, 41, Madison, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (16-19 MPH), \$124

Cabarcas Paternina, Genicel E, 34, Mount Horeb, WI, FAIL/STOP AT STOP SIGN, \$98.8

Dematte De Los Santos, Antonio M, 30, Mount Horeb, WI, Mandatory Recycling, \$187

Frings, Rena L, 59, 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

Neisius Jr, Lesley L, 20, Janesville, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (1-10 MPH), \$98.8

Phelps, Daniel B, 45, Mount Horeb, WI, EXCEEDING 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, Disorderely 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/MUNICIPAL-

ITY, \$155.5

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

Village of Blue Mounds Municipal Court Judge Christopher D Washburn presiding

September 2023

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Countryside News

By JERRY DAVIS
Countryside News

Wisconsin’s wild turkey population, estimated to be about 350,000 birds, is hunted during spring and fall seasons. This past spring, 43,439 turkeys were registered, mostly males, although hens with beards are legal too. So far, 2,906 birds have been taken during the fall season, when any bird is legal. A licensed hunter could kill a bird for Thanksgiving dinner in the morning and feast on the bird’s large breast that evening. As with farm-raised birds, wild turkeys have white breast meat, which is common if non-mi-



Wisconsin’s wild turkey population is 350,000 birds.

grating birds such as grouse and pheasants. Adult male turkeys gobble at all times of the year, but mostly during spring. It is common, however, to hear gobbling during gun-deer season, when turkeys “shock gobble” to the loud sounds of deer rifles. Turkey hunters cannot shoot these birds with a rifle, only shotguns and bows.

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13-year-old barrel racer wins big at Showdown Finals



Mount Horeb’s Aly Anderson riding Honey Ima Diva. Photos contributed.

October 27-29 found barrel racers from all over the Midwest attending the Go For Broke Showdown Finals at the Kirkwood Equestrian Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

On Friday night of the showdown, Aly Anderson of Mount Horeb and her horse Diva had a draw number of 329 out of 345, making their run one of the last of the night. At just before midnight they came out with a beautiful run of 15.425 to finish 3rd in the 3D, earning them a nice check and a spot in the Short Go on Sunday. This run also carried over to the Youth race, placing them 4th in the 2D and earning them another check.

On Saturday, in the Youth Showdown they had a smoking fast time of 15.202, their fastest time in this arena to date, placing them 6th in the Youth 2D, just 1 spot out of the money. This run also carried over to the 2nd Go Round of the Open Race, but they were just .28 too fast for the 3D and finished 29th in the 2D.

On Sunday morning in their 1st ever trip to the Short Go they ran a 15.488, which was just what they needed to finish 3rd in the 3D Finals and bring home a nice check and some prizes. After three clean runs and a new personal best time, Anderson and Diva walked away with a grand total of \$1,100 in prize money for the weekend.

Local Competitor Results:

PeeWee 1st Go - 42 competitors
Harper LeGrand, Blue Mounds: LL33.912 - 17th place
Layla Fassbender, Barneveld: LL46.758 - 28th place

PeeWee 2nd Go - 42 competitors
Harper LeGrand, Blue Mounds: LL31.871 - 19th place
Layla Fassbender, Barneveld: No Time

Open 1st Go - 345 competitors
Aly Anderson & Honey Ima Diva, Mount Horeb: 15.425
3rd Place 3D and Short Go Qualifier
Traci Fassbender & Pie in the Socks, Barneveld: 15.703
61st in the 3D
Amanda LeGrand & One Slick Ruby, Blue Mounds: 16.617 17th in the 5D and Short Go Qualifier

Open 2nd Go - 345 competitors
Aly Anderson & Honey Ima Diva, Mount Horeb: 29th 2D
Traci Fassbender & Pie in the Socks, Barneveld: 15.579
18th place 3D and Short Go Qualifier
Amanda LeGrand & One Slick Ruby, Blue Mounds: 16.812 19th place 5D

Youth Showdown - 84 competitors
1st Go Aly Anderson & Honey Ima Diva, Mount Horeb: 15.425 4th place 2D
2nd Go Aly Anderson & Honey Ima Diva, Mount Horeb: 15.202 6th place 2D

Showdown FINALS Short Go - 195
Aly Anderson & Honey Ima Diva, Mount Horeb: 15.488
3rd Place 3D
Traci Fassbender & Pie in the Socks, Barneveld: 15.580
11th Place 3D
Amanda LeGrand & One Slick Ruby, Blue Mounds: 16.775 12th Place 5D



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Vikings dominate all-Badger team

Vikings fill 18 spots on the all-conference team

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team dominated on the field this fall.

And when it came to postseason honors, the Vikings once again towered over everybody in the Badger Small Conference.

The Vikings gobbled up 18 spots on the all-conference teams, including seven first-team all-conference selections.

Senior quarterback Kasey Helgeson, senior running back Trenton Owens, junior wide receiver Chris Kiel, senior offensive linemen Austin Leibfried and Braylon Leahy, along with junior linebacker Zach Maguire and senior defensive back LJ Ellestad were all named first-team all-conference.

Ellestad, who also played wide receiver, junior offensive lineman Matthew Mahoney, junior linebacker Talon Stoenner, junior cornerback Kiel, and senior safety Brooks Pernot were all named second-team all-conference.

The Vikings' honorable-mention selections included senior tight end Gavin Rick, junior wideout Owen Preimesberger, Leibfried on the defensive line, senior defensive lineman Drew Preimsberger, junior defensive back Owen Aeschlimann, and senior defensive

back Tucker Shipman.

In addition, Helgeson was named the league's Offensive Player of the Year, Leibfried was named the Offensive Lineman of the Year and Bret St. Arnauld was named the league's Coach of the Year.

Helgeson threw for 2,719 yards — just 60 yards short of Max Meylor's single-season school record — and 29 touchdowns. He had just three interceptions, completed 70% of his passes, ran for 707 yards and added eight rushing touchdowns while leading MH-B to an 11-1 record and a trip to Level 3 of the WIAA Division 3 playoffs.

In addition to all-conference honors, Helgeson was named all-region and first-team all-state.

"I believe Kasey is the one of the two best quarterbacks in the state," St. Arnauld said of Helgeson. "He is an extremely bright kid who has a great understanding of defenses and throws one of the best deep balls I have ever seen."

"This paired with his speed and strength makes him an exceptional talent. He was our leader and drives our offense that averaged 42 points per game this year."

Leibfried, a University of Indiana recruit, was named first-team all-conference, the league's top offensive lineman, all-region and

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld's Kasey Helgeson (top) and Trenton Owens (above) were named first-team all-Badger Small Conference. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



Mount Horeb's girls gymnastics team finished in second place at the Sun Prairie East Invite last Saturday. Photo submitted

Off and running

Mount Horeb gymnasts second at Sun Prairie

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Martha Koller Faust knows there's work to be done.

The good news for Mount Horeb's girls gymnastics coach is she has a passionate bunch excited by the opportunity to im-

prove.

Mount Horeb finished in second place at the season-opening Sun Prairie East Invite last Saturday. Elkhorn won the team title with 132.275 points, while the Vikings (130.125) and Monona Grove (128.475)

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Stoughton rallies past Mount Horeb

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

The rivalry has intensified in recent years. Mount Horeb's boys basketball team has defeated Stoughton in the regular season each of the past two seasons. Stoughton has gotten revenge by defeating Mount Horeb in the playoffs both years. Now, with Stoughton joining the Badger South Conference, the rivalry will only grow.

In the first meeting of the new season between these two juggernauts on Nov. 28, visiting Mount Horeb built a 37-26 halftime lead. Stoughton rallied back, though, and Carter Sullivan's lay-up with 6 seconds left was the difference in an eventual 69-67 for the home team.

"It was an early season game that had the feel of a sectional game," Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said. "We did so many good things in this game it was great to see. However, we weren't clean enough down the stretch on both sides of the ball to win it."

Sophomore guard Josh Manchester was terrific for the Vikings and finished with a game-high 30 points. Senior guard Nick Vorwald added 14, while junior wing Zach Maguire had 13 and senior post Austin Leibfried added 10.

Senior guard Sawyer Schipper led Stoughton with 19 points, while senior guard Ty Fernholz added 18 and junior forward Jacob Hibner had 15. Mount Horeb fell to 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the Badger Small Conference, while Stoughton — ranked No. 6 in the first Wissports.net Division 2 poll — improved to 3-0, 2-0.

"This game certainly has some early conference standing implications," Nesheim said. "We also know that there is a long

way to go and we have some tough games coming up — as do they. If we play with the intensity and execution we did tonight, we should be fine."

A 3-pointer by Manchester gave Mount Horeb a 67-65 lead with 2:04 left, but Stoughton tied the game with 1:40 remaining. Mount Horeb missed a shot with 1 minute left, and after Stoughton missed the front end of the bonus, Mount Horeb had a turnover.

Most people figured Stoughton would look to Fernholz — who has scholarship offers from Michigan Tech and Winoona State — for the final shot. Instead, Stoughton used Fernholz as a back screener and slipped Sullivan free for the game-winning lay-up.

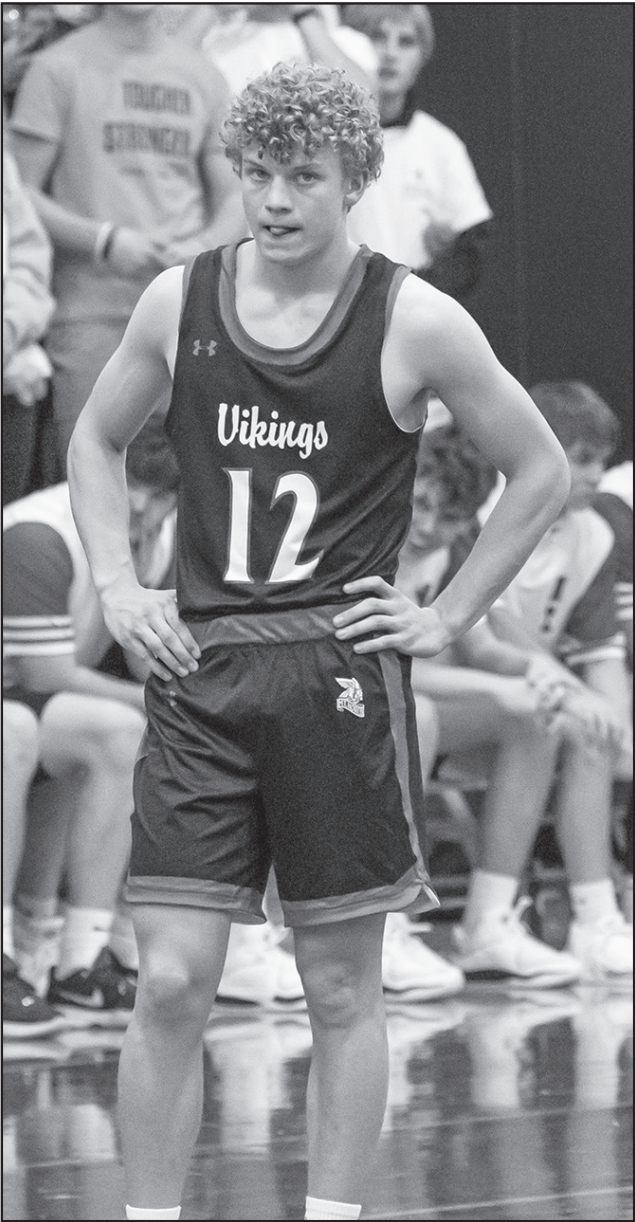
"It was exactly the game we had hoped for, other than the outcome," Nesheim said. "Intense, tough, loud, and every possession mattered."

Stoughton jumped to a 7-2 lead on a pair of early baskets from Fernholz. Mount Horeb battled back and tied the game, 18-18, midway through the first half after Manchester was fouled on a 3-point shot and buried all three free throws.

Mount Horeb then outscored Stoughton, 15-3, in the final six minutes of the first half and took a 37-26 lead at the break. Manchester had 17 of his points in the first half, including 10 in the final few minutes.

Still, Nesheim knew no lead was safe.

"Two areas we got outplayed that needed some attention," Nesheim said. "We allowed nine offensive rebounds in the half. I also thought their transition game hurt us. They



Landon Ellestad and Mount Horeb's boys basketball team were edged by Stoughton, 69-67, on Nov. 28. Photo submitted

really pushed the ball and were able to get some very clean looks — both at the rim and kick out three's. Having said that, we did some really good things ourselves and the moment wasn't too big for us."

Stoughton made a run early in the second half and pulled within 55-51 midway through the half.

"We had a few too many scoreless possessions in a game that saw a lot of possessions," Nesheim said. "Stoughton's longest non-scoring streak was only four possessions in the second half. We had a streak of eight possessions without scoring plus and an additional four possession streak. Those are important possessions that we

could have put an end to the bleeding, so to speak."

Mount Horeb was clinging to a 61-59 lead with 3:50 minutes left when Fernholz buried a triple. That gave Stoughton a 62-61 lead, its first since early in the game.

Manchester answered with a three from the right wing and MH lead 64-62 with 3:06 remaining. Stoughton got a three-ball from Schipper and Manchester followed with another triple for Mount Horeb, setting up the dramatic ending.

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb is at Sauk Prairie Friday at 7:15 p.m., then hosts Madison Edgewood Dec. 12 at 7:15 p.m.

MoHo girls split a pair

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls basketball team split a pair of games last week.

The Vikings defeated Evansville, 60-56, in a hard fought, double overtime win on Nov. 28. Mount Horeb then fell at Sauk Prairie, 49-39, on Nov. 30.

The Vikings are now 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the Badger Small Conference.

Hallie Klein had a huge night for Mount Horeb in its win over Evansville. The junior guard came off the bench to score a game-high 18 points and made 4-of-5 3-pointers.

"She was also big on the boards, grabbing three offensive rebounds which led to four points," Mount Horeb coach Bart Leibfried said of Klein.

Morgan Monroe added 11 points, while Ava Kolb and Rowan Johnson both scored eight.

Mount Horeb trailed, 21-19, at halftime and the game went to overtime knotted, 42-42. The Vikings built a seven-point halftime advantage, but Evansville rallied back to tie the game, 52-52, and force a second overtime.

"It would have been really easy to get down on ourselves and lose, but they continued to fight," Leibfried said. "One thing I know about this team is we are tough and resilient and won't back down from a challenge."

That was evident in the second overtime, when the Vikings took the lead, didn't give it back and posted an impressive win.

"We stress a lot on win-

ning the turnover battle, rebounding and points in the paint," Leibfried said. "In all three of our wins we have won those three battles."

Two nights later, the Vikings fell at Sauk Prairie. Mount Horeb got 14 points from Monroe, and nine from Johnson, but was doomed by its 31 turnovers.

"It's one of those games that we saw coming the night before in practice," Leibfried said. "We had a very bad mental practice on Wednesday and it carried over into Thursday."

"You are going to have those games, but hopefully this will be our last for a long time. Sauk always has a lot of length which gives us problems since we are so small."

Despite the loss, Leibfried was optimistic where his team was headed.

"Here is what I like about this team: I let them have it pretty hard during halftime and after the game because really good teams and great players want the truth," he said. "They responded with a really focused practice on Friday night."

"We have a tough stretch coming up with conference favorites Edgewood and McFarland and a very good non-conference opponent on Saturday in Lakeside Lutheran. Will we compete, show the toughness I know we are capable of and get better each practice and game?"

• **On deck:** The Vikings hosted Edgewood Tuesday, then host Lakeside Lutheran Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

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The purpose of the hearing is to consider proposed revisions to Chapter 1.31 Historic Preservation Commission and Chapter 17.17 Historic Preservation relating to the establishment of a standalone Commission. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Village Administrator's office.

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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Swimmers perform well at Sun Prairie East

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s boys swimming team has just five members this season. That undermanned group competed at the Sun Prairie East Invite last Saturday and had several solid performances. Among them:

- Angus Best was sixth

in the 100-yard freestyle. Charlie Olson was eighth in that same event and Charlie Sadkovich was 36th.

- Angus Best finished 10th in the 200-yard freestyle.
- Olson was 14th in the 100-yard backstroke.
- Carter Craven was 21st in the 100-yard breaststroke and 25th in the 200-

yard IM.

- John Malin was 27th in the 100-yard breaststroke and 31st in the 50-yard freestyle.
- Mount Horeb’s 200-yard freestyle relay team of Craven, Olson, John Malin and Best was 12th in the 200-yard freestyle relay.
- The Vikings’ 200-yard medley relay team of Olson, Craven, Malin and

Sadkovich was 19th. Madison Memorial won the 11-team invite with 461.5 points. Mount Horeb finished with 44 points.

“Overall, it was a good start to the season considering we only have five members this year,” Mount Horeb coach Bryce Hoppe said.

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rounded out the top three at the six-team invite.

“This early-season meet went well at both the varsity and junior varsity levels,” Koller Faust said. “We’re pleased with where we’re at.

“Yes, we have work to do, but that’s expected. Our Viking gymnasts have the potential to earn higher scores with more full routines to improve endurance along with increased confidence on all four events.

“Monona Grove is in our conference and they, along with Elkhorn, are also in our sectional. Both teams have a lot of talent and we will keep our eyes on them throughout the season.”

eighth (8.450) and Brummer was 11th (8.30). Ouradnik was fourth on the bars (8.40), while freshman Harper Hendrickson was 13th (7.30), senior Tess Angle was 17th (7.10) and Brummer was 18th (7.0).

Ouradnik was fourth on the beam (8.750), while Hendrickson was eighth (8.60), Seelinger was ninth (8.550) and freshman Avena Meyers was 19th (7.0).

And on the floor exercise, Ouradnik was fourth (8.925), Brummer was 11th (8.325), Seelinger was 15th (8.225) and Hendrickson was 19th (7.850).

Mount Horeb won the JV meet with a team score of 118.475, outdistancing runner-up Monona Grove (111.90).

Mount Horeb sophomore Tessa Soppe won the JV all-around competition with a 30.025.

“The varsity team scoring a 130 for second place plaque and the JV team winning the first place plaque with 118 are great accomplishments for us,” Koller Faust said. “It was exciting to see the entire team on the podium proudly displaying the team awards. We had several Vikings on the podium earning individual honors

on vault, bars, beam, floor and in the all-around which was also fun to see.”

- **On deck:** Mount Horeb is at the Janesville Craig Invite on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Other teams competing Janesville Craig, Janesville Parker, Madison East/LaFollette, Madison Memorial, Madison West, Milton/Edgerton and Monona Grove.

Mount Horeb junior Athena Ouradnik was third in the all-around with a 34.675 score. Vikings sophomore Sylvia Seelinger was 10th in the all-around (32.225) and junior Abbey Brummer was 12th (30.275).

Mount Horeb senior Edie Balster tied for second on the vault (8.750), while Ouradnik was sixth (8.60), Seelinger was

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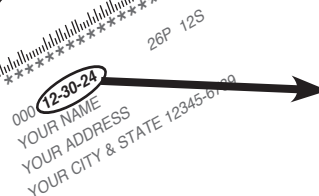
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1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Convene Closed Session, WI § 19.85(1)(b) and (c) – Employee compensation, commission and committee reviews.
3. Reconvene Open Session, approx. **7:30 PM**. Set employee 2024 compensation.
4. Announcements.
5. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items.
6. Land Use:
 - a. Committee appointment.
 - b. Comprehensive Plan amendment process.
7. Town Hall Renovation report.
8. SBA Cell Tower Lease easement agreement status.
9. Dark Sky Lighting Ordinance amendment process.
10. New Glarus Fire Dept. appointment.
11. Dane Co. Emergency Management – sheltering information.
12. Roads, Equipment, Facilities –
 - a. WI DOT – Hwy. 78 resurfacing project – Resolution, correspondence.
 - b. PASER report.
13. Recycling Center operation –
14. Treasurer's Report.
15. Friends of the Parks of Perry update.
16. Parks and Open Space Committee – report and recommendations.
 - a. Hauge Park restroom project update.
 - b. Hauge Park access update.
 - c. Dane Co. Parks Dept. update.
 - d. Broadband service.
17. Dane Co. Towns Association discussions.
18. Minutes of Previous Meetings – November 14, 2023 meetings.
19. Appoint Election officials.
20. Pay Bills due.
21. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI §19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel.
22. Adjournment.

Action might be taken on any agenda item shown above. Public comment might be invited on any agenda item presented.

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld’s Austin Leibfried (top) was named the Badger Small Conference’s Offensive Lineman of the year, while LJ Ellestad (above) was named a first-team all-conference defensive back. File photos

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honorable mention all-state. At 6-foot-6, 285 pounds, Leibfried has a rare combination of size, power and athleticism which he displayed on the field throughout the year.

“Austin is a dude,” St. Arnauld said. “I don’t know how else to put it. He is a dominant run blocker with heavy hands and has a great pass set to complement. Austin has outstanding feet for a player at any size, let alone 6-6, 285.

“He learned to play with an edge and to finish his blocks. We lean on Austin heavily in our run game and believe he is the best O-lineman in the conference and one of the top five in the state.”

Kiel had a huge junior year, catching 52 passes for

1,073 yards. In addition to first-team all-conference honors, Kiel was named all-region and honorable-mention all-state.

“Chris is one of the best athletes I have ever coached,” St. Arnauld said. “Chris has the full package as a wide receiver. He is an outstanding route runner and also has dangerous deep ball speed.

“Chris can climb the ladder and high point the football and is almost impossible to tackle in the open field. He pops on film and is one of the top receivers in the state. He set a school record for receiving yards in a season, as well as receiving touchdowns for a season.”

Owens ran for 1,393 yards and had 22 rushing touchdowns. He also had 256 receiving yards and three receiving TDs.

In addition, Owens tied

the state record for most two-point conversions in a game (five vs. Watertown) and most two-point conversions in a season.

“Trenton is a do-it-all kind of back,” St. Arnauld said. “He can make you miss, or he can drag you for four or five more yards. He has the speed to run away from you, but he also has the ability to run behind his pads.

“He is a threat in the pass game as well, and can make you pay in a number of different ways. On top of all of this, he is a tremendous student athlete, who scored a 35 on his ACT (exam), and will likely be operating on one of us in the future.”

Leahy moved from center to guard this season and did so with aplomb. He was a big reason why the Vikings ran for 183.5 yards per game and averaged 423.6 yards of offense per

All-Badger Small Conference Football					
Offense					
First Team					
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
TE/FB	Tucker Grundahl	DeForest	12	5’11	185
WR	Chris Kiel	Mount Horeb	11	5’11	185
WR	Boden Frosch	Sauk Prairie	11	5’10	175
WR	Cal Woerth	Monona Grove	11	6’1	155
OL	Austin Leibfried	Mount Horeb	12	6’6	285
OL	Sam Hawker	Monona Grove	12	6’9	295
OL	Griffin Rousseau	Stoughton	11	6’7	305
OL	Dane Schmidt knecht	DeForest	11	6’6	295
OL	Braylon Leahy	Mount Horeb	12	6’	285
QB	Kasey Helgeson	Mount Horeb	12	6’4	210
QB	Max Mitchell	DeForest	12	6’3	190
RB	Gavin Hablewitz	Monona Grove	12	5’8	160
RB	Trenton Owens	Mount Horeb	12	5’9	195
K	Kyle Ugalde	DeForest	11	5’11	180
OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Kasey Helgeson, Mount Horeb					
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR: Austin Leibfried, Mount Horeb					
COACH OF THE YEAR: Bret St. Arnauld, Mount Horeb					
Second Team					
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
TE/FB	Isaiah Erb	Monona Grove	12	6’2	185
WR	Chris Cooksey	Stoughton	12	6’1	170
WR	LJ Ellestad	Mount Horeb	12	6’	170
WR	Lakyn Hintz	Fort Atkinson	11	5’11	156
OL	Max Sisler	Monona Grove	11	6’3	280
OL	Jake Buckles	Sauk Prairie	10	6’3	195
OL	Matthew Mahoney	Mount Horeb	11	6’3	260
OL	Andrew Steinle	Portage	12	5’11	230
OL	Jack Foley	Monona Grove	12	6’	210
QB	Cal Moreau	Monona Grove	10	6’3	175
RB	Mason Dressler	Fort Atkinson	12	5’11	182
RB	Keagan Hooker	Portage	12	6’	200
RB	Jaylen Carter	DeForest	12	5’10	180
K	Dom Najacht	Monona Grove	11	6’	165
Honorable Mention					
DeForest – Jackson Accuardi 11, Anthony Glenn 12, Justin Molitor 11, Chris Eberhardt 11, Nolan Powers 12.					
Monona Grove – Joe Otto Morton 12, Preston Huemmer 11, Jacob Bonjour 11.					
Mount Horeb – Gavin Rick 12, Owen Preimesberger 11.					
Portage – Braxton Druckrey 12, Keagan Hooker 12, Griffin Garrigan 12.					
Sauk Prairie – Connor Breunig 12, Collin Jadaack 11, Landon Schultz 11.					
Stoughton – Mason Richter, Sawyer Schipper 12, Kaeson Salonek 11, Colin Meinholz 12, Bo Iverson 12, Drew Viney 11.					

contest.

“Braylon is a great guard with a high motor,” St. Arnauld said. “He has phenomenal drive. He is arguably one of the smartest kids on our O-line and doesn’t miss often. He is a short, stocky tough kid who loves contact. He is a great athlete for his size making him our strongest puller on the team.

“Braylon also has a very strong pass pro and great eyes to see second level. We run left behind him and (Leibfried) a lot as you rarely see them not get movement. Braylon is the mental leader of our O-Line. He is a great kid and a phenomenal football player.”

Maguire had a terrific season at inside linebacker, finishing with 48 total tackles (29 unassisted), three tackles for loss, one pass break up and one interception despite missing time with an injury.

“He was one of the leaders in the conference in tackles before the injury,” St. Arnauld said of Maguire. “He is a difference maker, and has a nose for the football.

“He is a phenomenal athlete with a lot of range from the middle linebacker spot. He fills aggressively downhill on run, and drops back into passing zones extremely well and with his 6-foot-3 frame he is able to disrupt timing with the quarterback and his receivers.”

Ellestad was a three-year starter and had a sensational season at field corner. Ellestad finished the year with three interceptions including one he brought back for a touchdown, 23 tackles, two tackles for loss and five passes defended.

“LJ is quick and agile and frequently lined up against opponent’s best wide receivers,” St. Arnauld said. “He is always in a spot to make a play on the ball. He covered flats aggressively and continuously made plays on deep balls.

“He has shown numerous times that it isn’t a great idea to try and throw on him as he will make you pay. He will be greatly missed next year on both sides of the ball.”

Ellestad was also a second-team all-league wide receiver. There, he posted 42 catches for 771 yards (18.4 average) and scored

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld’s Chris Kiel was named first-team all-conference at wide receiver. Photo submitted

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eight touchdowns.

“He has ‘take the top off the defense’ speed with strong route running ability,” St. Arnauld said of Ellestad’s ability at wide receiver. “This year he has also added strength and some shake his arsenal making him hard to tackle after the catch.

“Landon is a special talent and is definitely one of the best receivers in our conference and area. He really has been our go-to guy since he was a sophomore, especially on third downs when we need to pick up some chunk yardage. He has always been that reliable guy for us.”

Mahoney, just a junior, could be Mount Horeb’s next dominant offensive lineman. He was a major piece on a unit that averaged 6.2 yards per carry and allowed just seven sacks this season.

“Matthew is a run blocking tackle with very heavy hands,” St. Arnauld said. “He finds constant success moving first level defenders. His solid footwork made him a strong pass blocker as well.

“He has done a great job accepting any role we have thrown at him the last two years. Matthew is going to be the next dominant offensive lineman of the future. He has a bright future ahead of him as he will be our anchor on the O-line next year.”

Stoenner had a big year at inside linebacker, where he compiled 49 tackles, including three for loss.

“Talon consistently caused problems in the run game on a defense that didn’t allow a 100 yard rusher in conference,” St. Arnauld said. “He was

around the ball every play and doesn’t stay blocked causing problems for the offensive line.

“We used Talon in a spy on many occasions causing many quarterback hurries equating to three of our interceptions. Talon’s transition to varsity this season was seamless, and he hasn’t even hit his peak yet.”

Pernot led the Vikings in tackles with 108 and had six tackles for loss. He also added one forced fumble and one interception.

“Brooks was our defensive leader and was just always around the football,” St. Arnauld said. “He was asked to play in the box and high safety, and was still a sideline to sideline tackler. He was constantly making tackles at the line of scrimmage.

“Teams had to send extra blockers to try to get a piece of him and they still couldn’t stop him — all while being asked to cover tight ends and slot receivers. He proved time and time again that he is strong enough and quick enough to do both.”

As good as Kiel was on offense, he was almost as dangerous on defense. There, he finished with 42 tackles, seven passes defended and two tackles for loss.

In Mount Horeb’s Level 3 playoff loss to Green Bay Notre Dame, Kiel held tight end James Flanagan — a Notre Dame recruit — to two receptions for four yards.

“He locked down half the field,” St. Arnauld said of Kiel. “Quarterbacks had to look other ways. Chris has the speed and strength and body control make him a lockdown corner.

“No interceptions, but he didn’t get a lot targets his way, and when he did,

there was no separation and he made a play on the ball. Chris is asked to do a lot, and he always comes through.”

Owen Preimesberger earned honorable-mention all-conference honors at wide receiver after hauling in 37 passes for 419 yards (11.3 avg.) and three touchdowns.

“Owen is a fantastic athlete who we moved from running back to wide receiver this year and he did a great job in that transition,” St. Arnauld said. “Owen has outstanding speed and is extremely difficult to tackle in open space. He is dangerous any time he touches the ball, and he is a very hard worker. Lucky to say we have him for another year.”

Rick operated like a sixth offensive lineman, clearing room in the run game for one of the top rushing attacks in the area.

“Gavin is an awesome kid who plays much larger than his 175-pound frame,” St. Arnauld said of Rick. “Gavin was just a few votes away from being captain on this team with no prior varsity experience because he is such a great leader for us.

“Gavin is an extension of our O-line and is a huge reason we had such success running the ball this year. Although his stats don’t show it, he meant so much to our offense this year and his blocking ability. He was always about the team and didn’t care who got the credit, as long as the team succeeded. I can’t tell you how much that means to me as a coach.”

Shipman had a big year with 36 tackles, two tackles for loss, one interception and four passes defended.

“Tucker was asked to play high safety and nickel,” St. Arnauld said.

All-Badger Small Conference Football					
Defense					
First Team					
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
DL	Beckett Spilde	Stoughton	12	6’3	270
DL	Trace Hadler	Fort Atkinson	11	6’2	270
DL	Eli Theiler	Monona Grove	12	6’2	205
Edge	Ben Harman	Stoughton	12	6’4	240
Edge	Will Knoeck	Monona Grove	11	6’3	190
LB	Brason Ballweg	Sauk Prairie	12	5’11	170
LB	Lukas Beck	Monona Grove	12	5’10	170
LB	Zach Maguire	Mount Horeb	11	6’3	210
LB	Cole Sarbacker	Stoughton	12	5’11	168
DB	Casey Quam	Stoughton	11	6’3	190
DB	Derek Klein	DeForest	11	6’1	185
DB	LJ Ellestad	Mount Horeb	12	6’	170
DB	Chase Yinko	Monona Grove	11	5’9	170
Punter	Connor Breunig	Sauk Prairie	12	6’3	215
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Beckett Spilde, Stoughton					
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE YEAR: Ben Harman, Stoughton					
Second Team					
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
DL	Jacob Heuer	DeForest	12	6’	210
DL	Riley Jadack	Sauk Prairie	12	6’4	240
DL	Kaeson Salonek	Stoughton	11	6’3	190
Edge	Cullen Kirchberg	DeForest	11	5’11	180
Edge	Keagan Hooker	Portage	12	6’	200
LB	Jack Kammer	Fort Atkinson	11	6’	188
LB	Braxton Druckrey	Portage	12	6’	180
LB	Talon Stoenner	Mount Horeb	11	6’1	205
LB	Joe Wahlin	Stoughton	12	6’4	210
DB	Brooks Pernot	Mount Horeb	12	5’11	170
DB	Chris Kiel	Mount Horeb	11	5’11	185
DB	Sawyer Schipper	Stoughton	12	6’2	190
DB	Griffin Garrigan	Portage	12	6’1	170
Punter	Griffin Garrigan	Portage	12	6’1	170
Honorable Mention					
DeForest – Carter Morrison 12, Parker Rogalla 12, Max Acker 12.					
Monona Grove – Bradyen Maxson 11, Isaiah Erb 12, Jesus Garcia 11, Jenner Zeutzius 11, Tyler Donkersgoed 11, Kaden Connor 11.					
Mount Horeb – Austin Leibfried 12, Drew Preimsberger 12, Owen Aeschlimann 11 Tucker Shipman 12					
Portage – Hayden Kinsman 12, Luke Paulson 12, Max Kreuzinger 11,Jason Howell 12.					
Sauk Prairie – Jake Buckles 10, Mason Betley 11, Lawson Maier 11, Trent Backeberg 11, Cayden Hermsdorf 10					
Stoughton – Mason Richter 11, Reis Nisuis 12					

“He moved to the box and covered tight ends and played more in the run game.

“He was always near the ball when it’s going his way, whether that’s making a tackle on the tailback or defending a pass. He was very good at making a play on the ball and helping the defense in the run game.”

Aeschlimann finished the season with 25 tackles, three tackles for loss and a pass defended.

“Owen played high safety and nickel,” St. Arnauld said. “He is super aggressive playing to the flats, and consistently took away from most quick game throws for teams.

“Owen is also a sideline to sideline tackler. He is very reliable in the pass and run, which can be difficult to play from that spot, but

his ability to read and diagnose plays is remarkable. I don’t think he got enough credit for the difficult jobs he had to do throughout the season and how well he played it.”

Leibfried played nose tackle and rush end and finished the year with 3.0 sacks, 4.0 tackles for loss and nine total tackles.

“Teams had to scheme to where we played Austin because of his size and strength,” St. Arnauld said. “When he was on the field teams had to consistently use double teams on pass and run plays.

“Austin is known as a great offensive lineman, but he has great pass rush moves to create great quarterback pressures. He was asked to take on some of the opposing team’s (top) offensive linemen and

stalemated them consistently.”

And Drew Preimesberger had a terrific season with 31 total tackles, five tackles for loss, one sack, 2.0 fumble recoveries and one fumble recovery for a touchdown.

“Drew has a great nose for the ball,” St. Arnauld said. “He is always in position to make a play. What I love most about Drew is he has a very high motor to get to ball. Because of his motor, he also demanded double teams consistently.

“He really started to work on getting hands on the offensive linemen midway through the season and it made a huge difference for him. He was disciplined at the line of scrimmage and was able to cause havoc amongst opposing offensive lines.”

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