

Mount Horeb village board looks at fire budget, Lukken Park plans and more

By CATHY SCOTT
Mount Horeb Mail
The September 3 Village Board meeting included a variety of agenda items, ranging from a Proclamation, consideration of the 2026 Mount Horeb Area Fire District (MHAFD) budget, a new Tax Increment

District (TID) 6, the Lukken property concept plans A or B to Public Comments at MH government meetings. Board members Nate Gauger and Tim White were absent. Brett Halverson, a recently retired Trustee, received a Proclamation for

his service as both a Trustee and Chair or member of various MH Committees. Halverson moved out of the Village, requiring his resignation. President Czyzewski read the Proclamation thanking him for his years of service. Halverson said, "I am not

long winded or verbose" but I want to thank those who voted for me in the elections. Local government service can make a difference in the direction of a Village and I "was honored and privileged to serve. Thank you."
2026 Fire District

budget increase
Chief Jenny Minter presented the 2026 Mount Horeb Area Fire Department (MHAFD) budget for consideration before the District holds its annual meeting for budget approval from all eight communities it serves. The Annual meet-

ing is on Wednesday, September 24, 7pm at the Public Safety building and is open to the public. Minter shared historical and current data from both the Fire and EMS services. Mount Horeb accounts for 68 percent of the

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SCAM ALERT A.I. fueled scams are targeting grandparents

September 7 was Grandparents Day, and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is here to keep Wisconsin grandparents – as well as their children and grandchildren – informed about the latest scams affecting them and their families. Older consumers may be more likely to lose large amounts of money to scams because they often have lifelong savings, they may be unfamiliar with the advanced technologies used by scammers, and they could face social isolation

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State ethics commission says local candidates violated campaign rules

By MATT GEIGER
Mount Horeb Mail
The Wisconsin Ethics Commission (WEC) ruled that two candidates in this year's Springdale Town Board Election violated campaign finance law when they distributed election signs and purchased ads

without properly identifying who paid for them. The commission ruled that both John Hensey and Joe Karls broke Wisconsin's attribution rule during their campaigns. The WEC issued warnings, but no fines, to both candidates. According to Wisconsin

State Law, "every communication containing express advocacy, the cost of which is paid for by a committee or for which a committee assumes responsibility, shall identify its source by the words 'Paid for by' followed by the name of the committee making the payment or

assuming responsibility for the communication." The rule exists to promote transparency regarding which people and organizations are funding political candidates. In the April 1 election, incumbent town president John Rosenbaum earned

close to 67 percent of the vote (780 votes) and defeated Karls, who earned 33 percent (387 votes). In the race for the seat being vacated by Wayne Hefty, Kelly Altschul won with nearly 69 percent of the vote (790) to defeat Hensey, who earned

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Wednesday Night Live wraps up stellar season A great summer of free community concerts

Wednesday Night Live had another wonderful season of free community concerts in the at Grundahl Park this year. Pictured above, the Claudettes took the stage on August 13. See more on page 4. Photo by Ron Lutz II.

GEIGER

Counter

by Matt Geiger, Editor

Water

people

When I was a child, my dad picked up a strange hitchhiker in the mountains of Switzerland who called himself “The Bird.” He was a thin old man in a loose suit, buzzardly in appearance but more like a finch in his movements, sitting in the back of our rental car, gesturing with his knobby hands and saying strange things as we rode into town, sometimes leaning forwards so his beak was mere inches from the back of my head.

I don’t remember anything specific he said, only that he existed and the three of us once rode briefly together in a black car, and that he was weird. I do vaguely recall my dad casting me a subtle sideways glance as he drove, a smirk that acknowledged we were together in a strange new place. A good

life mostly boils down to who you are with and where you go, together.

On the same vacation, we stayed in a small hotel in the mountain village of Elm, where a woman took care of us as if we were long-lost family members. My dad talked to her for hours while I ate as much Nutella, a thing I had never encountered until then, as I could, packing away lifetimes of sugar and fat and savoring this strange, rich new flavor.

My dad asked the owner what she thought of the OJ Simpson trial, which was the biggest story in the U.S. at the time, and she replied that she didn’t know who that was. But mostly he asked her about the country we were in, its traditions, places and people.

The hotel owner’s son visited one day. He wore a leather jacket with red, white and blue flag and an eagle on it. He was obsessed with Elvis, David Hasselhoff and Guns N’ Roses, and he drove a motorcycle. The

only thing he talked about was America.

My father was the exact opposite of the innkeeper’s son. He was an American who loved Switzerland and spent all his free time reading about our ancestors’ history there, compiling a dazzling (which in this instance means “very long” and not necessarily “interesting”) family tree that traced us from the plains of the American Midwest back to the alpine villages of a country more than 4,000 miles away. While the Swiss guy collected Coca-Cola bottles and blue jeans, my dad boasted a collection of alpine cow bells, red and white cross flags, and books about Ulrich Zwingli, a relatively obscure theologian who feuded with Martin Luther about the definition of the word “is” and what that means for people who believe wine “is” the blood of God bread “is” His body when they eat it each Sunday.

I briefly wondered, in my innocent youth, if perhaps these two men (my dad and the Swiss innkeeper’s son, not Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli) should just trade places and live out their respective dream lives. My dad could learn to play the polka and be the Swiss

man he always dreamed of being, while the other guy could eat McDonald’s all day and start laughing at jokes about Dan Quayle, who a simpleton who couldn’t spell potato and was the second most powerful person in the country, along with jokes about Michael Dukakis, who looked exactly like a Muppet, so obviously decided to dress up in a helmet and pose in a military tank, which made him look exactly like a Muppet who had enlisted in the Army, which is not a very “Presidential” look, and was therefore disqualified from being President. Politics have evolved a lot since then. For a brief period, we decided who *couldn’t* be president based on a process of elimination that involved finding out how deranged they sounded when they yelled. (In the case of Howard Dean, the answer was “extremely” and he was immediately relegated to the dustbin of political history.) It took a long time to get to where we are now, deciding who we will give the nuclear codes to based solely on misinformation we get from social media

But in many ways the world is still very much the same. The mountains still stand sentinel over the world

and touch the sky. The seas still swell like my waist and recede like my hairline.

And last weekend, we took our daughter on a little vacation. Not to Switzerland, just to Sheboygan, Wisconsin. And I was reminded once again just how clearly we see the world when we go to a place we have never been before.

We didn’t pick up any hitchhikers, but we did swim in a very, very cold Lake Michigan. The air temperature was 62 degrees, the sky was overcast, and the winds swirled and bounced off the frothy white tops of the waves.

Yet my 11-year-old daughter ran into the water, anyway, with all the vigor and enthusiasm of youth. She was the only person in the water.

“Come on, dad!” she called to me as I hesitated at the water’s edge, beckoning with her small hand. “Come on!”

She looked like a flashback scene from a post-apocalyptic movie in which the protagonist remembers how beautiful his life was before all the bombs relegated the world to dust.

I grumbled and slowly waded into the Great Lake. I gasped and squealed when the cold water stabbed at

my body. The frigid waves lapped at me like some frosty, famished Leviathan.

Then, after a few minutes of coaxing, Hadley convinced me to plunge all the way under with her. After the initial shock, it felt like a weight had been lifted. It wasn’t any less cold, but it was suddenly bearable, and even beautiful, like so many of life’s hardships.

We swam and played together, laughing and splashing, two solitary figures in a vast watery world. All of the strange, silly adult worries of life seemed, for a brief moment, incredibly small and far away. All the angry people were on land, but we were water people and they could not touch us.

In the sky overhead, seagulls swirled in the late-summer wind.

That is the gift our children give us. They take us by the hand and make us go to strange places we would not otherwise go. And once we are there, led by the small hands of people with open eyes and open minds, we can take a moment, unencumbered by the absurd things that weigh us down in daily life, and float, feeling our true lightness and appreciating the strange new places we find solace each day.

Countryside News



Some artists have taken to replacing the nut portion of an acorn and filled the cap with colored wool.



Bur oak acorns resemble a bur because the cap extends over a large portion of the actual nut.

By JERRY DAVIS
Countryside News

Oak fruits have their own name, “acorn,” while most fruits use the plant’s name, such as apple, orange, chestnut, and banana. The oak’s nut is held in a saucer-like growth referred to as a cup, cupule, thimble, or cap, which has been used

to name several oak tree species including bur oak, mossycup oak and overcup oak. White oak acorns make the best flour but only after leaching the acorns for several days. Acorn-eating wildlife often prefer acorns from bur, white and swamp white oaks. Yes, an acorn in a nut.

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Letter to the Editor

Myers says there are many reasons to oppose Main Street proposal

Dear Editor,

There are many reasons for rejecting the proposed apartment building on Main Street.

Traffic is already congested downtown which is frustrating, and this project would exacerbate this problem. The third street intersection is very busy, and many people would be turning left to head towards Madison. A child recently got hit by a car crossing Main Street, and adding a large apartment building would make it more dangerous to cross this busy street. Main Street can't handle any more traffic!! And there is NO alternative. Also, there is a lot of pool traffic in the summer.

Parking is a big problem. The apartment plans involve 66 units, with 83 bedrooms

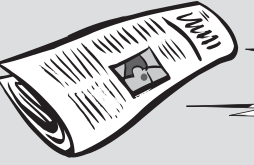
and 69 parking stalls which isn't enough. Many families have two cars so there could be as many as 132 additional cars needing a place to park. Where will the overflow go?

I'm also concerned about parking in the alley. It's an alley, not a street, and it is currently a walkable space. If this plan is approved, there would be too much traffic for an alley.

To conclude, this entire project should be thrown out. We should keep the beautiful historic houses that are already there. This proposed apartment complex on Main Street is a bad plan in so many ways: traffic, parking, safety, and compatibility with other buildings downtown.

Ellen Myers
Mount Horeb

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Wednesday Night Live offered eclectic array of bands



Wednesday Night Live had another wonderful season of concerts in the at Grundahl Park this year. “We featured six bands including The Prairie Flowers, the Alpha Romeoos, the Lo Marie Band, Grupo Balanca & The Handphibians, The Claudettes, and Pops Fletcher and the Hucksters,” said organizer Mandy Potter. “The weather was a bit uncooperative, and caused us to reschedule the 2nd show until a week after our originally scheduled season, and the fourth show was moved indoors. Because of rain, we transferred the Lo Marie Band into the Mt. Horeb Fire Station for the first time ever and it worked! The glass and concrete was less than ideal, but nothing our incredible sound engineer Ehren Tresner with Absolute Audio could not figure out.”

“We are very grateful to Jenny Minter and the entire Fire/EMS staff for graciously hosting our event,” Pottr added. “It was a season to remember with large audiences and we even took a large group photo of everyone that wore a WNL t-shirt to the 5th show! We are already working on planning for next year, submitting grants and reviewing bands!” Photos by Ron Lutz II.

Cleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Sept. 9, 1885

The first watermelon of the season was seen on our streets Tuesday, and received a warm reception.

Fred Kribbs, a former Mt. Horbite, writes from the pineries to learn how his acquaintances here prosper.

Gus Snyder has the upper floor of Brackewagen’s building to himself at night and snores to his heart’s content.

A branch from a Siberian crab apple tree from the orchard of Andrew Skogen was brought to this office. The branch is 12 inches long and has upon it 36 apples of good size. Mr. P Johnson, of this place, brought us the curiosity.

The noisy tumult raised by the dogs last Tuesday evening, gave notice that something was “bruin,” and so it proved. Two greasy, swarthy-looking foreigners, leading a large and small bear respectively, entertained us, great and small, with some very clever tricks from bruin. On the following morning the smaller bear showed the quality of his claws by nimbly climbing a telegraph pole. They left for the west.

130 Years Ago- Sept. 12, 1895

August Heuser has been sick with a mammoth carbuncle on his cheek.

For Sale: Five young ferrets. For particulars call at this office.

Martin H. Moen, who pleaded guilty to burglarizing E. Helland’s store in Daleyville, was this afternoon sentenced to a year in state prison.

One of our young tradesmen did the wise act a Sunday or two ago. It was no question with himself. She suited him to a T., but thought the opinion of the old folks was worthy of consultation on this important matter so he took her home for what may be termed inspection. Their opinion has not been made public, but we have good reason to believe the opinion of the old folks harmonized with those of the young men in question. His friends are looking forward to a happy event.

Our sanctum has been visited by more of our substantial farmers this week and the latter part of last than at any former time in this space of time, being interested to know how the Russian thistle looked, in order to make war upon it should it ever strike its roots in their soil.

Mrs. Gunnhus and Mrs. Bjore attended Mrs. Bouers’ son’s funeral, Mrs. Bouers being a sister of Mrs. G. Tollefson’s first husband.

120 Years Ago- Sept. 7, 1905

Andrew Hoff is excavating for an extension to his store, which will connect the store with the brick building occupied as a meat market, all of which will be turned into one big store.

The Mickelson lumbering Company has the contract for Mr. Lynch’s house in Witte’s addition, The building will cost about \$1,300.

The sidewalks leading to the “old town” are in bad condition. In many places the boards are out and unless it is repaired soon some one is likely to get hurt.

The Rev. G.R. Caber will preach his farewell sermon at the church on Sunday.

James Hoff, for many years the obliging clerk in his brother Andrew’s store, has taken up his duties in the meat market, in which he has been financially interested for some time. O.B. Pickert, who for over five years has been with Thompson & Mickelson and later with G. E. Mickelson Lumber Co., is assisting in the grocery department.

Sam Martin received a jar with a strong odor of brimstone Friday night. Lightning struck one of his chimneys, following the flue to the furnace, causing about \$75 damage. None of the family were hurt. The lightning rods did not seem to be a complete protection.

A professor has discovered in some ancient ruins what is supposed to be the eleventh commandment. The text is as follows: “Emas rof yltpmorp tseyap uoht sselnu repapswen a daer ton tlahs uoht.” The commandment is easily translated by beginning at the end of the sentence and reading backward.

Are you engaged? Engaged people should remember, that, after marriage, many quarrels can be avoided, by keeping their digestions in good condition with Electric Bitters.

110 Years Ago- Sept. 10, 1915

Peer Stromme, our old friend, who spent last winter over in the European war zone, as a newspaper correspondent will lecture in the Mt. Horeb Opera House this Friday eve on the causes of the Great War.

A.C. Sprecher of Reedsburg has been visiting his sister, Miss Elta who is employed at the Mt. Horeb Hardware store as stenogra-

pher.

Just listed the best 40 acres in Blue Mounds township, only 1-1/2 mile from Mt. Horeb, all good plow land in the richest community in the state, price 225 per acre.

The Post Office department has granted the request of several east side citizens to be permitted to erect mail boxes in front of their respective residences and be served by the rural mail carrier, the first to order one of these substantial mail boxes was John McKinley, there are seven patrons to be served within the village limits.

Our community was again shocked by the report that our citizen Wm Quinn was found dead in bed about 10 o’clock, Sunday morning in his room, by his nephew. Johnie Fittenarose got ready to go to church, Mr. Quinn remained in bed and requested Johnie to go to the restaurant for a bottle of pop and drank a part of same and remained in bed, the boy left him and went to church, on returning in company with Henry Zimmermann they found Mr. Quinn apparently dead.

100 Years Ago- Sept. 8, 1925

The patrons of the Overhead Bridge Cheese Factory are proud of their cheese maker, Emil Forrester as he has been making such good cheese that the milk has been bringing the highest price of any in this neighborhood. June milk brought \$1.72 per hundred pounds, and July milk \$1.85. This is a record for other cheese makers to try and equal.

On Saturday, September 12th, the nominations for Festival Queen candidates

will be in order. Any young girl within the trading zone of Mount Horeb is eligible. Vote for your favorite.

Henry Smith, while assisting Herman Brattlie, with silo filling had the misfortune of having a tine of a fork pierce his left side. He is under the care of Doctor Sporleder and the injury is healing nicely.

90 Years Ago- Sept. 12, 1935

Eddie Hustad had the misfortune to fall and hurt his shoulder while cleaning the chimney in the Opera Building.

Joseph Weinberg has rented the former Fosshage Furniture Store, where he will open a furniture store in the near future.

Friday and Saturday specials at Hoff’s Market are: ground meat, 18¢ a pound and Hill’s Bros. Coffee, 30¢ a pound.

70 Years Ago- Sept. 8, 1955

J.B. Buechner and crew of men have finished tearing down the old school bus garage. Trenches for the new structure have been dug and some of it has been poured. The laying of the cement block walls will begin next week.

Three local businesses have changed hands recently: Kahl’s Food Store was sold last Thursday to Glenn Zimmerman, who will take possession Oct. 3; Robert Oimoen is the new owner and operator of the D-X Station, which he purchased last week from LaVerne and Edna Aavang; and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nelson

sold their City Food Market to Clarence Labansky of La Valle who took over the business on Monday.

60 Years Ago- Sept. 9, 1965

Glenn and Mary Spaay, teachers in the Mount Horeb School system, both earned Master of Arts degrees at Colorado State College Summer commencement exercises August 19 in Greeley.

“State Fair” with Pat Boone, Bobby Darin and Pamela Tiffen plus a Disney color cartoon will be shown free of charge September 15 and 16 in observance of 25 years of ownership of the Strand Theatre by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Albert.

Phil Dettwiler, Glennis Aavang, and Mike Zwettler left Wednesday for La Crosse, where they will begin their freshman year at Wisconsin State University. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dettwiler accompanied them.

30 Years Ago- Sept. 14, 1995

Two buildings formerly part of the Ryser Bros. Cheesemaking business may become a microbrewery and restaurant-pub. The prospective buyers, Gail and Pat Propsom, have a conditional use permit before the village board.

A daughter, Monica Elise, was born to Carl and Sarah Seig on Friday, Sept. 1, at Meriter Hospital, Madison.

Marlene (Mert) and Bill Zander will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Friday, Sept. 29 with an open house at Kalscheur Park, Pine Bluff.

Village Vignettes

Chiropractor: Clarence Gonstead

By Laurence Kruckman
Village Vignettes

There are more than a few famous “Sons of the Driftless” linked to Mount Horeb, and Clarence Gonstead, no doubt, is one. For most of his life, he was dedicated to the improvement of individuals and, also, the community. He died, at age 80, in 1978.

Although gone for almost 50 years, his presence is still seen in the community. Most locals know of him via his clinic on the east

side of town, as well as the former, and soon to be dismantled, motel complex behind Walgreens (Walgreens itself was built on the site of Gonstead’s swanky restaurant and meeting center). Others link the name with a fantastical house on South Second Street. Although 75 years old, the house retains the qualities of an incredibly modern structure, part Frank Lloyd Wright, part Jetson. Still others recall his private airport that extended south of his home,

now a beautifully aging housing development.

I don’t need to dwell too much on his personal life as most people, especially those born before 1970, know quite a bit about him. There is a biography by Matthew Amman, “The Adjuster,” but perhaps the best-read resource is a local article by Arlo Paust, “Gonstead the Healer,” published in the Mount Horeb Past Times newsletter, Fall 2021. Another valuable source is the Gonstead Oral

History Project, conducted by the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society, and coordinated by oral historian, Jane Considine, and facilitator, Destinee Udlehoven, Society Director.

Suffice it to say he was best known for his work treating spinal misalignment or subluxation. Gonstead believed that by changing the position of vertebrae, removing subluxation, you could “improve” nerve function.

As a youngster, I had a

few encounters with Gonstead and I would like to share two of them: 1) The year was 1957, and I was just starting high school. As usual, I walked to school every day from North Second Street near the current swimming pool, across Main Street, on to South Second, leading directly to the village’s single school complex, now the Primary Care Center. On one morning, as I approached Main Street, I could see an automobile accident had just

occurred with the dust still in the air. In the 1940s and 50s, the village police car was almost always stationed right at the top of N. 2nd St., so it was no coincidence that a policeman was right on the scene, and maybe even witnessed the accident.

Gonstead, and his wife Elvira, not only liked beautiful homes and planes, but also fashionable clothes and automobiles. Like most

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call volume received, with 1420 year-to-date calls. Total calls have increased 80 percent from 2020 and continue to increase annually. In 2025 alone, EMS has answered 1500 calls throughout the District. MHAFD is the largest District in Dane County, covering 144 miles. The proposed 2026 district includes a \$63,000 increase equal to a 3.9 percent increase. Minter explained due to the generous service of the volunteers (approximately 70), the District is saving \$1,500,000 in expenses if additional employees were needed to cover for the work now completed by volunteers. In addition to those savings, through fundraisers the volunteers have donated over \$400,000 in the last five years. The largest increases for 2026 include 9 percent health insurance premiums, \$10,000 for paramedic training, \$52,000 for additional daytime personnel coverage and \$230,000 for EMS personnel paid on premises. MHAFD lagged in pay for volunteer vehicle drivers, EMT (emergency medical technician), AEMT (advanced) and Paramedics so the budget includes nominal increases for each position. Pay for drivers is proposed at \$10/hr, EMT, \$15/hr, AEMT, \$18/hr. and Paramedics \$20/hr. Minter said, “we want to value our current volunteers, retain the people we have by creating a competitive wage

and create a (good) culture that they want to work for.” She is estimating the 2026 call volume will increase to 2350, which will increase the EMS estimated income to \$290,000. The Village Board discussed several aspects of the budget with Minter, asking for confirmation of the estimated EMS call volume, if subsequent income is reliable, and if the Capital budget allocation was sufficient. Trustee Jason Fendrick questioned Administrator Nic Owen if the 3.9 percent increase will fit within the 2026 Village Budget which is now in the process of being built. Owen said Chief Minter had given Village staff a heads-up on the planned increase last month which helped them in building the budget. Czyzewski called for a motion to approve the 2026 MHAFD budget, saying “I trust the process.” Fendrick and Marc Schellfeffer motioned for approved and the vote was unanimous. Of the eight communities using the MHAFD services, seven must approve the budget to put it into effect. Historically, the District has received at least seven votes approving it, with most years receiving a unanimous vote. For a detailed budget, if approved at the September 24 meeting, it will be available to the public at <https://fdmh.org/budget>. **New Tax Increment District (TID)** Economic Development consultant Kristen Fish-Peterson presented an over-

Village leaders discuss public comment process

At the August board meeting, after a board discussion to consider Public Comment Notice for Agendas was tabled for additional information. The Notice was to require all comments, whether on agenda items or other government related topics, to be presented immediately after the monthly Roll Call. Since tabled, it was on the September agenda. During the public comment section Cathy Scott, a resident and writer of this article, read the comment she had written, as directed, to staff to be read to the board at the August meeting. Before reading her comment, Scott first thanked both Jones and Fendrick for tabling the item. Commenting, “with this proposed change to the Public Comment procedures, it appears the main purpose is to eliminate any discussion between the speakers and the public officials on a specific agenda item. It does not allow any interaction, which can hurt both sides. The speaker may have a better understanding of the topic by hearing the “why” from those sitting on the dais; members on the dais may garner a new view of the topic by hearing the speaker. Interaction creates a healthy environment. Secondly, this proposed change does not save time as those presenting (developers, etc.) at the meeting will have to sit through all the comments on a variety of topics. I sincerely hope each village board member thinks through this proposed change, the pros, and cons, before blindly agreeing to the change.” Adding to the comment, Scott added, “regardless of the final decision, there must be procedures followed by all committee Chairs and not leave up to individual chairs so there is consistency throughout the Mount Horeb government meetings. Will all received (via email) be read? Should the writer provide his/her name, address, and contact number? If the commenter has two or more comments for the agenda, does he/she come up for each agenda item or lump them together? If so, is there still going to be only three minutes allowed whether for one or more agenda items?” Czyzewski began the discussion by telling board members the Village attorney, Bryan Kleinmaier of Stafford Rosenbaum LLP, advised Owen and him that public comments should be made at the beginning of the meeting to give a balance of getting feedback as well as having an effective meeting. He, Kleinmayer, also reminded the board government meetings are not required to have any public

view of TID 6. Included in it are two properties, the Karakahl Country Inn lot now owned by developer J.T. Klein and the vacant lot across the street, behind McDonald’s, owned by developer Brian Durtschi. J. T. Klein is proposing two apartment buildings, one market rate and the second affordable housing for seniors. No plan has been proposed for the second property at the time. Fish-Peterson noted a Public Hearing for TID6 was held in August at the Plan Commission meeting with no one speaking before the Commission, either in favor or against the proposed TID. Fendrick and Schellpfeffer motioned for approval, with unanimous approval.

Lukken Property Park Concepts Based on two community meetings held in late July with both groups providing feedback to JSD, the Lukken property park planning company hired to prepare the master park plan, there was an even split between Concept A and B. The basic difference in the two plans is the location of a soccer field, the location of a potential Rec Center, and the number of parking stalls. Both concepts reported to the Village Board meeting included recommendations from the Parks and Rec Committee (concept B with the addition of an outdoor basketball court) and the Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee (native plant-

ings for a minimum of 50% of the landscaping). Village Board trustees had a lively discussion on the pros and cons of both concepts. The feedback given to JSD from the community members has not been shared with Village staff or the board. Trustee Sarah Best said “it was incapacitating to not know the feedback” from JSD yet the board being tasked with potential approval of a concept for JSD to prepare a master plan. Schellpfeffer questioned detailed vehicular access to the site practice fields and Owen responded that “wasn’t greatly discussed.” Fendrick, who served on the Parks and Rec Committee in 2019, reminded board members that, at that time, the Committee was hoping for an additional four acres for practice field whereas now we are discussing forty-five acres. “This goes a longer way for our kids” he opined. Schellpfeffer was concerned with so much attention given at the board meeting for a potential Rec Center. If it comes to fruition, it would be Phase 2 and will include fundraising from corporate and personal sponsors. Phase 1, as is, does not include lights for any of the fields with the intention of them added at a future date. Schellpfeffer said, “if (the area allocated) is not a rec center, what are we doing with it?” Czyzewski said, “a future Senior Center?” He also added “if we could have purchased (enough) land just for parkland, we would have done that, but we just couldn’t do that.” The remaining acreage will be put out as an RFP to developers for probable housing. Trustee Ben Jones said “it could be two or twenty years” before there is a Rec Center. Fendrick questioned how “utilize the spot allocated for the Rec Center which may or may not get built?.” Best liked the networking of trails and play areas provided in Concept B. Board members also liked adding the outdoor basketball court with Fudsal Court striping included for soccer. After a 30-minute discussion, Czyzewski said, “we need to give JSD some direction.” With that, Schellpfeffer and Jones motioned to approve Concept B with the addition of the above-mentioned outdoor basketball court with Fudsal striping. Motion carried unanimously. **Zoning Code Re-Write Draft online** During Committee reports, Owen mentioned the draft of Phase 1 of the zoning code re-write is now on the Village website and recommended it be reviewed by those interested in it. The address for the draft is: <https://wi-mounthoreb.civicplus.com/291/Zoning-Code-Re-Write---Part-1>.

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Historic Preservation Commission talks about zoning code changes

By ERIN HERNDON
Mount Horeb Mail

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) resumed zoning code rewrite talks. The HPC heard comments from the public, discussed their responsibilities as a commission, and considered zoning code items to be revisited. Additionally, the HPC approved their July 2025 meeting minutes and heard reports from local preservation groups. Village Administrator Nic Owen presented an agenda

item focusing on new design guidelines to accompany the updated zoning code. According to “AGENDA ITEM # 3.b: Discussion on Design Review Standards for Zoning Code Rewrite,” the Mount Horeb Plan Commission reviewed the new standards for the rewrite at their Special Plan Commission meeting June 30 and now seeks the Historic Preservation Commission’s input on the Design Review process, especially as it applies to properties con-

sidered by the HPC to be historical. The item specified that “Plan Commission Section 17.07.5 DMU Zoning District Design Standards” are the specific standards that would apply to the proposed Downtown Mixed-Use zoning category being considered for the Historic Downtown Area. “The big thing this committee is going to be tasked with is looking at things that come up for downtown, specifically when it’s going to be a historical item that

we’re going to have to review for the historical register,” Owen said. “When those things come to us for review, and we’re helping someone through that process of fixing up a historic building or working on the rehab of a building that could be historic or is in a historic district—these will be the standards that we’re reviewing these buildings at. Likewise, when a plan for a building comes into the downtown, these are the standards the plan commis-

sion is going to be looking at, and they want feedback from the historic preservation commission, who’s going to have the expertise on that matter.” Owen said there is not yet a date for finalizing the rewrite with the Plan Commission, but that it will undergo a second review when timing allows. “It’s very robust and clear for someone to understand what’s possible and is a very good framework for starting,” Commission Chair

Marc Schellpfeffer said. “I think what the Village in a large perspective has to be able to look at is that this [zoning code rewrite] is one piece, and there’s a comprehensive plan out there that’s another, but that’s not a discussion for us to be having.”

The Historic Preservation Commission next meets Sept. 24 at 6:00 p.m.

SCAMS

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or ailments that make them vulnerable to an experienced scammer. One scam that is frequently used to steal the hard-earned money of older consumers is commonly called the “grandparents scam.” This scam begins with someone calling claiming to be a grandchild or loved one. The caller claims

they are in trouble and need money quickly for tuition or textbooks, to fix a car, to get out of jail, for hospital bills, legal troubles, or to return home from a foreign country. They beg you to wire money or send cryptocurrency and to keep the request a secret. Typically, once the grandparent realizes the caller was not their grandchild, the money they sent is long gone and irretrievable.

In recent years, A.I. powered technology like voice cloning has made the grandparents scam even more convincing and dangerous. Cyber criminals can use short clips of a loved one speaking from content posted online, recreate their voice using A.I., and manipulate the voice to say anything over the phone. This technology makes grandparents scams more likely to be successful, as it can be dif-

ficult to detect whether the caller is a scammer based off voice alone. To help grandparents, parents, and older family members avoid the grandparents scam, they should: Discuss grandparent scams and the common signs of one. Signs include urgency and intimidation, demands for secrecy, and can include an unfamiliar phone number. Resist the urge to act right

away. Hang up and contact the person the caller claims to be directly. If that person can’t be reached, contact another relative or friend of the family member. Create a family passcode, so that if a caller ever asks for money to be sent over the phone, family members will know to ask for the family passcode first. This allows loved ones to take control of the conversation and determine whether the

call is genuine. Consumers who believe they have been scammed should inform their financial institutions and local law enforcement authorities right away. For more information and consumer protection resources, or to file a complaint, visit ConsumerProtection.wi.gov or contact the Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 422-7128 or DATCPHotline@wisconsin.gov.

ETHICS

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31 percent (356). Both Rosenbaum and Altschul ran on platforms that pledged to abide by Springdale’s current land use plan and keep the community rural. The challengers advocated for loosening restrictions and allowing for more development. But prior to Election Day, the Wisconsin Ethics Commission received multiple complaints from citizens alleging that Hensey and Karls used promotional campaign materials that did not include attribution saying who paid for them. The Wisconsin Ethics Commission reviewed the

complaint against Hensey as well as his response to it in closed session at its meeting on May 13. In his response, Hensey said any violation was unintentional and that he was initially unaware the attribution requirement applied. He said he “promptly modified all noncompliant materials to include the required attribution” and “updated a second ad published in the newspaper to include the required attribution,” according to the WEC. “The complaint and response contain clear evidence that the Respondent did not properly identify the source of communications containing express advocacy that were either paid for by the Respondent, or

for which the Respondent assumed responsibility,” stated the WEC’s subsequent ruling. “The Commission, having duly considered the complaint and response thereto, finds there is probable cause to believe a violation of the laws within its jurisdiction has occurred or is occurring.” Pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 11.1400(1), violations of WIS. STAT. § 11.1303(2) (b) are punishable by a civil forfeiture of up to \$500 per violation. At the same meeting, the WEC reviewed the complaint against Karls. However, “The Wisconsin Ethics Commission did not receive a written response in this matter.” The commission cited

the same rules in this decision and stated that “The complaint [against Karls] contains clear evidence that the Respondent did not properly identify the source of communications containing express advocacy that were either paid for by the Respondent, or for which the Respondent assumed responsibility.” “The Commission, having duly considered the complaint, finds there is probable cause to believe a violation of the laws within its jurisdiction has occurred or is occurring,” the WEC ruled. In both cases, the WEC voted to terminate the complaints and issue a written warning to the Respondents in lieu of any further en-

forcement action because of the Respondents’ lack of any prior offenses. “The Commission hereby warns the Respondent[s] that if it finds probable cause of a similar violation by the Respondent in the future, it may seek civil penalties in accordance with WIS. STAT. § 11.1400(1),” wrote the commission. The bipartisan Ethics Commission started operations on June 30, 2016, assuming responsibility for “administering campaign finance, lobbying, and ethics laws in Wisconsin from the former Government Accountability Board.” The mission of the Ethics Commission is “to enhance representative democracy by furthering Wisconsin’s

tradition of clean and open government through the administration of Wisconsin’s campaign finance, lobbying, and ethics laws, and through the dissemination of information to the public. All members of the Ethics Commission and the Commission Administrator are state public officials holding state public office.” The Wisconsin Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over campaign attribution rules pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 19.49(2)(a). In a letter to the editor published in this newspaper following the April election, Karls and Hensey called their alleged violations “minor transgressions often seen during political campaigns.”

GONSTEAD

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boys my age, his Cadillacs did not go unnoticed and, by 1956-57, he had purchased a one-of-a-kind vehicle: a Cadillac Broughham, with a brushed stainless-steel roof and front wheel panel covers (take that Elon Musk). In today’s dollars, the cost would be about \$150,000; an elite car with vanity sets of tissue holders, cigarette cases, powder containers and even a perfume atomizer with Arpege Extraitt de Lanvin. Power everything. To a kid, it seemed he was driving something out of Buck Rogers. As I walked this route south to school every day at 7:30 when Gonstead was coming north to work, we crossed paths frequently. I don’t remember making eye contact with him but, of

course, I was more focused on his “rocket ship.” It is interesting what impresses a young mind, and what things one can recall years later. There was the magnificent dream car in the middle of the street, smashed by a farmer’s truck as Gonstead was crossing Main Street with silver tailfins gleaming in the morning sunlight. I scrambled closer and watched the imposing Norwegian doctor extract himself from the car. The on-the-spot policeman was also closing in, and I distinctly heard Gonstead say something like, “Bob, take care of this mess?” And with that he walked across the street to his office. In hindsight, I realize the tremendous respect, or elite status this represented, allowing him to walk away. 2) My other encounter

happened several months later when my friend, Gary, announced to me that he had a cold and that right after school he was leaving to see his doctor in town. I responded by saying “really, there are doctors in Mount Horeb?” He said yes, he was going to see Dr. Gonstead. Always the skeptic, I replied “going to see a chiropractor for a cold?” Gary invited me along and I gladly accepted. Soon we were in the modern looking chiropractic building on Main Street (where the current telephone building is now located), a cross between older prairie style Frank Lloyd Wright and quiet art deco. The office was busy as a beehive, scores of people moving about here and there. Despite the rush of people, it was a very peaceful environment with natural light

and wood paneling. Soon Gonstead, himself, entered the waiting room calling for his next client, my friend. I remember standing and, quite nervously, asking if I could come along to observe. I was 14, skinny, and probably sounded like a bit of a wimp. But Gonstead, a very imposing figure and perhaps sensing my skepticism, abruptly turned on his heels, came towards me very close and quite loudly barked, “young man, you not only can come along, you MUST.” And in we went to a treatment room, with several impressive oak tables with dark leather tops; some had cranks. It seemed that Gonstead knew my friend quite well, had previous x-rays, and started turning cranks, positioning him all akimbo, with one shoulder higher than another, and so on.

I recall not much talking, but gentle touching, pushing and probing, mainly on Gary’s vertebrae. There was the good doctor in his white uniform, sitting on a cushioned stool over my friend, talking softly. I’d never seen it done before, but he was about to adjust the spine, and he did this by placing his two flat hands and pushing on Gary’s back. Crunch! Maybe because I was in the room, who knows, but he applied pressure several more times. Crunch! Crunch! It sounded painful. And then he was gone. As Gary and I walked out into the late afternoon sunlight, I asked him how he felt, and he said “wonderful.” He thought his cold, sinus problem or whatever it was, pretty much cured. He seemed quite thrilled by the whole process. Who

was I to doubt this “adjustment”? And he claimed the crunching felt good. Later, I learned about the placebo effect, where positive outcomes are attributed to the person’s belief and expectation. Again, Gonstead was a bigger than life person (although not tall as many assumed), with a strong face and a chiseled jaw and, most of all, there was touch, calm talk, sacred ritual. One sensed he was a healer. And maybe our bodies can activate their own healing mechanisms under the right circumstances. What I do know is that many years later, seeking relief from a bad back, I visited a chiropractor and, even without any cracking, did improve. I too was impressed.

Vets give to swim team, custom canines



On Saturday August 23, 2025 Post 113 of the Mount Horeb American Legion made two \$500 donations: one to the Mount Horeb Swim Team and one to Custom Canines, a nonprofit that trains service dogs for veterans and first responders. Pictured is Al Breunig of Post 113 with the Swim Team and Don Hartman and Gary Friske of Post 113 with Custom Canines. These two donations represent two of the American Legion’s four pillars: veterans affairs and rehabilitation and children and youth.

Preparedness Starts at Home: Sept. is National Preparedness Month

By Andrew Beckett
Emergency Management

DANE COUNTY – From fires and floods to tornadoes and blizzards, there are a wide range of potential disasters that could affect Dane County residents. September is National Preparedness Month – an annual effort to encourage people across the country to learn more about how they can be ready to respond to an emergency.

“The recent devastating floods in Wisconsin are a reminder of just how quickly a major disaster can develop around us,” said Dane County Executive Melissa Agard. “A single storm can leave a community with

extensive damage, and the rebuilding process will take time. It’s critical that everyone reviews their plans, builds an emergency kit, and ensures their family and close friends have what they need to respond quickly, should the worst happen.”

The theme of the 2025 National Preparedness Month campaign is “Preparedness Starts at Home.” Everyone should take steps this month to make plans and review what’s needed to protect those they love during an emergency.

“Having a plan for fires and floods, or any emergency that may require you to evacuate your home quickly, is essential to being prepared,” said Dane County

Emergency Management Director Charles A. Tubbs. “The time to make those plans is now, before the crisis you may be preparing for is unavoidable. Knowing what to do during an emergency could save your life.”

To help make your household better prepared, Dane County Emergency Management encourages you to take the following steps:

Build an emergency kit for your home that includes basic supplies to keep you and your family safe for up to 72 hours. Kits should include items such as non-perishable food, bottled water, a first aid kit, a flashlight and batteries, and essential medications.

Regularly review and practice emergency escape and shelter plans with everyone in your household. Know where you would take

shelter during a severe storm and identify a safe meet-up location, in case you have to evacuate. If you would need assistance evacuating, identify who can provide that help and make a plan with them.

Create an emergency communications plan that explains how members of your household will contact each other if you are apart. Designate a shared contact outside of the area that everyone can check-in with, such as a relative or close family friend.

Review your home or renters insurance policy to make sure you have adequate coverage. Most plans do not cover flood damage or may have limitations on what they will cover.

If you rely on a medical device that uses electricity, have a plan for how you

would safely use that device during an extended power outage. Install a generator or purchase a backup power supply. If that’s not possible, identify a safe location where you could stay until power is restored.

Have multiple ways to stay informed about emergencies. Smart phone apps, local media, and a NOAA Weather Radio are all great ways to get alerts about dangerous situations. You can also sign up for Dane County’s Emergency Notification System to receive severe weather and other emergency alerts by text and email.

It’s also a good idea to know the common risks in your community that could affect your daily routines. If you live near a waterway that floods or a facility that could pose a risk to the

neighborhood if it catches fire, have a plan for where you can go to stay safe until the danger has passed. If you do not have air conditioning or reliable heat, identify a safe location you could go to during periods of extreme hot or cold temperatures.

“Ask yourself questions about the dangers you could face each day,” Tubbs suggested. “Do you know what to do in those situations? Do members of your family know? It’s important that everyone is prepared.”

Learn more about how Dane County Emergency Management works to build preparedness in the community at <https://em.countyofdane.com/>. You can also follow us on Facebook and BlueSky to receive safety tips and updates on how severe weather impacts Dane County.



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Young Volunteers Step Up to Support Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Neighbors Helping Neighbors recently received a helping hand from some of the community’s young changemakers. Members of the 7th grade girls basketball team and the high school football team volunteered their time to pack school supplies, essential care items, straighten clothing in the Clothes Closet and unload a generous donation of locally grown sweet corn.

“We are grateful for the support of these young volunteers,” said Amy Gordon, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Administrative Director. “Their enthusiasm and willingness to spend their time with us when they have busy schedules means so much.”

The organization, which provides food, clothing, and resources to local families, relies on volunteers to keep operations running smoothly. The involvement of the student athletes not only lightened the workload, but also brought energy and teamwork to the efforts.

To learn more about Neighbors Helping Neighbors, visit mthorebneighbors.org or scan this QR code at right.





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Community Calendar

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Seniors shopping in Dodgeville, leave 9:30am. Call 608-444-7930 for ride.

VJ Day! Presentation at 1:00pm by Bob Block from the Oregon Historical Society on events leading to the celebration of VJ Day. Senior Center.

Farmers Market, ELC lawn - 300 block East Main Street, 3:00-6:30pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Tap your feet and sing along to longtime favorite songs by Bob Gugel, 1:00pm. Senior Center

Mt. Horeb Food Pantry and Clothes Closet open 9:00-10:30am and 3:00-4:30pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Trip to Oakwood Apple Orchard, Richland Center & lunch. Bus leaves 9:30am. Sign up at 608-437-6902.

Mt. Horeb Food Pantry and Clothes Closet open 10:00-11:30am.

Meet & Greet artist Laura Pahlas, and view new exhibit: "Wayfinders" 4:00-6:00pm. Driftless Historium thru Nov. 4. FREE!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Card making, 9:00am. Senior Center. RSVP to Stacey at 608-279-6108 by Sept. 12.

Table Tennis, all levels, casual and friendly atmosphere for playing.

10:00 am Senior Center

Learn to play Euchre! 6-8pm. Driftless Historium, 100 S. Second St. Free! Registration required at www.mthoreb-history.org/events or call 608-437-6486

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Tai Chi, 1:00pm, Senior Center

Badger Hearing, 1:00-3:00pm. Check hearing aides, No appt. needed. Senior Center

Ageless Grace Chair Exercises, 2:00pm, Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Foot Care with Amy Foster, 8:30am-3:30pm. Call 608-437-6902 for Senior Center appt. 608-437-6902. Cost \$25.; In-Home Appt. 608-576-8986, cost \$35/.

Euchre, Senior Center, 12:30pm

Half-hour History Lecture - "History of Lead Mining in Wisconsin: Native Nations to Early Settlers." Presented by Tracey Lee Roberts, 1:00pm. Driftless Historium. FREE

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Man Killed by Stranger in Dunlap Hollow Crime

Authorities say the 70-year-old victim was killed after confronting a stranger who had broken into his cabin, sparking a multi-county manhunt that ended in a fatal police shooting

By Joe Block
Mount Horeb Mail

The Dane County Sheriff's Office has released more details about the August 28 homicide in the Town of Mazomanie.

The victim, a 70-year-old man, left Madison around 10 a.m. on Thursday the 28 to go to his cabin located on Dunlap Hollow Road. According to investigators, upon entering he encountered a 23-year-old man who had broken into the cabin and been staying there for an unknown period of time.

The victim's family reported him missing to Madison Police when he did not arrive back in Madison for family dinner on Thursday evening. At the request of Madison Police, a Sheriff's deputy went to check the cabin at around 8:00 p.m.

No vehicle was on the property, and there was no answer at the door. Later that night, family members went to the cabin, and when they went inside, they found the victim deceased.

Now leading a homicide investigation, the Sheriff's Department issued a statewide alert for the 2007 Hyundai Sante Fe that the victim arrived in but was now missing. An officer with the Marinette, Wisconsin Police Department located the vehicle in the City of Marinette at approximately 9:12 a.m. on August 29th and attempted a traffic stop based upon the information provided by Dane County. The vehicle fled, leading multiple law enforcement officers on a high-speed pursuit along US Highway 41 southbound that resulted

in the vehicle crashing and coming to a stop near the intersection of US Highway 41 northbound and Schacht Road.

Law enforcement officers from the Marinette County Sheriff's Office, Marinette Police Department and Peshtigo Police Department responded to the scene.

The driver exited the vehicle and approached officers. During the encounter, a law enforcement officer with the Marinette County Sheriff's Office deployed a Taser, which was ineffective, and two officers with the City of Marinette Police Department discharged their weapons, striking the subject. Law enforcement officers and emergency medical services rendered life-saving measures, and the subject was transported to a local

hospital, where the subject was pronounced deceased.

A sharp-edged weapon was located at the scene.

The victim has been identified by the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office as Thomas B. Muckler.

"Dane County Sheriff's Office detectives and the Crime Scene Unit continue to process evidence and complete interviews regarding the events on Dunlap Hollow Road, but at this time, there is no evidence that the victim in this case was targeted or that there was any previous relationship between the two men," said Sheriff Calvin Barrett. "We sincerely offer condolences to the families affected by this senseless tragedy."



Class of 1960 reunites

The 60th Class Reunion for Mt. Horeb High's 1965 Graduation Class took place at The Stone Porch Ale House in Verona August 27, 2025. They were the last class to have held classes in the old high school building and they started their freshman year in the old building and over the holiday break, we moved into the new school. Pictured above is the class in 1961 and at the reunion this year, left to right: Becky Skindrud Mostrom, Paul Krantz, Phil Detweiller, Rick Evanson, Jim Huseh, Joan Martinson Sholdt, Dave Anderson, Duane Iverson, Jan Baumgartner Ross, Al Antonson, Lyn Larson McDougal, Ann Himsel Detweiller, Dan Sutter, Jeannie Wiest Ryan, Dennis Disch, Phyllis Disch, Vicki Haglund Haroldson and Ken Anderson. Not pictured: Duane Steinhauer.

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MOUNT HOREB-BARNEVELD 28, WATERTOWN 19

Vikings hold off Beavers

MH-B builds 22-0 lead, withstands Beavers' rally

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Very little had gone right for 2 ½ quarters. Their 22-point lead was down to three. And host Beaver Dam, which appeared on life support early, suddenly had hope. But Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team did what groups aspiring for greatness do — it refused to blink. The Vikings scored a game-clinching touchdown with 5:15 left, got a huge stop from their defense and ran out most of the clock and left Beaver Dam with a hard-fought 28-19 win last Friday. MH-B built a 22-0 lead in the first 6 ½ minutes, withstood a fierce comeback by the Golden Beavers, then got a huge touchdown from senior running back Jack Wilson to ice the contest. MH-B improved to 2-1 overall, while the Golden



Mount Horeb-Barneveld's Jack Wilson (right) had a pair of touchdowns in the Vikings' 28-19 win over Beaver Dam last Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Beavers slipped to 1-2. "I told them I was proud, not just for getting the win, but for how they finished," MH-B coach Bret St. Arnauld said. "That was a gut-check kind of game, but I also reminded them that we have to clean things up. "We have to stay focused

on the task at hand, and worry about the person in the mirror. We can't worry about anybody else other than ourselves. If we keep our heads down and keep grinding, by the time October gets here, I think you will see a much different football team — in a good way." There was a lot to like

on this night, even though things got hairy down the stretch. Wilson was a bull running the football, finishing with 106 yards on 22 carries and touchdown runs of 4 and 8 yards. "Jack runs with purpose," St. Arnauld said. "He's physical, he gets north-south quickly, has great footwork for a bigger back, and he rarely goes down on first contact. But what I love most is his mentality. "He's consistent, never too high or too low, and he puts the team first. Whether it's grinding out yards or picking up a blitz, he does his job." Quarterback Brooks Hendrickson threw a pair of touchdowns — one to senior tight end Hayden Anderson and another to sophomore wideout Django Christian. And the Vikings' defense was dominant throughout, allowing just 125 total yards and holding the Beavers to just 3.0 yards per play. But Beaver Dam made things interesting thanks to a 35-yard interception return for a touchdown and a 98-yard kickoff return for another TD. continued on page 16

Life in the fast lane

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team wins Verona Invitational

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

It could be a special season for Mount Horeb's girls cross country team. That was never more evident than Sept. 6, when the Vikings won the star-studded, nine-team Division 2 Verona Invitational. Mount Horeb finished with just 24 points to easily outdistance runner-up Monroe (55). McFarland (58), Fort Atkinson (152) and Baraboo (152) rounded out the top five. "I was cautiously optimistic about how our girls could do going into this meet," Mount Horeb coach Dave Chancellor

said. "Verona brings in a great group of teams from across Wisconsin's three divisions, plus an Illinois school or two. "We were resting Emily Wittenwyler, but were otherwise running at full strength for the first time this season, so I was hoping we could be up near the front. As a group, our girls got out well and did a really nice job of holding their positions. I've been emphasizing to this group that they're strong enough as a team that they don't all need to have perfect races for the team to run really well." The Vikings had the top four individual finishers. Junior Willa Vigliotta won the race, completing the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 36.8 seconds. "This was Willa's first race of the season, but she looked sharp and was about 30 seconds ahead of where she was last year," Chancellor said. Isla Rodgers was second individually (20:09.6), sophomore Mia Caygill was third (20:15.2) and junior Julia Straka was fourth (20:30.2). Senior Lily Wahl added a 14th place finish (21:18.4). "Isla Odgers had a huge race," Chancellor said. "This is the sort of running I thought she might be able continued on page 15



Willa Vigliotta finished in first place at the Verona Invitational last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Soccer Vikings enjoy stellar week

MoHo rolls to three wins

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Rick Gage was cautiously optimistic.

But after Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team dropped its first two games of the season, Gage — the Vikings’ third-year coach — certainly wasn’t taking anything for granted.

Still, Gage believed his Vikings could bounce back with a perfect week.

“I thought our team was very focused in practice this week and we were poised for a big week,” Gage said. “We were really hoping for a three-win week, but knew we had a challenge ahead. I thought our players really showed up this week.”

Boy, did they ever. Mount Horeb defeated Portage, 9-0, on Sept. 2. The Vikings then edged Edgerton, 2-1, on Sept. 4 and downed Evansville, 1-0, on Sept. 6.

“We figured the Portage game would not be overly challenging as they had lost a lot of players from last year,” Gage said. “But we knew that Edgerton and Evansville would provide a good challenge for us later this week.”

In addition, the Vikings received some good news, learning that senior forward Noah High was returning from injury and could play limited minutes. High made the most of those minutes, too, with game-winning goals against Edgerton and Evansville, and a goal against Portage/Poynette.

“Noah is a big part of our attack and we missed his presence during our games last week,” Gage said. “Additionally, a few of our other players were starting to get healthier and returned to the lineup, so we thought that we could be in for some good results this week”

They did just that. Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ week:

• Mount Horeb 9, Portage/Poynette 0 — Ro Gilles had three goals to power the Vikings to a convincing win. Isaac Hefty and Carlin Ramos both added two goals, while Noah High and Ethan Gage also added



Mason Williams (above, #6), Daniel Schilling (right, #2) and Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team went 3-0 last week. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

goals. Parker Smith also earned the shutout in goal.

“Watching Portage on film we were pretty confident we would be able to control the game from start to finish,” Rick Gage said. “They have a very young and inexperienced team and I thought our team would have a strong game. That turned out to be correct.

“While Portage did not provide much of a challenge for us, it was good to have a game where I was able to get all players lots of playing time. I was really encouraged by all the players in this game. No matter who we put on the field in this game I thought we continued moving the ball well and I enjoyed seeing all players working hard and staying focused on the game.”

• Mount Horeb 2, Edgerton 1 — Noah High had two second half goals, helping the Vikings rally from a 1-0 halftime deficit to edge the Crimson Tide.

“This was a great win for us,” Rick Gage said. “Edgerton is a good team and is a sectional opponent.”

Edgerton struck first, scoring in the 11th minute to grab a 1-0 lead.

“We talked a lot over the week about how you can play great for a whole game, but it only takes one small

moment for a good attacker to break free and you could be down a goal,” Rick Gage said. “And that is exactly what happened. The good news is the team did not flinch. We came back and kept fighting.”

The Vikings got the equalizer in the 51st minute when Isaac Hefty gathered a pass from Carlin Ramos and dropped the ball off right in Noah High’s path. High was then able to finish into the lower right corner of the net making it 1-1.

Then in the 71st minute, Daniel Schilling got the ball on the left side of the mid-field and played a perfect through ball to High. The Mount Horeb standout was able to finish on net, putting the Vikings up, 2-1.

Mount Horeb then survived a frantic finish and emerged with a thrilling win.

“I feel like this game really gave our players some confidence about what kind of team we could be this season,” Rick Gage said.

• Mount Horeb 1, Evansville 0 — Noah High’s goal in the 58th minute and a spectacular defensive effort helped the Vikings edge the Aces.

“Preparing for this game we felt that we had a good chance of getting another win,” Rick Gage said. “They

are a younger team and we felt that our more experienced team would gain us an edge in the game.

“However, I was also concerned with how much we had left in our legs. We played a tough game against Edgerton on Thursday night and I played quite a few guys close to the whole game to get the victory, so there was some concern about us tiring out. I figured if we were to win this game I would need a strong game from the bench and the bench responded with a very strong game today.”

Mount Horeb’s defense was strong throughout.

“Our defense did a good job of stopping their attacks and we were able to counter their attacks, but were just unable to score,” Rick Gage said.

That changed in the 58th minute when Carlin Ramos cleared a ball out of the back. An Evansville player tried to head it away, but the ball deflected to High.

High then took the ball 1-v-1 to goal and scored what again proved to be the game-winner.

“For the last 20 minutes our whole team gutted out the victory,” Rick Gage said. “While we still created scoring chances we were slowing down in recovering back on defense.



“Over the last 15 minutes, Evansville was able to create a few quality chances, but (keeper) Parker Smith and the defense was able to turn them away and hold onto the shutout.”

The Vikings’ win capped a week Gage believed was possible — and was thrilled to see it develop.

“Our play this week was very encouraging,” he said.

• On deck: Mount Horeb

was at Edgewood Tuesday for its only game of the week.

“We have a tough game against Edgewood, but then we get a week off before we play again,” Gage said. “This will be a good chance for our legs to recover and give us some good practice time to work on improving areas of need.”

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Delaina Nicewander had a terrific week and led Mount Horeb’s girls golfers to a pair of second place finishes in two conference meets. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MoHo golfers second at two league mini meets

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls golf team notched a pair of second place finishes at two Badger Small Conference mini-meets last week.

The Vikings finished behind conference leader Madison Edgewood at a conference mini-meet held at Coachman’s Golf Resort on Sept. 2. Mount Horeb was also second at its own mini-meet held at Norsk Golf Club on Sept. 4.

“We were able to maintain our second-place position in the conference standings and pushed Edgewood right to the very end,” Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said.

During the first mini-meet held at Coachman’s, Edgewood shot a 164 and Mount Horeb finished with a 178.

Senior Delaina Nicewander led the Vikings with a 41 and tied for fifth place individually in the 35-player field. Nicewander made a birdie on the par-four, 7th hole and notched pars at No. 3, 6 and 8.

Sophomore Ella Baber and junior Jady Schellpfeffer had matching scores of 44 to tie for eighth.

Baber birdied the par-four, 4th hole and added a par at No. 6. Schellpfeffer birdied the 7th hole, made pars at No. 4 and 5 and posted a career-low nine-hole score.

Senior Sonja Schreiber added a 49 that included a pair of pars and finished in a tie for 17th place individually.

“It was a strong performance by our team at Coachman’s Golf Resort,” Krentz said. “The weather

was absolutely perfect and we were able to take advantage with our lowest nine-hole team score of the season.

“It was the first time we had four scores in the 40’s, which was really good to see. While we would have liked to have been a little closer to Edgewood, we played really well and built a lot of momentum for our team moving forward.”

The Vikings followed that with a second place finish on their home course.

Edgewood was first again with a 177, while Mount Horeb was second with a 184.

Nicewander again led the Vikings with a 44, tying for third in the 35-player field after parring No. 4, 6 and 7.

Baber finished with a 46 to tie for 10th, closing her round strong with pars on

holes No. 5 and 9.

Schellpfeffer and Schreiber added matching rounds of 47 to tie for 17th. Schellpfeffer parred No. 1, 5, 7 and 9, while Schreiber parred the 4th hole on her way to a career-best nine-hole score.

“Another good performance by our team,” Krentz said. “Weather conditions were much less ideal than we had (on Sept. 4) with temperatures around 60 degrees and the wind gusting 20+ miles per hour at times throughout the day.

“Scores were a little higher than expected with the weather and greens playing firm and fast as a result, but I thought we handled it quite well which hopefully benefits us as we near our conference tournament and regionals and similar conditions.”

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RESOLUTION 2025-10. “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF UP TO \$1,871,833 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER SYSTEM PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2025, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER DETAILS AND COVENANTS WITH RESPECT THERETO”.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a full copy of the resolution is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk.

Alyssa Gaffney
Village Clerk

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TOWN OF PERRY NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK
Perry Town Hall, 10084 CTH A
Monday, September 29, 2025 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, September 29, 2025 the Town of Perry will hold a second Open Book session – 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

The purpose of the Open Book is to provide an opportunity for property owners to review their current property tax assessment and to discuss the process with the assessor – Accurate Appraisals, LLC (800) 770-3927, and www.accurateassessor.com, or by emailing perrytown@accurateassessor.com. Appointment scheduling is available by contacting the assessor.

Mary L. Price, Clerk

Posted: Town Hall, Town Garage, Daleyville sign post, Town website.

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 2, 2025

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 Jones, White, and Gauger. Trustees Halverson, Schellpfeffer, and Best were absent. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen and Finance Director/Treasurer Schwenn.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda: Jones requested the following items be pulled from the consent agenda: Consideration of Amendment to General Development Plan Specific Implementation Plan for 1881 Springdale Street, MMI LLC (Tim Neitzel). Jones moved, White seconded to approve the following remaining consent agenda items: Consideration of June 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes; Consider Pay Request #1 for Contract 25-102 – Lake Street Stormwater project progress billing; Rezone Request and Zero Lot Line CSM for 109-115 Ridge Dr, Kent McDonell, RZR1 LLC; Consideration of Amendments to Specific Implementation Plan, Steve Brown Apartments, 120 S First St, Front Street Station; Consider Pay Request #3 for Contract 25-101 – 2025 Street Improvements Project. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Jones provided brief explanation for the history of the GDP for 1881 Springdale Street Mixed Use Building, including commentary regarding heights as originally discussed by Plan Commission. Jones reminded committee that when an item such as this one is brought back to committee with changes to the originally approved plan, it should not be placed on the Consent Agenda, but rather the regular Agenda. He inquired about why height changes were needed. Brad Carly with 1848 Construction came forward to address questions and provide assurance that their plans could be adjusted for construction to be reduced to meet requirements of the Village. After brief discussion, Jones moved, Gauger seconded to approve the GDP Site Plans as provided, subject to listed conditions. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Town of Vermont Boundary Agreement: White moved, Jones seconded a motion to table this discussion until August 2025 meeting, due to lack of packet support documents for board member review. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Village President’s report: Czyzewski spoke about his recent “perks” as a Village President—he was invited to throw out the first pitch at Mount Horeb Night at a Madison Mallard’s game, and he was invited to judge the Lego Contest at the Library. Czyzewski commends the Library staff for their great activities and relationships with the children of the Village. Also in the past month, he has been working with Human Resources in preparation for the Administrator review process, and reminded board members about providing general notification information for residents, encouraging the use of our website signup opportunity.

Village Administrator’s report: Owen reported his recent opportunity to act as a Judge at Library Dog Show; reported the retirement this week of Chris Hook, Electric Utility Foreman, noting a retirement celebration will be held later in July; provided special recognition of recent extra time put in by the Plan Commission; and noted the July presentation to Good Morning Mount Horeb by Kristen Fish-Peterson where she provided the attendees with a TIF-101 presentation, in preparation for the impending creation of TID #6 in the Village.

Village Clerk’s report: Gaffney was absent; no report was provided.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, Jones moved, White seconded to adjourn @ 7:32pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by
Denise Schwenn, Finance Director/Treasurer
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State wrestling team tournament moved to La Crosse

The Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic Association and the La Crosse Center have reached a three-year agreement, moving the State Team Wrestling Tournament to the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, Wis., effective in March, 2026.

“With the expansion of the state team wrestling tournament format this year and the advent of the state girls team tournament in 2027, this event has actually outgrown the UW Field House’s floor space and warm-up areas,” WIAA Executive Director Stephanie Hauser said. “The UW staff has created a welcoming environment for this tournament for 19 years. We are very grateful for nearly two decades of hospitality and look forward to continuing to host the Individual Championships on UW’s campus at the Kohl Center. We are excited to continue to provide the outstanding cham-

pionship experience for the student-athletes, coaches and spectators with the move to the La Crosse Center.”

In June, the WIAA Board of Control approved an expansion of the state boys team wrestling tournament to increase the qualifying teams in Divisions 2 and 3 to eight teams, equaling the number of Division 1 qualifiers. The new format requires additional mats to accommodate Division 2 and 3 quarterfinals in the tournament schedule.

The available floor space in the UW Field House is limited to four mats. An additional two mats will be required when the girls state tournament adds a

dual-match format to determine its team champion in 2026-27.

Built in 1980, the venue offers a competition area of 21,000 square feet that can accommodate 8-10 wrestling mats with a seating capacity of 4,537 for the tournament and built-in concession areas. Additional square footage of open space will be utilized for team and warm-up areas.

The boys state team wrestling tournament is scheduled for March 6-7, 2026. The individual state wrestling tournament is scheduled for Feb. 26-28 at the Kohl Center in Madison.



Solid showing

Lizzy Messenberg and Mount Horeb’s girls volleyball team went 3-2 at the Middleton Invite last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 4, 2025

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 Jones, White, Schellpfeffer, Best, and Halverson. Trustee Gauger was absent. Also present were Administrator Nic Owen and Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda: Czyzewski requested the following items be pulled from the consent agenda: New alcohol license application for Isaac’s Antiques; Agent Application for Janelle Holmstrom, Isaac’s Antiques; Renewal alcohol license applications for Bistro 101, Kwik Trip #794, Kwik Trip #1130, Norsk Golf Bowl, Buck and Honey’s, Aztlan Mexican Grill, The Viking, and Marah’s Bridal; Agent Applications for Tom Anderson, Buck & Honey’s and Janelle Holmstrom, Isaac’s Antiques; and the Residential Improvement Grant application for John and Amy Lee. White requested Resolution 2025-07 Conditional Use Permit for 301 W Main Street be pulled. White moved, Best seconded to approve the following remaining consent agenda items: April 14, 2025 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes; May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes; Pay Request #1 for Street Project 25-101; Pay Request #2 for Street Project 25-101; Resolution 2025-06, Conditional Use Permit to Allow an Accessory Structure (Deck) in a Front Yard of a Corner Lot at 1001 Glen View Ct; Zero Lot-Line CSM 515 and 517 Alan Drive, Mark Nortman; New Alcohol Beverage License application for Zenith Ventures LLC, DBA Vita Bella, 209 E Main Street; Appointment of Agent Application for Jermaine Butler, Zenith Ventures LLC; Alcohol Beverage License renewal applications: Premier Cooperative, 501 W Main Street; Wiscoboxes.com, 305 E Main Street; Driftless Social, 128 E Main Street; MOHO JO LLC, 100 S 1st Street; Grumpy Troll LLC, 105 S 2nd Street; Dog House Bar & Grill, 117 S 1st Street; Vita Bella, 209 E Main Street; Walgreens #11648, 1401 Springdale Street; Miller and Sons Inc, 1845 Springdale Street; Trollway Liquor, 504 W Main Street; Sunn Cafe, 201 E Main Street; Appointment of Agent applications: Mark Valaskey, Bistro 101; Tracy Alvey, Kwik Trip 1130; Daniel Hying, Kwik Trip 794; Joshua Kitelinger, Premier Cooperative; Mills Botham, Wiscoboxes.com; Matthew Schmock, Driftless Social; Tyler Marks, MOHO JO LLC; Michael Woodward, Norsk Golf Club; Robin Pharo, Grumpy Troll LLC; Nathan Faust, Dog House Bar & Grill; Jermaine Butler, Vita Bella; Jose Onate, Aztlan Mexican Restaurant; Guy Evans III, The Viking; Marah Odgers, Marah’s Bridal; Rebecca Wentworth, Walgreens #11648; William Miller, Miller and Sons Supermarket; Michael Rogers Jr, Trollway Liquor; Cynthia Curtes, Sunn Cafe; Street Use Permit application from Mount Horeb Summer Frolic Committee for Norsk Run, June 14, 2025; Street Use Permit application from Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce for the Art Fair, July 18-20, 2025; Residential Improvement Grant applications for Heidi Clayton, 202 N 4th Street and Jacqueline Sale, 411 N 4th Street; and Façade Improvement Grant application for Tyler Marks, 100 S 1st Street. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. White questioned the parking for the new development at 301 W Main Street. Owen stated there would be off-street parking for the apartment and the parking for the laundry mat would be on-street. Schellpfeffer moved, Jones seconded to approve Resolution 2025-07, Conditional Use Permit to

Allow Building to Exceed Main Street Setback in Central Business District, Surplus Suds, 301 W Main Street, Chad Ferguson of Keller Inc. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. New Alcohol License for Isaac’s Antiques- Czyzewski questioned the plan for the license. White moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to approve the Alcohol Beverage License for Isaac’s Antiques, DBA Jangle Natural Living, 132 E Main Street. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Appointment of Agent Application for Janelle Holmstrom, Isaac’s Antiques- Czyzewski questioned the Beverage Server Course Requirement. Czyzewski moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to approve the application, contingent upon the Beverage Server Course being completed. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Norsk Golf Bowl Alcohol Beverage renewal application- Czyzewski requested to item be pulled to ask a separate vote on it. Jones moved, Best seconded to approve the application. All voted aye, with the exception of Schellpfeffer who abstained. Motion carried. Alcohol Beverage Renewal applications for Bistro 101, Kwik Trip #794, Kwik Trip #1130, Buck and Honeys, Aztlan Mexican Grill, The Viking, and Marah’s Bridal- Czyzewski requested these applications be pulled to inquire on some missing information on the applications. Schellpfeffer moved, Best seconded to approve the applications. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Agent Application for Thomas Anderson, Buck and Honeys- Czyzewski requested this item be pulled due to the requirement of completing the Beverage Server Course. Halverson moved, White seconded to approve the application contingent upon the course being completed. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Residential Improvement Grant application for John and Amy Lee, 308 Forest Street- Czyzeski requested this item be pulled to get more information on the project. Owen explained and the board discussed. Schellpfeffer moved, Halverson seconded to approve the grant application. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2024 Village Audit Presentation by Baker Tilly: Casandra Chase and Leah Koopman of Baker Tilly presented the results of the 2024 Village Audit.

Recommendation on Beginning Boundary Agreement Discussion with Town of Springdale: Owen explained this item. Halverson moved, White seconded to approve discussing a Boundary Agreement with the Town of Springdale. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of Revised Mount Horeb Fee Schedule: Owen explained this item. Halverson moved, Schellpfeffer seconded to approve the revised Mount Horeb Fee Schedule. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Village President’s report: Czyzewski spoke about reminder of presenting ethics policy to board member’s corresponding committees, discussing MPO options with Nic, transportation survey, and parkland meeting regarding Lukken Farm.

Village Administrator’s report: Owen stated that Scott Construction is doing seal coating, the Town of Vermont approved the Boundary Agreement, and the new Building Inspector starts June 23rd.

Village Clerk’s report: Gaffney did not have anything to report.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, White moved, Halverson seconded to adjourn @ 8:03pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes by
Alyssa Gaffney, Village Clerk

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The Town of Primrose Planning Commission meeting for September 2025, will take place at 8468 County Road A, Verona WI, on Monday, September 15th, 2025, beginning 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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to contribute to this group, but I didn't expect her to be doing it so soon. Mia Caygill ran a solid race as our third. She's only been back to running for a couple of months, so it's remarkable to me how much she's progressed in that time.

"Julia Straka, Lily Wahl, and Maeve True all finished well for us as our fourth, fifth, and sixth runners."

Overall, Chancellor was thrilled with how his team performed.

"It was good to see this effort out of the girls," he said. "It should tell them that they can run well against some very good teams."

"We ran against a handful of teams that we'll see again at conference and sectionals and to be able to come out of it with just

24 points in the Division 2 race is a very promising start."

Mount Horeb's boys were ninth out of 10 teams. West Salem was first with 79 points, while Baraboo (87) and Fort Atkinson (92) rounded out the top three.

Mount Horeb finished with 224 points.

"Our boys ran well and it was actually a much better race for our guys than the results showed," Chancellor said. "We were without two of our top-5 guys Tim Kruse and Jaxon Hughes — and so we were going a little deeper into our lineup on this one."

"Most of our boys ran at or very near their career best times and so a lot of what we saw was a group of young guys working to make the jump from JV to varsity racing at a big time invite."

Junior Samuel Wyse led the Vikings with a 15th place finish, completing

the 5,000-meter race in 17:56.0.

"Sam Wyse is already showing consistency running close to a minute ahead of where he was at last season," Chancellor said. "I was happy with his race, but I think he's on the cusp of a breakthrough that should have him up a little further in the pack."

Senior Desmond Kelley was 41st (19:18.6), junior Nathaniel Sherven was 55th (20:07.4), sophomore Blake Losenegger was 56th (20:11.4) and senior Marc Stoddard was 57th (20:12.4).

"Our guys are young and many of them are swimming in deeper waters than they're used to," Chancellor said. "They have good fitness, so as we start to do more and more race pace work in practice in the coming weeks, I think we're going to be able to get a better sense of where they can be by the end of the season."



Mia Caygill (top) and Sam Wyse (above) had terrific performances at the Verona Invitational last Saturday. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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