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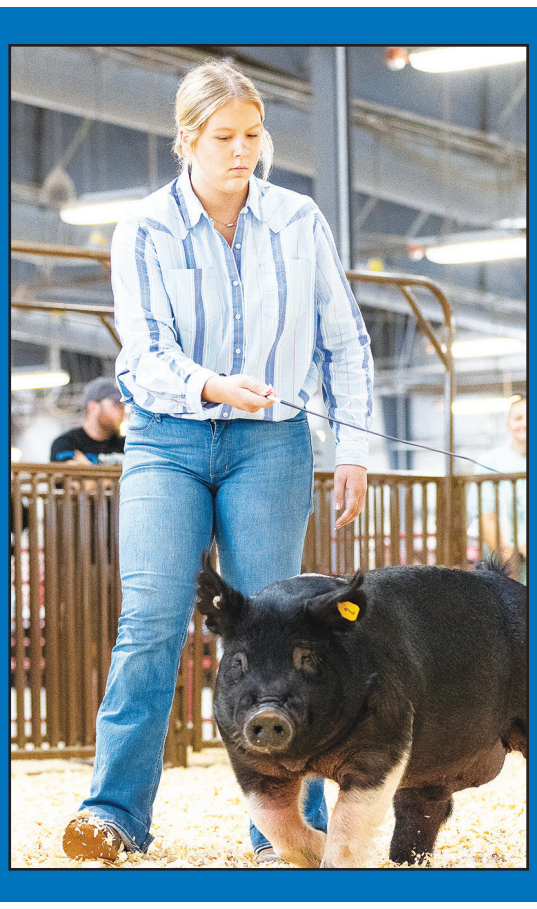

Springdale 4-H students' hard work shows in large and small animal sales

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Homecoming parade is Friday !

The 2025 homecoming parade will take place on Friday, September 26th. The start time for the parade will be approximately 2:45 p.m., fifteen minutes after the pep rally at the high school. The parade will follow the same route as in past years. The route will start on Academy Street in front of the PC. From there it will take a left onto Fourth Street for a block. It will take a right onto Garfield Street where it will proceed to the High School.

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Public Health

United Way's 211 app expands access to critical resources

Bilingual mobile app and kiosk network offer vital services

By Alec Finger
Mount Horeb Mail

When families in crisis need help, they often don't know where to turn. For decades, United Way's 211 phone service has offered a simple solution: dial three numbers to be connected with trained staff who can guide callers to food pantries, housing support, utility assistance, mental health care, and more.

But calling isn't always easy. Some hesitate out of embarrassment. Others fear that disclosing too much might lead to unwanted attention—especially immigrants worried about their status. And for younger generations accustomed to digital tools, a phone call can feel like a barrier.

That's why United Way of Dane County has built a new pathway: a statewide 211 mobile app, available in both English and Spanish, that puts more than 1,100 resources at a user's fingertips.

The app, launched in November 2023, was made possible by a Madison-area donor. A Spanish-language version followed in July 2024, though it took far longer than expected to develop. "Our developers told us, 'We'll just use Google Translate,'" said Ed Wall, director of 211. "But it made no sense—it was gibberish."

Instead, United Way partnered with Centro Hispano and bilingual staff to manually translate more than 750 categories. What was supposed to take three weeks stretched into 10 months. But the effort paid off. "Over five percent of

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Development

Opponents of downtown development hold another meeting to voice concerns

By Cathy Scott
Mount Horeb Mail

A second meeting by a newly-formed group that opposes what they see as large-scale development downtown was held in the cafeteria at the Intermediate Center school on Wednesday, September 17. About 45 people attended, including fresh faces as well as some repeats who attended their first meeting in August. A local TV news reporter interviewed Michelle Kelley, the spokesperson for the group, as well as recorded the event.

People were asked to sign-in and provide an email address for future communications on the proposed Main Street development, existing zoning code requirements as well as ongoing information on the current zoning code re-write. Yard signs were available to attendees for a five-dollar donation.

Once everyone was settled, Kelley kicked off the meeting by introducing other committee members, Tammy Clarey, Brian LaDow, Sharman Moen and Jackie Sale. Attendees received a packet of information showing four views of the most recent building design submitted by J. G. Development for the proposed four-story, 66 apartment unit from 214-220 E. Main.

Kelley said, "According to the developer's material, it is estimated each floor is 24,000 sq ft., with nine percent commercial and ninety-one percent residential and parking."

The first floor includes the commercial space and

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Geiger Counter

by Matt Geiger, Editor

Footprints in gypsum

One day, a toddler and its caretaker walked barefoot across an ancient lakebed. Every so often, the larger one picked up the child and carried it for a stretch. Archeologists today can tell by the depth of the footprints that he or she alternated, carrying the toddler first on one hip, then on the other.

Every parent knows this rhythm, shifting a small person from one side to the other, redistributing the weight and carrying on.

Their paths crossed that of a wooly mammoth, but it appears they were pursuing a 10-foot-tall, 2,000-pound giant sloth, which left giant, jellybean-shaped imprints in the ground, stopping every so often to swivel around and look through strange monochrome eyes at the humans pursuing it.

When I was young, scientists believed humans had only been in North America for about 14,000 years or less. These footprints, left in the drying bed of Lake Otero, which once covered an area larger than modern-day Rhode Island, show that people were probably here at least 22,000 years ago. Today, the place is called White Sands in New Mexico, a bone-dry, glimmering, bleached landscape of gypsum.

Gypsum is what is left behind when ancient lakes and seas dry up. It is commonly mined today and used to make drywall and plaster for modern homes.

One of the best nights of my life took place in one of those houses, 11 years ago. Deep in the night, a tiny scream reached into my slumber and grabbed me, pulling me into consciousness. Half awake, I rolled from bed and picked up the tiny baby squalling next to me.

Like so many new parents, we had been tricked into thinking we needed every conceivable fancy device and gimmick to raise our child to adulthood, including a "co-sleeper" designed to prevent vast dads such as myself from rolling onto and crushing their offspring. I picked up Hadley from the bed next to me, where she squirmed between my wife and I, and then promptly tripped on the pricey co-sleeper, which we had of course abandoned and tossed onto the floor next to the bed after a few days. Oh, the irony if I had fallen to the ground and crushed our baby because of this safety device.

But I didn't. Just swore mildly and stepped over it, carrying the child out, quietly shutting the door, and walking into the living room.

I grabbed a bottle and pressed it to her lips. She guzzled a little milk, spilling much of it so it trickled down like a tiny yellow river into the divot under her lower lip.

I'd learned in the few weeks she had been home that the trick to comforting a baby is motion. As she cried, I stood on a carpet (which would eventually be ruined and ripped up due to that same child and our many pets) and looked down from our second-story window into the dark, silent street outside.

I asked our speaker to "play music," and as the opening chords floated through the air to us, she looked up happily. As the song played, I gently bounced, holding her in the crook of my arm like a tiny, living football.

"She got a gentle way that puts me at ease

When she walks in the room, I can hardly breathe

Got a devastatin' smile, knock a grown man to his knees

She got whatever it is, it blows me away…"

Her little, translucent eyelids grew heavy and drooped, and she cooed that strange porpoise noise infants make.

"She got whatever it is

I don't know what to do

'Cause every time I try to tell her how I feel, it comes out 'I love you'"

Now she slept. But I didn't try to sneak her back into bed. Instead, I stood in that dark room, looking at the dark street, and rocked her as the song played, again and again. When I did try to bring her back to bed, she woke up, so I returned to that spot and played the song again, gently bouncing like a ship on some ancient lake or sea.

The ensuing 11 years have flown by. It's a cringe-inducing cliché, but it's true.

First come the "firsts." First laugh. First words. First steps. First trip to the Emergency Room. First questions.

Then come so many "lasts." The last bottle. The last diaper. The last time they say a certain word wonderfully wrong.

That first year, I spent so much of my time holding Hadley in one arm while I cooked with the other, the staccato chop of the knife cutting vegetables on the cutting board, the sizzle and steam of the food hitting the pan, the babbling of the child all mixing with blasting music in the background. More often than any other, that same song played, because it was the one that brought her the most joy. It's called "Whatever it is."

I laid down on the floor with her, rolling over onto my back and staring up at her mobile from her perspective. We brought home a 140-pound mountain dog so that she would know how patient and loyal and brave strong creatures can be, and how much they fart, bark and steal bread off the counter. So she could know that something could have breath like death and still be loved.

She crawled around, then walked, then began running, swimming, climbing trees, riding horses, and dancing, so much dancing.

I carried her every chance I got.

She took a massive digger on her bike on the gravel bike trail one day, nearly a mile from the trailhead, and I had to walk her bike while carrying her, a stream of tears soaking into the shoulder of my shirt all the way back.

An older kid tried to carry her once and dropped her on her head (her preferred landing spot), so I picked her up again. "I gotcha."

I remember throwing her into Stewart Lake again, and again, and again. Picking her up, tossing her into the sky, and feeling the splash as she plunged into the water.

As she got bigger, I carried her less often.

This summer, she took a babysitting course, taking assiduous notes and learning how to keep kids safe in nearly every situation. Now, she often carries others, from her little friend ("she's good at conversation," Hadley says when describing her) her own age, to her three-year-old niece, who she watched for us for a week this summer when my sister came to visit from North Carolina.

When we were on vacation a few weeks ago, I sat and chatted with friends as I watched her from afar. We were at a brewery and Hadley helped pick up a small child who fell and skinned his knee on the gravel. She went and got a cup of water for a girl who was thirsty. And she ordered and delivered tacos and burritos from a food truck for all of us to enjoy. All evening, she carried things and people.

But I do still get to carry her, sometimes. When she gets hurt, when she is sick, or simply when her legs or soul grow weary.

Every time I carry her, talk to her, or watch her from afar, I feel the enormous failing of language. Words can describe war, famine, death, political intrigue, money, and many other things, but their reach falls well short of whatever this is.

For 11 years, I have called her to me, again and again, as if I have something urgent to inform her. As if I have breaking news.

And then, when she trots up to me, so naturally, so casually - "What's up, dad?" – I try to tell her how I feel, and it always comes out the same: "I love you." It's so trite, so insufficient. But I have no idea what else to say when I try to tell her how I feel.

Sometimes she replies, "I love you too, dad." But usually, she gives the answer I prefer. The one that makes me happiest. The one that nearly brings me to my knees every time she says it.

"I know, dad," she says. "I know."

And off she runs, leaving the entirety of the moment with me as she heads off to the next thing.

"You should accept yourself, not as master, but as servant, and then all your bad feelings, your anxiety, alarm, uncertainty, and dissatisfaction will be changed to calmness and peace," wrote Leo Tolstoy. "You will be filled inside with a clear vision of your purpose, and with great joy."

There will be a last of everything. The person who carried that child 22,000 years ago has been dead for longer than any human mind can fathom. The child might have lived a few extra years, but it too died long before history even began. Kids bring with them a cavalcade of firsts, opening our eyes to the world around us. But they also bring with them all those lasts. The last bottle. The last night in the expensive co-sleeper. The last time they turn to you when they skin their knee. Eventually, the last time they will look at you without pity or sorrow. And of course, the last time they look at you in any light at all.

But not tonight.

Because tonight she fell asleep on the couch while my wife and I watched a Red Sox game, and I walked over and picked her up. As I carried her down the hallway to her bedroom, I twisted and turned and contorted, trying not to hit her head on the walls or displace any of the framed photos with her feet. I can no longer carry her in the crook of one arm, like a football. Now, I use both arms and all my strength. Her legs are heavy with muscle from a million outdoor adventures, and if I don't balance her correctly she will teeter and put a dent in the drywall. Who knows how long it would stay there.

The path from the TV room to her bedroom is long, so I sometimes shift her from one side to the other, thankful for the weight that imbues everything it touches, including me, with meaning. Grateful for the chance to carry it one more time.

I set her in her bed and try to think of something clever or original to say. It comes out "I love you" instead, once again.

The walls that protect us are made of an ancient, dried-out lakebed through which people and their children walked, surrounded by great creatures forged in strange times. People, just like us, who were lucky to feel the weight of the ones they love.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What do we want Mount Horeb to look like?

Dear Editor,

I really like the fact that Mount Horeb continues to have our local paper and this opportunity for people to have an outlet to share information, considerations, opinions, and concerns.

I always read the Letters to the Editor. This is where I first learned about the concern for building an apartment building on the Main Street tourist corridor. Just as the *Mount Horeb Mail* has been a constant staple in our Village so has been our tourism industry.

I have attended a couple of meetings that concerned Mount Horeb citizens have offered, read the informational materials provided and the pros and cons of having this apartment building on Main Street.

I agree that the apartment building is "To Big" in all aspects to its proposed location. The rendition of the building is very nice and would look good in a place the would be more conducive to the size, increased traffic, green space, ample parking, etc.

The preservation of our historic downtown is necessary for visitors to keep coming, businesses staying and attracting new businesses and our Village remaining viable for all residents who live here and are moving here. There are several housing projects that have been approved by our Planning Commission already in the works that are located not located on Main Street.

A very good question came out of the "It's to BIG" meeting that all Mount Horeb citizens should consider. "What do we want Mount Horeb to look like?" Too many small towns have lost their identity due to not having a comprehensive plan and misaligned development. I would like our Trollway to maintain its unique reputation.

Thank you for
your consideration,
Julie Malliet-Nowak

Village could lose its charm

As a member of a family that has been a part of Mount Horeb for generations, I find what is being proposed by JG Development for the 200 block of East Main Street very distressing. I have attended many meetings about this project and I think I have a good understanding of what will happen and how it will affect us all.

This structure, if built as proposed, will be massive. It will have four stories and span the entire area from MHTC to Third Street. There will be no green space left on the block as this building will also span from Main Street to the alley. It is touted as being a mixed-use building since it will have retail space for 3 to 4 businesses on the ground floor while the remaining three floors will be made up of 66 apartments. That's right, 66. There will be 83 bedrooms in all. Onsite parking is planned for 69 cars. The parking situation will not be adequate as most households have more than one car. All these extra vehicles trying to access Main Street via the alley or Third Street during peak hours will only exacerbate traffic issues. I have also learned that in order to build this apartment many zoning codes, that are in effect now for this space, will be violated. This building is not attractive, in my opinion, and it will add nothing to the ambience of the downtown. I believe it will irreparably change the historic charm and uniqueness of Mount Horeb's business corridor. It will create a precedent for future development on Main Street. It is beyond my understanding why Jeff Grundahl, a native son, would even propose something like this in this location for his home town. A better option, I think, would be for the developer to come up with a scaled down design that somehow incorporates the existing historic buildings. The two buildings in question are well over one hundred years old and have been part of Main Street for as long as anyone alive today can remember.

I think they are worth saving. Instead of one monolithic looking structure there could be a cluster of connected smaller buildings which include the two existing buildings. Such a well thought out and creative design would allow for some green space and flower beds. If the architects concentrated on designing retail spaces that would be more affordable and attractive to locate artists and smaller boutiques, we could have even more interesting and unique shops to draw in visitors. (From what I'm hearing, the retail spots in the developer's latest design might be too expensive for small business owners to rent and might only be affordable to retail chains.)

There could be some residential rentals but not anywhere the number proposed by the developer's latest design which would be detrimental to the quality of life of the people living in the vicinity and negatively impact traffic and parking on the surrounding streets. There are many better spots around town for high density apartment buildings than on Main Street. A well thought out design that is unique to Mount Horeb would be a structure I would enjoy looking at and, I hope, so would our visitors. This is a crucial point for our community. What is built here will set the tone for what may follow.

We have to decide in what direction we want our downtown to go. Do we want to remain a charming destination community that people enjoy visiting or follow the example of surrounding communities and lose all of what is special about Mount Horeb?

Heidi Wittwer

Protect our culture and character

As a long-time resident of the Village, I have diligently entrusted our Village leaders to preserve and protect the small-town feel and unique community character. The Village predecessors carefully and thoughtfully put in place a Comprehensive Plan as a model for the future to maintain "A vibrant downtown featuring the community's historic past and act as a center piece for cultural, recreational, business, shopping and tourism activities". The proposed apartment building at 208-220 East Main Street does nothing that meets this vision. With only nine percent of the building dedicated to retail business it does not promote shopping or tourism and creates a negative impact on the other retail businesses that rely on adequate parking not to mention that the building is simply unattractive and too big for this location. The lack of adequate parking for the building creates a nightmare for not only the tenants but for the surrounding businesses and residents. There is no easy access to Main Street and relying on an "alley" for main traffic and a narrow side street is ridiculous.

I'm all for supporting additional housing but it needs to be in a different location that is more user friendly for the tenants' access to parking and traffic patterns; and more importantly does not create a negative impact to our downtown businesses and small-town charm. I'm asking our Village leaders – please don't let us down. Is consideration being given to revising our zoning codes and comprehensive plan only to support those with deep pockets and what is in their best interest rather than what is in the best interest of our historic downtown? I sincerely hope that is not the case and that our leaders will abide by the Comprehensive Plan that was carefully put in place to protect our unique culture and character.

Cindy Jenson

'It's too big'

Dear Readers:

Have you noticed the red "It's Too BIG" signs popping up around town? These signs represent a campaign to increase awareness of, and opposition to, the proposal to build a large apartment complex right on our Main Street. The proposed complex will occupy most of the block on Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets. It will extend to four stories, with retail space at street level and three additional levels of apartments (66 units).

Why the opposition? For those of us who appreciate the charm and character of downtown Mount Horeb, this structure will stand out as a modernistic monolith dominating the downtown district and dwarfing all other historic structures along Main Street.

For decades, many concerned citizens have thoughtfully and diligently engaged in the planning and development of Mount Horeb's downtown growth, with deliberation centered on preserving and maintaining our downtown charm and character. As a result, Mount Horeb has become a popular destination for travelers looking to experience small-town Wisconsin, as well as a source of pride for our local community.

The current zoning code requirements for new construction reflect the thoughtful and deliberate planning that has made Mount Horeb's Main Street a unique travel destination and vibrant business district. Unfortunately, many of those requirements are under consideration for exemption by our village leaders just to accommodate one developer's plan. Is this what we really want for our community?

We consider it a privilege to have lived in Mount Horeb for several decades. We truly appreciate the careful planning that has resulted in the unique character of our village's Main Street. We live on 3rd Street, just a few doors down from the proposed building complex, so to us, this is also personal. We consider this "monstrosity" an invasion of privacy which will loom large over our historic neighborhood and cast a long shadow on those of us who live nearby (not to mention the parking and traffic congestion it will create). That's not what we want – would you?

Please contact the village plan commission and village board and let them know what you think.

Sincerely,
Tim, Beth
and Cal Scott

GLEANINGS

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Sept. 23, 1885

Miss Semley has entered upon duty with A.H. Elver in the millinery department.

A number of our bloods attended a dance at Mt. Vernon last Friday and had a great time. Ask Gil.

C.J. Christoffer met with a sad accident last week by smashing his right hand in a horsepower making amputation necessary.

Mrs. Campbel, aged mother of W. R. Campbel was taken sick last Saturday, Dr. Evens was summonsed and found the old lady in such a condition that her chances for recovery were against her. Paralysis is her fate.

Paul A. Sletto has a tasty bachelor's retreat fixed up in the front room of his building. The supply of bachelors in our city is being rapidly reduced (?).

Three of our model young men attended the Dodgeville fair Wednesday of last week. A report had reached that city that three men were in that vicinity from Chicago, engaged in circulating counterfeit money and upon the arrival of the night train, which carried our boys to that city, an officer was in waiting and after sizing them up concluded they were his men.

130 Years Ago- Sept. 26, 1895

John Donald left for the Chicago dental college last Tuesday.

A lap robe was picked up on our streets one day this week and left at Dahle Bros. store to await its owner.

O.F. Larson celebrated his 40th birthday last Sunday. Many of his friends assembled at this home and enjoyed the hospitalities of his generous "Svaenska Hjaerta."

One of our businessmen is nursing an inclination to become the husband of a young Cross Plains girl. We mention this so the marriage announcement will not come with such terrific force to our Mt. Horeb girls.

On Wednesday of last week as Dan O'Hare was assisting in handling a vicious colt he received a kick, which was the cause of his death two days later.

Fully 5000 people saw the University of Wisconsin football team defeat the Northwestern University eleven by a score of 12 to 6 at the state fair grounds near Milwaukee Saturday afternoon.

120 Years Ago- Sept. 21, 1905

Thomas Allen lost his fine black stallion on Monday from colic.

Andrew Eggum, Mount Horeb and Miss Lee of Black Earth are the teachers

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As always, if you have any questions, please give us a call at 608-437-5021 or email us at mhpl@mounthorebwi.info.

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our users are Spanish-only speakers," Wall said. "Having this version available has been huge."

Since launch, the app has drawn thousands of users and tens of thousands of searches, helping people across Wisconsin quietly and anonymously find the support they need.

While the 211 phone line connects callers with live operators who can ask follow-up questions—about rent, kids, or utilities—the app takes a different approach. It allows users to browse at their own pace, bookmark favorite resources, and return as often as they'd like. Registration is optional, and even then, no personal information is stored.

"You can be sitting at home in your chair wondering, 'What do they have for utility bill assistance? What about mental health?'" Wall explained. "The app gives you the ability to just look at it on your own time."

Unlike many states where 211 is localized, all eight of Wisconsin's 211 centers are on board with the app. That means the system works anywhere in the state. "If you're in Green Bay, Ashland, or La Crosse—you put in your zip code, and your local resources pop up," Wall said. "That was our goal: completely accessible statewide."

The success has already drawn national attention. States like Rhode Island and Indiana have reached out about creating their own apps after hearing about Wisconsin's model.

For people without smartphones or internet access, United Way developed a companion kiosk program. About 60 kiosks—each a refurbished iPad mounted in a secure stand—are now deployed in schools, libraries, food pantries, homeless shelters, and hospitals across seven counties.

One of the earliest success stories came from Mount Horeb schools. Teachers and counselors knew families were struggling but reluctant to ask for help. United Way created a student-friendly presentation, and as Wall spoke, students began scanning the QR code on the screen and downloading the app. Soon after, the school ordered its own kiosk.

The model is spreading quickly. Edgerton Hospital purchased three kiosks, with United Way donating a fourth. Middleton and McFarland schools are pursuing the program. After a shooting at Abundant Life Christian School, United Way placed a kiosk on site to give families immediate access to resources, then kept it there for ongoing support. United Way staff even assemble and program the devices before installation.

United Way is already thinking about the next stage: push notifications. That feature would allow the app to instantly notify users when shelters open early during freezing weather, when food pantries run short on supplies, or when hours change due to storms.

"We get calls every day from agencies with updates," Wall said. "Right now, users have to call or check manually. With push notifications, we could get that info to them instantly."

Another frequent question: more languages. For now, Spanish was the priority, but United Way continues to provide live translation over the phone in more than 300 languages through its Language Line service.

Beyond individual use, the app provides a window into community needs. The most common searches—housing, food, and utility assistance—highlight persistent challenges across Wisconsin.

That data shapes how United Way allocates funding and gives policymakers concrete insights. "We get calls from mayors, county executives, and legislators asking, 'What's going on in my district?'" Wall said. "We can pull the data right away and show them what people are searching for."

For Wall, who came to United Way after a career in government, the work is deeply rewarding—even when the need is overwhelming. "Our folks taking the calls hear a lot of vicarious trauma," he admitted. "Everyone who calls is in need, and that can be hard. But they also know they're making a difference, and that's what makes it fulfilling."

At its core, Wall said, the mission is simple: "Our job is putting resources in people's hands. Whatever makes it easier for people to get help."

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forty-five parking stalls. The remaining three floors are apartment units, with eighty-three bedrooms. An additional twenty-four outside parking stalls are shown behind the building, abutting the alley.

Also included in the packet was a list of "Talking Points" to use in discussions with neighbors, friends, and in writing letters to the editor to the Mount Horeb Mail as well as to members of the Village Board and Plan Commission. Kelley read the nine Talking Points, giving a summary of concerns by both the Committee and residents who are familiar with the proposed apartment complex.

The group's position is that:

The building will ruin the historic downtown, leading to a loss in village identity and tourism

It is in the Central Business District for zoning purposes. Apartments in the District are to be an accessory to businesses, yet this building is ninety-one percent apartments

For the nine percent commercial shown in the developer's materials, there is not a single parking space earmarked for staff or customers.

The building does not meet the spirit of the Village Comprehensive Plan, written in 2022, and does not meet numerous pieces of the zoning code, whether for the Central Business District or Planned Development

There is not enough parking. It is already bad and going to get worse once the approved Steve Brown 63-unit apartment complex is built on S. First and Front St

Traffic congestion will increase and lead to safety concerns

Since the Steve Brown apartments are not yet built, the congestion and increased traffic has not yet been encountered and the proposed Main Street complex will only add to the traffic and congestion.

Housing is important and more is needed in Mount Horeb. However, there are numerous (128 approved, 176 pending) other projects underway that many residents are not aware of that will help with this need.

The role of the Village Board and Plan Commission is to enforce zoning codes, stay true to the Comprehensive Plan and to listen to the will of the people. They have the ability and responsibility to abide by the regulations and plans defined and approved by their predecessors.

Before turning the meeting over for Q&A, Kelley asked "What is the problem? It's too big."

Audience Thoughts

Sale said, "one thing that has not been talked about a whole lot in our Talking Points is what is the economy in Mount Horeb? Our industry is tourism, and where does tourism occur? In our wonderful downtown. I think with this huge building on Main Street it will deter people from coming downtown, finding a parking spot, and walking around this building." Continuing, "What other employer do we have in town besides our downtown people? I read not long ago that our largest employer was our School District, so what does that say? Our industry is downtown, our beautiful downtown."

Diane Pladziewicz asked "Did anyone do any urban planning? Are these apartment buildings going to be rented?"

Karen Erickson opined JG Development has done work for her family, and they do an excellent job but wonders "why are they still pursuing this with so many reasons against it? Why are they pushing so hard for this"?

Diane Barth questioned "since this is in a historic district, why wasn't this canned" before it got to this point?

Kurt Nowka, a local history buff, briefly explained from the days the area near the Union Cemetery was the town center, following the Old Military Road in the 1830s and requiring it (downtown) to be moved in 1881 to Main Street due to the railway. Mount Horeb's downtown is listed as a National Historic District. Nowka said, "We are a unique community because we have a small, condensed downtown. We cannot be industrial based because of our topography issue; everything goes downhill one way or the other." Continuing, "as we developed, our commercial area was right next door to residential areas and it continues north and south, east and west." He opined that we were bound by Stuart Lake and now we are bound by Hwy 18/151, so everything feeds on our Main Street corridor. "Because we are listed as a Downtown Historic District, it includes these two properties [currently on the property in discussion] as well as others going east and west. There has always been one structure per lot," said Nowka. "We are not Verona or Middleton….should we be"? There are those who believe we should be; we need to keep pushing and if they [Village Board] believe their position is righteous, put it out for a referendum" and put it out to the community to vote on it, letting the chips fall as they may".

Moen mentioned although Olson's building is a century old, it was never registered by Bill Olson [the prior owner] as a historic building with the State, adding "they [both existing buildings] can be torn down. She opined she and the other Committee members worked hard to get people to attend the meeting and was hoping there were at least 100 more present.

Cindy Jensen said, "everyone I've talked to is against this building so don't let the number here tonight fool you and how we show that is another issue." My question is "are there any regulations for parking in an alley" since the back of the building in on an alley?

Julie Nalliet-Nowak asked "if it is not zoned for this building, why are they just going to change it for the developer? It goes against the Comprehensive Plan already."

Nowka mentioned if developers have a vision that is outside the confines of the zoning code, there are ways to mitigate zoning by requesting a variance which is a catchall and called a Planned Unit Development (PUD). "There are, at times, reasons to do it. Municipalities can have properties that have lost their function and need some help." When done, it requires extra oversite by the Plan Commission.

Clarey said, "the board is hoping citizens will get tired (of this) and go away. You cannot do that; we need to fight. We voted them [board] in, there was not a choice." She continued to encourage people to attend village meetings that include discussion on the Main Street project. Plan Commission meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month, and Village Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Agendas typically are posted on the Friday before the meeting on the Village website: https://www.mounthorebwi.info/246/Agendas-Minutes

Amanda DeSonia recently moved to 104 N Third Street. The detached garage entrance is directly across from the proposed building. Her family recently installed a camera that records foot traffic, cars, scooters, trucks, and anything else using the alley. Every seven minutes the camera alerts them of a new recording showing activity in the alley. DeSonia believes many use it as a short cut to the stop light on 2nd Street which shows there is already a traffic problem in the downtown area. She questioned whether a traffic study has ever or should be done on the alley before a decision is made one way or the other on the 214-220 Main Street apartment complex.

The meeting was wrapped up within an hour and Kelley urging people to write letters, talk to their friends, attend village meetings, and get a yard sign.

GOVERNMENT

Springdale talks grant, fire budget and more

By Steve Matyas
Mount Horeb Mail

The ongoing discussion of the town's garage ventilation system was continued at the Springdale Town Board meeting on September 16th. At issue is whether the town needs to install a completely new system or whether the installation of an intake and fan would be adequate.

Board member Kelly Altschul addressed the issue by pointing out that a complete system is necessary due to the presence of a town employee working in the garage and commented that the old system should not have been removed. The employee in question, Patrolman Devin Dahlk responded that, given the fact that most of his working hours are spent outside the garage, a fan-and intake system would be sufficient and that a more complicated ventilation set-up was "not going to be used." Board member Richard Schwenn agreed with Dahlk, stating that a simpler system is "all that is needed" and that the money saved by not installing a completely new system could "be used elsewhere." Board Chair John Rosenbaum cited the need to "do right for the minimum cost" and asked Altschul to continue looking into the matter.

The board also heard from Mount Horeb Area Joint Fire Department Chief Jenny Minter who discussed updates on the 2026 budget and Springdale's part in it. She projected call volume for fire and ambulances to increase by 31%, and said the department is on track for over 2350 EMS fire calls for the current year and set the budget increase request at 3.9 percent.

Rosenbaum responded that the proposed increase would amount to 4.4 percent for Springdale and pointed out that fire and emergency services are the "largest single expense" for the town. Altschul noted that Mount Horeb has 70 percent of emergency calls and pays just under 50 percent of the budgetary costs and wondered if a new policy could be negotiated. Minter said that would definitely be an appropriate "topic of discussion" among the communities covered by the district, and added that Rosenbaum's question about whether the district needs its own hook-and-ladder would be another.

Issues with the town's trash removal were examined, with 5 incidents of broken bins, bins left in the road or in ditches, and missed pick-ups being reported since July. Town Clerk Jackie Walter reported that the service company involved, Town and Country, has been "unresponsive and slow to comply" with her requests to resolve the problems, and questioned whether the town should start docking payments or wait for the company to re-imburse the town. Rosenbaum suggested that a conference call be set up between Town and Country and the town and volunteered to take part along with anyone else interested.

Rosenbaum also addressed the recent Wisconsin Towns Association's meeting in Barneveld to examine a proposal to make the 18/151 corridor from Dodgeville to Fitchburg, disallowing driveways and other points of entry along the highway. He strongly urged any interested parties to attend future DOT and WTA public meetings and provide input regarding the proposal, which is currently awaiting approval and funding before moving forward.

Driveways were Approved for properties on Malone Rd, Hwy. J, and N. Kolluth Rd. The Malone Rd request, submitted by Tom Schlimgen is for a dual-access driveway off a town road and running 50 feet into the property. Caden Ama presented the Kolluth Rd. request calling for a shorter driveway and Linus Hellenbrand's proposal was for a shared driveway servicing three lots. The Hellenbrand proposal was accepted pending county approval and the filing of a shared driveway permit.

Tree trimming progress in the town was discussed, with the need to continue going forward approved. The board authorized an additional 500 thousand dollars for the project, in addition to the 5000 already paid. Altschuler pointed out that the actual original cost was 7200 dollars and proposed paying the Burns Brothers tree service the additional 2200 dollars. Her suggestion was rejected by the company, whose spokesman cited the company's willingness to stick to its original quote and was happy to provide service above and beyond the expected. Schwenn echoed that sentiment saying that he "knows how to do stuff and wouldn't accept more than the original agreement" called for.

The final surveying for bridge construction on Town Hall Rd. was announced as being complete. Construction will require the sale of small amounts of property by three landowners, and the town is working with the county and state to advance the process.

Class A cider-only liquor and beer licenses were approved for property belong to Rami Aburomia, allowing the sale of off-premises cider.

$250,000 Grant to Facilitate Clean Energy Financing

Dane County is proud to announce that the Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition (WLGCC) was awarded a $250,000 grant to support the development of clean energy financing in Dane County. WLGCC will work closely with the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change to implement the technical assistance grant, which is from Phase 1 of the Municipal Investment Fund (MIF). This funding will be used to develop the public-private partnerships required to create an ongoing pipeline of clean energy projects, creating jobs, lowering energy costs, and strengthening the county's resilience to the impacts of climate change.

"We're excited to partner with WLGCC to expand clean energy financing in Dane County," said County Executive Melissa Agard. "Our community has a proud track record of leading the state in innovative clean energy projects, and these new opportunities will build on that progress. By leveraging green financing, we can grow our local economy, create good-paying jobs, lower energy costs for families and businesses, and strengthen our community's resilience for years to come."

The grant was made possible through a public-private partnership between the Coalition for Green Capital and ICLEI USA. Dane County was selected from a competitive pool of 114 applicants from 48 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and tribal nations, making us one of just 50 communities across the country to receive this award.

The awarded organization WLGCC provides a platform for member local governments to collaborate on overcoming the barriers to decarbonization, accelerating local climate change solutions, and ensuring the benefits of the clean energy economy are distributed to everyone throughout the state. WLGCC's membership is composed of 30 communities across the state, representing 40% of the population. To learn more about our work visit https://wlgcc.org/.

This Municipal Investment Fund grant is intended to kick-start public-private partnerships for unlocking investment and getting critical projects off the ground faster. By participating in this opportunity, Dane County will explore new ways to expand clean energy innovation locally while demonstrating that local action can drive national change.

To learn more about this grant visit https://daneclimateaction.org/Initiatives/Municipal-Investment-Fund

MUNICIPAL COURT

Mount Horeb Municipal Court

August 7, 2025

Allen, Cayla J, 36, Mount Horeb, WI, FAIL/OBEY TRAFFIC SIGN/SIGNAL-WORK AREA $111.4

Cohagan, Ryan D, 43, Madison, WI, FYR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLIST, OR EPAMD $98.8

Esser, Kevin D, 68, Mount Horeb, WI, FAIL/STOP AT STOP SIGN $86.2

Gundlach, Jeremy D, 27, Mount Horeb, WI, RETAIL THEFT - INTENTIONALLY TAKE (<=$500) $194.89

Johnson, Trae A, 30, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE $124

Knudtson, Jordan L, 19, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION $124

Knudtson, Jordan L, 19, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATING WITHOUT INSURANCE $124

Lehman, Gage M, 26, Dodgeville, WI, NON-REGISTRATION OF AUTO, ETC $98.8

Martinez, Frances F, 53, Mount Horeb, WI, ANIMAL AT LARGE $187

Shipps, Kyle C, 49, Mineral Point, WI, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (11-15 MPH) $124

Westfall, Kenneth D, 33, West Allis, WI, SPEEDING ON EXPRESSWAY (16-19 MPH) $175

DG808CTJPG, 16, Mount Horeb, WI, HABITUAL SCHOOL TRUANCY $92.5

DG808CTJP4, 16, Mount Horeb, WI, DISORDERLY CONDUCT - COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY $187

DG808CTJP5, 13, Mount Horeb, WI, HABITUAL SCHOOL TRUANCY $92.5

DG808CTJP8, 16, Mount Horeb, WI, HABITUAL SCHOOL TRUANCY $92.5

DG808CTJP2, 17, Mount Horeb, WI, HABITUAL SCHOOL TRUANCY $92.5

August 21, 2025

Amardo, Allison S, 19, Monroe, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE $124

Amardo, Allison S, 19, Monroe, WI, OPERATING LEFT OF CENTER LINE $136.6

Cervantes Arreola, Jose A, 48, Madison, WI, OPERATING WITHOUT INSURANCE $124

Cervantes Arreola, Jose A, 48, Madison, WI, OPERATING WHILE REVOKED (1ST FORFEITURE) $124

Chappell, Robert G, 50, Mount Horeb, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (1-10 MPH) $98.8

Eugenio Amador, Ismael , 37, Fitchburg, WI, OPERATING WHILE REVOKED (1ST FORFEITURE) $124

Eugenio Amador, Ismael , 37, Fitchburg, WI, OPERATING WITHOUT INSURANCE $124

Guyette, Dexter R, 29, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATING WHILE REVOKED (FORFEITURE) $124

King, Evelyn M, 17, Mazomanie, WI, POSSESS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA $187

King, Evelyn M, 17, Mazomanie, WI, POSSESSION OF THC (FORFEITURE) $187

Morgan, Micah W, 19, La Crosse, WI, POSSESSION OF THC (FORFEITURE) $187

Morgan, Micah W, 19, La Crosse, WI, POSSESS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA $187

Palestina Martinez, Monica M, 30, Madison, WI, EXCEEDING SPEED ZONES, ETC. (16-19 MPH) $124

Sanchez, Carlos A, 50, Mount Horeb, WI, OPERATE W/O VALID LICENSE $124

Zheng, Oscar , 21, Monroe, WI, OPERATING WITHOUT INSURANCE $124

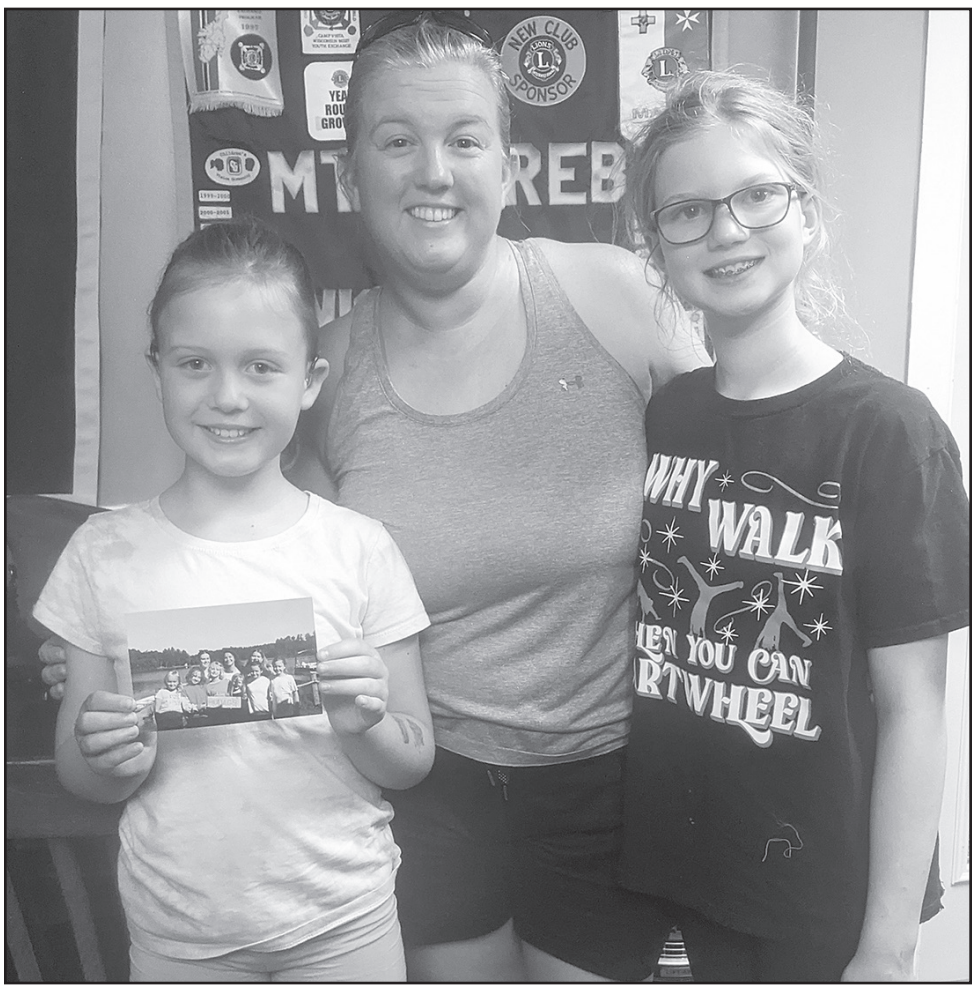
DG806LQXVQ, 15, Mount Horeb, WI, DISORDERLY CONDUCT - COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY $187

August Pretrials

Olson, Dale W, 89, Mount Horeb, WI, HIT AND RUN-UNATTENDED VEHICLE $92.5

Parks, Olivia L, 17, Mount Horeb, WI, ILLEGAL PASS OF SCHOOL BUS REPORTED $426

Scudder, Aidan M, 17, Mount Horeb, WI, INATTENTIVE DRIVING $250



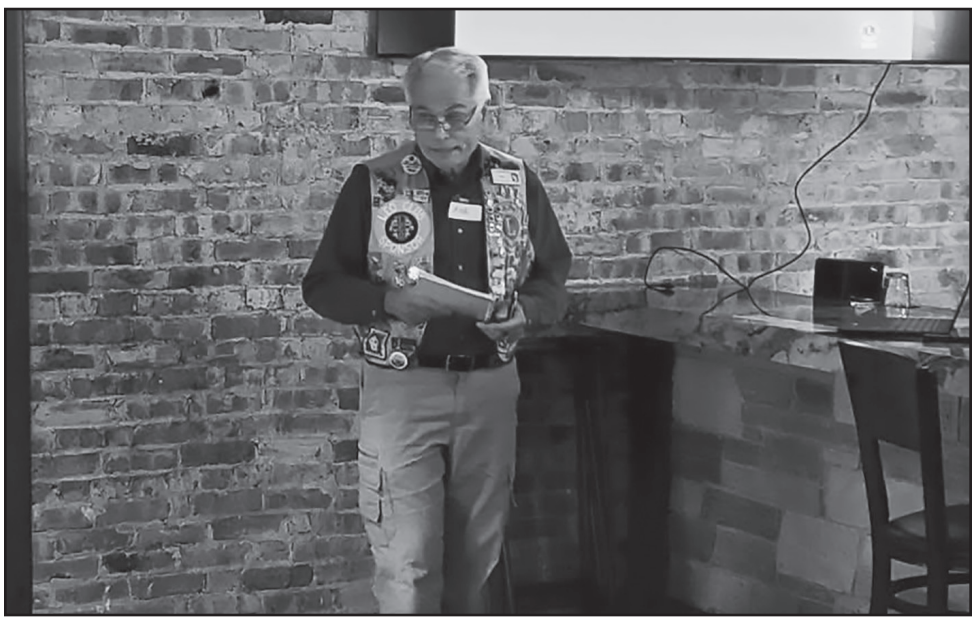
Lions Club makes donations, presents at Good Morning Mount Horeb

Clockwise from top left:

Lion Bob Faliveno presenting a $500 check to Amy Kellsvig for the high school's upcoming band trip to London.

Mary Lee McKenzie with daughters, Ella left and Callie. Ella recently attended Lions Camp for children with hearing issues. They just wanted to come and say thank you for a wonderful experience and all at no cost to the family.

Faliveno giving a presentation on our local Lions club activities and other activities at the State and International level at the monthly gathering for Good Morning Mount Horeb.



CHURCH NOTES

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

Immanuel Lutheran- ELCA
310 W. Main St. Mount Horeb
608-437-8733
10am Sunday Worship
www.immanuelmh.org/
1st Steps Childcare
608-218-4425

Mt. Horeb United Methodist
Corner of Hwy. S & Hwy. 78
Sunday Worship: 9am online and in person
umcmh.org
Celebrating God's Inclusive Love

Mt Vernon United Church of Christ
1693 Washington St. Verona
608-832-6677
Sunday Worship, in-person and on Facebook Live, 10:15 am
Bible Study 9am-10am
We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

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

Perry Lutheran Church ELCA
1057 Hwy 78 S, Mt. Horeb
608-437-5294
Sunday Worship 9:00 am
www.perrylutheranchurchelca.org

Springdale Lutheran Church
2752 Town Hall Rd. 608-437-3493
Vicar: James Ranney
Worship: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month at 10am
twosteeples.org

Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church – ELCA
315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012
www.elcmthoreb.org
5 pm Saturday Worship
9 am Sunday Worship

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

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

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

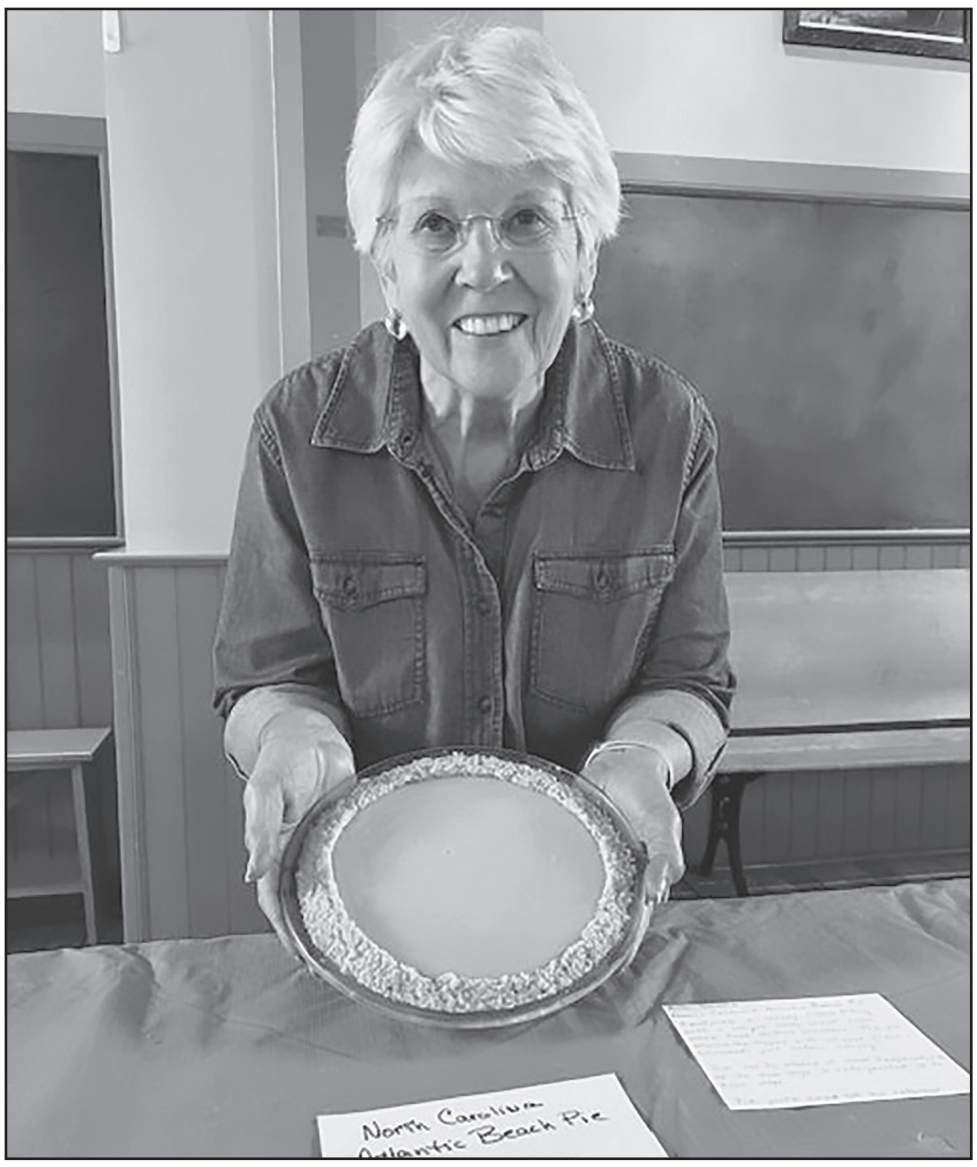
CLEARY BUILDING CORP. RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEE FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Cleary Building Corp. is proud to recognize Tim Johnson, Executive Vice President at the company's corporate office in Verona, WI for achieving 35 years of service on September 10, 2025.

Tim has been employed with Cleary since 1990, and has made a valuable contribution to the success of the company over the course of his tenure. In appreciation for 35 years of service, Tim was recognized and presented with an anniversary certificate and a custom engraved optical crystal. Cleary Building Corp. would like to thank and congratulate Tim for his loyalty and dedication for the past 35 years.

Pictured at right, Cleary Building Corp. President Sean Cleary (left) presents Tim Johnson, Executive Vice President (right) with a custom engraved optical crystal.

Cleary Building Corp. is a family-owned company in business since 1978, providing customized pre-engineered structures for suburban, farm, commercial, residential and equine applications. Cleary Building Corp. employs over 900 full-time employees throughout the United States at 82 branch offices. With over 130,000 buildings sold, the company's mission is to provide clients with the best solution and the best service every time.



Landmarks Foundation hosts Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction

The Landmarks Foundation's annual Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction, featuring live music by the Community Band, took place on Thursday, August 7. The fundraiser took place at the historic District #1 Schoolhouse at 110 North 2nd Street. The entertaining Pie Auction followed the band concert with auctioneer Jim Schmidt calling for bids on pies made by local bakers to raise funds for the continued maintenance of the 1889 Schoolhouse and the School Days and Home Life historic classroom experience for area fourth graders held each spring. Clockwise from top left, the band plays, Sondy Pope displays a pie, and a peach pie made by Jo MacDonald. Photos contributed.

GLEANINGS

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at the east side school.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenwald returned to their home last Saturday from their short wedding trip, and in the evening were given a pleasant serenade by friends and neighbors, who were pleasantly entertained and invited to come again.

We have a splendid 120-acre farm only three miles from Mt. Horeb. Best of buildings, running water, all fenced; at a bargain. Brown & Weltzin.

J.S. Donald was one of the managers of the horse department at the state fair this year.

Four cousins left Blue Mounds recently to attend St. Olaf college at Northfield. They were Edwin and Olin Ruste, Albert Bruflat and Anton Arneson.

We acknowledge a pleasant visit last Thursday from Master Marcellus Paulson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Paulson of Vermont. The young man came in to see the press at work, but what mostly interested him was the paper folder in operation. We are always pleased to see young men interested in machinery.

110 Years Ago- Sept. 24, 1915

Delmer Grinde returned home from Yellowstone Park where he worked at the Old Time Inn and relates some great sights in the wild and wooly west.

Who will be able to count the autos here next Saturday evening if the weather is fair and roads good we expect to see a record breaking crowd here to see the new lights and the completed street improvements which the citizens of our village is justly proud and naturally like to have friends and neighbors come out at this time especially.

Mrs. Inger Swenson, the Postmistress of Klevenville runs the office and store well. One of her daughters is now sick and her father and mother, now nearing 80, are in feeble health.

The M.E. convention that met at Eau Claire passed resolutions against joy riding on Sunday, baseball and dances at any time.

Ninety-nine is the enrollment in the High School to date and more are coming.

Next Saturday evening the new ornamental lights will be turned on and there will be music galore by the band, farmers, thresher men and road builders as well as people from neighboring villages are invited to come and see our beautiful "white way" on opening night, all are welcome.

100 Years Ago- Sept. 22, 1925

Miss Myrtle Bang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Bang of the town of Springdale, was elected queen of the Harvest Festival last Saturday.

Mrs. Andrew Syverud was badly bruised about one eye and forehead last Tuesday, when their car was forced out into a ditch and onto a wire fence. There was a car ahead of them so Mr. Syvrud sounded the horn and as the car ahead swung to one side, attempted to pass and were within a couple of feet the other car when it suddenly turned back into the road again. This forced the Syverud car into the ditch in order to avoid collision. The offending car was driven by Rev. Larson of Stoughton who is slightly hard of hearing and did not hear the Syverud horn.

How many kernels of corn will chicken eat? A chicken will be placed in a box and fed shelled corn. Guess how many kernels it will eat on Friday and Saturday and the Farmer Store will give the one who guesses the nearest a 13 pound can of cookies, your choice, and for second prize the chicken it self.

90 Years Ago- Sept. 19, 1935

Surfacing of the five-mile stretch of U.S. Hwy. 18 between Mount Horeb and Blue Mounds with concrete began yesterday. D.J. Minahan expects to have the surfacing completed in 20 working days.

Dr. H.M. Buchner is driving a new Nash car.

Dorothy Sabanske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sabanske, Mount Horeb, was chosen by Village President, Frank Heuser, to represent this community on the Court of Honor at the Wisconsin Venetian Frolic held at Madison, Sept. 13-15.

80 Years Ago- Sept. 20, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Sigvart Nygaard, Mount Horeb, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Mae Elizabeth, to Kenneth Kleppe, Hollandale. The wedding will take place Saturday, Sept. 29, in Perry Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Arneson will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with open house at their home in the afternoon and evening.

50 Years Ago- Sept. 25, 1975

Leisure Suits for men at Hoff's Store, choose from polyester fabrics in plain colors, small prints or accent stitch, $35.00.

Jane Laufenberg and Ray Cunneen were married in a candlelight ceremony at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pine Bluff, on Friday, Sept. 5.

40 Years Ago- Sept. 19, 1985

An auction at the Evelyn Magnuson house on Sunday brought out about a thousand people, many to see who would buy her 1972 Ford Galaxy with only 12,700 miles on it. The winning bidder was George MacLean of Mount Horeb with a $5,000 bid. Did he buy it as an investment? "I'm going to drive it," said MacLean.

A daughter, Lynette Marie, was born to Vernon and Evonne Martin, Mount Horeb, on Saturday, Sept. 14 at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison.

Max Voltage and the Resistors were among the groups participating in the Basin Bash '85, the annual fundraiser for area skiers. The funds are used to underwrite the ski team and ski patrol.

The first meeting of the Mount Horeb Optimists was held Sept. 11 at the Karakahl Inn.

20 Years Ago- Sept. 29, 2005

Allen and Carrie Huseth of Mount Horeb celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2 The couple vacationed on Oahu/ Waikiki, Hawaii.

Ervin H. Howery of Black Earth, 85, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2005 at Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital. Chris and Jackie Donaldson of Mount Horeb proudly announce the birth of their daughter Katherine Shae on Friday, Sept. 23, 2005 at Meriter Hospital, Madison.

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2025 Dane County Fair Meat Animal Sales (Large and Small animals)

Businesses supported Youth Exhibitors at the Dane County Meat Animal Sales

Mackenzie Meinholz, daughter of Brad & Becky Meinholz sold her lamb (Nitro) to Blue Star Dairy Middleton Weighting 139 pounds & sold for $6 per pound.

Dalton Corrigan, son of Brenden & Gina Corrigan sold his pig (Percy) Crossbred Market Barrow weighting 248 Pounds for $7.00 per pound.

Jackson Corrigan, son of Brenden & Gina Corrigan sold his Champion Crossbred Market Gilt & Reserve Champion Market Gilt (Thalia) placings 5th Overall Market Hog weighting 254 pounds for $7.00 per pound.

The 54th Annual Meat Animal Sale at the 2025 Dane County Fair grossed $305,497.35 according to Dane County Meat Animal Sale Officials.

The sale attracted wide community support with a total of 107 animals sold in the sale: 31 sheep, 41 hogs, and 35 steers. Sheep averaged $9.17 per pound, hogs averaged $7.79 per pound, and steers averaged $3.89 per pound.

The Grand Champion Market Barrow was shown by Max Beere of Verona and was sold to Kayer Ford Lincoln for a price of $10.00 per pound. Conant Automotive purchased the Reserve Grand Champion Market Barrow, shown by McKayla Moyer of Stoughton, for $13.00 per pound.

The Grand Champion Market Lamb, shown by Leslie Schraufnagel of Brooklyn, was sold to Woodman's for $23.00 per pound. The Reserve Champion Market Lamb, shown by Max Beere of Verona, was purchased by Woodman's for $15.00 per pound.

The Grand Champion Steer, shown by Cannon Suddeth of Stoughton, was purchased by Moyer's for $10.00 per pound. The Reserve Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Leonardo Beere of Verona was purchased by Woodman's for $7.00 per pound.

The Top Ten Buyers at this year's sale were:

1. Woodman's: $33,742.34
2. Tierney Farms: $16,183.25
3. Badger State Ethanol: $15,096.25
4. Midwest Farm Report: $14,538.75
5. Moyer's Inc: $14,700.00
6. Conant Automotive: $12,790.00
7. Hennessey Implement: $12,616.00
8. Sloan Implement: $9,292.00
9. Hoesly's Meats Inc: $9,096.00
10. Blue Star Dairy Middleton LLC: $8,639.25

*Sale participants must be enrolled as a livestock project member with the Dane County Extension Office, a Dane County FFA Chapter, or other approved Youth Organization before January 1st of the current year.

Objectives of the sale are the following:

1. To provide incentive for and to encourage participation in Beef, Swine and Sheep projects.

2. To provide livestock project members with a marketing opportunity.

3. To teach a greater understanding of feeding, marketing and meat animal science

***Weight requirements to qualify for the sale:**

a) Steers: Straight/Crossbred Beef Breeds: minimum 950 lbs.

b) Steers: Dairy/Dairy Cross Breeds: minimum 1,200 lbs.

c) any animals exceeding 1,500 lbs., exhibitors will only be paid to 1,500 lbs.,

d) Market Lambs: 105 - 150 lbs.

e) Hogs: 230 - 300 lbs.

Exhibitors may sell two animals of different species in the Meat Animal Sale. Sales commission of up to 4.5% will be deducted from each sale going to Dane County Meat Animal Sale Association (used for sales promotion, buyer recognition, scholarships, exhibitor education).

An additional sales commission fee of 3% is deducted going directly to the Dane County Fair Association. Consignors are responsible for contacting, soliciting & providing buyers for their animals. There is no guarantee as to sale prices. Sellers have requirements to complete to qualify to sell.

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Ellie Makos, daughter of Jody Makos & the late Eric Makos sold at the Small Animal Sale her Champion Roaster Market Rabbit weighing 7.58 lbs sold to Big Wrench Auto Service for $225.00. Ellie also sold a single fryer rabbit weighing 5.05 lbs to Makos Woodworking for $250.00; she also sold Rabbit meat pen (three rabbits) weighing 4.78 lbs, 4.90 lbs. and 4.58 lbs to Sutter's Hidden Hills Farm for $475.00

Kayman Sutter, daughter of Luke Sutter & Lindsey McDermott sold her Dairy Market Steer to Mark Norton weighing 1343 pounds for $3.25 per pound.

Mackenzie Meinholz, daughter of Brad & Becky Meinholz sold her Pig (Nemo) to Badger State Ethanol Weighting 273 pounds sold for $4.75 per pound.

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The Annual Dane County Fair Small Animal Market Sale was held on July 19

Sixteen youth exhibitors offered the sale's 35 lots which included 7 turkeys, 20 broiler chickens and roaster pairs, 4 ducks, and 4 lots of rabbits. The sale generated a total of $15,175.00 The largest supporters of the sale this year were Blue Star Dairy Middleton LLC, who bought three lots for a total of $1,275. State Farm Insurance, Mike O'Connor, successfully bid on two lots for $1,250; and Hensen Hoof Care INC. was the winning bidder of two lots for $1,2 00.

Sale Chairman, Mitchell Schleicher of Brooklyn, was appreciative of the support shown to the youth exhibitors of Dane County. "The sale went great! The youth did an excellent job getting their birds ready, and our group of buyers did an outstanding job helping our youth with their futures." Says Schleicher. A young duck female by Rachel Behrens, Brooklyn, claimed the Champion Market Poultry Award, and was purchased by Edward Jones for $350. Champion Market rabbit was claimed by **Ellie Makos,** Blue Mounds, sold for $225 to Ben Berre. Ian Batker Oregon, exhibited the Reserve Champion Poultry entry, a pair of Roasters that was purchased by Top Notch Feed and Pet Supply for $475. The Reserve Champion Market was a Fryer from Hannah Jacobson, Edgerton, sold to Reilly's Rabbits for $200. The champion entries were auctioned first during the event. Successful bidders at the auction also included: Schleicher Seed Solutions, Makos Woodworking, Voss Dairy Farm, Pat Hawkey, Kyle Smith, Story Creek Farms, Darrell Walser, Country View Equine Clinic, Metalcraft Industries, Ace In The Hole Transport, Farmers and Merchant's Union Bank of Columbus, Kelley Kluckers, Langer Dairy Farms LLC, Cutting Edge Lawn Care and Snow Removal, K & M Livestock, Maier Family, Wolff's Bellefontaine Farms, Hyper Sports, Ed Miller, Batker Farms, Sutter Hidden Hill Dairy, Varesi Service and Repair, and Martinson Farms. Special thanks to the many contending bidders who helped to support the sale. Auctioneering services were donated by Ryan George of Evansville, Wisconsin. Each exhibitor must submit a minimum of three (3) names & addresses of potential buyers with their entry. *Free admission tickets will be provided to potential buyers. Youth selling must complete requirements to be in the sale. Exhibitors & parents will be required to sign a form stating if any drug is used. Exhibitors in the Market class of rabbits & poultry must participate in the showmanship class.

Objectives of the sale are as follows:

Provide animal exhibitors an opportunity to raise & sell top quality poultry & rabbits Provide incentive & encourage a stronger development of white meat animal projects. Recognize members who do quality work in breeding, selecting, feeding & showing.

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CORRECTION: Last week's fair article headline incorrectly identified the Springdale 4-H Club as the Mound View Mountaineers. The *Mail* regrets the error.

AT THE CAPITOL

DHS Continues to Recommend the COVID-19 Vaccine

Statewide medical order makes it easier for Wisconsinites to get the vaccine

As directed by Gov. Tony Evers' Executive Order #275 the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has reviewed the scientific evidence surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine. Based on this review, DHS issued a statewide standing medical order that allows most Wisconsinites who want the vaccine to get it at pharmacies across the state without a prescription. DHS continues to recommend the COVID-19 vaccine for Wisconsinites 6 months and older during this fall respiratory virus season. This echoes the science-based recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

"Everyone in Wisconsin should be able to make the choice to protect themselves and their families against COVID-19, and that choice should be based on the best available science and medical recommendations," said DHS Secretary Kirsten Johnson. "As the federal government limits access to the vaccine, we want to reassure Wisconsinites that recommendations from our nation's leading medical associations are clear, and we will work every day to support access to care and resources to help families make the best decisions on how to protect themselves from illness and disease."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the updated 2025-2026 vaccine only for people 65 years and older and those under 65 who have high risk conditions, conflicting with both previous recommendations issued by the CDC and with updated recommendations from the nation's leading medical organizations. These organizations recommend that everyone 6 months and older receive the updated 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccine. This is especially important for:

- People 65 and older.
- Those who are at risk for sever complications from COVID-19 especially infants and children under age 2, those who are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or who have recently given birth; and children, adolescents, and adults with underlying health conditions.
- Those who have never received a COVID-19 vaccine.

"Evidence shows that COVID-19 vaccines lower the chance of severe illness across age groups, and this is especially important for those at higher risk," said Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist in the Division of Public Health. "Because the benefits outweigh the risks for almost all people, DHS supports making the updated vaccine available so that every Wisconsinite can decide whether vaccination is the right choice for them."

Availability of the COVID-19 vaccine is anticipated to increase in the state as health care providers receive vaccine from manufacturers. While some providers, clinics, and pharmacies have already received shipments of the 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccine, others are still waiting to receive supplies. Wisconsinites who want to protect themselves against COVID-19 are encouraged to contact their local doctor's office, pharmacy, or community health center to see if they will be offering COVID-19 vaccine this season.

Wisconsin Medicaid will also continue to cover the COVID-19 vaccine for eligible Medicaid members, including children and individuals who are pregnant. All governmental self-funded and fully insured group health plans and individual health plans regulated by the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance are also expected to cover, without cost sharing, all costs associated with administration of COVID-19 vaccinations for all policyholders pursuant to their bulletin. Anyone with questions regarding payments of coverage of COVID-19 vaccines should contact their health insurer.

Wisconsinites can get more information about the COVID-19 vaccine from their health care provider or pharmacy, or on the DHS COVID-19: Vaccine webpage. Those who need assistance accessing health care or health care coverage can dial 211 for help finding local resources.

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Mount Horeb spikers win own invitational

Vikings claim title for first time since 2019

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

There's nothing quite like winning your own tournament.

And that's just what Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team did last Saturday.

The Vikings went 5-0 at the Mount Horeb Invitational and captured the crown. It marked the first time since 2019 the Vikings won their own invite.

"The girls got much tougher defensively over the course of the week and our offense is beginning to flow," Mount Horeb coach Josh Smelzer said. "Coach (Paul) Hogseth and I are so proud of the hard work they put in these past few days, and it's great to see them get rewarded with a championship.

"This was our second tournament win this season, which makes this team the first team since the 2017 team to win both the Monroe Invite and the MoHo Invite. We're very excited about what is to come."

Here's a recap of the Mount Horeb Invite.

POOL PLAY

• **Mount Horeb 2, Madison East 0 —** The Vikings cruised to a 25-7, 25-18 win over the Purgolders.

Mount Horeb had a whopping kill percentage of .347.

Laila Rasmussen had 13 assists, three kills, three aces and five digs, while Finley Moore had six kills and three aces. Aliyah Thompson and Ella Kahl both had five kills, while Lizzy Mesenberg had two kills, two aces and three digs.

Claire Casey had seven assists and two digs, while Maya Newman had four assists and six digs. Ella Ellestad and Elaina Imbis both had two kills, while Harper Hendrickson had two digs and Courtney Monroe had two aces.

• **Mount Horeb 2, Jefferson 0 —** The Vikings rolled to a 25-12, 25-10

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Lizzy Mesenberg and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team won their own invitational last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MOUNT HOREB-BARNEVELD 44, STOUGHTON 19

MH-B takes care of Stoughton

Despite lopsided win, St. Arnauld sees room for improvement

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter

STOUGHTON — Mount Horeb/Barneveld football coach Bret St. Arnauld lives by the adage that it's not how you start, but how you finish.

So, despite the Vikings cruising to a 44-19 victory over host Stoughton in a Badger Small Conference game last Friday, St. Arnauld admitted there wasn't too much celebrating.

MH-B extended its conference winning streak to 28 games, but St. Arnauld said his Vikings have yet to play a complete game.

"I was disappointed. I thought this was the worst our defense has played since Grafton, the fourth quarter, especially," St. Arnauld said of the Vikings season-opening 24-7 loss at the Division 2 state power. "We struggled in the fourth quarter because it seemed like we were tired. That was one of the things we harp on. You shouldn't be tired in the fourth quarter. We had a lot of guys standing around."

That's not to say, however, that St. Arnauld couldn't find enough good things to say about MH-B's fourth straight victory.

Senior quarterback Brooks Hendrickson, a North Dakota recruit, threw four touchdown passes to four different receivers, and running backs Jack Wilson and Eli Maier each ran for a score.

MH-B's run defense was phenomenal in the first half, which helped make the Stoughton offense one-dimensional.

MH-B also converted on four of its six two-point conversion attempts.

But St. Arnauld still believes the best is yet to come.

"In the first quarter, second quarter, third quarter we played well," said St. Arnauld, whose team led, 30-7 entering the final pe

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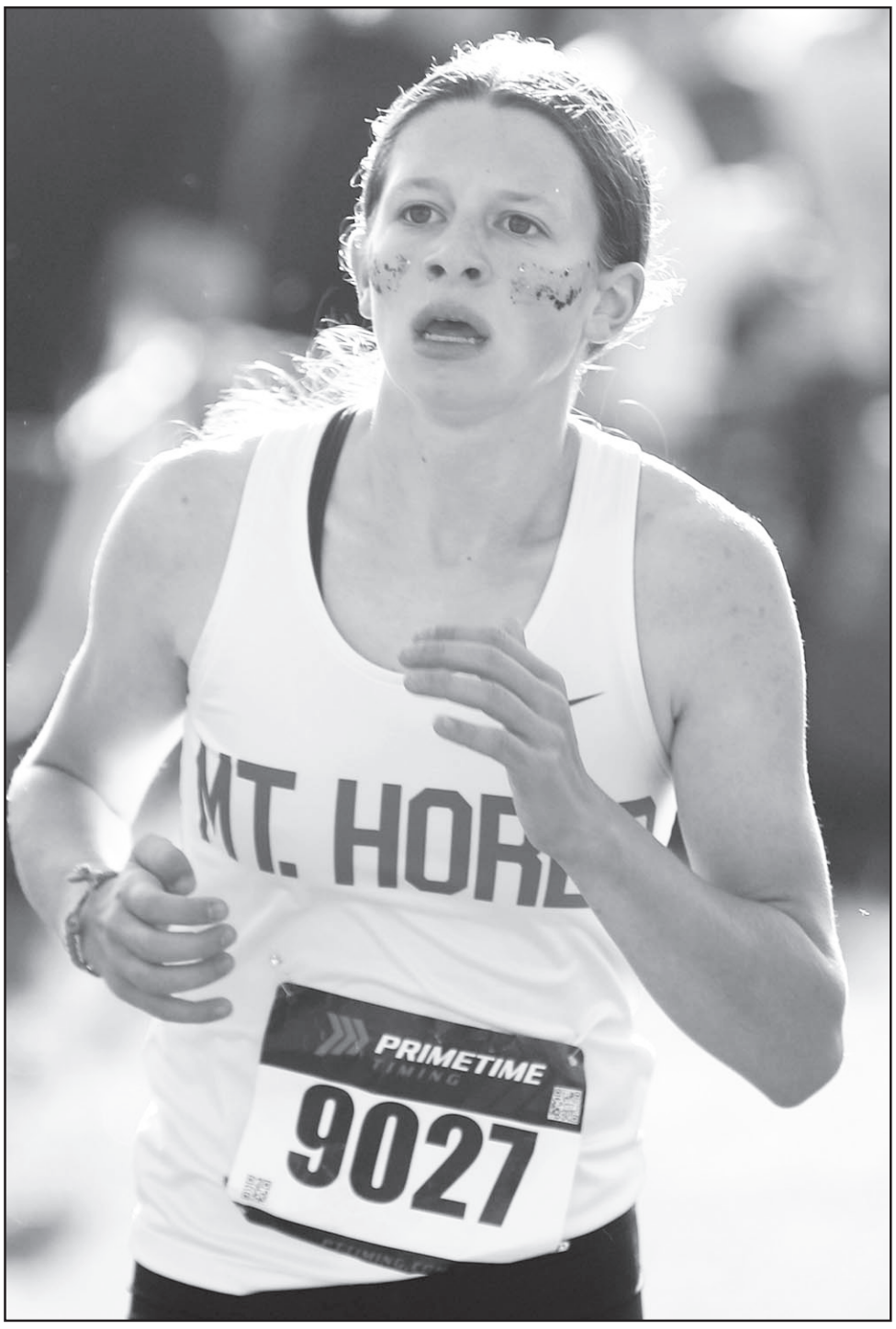
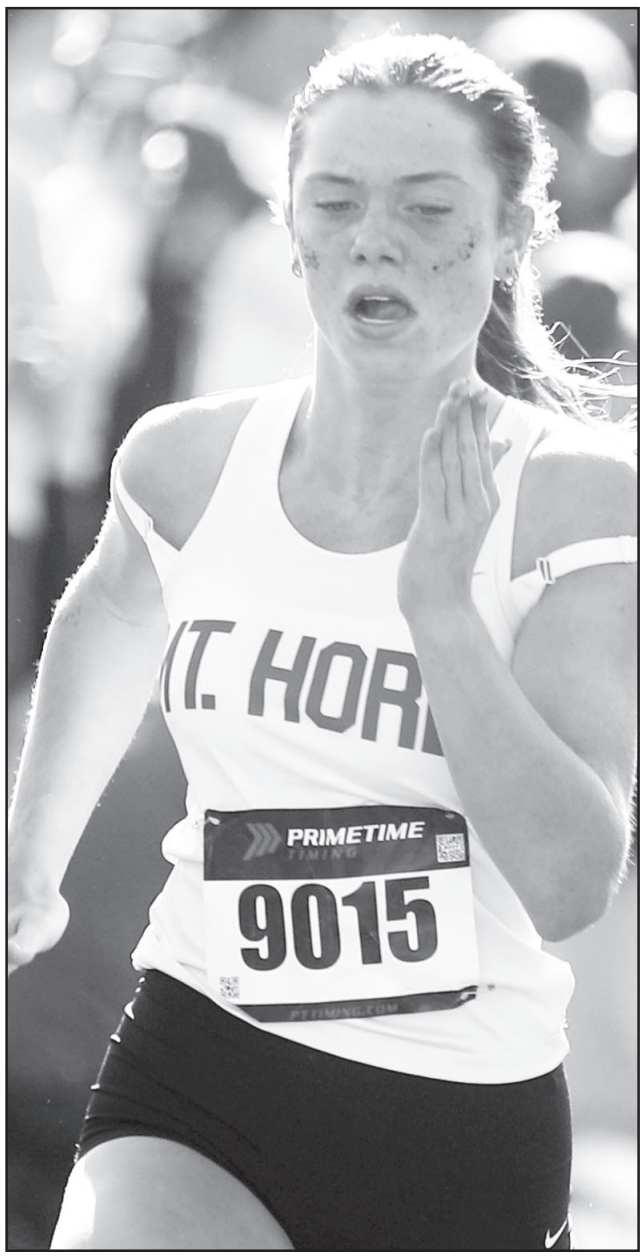
Eli Maier (5) and Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team rolled past Stoughton, 44-19, last Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Girls XC team wins MoHo Invite

Vigliotta, Rodgers lead the way

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor





Life in the fast lane

Willa Vigliotta (left) and Isla Odgers (above) finished first and second, respectively, at the Mount Horeb Invitational on Sept. 20. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Dave Chancellor loves the Mount Horeb cross country invite.

The Vikings' coach enjoys playing host. He likes the size — 11 teams — of the meet. And he likes the fact the varsity and JV run together, even though the two races are scored separately.

"This is a fun meet for us to host," Chancellor said of last Saturday's meet that was held at Norsk Golf Club. "We're really grateful for the folks at Norsk for working with us to put this one on. Although it's a more modestly sized meet with just 11 teams, we have good competition with some very strong programs there on both the boys and girls sides."

While there was plenty of good competition, they couldn't catch Mount Horeb's girls.

The Vikings' girls finished with just 39 points, outdistancing runner-up McFarland (56). Monona Grove (75), Sauk Prairie (109) and DeForest (138) rounded out the top five.

"I was curious to see how we would run against McFarland's girls at this one," Chancellor said. "I don't particularly care about rankings, but McFarland's girls were ranked sixth in the state in D2 going into the weekend and I tend to think they should be ranked higher based on what they've done the last couple of weeks. For us to come out on top of this one with an imperfect team performance was encouraging."

Mount Horeb junior Willa Vigliotta was third overall, completing the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 48.4 seconds. Freshman Isla Odgers was fourth individually (19:48.8), just a nose behind Vigliotta.

"Having Willa and Isla finish together in third and fourth was important for our team score," Chancellor said. "Willa was where I expected her to be, but Isla's performance was a good one. It's the best race I've seen her run and she closed extremely well in the last half mile of the race."

Sophomore Mia Caygill was eighth (20:21.3), junior Julia Straka was 11th (21:02.1) and junior Maeve True was 13th (21:37.6).

"Mia has great fitness right now, but she's just getting back into racing, so I think there are some things I can coach better that will have her up with Willa and Isla in the coming weeks," Chancellor said. "Julia Straka was solid as our fourth, but I think we'll see her up closer to where Mia has been running in the next few weeks.

Maeve True, Lily Wahl, and Emily Wittenwyler were super solid as our fifth, sixth, and seventh. A key thing for us in this meet is that we were able to put our seventh runner (Wittenwyler), as well as our eighth (Buttner) ahead of every other team's fifth runner. Our girls really showed off their depth at this one."

Mount Horeb's boys finished in eighth place out of 11 teams.

DeForest won the boys race with just 35 points, while Madison La Follette (58), Madison East (92), McFarland (123) and Sauk Prairie (137) rounded out the top five.

The Vikings finished with 234 points.

"All of the boys teams at this meet are pretty solid, with a lot of bigger D1 programs like Deforest, Madison East, and Madison La Follette, plus Badger Small Conference competitors like McFarland, Sauk, and Reedsburg," Chancellor said. "Going into this, we knew that we were going to be without Jaxon Hughes and Blake Losenegger — two guys who would otherwise be in our top five most meets — but are dealing with injuries that will have them out for a while."

Junior Samuel Wyse led the Vikings with a 17th place finish, completing the 5,000-meter race in 18:01.4.

"Sam has been super consistent all season long and has established a solid floor, but he's still hunting for that breakthrough race," Chancellor said.

Senior Desmond Kelley was 49th (19:35.4), junior Nicholai Solodin-Braun was 55th (19:49.4), senior Tim Stoddard was 56th (19:50.8) and senior Marc Stoddard was 57th (20:00.8).

"Desmond Kelley was back as our No. 2 this week and put together a decent race, just a bit ahead of Nicholai Solodin-Braun," Chancellor said. "This was Nicholai's best race of the season so far and it was nice to see things starting to click for him again.

"Tim Kruse was just a bit off his time from River Valley last week, but on Saturday's more challenging course, it was a good run for him. Marc Stoddard ran a career best. I think this was a really meaningful meet for Marc with it being his last time racing on his home course after four years on the team, so to come away with his best yet cross country race is really special."

In all, Chancellor was thrilled how Mount Horeb's own invitational went.

"Overall, I'm happy with how our team is running and getting along right now," he said. "Across our 70 runners, we're seeing good, consistent effort in practice and kids helping each other get the work done.

"For our boys, a lot of our focus in these next couple of weeks will go toward bringing up our average and finding those spots in races where we can pick up a few more points. For our girls, we really just need to stay healthy and clean up some of our pacing as we prepare to race later in the season."

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Jadyn Schellpfeffer, Delaina Nicewander and Mount Horeb's girls golf team begin the postseason this week. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MoHo golfers ready for the postseason

Vikings second at Badger Small meet, and the MoHo Triangular

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

The postseason is officially here.

And Mount Horeb's girls golf team now hopes to make some noise.

The Vikings were at the Badger Small Conference meet Tuesday, then head to the WIAA Division 1 Stoughton Regional on Oct. 1.

"We hope to be able to play our best golf of the season," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said of the postseason.

"We have not had a meet where all five players have been at their very best, so hopefully we are able to do just that when it matters the most."

Here's a recap of the Vikings' week.

BADGER SMALL CONFERENCE MINI-MEET

Mount Horeb shot a 188 and finished second to Madison Edgewood in the conference's final mini-meet of the year. The event was held at Yahara Hills Golf Course in Madison on Sept. 15.

Senior Delaina Nicewander led Mount Horeb with a 42, tying for second place individually in the 35-player field. Nicewander recorded a two-putt birdie on the par-five, sixth hole, as well as pars at No. 5 and 7.

Sophomore Ella Baber finished with a 44 to tie for fifth place. Baber provided the highlight of the day by holing out for eagle from 170 yards on the par-four, eighth hole and added a par at No. 9.

Junior Jadyn Schellpfeffer and senior Sonja Schreiber had matching rounds of 51, while senior Carmen Oglesby added a 58 to round out the scoring for the Vikings.

"We played well as a team," Krentz said. "Delaina and Ella had really good rounds and we received solid scores from both Jadyn and Sonja, helping us maintain our second-place position (behind Edgewood) in the conference standings.

"I was really pleased with our ability to stay out of trouble, as we only had one hole score higher than a seven from our four counting individual scores. I thought we also did a good job on the greens, as they are the biggest ones we see all year and we were able to limit the number of three putts, which is not easy to do."

MOUNT HOREB TRIANGULAR

Lancaster won the triangular with a 187, and the Vikings were second with a 193 on Sept. 18. Darlington was a distant third at 214.

Nicewander led Mount Horeb with a 45, parring three holes on her way to a third place individual finish out of 15 players. Baber posted a 48 to tie for fourth, while Schreiber shot a 51 to finish sixth, highlighted by a birdie on the par-five second hole and pars on No. 5 and 6.

Schellpfeffer also shot a 51, tying for seventh.

"It was not quite as good of a performance for us," Krentz said. "While we did not have the result we would have liked, we were able to honor our three seniors — Delaina, Sonja, and Carmen — in the final home meet of their careers. We now turn our attention to postseason play."

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Soccer Vikings split a pair

Mount Horeb tops Dodgeville, falls to Fort

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's boys soccer team is looking for a branch of consistency to hold onto.

Midway through the season, the Vikings are 4-4 overall and 1-2 in the Badger Small Conference.

And each time Mount Horeb seemingly gains momentum, it hits a bump in the road.

The Vikings had another up and down week, dropping a 3-0 decision to Fort Atkinson on Sept. 16, then rebounding with a 4-0 win over Dodgeville last Saturday.

"Right now we need to work on being more consistent and playing with more of an edge," Mount Horeb coach Rick Gage said. "When we play with confidence and play hard we will be a team that will be tough to beat. Over the next week we need to work on being more consistent and keep finding more ways to generate offense."

Here's a recap of the Vikings' week:

• **Fort Atkinson 3, Mount Horeb 0 —** The Blackhawks scored three second half goals and pulled away from the host Vikings.

"Fort Atkinson is a solid team and we knew that this game would be a good challenge," Gage said. "They are a fast team and we felt that they would be a challenge for our defense, but we also felt that we would be able to expose their defense a bit as well."

Unfortunately for the Vikings, that never happened.

Mount Horeb's Noah High hit the post early with what could have been an enormous goal. But the teams went to halftime scoreless.

"The first half of the game went as expected," Gage said. "Their pace gave us some challenges early, but we were able to turn them away.

"At halftime we talked about turning up the intensity and work on winning more loose balls in the midfield and pressuring them into making turnovers. We came out after halftime playing well."

Mount Horeb did just that, creating some early scoring opportunities it couldn't convert.

In the 54th minute, Fort Atkinson played a ball behind the Vikings' defense, then snuck a player through to convert for a 1-0 Blackhawks lead.

Just five minutes later, Fort Atkinson got on the end of a through ball and scored again to grab a 2-0 lead.

"We regrouped and created some opportunities to score, but were unable to," Gage said. "We moved more numbers into the attack, but Fort continued to turn us away."

Then with one minute left, Fort was able to counter attack after the Vikings pushed more numbers up and scored again for a 3-0 result.

"Overall this was not the result we wanted," Gage said. "We had moments where we played really well and moments where we were too tentative allowing Fort to press us into mistakes and turnovers.

"Parker Smith had a great game in the goal making many good reads and saves to keep us in the game. We will learn from this game and move on."

• **Mount Horeb 4, Dodgeville 0 —** The Vikings rebounded with an impressive performance on Sept. 20.

Noah High, Daniel Schilling, Colin Ankenbauer and Mason Williams all had goals for the Vikings.

"This was a game that we should be able to control and get a winning result," Gage said. "Overall we thought we would be able to control the ball and possess the ball on Dodgeville, but we knew that they had a strong center back who would make scoring difficult."

In the 13th minute, Brady Rockow found Noah High with a 20-yard ball over the Dodgers' back line. High was able to get on the end of the ball and buried it into the lower right corner to give Mount Horeb a 1-0 lead.

"I was hoping that we would continue the attack and pressure on their back line, but we fell off a bit," Gage said. "Dodgeville did a good job of pressuring us and created a few good chances for themselves, but our defense along with Parker Smith in goal kept turning them away."

The Vikings' lead remained 1-0 at halftime, and Gage preached patience.

"We talked about being patient and to look at switching the ball across the field to get into their wide channels where we had space to attack them," Gage said. "We also talked about picking up the intensity to make sure that we did not allow Dodgeville back into the game. We responded well early in the half putting a lot of pressure on them and were unfortunate to not score an early goal in the half."

Mount Horeb did break through in the 58th minute, though, when Williams sent in a corner kick and Schilling was able to get on the end of it for a 2-0 Vikings lead.

Then in the 62nd minute, High was able to get free on the right side and sent a cross in on goal that Ankenbauer put into the back of the net for a 3-0 Mount Horeb lead.

Then in the 67th minute, Miles Anderson found Williams free in the middle of the field. Williams took a few dribbles and finished off a shot from roughly 25 yards, putting the Vikings up, 4-0.

"Overall I thought there were moments in this game where we played well and moments where we were a little too tentative," Gage said. "However, we were able to find the back of the net and Parker Smith had his third shutout of the year to help us win the game."

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb was at Stoughton Tuesday, then is at Wisconsin Dells Saturday at 1 p.m.

"We have two tough games this week that will test us and will help measure our improvement on the year," Gage said.

Mount Horeb keeper Parker Smith had a shutout in the Vikings' win over Dodgeville. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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The Town of Primrose will hold the 2025 **Budget Workshop** for the 2026 municipal budget on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025 at 8468 County Road A, Verona, WI, beginning at 7:30pm. Should the budget not be finalized that evening, a continuation of the workshop will be held on Monday, October 6th beginning at 7:30pm during the October regular board meeting. 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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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB NOTICE
TO ALL MOUNT HOREB WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS

The Mount Horeb Water Utility will begin its fall Hydrant Flushing beginning October 1st through October 31st. Should your water become discolored, let your tap run for approximately 5 to 10 minutes and it should clear up. Try to do your laundry in the evening hours if possible. Please be sure to keep your garbage and recycling carts on the terrace area or the apron of your driveway, off the gutter/street. Rushing water could wash your carts away or damage them, and the water utility is not responsible for collecting the carts. The water utility thanks you for your cooperation in this matter.

Brian Schult, Water Superintendent

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MOUNT HOREB AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
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BRAY PROJECT NO. 3605

The Mount Horeb Area School District community supported a $34 million referendum in November 2024, and the largest component is an approximately 54,000 square foot addition and renovations to the Primary Center building to replace the Early Learning Center and equip the Primary Center to serve kindergarten through second grade. This project is planned as a heavily phased construction effort that would start with the addition in Spring 2026 and wrap up in Fall 2027, with phased renovations primarily during the summer months. The project also includes several smaller District-wide projects.

The Mount Horeb Area School District values the involvement of local companies, local labor, and local partnerships. The submitting contractors' location, and process/approach to engaging local subcontractors and local labor, will likely be one of the factors considered when pre-qualifying general contractors.

General contractors are invited to submit a statement of qualifications to become prequalified to submit a competitive bid for general construction services. Interested contractors should contact Ellen Del Vecchio of Bray Architects at edelvecchio@brayarch.com or 414-226-0200 to receive a copy of the request for qualifications. Statements of qualifications will be received until **2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 21, 2025**.

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FOOTBALL

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riod. "The fourth quarter came and it felt like we got too relaxed. We need to have more of that mindset that we have to keep the foot on the gas especially from the defensive standpoint.

"That's where I was a little disappointed. The first three quarters, I felt like we did really well, but not the fourth quarter."

St. Arnauld MH-B has yet to put all three phases together in the same game.

"I'd really like to see our team hit all three strides one night — our specials, offense and defense all play well," St. Arnauld said. "It hasn't been that way yet this year."

MH-B, which improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the Badger Small, won a pair of crossover games with the East Central Conference, which count in Badger Small Conference play for postseason playoff consideration.

So, the Vikings were eager to open their schedule against Badger Small Conference teams by sending a message to Stoughton, which it routed 54-0 at home a year ago.

Mission accomplished.

"It's always great to get a conference win under your belt," said Wilson, a North Dakota State recruit. "To be able to come into Stoughton and put up the performance we did was awesome.

"But we have to get to work next week because Sauk Prairie is a good program. They're going to give us everything we've got. We don't want them to ruin Homecoming. So, we need to stay focused on the football part of it."

MH-B took the opening kickoff and drove down the field, taking 5 minutes off the clock. Hendrickson, who has become a dual threat this season, rushed for 10 yards and a first down on the first play of the series.

Hendrickson said becoming a threat to run on any play has opened the Vikings' offense.

"It opens cutback lanes for Jack (Wilson)," Hendrickson said. "It makes those ends get up the field a little bit to respect my running game," he said. "(Jack) has cutback lanes and obviously it spreads them out, too.

"We scripted three plays and two of them were options right away. I was like if it was there, I was going to take it and do what I can with it. That set the tone the first play."

MH-B faced a fourth-and-eight at the Stoughton 14, but an apparent touchdown pass from Hendrickson to sophomore receiver Django Christian was ruled out of the back of the end zone, turning the ball over to Stoughton.

"We had a good opportunity, but a false start hurt us," St. Arnauld said of scoring on the opening drive. "There was a dispute between the officials down here on whether it was a catch or not. The guy on our side said it was a catch. But the guy in the back started signaling even though ours was saying it was a touchdown. He had the back foot down.

"So, it was a dispute, but they didn't communicate, whatever, but that's fine. The defense came out and got a three-and-out."

That included holding Stoughton to one yard in two rushing plays and a one-yard completion.

"Run defense is definitely something we take a lot of pride in," said Wilson, who also starts at middle linebacker. "We have a great front six. Shout out to the defensive line taking up blocks.

"Ayden Knight, (Minnesota-Moorhead recruit) Harrison Walker and Parker Nihles do a great job taking up blocks and making the linebackers be able to play free and not have to worry about the offensive linemen and just make tackles."

MH-B then took advantage of a 22-yard punt to start on Stoughton's 38-yard line, and the offense quickly went to work.

MH-B's nine-play drive was capped by junior running back Eli Maier's 1-yard touchdown plunge on a second-and-goal call. After Maier converted the first of his four two-point PATs in the game, MH-B had an 8-0 lead and never looked back.

Stoughton (3-2, 2-1) countered with a nine-play, 66-yard drive that ended on Logan Hedstrom's 5-yard touchdown run. But that was as close as Stoughton would get the rest of the game.

"I've got a feeling we will see them at some point later in the season," Stoughton coach Jason Becker said of MH-B. "We just have to play better defensively and make more plays when we need to offensively."

After a three-and-out on its next possession, Mount Horeb/Barneveld closed out the first half with back-to-back scoring drives.

Maier's 2-yard touchdown burst wrapped up a five-play, 59-yard drive with 4:33 left before halftime. His two-point PAT gave MH-B a 16-7 lead.

Colin Haag and Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team rolled past Stoughton and improved to 4-1 last week. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

The visiting Vikings weren't finished either.

MH-B took over on its own 28 with 1:40 left in the second quarter and no timeouts left.

Hendrickson then hooked up with senior tight end Hayden Anderson on four of the ensuing nine plays on the drive, including a 17-yard touchdown strike as time expired in the first half.

Anderson, a St. Thomas recruit, had been held without a catch until that final drive.

"The coaches just dialed it up well. I was ready to go," said Anderson, who finished with a game-high six catches for 96 yards and a TD. "(Stoughton) left me alone and we took advantage of it."

That eventually proved to be too much for Stoughton to overcome.

"The play of the game was giving up that score before halftime," Becker said. "We go into the half at 16-7, I think our guys have a different mindset."

Hendrickson said with 7 seconds remaining, the Vikings were determined to score.

"We were taking a shot," Hendrickson said. "If I was going to miss, it would be high and away. That's exactly what I tried to do. (The defender) was hand fighting with Hayden, but Hayden came down with it with his strong hands."

Stoughton had a chance to cut into the MH-B lead when it took the opening kickoff of the second half. But a 10-play drive stalled, amassing just 17 yards as the MH-B defense refused to break and forced a punt.

"The backbreaker was that first drive of the second half," Becker said. "The tight end gets free over the middle and drops that pass. We catch that pass there, we potentially score and make it a one-score game. We keep that tighter.

"But hats off to Bret (St. Arnauld) and his staff and their team. They continue to make plays when they need to. Quite honestly, (Hendrickson) was the player of the game. Every time we had him bottled up, he found ways to get free and make plays with his feet probably more so than with his arm."

MH-B followed up its defensive stop with back-to-back touchdown passes on its ensuing possessions.

First, Hendrickson connected with junior tight end Henry DeRosier on a 12-yard score with 2:35 left in the third quarter.

"He has two catches for two touchdowns," Hendrickson said of DeRosier. "Last week, it was a hard action fake, I rolled out and dumped it off to him.

"This one was a tight end screen. We were faking a wheel (route) outside to the left. I tried to look them off and then dump it off in the middle. He was running a fake arrow and then cut back inside."

MH-B extended its lead to 38-7 with 9:17 left in the game after Hendrickson and senior receiver Colin Haag combined for a 24-yard touchdown strike.

"He ran a crossing route, and we had a post curl right behind him," Hendrickson said of Haag. "They brought their mike backer up right away, so (Haag) had space for days."

Stoughton then sandwiched a pair of touchdown passes from senior quarterback Colyn Kotlowski to Devin Rogers and Jackson Keis, respectively, around Hendrickson's final touchdown pass to Wilson midway through the final period.

"It was just a little running back screen pass," said Wilson, who showed off his improved speed by breaking free for a 53-yard score. "I caught the ball behind the line, and the O-Line went down the field and blocked for me. I was able to catch it and make a few moves.

"But really it was the O-line and the receivers who were blocking to the whistle all the way down the field, putting in a great effort. That really opened it up for me."

Wilson said the Vikings have plenty of work left to do to reach their full potential.

"We really pride ourselves on that," Wilson said of the MH-B run defense, which held Stoughton to just 33 yards in 13 carries in the first half. "But we really need to work on that carrying through the end of the game. We let up a little too much at the end with those two touchdowns. That's something we need to work on in practice this week."

• **On deck:** MH-B hosts Sauk Prairie in a Badger Small Conference game on Friday at 7 p.m. The Vikings will be celebrating Homecoming.

Sept. 19
Mount Horeb/Barneveld 44, Stoughton 19
MH/B …….. 8 16 6 14 — 44
Stoughton … 0 7 0 12 — 19

MHB: Eli Maier 1 run (Maier run).

Sto: Logan Hedstrom 5 run (Jayce Turner kick).

MHB: Jack Wilson 31 run (Maier run).

MHB: Hayden Anderson 17 pass from Brooks Hendrickson (Maier run)

MHB: Henry DeRosier 12 pass from Hendrickson (pass failed).

MHB: Colin Haag 24 pass from Hendrickson (Maier run).

Sto: Devin Rogers 15 pass from Colyn Kotlowski (pass failed).

MHB: Wilson 53 pass from Hendrickson (pass failed).

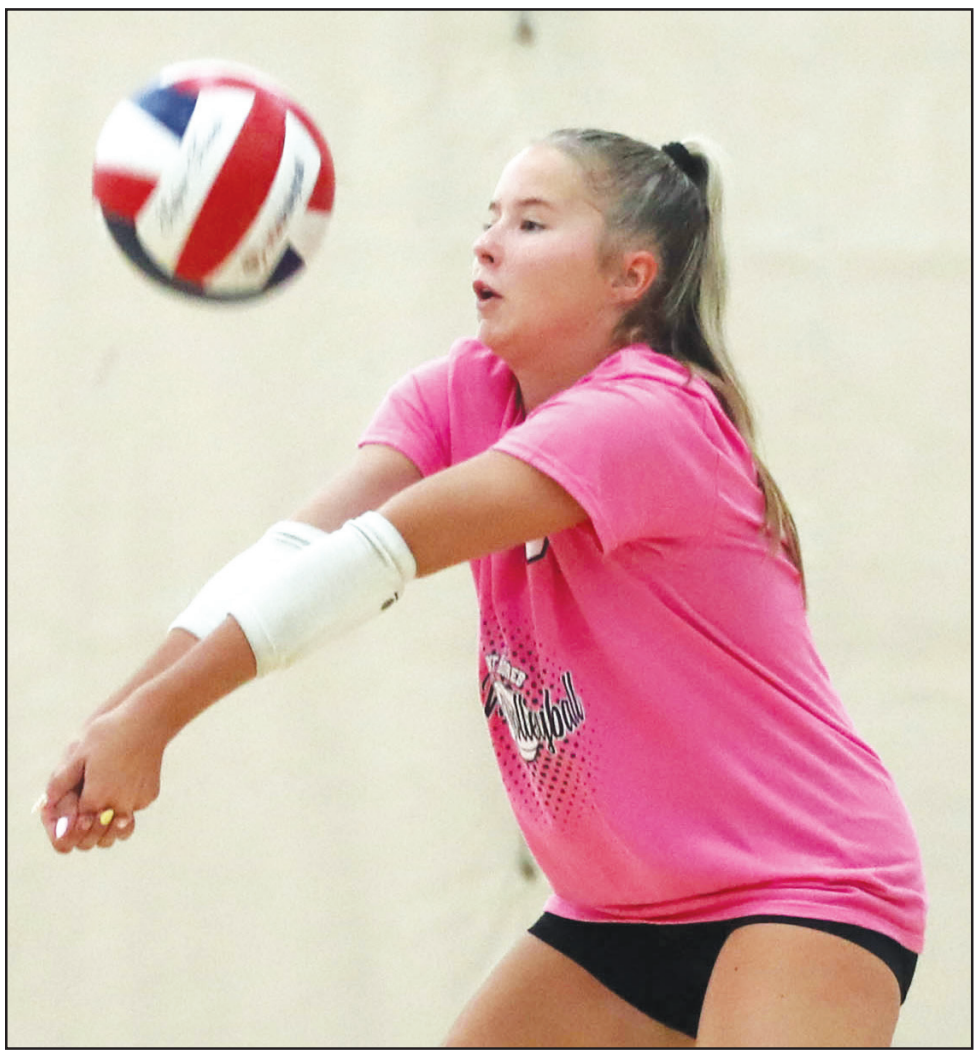
Sto: Jackson Keis 34 pass from Kotlowski (kick failed).

TEAM STATISTICS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.) — MHB 26-140, Sto 38-133. Passing yards — MHB 288, Sto 137. Passing (Comp.-Att.-Int.) — MHB 19-28-0, Sto 10-18-0.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds) — MHB: Jack Wilson 11-67, Brooks Hendrickson 9-46, Haiden Jeglum 3-24, Eli Maier 3-3. Sto.: Logan Hedstrom 14-58, Vallen Wilson 4-30, Colyn Kotlowski 11-25, Gatlin Empey 9-20. Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds) — MHB: Hendrickson 19-28-0-288. Sto.: Kotlowski 10-18-0-137. Receiving (Att.-Yds) — MHB – Hayden Anderson 6-96, Colin Haag 3-41, Django Christian 3-38, Jack Wilson 2-55, Connor McCue 2-20, Kelson Baumgardt 1-14, Henry DeRosier 1-12, Cal Odgers 1-12. Sto.: Logan Hedstrom 3-33, Jackson Keis 2-38, Gatlin Empey 2-14, Parker Sellnow 1-34, Devin Rogers 1-16, Reid Blackburn 1-2.



Courtney Monroe (left), Trinity Alexander (above) and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team won their own invitational on Sept. 20. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

VOLLEYBALL

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win.

Mount Horeb's kill percentage was a terrific .325 and the Vikings had 14 service aces.

Laila Rasmussen had 11 assists, three kills and two aces, while Lizzy Mesenberg had seven aces and three digs. Ella Kahl had six kills, Finley Moore had four kills and Aliyah Thompson had three kills.

Maya Newman had six digs, Claire Casey had two assists and three digs, and Courtney Monroe had three aces.

• **Mount Horeb 2, Monona Grove 0 —** The Vikings downed the Silver Eagles in the final pool play round.

Laila Rasmussen had 11 assists, six digs and five kills, while Finley Moore and Aliyah Thompson both had five kills. Katrina Meinholz had four kills, and Claire Casey had five assists and three aces.

Courtney Monroe had six digs and two aces, Lizzy Mesenberg had three aces, and Maya Newman had four digs.

SEMIFINALS

• **Mount Horeb 2, New Glarus 0 —** The Vikings downed the Glarner Knights in the semifinals, 25-18, 25-19.

Mount Horeb's kill percentage was an impressive .302 and it had 25 assists and 23 digs.

Finley Moore had seven kills and three digs, and Ella Kahl had seven kills.

Laila Rasmussen had 12 assists, eight digs, two kills and two aces, while Claire Casey had nine assists and three digs.

Maya Newman had three aces, two assists and four digs, and both Katrina Meinholz and Lizzy Mesenberg had four kills.

Aliyah Thompson had two kills, and Courtney Monroe had two digs.

FINALS

• **Mount Horeb 2, Monona Grove 1 —** The Vikings edged the Silver Eagles, 25-18, 18-25, 25-13 in the championship match.

Mount Horeb had a .306 kill percentage, along with 38 digs and 33 assists.

Laila Rasmussen had 24 assists, 14 digs, five kills and four aces, while Ella Kahl had 13 kills and Finley Moore had 12 kills.

Lizzy Mesenberg had five digs and three kills, while Katrina Meinholz had four digs and two kills. Maya Newman had two assists and nine digs, Claire Casey had five assists, Aliyah Thompson had two kills and Courtney Monroe had four digs

"We never lost a set in pool play, or the semifinals," Smelzer said. "The championship match against Monona Grove, who we beat in pool play 2-0, was a fun and exciting match.

"We split the first two sets and then we won the third set, 15-13. It doesn't get any closer than that. It's great to see the girls not only face adversity, but step up in the moment and make plays. We had to earn the win."

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