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How Louisa Strohl works to connect seniors with the services they need



Strohl

By Matt Geiger
Mount Horeb Mail

Louisa Strohl became the Mount Horeb Senior Center's new Social Work Case Manager on July 20, and director Joan Laundy said she has settled in nicely to the position.

Strohl's job is vast and varied, but at its heart it's all about helping people.

"My main jobs are connecting people with different resources," Strohl explained.

She grew up in nearby Verona and said having the op-

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Vikings celebrate homecoming

The Mount Horeb Vikings celebrated Homecoming in style Friday with a pep rally, the annual parade (above) and the evening's football game. See more from the festive parade on page 9. Photo by Matt Geiger.

Mount Horeb Area School Board approves policy that prohibits unauthorized drones over schools

By Erin Herndon
Mount Horeb Mail

The Board of Education updated its policy regarding the use of unmanned aircraft over school grounds. The board met for its biweekly regular meeting September 8, where it approved Board Policy #732, "Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)," and revisions to Board Policy #732, "Buildings and Grounds Maintenance" (revised policy numbered 721), at their first reading. Additionally, the board approved its meeting agenda, consent agenda, personnel transactions and minutes for its August 17 regular board meeting as well as its August 31 board workshop and closed session meeting.

Superintendent Steve Salerno presented new Board Policy #732, "Buildings and Grounds Mainte-

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Letters to the Editor

Novak camp manipulated photo in ad

Dear Editor,

On March 28th, I captured an image of a powerful moment during Ben Gruber's campaign for Wisconsin's 51st Assembly District. He was standing next to a woman who proudly held a sign that urged, "Defend the Constitution."

Months later, I was shocked to see that his opponent Todd Novak had stolen and altered my photograph. Novak distorted it to spread a hateful, hurtful and misleading narrative. With this act, he has perpetuated a cycle of misinformation spread by his campaign.

Novak needs to reflect on his dishonorable actions. He should consider whether clinging to power is worth compromising his integrity. We constituents deserve representation that embodies family values and champions the causes of children, the environment, and ethical governance.

That is why I will be voting NO to NOvak and YES to Ben Gruber on November 3rd. Join me in helping usher in a new era of leadership that prioritizes our community's well-being and fosters a brighter, better future for we the people. Help elect Ben Gruber, a principled progressive champion to represent us in the State Assembly.

Sincerely, Tim White
Mount Horeb

Believe Marklein's record

Dear Editor,

In recent weeks State Senator Howard Marklein, seeking reelection to the Wisconsin Senate in District 17, has touted his opposition to two proposed high voltage transmission lines that would cut through the district. It would damage "some of the most pristine land in Wisconsin" Sen. Marklein warns. It appears the Senator would like us to believe that for him, protection of our environment is a high priority. But his voting record tells a very different story.

In every legislative session, the Wisconsin Conservation Voters (WCV) tracks and scores how each legislator votes on bills related to the environment and natural resources. The scores range from 0 percent support to 100 percent support of legislation that promotes being good stewards of our natural resources. Sen. Marklein has a lifetime score of 17 percent as a legislator.

In contrast, Assembly Rep. Jenna Jacobson, Sen. Marklein's opponent in the Senate race, was named one of this year's WCV Conservation Champions for her perfect score of 100 percent. If you value safe water, clean air, healthy soil, public lands and outdoor recreation, make your vote on November 3rd match your values.

Allen Pincus
Barneveld

Child care deserves seat at the table

Recently, we had the opportunity to welcome Ben Gruber, candidate for Wisconsin State Assembly District 51, to our Dodgeville child care center, In the Beginning Child Care & Learning Center, to talk about something that is incredibly important to me—the child care crisis facing families, providers and early childhood educators across Wisconsin.

What I appreciated most was that this wasn't simply a quick visit or a photo opportunity. Ben took the time to tour our center, talk with our staff, interact with the children, ask questions and, most importantly, listen.

We talked honestly about what child care providers are facing—the challenges of recruiting and retaining quality teachers, affordability for families, and what it truly takes to keep quality child care available in our rural communities.

I've had a lot of conversations about child care over the years, and I walked away from this one feeling encouraged. I felt heard. I felt that Ben genuinely wanted to understand what is happening inside our centers and what our families, teachers and providers need.

And I walked away believing something else: if Ben Gruber is elected to represent the 51st Assembly District, child care providers will have someone in Madison who understands the importance of the work we do and who will stand up for the children, families, educators and providers who depend on a strong child care system.

Child care isn't just a family issue. It's a workforce issue, an economic issue and a rural-community issue. If parents can't find child care, they can't go to work. And if providers can't afford to keep their doors open and pay good teachers, our communities feel the impact.

The answer is not to replace the child care providers who have been serving families in our communities for years. We need leaders who are willing to listen to those providers, understand the challenges we face and work with us to find solutions that allow quality child care programs to remain strong and sustainable. As we look for solutions, we must keep the needs of the child at the center of the conversation, recognizing the important role that quality early childhood programs play in providing young children with nurturing relationships, developmentally appropriate environments and the foundation they need before entering the school years. This conversation should be about what is best for our youngest children, not simply about where the dollars go.

Thank you, Ben, for showing up, spending time with us and listening. I'm grateful when someone seeking public office is willing to come directly into a child care center and hear from the people doing this work every single day.

Our children, families, early childhood educators and child care providers deserve to have their voices heard. After our conversation with Ben, I am encouraged that those voices are being heard.

Beth Mikrut-Gilles
Dodgeville, Wisconsin

Big money

Billionaires are bankrolling the Republican candidates in Wisconsin's elections this November – and that's only the money that can actually be tracked. Millions more in dark money is fueling campaigns. Wisconsinites have spurned big money in our elections before – remember Elon Musk's millions to try to buy a Wisconsin Supreme Court seat? Let's do it again.

Most of us complain about all the money spent on political campaigns and how that money could be put to more beneficial use. Don't let the billionaires and millionaires buy your vote! Don't be swayed by their ads. Make sure you know who it on your ballot. Find out what they really stand for and how they've actually voted in the past if they are an incumbent. Take the opportunity to meet them and talk to them, and talk to trusted family and friends about who they are voting for and why.

At the top of the ticket, I'm voting for David Crowley for Governor, Jenna Jacobson for State Senate and Ben Gruber for State Assembly. I have met and talked with all these candidates and I know them to be people who understand the struggles of working families. They want to protect the most vulnerable in our society. They believe in strong public schools, expanding healthcare for everyone, and protecting the environment. They will listen to us, debate with us and stand up for us and protect our rights.

Myra Enloe
Dodgeville

Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Oct. 6, 1886

Coal burners are laying in their supply of winter fuel.

Parties having our books in their possession will please have them checked over and the balance struck. H.G. Elliot & Co.

Ole Skoren, or better known as "Bikken," one of the old landmarks of this neighborhood and in destitute circumstances, died at the house of Erick Bingham last Tuesday, Sept. 28th. As his support depended upon the charity of the community his death was, especially to myself, welcome. His remains were buried at the Springdale church cemetery.

The season of the year has arrived when you may expect a visit at any moment from some candidate for political honors. Treat them as well as you can however, because just think how many of them are doomed to be defeated, notwithstanding the lavish scattering of numismatic coins.

130 Years Ago- Oct. 1, 1896

Arne Huseth has about finished his new house on Main Street in Witte's addition.

Last week at the barn raising at Donihoes the basement wall on which the new structure will rest was unanimously declared the finest and best built barn basement those present had ever seen. A.C. Field the mason.

Pitching horse shoes in front of the black smith shop is all the form of gambling Riley tolerates.

C. O. Ruste left for Chicago and other places last Friday to buy machinery for the creamery

and furniture for his new house.

130 Years Ago- Oct. 8, 1896

Where do them Blue Rock boys keep themselves Saturday nights? They always report a good time when they come back home.

The Goldben Bros. and Ole Aslakson have been extending one of the large chimneys on the opera building to give better draft to the furnace.

A very fine granite monument was placed in the Union church cemetery last week to mark the last resting place of Isaac Louck. The job was furnished by Geo. Prucia, of Belleville.

The married wheelmen hereby challenge the unmarried wheelmen of this vicinity to a twenty-five mile bicycle relay race for a purse of twenty five dollars. For particulars call on the president of the Mt. Horeb wheelmen, Mr. G. Kleven.

The Springdale Young Ladies Society will have a sale of fancy articles, the products of their own work, at Fosshage & Olson's hall in Mt. Horeb, Oct. 21st in the afternoon and evening. They solicit the patronage of all.

We learn with regret that the mental condition of Mrs. W. Malone of Mt. Vernon, is again such that she had to be taken back to the asylum.

120 Years Ago- Oct. 4, 1906

The Methodist congregation gave Mr. and Mrs. Holden a reception surprise at the church parlors last Friday evening.

Rev. S. Gunderson returned Wednesday from a lengthy visit to his Mother Country, Norway.

Wishing to close out my stock of this year's wall papers, I will sell same at cost. T. Fosshage.

A.E Solvie believes in having the best jobs done possible and went to the expense of hauling the plastering sand for his new house from Mazomanie.

Curtis Evans, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Evans, was taken dangerously sick Wednesday of last week with cholera morbus, but Grandpa Evans got in some of his best licks and brought the little fellow through the perilous song, to the joy of many.

Word comes from the two young Mt. Horeb ladies who left a few weeks ago for Idaho that they are very well pleased with their new environments. Miss Geneva Mickelson is teaching at good wages and Miss Caroline Bohn is clerking in a store, also receiving good wages. They found a former Mt. Horebite in business in the town where they located, Victor Elver, now the proprietor of a large store, and was a well-to-do man, married and settled down for good.

Several drunks of late have been "run in" by Marshal Malone and given a chance to sober up. The last case was a rambunctious one that required the strength of the marshal and a couple of muscular assistants to conquer. He came off the train in a sad condition and it became the duty of the marshal to put in the cooler.

110 Years Ago- Oct. 6, 1916

Leo Jacobson has located at the Brattrud property on Main St. and will engage in the junk business and solicits the patronage of all having junk for sale drop him a card and he will call for whatever you have to sell in his line of business,

Thos. Ayen has the contract to put in sewer laterals and has a gang of men at work on Park Ave. this week.

Downcast and sad did Rev. Mostrom's congregation go home from services Sunday evening after having been informed by the pastor that he had decided to leave and would hand in his resignation at the annual business meeting Monday evening and many expressions of regret was heard as the people left the church.

Sherman Ranum has again taken up treatment at a sanitarium and her many friends will hope for a speedy recovery.

100 Years Ago- Sept. 30, 1926

From now on all neck clips will be 10¢ at local shops.

Mrs. Teman Gordon did not go to Chicago last week as we stated. She had intended to go but gave up the trip.

All schools in the Riley area have started and female teachers get from $90 to $130 a month.

Evelyn Swenson recently returned from an extended visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sanders, at Rawson, N.D. Mr. Swenson says that section was a total

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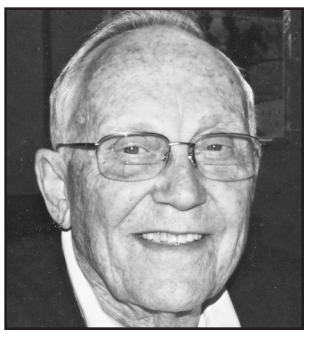
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Obituaries

Theodore Robert "Bob" Ibinger

March 23, 1930 - September 26, 2026

MOUNT HOREB – Theodore Robert "Bob" Ibinger, of Mount Horeb, Wis., passed away peacefully on September 26, 2026, surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy.



Bob shared 74 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Janet. Together they raised 10 children and built a loving family. He is survived by Janet; children, Linda (Marc) Vrotsos, Vicky (Bill) Bahl, Kathy Streff, Jan (John) Wills, Ted (Linda) Ibinger, Mary (John) Buechner, Tom (Lisa) Ibinger, Sue (Joel) Skalet, and Terry (Julie) Ibinger; 27 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Bob, a Navy Veteran, worked hard to provide for his family and started Janlin Plastics, an injection-molding business. He enjoyed bowling, including three perfect 300 games, deer hunting near Black River Falls, Badgers games, and summers at the family lake home in Missouri.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 2, 2026, with Father Brian Dulli presiding. Visitation will be held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2026, and also at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Friday. A private burial will be held at Calvary-St. Ignatius Catholic Cemetery.

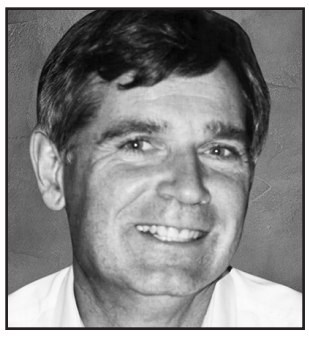
The family would like to thank Bob's caregivers for their love, kindness, and care. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Agrace Hospice Care or The Salvation Army.

Rest peacefully, Bob. Your love and legacy will remain in our hearts.

For more information and online condolences, please visit www.gundersonfh.com.

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Thomas Mark La Fleur



Thomas Mark La Fleur, age 74, passed away peacefully on August 25, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Tom was born on November 15, 1951, in Racine, Wisconsin to Thomas and LaVerne (nee: Freres) La Fleur.

Tom graduated from St. Catherine's High School in Racine. He went on to earn an accounting degree from UW Parkside in 1977. Thereafter, he attended Marquette Law School for one year before transferring to UW Madison Law School, where he earned top academic honors – Order of the Coif (1982). Tom first worked at a law firm in Lodi, Wisconsin; and thereafter he worked at various law firms in and around the Madison area, including La Fleur Law Office. Later in his career, Tom served as the Jefferson County Register in Probate, and Court Commissioner. Tom also heard rent abatement cases for the City of Madison. Tom loved running and competed in the Chicago Marathon in 1978. After this, he decided that he much preferred shorter runs. Tom loved all animals, but he had a special affinity for dogs and turtles. Tom also loved the Brewers. He enjoyed the Men's Group meetings at Blackhawk Church.

Tom is survived by his beloved son, Richard Muir LaFleur and Richard's wife, Lily Hamilton La Fleur. These three shared a passion for exploring nature. Richard and Tom and their close friend Bob Hay had many adventures searching, in particular, for reptiles and amphibians. Tom was close to his former spouse, Terry Hansen and his loving sisters, Mary Kay (Richard) Sherforgen, Maureen (Dennis) Steeves and Monica (Greg) Da Pra and his close friend, Terry's brother, Eric Hansen. Tom is also loved and survived by his brother-in-law, Rick (Diane) Johannes; many nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Marcia Johannes, his brothers, Timothy La Fleur and Ted La Fleur and his nephews, Anthony and Andy Steeves.

A service will be celebrated at Blackhawk Church, 9620 Brader Way, Middleton, WI on September 24, 2026; visitation at 10:00 a.m.; service at 11:00 a.m. followed by luncheon. Tom will be buried at Natural Path Sanctuary thereafter.

A death ends a life, not a relationship…

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Engagement



Fritz-Larsen

Celebrating the engagement of Sara Evelyn Fritz and Nicholas William Larsen

With great joy and love, Todd and Brenda Fritz of Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, together with David and Kathy Larsen of New Berlin, Wisconsin, are delighted to announce the engagement of their children, Sara Evelyn Fritz and Nicholas William Larsen.

Sara and Nicholas became engaged on August 5, 2026, in the beautiful setting of Banff National Park, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in their lives together.

The couple resides in Chicago, Illinois, where Sara is a genetics laboratory researcher at the University of Chicago. Nicholas is attending the Illinois College of Optometry and is expected to graduate in May 2028.

Their families are overjoyed to celebrate Sara and Nicholas as they look forward to a lifetime of love, friendship, laughter, and adventure together.

Wedding plans will be announced at a later date.

Todd and Brenda, along with David and Kathy, could not be happier to welcome Nicholas and Sara into their respective families and to celebrate the joining of two families through the love they share.

Kids' Workshop Celebrates Our Big, Beautiful Wisconsin Family

Registration is now open for October's Hands-on History program at the Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St, downtown Mount Horeb). "Our Big, Beautiful Wisconsin Family" will be held on Thursday, October 8 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m for grades K through 4.

From the first loaded-down wagons hauling transplants from the East coast to the swaying ships who brought Norwegians, Swiss, Germans, Irish and other Europeans to this United States frontier, thousands of immigrants made Wisconsin their new home. October workshop participants will learn why so many made the decision to start new lives in a foreign place, and how they carried their beliefs, customs and foods with them—and helped shape the multicultural and vibrant America that we enjoy today.

For more information related to Hands-on History or to register for the October session, visit mthorebhistory.org and search "Events," or call 608-437-6486.

Recreation Notes

Volunteers Needed for the 22nd Annual Creepy Crawl! The Mount Horeb Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to help with the Creepy Crawl on Thursday, October 29.

Volunteers are needed for different roles, including helping at the game area, clean-up crew, and as trail guides. We are also looking for groups and organizations to host Spook Stations along the trail. Spook Stations will be assigned a section of the trail and can dress in costume, create a spooky scene, and entertain, or scare, guests as they make their way down the Military Ridge Trail!

Whether you want to help behind the scenes or be part of the spooky fun, we would love to have you volunteer! For more information or to sign up, contact the Mount Horeb Recreation Department at 608-437-3400 or mhrec@mounthorebwi.info.

Join Fall Body Wise Yoga for ages 50+ beginning October 26! This 6-week yoga-based functional fitness program is designed for active older adults or anyone seeking slower, more intentional movement. Each class blends gentle motion, balance practice, functional strength, and mindful breathing to help you feel stronger, more stable, and mobile! Chair support and modifications are always available. Classes take place October 26 to November 11, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Senior Center. The class fee is $60 for residents and $70 for non-residents. Sign up by 10/19!

Looking for something for your child to do on their day off school on October 29? We've got you covered, join our Fall Paint Class! Participants, ages 5 to 12, will create a cute autumn

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Mount Horeb High School presents Meredith Willson's 'The Music Man'

Mount Horeb High School students and staff are busy preparing for this year's annual musical production, Meredith Willson's beloved classic "The Music Man." The production marks the fourth time the musical has been presented at Mt. Horeb High School, following productions in 1985, 2004, and 2018.

Set in River City, Iowa, The Music Man follows Harold Hill, a charismatic traveling salesman who arrives in town with a plan to organize a boys' marching band. Although Hill has no musical experience—and intends to leave town with the townspeople's money—he persuades the community to purchase instruments and uniforms. His plans become more complicated when he falls in love with Marian Paroo, the town librarian and piano teacher, whose honesty begins to challenge his deceptive ways.

This year's production also marks an important milestone for Adisyn Hoff, the newly appointed Director of Bands at Mt. Horeb High School. Hoff is taking on her first production at Mt. Horeb and her first opportunity to lead a pit orchestra made up primarily of students.



Adisyn Hoff, the newly appointed Director of Bands at Mt. Horeb High School, is taking on her first production at Mt. Horeb.

"In my previous roles, I worked with a pit orchestra primarily made of adult musicians, hired professionals, and a few students. This year, our pit is mostly students!" Hoff said. "While the instrumental parts for The Music Man are famously challenging, our student musicians are doing a wonderful job preparing their parts. We are lucky to have such a talented and hard-working group of student instrumentalists this year!"

Pit orchestra musicians for this production include Cicely Brokish, Alex Downs, Henry Dennis, Isaiah Drews, Aaron Fendrick, Lili Hefty, John-Henry Lee, Arvin Li, Megan Lieven, Abigail Marshaus, Scott Paterson, Owen Ross, Josie Sailor, Evy Vedo, Landon Wright, Anne Marie Wyse, and Sam Wyse.

Hoff's involvement continues a tradition of band directors taking on the production. The 1985 production was led by then-new band director Will Janssen, who also directed the 2004 and 2018 productions. This year, Hoff steps into that role as she leads a new generation of student musicians through one of musical theater's most demanding scores.



Although the original Broadway production of "The Music Man" ran for less than four years, the musical has remained popular through productions around the world and its well-known 1962 film adaptation. More recently, the show returned to Broadway in a revival starring Hugh Jackman.

Mount Horeb High School presents Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" on November 12, 13, and 14 in the high school auditorium. Show times are 7:30 p.m. each evening, with an additional matinee show on November 14 at 1:00 p.m. All seats are reserved and cost $12.00 each.

Tickets are available Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 a.m. You can purchase tickets online by visiting the Mt. Horeb High School Music webpage.

If you have trouble ordering, please call Kellen Dorner at (608) 437-7239 for assistance.

Alyssa Garrity is 'Someone You Should Know'



Curt, Reese, Alyssa and Brook Garrity.

Alyssa Garrity is "Someone You Should Know." Alyssa was chosen as the Optimist Club's high school recipient of the "Someone You Should Know" award for outstanding community service for the month of September.

Alyssa Garrity is a senior at Mount Horeb High School. She is actively involved in several clubs. As a member of "Letters ofLove'', the organization provides emotional support to children battling serious illnesses through heart-felt, handwritten letters. Club Interact is a student-led community service club and gives back to others in ways such as making meals for Feed My Starving Children and sending heartfelt messages to kids staying at Ronald McDonald House. In Spanish Club, the Hispanic culture is appreciated in addition to enjoying related music, food, art and entertainment.

Outside of school, Alyssa has been a dancer at Forte Studios since shewas three years old. Her passion for dance shows in two distinct ways: she trains and dances in Ballet, Modern, Tap, Hip Hop and Jazz. She has also competed in Dance Masters of Wisconsin for two years. Alyssa started teaching dance in 10th grade – first as an Assistant Student Teacher and now as a Student Teacher for the younger dancers. Each year, the Forte dancers participate in give-back programs like making care bags for the homeless and painting rocks in the community to inspire kindness and creativity.

As a member of Blackhawk Church in Middleton, Alyssa has served the Madison and surrounding communities through Madison Missions. She also serves as an Assistant Teacher for toddlers in the B-Kids Program. During the holiday season and winter months, Alyssa will be volunteering with Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

After high school, Alyssa will be attending college. Although she has not finalized which college yet, she plans to be active outside of her studies. She has interest in serving her campus community in programs like Students for Sustainability and Wish-Makers.

Alyssa also looks forward to joining college organizations such as Women in Business, Women's Sorority Life, and Competitive Dance Groups or Collectives.

Alyssa was honored at the September meeting of the Optimist Club. She received a certificate of recognition, $50.00, and is also in the running to receive one of the Optimist Club scholarships awarded at the Senior Awards event in May. The Optimist Club of Mount Horeb is proud to name Alyssa Garrity as "Someone You Should Know."

Sugar River Euchre League's Season to Begin October 1

by Stan Hook

The Sugar River Euchre League will start its 95th season on October 1, with 10 teams battling it out for a chance to be crowned this season's League Champions. Many players will be working hard to attain a perfect score, while others will struggle to avoid a visit by Pepé Le Pew. Both are sure to happen, but who will be the lucky and not so lucky ones?

At this year's captains' meeting there were no changes to the league's officers or captains.

October 1 Schedule
(all matches will start at 7 unless noted otherwise):

Red Mouse Shufflers at Kurniki's Express

Kurniki's Pipe Benders at Red Mouse Uff-da

Norsk Cowboys at J&M Bar River Rats

Sportsman's Cheese Eaters at Dog House Pranksters

Viking Trolls at Kleeman's Hay Shakers

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raccoon using acrylic paint on a 16x20 canvas. Painters will work on shading and blending along with background, middle ground, and foreground. Artists will be led step by step, but each child will put their own personal touch on their project. These paintings will help decorate your home for the fall season! The program is on Thursday, October 29 from 9 am to 11 am in the Recreation Department Multipurpose Room. The program fee is $55 for residents and $65 for non-residents. Enroll by 10/22!

HOW TO REGISTER: There are multiple ways to register for summer programs and activities.

Online (go to https://secure.rec1.com/WI/mount-horeb-wi/catalog).

In-person at 105 N. Grove Street.

Place completed registration form (found on Rec Dept website) and payment in 24-hour drop box.

Email completed registration form (found on Rec Dept website) and payment to mhrec@mounthorebwi.info.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

10/5: Babysitter Training

10/19: Body Wise Yoga Sess. 2

10/22: Fall Painting Class

10/26: Adult Indoor Pickleball

10/27: Grandmasters of Chess Sess. 2

10/28: 3rd Grade Recreation Basketball

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Celebrate birds in Mount Horeb this month

Join the Bird Bingo scavenger hunt in downtown Mount Horeb

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce and participating downtown businesses will have a free Bird Bingo scavenger hunt for the entire month of October. Pick up Bird Bingo cards at the Chamber Welcome Center and participating businesses! Play to win and collect a fabulous prize.

There will be five different versions of the Bingo Card so everyone in your group can have a different card! Pick up a card from participating businesses and the Chamber Welcome Center. Businesses display a bird image in their window, and players visit the business to check off that bird on their Bingo Card. Everyone will win Bird Bingo at a different time, depending on the order they find the birds. When your Bird Bingo card is completed, go to the Chamber Welcome Center and collect your prize. The prize is a Bird City sticker.

Nine downtown businesses will be participating in Bird Bingo all of October. Learn about our birds, visit our businesses, and have fun!





By Kerry Beheler citizen member Mount Horeb Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee

Have you noticed all the bird activity? Welcome to fall bird migration! Migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our Mount Horeb community.

Why do birds migrate? Birds are making the journey south to their wintering grounds right now. Every year, billions of birds worldwide undertake extraordinary journeys. Migration is driven by the search for food, safe nesting and resting places, and favorable climates. Many bird species breed in the north during warmer months when daylight is long and insect food is abundant. As temperatures, daylight, and food resources decline in the fall, birds head to warmer southern regions. Being a "snowbird" is real!

Migratory birds are a powerful symbol of connectivity: one bird can link countries and continents in the span of a single year, as the bird's survival depends on habitats and policies far beyond any one national border. Along their migration routes both south and north, birds depend on a connected network of wetlands, forests, grasslands, and coastlines for essential stopover sites to eat and rest.

Migratory birds are celebrated with the World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) initiative. WMBD is a global campaign raising awareness of and the need for international cooperation to conserve birds and their habitats. WMBD is celebrated twice a year worldwide, in May and October, during spring and fall migrations. https://www.migratorybirdday.org/

To support bird awareness and education in Mount Horeb, our Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee has recommended that the Village Board proclaim the entire month of October 2026 as Bird Month! Our community leaders encourage us to celebrate, have fun, and support efforts to protect and conserve migratory birds and their habitats.

What are we doing to celebrate October as Mount Horeb Bird Month? Free bird-watching hikes, community education programs, posters, activity and coloring pages, and more will be available all month. Join us in learning about birds and migration! Check the Mount Horeb Bird City public page for upcoming events and locations, link here https://birdcity.org/wisconsin/mount-horeb?tab=1 (or scan the QR code included with this article)

Events include:

1. A free public education program, "The Mystery of Bird Migration", will be at the Mount Horeb Public Library on Monday 5 October at 1pm. The featured speaker Bill Volkert is a nationally known birding expert.

2. A free Bird Bingo scavenger hunt sponsored by the Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce and participating businesses. Pick up Bird Bingo cards at the Chamber Welcome Center and participating businesses! Play to win and collect prizes during the entire month of October!

3. A fun factual fantastic Bird Education poster created by the Mount Horeb Green Team will be displayed in many locations!

4. Interesting stories about birds in the *Mount Horeb Mail* throughout October.

5. Bird watching hikes at many of our nearby local, county, and state parks.

Mount Horeb became an official Bird City in April 2026 when we completed specific community actions in 4 broad categories of habitat, threats to birds, education and engagement, and sustainability. We have an ongoing action list that determines what is being done, what can be done, and helps us chart a course for bird friendly actions over time that fit with our broader community environmental goals. Contact the Mount Horeb Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee or the Mount Horeb Green Team to become involved and for more information!

How can you help birds? Our awareness and concern are crucial for migratory birds. We can directly help birds with the following actions:

1. Keep outdoor lights minimized or turned off during bird migration! Most birds migrate at night, and bright night lighting disorients them, leading to fatal building or window collisions. Turning off unnecessary outdoor lights from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. can reduce collisions. More information can be found here: https://www.audubon.org/our-work/cities-and-towns/lights-out

Not every migration night is the same. BirdCast forecasts let us know when the biggest movements are expected, so we can minimize outdoor lighting on those nights. BirdCast alerts are sent for the top 10% of migration nights, about 8–10 nights that account for almost half of all migration!

You can sign up for BirdCast migration alerts to know when these peak nights are expected in our area. Link here: https://dashboard.birdcast.org/region/US-WI

2. Prevent window collisions! You can treat windows to prevent bird collisions. For a simple solution, draw lines or dots on the outside of your windows (no more than 2" apart) with a bar of soap, oil-based markers or tempura paint. More information can be found here: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/why-birds-hit-windows-and-how-you-can-help-prevent-it/

3. Keep cats inside! Cats are expert hunters with strong prey drives. Cats are the top source of direct, human-caused bird mortality in the U.S., killing an estimated 2.4 billion birds each year. More information can be found here: https://abcbirds.org/solutions/keep-cats-indoors/

4. Plant native trees, shrubs, and flowers to provide critical bird food, and places for birds to rest during migration. More information can be found here: https://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds

5. If you find an injured bird, contact the closest wildlife rehabilitator for professional care. Information on wildlife rehabilitation can be found here: https://www.wiwildlife.org/

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAA donates $400 to community groups

Hand All Around Quilt Group gave to four area organizations



Greg Kopish and Chery Schmidt, volunteers with Neighbors Helping Neighbors gladly accepted a check from HAA.



Karen White and Sue Retzlaff presented a check to Jessica Killingbeck, director of The Giving Tree, a division of Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN). Christmas blessings are on the way!



Sleep In Heavenly Peace makes beds for Iowa County youngsters. Cindy Downs and Wendy Warner were excited to receive a donation from HAA club members Amy Foster and Sandy Onsager. No more sleeping on the floor!



At the Community Connections Free Clinic, staff member Rebecca Steffes, RN/CCFC Nurse manager, was also excited to accept a donation from HAA Quilt Club member Sandy Onsager.

Living history comes to life: Experience York's story

Step into the past and experience the remarkable story of York, the only Black member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, at the Mount Horeb Public Library Thursday, October 1 at 1pm. Through a special virtual living history performance and short film following an unforgettable journey along the Upper Missouri River, this free event gives deeper insight into an enslaved Kentuckian on the expedition who played a significant role in its success.

This program features Hasan Davis, a nationally recognized storyteller and living-history performer, portraying York and bringing his experience to life through a powerful first-person performance. The short documentary, created by the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, follows eight adventurers (including Davis) over four days as they retrace the route of the historic Corps of Discovery through Montana's rugged and breathtaking Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, a rugged and beautiful landscape traversed by the historic Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1803-1806. While following in the footsteps of the Corps of Discovery, the film highlights York's significant contributions and expands the narrative of his story, making connections between his legacy and the value of recreation access today.



Hasan Davis, a nationally recognized storyteller and living-history performer, portrays York. Photo by Erica Chambers

Davis presents virtually. Attendees meet in the library. For more information about the library, its programs and services, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Pasquale to address 'Myths About Nonbinary People'



Lindsey Pasquale

The PFLAG October chapter meeting is scheduled for October 5 from 6:00-8:00 at the Mt. Horeb Public Library meeting room. Speaker Lindsey Pasquale is a non-binary trans woman and will be speaking on "The Myths About Nonbinary People." They serve as Northeast Regional Director and Board member for PFLAG National. They are also the PFLAG Hartford Co-President. Lindsey is the creator of "Older and Non-Binary" on Facebook. She is parent to two adult children, and lives in northeastern CT with their spouse, and their dog Echo.

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

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

COMMUNITY

Learn about the Mysteries of Migration with naturalist Bill Volkert

One of the most fascinating aspects of the lives of birds is their ability to migrate thousands of miles as they follow the changing seasons. Join naturalist Bill Volkert at the Mount Horeb Public Library Monday, October 5 at 1pm to gain insight into this incredible feat. The free presentation explores the annual migration of birds, their seasonal phenology, and looks into recent studies that are revealing more information, and instilling greater wonder, over the phenomenon of bird migration.

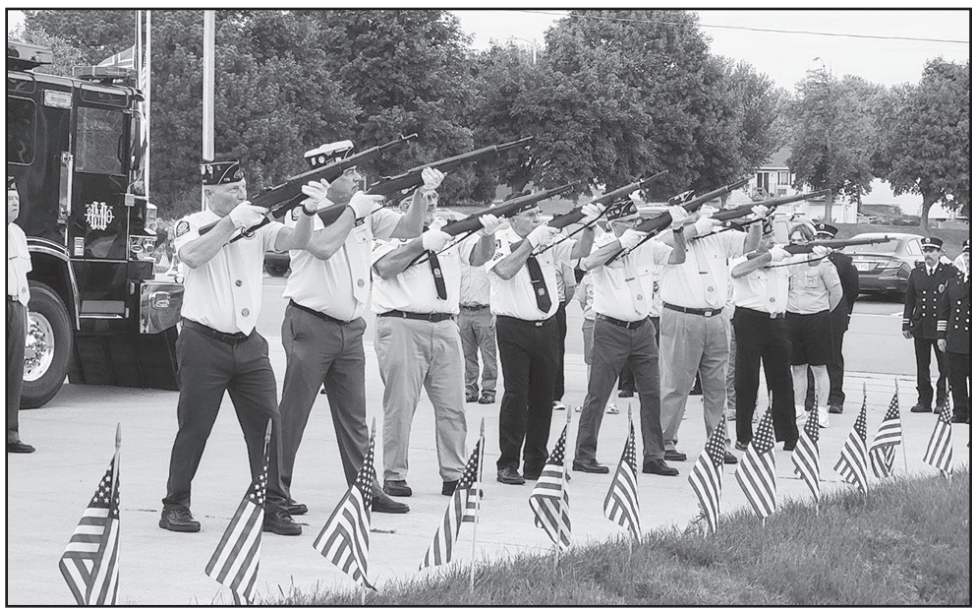
Bill Volkert worked as the naturalist and wildlife educator for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at Horicon Marsh for 27 years, where he conducted more than 3,700 education programs for over 220,000 people. His broad audiences included professional training for 66 delegations of scientists from 43 countries. He has worked professionally in five foreign countries and throughout his career has presented well over 4,000 public programs.

This program is presented in partnership with Village of Mount Horeb Sustainability Committee as part of the Bird City Mount Horeb Celebrations.

For more information on the library, its programs and services, visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021.

Ceremony at Public Safety Building on anniversary of 9/11 attacks





First responders, veterans and other members of the community gathered at the Mount Horeb Public Safety Building on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks for a somber ceremony. Photos by John Berryman.

Scouting Troop 62 teams up with American Legion to retire American flags





Mount Horeb American Legion Post 113, Mount Horeb VFW Post 9511 and Scouting Troop of America Troop 62 held a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Mount Horeb VFW Post 9511 on September 13. They respectively retired flags from across our community that were faded, tattered, and torn. There are drop boxes outside both the Mount Horeb American Legion and Mount Horeb VFW if residents have a flag that needs to be retired. Photos contributed.

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nance," before the board and explained the reasoning behind the addition.

"This is actually a requirement under a new law that passed this past spring that prohibits the use of unmanned aircraft, typically drones, over schoolways without permission," Superintendent Salerno said. "We took a pass at developing a policy, and thanks to the experience of our buildings, grounds and transportation committee members, they were able to help add to it, particularly around this topic of what must be required of somebody who operates a drone."

According to the policy, drones are prohibited from operating over MHASD property during school hours or events, unless the operator is granted express written authorization from the superintendent or a designee. Permission may also be granted when it pertains to a specified set of law enforcement and public safety reasons at the direction of the sheriff or chief of a public protective services agency.

"It seems as though this is an ever-changing practice, and given that drones are becoming pretty prolific these days, we might have to look at this a couple of times between now and the time language settles," Salerno said.

According to the policy, a drone is currently defined as a powered, aerial vehicle which may be expendable or recoverable. It uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift and does not contain a human operator but instead flies autonomously or is piloted remotely. The policy states that by requesting permission, the drone operator must possess current governmental licensing, evidence of drone registration and any relevant accredited training. The operator also accepts all liability and negligence claims relating to the drone's use.

"Suffice to say, I think it's going to be fairly easy to implement in that we've already reached out to our friends, like, for example, the Grid Club, who always does such a great job supporting our young people on Friday nights," Superintendent Salerno said. "We just need to make certain that the kinds of pieces that we're calling for in this policy, in particular on licensing, are met."

















Scenes from Friday's Homecoming parade













Senior News

October Events at the Senior Center

Mondays & Thursdays, Table Tennis, 10:00am. It is open to all levels, providing a casual and friendly atmosphere for playing.

Tuesdays, Tai Chi, 1:00pm & Ageless Grace Chair Excercises, 1:55pm. The last session will end on September 22nd. The next session runs from September 29th-November 3rd. Each session is $30.00 per person. Please call us at 608-437-6902 to sign up!

Fridays, Coffee & Chat, 9:00am. Coffee and tea will be provided, or you can bring your own. Enjoy your morning coffee with some conversation. Free and open to all.

Friday, October 9th: Coffee with a Cop, 9:30am with Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck. Instead of our regular Coffee & Chat, we will have some of our local Mount Horeb Police Officers here to socialize and connect with us over our morning coffee. Beverages will be provided by Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck from 9:30-11:00am courtesy of Oakbrook Corporation.

Thursday, October 1st, Sutter Brothers, 1:00pm, Please join us for an afternoon of great music!

Thursday, October 1st, Caregiver Dementia Support Group at 1:00pm. This group creates a safe space for discussion, education, support, and sharing of ideas and resources. This session will be held downstairs.

Monday, October 5th, Ice Cream/Pie Social with Pumpkin Painting, 2:00-3:30pm. Join us for a sweet afternoon of fun. Anyone who can is encouraged to bring in a pie to share. While you're here, check out our pumpkin painting station! Pumpkins & materials will be provided. Please call ahead of time to let us know you plan to attend so we can be sure to have plenty of dessert and craft materials for everyone.

Tuesday, October 8th, Monster Mash at Legacy Dinner Theater in the Dells. We will gather at the senior center at 12:30pm with the bus leaving at 12:45pm. Please 608-437-6902 to reserve your spot, or be added to the waitlist. Tickets are $72 each and includes admission, lunch and a tip. The bus ride is $3. Lunch consists of roasted chicken, a bread roll, corn, green beans, roasted potatoes, and a dessert.

Friday, October 9th, Vaccine Clinic, 8:30am-2:30pm, Mount Horeb Pharmacy will be here to administer Flu, RSV, & COVID-19 vaccinations for those that are interested. Please bring your insurance card, including your Medicare Part B (red, white & blue card)

Thursday, October 15th, lunch outing to Anita's Café in Spring Green. The bus will leave the Senior Center at 10:30. Please call 608-437-6902 to reserve your spot.

Thursday, October 15th, Roots & Resilience Wellness Group, 1:00pm. This monthly group will be blending ancestral and genealogy insight with personal wellness, helping to understand our capacity to engage health, healing, and grace through ancestry. This group is free and welcome for all to attend. Relax, reflect, and reconnect together!

Monday, October 19th, Movie Matinee, 2:00pm. We will be showing Ghostbusters. "After the members of a team of scientists lose their cushy positions at a university in New York City, they decide to become "ghostbusters" to wage a high-tech battle with the supernatural for money. They stumble upon a gateway to another dimension, a doorway that will release evil upon the city. The Ghostbusters must now save New York from complete destruction." Refreshments and popcorn will be provided. There is no cost for this activity. Prior sign up is preferred, but not required.

Tuesday, October 20th Men's Group at noon: Any gentlemen are welcome to join us for lunch and to get out of the house to socialize. Please make reservations 2 days prior for lunch, which is served at 11:15am.

Tuesday, October 20th, Badger Hearing 1:00-3:00pm, Tracy will be here to check hearing aides. No appointment is needed.

Thursday, October 22nd, Internet Safety Class, 1:00pm, led by Tech Professional, Zeke. The internet is an incredible tool, but it's also a place for scammers. Come and walk through core habits you need to keep your personal information safe and secure.

Friday, October 23rd, BINGO at 12:30pm. $1 a card to play. Two card maximum. Lunch is provided. Sponsor is TBD.

Monday, October 26th, Ear Wax Removal at 12:30. Amy is here to assess and gently remove ear wax if needed. Call 608-437-6902 to schedule an appointment.

Monday, October 26th, Historical Presentation with Bob Block, 2:00pm. Bob will be here to share the Best of Unheard, Untold, & Unusual WWII Stories. "Discover fascinating and lesserknown stories of WWII including the daring Night Witches, the remarkable survival of the Ovitz family at Auschwitz, the only WWII battle fought on U.S. soil, and Calvin Graham, the youngest American to serve in the war. These extraordinary accounts reveal surprising stories of courage, sacrifice, survival, and resilience that are as captivating as they are unforgettable." There is no cost for this activity. Prior sign up is preferred, but not required.

Case Manager's Note: October 15th through December 7th is Medicare's annual Open Enrollment Period (OEP), also known as the Annual Election Period (AEP), is the time of year when you can make changes to your Medicare coverage. Any changes you make will take effect on January 1st. You can make as many changes as you want during this period, but only your last coverage choice will take effect on January 1st. The changes you can make include: joining a new Medicare Advantage Plan or Part D, switching from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan, and switching from a Medicare Advantage Plan to Original Medicare. To make changes please CALL1-800-MEDICARE or visit Medicare.gov to compare options and enroll. If you would like assistance looking at your options, please contact Lou Strohl, social work case manager at 608-437-9442 to schedule an appointment. Drop-in help is not available at this time.

Nutrition Notes:

With "cold" season just around the corner, let's make sure we're getting enough Vitamin C, Vitamin D, and Zinc to support our immune health. Vitamin C benefits our immune support by helping us fight off the cold, flu, and covid diseases. Vitamin D also benefits our immune health by supporting our muscle and bone health. Zinc helps us fight off wounds and promotes healing. Foods that are rich in Vitamin C, D and Zinc include most fish, mushrooms, milk, yogurt, fortified oatmeal, tofu, fortified almond milk, and fortified orange juice. Other tips to stay healthy are washing your hands often, keep a safe distance from someone that is coughing or sneezing, and stay home if you are sick, eat plenty of healthy food, and stayhydrated. Stay safe and strong everyone. -Alexis, Nutrition Manager

(Always consult your health care provider before starting a new supplement.)

October 6th: BBQ chicken salad with crispy onions & croutons, ranch dressing

October 13th: Chicken taco salad with tortilla chops, mild chipotle ranch

October 20th: Chef salad with egg, turkey, ham, croutons, French dressing

October 27th: Harvest salad with chicken, kale, spinach, brussel sprouts, carrot, dried cranberries, croutons, and balsamic vinaigrette

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portunity to work in Mount Horeb provides a meaningful chance to connect with people and help them live their best lives.

"Because Mount Horeb is a smaller, tightly knit community you get to help a lot," she said.

"I know that every situation is unique, so meeting with people either here at the senior center, or in their home can be really helpful in learning the challenges and barriers they are facing, and exactly how I can help," Strohl added.

The center's social work includes congregating meals; delivering food through Meals on Wheels; and running the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Loan Closet, which includes items like walkers, wheelchairs, canes, bed rails, raised toilet seats, shoehorns that anyone can use for as long as they need with no cost.

Strohl also heads up social events.

"[M]ost days we have more than one activity going on," she said. "Activities include table tennis, Euchre Club, card making class, fitness classes, coffee hour, seasonal events (we have pumpkin painting and a pie social planned for October, Christmas events), music performances, but monthly BINGO is our biggest event."

She is also in charge of support groups.

"We host a variety of support groups including dementia support group, dementia caregiver support groups, diabetes education groups, and mental health and grief support groups," Strohl said.

In addition, she makes various recreational excursions – such as the monthly lunch outing, dinner theater trips, day cruises and more – happen.

That's not all, either. Strohl also heads up health and wellness initiatives, including foot care clinics, blood pressure checks, ear wax removal, hearing aid checks, vaccine clinics and beyond.

She also organizes educational events that focus on internet safety, history and other topics. She even helps people navigate the often complicated search for housing.

Strohl who was inspired to get into social work by her father's "passion and empathy" in the field. She completed her studies at both the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and Madison.

Despite her extensive responsibilities, Strohl said she feels she gets plenty in return.

"I feel like I have so much to learn from the people we serve," she said. "I really value any time someone opens up and shares parts of their lives with me; it's a blessing to get to hear a chapter in people's lives."

Clients connect with Strohl, and with the senior center in general, in a variety of ways. Quite often, all it takes is a phone call, an email, or a short trip to the headquarters at 107 N. Grove St. in the Village of Mount Horeb.

"A lot of it is [initiated by] people reaching out," she said. "It's people popping into my office and saying, 'I'm curious about this.' And I do get a fair amount of loved ones reaching out for people, too."

Strohl said fun activities at the center often help bring people there. Once they visit, they realize how many resources the senior center can help connect them with.

Asked to identify her favorite part of the job, Strohl replied without hesitation.

"It's definitely the people that I have the opportunity to work with," she said. "I find this job, working with this population, to be really, really rewarding."

Find out more by calling 608-437-9442 or visiting https://www.mounthorebwi.info/197/Southwest-Dane-County-Outreach

GLEANINGS

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failure.

A large crowd attended the Pineforening held at the Anton Field home. A collection of $10 was taken.

Barley is reported in the town of Springdale as yielding 35 bushels to the acre and oats 40 to the acre.

Eggs at Riley store have been up to 31¢ a dozen for two weeks.

All the Mt. Horeb barbers motored to Monroe Monday evening and attended the convention of the LaFayette and Dane County Association. We are told it was a hair-raising convention.

90 Years Ago- Oct. 1, 1936

While some of the lads from town were gathered at a steak fry in the New Glarus tourist camp, Mark Saunders tried to recapture his early boyhood in one of the swings in the park. The speed and height obtained by the swing was such that Mark was thrown from the seat, plunging feet first to the ground with a rap on the head by the seat of the returning swing to top it all off. As a result he has been getting about with help of a pair of crutches and a taped leg.

A few ladies called to wish Betsy Ruste a happy birthday Wednesday of last week.

John Beat of the Mt. Horeb Hardware Co. was elected general chairman of the 1937 Fall Frolic at a Chamber of Commerce meeting Thursday night.

60 Years Ago- Oct. 6, 1966

Ellen Zwettler, 17, daughter of Roman Zwettler, Blue Mounds, is a patient at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison She was injured Sunday when she was run over by a car in the driveway of her home.

A daughter, Joanne Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schwoerer, Mt. Horeb, Wednesday, Sept. 28, at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison.

The Rev. and Mrs. George W. Bahner and daughter, Columbus, O., arrived at their new home in Verona Saturday. But to their dismay the moving van had not arrived. The Rev. Bahner's clothes and sermon copy were in the van. He quickly prepared another sermon and delivered it in borrowed clothes. The report was that he did very, very well.

20 Years Ago- Oct. 5, 2006

John W. Ellestad, 76, of Sun Lakes, AZ, and formerly of Mount Horeb, died after an extended illness on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006 at his home in Arizona, surrounded by his family.

Andrew and Kristen Seibel of Mount Horeb proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Alysen Baker, born on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006 at Meriter hospital.

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MH-B cruises past Sauk Prairie

by DAN LARSON
Sports Reporter

Energy is important.

Execution is more imperative.

Both Sauk Prairie and Mount Horeb-Barneveld had the former in their Badger Small Conference clash on Sept. 25, but it was the Vikings that possessed the latter.

Barrett Slaney's blocked punt on Sauk Prairie's first drive of the game gave MH-B the ball near midfield, and Eli Maier ripped off a 52-yard touchdown run on the next play.

The Vikings never looked back, rolling to a 26-7 win on Homecoming to get back to .500 on the season after losing three straight games between Weeks 2-4.

"It just kind of happened," Maier said of his TD run, one which was designed to go up the middle before he bounced it outside and ran through a pair of arm tackles at the 30-yard line en route to the end zone.

"The (offensive line) did their job. "A lot of energy — first play of the game — so I just wanted to house it. Every run I want to house it, but that one just worked out perfect."

Both teams are now 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the Badger Small.

"I wouldn't say we got punched in the mouth right away," Eagles coach Randy Wallace said. "We just didn't do our assignments. Guys didn't go where they were supposed to go, so that allowed the big run to come right away."

Unfortunately for the Eagles, they didn't have an answer.

Sauk Prairie turned it over on downs on its ensuing possession — a 4th-and-9 incomplete pass from MH-B's 36-yard-line — and the Vikings went the other way with it to pad their lead.

The scoring play came courtesy of a perfectly thrown pass from sophomore quarterback Preston Myers to senior tight end Henry DeRosier in the left corner of the end zone for a 13-yard TD pass on second-and-goal with 47 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

"I saw the look we wanted, and he won off the line of scrimmage," Myers said of DeRosier. "That's what he does. He's a great football player and he was open. I got him the ball."

The Vikings missed two-point conversion attempts following both TDs — runs

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld's Eli Maier pressures Sauk Prairie quarterback Parker Frosch during the Vikings' 26-7 win last Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Speed demons

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team second at the Midwest Invite

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team has battled sickness and minor injuries in recent weeks.

Despite those challenges, the Vikings continue to show they're one of the state's elite outfits.

Mount Horeb finished second at the 37-team, star-studded Midwest Invitational held at Blackhawk Golf Course in Janesville on Sept. 26.

Neenah won the team title with 73 points, while the Vikings were second with 157. Madison West (167), Appleton North (196) and Verona (199) rounded out the top five.

"The girls ran their full varsity squad, even though three of the top five were either sick or still recovering from injury," Mount Horeb coach Alexa Richardson said. "Even with those three not performing to their current actual ability, I believe we are a top three, if not top two team in the state in Division 1, which is something huge that we are all are very proud of."

Mount Horeb sophomore Isla Odgers was fifth individually in 18 minutes, 3.8 seconds. Senior Willa Vigliotta was 21st in 19:11.5, junior Mia Caygill was 42nd (19:39.9), senior Julia Straka was 46th (19:47.1) and senior Maeve True was 47th (19:50.3).

"They all work so well together and encourage each other mid-race, which adds to their success," Richardson said of her team. "Once we can get over all of the sickness and minor injuries, this team is proving to be dangerous on the course yet again."

Naperville Central (Ill.) won the boys title with just 65 points. Northville (Ill.) was second with 124, while Madison La Follette (244), Verona (245) and Arrowhead (263) rounded out the top five.

Mount Horeb's boys were 37th with 988 points.

Mount Horeb senior Samuel Wyse led the Vikings with a 122nd place

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Mount Horeb's Isla Odgers finished fifth individually at the Midwest Invitational on Sept. 26. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

MoHo golfers third at conference

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

The rains hit hard at the Badger Small Conference girls golf tournament on Sept. 21.

Mount Horeb weathered the storm, though.

The Vikings posted a 413 team score and finished third at the seven-team tournament held at Wild Rock Golf Club in Wisconsin Dells. Edgewood was first with a 338 and McFarland was second with a 402.

"Overall, a pretty good day for our team," Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz said. "The weather deteriorated just after we completed the front nine with rain coming in for much of the back nine and eventually flooding much of the 18th green by the time we finished."

The Vikings were tied with Portage for third place at the turn with a 205. But Mount Horeb gained some separation on the back nine.

Mount Horeb junior Ella Baber finished sixth individually with a 93. Baber had four pars during her round and earned second-team all-conference honors.

Vikings senior Jadyn Schellpfeffer shot a 94 and finished in seventh place. Schellpfeffer made a birdie at the par-4, fifth hole, to go with three pars — including pars at No. 17 and 18 — and also earned second-team all-conference honors.

Senior MacKenzie Meinholz and senior Maddie Niemetscheck both carded 113s.

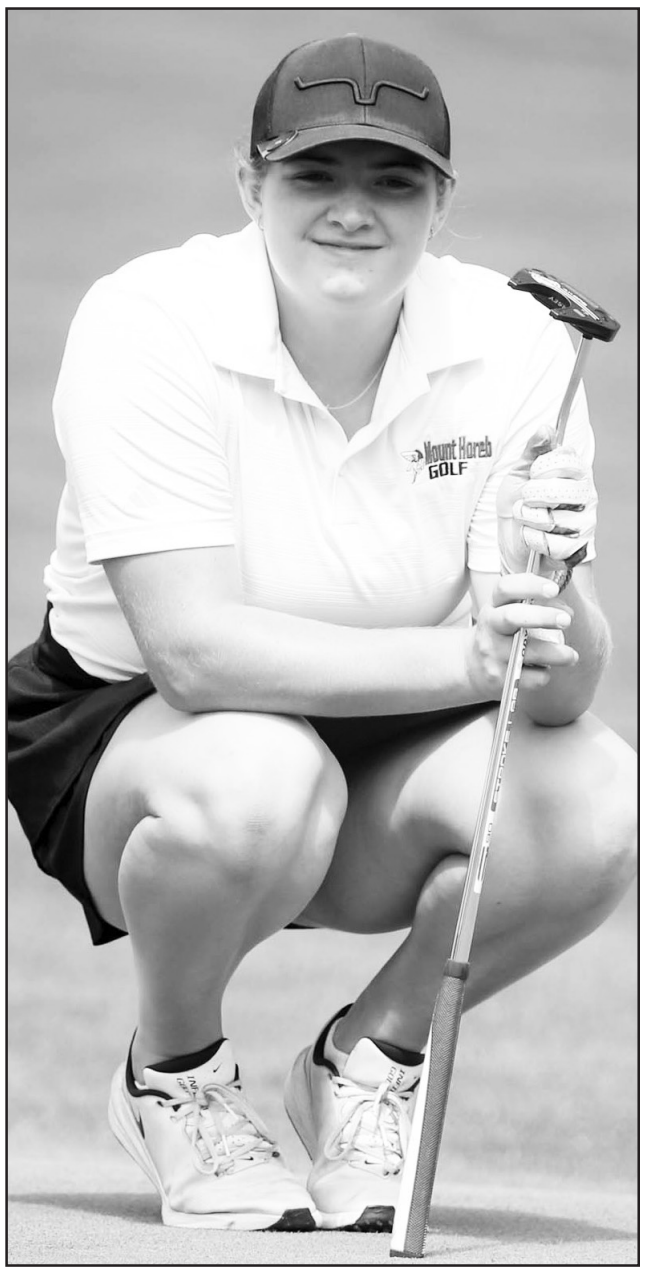
"We battled McFarland for second place throughout the year, but they proved to be just a little better than us in the end," Krentz said.

Mount Horeb now heads to the WIAA Division 1 Tomah Regional on Sept. 30. The top four teams then advance to the DeForest Sectional, which will be played at Lake Windsor Country Club on Oct. 5.

"We were moved to a different regional this season and will face much stiffer competition than in year's past with the likes of De Forest, Middleton, Tomah, and Waunakee there," Krentz said. "We still have not had a round this season where everybody is 'on' and playing at their best on the same day, so I am hoping that it can happen at regionals.

"The postseason is a fresh start for everybody and what you have done previously has no bearing on what you do moving forward, so hopefully we can take advantage and play our best golf when it matters the most."





Mount Horeb golfers Jadyn Schellpfeffer (left) and Ella Baber (above) both earned second-team all-conference honors. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Vikings' spikers earn split at Edgewood Invite

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team went 2-2 at the Madison Edgewood Invite on Sept. 26.

The Vikings defeated Lake Mills, 2-0, then lost to Verona, 2-1. Mount Horeb fell to McFarland, 2-0, then toppled Wisconsin Dells, 2-0.

Here's a recap of the tournament.

• Mount Horeb 2, Lake Mills 0 — The Vikings rolled to a 25-12, 25-13 win.

Lily Paquette led Mount Horeb with seven kills, while Elaina Imbus added six kills, six digs and three aces. Claire Casey had 13 assists and Quinn Johnston had eight assists.

Claire Wagner-Leek had four kills and six aces, Courtney Monroe had eight digs and Harper Hendrickson had three aces.

• Verona 2, Mount Horeb 1 — The Wildcats edged the Vikings, 25-23, 27-29, 15-11.

Imbus had 13 kills and 10 digs, while Paquette had 11 kills and five digs. Casey had 17 assists and seven digs, and Johnston added 12 assists and four digs.

Wagner-Leek had five kills and five digs, and Monroe had 12 digs.

• McFarland 2, Mount Horeb 0 — The Spartans toppled the Vikings, 25-19, 25-18.

Imbus had seven kills and four digs, while Paquette had six kills. Monroe had five aces and five digs, while Hendrickson had three digs.

Casey added 11 assists and Johnston had six assists.

• Mount Horeb 2, Wisconsin Dells 0 — The Vikings downed the Chiefs, 25-22, 25-12.

Imbus had nine kills, four aces and four digs, while Paquette had four kills and three digs.

Wagner-Leek had three kills and Hendrickson had three aces and three digs.

Monroe had 14 digs, Casey had eight assists and five digs, and Johnston had five assists and three digs

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Fort Atkinson rallied past the Vikings, 26-24, 20-25, 16-25, 25-18, 16-14, on Sept. 24.

Imbus had 18 kills, 12 digs and three aces, while Wagner-Leek had 10 kills. Elise Ellestad and five kills Olivia Turk both had five kills, while Alayna Alexander had four kills.

Casey had 26 assists, four aces and six digs, while Monroe had 14 digs and three assists. Johnston had 10 assists, Pippa Barsness had five assists, Hendrickson had four aces and Hannah Smelzer had three aces.

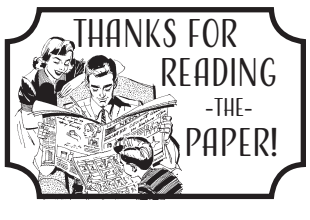
• On deck: Mount Horeb hosts Reedsburg Thursday at 7 p.m., then is off until Oct. 6 when it travels to Stoughton at 7 p.m.



Mount Horeb's Claire Wagner-Leek helped the Vikings go 2-2 at the Madison Edgewood Invite on Sept. 22. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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Soccer Vikings split a pair

Mount Horeb cruises past Dodgeville, falls to Stoughton

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

One thing has been remarkably true for Mount Horeb's boys soccer team this season.

Streaks are few and far between.

Mount Horeb has won back to back games just once. The Vikings also have never lost consecutive games.

Mount Horeb continued that pattern last week, rolling to a 6-0 win over Dodgeville/Mineral Point on Sept. 22, then falling to Stoughton, 1-0, on Sept. 24.

The Vikings are now 5-4-2 overall and 1-3 in the Badger Small Conference.

"I am confident that we are headed in the right direction and I think our best soccer is yet to come," Mount Horeb coach Rick Gage said.

Here's a recap of the Vikings' games from last week.



Mount Horeb's Veyron Ruef had a goal and two assists in the Vikings' 6-0 win over Dodgeville/Mineral Point on Sept. 22. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

• **Mount Horeb 6, Dodgeville/Mineral Point 0 —** Romain Gilles and Yovani Luna both had a pair of goals as the Vikings rolled past the Dodgers. Veyron Ruef added a goal and two assists, while Henry Healy had a goal, as well.

The Vikings led, 2-0, at halftime and pulled away with a terrific second half.

"Dodgeville was a team that struggled a bit early in the season, but had been playing better soccer as of late," Gage said. "They had played a string of close games against decent teams over the past couple of weeks, so we were ready for an 80 minute game.

"I felt that we would be able to control the play of the game, but that Dodgeville's speed and athleticism would keep the game close. As long as we spaced out well and moved the ball I was confident that we could get the win, but didn't think it would be easy. Luckily we were able to take control of the game early and didn't let off the gas for the remainder of the game."

The Vikings struck in the 12th minute when Gilles gathered the ball on the left side of the field, sent a cross to Ruef who buried a nice volley into the back of the net to give Mount Horeb a 1-0 lead. Then in the 15th minute, Ruef returned the favor when he found Gilles streaking on the left side of the goal box, passed it to him, and Gilles finished to push the Vikings' advantage to 2-0.

"At halftime, we talked about the importance of the next goal and how we needed to get it to 3-0 and end the game," Gage said.

The Vikings did just that, as Ruef found Gilles in front for a goal in the 54th minute to make it 3-0.

In the 59th minute, Luna finished off a scrappy goal in the front of the net to make it 4-0. Then in the 65th minute, Luna gathered a ball at the top of the box and looped a beautiful chipped shot over the keeper to give Mount Horeb a 5-0 lead.

In the 72nd minute, Patrick Chappell found a streaking Henry Healy down the right sideline. Healy gathered the ball and scored to finish off a convincing win.

In addition to Mount Horeb's offensive fireworks, the defensive unit of Jaiden Hesseling, Max Seibel, Miles Anderson, Ethan Gieseke and Grant Misna played a clean game and kept Dodgeville out of the net.

"I was proud of how the boys played in this game," Gage said. "We took control of the game early and didn't let up."

• **Stoughton 1, Mount Horeb 0 —** Stoughton scored in the 59th minute and made that goal hold up in a battle of the Vikings.

"Coming into this game we knew this would be a good test," Gage said. "Stoughton is a senior-laden team.

"We knew that we could play with Stoughton and that this would be a very even game. The game turned out exactly as expected, unfortunately Stoughton was able to make one more play than us."

Stoughton entered the game with a 7-2-1 record and proved why it's one of the better teams in the Badger Small Conference.

Stoughton began the match pressuring Mount Horeb into early mistakes.

"They created a couple of chances in the first 10 minutes, but we were able to turn them away with good defense and goaltending," Gage said. "We were playing a little too slow and were not comfortable with the pace early.

"Early in the game we kept turning the ball over and allowed Stoughton to counter attack us. I knew that once we settled in we would begin playing our game."

Mount Horeb seemed to settle in around the 15-minute mark and began creating solid scoring opportunities.

Gilles, Marcos Gallastegui Luna and Ruef all had dangerous scoring chances, but couldn't finish and the teams were knotted, 0-0, at halftime.

"I really liked the way we were playing," Gage said of the first half. "As we got more comfortable we started moving the ball and we were starting to put more pressure on Stoughton's back line. We talked about cleaning up some of our passing and execution, but overall I thought we were playing well."

The second half continued the way the first half did, as both teams created opportunities, but the defense turned them away.

Stoughton got the game's lone goal in the 59th minute. Mount Horeb then switched back to its attacking 3-4-3 formation, and despite a handful of scoring opportunities, never could find the equalizer.

"We came close numerous times to scoring and tying the game back up, but we were just not able to make the final play to get the ball into the net," Gage said. "The loss was not what we wanted, but there were many positives.

"Stoughton is a good team and we showed that we are able to play with good teams. It was an even game, but we were just unable to finish off the final play to score a goal. The team is playing really well, but unfortunately the results are not coming against the good teams right now."

• **On deck:** The Vikings are at Sauk Prairie Thursday at 7 p.m., then are at Monona Grove Saturday at noon.

"We have a challenging week ahead with two games against very good Division 2 opponents," Gage said. "This will give us a good chance to see where we stand against two very good teams."

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finish in 17:30.4. Senior Jaxon Hughes was 199th (18:18.7), sophomore Jackson Ballew was 201st (18:21.5), senior Nathaniel Sherven was 221st (18:33.2) and senior Blake Losenegger was 245th (18:55.3).

The Vikings were without Liam Crolla due to a minor injury.

"The boys performed great," Richardson said. "Many PR'd, even though Arrowhead was a slightly faster course in my opinion.

"Laszlo Kelley stepped up to be on varsity this meet and he outperformed himself! The boys have their own individual goals, but also are very close as a team which helps them to succeed."

• **On deck:** The Vikings are at the Platteville Invite on Saturday. The boys race is at 8 a.m., while the girls race at 9:30 a.m.



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FOOTBALL

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that got stuffed each time — so their lead was 12-0. And after the second TD, Sauk Prairie looked poised to respond.

Senior quarterback Parker Frosch's 26-yard run appeared to be stuffed at the line of scrimmage, but he somehow emerged from the pile and raced to MH-B's 24-yard line.

Two plays later, though, Frosch fumbled while handing off and Maier dove on the ball for the takeaway.

One series later, a 29-yard run from Frosch gave the Eagles the ball at MH-B's 20-yard-line.

Once again, though, Sauk Prairie fell victim to a turnover, this time a tipped pass that was intercepted by Maier.

Afterwards, Maier refused to take the credit for either takeaway.

"I had nothing to do with those," he said. "(The ball) just landed by me. That kind of bailed us out, though, because they were knocking on the door a couple times."

Frosch was called on to be the Eagles' signal caller as they're trying to find some answers at quarterback, a position that has saddled them with turnovers since sophomore Vos Betley was injured early in the season.

Against MH-B, the Vikings took advantage of Sauk Prairie's vulnerability under center.

"They executed their game plan against us," Wallace said. "We're starting our third quarterback of the season this week, so it was a growing process for him.

"They were fundamentally sound, and we were trying to work through some things."

MH-B capitalized on Maier's interception, marching 75 yards in 12 plays to take an 18-0 lead. The Vikings converted a pair of fourth downs on the drive, including a 30-yard TD strike from Myers to senior wide receiver Cullen Olson a few strides in front of the goal line on a skinny post route for the TD.

Maier's 2-point conversion run made it 20-0.

"I saw him break free. I saw him beat his guy and I knew I had to let it rip at that time because I saw some pressure come from the right side," Myers said. "I actually think I got my face mask ripped. He did a great job winning his route."

Myers, who took over in the second half of a Week 3 loss to Madison Edgewood, has really settled into the job.

"I definitely feel more comfortable, knowing the speed of the game," Myers said. "Not necessarily that I didn't know it before, but I've got all the nerves out and I can just play ball now."

St. Arnauld sees that confidence, too.

"As a sophomore, he's kind of a game-manager," St. Arnauld said of Myers. "You shouldn't have to rely on him to win you a football game.

"That hasn't always been the thing (for us at quarterback) in years past, but it's unfair to ask that of a sophomore. But he manages the game extremely well, and he puts the ball where it needs to be. He had some fantastic throws. We're really excited to see his growth and ascension."

The Vikings got the ball to start the second half and picked up right where they left off.

Maier's 4-yard TD run off left end capped an eight-play, 70-yard scoring drive that made it 26-0 with 7:44 left in the quarter prior to a bad snap preventing the extra-point from being attempted.

Maier finished his big night with a career-high 278 yards on 32 carries. Maier now has 966 rushing yards this season and is averaging 7.7 yards per carry.



Mount Horeb-Barneveld's Preston Myers threw a pair of touchdown passes in the Vikings' win over Sauk Prairie on Sept. 25. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

"The plays he's able to make as a running back, there's times you think he's tackled and he's not," St. Arnauld said of Maier. "He's a wrestler and he was in the state championship last year and he took third place the year before that, so his balance is insane. He just never goes down."

It seemed as though the Vikings were on their way to a blowout, but they hurt themselves with 12 penalties for 134 yards. Sauk Prairie took advantage, too, when Frosch hit sophomore wide receiver Meyer Hartwig with a 12-yard TD with 1:07 left in the third quarter to pull the Eagles within 26-7.

Sauk Prairie never did get back into the game, but it kept MH-B off the scoreboard in the fourth quarter and continued to show signs of life on offense in the process.

"Protecting the ball has kind of been the thing right now," Wallace said. "That's where we're at with our next quarterback right now and trying to find a way to keep the ball, secure the ball. In the second half we didn't have any turnovers, so we're making progress in that area."

Still, Wallace felt his team — even on its third quarterback — was capable of defeating the Vikings.

It wasn't to be.

"Hats off to Mount Horeb," Wallace said. "They wanted the game more than we did tonight."

For MH-B, it wasn't just about wanting this contest more than Sauk Prairie. It was also about getting even with the Eagles in the league standings and getting back to .500 following that three-game losing streak.

"It feels great," Myers said of being back to .500 with three games left in the regular season. "But at the same time I knew two weeks ago that we're a good football team.

"I knew it, we just had to show it. The energy's been great, but we've got to keep pounding. We've got to put this one behind us and move on to next week."

That's the same attitude shared by Maier.

"I think we've turned the corner," Maier said. "But coming into each week we need to refocus. Each week is a new challenge, and we just need to be focused and rise to the occasion."

MH-B took a long look in the mirror following humbling losses to conference co-leaders Beaver Dam and Edgewood (both 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the league) in Week 3-4. The results ever since have been impressive.

"We had a hard reset after Beaver Dam. We had to get back to the things that made us who we were," St. Arnauld said. "We had a long conversation that Sunday (after the loss to the Golden Beavers). It was nothing Xs and Os, it was all culture based. All the stuff that we've always done that we felt was sliding and we needed to fix it. Right from then, from that moment, everyone was on board."

It showed on Friday.

It showed on Slaney's blocked punt.

It showed on Maier's 52-yard TD run one play later.

And it showed in the second half, when the Eagles tried to rally, but MH-B held them to 61 yards of offense in the final 24 minutes.

"In the locker room we said, 'It's a new game. We're not up 20, we're down 20,' " Maier said. "That's our mentality, that we're losing the game, because they're going to come out with energy on the first drive. So if we come out and stomp on their throat and shut it down, they'll start fading. And that's what happened."

It did, but not without a fight by the Eagles, who outscored the Vikings, 7-6, in the second half and hope to build some momentum heading into Week 7.

"Players stepped up," Wallace said. "We had some guys who haven't gotten a lot of varsity minutes the past few weeks get some minutes tonight.

"We just have to go back to the drawing board and readjust a few things for next week."

Sept. 25

Mount Horeb/Barneveld 26, Sauk Prairie 7

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MHB — Eli Maier 52 run (run failed).

MHB — Henry DeRosier 13 TD pass from Preston Myers (run failed).

MHB — Cullen Olsen 30 pass from Preston Myers (Maier run).

MHB — Maier 4 run (kick failed).

SP — Meyer Hartwig 12 pass from Parker Frosch (Caleb Breunig kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

First downs -- SP 12, MHB 21. Total yards -- SP 193, MHB 393. Rushing (Att.-Yds.) -- SP 29-160, MHB 36-291. Passing yards -- SP 33, MHB 102. Passing (Comp.-Att.-Int.) -- SP 6-19-1, MHB 9-14-0. Fumbles-lost -- SP 2-1, MHB 0-0. Penalties-yds. -- SP 8-70, MHB 12-134.

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TOWN OF PRIMROSE NOTICE

The Town of Primrose Board of Supervisors meeting for October 2026 will be held on Monday, October 5th, 2026, at 8468 County Road A, Verona, WI beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda for this meeting will be posted at the Town Hall, Mount Vernon Auto, Primrose Church, and on the Town website. A summary of the agenda will be available on the voice message system at 608-832-6660.

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TOWN OF PERRY NOTICE
LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
7:00 PM, Perry Town Hall
10084 County Highway A
Teleconference-425-585-6272
access - 394-722-206 #

Agenda
1. Call to Order.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting–September 2, 2026.
3. Rami Aburomia, approx. 1555 State Hwy 78 – informal discussion.
4. Dane Co. Ordinance Amendment OA-006 – cemeteries and private burial sites.
5. Town Comprehensive Plan – review and edit Element 8, "Land Use."
6. Pending applications – review and discussion.
7. Schedule meetings.
8. Adjourn.

Stephanie Zwettler
Clerk/Treasurer

A quorum of the Town Board may be present at this meeting.

Posted: Town Hall, Town Garage, Daleyville signpost, Town website–October 1, 2026

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TOWN OF PERRY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Perry Town Hall , 10084 County Highway A , 7:30 PM

PETITION TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE A PART OF JOSEPHSON ROAD

PETITION TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE A PART OF GROVE STREET AND ENTIRETY OF AN UNOPENED AND UNPAVED ALLEY IN DALEYVILLE

NOTICE is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Perry to discuss proposed action to commence discontinuance of a part of Josephson Road, and discontinuance of a part of the unopened and unpaved Grove Street, and the entirety of an unopened and unpaved alley, both initiated by introduction of resolutions of the Town Board of the Town of Perry, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.1003(4).

The portion of Josephson Road to be discontinued: the westerly 450 feet.

The unopened and unpaved Grove Street and alley to be discontinued are as follows:

Grove St, approx. 50 ft wide by 68.7 ft long, lying north of Clay Hill Rd.

Grove St, lying north of Sunset Ave and south of Clay Hill Rd, along the west side of Block 2 of Goli Addition.

Alley between Lot 11 and Lot 1, approx. 16.4 ft wide by 73 ft long, lying north of Sunset Ave.

The Public Hearings will be held at 7:30 PM at the Perry Town Hall.

Stephanie Zwettler, Clerk/Treasurer
clerk@tn.perry.wi.gov

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT
November 3, 2026
General Election
Villages of Mount Horeb & Blue Mounds
Towns of Springdale, Perry, Blue Mounds, Cross Plains, Primrose & Vermont

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 for the Partisan Primary Election may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. Citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on election day, and who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot.

TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPAL CLERK, OR GO TO MYVOTE.WI.GOV

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the Partisan Primary Election. You may also request an absentee ballot by letter, email, or fax. Your written request must list your voting (registered) address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, your name, and your signature (if by letter or fax). Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, overseas, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, please contact your municipal clerk. You can also personally go to the clerk's office, complete a written certification, and vote an absentee ballot in-person. YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR PHOTO ID TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL IS 5:00 P.M., ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION – OCTOBER 29, 2026. DATES AND TIMES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE ARE DETERMINED BY EACH MUNICIPALITY, BUT NO EARLIER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026 AND NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026. THE TIMES SET BY EACH MUNICIPALITY FOR THE PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION ARE LISTED BELOW.

ALL VOTED BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MUNICIPAL CLERK **BY THE VOTER** BY MAIL, IN-PERSON, OR VIA DROP BOX, SO THE BALLOTS CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE PROPER POLLING PLACE BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE ON AUGUST 11, 2026, THE DAY OF THE ELECTION. BALLOTS WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF THEY ARE RECEIVED AFTER 8:00PM ON ELECTION DAY. BALLOTS MUST BE DELIVERED BY THE PERSON WHO VOTED THE BALLOT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING THEIR ABSENTEE BALLOT.

To obtain an absentee ballot, send a written request to:

Village of Mount Horeb
Alyssa Gaffney, Clerk
138 E. Main Street
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
alyssa.gaffney@mounthoreb-wi.info
Office hours: 7a–4:30p Mon–Thurs; 7am–11 Fridays
Absentee Voting: Oct 20-Oct 31 9am-3pm, No voting Oct 25

Village of Blue Mounds
Beverly Petrolis, Clerk/Treasurer
PO Box 189, 11011 Brigham Ave
Blue Mounds, WI 53517
clerk@bluemoundsvillage.com
Absentee Voting: Oct 20 & 21 & Oct 27-Oct 30 8am-4:30pm
Tel: 608-437-5197 ext. 1

Town of Springdale
Jackie Arthur, Clerk
2379 Town Hall Road
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
Absentee Voting by appt only 9am-6pm on Oct 20, Oct 26, & Oct 27 Tel: 608-437-6230 ext. 5

Town of Blue Mounds
Amanda Burghy, Clerk
10566 Blue Vista Rd
Blue Mounds, WI 53517
townofbluemounds@gmail.com
Absentee Voting Oct 20–Oct 22 & Oct 26–30, 9am–1pm, or by appt. Tel: 608-437-8722

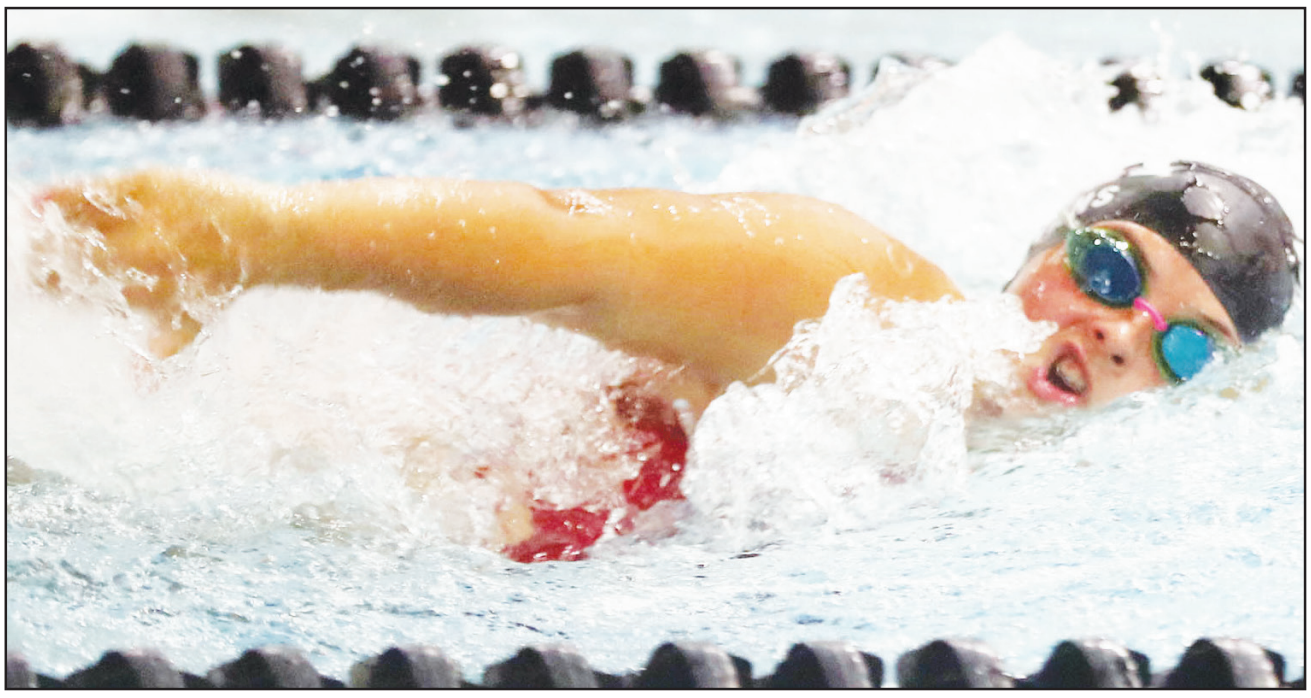
Town of Cross Plains
Jennifer Broberg, Clerk
3734 County Road P
Cross Plains, WI 53528
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Town of Perry
Stephanie Zwettler, Clerk
9730 County Rd A
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
Absentee Voting by Appt
Tel: 608-444-6425
clerk@tn.perry.wi.gov

Town of Vermont
Katie Zelle, Clerk
4017 County Road JJ
Black Earth, WI 53515
Tel: 608-767-2457
Absentee Voting by Appt

Town of Primrose
Matthew Waite, Clerk
8468 County Road A
Verona, WI 53593
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Mount Horeb senior Madeline Evans was second in the 500-yard freestyle, helping the Vikings finish second at the Lodi Triple dual on Sept. 22. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Mount Horeb swimmers second at Lodi Triple Dual

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls swimming team finished in second place at the Lodi Triple Dual on Sept. 22.

Mount Horeb edged Sauk Prairie, 88-82. The Vikings also fell to Lodi, 117-53.

"One of the things I really enjoy about meets like this is the dynamic between these three teams," Mount Horeb coach Kaitlin O'Rourke said. "So many of the girls know each other and are teammates during club swimming and summer league, and then during the high school season they get the opportunity to line up and race each other.

"There's a lot of camaraderie on deck, but also some extra motivation when they get behind the blocks. It always seems to bring out some really good racing."

Here are the Vikings that posted top-five finishes.

FIRST PLACE

• Sophomore Lucy Peterson won the 200-yard freestyle in 2 minutes, 3.82 seconds. Peterson also won the 100-yard butterfly in 1:00.73.

"That 100 fly is getting very close to where she was at the end of last season when she finished 10th at the D2 WIAA State Meet, so seeing her already approaching that level in September is exciting," O'Rourke said of Peterson.

SECOND PLACE

• Senior Madeline Evans was second in the 500-yard freestyle.

THIRD PLACE

• Freshman Maggie Coe was third in the 200-yard IM with a lifetime best of 2:45.93.

"Maggie continues to progress and gave a surprise in the 200 IM," O'Rourke said of Coe. "She … has quickly become an important piece of our lineup in an event we weren't necessarily expecting her to fill at the beginning of the season."

• The Vikings 200-yard medley relay team of senior Delilah Gasch, Coe, senior Maddie Becker and junior Evy Vedo were third.

• Sophomore Haylie Becker was also third in the 500-yard freestyle with a lifetime best of 6:16.92.

• Mount Horeb's foursome of Peterson, Vedo, freshman Heidi Sheahan and Haylie Becker were third in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

• The Vikings' quartet of Haylie Becker, freshman Ava Beglinger, Gasch and Peterson were third in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

FOURTH PLACE

• Sophomore Haylie Becker was fourth in the 200-yard freestyle.

FIFTH PLACE

• Mount Horeb's quartet of freshman Emma Erickson, junior Ellie McKillips, Beglinger and Sheahan was fifth.

• Evans was fifth in the 200-yard freestyle.

• McKillips was fifth in the 500-yard freestyle.

• Mount Horeb's foursome of junior CeCe Watson, Coe, senior Maddie Becker and Evans were fifth in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

• Sheahan was fifth in the 100-yard backstroke.

• Coe was fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke.

• The Vikings' quartet of Watson, junior Nora Carroll, Erickson and Evans was fifth in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

"There were good races happening throughout the lineup, and in a six-point win over Sauk, all of those swims and places mattered," O'Rourke said. "More than anything, it was just a fun night of high school swimming with three teams that know each other well and genuinely like competing against each other."

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