

Learning to fly

Local artist wants the next generation to learn the joys of fly fishing



"My father was very sure about certain matters pertaining to the universe. To him, all good things—trout as well as eternal salvation—come by grace and grace comes by art and art does not come easy."
-Norman Maclean, "A River Runs Through It"

By **MATT GEIGER**
Mount Horeb Mail

Katherine Ford caught her first trout on a fly at the age of 70. In that fish, this local watercolorist saw beauty. In the pursuit of it, she found meaning. And in fly fishing in general, she discovered a chance to spread her love for the art of fishing and all it can do to inform the human

experience.
"I don't want anyone to have to wait 70 years to experience the joy I have found with fly fishing," says Ford.
That's why Ford, working with certified casting instructor Kalyn Hoggard, has decided to teach local youths everything they need **continued on page 9**



And the rest is history *Village mulls historic preservation*

By **AYNSLEY HOELSCHER**
Mount Horeb Mail

The Village of Mount Horeb is considering taking steps to help save the various aspects of the community's history that make it a

great place to live.
The Mount Horeb Planning Commission is currently considering reinstating the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). A public hearing on the proposal will be held on December 20 at 7 p.m. in the board room of the village hall.
The HPC existed previously, but its duties were **continued on page 8**

Teachers' pay raises set

By **AYNSLEY HOELSCHER**
Mount Horeb Mail

The Mount Horeb Area School District Board of Education approved a new faculty salary schedule and contract for 2024-2025. The decision comes after eight

meetings since October between the district representatives and the Mount Horeb Education Association (MHEA) bargaining team.
The new schedule moves the base teacher salary from \$42,464 to an even \$50,000.
All teaching staff will receive an increase of at least \$4,000, with an average increase of about \$9,000.
All board members besides board Vice President Rod Hise voted in favor **continued on page 9**



Painter Katherine Ford (pictured with a trout she caught, above left) finds artistic inspiration in fishing (above).

Kurths gift scoreboard to MoHo school district

The Mount Horeb Area School District Board of Education unanimously approved a donation last week for the total cost of a new state-of-the-art scoreboard for the district's athletic stadium. The contribution comes from Terry and Kathy Kurth.
According to the agreement approved by the board, the price "has been estimated to equal or exceed \$500,000, including the cost of installing the scoreboard." It will include "a number of spaces for paid advertising signage for businesses/advertisers," states **continued on page 8**

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PERSPECTIVE

GEIGER Counter



by Matt Geiger, Editor



With Christmas in your eyes...

There is a lot of talk about empathy these days, but I, for one, think it's a terrible way to pick a Christmas tree.

Sure, feeling the pain of others can help us understand the fragile bond living things share. But I simply cannot get on board with the fact that we should pile into the truck, head to a forest of pine trees, and select the one we pity the most – the ones whose anguish really speaks to us – so we can display it in our living room to celebrate the holidays and carry some light into winter's dark center.

But that is exactly what my wife does. She walks around, like some arborist Dr. Kevorkian, looking for sickly, bare, brown, prickly trees to put out of their misery. If looking at it makes us feel sad, she wants to take it home. But even Dr. Kev-

orkian didn't festoon his victims with silver tinsel, colored lights and playful ornaments.

We don't use pity as our criteria for any other interior decorating decisions. Imagine if we did.

"Look at that terrible three-legged chair! It would look great in our living room!"

"That chicken breast is a strange color; let's make it the centerpiece of our dinner."

"That dog over there is throwing up. Let's adopt it!"

But for some reason, my wife's compassion overwhelms her at this time of year as we stroll through the pines.

"Look at this one!" she calls out with a strange, gleeful commiseration, pointing to a dead vertical twig that's so dry it will burst into flames if it catches even a glancing blow from direct sunlight. I try to point out that we are actually paying for this tree, so we should try to, you know, get a good one.

I, a reasonable person in the prime of mental health, select our Christmas tree

very differently. I try to find the largest, heaviest behemoth of a tree that ever lived. Something that will fill and render unusable one or more rooms in our home from now until I finally take it outside and toss it into the springtime mud, many months from now. I don't want something small or sick or sad. I want something huge and ridiculous.

But our marital bonds are strong, and despite our differences, we agree on the most important thing: the tree must be alive and real. My wife's favorites are usually on the verge of death, but even that implies they are, for the time being, at least, among us, the living.

In a time and place where nearly all people, regardless of political affiliation, seem equally intent on destroying the very last vestiges of anything wild or undeveloped or unique and untouched by human hands, each Christmas tree serves as the most incredible symbol, each year, of the most incredible truth: That the world outside – the "unimproved" world that has not been paved or cluttered with homes and businesses – is beautiful. It exists in majesty regardless of us. Not because of our existence, but not despite it, either. The tree, which is a completely renewable, living thing, which will always grow again from the soil after we cut it down. It

is a symbol of the wilderness from which we come, the atavism that still resides inside us no matter how hard we try to pretend we are fully civilized and housebroken. Trees, which have been here for 400 million years, are generally considered far too wild to come into our homes. They are part of the ancient world, the world businesspeople and governments try so hard to stamp out, the Earth as it was for all its history, full of things we did not make and could not control. Beautiful, mysterious things. They remind us of how stunning the world was before we "developed" it, and how incredible it will be after all the pavement has crumbled. Yet they are also a reminder that it remains beautiful, even now. They are the wilderness, and once a year we – a species that spends much of its time fighting and being scared of the wild – suddenly say, "Come on in."

The fact that so many of us, in so many countries and from so many cultures, suddenly change the rules each December and welcome wild pine trees into our houses is strange and wonderful. It's no less weird than if every September, we all suddenly decided it was time to go find a grizzly bear or wildebeest and bring it home, where it could live for the remainder of the holiday season, wrapped in

bright lights and draped with trinkets that tell our family's unique but familiar human story.

These trees, whether they are sickly and pathetic, the way my wife likes them, or bombastic and far too big to fit through the door, the way I like them, are annual reminders that the world is a place that is wild and real. It was so long before we arrived here, so recently, and will remain so long after we are gone.

Each year, I reread Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory." It's about a little boy and a cognitively disabled woman, best friends, who each year make fruitcakes together and give them to friends and strangers alike. Near the end of the story, they go to fly a homemade kite together, when they realize this same thing. That all of Creation is right outside all our doors, throughout the duration of our individual and collective stories. In every single tree, in everything under the sun and the moon, is the real world.

"My, how foolish I am!" my friend cries, suddenly alert, like a woman remembering too late she has biscuits in the oven. "You know what I've always thought?" she asks in a tone of discovery and not smiling at me but a point beyond. "I've always thought a body would have to be sick and

dying before they saw the Lord. And I imagined that when he came it would be like looking at the Baptist window: pretty as colored glass with the sun pouring through, such a shine you don't know it's getting dark. And it's been a comfort: to think of that shine taking away all the spooky feeling. But I'll wager it never happens. I'll wager at the very end a body realizes the Lord has already shown Himself. That things as they are" – her hand circles in a gesture that gathers clouds and kites and grass and Queenie [the dog] pawing earth over her bone – "just what they've always seen, was seeing Him. As for me, I could leave the world with today in my eyes."

We compromised again this year. The tree in our living room is not the smallest or most pathetic specimen we saw. It's also not the 20-foot monster I wanted to buy. Instead, it's somewhere in between. It's perfect. A pagan symbol of our deepest roots and a glimpse into our future. A piece of real life wilderness presiding over our domestic lives.

And every time I look at it, adorned with our personal ornaments, lit up as if eternally on fire, its branches shadowing a pile of presents, I hope that one day I'm lucky enough to leave the world with it, and all it represents, in my eyes.

Letters to the Editor

Matthew Smith disagrees with Olson's take on school flag

I have to take extreme issue with a letter by some-

one who was objecting to the flying of the multi-colored Pride flag in June over the high school. A flag is an emblem of a country or institution or organization. The individual really had no issue with a colorful flag,

but that the Mount Horeb High School and others are recognizing the LGBTQ community, not only here in

our wonderful city but everywhere. I have raised my children here, had a farming operation here and now

retired here. This area is our home. Would this person raise issues if a MIA flag was raised? How about a flag of Norway?

There is too much hatred in the world and we surely do not need any in Mount Horeb. We want to welcome everyone to live and work and go to school here in Mount Horeb. We have many friends here in town and the area and we are not going anywhere.

"the practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized...."

Wow so doesn't that include everyone? It also represents a safe place to go and to feel welcome.

As a member of this community, I am proud that our businesses, residences and schools support inclusive. Also know that the flag is flown at our State Capital, the White House and I am sure many other places. Whether it is the Pride flag or the inclusive flag, it represents the same, KINDNESS. Isn't that another amazing word?

In our world today, 2023/2024 it is so very, very important that we are kind and inclusive for all our youth and adults.

Denny Rosenthal

Peace and love,
Matthew Smith

Rosenthal: Pride flag is inclusive for all

I read the "letter to the editor" from William Olson and I would like to say the Flag that is flown at the school is an "inclusive" flag.

What an interesting word, inclusive. The meaning is

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Business News

LaCasse-Ford selected for U.S. Chamber program

She'll Engage Nationally on Critical Education and Workforce Issues

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation announced Rachel LaCasse-Ford, president/CEO of the Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce was selected to participate in the ninth cohort of its premiere business leadership program. The Business Leads Fellow-

ship Program “trains and equips leaders from state and local chambers of commerce, economic development agencies, and trade associations with resources, access to experts, and a network of peers to build their capacity to ad-



LaCasse-Ford

dress the most pressing education and workforce challenges.”

“It is an honor to be part of this program,” said LaCasse-Ford. “I am eager to learn from experts in the field and connect with my peers from across the country who are working to solve the same critical issues in their communities that we are facing here in Mount Horeb.”

“We created the Business Leads Fellowship Program in response to the needs of our state and local chamber partners,” said Cheryl Oldham, senior vice president of the Center for Education and Workforce. “They, better than anyone, see the critical link between education and economic development, and we are glad to be able to support them as they take on this critical leadership role

in their community.”

Following a competitive application and selection process, LaCasse-Ford was selected along with 34 other state and local chamber executives, economic development professionals, and association leaders to participate in the ninth class of this program. The eight-month program, consisting of both in person and virtual meetings, will cover the entire talent pipeline, including early childhood education, K-12, postsecondary education and workforce development. Upon completion, Business Leads Fellows will join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s network of over 300 chambers of commerce and statewide associations from around the nation who regularly engage on education and workforce initiatives.

Village Government

Residents can apply for home improvement grants

By ERIN HERNDON
Mount Horeb Mail

In their December 6 meeting, the Village Board approved a plan for a Residential Improvement Program and provided an update from their Strategic Planning Session. They also announced that trustee nominations are now open.

Consideration of Residential Improvement Program

The board unanimously voted yes to approve the Residential Exterior Improvement Program. Through the program, Mount Horeb residents can apply to receive grants matched

up to \$5,000 for home improvement and maintenance projects.

The plan now includes avenues for cost-saving sustainability practices and clarification that landscaping or retaining walls are eligible items.

Administrator Nic Owen explained that due to last year’s high volume of approved projects, the plan went over budget. To remedy this issue, the board explained that a scoring matrix would be used on received projects moving forward.

“Basically, everyone was approved that qualified,” Owen said. “This year after the publicity, we thought there might be more and that a scoring matrix might be good.”

Strategic Planning Session Update

Village President Ryan Czyzewski presented an update regarding the Strategic Planning Session held on November 29. Czyzewski explained that the meeting reviewed peer communities and village focus areas and that a summary will be released in January.

Trustee Nominations

Nomination papers for potential village trustees are now available. They can be picked up from Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney at the municipal building or requested through her email via Alyssa.Gaffney@mounthorebwi.info. Trustees Tim White and Marc Schellpfeffer are up for re-election.

Cardinal-Hickory Creek Power Line

ATC puts segment of controversial line in service

By KEVIN MURPHY
Mount Horeb Mail

American Transmission Co. last week put into service the segment of a high-voltage power line that extends between substations in the town of Middleton and Montfort, Wis. (running

through Mount Horeb on the way) the company announced Monday.

About 95 percent of the 102-mile Cardinal-Hickory Creek 345-kilovolt power line is in Wisconsin, and it was hotly contested before and after the Public Service Commission approved its construction in 2019.

During the lengthy approval process, ATC and its partners touted the line’s

capability of bringing wind-generated power produced west of the Mississippi River to markets east of it.

Completing the eastern portion of the line benefits consumers and local wind and solar projects can begin to receive benefits from the project, according to ATC spokesperson Jody Lau, however, it is impossible to quantify the benefits of energizing half of the line because the regional transmission planner, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator does not break projects apart to determine which pieces are needed for individual generators to achieve full output.

Consumers are expected to fully enjoy the line’s benefits once it is completed by June, Lau added.

In addition to supporting the connection to renewable and lower-cost energy generated in nearby states, the line should improve service reliability and flexibility to the region’s electric grid, according to ATC.

After two years of construction only a 1.5-mile span across the Mississippi River is left to be built, according to ATC.

ATC’s partner, ITC Midwest, is constructing the power line west from the Hill Valley Substation to the Hickory Creek Substation near Dubuque. ITC expects that segment to be energized

by June.

This summer, the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a decision by District Judge William Conley concerning the line’s crossing a federal wildlife refuge along the Mississippi River. That allowed the line’s owners, ATC, ITC, and Dairyland Power Cooperative to negotiate a land swap with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the line’s route to the river.

The Seventh Circuit court has also returned legal challenges to the Final Environmental Impact Statement concerning the refuge crossing to Conley for resolution, otherwise ending litigation to the line’s route.

The Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line was designed as part of a pathway to connect consumers with the 161 generation projects across the Upper Midwest states that produce 24.7 gigawatts of electricity to power millions of homes and businesses, according to ATC’s news release.

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How you steep tea determines how much caffeine is in the cup that you drink. Black tea is steeped at 210°F for up to 5 mins and has about ⅔ as much caffeine as coffee. Green tea is steeped at 170°F for up to 3 mins and has about half as much caffeine as black tea.

Most herbals have no caffeine. South American Yerba Mate is one exception; it has nearly as much caffeine as coffee.

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Police Report

OCTOBER MONTHLY SUMMARY

911 Disconnect – 15
911 Open Line Count – 2

- Accidents – 7**
- Accident – 2
 - Hit & Run - 1
 - Private Property - 2
 - Property Damage – 1
 - Citizen Report - 1

Adult Arrest – 3

- A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle, where contact was made with an individual who had a felony parole warrant out for his arrest. The individual was arrested and transported to the Dane County Jail.
- An officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for operating with no tail lights. Upon contact, it was found that the driver had an active state wide warrant for his arrest. The driver was arrested and transported to the Dane County Jail without incident.

- A traffic stop was conducted for failure to stop at a stop sign. A record check of the driver yielded a warrant for his arrest out of Dane County. The driver was arrested and transported to the Dane County Jail. A Felony Bail Jumping charge was referred to the Dane County District Attorney’s Office.

Alarm – 3
Animal Complaint – Bite - 1

Animal Complaint Disturbance - 4

Animal Complaint Stray – 8

Assist Citizen – 17
Assist DCSO – 8
Assist Fire/Police – 10
Assist Village of Mt. Horeb - 1

Check Person - 17
Check Property – 20
Citizen Fraud – No Loss – 2

- A resident wanted to report that she had received a phone call from someone claiming to be from Spectrum. The unknown person claiming to be from Spectrum had offered her a 50% discount for three years for a total of \$480 if she paid in Target gift cards. The resident figured this was a scam and did not give out any personal information other than her phone number and email, which they already had. She was not out any money and wanted this to be documented with Mount Horeb Police Department.

- A resident reported being scammed over the phone, in which he verified his card information as well as the 3-digit security code, to someone he thought was employed by a bank. After doing this, he was alerted

that a charge took place on his card. The resident did report this to his credit card company and was ultimately reimbursed for the fraudulent charge.

Damage Property Complaint – 1

- A resident called to report that their car was broken into and damaged while parked at the school. No items were missing. There are no suspects at this time.

Death Investigation – 3

- Officers responded to the report of a pulseless/non-breather. Upon arrival, EMS and the Fire Department attempted life saving measures to no avail. Nothing appeared suspicious, and it is believed that the individual died of natural causes.

- Officers were dispatched along with EMS to a 911 call. Upon arrival it was learned that Hospice was called. Hospice arrived on scene and took over.

- Officers and EMS were dispatched to a residence in the village for the report of a deceased male. Upon arrival, it was determined there were no life-saving measures that could be taken. The medical examiner determined the cause of death to be of natural causes.

Disabled Vehicle - 4
Disturbance Call – 3

- Officers responded to the report of a disturbance at an apartment building in the village. A search of the area was conducted and the individual was found, stated that he was fine, and there was not disturbance. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this disturbance.

- Police responded to the report of disturbance at a local restaurant. Upon arrival, the suspect had already left the scene. Contact was made with the victim and witnesses. The suspect was located and were ultimately issued citations for Battery, Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Damage to Property.

- Officers were dispatched to the report of screaming, swearing, and loud banging noises coming from an apartment. Officers arrived and attempted contact, were unsuccessful, and heard no active disturbance. Contact was made with the reporting party who stated the last noise was heard 20 minutes prior to officers’ arrival. Officers checked the area but did not locate any disturbance.

Domestic/Family Trouble – 3

- A check person call turned in to an arrest for Disorderly Conduct, Battery, Intimidation of a Victim, and Carrying a Firearm in a Public Building. Upon contact with the victim, it

was learned that the suspect left on foot, and was later found at a local bar. After interviewing both the victim and the suspect, the suspect was arrested on the listed charges, and transported to the Dane County Jail. Alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor in this incident.

- Officers were dispatched to a 911 disconnect. Upon arrival at the residence, it was learned that a domestic disturbance had occurred, and the suspect fled the scene. It was reported that the suspect hit the victim multiple times. Due to the fact that the victim could not fully identify the suspect, this case is considered inactive until more information becomes available.

- Officers made contact at a residence for the report of a domestic disturbance. Both parties involved were interviewed. The predominate aggressor was arrested for Battery and Disorderly Conduct, and transported to the Dane County Jail.

Drug Incident – 1

- A resident called the Police Department to report that she had allowed a male to stay in her garage for about one month, as he needed a place to stay. As of recent, the male was arrested in Marinette County on drug related charges, and will not be returning to the residence. The resident reported that while cleaning out where the male had been staying, she located drugs. The drugs were turned over to the Mount Horeb Police Department and placed into evidence.

EMS Assist – 59
Extortion – 1

- A resident of the community reported to being in contact with another individual over an app where phone numbers were exchanged. During phone contact inappropriate photographs were exchanged. The scammer demanded that money be sent or the photographs would be released. The app was deleted and the phone number that was used to contact the victim was blocked. There has been no further contact with the scammer.

Foot Patrol/Check Property -2

Found Person - 1

- Police were dispatched for the report of a 2-year-old child standing outside alone in the cul-de-sac. Upon police arrival, the mother of the child had been found and reunited with the child. Police made contact with the mother and child. Due to the living conditions, Dane County CPS was called and asked to follow up with the family to help provide services.

Found Property –11
Fraud – 4

- A resident called

to report someone used his email address for an online order. The order had someone else’s credit card, name, and address on it. The resident just received a confirmation email. The resident did not place this order, and the only personal information used was his email. There is no loss at this time.

- A manager at a local restaurant called to report that a customer tried to use a fake \$100 bill in the drive-thru. The customer then paid by card and left. The fake \$100 bill was turned over to police and Secret Services was contacted regarding this fake money.

- A resident called to report a possible identity theft where someone is using the resident’s information to open up AT&T accounts in his name in Michigan. AT&T was been contacted and they will continue to investigate this fraud.

- A local bank called to report a possible fraudulent check being cashed at the bank. This case is active and still under investigation.

Graffiti Complaint – 2

- A business in the community called to report graffiti on the basement access door of the business. They believe the graffiti happened approximately a month ago. There is no video footage of this area. This is for documentation only at this time.

- Graffiti was located on an electoral box located in a parking lot. The village Electric Superintendent was contacted and made aware. This report is similar to the prior incident. This report is also for documentation purposes at this time.

Harassment – 2

- A citizen reported to police that she received approximately 87 phone calls from her ex-boyfriend while she was at work. Due to the suspect living outside of Mount Horeb, Dane County Sheriff’s Office was requested to make contact with the suspect, and inform him to stop contacting the reporting party.

- A resident called to report being harassed over text message for years by her ex-boyfriend who lives in Middleton. The reporting party believes the ex-boyfriend has some mental health issues. Middleton Police made contact with the suspect who was warned about his behavior. It was later found that the suspect was arrested in Madison on a warrant from Probation and Parole.

Information – 14
Intoxicated Person – 1

- While on routine patrol, an officer observed a male who appeared to be sleeping on a bench. Contact was made and the male was found to be intoxicated. The male was given a ride to his residence and released to a responsible party that agreed

to care for him.

Juvenile Complaint – 7

- Police responded to the report of a juvenile complaint between a parent and child. Police separated the two parties and took their statements. It was determined that a mediation would be set up with the two parties. A case worker has been assigned to help the family in dealing with their ongoing issues.

- A business owner called to report that there is video footage of a group of juveniles climbing on the roof of a business. The juveniles were identified through the video footage. The juveniles and their parents were contacted and all were given verbal warnings.

- Follow up was conducted on the juveniles that were on the roof of a business. The video footage showed that the juveniles were on the roof of a neighboring business. The property owner was contacted in regards to checking the roof for damage.

- Officers were dispatched to a residence for the report of a juvenile threatening self-harm. Contact was made with the juvenile who stated that she wasn’t suicidal. A safety plan was put into place and Dane County Crisis was contacted.

- While on routine patrol an officer observed several juveniles in a park after curfew. All of the parents were notified and verbal warnings were given for the curfew violations.

- Police were called and requested to assist in helping with getting a juvenile to go to school. The juvenile was reluctant, but eventually did comply. An officer transported the juvenile to the school.

- A resident called because she could not find her two children. She had last seen them outside about 20 minutes earlier. Upon arrival, police spoke to the husband who said his wife had found the kids, and was on her way back with them. Officers spoke with the kids and counseled them about telling their parents where they were going.

Lost Property – 2
Mental Health Response – 1

- Officers responded to an apartment complex in regards to disturbance that turned in to a Mental Health Response. The reporting party stated that they overheard an individual screaming and yelling. Officers made contact with the individual who stated that he has been working through some mental health issues. The individual was provided the phone number for Dane County Crisis.

Monitoring /Extra Patrol – 1
Neighbor Trouble – 2

- Police responded for the report of a tenant

spraying another tenant with pepper spray. Contact was made, and it was confirmed that pepper spray was used, but sprayed at dogs that were loose and had approached the individual. Both tenants were warned. One was warned for dogs at large and the other was warned and educated on the use of pepper spray.

- A resident reported a dispute that occurred between her and a neighbor. After speaking with both parties, they both admitted to calling each other profanities. Both parties were warned and advised to avoid one another if possible.

Noise Complaint – 1
OMVWI Arrest / Intoxicated Driver – 2

- An off-duty officer called in what he believed to be an impaired driver. An officer responded to the area, and located the vehicle. The officer observed the vehicle cross the center line, and then conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle. Field Sobriety Test were conducted and the driver was arrested for OWI(2nd) and cited for Operating Left of Center. The driver was transported to the Dane County Jail

On Street Parking Complaint – 3

Parking Tickets – 39

Phone Call –26

Pornography / Obscene Material - 1

- A NCMEC Cyber-Tip was received. This case is currently under investigation.

Preserve the Peace –1

- Officers stood by while a property owner served an eviction notice on a tenant. No issues were observed.

Private Property Parking Complaint – 3

Safety Hazard – 1
School Related Incidents - 17

- Check Person – 1
- Drug Offense - 2
- Juvenile Complaint – 6
- Juvenile Information - 1
- Meetings – 1
- Special Events -6
- Truancy – 1

Special Events/Community Relations – 2

- A Mount Horeb Police Officer conducted a community mental health presentation.

- Officers escorted the High School Cross County Team through town with the Fire Department.

Stolen Auto – 2

- While investigating a prior stolen auto, it was found that another truck was also stolen. The stolen vehicle was seen exiting on to 18-151 headed east. Verona PD and Dane County PD were alerted. A short time later the stolen vehicle was found abandoned in Fitchburg. There are no suspects at this time.

- Madison PD called stating that the stolen auto from the prior month was

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Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

130 Years Ago- Dec. 14, 1893

Mount Horeb has adopted an all-around Sunday rest system. Our streets are no longer crowded with milk haulers on Sunday mornings; the barber shops are no longer a business retreat, and the best of all this, is it has been voluntary on the part of the respective proprietors to bring about this commendable change.

The sleighing is good enough to please the most fastidious.

Henry Haaden had the misfortune to bruise one of his hands while hauling wood, last week.

Thore O. Skogen has gone to Iowa to see a favorite flower of his from Valders, Norway, transplanted in that state.

Again death has been an unwelcome guest in our midst. It has taken away a lady in her youth. Miss Mathilde Mickelson died last Saturday morning. She was 33 years of age and had enjoyed good health till some six months ago when she began to fade away from consumption. The deceased was an intelligent lady and was much admired.

The extension of Main street east, the race track and street sprinkler. We doubt not that electricity will soon light upon thrifty town.

Anton C. Christianson is building a blacksmith shop on his lot at the rear of hotel Briton where he will proceed with his blacksmith trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Nelson of this place were surprised by a number of young people last Friday.

With considerable pride we look upon onward movement of

the building up of our village including: A. Hoff & Co. addition to store \$800, J.T. Dahle dwelling house \$2,500, Mt. Horeb Printing Co. printing office \$1,000, J. Tilburg dwelling house \$2,500 and the Mt. Horeb Academy building \$12,000. There are a number of minor improvements our village can boast of.

120 Years Ago- Dec. 10, 1903

The pressure pump for the waterworks arrived and was placed on the foundation Monday. It is a massive machine weighing 9100 lbs, and required considerable engineering to unload same. One piece crated weighed 7300 lbs.

Geo. Kahl holds the championship as nimrod in these parts, shooting 17 rabbits in less than two hours time one day this week.

The supper at the opera hall last Thursday evening was very well patronized by citizens of the village in general, and many came in from the country. The program rendered consisted of music by the orchestra, songs by the glee club, a solo by Miss Alma Mickelson and reminiscences from his European trip by Otto Dahle. Miss Clara Dahle brought up the climax by rendering “Soeter Jenten’s Sondag” in a masterful manner, appearing in the peasant girl costume.

A faded out, careworn woman of 40, with a spruce up-to-date husband, should take Rocky Mountain Tea. Bring back that youthful, girlish beauty. Keeps the old man from going to the lodge.

Thomas Ayen had an accident while doing some repairing on the Haaden farm, working in the barn. A board fell down upon his head and gave him a bad bruising. He is however able to be around.

110 Years Ago- Dec. 5, 1913

Dr. Evans and assistant are busy fumigating and disinfecting homes and families that have been under quarantine rule the prescribed period for small pox. Wednesday the Halvor Bakken, A.C. Krohn, Syver Nygaard families and Mrs. Ida Bakken were released. The village hall is used for fumigating quarters, where families are detained until their homes are disinfected.

Henry Ball has traded his wagon shop for land in North Dakota.

Edna Lewis is teaching in the Berge School in Springdale.

100 Years Ago- Dec. 5, 1923

One of the biggest farm deals in these parts was closed here Tuesday when Brown & Weltzin sold the splendid farm of George Rockstad to Thomas Ayen. The deal involved \$115,000. This is the best built up farm in western Dane County.

Miss Agnes Sutter returned to her nursing duties a St. Mary’s Hospital, Milwaukee, after visiting over Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sutter.

A very pretty wedding took place at Perry at seven o’clock Thanksgiving Day evening, when Isaac Grande and Jane Anderson were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Garfoot received the surprise of their life last week when a number of their friends called to help them celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary.

Announcement is being made of new low prices on enclosed models of the famous Studebaker cars which are sold locally by the Mt. Horeb Auto Co. The reductions are large, amounting to approximately \$100.00 each model. Increased production and reduced cost made possible by the new factory is the

reason for this reduction.

Russell Martin went to Chicago to see about the cattle they shipped Wednesday.

90 Years Ago- Dec. 7, 1933

The store and stock formerly owned by H.K. Glaeden, Forward, has been sold to How. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.V. Peterson, Perry.

Margaret Brown, teacher in the Riley School, gave a school exhibition at the Riley Hall last week, which was attended by nearly 200 people and the play was well rendered.

The Rev. Robert Pow, Pastor of the Methodist Church, Brodhead, the past two years, formerly pastor at Mount Horeb passed away at his home at the age of 64 years.

Eighteen men reported for work Saturday morning on park and street improvements here. Work was started at Boeck’s Park and the village park on South First Street, and also the project of rounding off street corners.

The Firemen’s dance here Thanksgiving evening was one of the largest and best ever in Mount Horeb with 399 tickets sold.

80 Years Ago- Dec. 9, 1943

Dr. Paul Paepke, specialist in successfully treating piles, rupture and chronic diseases of stomach, liver, bowels and constipation, rheumatism, and goiter can be consulted at the Park Hotel, Madison, Dec. 15.

Nicolas Kompelien has moved into his own home on So. Fourth St., formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lund.

Pepsi-Cola advertised bigger and better fountain drinks, 5¢ for a ten-oz. glass.

Lavern Gallitz, bookkeeper at the Mount Horeb branch of the Wadhams Oil Company, has been

promoted and has been transferred to the Madison branch. C. H. Austin, teacher in our high school will fill his place.

70 Years Ago- Dec. 3, 1953

The Boy Scouts of Troop 62 have now made \$100, which will go into the treasury for troop equipment. The scouts made this amount by selling 400 bags of popcorn in the area.

Mrs. I.G. Gesme entertained Monday afternoon for the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. Matt Marty and Mrs. J.B. Johnson.

Erling Thoresen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trygve Thoresen, will report for Army service Dec. 11.

60 Years Ago- Dec. 5, 1963

St. Nick was transported via plane flown by Ralph Buechner to the C.S. Gonstead field, where he was greeted by several hundred children.

Dr. M. W. Schuetz is proudly displaying a big black bear he shot while hunting over the weekend. The animal weighs about 400 pounds.

20 Years Ago- Dec. 11, 2003

Kamryn Lamae is the name chosen by Terry and Julie Ibinger of Mount Horeb for their daughter born at Meriter Hospital, Madison on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003.

David Dochterman, son of Leland and Donna Dochterman, recently completed all the requirements needed to achieve the top rank in Boy Scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout.

Frederick J. Schweitzer, Jr., 60, of Mount Horeb died of an apparent heat attack on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003 a his home.

POLICE

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located in Madison. The vehicle was towed back to Mount Horeb Police Department.

Suspicious Person - 2 Suspicious Vehicle – 9 Theft – 5

- A resident of a local facility reported his wallet being stolen. A debit card located in the wallet had been used for multiple purchases. This case is inactive as we are waiting for documentation of the charges and withdrawals.

- A resident called to report that an Amazon package that was delivered

to their home had been opened, and the contents taken. There are no suspects at this time.

- Police responded to the report of missing firearms from their home. It was found that the reporting party’s ex-husband had been in the home, and had taken the firearms without permission. The firearms were eventually returned and no charges were pressed.

- A resident reported losing her wallet. When the wallet was found the cash that was in it was missing. Video footage captured the theft. The suspect in this case was contacted and eventually admitted to taking the money. The money

was returned. The victim in this crime did not wish to press charges.

- Police received a phone call regarding the stop sign that was located in the grocery store parking lot was missing. There was no damage to the post and the sign appeared to be cleanly taken off. The development company will be replacing the sign.

Theft from Auto – 2

- While investigating a suspicious vehicle, an Officer noted a vehicle that appeared to have been gone through. The owner of the vehicle confirmed that the vehicle had been gone through but nothing was missing.

- An officer was dispatched to a residence for the report of theft from an auto. The resident stated his car was locked when he arrived home after work. Clothing items, shoes, and jewelry were stolen. A canvas of the area was conducted for cameras. There are no suspects at this time.

Threats Complaint – 2

- A resident reported threats towards their child. This case is currently being investigated.

- A resident reported

receiving threatening phone calls from a collection agency. Officers contacted the phone number and were informed that no one from their agency would make threatening phone calls. At this time, this report is for documentation only.

Traffic Arrests – 4 Traffic Incident –11 Traffic Warning – 50 Unwanted Person – 2

- A resident of the village called to report that they wanted an individual removed from their apart-

ment, who they had allowed to stay for a few days. Officers stood by while the resident explained to the unwanted party that they needed to leave.

- The same resident called to report that the unwanted party still had not left as planned. The resident was currently away from the home, but reported that she felt unsafe. Upon arrival, the house appeared to be empty. The resident was advised to call if the unwanted party came back.



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Men’s Night Out offers dining, drinks and festive holiday shopping

Thursday, December 14 will be Men’s Night Out in Mount Horeb, with some of the village’s best stores going the extra mile to make it a fun and festive night for shoppers.

According to Lynn McFee, owner of McFee on Main, many shops will stay open late, offer special food, provide gift-wrapping, and hand out tokens for free beverages at local bars and restaurants.

“It’s been a while since we catered to the men in the community and we thought this would be a fun event,” McFee explained.

Julie Bergey, owner of Bergey Jewelry, said it’s the perfect chance for men to do their holiday shopping. She added that each participating business is coming up with ways to make it a special evening for everyone who stops by.

“We decided to do a Men’s Night at Bergey Jewelry to encourage men to come in and shop for the holidays,” she said. “We keep wish lists on file for customers, so we thought this would be a great time for them to come in and shop from the wish list. It makes it really convenient for the men and they don’t need to worry if they are choosing the right gift. As always, we offer complimentary gift wrapping with purchases. We’ll also have appetizers from The Viking, beer to enjoy while they shop and a coupon for a free beer as Skål.” There will also be a chance to win over \$1,000 in prizes.

A wide variety of local stores plan to take part. “We’re just trying to make shopping as easy and stress-free for the guys as possible!” said Bergey.

Extra officers on local roads will crack down on impaired driving

The Dane County Traffic Safety Commission has been working on impaired driving enforcement and prevention solutions. Through quarterly meetings, members said they hope to create opportunities for a joint effort on preventing impaired driving through enforcement was brought up.

There are two planned days - December 15 and December 29 – during which more than 20 agencies in Dane County, including the police departments in both Mount Horeb and Blue Mounds, will have extra staff for impaired driving enforcement.

These agencies will be conducting enforcement within their own jurisdictions and there will be more officers across all of Dane County on those dates as part of the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign. Officers said they hope this helps keep roads safe this holiday season.

Area farmers will gather for final market of year

The Mt. Horeb Farmers Market will be holding a pre-Christmas indoor market this Saturday, December 16, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 315 E. Main Street between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be plenty of parking both on Main St. and in the large parking lot behind the church. Enter the building from either the front or the back and follow the signs. A hot breakfast will not be served, but hot coffee will be available. As usual, the market managers will be selling their very sturdy tote bags. Other cold weather markets will be held on January 20, and February 17. For more information contact mthorebfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VISIT MOUNT HOREB TROLLIDAYS now thru December 31, 2023
Support local businesses

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Mt. Horeb Seniors shopping trip to Dodgeville Walmart, 9:30am. Call Kris, 608-444-7930

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

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

Mt. Horeb Trollidays “Men’s Night out”, shops open until 8:00pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Holiday Bingo, sponsored by Miller & Sons, Senior Center, 12:30pm

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Mt. Horeb Farmers Festive Winter Market - inside the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 315 E. Main St., 9:00am - 1:00pm.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

Celtic Christmas music concert at Good News Lutheran Church, 6:00pm, free and open to public

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Badger Hearing, Senior Center, 1:00-3:00pm, by appt. 608-437-6902 or walk-in

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Foot Clinic, Senior Center, 9:00am-3:30pm, by appt. 608-437-6902

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@newspubinc.com.
We reserve the right to edit for length.

Rec Notes

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 2.

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

With a strong showing by Jolene Hook and Pat Baier’s 113 points, the Viking Trolls got their first win of the season. Although, it may also have had something to do with the play of Roger Wedig, who flew in from California to play for the struggling Trolls. Although, another contributing factor to consider is the mere 81 points registered by Norsk Prankster’s Randy Cushman and Jordy Schmitz, this week’s low score. I suspect this type of abuse is not the reason Randy hasn’t headed to Arizona for the winter. The Trolls won by 21 points.

Soon after league secretary Stan Hook handed Cheese Eaters Kohl and Kendal Wenger a packet of skunks for the skunks they received on October 19th, Larry Disch and Keith Wenger skunked Randy Skogen and Stan Hook in the very first frame. Talk about karma. Stan and Randy got their own back though the second time they played Larry and Keith later that night when they stopped them from recording a perfect score. Come to think of it, that’s about time a bus load of a girl’s sorority arrived. Maybe that was a contributing factor/distraction needed to stop the perfect score. Larry and Keith finished with 117 points for this week’s high score. I know now that I should wait until after the match to hand out such awards. Dave Herfel and Tom Meyer tried to keep the match close, scoring 114 points for the Shufflers. But in the end the Cheese Eaters got their third win of the season.

The Red Mouse Uff-das found themselves down after the first frame to the J&M Bar River Rats. But, by the end of the second frame team Uff-da took the lead and hung on to the end for a 6 point win.

Morgan’s Express conductors Steve Hoffmaster and Karen Miller opened their throttle to 112 mph propelling the Express to a 25 point victory over the Hay Shakers of Kleeman’s. This match also started with the winning team in the hole as the Express found themselves down by 11 after the first frame. After several lead changes, the Express secured the winners spot for the first half of the season. They can relax a little now that they’ve made it into the championship match at the end of the season.

In the match between Morgan’s Pipe Benders and the Norsk Cowboys, the Cowboys found themselves down by 12 points after the first frame but came back in the second to go up by one. After the third frame, they found themselves down once again, never to regain the lead. The Pipe Benders improved their record to 5 and 3 with the 22 point win.

Standings:

Express 8-0

Kleeman’s 5-3

Uff-Da 6-2

Cowboys 4-4

Pipe Benders 5-3

Shufflers 4-4

J&M Bar 3-5

Cheese Eaters 3-5

Pranksters 1-7

Trolls 1-7

Schedule for Dec. 14

Shufflers @ Pipe Benders (7:00)

Express @ Pranksters (7:30)

River Rats @ Hay Shakers (7:30)

Cowboys (7:00) @ Trolls (7:00)

Cheese Eaters @ Uff-da (7:00)



Class of ‘23 leaders donate \$2,700 to Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Amy Arneson, the advisor for the Class of 2023, pushed her class officers to have their peers get involved in community service as part of their experience at Mount Horeb High School. Throughout their four years in High School, the Class of 2023 held numerous fundraisers to stock the Little Food Pantries, they volunteered time at the Community Clothes Closet, worked at Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) and visited local assisted living facilities. In addition to volunteering, the class held numerous fundraisers: working concessions, brat sales, Butterbraid sales and Pura Vida bracelet sales, just to name a few. Upon graduation, the class had a surplus in their class fund, so in May of 2023, the class voted and decided to donate the money to Neighbors Helping Neighbors. On Friday, November 3 at the Vikings football game, several of the alumni from the Class of 2023 presented a check to Suzi Grundahl (a volunteer at NHN) in the amount of \$2,700. Pictured above, from left to right: (back row) Suzi Grundahl, Lexi Arneson, Nadja Hastings, Katie Manchester, Eli Ziegler, Addie Morton, Ethan Tranel; (front row) Nam Ganch.

Step into the Spotlight: Driftless Historium seeking applicants for annual student artist showcase



In June 2023, Jenna Clark and Madison Conroy welcomed friends, family and fans to their multimedia show, “Speaking to Grow.”

The Driftless Historium is now accepting applications for the 2024 Student Spotlight. This fifth annual partner initiative of the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society and the Mount Horeb High School Art Department fosters and celebrates the talent of area youth. The selected student artists are awarded a project budget, made possible by Mount Horeb Area Historical Society donors, to curate and promote their own art installation, and

receive mentoring and guidance throughout the process. The Student Spotlight art show will debut in the Driftless Historium’s Kalscheur Family Foundation Community Gallery for a six-week summer residency. The museum’s highly trafficked downtown location (100 S 2nd St) and growing reputation as a regional art space offers high visibility in a professional venue. Past participants have received extensive media attention,

including newspaper features and television interviews. This opportunity is open to Mount Horeb High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, and those studying at an equivalent level within the district. Applications are available at www.mthoreb-history.org (search “Student Spotlight”) or at the Driftless Historium front desk (open Friday to Tuesday, 10:00am to 4:00pm). Completed forms can be dropped off on site or submitted

via email to mthorebahs@gmail.com. The application deadline is Monday, January 15. All applications will be reviewed by committee, with the selected student notified Thursday, February 01. For more information, call 608-437-6486. A public reception, hosted by the featured student artist in the Driftless Historium Community Gallery during their exhibit’s residency, serves as the capstone of the Student Spotlight experience.

Sheriff’s office introduces emotional support dogs



The Dane County Sheriff’s Office has welcomed two furry additions to their Peer Support Team. Luna and Nova (above) are certified emotional support dogs and belong to Deputy Eric Miller. Deputy Miller started with the Sheriff’s Office in 2022. Luna is an 8-year-old AKC-certified Golden Retriever. She loves to cuddle and lean on whoever will pay attention to her. Nova is a 7-year-old Golden Retriever mix, but a 100% good girl! She loves to play catch and tug of war. Luna and Nova have passed a ten-step course to become certified as emotional support dogs. As part of the Sheriff’s Office Peer Support Team, they will be responding to situations where they can provide psychological support to personnel. In a high-stress work environment like law enforcement, where admitting a need for mental health-related problems can be culturally stigmatized, offering the presence of emotional support dogs can be beneficial. Luna and Nova will also be attending community events and agency functions. “The Dane County Sheriff’s Office values employee wellness and we’re excited about the addition of Luna and Nova to our team. Our Peer Support Program has proven to be a valuable resource for our staff and Luna, Nova and Deputy Miller will only enhance an already successful program,” said Sheriff Calvin Barrett. The Peer Support Program was established in 2014. The program aims to provide a core group of trained personnel to provide support and information to employees and their family members who are seeking assistance, whether related to a critical incident, day-to-day work stress, or personal life stress.

CHURCH NOTES	
Good News Lutheran Church - WELS NEW LOCATION: 9975 Pepper Dr Pastor Jonathan Bauer Sunday Worship: 9:00 am (in person and online) Sunday School and Bible Study 10:15 am 608-437-4646 visit GoodNewsLC.org/location for details & directions	Immanuel Lutheran Church www.immanuelmh.org Sunday 10:00 service 310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb
New Hope Evangelical Free Church 639 S. Eighth St., Mt. Horeb Phone: 608-437-3273 www.newhopeefc.org Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	Perry Lutheran Church ELCA 1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb 608-437-5294 Sunday Worship 9:00 am www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org
Mt Horeb Evangelical Lutheran 315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012 www.elcmthoreb.org Facebook: evangelical.lutheran.church.of.mt.horeb 8am morning devotions M-F 9am in-person Sunday Worship Pre-Recorded online worship/also available via telephone call 1-855-514-2017	Springdale Lutheran Church 2752 Town Hall Rd. 608-437-3493 Vicar: James Ranney Worship: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month at 10am twosteeple.org
Mt. Horeb United Methodist Corner of Hwy. S & Hwy. 78 Sunday Worship: 9am online and in person umcmh.org Celebrating God's Inclusive Love	St. Michael The Archangel Parish Rev. Robert Butz- Parish Administrator St. Ignatius Catholic Church 109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb 608-437-5348 Mass: Sunday 10:30 am Tuesday thru Friday - 8:00 am Sat. 5:00 pm Holy Redeemer Catholic Church 10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb Mass: Sunday 8:00 am
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	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

Charlotte Carroll honored for kindness



Charlotte Carroll is a sixth grader and has been recognized by her team of teachers and the school board for her compassion, initiative and action. For example, this fall Charlotte proposed, advertised, and organized a new club. This club is called the Friendship Federation. She began this because she saw a need for her peers. Charlotte told the school board last week, “This is a student run organization that helps encourage students to make new friends at their own rate and learn how to embrace themselves.” She has three main goals for this organization: build confidence in students’ friendship skills; find a friend and learn new techniques for meeting peers; and be successful with skills in meeting peers. Joining Charlotte in celebrating this recognition were (above) her parents, Mr. Michael and Mrs. Allison Carroll; her sisters; principal Paul Christiansen; Associate Principal Catie Goninen; board liaison to the Middle School, Carly Fisher; and superintendent Dr. Steve Salerno.

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wrapped up in the Planning Commission since the 1990s. The reformed HPC will include five members, one of which is a village board member, and four citizen members, some of which should have related expertise.

Previously, the property owner could opt out if a property was nominated for historical designation. As the ordinance changes are currently proposed, a hearing will be held and the nominations will be referred to the village board for approval, if approved the property owner can appeal the decision.

Plan commission citizen member Destinee Udelhoven, who is also executive director of the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society, explained the reasoning behind this potential change.

“Before, if you were adamant that you didn’t think your property should be on the register, you were allowed to opt out of it,” Udelhoven said, “Now you can’t, and that is very important for an historic preservation committee, because those are sometimes the most at-risk properties.”

Udelhoven clarified that even though the right to opt out was removed, the HPC cannot add a property to the historical registry without the final approval of the village board. Also, notice and a public hearing must be held before the HPC can vote to send the final decision to the board.

Udelhoven said there are a lot of details that will not be worked out until later in the process and after hearing from the public.

There’s no current timeline for reinstating the commission, but the public hearing is the first step. If you cannot attend and would like to submit a written comment, you can email it to plan commission chair Ryan Czyzewski.

DONATION

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the agreement.

“The new scoreboard promises to elevate the experience for athletes, spectators, and the entire Mount Horeb community,” said a statement issued by Aubree Hanks, the school district’s resource development and public relations coordinator. “With its cutting-edge design and advanced features, this scoreboard will undoubtedly enhance the overall atmosphere of each

event’s experience. Eventually, students will be taught how to run the stadium’s scoreboard and make participants’ experiences at games, movie nights, etc. even more engaging.”

“This is just the latest example of Terry and Kathy Kurth’s generosity,” said superintendent, Dr. Steve Salerno. “During each of the past several years, they generously donated their time, talent, and treasure to make our students’ learning and co-curricular experiences all the more special - as special as the Kurths themselves.”

According to the agreement approved by the school board, the district will be directly contracting with the entity selling the scoreboard and with the entity(ies) installing the scoreboard” and “the donors have agreed to fund the entire purchase and all costs and expenses (anticipated and unanticipated) associated with purchasing and installing the scoreboard for the district, provided that the School Board of the District can approve the plan for this project on or before December 14, 2023. This arrangement constitutes a gift from the Donors to the District.”

The Kurths will pay the initial purchase price for the scoreboard directly to the vendor, but for additional expenses incurred when the scoreboard is being installed, the district will initially pay those expenses and subsequently invoice the Kurths.

“I can think of no better way to launch the district’s soon-to-be-released ‘Sponsorship and Advertising Guide,’ Salerno continued. The guide references a new approach the board of education has undertaken “to develop new revenue streams in the district.”

As part of the newly formed “Sponsorship and Advertising Guide,” interested businesses/organizations are encouraged to seize the opportunity to be featured on the available scoreboard partner panels. For more information on becoming a scoreboard partner, contact Hanks at 608-636-0740 or via email at hanksaubree@mhasd.k12.Wi.us.



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RAISES

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of the changes. Hise echoed concerns from MHEA about a less substantial raise for some teachers in the pay schedule.

“There are some teachers who are not celebrating quite as robustly as others, I’m not here to assign blame,” Hise said, “I just feel that it doesn’t get easier for us to solve that problem, it actually gets harder for us to solve that problem.”

Melissa Olmsted, who spoke on behalf of MHEA, expressed the group’s support for the new schedule and contract but pointed out the smaller increases for those in the middle, as well as those near the top of the schedule.

“MHEA needs to work with the Board in the next round of bargaining and meet and confer to increase the top of the salary schedule,” Olmstead said, “which remains slightly below the average of comparable districts.”

Superintendent Steve Salerno addressed the \$6,000 difference in salary between a bachelor’s degree and a doctoral degree at the highest experience level. “We are pleased that people move faster through the salary schedule as well,” Salerno said, “that’s a positive step in the right direction but we want to continue to work on that.”

Salerno also estimated the original MHEA proposal at about \$300,000 over budget. The new salary schedule represents a 15 percent budgetary increase.

Human Resources Director Erin Eslinger presented the final agreed-upon salary schedule to the board.

“The current model in the handbook uses levels; this is a step and lane placement,” Eslinger said.

Steps refer to pay levels based on years of experience, while teachers are placed in lanes based on their higher education level. One additional way teachers can move up a lane is by becoming a National Board-Certified Teacher in combination with a bachelor’s or master’s degree. “All collaboration results in compromise,” Olmstead said. “We believe the items before you tonight represent both progress and compromise on issues raised by MHEA and the District.”

\$410,000 in grant money available to fight violence

Public Health Madison & Dane County is accepting applications from local community organizations to receive funding that supports violence prevention efforts in Dane County.

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Applications are due by the end of the day on December 20, 2023. Find more information at publichealthmdc.com/ViolencePrevention or apply now.

FLY

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to know about fly fishing in three two-hour classes that will take place in January, February and March of 2024 at the New Hope Evangelical Free Church gymnasium.

Ford said she hopes the classes introduce a new generation to the beauty of fly fishing, offering one of the best antidotes to depression and other mental health issues that face so many young people in the community.

ance manager in the food service industry. She never lost her love of nature, and she spent much of her spare time painting. For more than 20 years, she created Christmas cards for her husband Dave’s small home repair business’ customers. Eventually, she started selling her cards. By 2018, she was showing and selling her original watercolors, many of which feature the soft, shimmering colors of nature.

“When I retired, I kind of wanted to let go of the analytical stuff and focus on art,” she said.

Painting fundamentally changed Ford’s life, but she didn’t realize something else was about to change it again: fly fishing. She had fished her whole life, but she didn’t cast her first fly line until her seventh decade. As anyone

who has tried it knows, the pursuit was harder than it looks.

“Yeah,” she chuckles. “It wasn’t as easy as I thought it would be.”

In musky flies, she saw something knew she wanted to paint, and so she did. In fly fishing, she saw something new she wanted to learn. While she initially learned about fly fishing through her husband and

a group that offers fly fishing for military veterans, by 2019 she had decided she wanted to try it, herself.

“It was frustrating,” she said. “Every time I would cast the line would get all crumpled up. But the casting part really caught my fancy. It was kind of like a dance.”

Ford struggles with mobility issues, and she says finding access to area streams has been difficult.

But she pushed on, deciding not to give in to the temptation to quit when she faced hardship.

“I can’t walk well, and I was focused on my disabilities, but then I realized I also have abilities,” she explained. “So I decided to focus on them, instead.”

Catching her first fish on a fly took a lot of time and effort, but it was worth it.

“That just made my life

a whole lot different,” she said, remembering the moment.

She wants other people, particularly children, to experience that life-altering joy, too. She thinks winter, well before the spring season, is the perfect time to get started on mastering the perfect casting technique.

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“I’m kind of a chronic depressive person, and I think getting outside helps to find more joy in life. I know it’s good to get out and have a goal,” she offered, candidly. “I know that locally we have had suicides and mental health issues that people are trying to deal with, and I know there are some kids who might not fit in with some of the other sports.”

“This is something they can learn now that they can always have,” she explained. “And it can also teach them about conservation and how to take care of the planet.”

A Wisconsinite born and bred, Ford grew up the daughter of a man from Mount Vernon, home to one of the area’s great fishing creeks.

“He raised me up to have access to things that I think a lot of girls probably didn’t have access to,” she explained. “I’ve been fishing since I was three. I would go to construction sites with my dad and play with hammers and draw pictures on two-by-fours.”

Ford grew up, as people so often do, and established a career as a quality assur-

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SPORTS

Mount Horeb rallies by Sauk Prairie

Manchester erupts for 34 points in Vikings' win

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

PRAIRIE DU SAC – Sophomore Josh Manchester quickly got the visiting Mount Horeb Vikings off to a solid start with a pull-up jumper in the lane just 35 seconds into their matchup with Sauk Prairie last Friday night.

But the host Eagles promptly ran off 12 straight points to put the Vikings on their heels.

That didn't faze Mount Horeb one bit.

Senior guard Nick Vorwald countered with the first of his trio of 3-pointers to right the ship, and the Vikings never looked back.

Manchester finished with a game-high 34 points, while Vorwald added 15 points as Mount Horeb rallied for a 74-60 victory over Sauk Prairie in a Badger Small Conference prep boys basketball game on Sauk Prairie's 'Youth Night'.

"They hit some shots, which is not their strength necessarily," Mount Horeb coach Todd Nesheim said of the Eagles, who made their



Josh Manchester erupted for 34 points in Mount Horeb's win over Sauk Prairie last Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

first four field goal attempts. "I kind of felt like that would end a little bit. We hadn't played in 10 days. I figured it would be a fairly sloppy first half, and it kind of was.

"I don't know if we turned up the pressure defensively, but we made some shots ourselves. We got some stops. We were able to thankfully turn it around fairly quickly."

Mount Horeb (2-1, 1-1 Badger Small) committed four early turnovers and missed a 3-pointer following Manchester's first field goal.

Meanwhile, Sauk Prairie (2-2, 1-2) surged to a 12-2

lead nearly 4 minutes into the game after Eagles' senior forward Ben Henderson sank two free throws.

But Vorwald quickly countered with a 3-pointer on the left wing off an as-

sist from Manchester, and sophomore guard Kam Nesheim came off the bench and drained another 3 to get the Vikings' offense in gear.

Henderson scored on a post move, and senior Jackson Breunig sank a triple, sandwiched around a driving layup from Vorwald to give Sauk Prairie a 17-10 lead with 12 minutes, 3 seconds remaining in the first half.

Junior Griffin Hannah, though, drilled a 3-pointer on Mount Horeb's ensuing possession to ignite a 14-0 run for the Vikings, who raced out to a 24-17 lead.

"Coach (Nesheim) had been saying when they attack us with their runs to keep our poise and stay calm in those situations, and we did that," Vorwald said. "We ended up coming out with the lead in the first half, which was super important for us."

Manchester said while the Vikings' offense continued to sputter during the run — Mount Horeb had five straight empty possessions during the span — their defense simply took over.

"It was on the defensive end. It was all defensive rebounding," Manchester said. "Coach Nes got on us. We had to pick it up. We came out slow. We picked it up there. The first half was

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Gymnasts second at Craig Invite

Mount Horeb makes major strides

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls gymnastics team is just two meets into the young season. And already the Vikings are making impressive strides.

Mount Horeb went to the eight-team Janesville Craig Invite last Saturday and finished second overall. Monona Grove won the team title with a 132.150 score, narrowly edging the Vikings (132.125).

Mount Horeb's score was roughly 2.0 points higher, though, than its opening meet total.

"We're proud of our second place finish at Janesville Craig, missing out on first place by the smallest of amounts," Mount Horeb coach Martha Koller Faust said. There were many high-level gymnasts and several teams with good depth at this invite.

"Bringing home a team plaque and several individual medals were great outcomes of the day, but knowing we improved two points from last weekend's meet is a really good feeling."

Athena Ouradnik led the Vikings with a fourth place finish in the all-around

competition (34.775), while Sylviah Seeliger was sixth (32.85). Harper Hendrickson (32.25) also had a solid day in the all-around.

The Vikings' best score came on the floor exercise (34.0750), where Ouradnik was fourth (8.875) and Abbey Brummer was fifth (8.85). Mount Horeb also counted scores from Seeliger (8.25) and Hendrickson (8.10).

Ouradnik was third on the vault (8.90), while the Vikings also counted scores from Edie Balster (8.3), Hendrickson (8.25) and Brummer (8.15).

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Athena Ouradnik and Mount Horeb's girls gymnastics team finished second at the Janesville Craig Invite last Saturday. File photo



Courtney Monroe provided a spark for Mount Horeb’s girls basketball team last week, but the Vikings still dropped a pair of games. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Mount Horeb’s girls drop a pair

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

It was a tough week for Mount Horeb’s girls basketball team.

The host Vikings dropped a 62-27 decision to Madison Edgewood on Dec. 5. Mount Horeb then fell to visiting Lakeside Lutheran, 52-50, on Dec. 9.

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ week:

- **Madison Edgewood 62, Mount Horeb 27** — Ella Fager scored 10 points for the Vikings, but it wasn’t nearly enough.

“Edgewood is one of the conference favorites and loaded with athletes on the roster,” Mount Horeb coach Bart Leibfried said. “Coach (Lora Staveness) from Edgewood believes this is going to be one of her better teams, which says a lot for a Hall of Fame coach with over 500 wins.”

Mount Horeb played extremely well early and trailed just 20-14 with 3 minutes left in the first half. But the Crusaders closed

the half on an 11-0 run and stretched their lead to 31-14 at the break.

“We got tired and made lots of mental mistakes on defense and the press breaker against their three-quarters court 1-2-2 press,” Leibfried said. “Once we got behind and had to play some man to man they were just too big, strong and quick for us to keep out of the lane.”

The second half was much of the same, as Edgewood continued to pull away and eventually outscored the Vikings, 31-17 in the second stanza.

“For us to be successful we know that we have to win the turnover battle, rebounding and get into the paint,” said Leibfried, whose team finished with 30 turnovers. “We lost all three of those categories.”

Despite the loss, Leibfried and his coaches saw a lot of things they liked.

“Our coaching staff knows we can do it because we did it for 15 minutes,” he said. “Now can we stretch

that out to 36 minutes and a complete game?”

“I was telling the girls after the game that 30 years ago when I was working the Tri-state basketball camp, Coach (Jerry) Petitgoue told all of us young coaches that 75% of the game is played between the ears, not between the rims. He was so right. Execution, doing the little things right, being mentally strong when you get tired or sore and believing that you can do it are all things we have to get better at.”

- **Lakeside Lutheran 52, Mount Horeb 50** — The Warriors scored off an in-bounds play at the buzzer and edged the Vikings last Saturday.

Morgan Monroe led the Vikings with 16 points, while Courtney Monroe added 12 and Jada Matthews had nine.

“Everyone focuses on the last play, but we had many chances — especially in the first half — to push a six-point lead to 10 or 12 that completely changes the

game,” Leibfried said.

Mount Horeb led, 24-19, at halftime but couldn’t hold on in the second half.

Still, the Vikings got terrific performances from several young players that excited Leibfried.

“We got great minutes from freshman Courtney Monroe and from Ellie Larson and Katie Smith coming off the bench,” Leibfried said. “With Rowan Johnson out with an injury we needed Courtney and Katie to step up.”

“Courtney has a ton of ability and just needs to trust herself and turn it loose and play and not think about it — which is exactly what she did the last eight minutes of the game. Ellie and Katie know their roles are to play defense, rebound and make open shots, but not try to create, which they both did a great job of.”

- **On deck:** Mount Horeb hosts McFarland Friday at 7:15 p.m., then is at Portage Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m.

MOUNT HOREB ROUNDUP

Wrestlers fall to Sauk Prairie

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb/Barneveld’s wrestlers fell to Sauk Prairie/Wisconsin Heights, 66-18, last Friday.

MH-B’s Marcus Sevilla pinned Torruan Ollie in 1:21 at 144 pounds. The Vikings also got a pin from Ryan Errthum in 54 seconds at 157 pounds.

Here’s a recap of the match:

- 215: Logan McIntyre (SPWH) over Dilyn Randle (MHBA) (Fall 1:07)
- 285: Curtis Hankins (SPWH) over Levi Maier (MHBA) (Fall 4:51)
- 106: Margaret Barrett (SPWH) over (MHBA) (For.)
- 113: Max Schroeder (SPWH) over (MHBA) (For.)
- 120: Kaya Howard (SPWH) over Nick Burrenson (MHBA) (Fall 1:38)
- 126: Mitch Ziegler (SPWH) over (MHBA) (For.)
- 132: Drew Hicken (SPWH) over Timothy Kruse (MHBA) (Fall 0:49)
- 138: Chase Urban (SPWH) over (MHBA) (For.)
- 144: Marcus Sevilla (MHBA) over Torrian Ollie (SPWH) (Fall 1:21)
- 150: Conway Knox (SPWH) over Amelia Soltis (MHBA) (Fall 1:37)
- 157: Ryan Errthum (MHBA) over Marty Ziegler (SPWH) (Fall 0:54)
- 165: Brason Ballweg (SPWH) over Eli Maier (MHBA) (Fall 3:31)
- 175: Eli Leonard (MHBA) over Ian Kartman (SPWH) (Fall 0:40)
- 190: Lane Albers (SPWH) over (MHBA) (For.)

Last week, the Eagles fell to McFarland, 5-0, on Dec. 5. Sauk Prairie then rebounded and edged Baraboo/Portage, 4-3, last Friday.

Here’s a recap of the Eagles’ week:

- **McFarland 5, Sauk Prairie 0** — The host Spartans scored a pair of goals in both the second and third periods and cruised to the win.
- **Sauk Prairie 4, Baraboo/Portage 3** — The Eagles edged the visiting Thunderbirds.
- **Early leaders:** After five games, junior forward Samson Begalske leads Sauk Prairie with 11 points, while junior forward Colin Harrington has 10 points and junior forward Connor Grant has added five points.

Begalske has four goals and seven assists, while Harrington has five goals and five assists. Grant has chipped in with three goals and two assists.

William Anderson has a 2-2 record in goal and is averaging 26 saves per game with an .866 save percentage.

- **On deck:** The Eagles were at Reedsburg/Wisconsin Dells Tuesday, then host La Crosse Aquinas Friday at 7 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Mount Horeb’s boys swimming and diving team placed sixth at the Badger Small Conference meet on Dec. 5

McFarland placed first with 150 points, while Baraboo (80), Sauk Prairie/Wisconsin Heights (78), Stoughton (68), Edgewood (52) and Mount Horeb (14) rounded out the field.

Mount Horeb’s quartet of Charlie Olson, John Malin, Caden Sadkovich and Carter Craven was fourth in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

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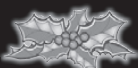
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Ouradnik was also third on the beam (8.70), while Seeliger was fourth (8.65), Hendrickson was fifth (8.40) and Tess Angle scored a 7.35.

And on the bars, Ouradnik was fourth (8.30), while Mount Horeb counted scores from Seeliger (7.95), Angle (7.60) and Hendrickson (7.50).

“We’ve been shuffling around our line-ups a bit, trying to come up with our strongest five gymnasts on each event,” Koller Faust said. “It’s still really early in the season and we will continue to look at the whole picture — start value, execution of skills and consistency.”

- **On deck:** Mount Horeb hosts Waunakee/DeForest in a conference dual meet on Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.

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BADGER SMALL CONFERENCE GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Vikings picked for fourth in league

Editors Note: This preview of the Badger Small Conference girls basketball season was compiled by Wissports.net.

The teams are listed in their projected order of finish.

2022-23 Badger West

Oregon (18-9) defeated Reedsburg (20-6) in the Badger West Championship game to claim the league title. The Panthers finished with an 11-4 league record, while Reedsburg and Edgewood each went 10-5. Sauk Prairie (16-9) took fourth in the conference, going 9-6, while Baraboo (12-14) and Mount Horeb (9-16) each finished 5-10. Closing out the Badger West standings, Monroe (4-21, 2-13) and Portage (1-23, 0-15).

In the WIAA Playoffs, Oregon was the last team eliminated. The Panthers beat Sun Prairie West (63-50) in a Division 1 regional final before falling to eventual state runner-up Brookfield East in a sectional semifinal, 57-27. Reedsburg advanced to a Division 2 regional final, losing to McFarland (state qualifier), 69-47.

2022-23 Rock Valley

McFarland (26-3 overall) won the Rock Valley with a 17-1 record. Edgerton finished second, going 16-2, followed by Brodhead (17-8) and Evansville (16-10), each posting a 13-5 record.

The middle of the pack featured Clinton (10-14) and Jefferson (13-15), each with an 8-10 record in the Rock Valley, while East Troy (8-17, 6-12), Turner (9-16, 5-13), Whitewater (6-20, 4-14), and Big Foot (2-23, 0-18).

In the WIAA Playoffs, McFarland advanced to the WIAA State Tournament (4th appearance in program history). The Spartans earned wins over Stoughton

(71-66 regional semifinal), Reedsburg (69-47, regional final), Monona Grove (61-58, sectional semifinal), and Union Grove (70-51, sectional final) before dropping a 76-70 contest against Notre Dame which went on to win the Division 2 state title for the third year in a row.

2023-24 Conference Preview

The Badger Conference went through a realignment and is now named Badger Large and Badger Small versus the East and West. McFarland joined the conference, previously a member of the Rock Valley, while Monroe moved to the Rock Valley.

Predicted Order of Finish

- 1) McFarland
- 2) Edgewood
- 3) Reedsburg
- 4) Mount Horeb
- 5) Stoughton
- 6) Sauk Prairie
- 7) Baraboo
- 8) Portage

Players to Watch

Erelyn Apel, sr., Sauk Prairie – Apel, a 5-8 guard, will take on a leading role for the Eagles. She tallied 6.4 points and 4.6 rebounds per contest as a junior.

Sydney Cherney, sr., Reedsburg – Cherney led the state in scoring with 31.6 points per game as a junior. The 5-9 guard also averaged 12 rebounds per contest last season. Cherney, an NCAA Division II Grand Valley State recruit, entered her senior year with 1,671 career points. She has helped lead Reedsburg to a 68-9 record over her first three years, with two state tournament appearances, including a state runner-up finish in 2021.

Ava Dean, sr., McFarland – Dean, a 5-8 guard, received second-team all-



Rowan Johnson and Mount Horeb's girls basketball team are picked to finish fourth in the Badger Small Conference. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Rock Valley recognition as a junior, averaging 11.2 points, 5.4 rebounds, 2.7 assists, and 2.5 steals per game for the D2 state qualifiers.

Taya Fernandez, sr., Edgewood – Fernandez, a 5-5 point guard, was named first-team all-Badger West as a junior. She averaged 8.0 points and 2.3 steals per game for the Crusaders. Taya also shot 33 percent from behind the arc.

Caitlyn Frank, sr., Baraboo – Frank, a 5-7 guard, will take on a leading role for the Thunderbirds. She tallied 11.3 points and 6.0 rebounds per contest as a junior.

Ella Hamacher, jr., Stoughton – Hamacher, a 5-9 guard, will move into a featured role for the Vikings.

She averaged 8.7 points and 4.6 rebounds per contest as a sophomore.

Brynn Kirch, sr., McFarland – Kirch, a 5-7 guard/point guard, was named second-team all-Rock Valley as a junior for the Division 2 state qualifiers. She averaged 8.6 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.3 assists, and 1.9 steals per game. Brynn also connected on 39 triples last season.

Teagan Mallegni, sr., McFarland – Mallegni, a two-time D2 WBCA All-State pick, led McFarland to the WIAA State Tournament and was named Rock Valley Player of the Year last season. The 6-0 guard tallied 24.5 points, 11.9 rebounds, 4.8 assists, 3.9 steals, and 1.7 blocks per game, along

with 67 three-pointers made for the 26-3 Spartans. Mallegni, an Iowa signee, entered her senior year with 1,705 points, 665 rebounds, 232 assists, 220 steals, and 173 three-pointers made in her career.

Morgan Monroe, jr., Mount Horeb – Monroe, a 5-9 guard, will take on an expanded role for the Vikings this season. She tallied 6.0 points per contest as a junior.

Lily Moschkau, sr., Edgewood – Moschkau, a 5-5 guard, will give the Crusaders a boost in the back-

court after missing most of last season due to injury. She averaged 10.7 points, 4.1 rebounds, and 2.1 steals per game in seven games played as a junior.

Erin Schauer, jr., Edgewood – Schauer, a 5-9 wing/guard, will take on a larger role after tallying 7.0 points, 3.0 rebounds, and 2.0 steals per game as a sophomore for the Crusaders.

Team Previews

1) McFarland

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Burke (5-8, soph.), Ella Maag (5-8, soph.)

6) Sauk Prairie

The Eagles will need to replace its top two scorers from last year’s team that finished 9-6 in the Badger West and 16-9 overall.

Third-year head coach Jacob Breunig (33-17 record) told WisSports.net that defensive intensity is a strength while finishing shots and post play are weaknesses.

Senior guard Erelyn Apel highlights the group of returnees for the Eagles. Joining Apel as returning starters are Ava Andres (sr.) and Gracyn Meyer (jr.).

Starters Lost: Maggie Hartwig (Evansville, 19.6 ppg), McKayla Paukner (5-9, sr., 13.5 ppg)

Returning Starters: Erelyn Apel (5-8, sr., 6.4 ppg, 4.6 rpg), Ava Andres (5-4,

sr., 3.2 ppg), Gracyn Meyer (6-0, jr.),

Other Returning Players: Macee Gulden (5-9, jr., 3.8 ppg), Alexis Atkinson (5-7, sr., 3.5 ppg), Kennedy Breunig (5-7, jr.), Ava Brings (5-10, jr.), Stella Pacholke (jr.)

Newcomers: Mallory Hartwig (5-10, soph.), Brooklyn Kaufmann (5-7, soph.)

7) Baraboo

The Thunderbirds graduated two starters from their 2022-23 squad that finished 5-10 in the Badger West and 12-14 overall. Michael Behl, who is in his 10th year at the helm, told WSN that they will have to find a way to make up for the loss of 58 percent of their scoring and 46 percent of their rebounding.

“We should have a more balanced attack on offense, but we will have to get more stops and keep our opponent under 48 points per game

for us to win consistently,” he said.

Coach Behl said that they will emphasize more post-play this year.

“We do have some length, and our opponents might struggle with our inside game on offense and rim protection on defense, but we will have to be a solid defensive transition team so they play against our set defense,” he said.

Senior guard Caitlyn Frank, second on the team in scoring last season, leads the group of returnees for the Thunderbirds.

Starters Lost: Taylor Pfaff (D-II Dubuque, 14.7 ppg, 71 3PM), Jayden Ross (9.4 ppg)

Returning Starters: Caitlyn Frank (5-7, sr., 11.3 ppg, 6 rpg), Kadence Fun-

maker (5-5, jr., 5.2 ppg), Daesha White (6-2, sr., 3 ppg, 6.3 rpg)

Other Returning Players: Madilyn Gilbert (5-10, soph.)

Newcomers: Bianca Brown (5-8, sr.), Gabriella Hart (5-10, jr.), Leah Hess (5-9, jr), Cassidy Gates (5-6, jr.)

8) Portage

The Warriors (1-23 overall in 2022-23) entered the year with a 39-game Badger Conference losing streak.

Top Returning Players: Amira Khan (jr., 4.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg), Hannah Kallungi (5-9, sr., 4.4 ppg), Chloe Schultz (5-7, sr.), Jillian Maas (jr.).

TOWN OF PRIMROSE

The Town of Primrose Planning Commission meeting for December will take place at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI, on Monday, December 18th, 2023, at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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TOWN OF VERMONT

Plan Commission Meeting Monday, December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. 4017 County Hwy JJ, Black Earth, WI 53517 See townofvermontwi.gov for meeting agenda. **Please note:** You can sign up for emailed meeting agendas at www.townofvermontwi.gov

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PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Notice Concerning the Ganch Revocable Trust Dated May 2, 1997
Eugene Ganch, a settlor and a trustee of the Ganch Revocable Trust Dated May 2, 1997, who was born on 6/18/1930, died domiciled in Dane County, State of Wisconsin, on 10/05/2023, with a mailing address of 325 N. Eighth Street, Mount Horeb, WI 53572.
In accordance with Wis. Stat. §701.0508, all creditors' claims must be filed with the trustees, Susan Ganch and Daniel Ganch c/o Frasco Caponigro Wineman Scheible Hauser & Luttmann PLLC, on or before April 7, 2024, or be barred against the trustee, the trust property, and any recipients of the trust property.
Dated this 7th day of December, 2023.

By: /s/ Brandon S. Thomson, Michigan State Bar No. P79480
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PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB JOINT VILLAGE BOARD/FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2023

The Village Board and Finance & Personnel Committee met in special session in-person on the above date in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Mount Horeb Municipal Building.
Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Ryan Czyzewski called the meeting to order at 6:27pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Trustees Halverson, White, and Scott, and Committee Members Hoffman and Fendrick. Trustees absent were Gauger, Jones, and Schellpfeffer. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen, Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney, and Human Resources Manager Andrea Murleau.

Discuss Village Administrator's Performance Evaluation. The Finance & Personnel Committee and Village Board may convene in closed session as authorized by Section 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The Finance & Personnel Committee and Village Board may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session: Halverson moved, Hoffman seconded to convene to closed session at 6:29pm. No action was taken, and they did not come back out of closed session.

Adjournment: White moved, Scott seconded to adjourn the meeting at the end of closed session, at 7:21pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 3, 2024

The Village Board 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 proposed revisions to Chapter 9.18 Use of Tobacco products prohibited to include vapor products. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the Village Administrator's office.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

The Village Board of the Village of Mount Horeb met in special session in-person on the above date.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Ryan Czyzewski called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present were Village Board Trustees Marc Schellpfeffer, Cathy Scott, Brett Halverson, and Ben Jones. Trustees Tim White and Nate Gauger were absent. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen and Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney.

Consent Agenda: Scott moved. Halverson seconded to approve the following consent agenda item: Application for Temporary "Class B" Retailer's License for Friends of the Welcome Center for Trolldays event on December 1, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2024 Operating Budget and 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan: The public hearing opened at 6:01pm. Owen did not have any new information to add. With no one wishing to speak, the public hearing closed at 6:02pm.

Consider Resolution 2023-14 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING A LEVY AGAINST TAXABLE PROPERTY": Jones moved, Halverson seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consider Resolution 2023-15 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024-2028 VILLAGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN": Halverson moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to approve the resolution. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, Scott moved, Halverson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm, carried by voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE • PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 1, 2023

The Village Board met in regular session in-person on the above date in the Board Room of the Mount Horeb Municipal Building.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Village President Ryan Czyzewski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Trustees Halverson, White, Schellpfeffer, Jones, and Scott. Trustee Gauger was absent. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen and Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda: Halverson moved, White seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: October 4, 2023 meeting minutes; Pay Request #4-Contract 1-2021-Brookwood Pump Station Improvements; Nomination of Citizen Members to Committees; Extraterritorial CSM for Deanna Opsal, North Road, Town of Blue Mounds; Resolution 2023-13 Adopting Updated Record Retention Schedules; and Increase in Developer Street Tree Fee. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Legislative update from State Senator Hesselbein and Representative Bare: Hesselbein and Bare shared recent legislative updates and fielded questions from the board.

Consideration of creation and funding of Child Care Registration Grant: Schellpfeffer explained this item. Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce Director Rachel LaCasse-Ford, Little Vikings owner Brenda Fritz, and Hana Ehlert of 4C presented details of their proposal, and fielded questions from the board. The board members discussed and gave their input. Schellpfeffer moved, White seconded to approve creating a 5-year grant fund of \$6,000. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Presentation of 2024 Operating Budget and 5-year Capital Improvement Plan: Owen gave an overview of the budget and 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Consider Scheduling Budget Public Hearing for November 15, 2023 at 6:00pm: Scott moved. Halverson seconded to approve the budget hearing for November 15th at 6:00pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Village Administrator's 2024 Employment Contract: Czyzewski explained this item. Jones moved, Scott seconded to approve the 2024 Employment Contract with the amended verbiage as discussed. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committee reports: All committee reports were given, with no action taken.

Village President's report: Czyzewski reported that Wastewater Superintendent John Klein will be retiring next Spring. He also stated there will be a Strategic Planning Session on November 29th at 5:30pm.

Village Administrator's report: Owen did not have anything to report.

Village Clerk's report: Gaffney reported that she and three Chief Inspectors attending Badger Book training in Dodgeville earlier that day.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, White moved, Halverson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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Austin Leibfried (above) and Nick Vorwald (right) helped Mount Horeb's boys basketball team topple Sauk Prairie last Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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pretty rough. But we got it going in the second half.”

Sauk Prairie coach Sean McGann said the Eagles’ defense made the Vikings’ work for their points during their counterpunch on offense. That made Sauk Prairie’s nearly 7-minute drought on offense even more painful to watch.

“We had 12 straight possessions where we didn’t score,” McGann said. “We just talked to our guys about the difference between us and teams we want to be is that when they have a stretch like that, they break that stretch by getting fouled and going to the line. It felt like we didn’t do that.”

“The second half we did an awesome job of getting them in the bonus early, at the 8, 9 minute mark. We just didn’t take as much advantage of that as I wanted. We need to find ways to get the ball inside.”

Sauk Prairie senior guard Nicholas Keyser, who entered the game averaging a team-best 20.3 points per game, said the Vikings’ defense was the difference in the game’s quick turnaround.

“They stopped our drives and made us rely on the 3-pointers,” said Keyser, who was held to 11 points. “When we jumped out to that lead, we were knocking

them down. But then they just stopped falling.”

After making its first two 3-point attempts, Sauk Prairie sank just four of its final 25 attempts from behind the arc.

Todd Nesheim said part of the Vikings’ strategy was to limit the Eagles’ drives to the basket.

“I didn’t think we did a good job of it but probably better than my head thinks we did right now,” Nesheim said. “The key to beating them is to force them into shooting some of the shots that they’re not great at.”

Both teams shot 44 percent from the field, but Mount Horeb made six more field goals, finishing 28 of 64, including 8 of 24 (33%) from 3-point range.

While teams are geared to try to stop or at least slow down Manchester, who is averaging 30.3 points per game, Todd Nesheim pointed to some key contributions from the rest of the Vikings.

“That’s part of Josh’s learning process, too,” Todd Nesheim said. “He knows he can take a game over. But we’re good enough and deep enough to not need him to do that until we need him to do that in a game down the stretch. That’s something we talked about after the game and we’ve talked about it a couple of times this year.”

“Let’s get the ball moving and Nick (Vorwald) will find

himself open. And I’m sure teams will try to take away Nick and Josh. The other guys are good enough. Kam (Nesheim) came in the game and hit a 3, and Owen Aeschlimann came in the game and hit a 3. Griffin Hannah hit a 3. That’s what’s going to happen if we get good ball movement. We just need to share the ball a little bit.”

“Then if the game is tight, it’s time for Nick and Josh to take over. They’re capable of doing that certainly.”

Manchester led the way for Mount Horeb sinking 13 of 23 from the field, including 2 of 6 from 3-point range, with five rebounds and two assists. Vorwald chipped in with four rebounds, four steals and two assists.

Hannah grabbed a game-high eight rebounds, while junior forward Zach Maguire had seven boards to help the Vikings outrebound Sauk Prairie 34-30, including an 11-6 edge on the offensive boards.

More importantly, Vorwald was assigned the task of guarding Keyser, who is one of the most improved players in the league.

“He took away the drives and made me rely on my 3-pointers,” Keyser said of Vorwald. “I still got a couple of drives in there. But he really shut me down good.”

Senior guard Tristan Kerska led Sauk Prairie with 16 points, while Henderson

chipped in 15 points and senior guard Connor Breunig added 11 points, including three treys.

Maguire added eight points for Mount Horeb. His left baseline jumper gave Mount Horeb its largest lead of the opening period at 33-22 with 3:07 left before halftime.

But Sauk Prairie closed out the half on a 9-2 run to pull within 35-31 at the break.

“That easily could have been a 15-point game at halftime,” McGann said. “So I was proud of our guys and how they finished the half strong.”

There were five lead changes in the opening 4 minutes of the second half, the last one when Vorwald drained a 3-pointer to give Mount Horeb a 42-40 lead.

Senior center Austin Leibfried then capped the Vikings’ 10-0 run with a layup to give Mount Horeb a 49-40 lead with 11:30 to play.

“We had better ball pressure,” Vorwald said. “We moved the ball a lot better with less dribbling, more passing, that was super important for us in the second half.”

Manchester said he was also impressed with how tough the Vikings were both mentally and physically down the stretch.

“Nothing shakes us,” he said. “We always know

we’re going to come back. If we’re down, we know how it’s going to go.”

Sauk Prairie never got closer than two points the rest of the way.

“Credit to Mount Horeb, they’re awesome, and I have a ton of respect for their program,” McGann said. “But every single time it got to three or four, they got an offensive rebound and a 3-pointer or a putback.”

Vorwald said the strength of the Vikings lies in their overall depth.

“Austin (Leibfried) always draws attention down low so that helps Josh and some of our other attackers get in the lane,” Vorwald said. “We all get a lot of open shots when they worry about Josh.”

“It’s important to have threats all around the perimeter. So it’s super important for Josh to take advantage of his opportunities, and he did that tonight.”

Mount Horeb suffered a tough 69-67 conference-opening loss at Stoughton on Nov. 28 in a match of the two favorites to win the inaugural Badger Small Conference title.

But Todd Nesheim said the Vikings never take their rivalry with Sauk Prairie for granted.

“This was a big win for us,” Nesheim said. “I had this circled on our calendar. We knew Stoughton was going to be a war-type of

game. But win or lose, this was the game that concerned me the most.

“It’s just two teams that play the pack defense, physical, they’re never pretty, no one wins by a lot,” he said. “I’m pretty pleased to walk away with a win.”

• **On deck:** Following a Badger Small Conference game against Madison Edgewood on Tuesday, Mount Horeb is off until it hosts Baraboo in a conference game on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m.

Dec. 8
MOUNT HOREB 74,
SAUK PRAIRIE 60
Mount Horeb 35 39 — 74
Sauk Prairie 31 29 — 60
MOUNT HOREB (fg ft-fts) — Josh Manchester 13 6-8 34, Nick Vorwald 6 0-0 15, Zach Maguire 3 2-3 8, Griffin Hannah 1 2-2 5, Austin Leibfried 3 0-0 6, Nesheim 1 0-0 3, Colton Martin 0 0-0 0, Chris Kiel 0 0-0 0, Landon Ellestad 0 0-0 0, Owen Aeschlimann 1 0-0 3, Will Ryan 0 0-0 0. Totals 28 10-13 74.

SAUK PRAIRIE — Otis Andres 0 0-0 0, Ben Henderson 5 3-3 15, Breyton Wardrop 1 0-0 2, Tristan Kerska 5 6-8 16, Connor Breunig 4 0-1 11, Casey Brickl 0 0-0 0, Jake Buckles 0 0-0 0, Nicholas Keyser 5 1-2 11, Braden Schaaf 0 0-0 0, Jackson Breunig 2 0-0 5. Totals 22 10-24 60.

3-point goals: MH 8 (Manchester 2, Vorwald 3, Hannah 1, Nesheim 1, Aeschlimann 1), SP 6 (Henderson 2, C. Breunig 3, J. Breunig 1). **Total fouls:** MG 19, SP 16.

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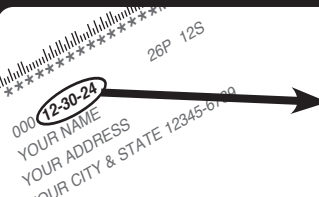


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