Mount Horeb Mail

TRUTH THROUGH JOURNALISM

VOL. 126, NO. 42 | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 | MOUNTHOREBMAIL.COM | $1.75



Gubernatorial candidates Crowley and Tiffany answer our questions: PAGE 2



What's next for Langhus on Main site?

By Cathy Scott
Mount Horeb Mail

Trustee Tim White chaired the October 7 Village Board meeting in the absence of President Czyzewski. The remaining elected officials were present, less Marc Schellpfeffer. The Consent Agenda items in-

continued on page 7

Blue Mounds no longer using caucus

By Jill Jonas
Mount Horeb Mail

The Town of Blue Mounds Board of Supervisors held its monthly meeting on October 6, one week earlier than usual. There were a few items of note in the hour-long meeting, including Clerk Amanda Burghy's presentation of the new 2027 town supervisor

continued on page 5

0 64624 50125 1

Mount Horeb High School's new Band Board members announced



The 2026-2027 Band Board (including Jake Lawrence, Sam Wyse, Jack Alcorn, Maddie Becker, Delilah Gasch, Adrienne Hogseth, Lorelei Lawry and Scott Paterson) made memories with a retro JCPenny family photo shoot.

The Mt. Horeb High School band members recently elected student Band Board members for the 2026–2027 school year.

The Band Board members perform many duties throughout the year. Board members plan halftime shows for football games in October, decide on the theme for the Viking Band Show in April, select a new drum major for the next marching band season, assist in selecting songs for many performances, and provide general advice to band teacher Ms. Adisyn Hoff.

Fellow students elect board members through the democratic process. Typically, the president receives the most votes, and the vice president gets the second-most votes. From there, the outgoing president of each board speaks with the president-elect to discuss the essential duties of the president.

"Stepping into this role is a huge honor, but also a huge responsibility," says Jake Lawrence, trombonist and board president. "This year, I want to make the band greater than it already

continued on page 7



Plein air painters visit Donald Park

Margo Kleinfeld (pictured above) and a group from the Madison Plein Air Painters took their tools to Donald Park on Sept. 28. Plein Air is a French style of painting in which artists head outdoors to better capture light, weather and other natural effects. Photo by Matt Geiger.

ACE Hardware

GRAND OPENING

OCTOBER 23-25

1290 SPRINGDALE ST

MT HOREB

608-437-8717

WITH MANUFACTURE REPS FROM:

WEBER, BENJAMIN MOORE, BIG GREEN EGG, MILWAUKEE TOOL, WOODLAND TOOL, & MORE!

PRIZE DRAWINGS & GIVEAWAYS!

Crowley and Tiffany square off in race for governor

There are two candidates running for the Governor's seat, David Crowley (D) and Tom Tiffany (R)



Crowley



Tiffany

Bio

Crowley: I grew up in Milwaukee's 53206 ZIP code - a place that is known more for what it lacks than what it has. My family regularly experienced housing instability, food insecurity, and utility shutoffs. Those experiences shaped who I am, and why I entered public service: I believe the government should make sure every family has access to the basics they need to live with dignity and the opportunity to build a better future.

I began my career as a community organizer, working alongside residents to make their voices heard. I served in the Wisconsin State Assembly before becoming Milwaukee County Executive in 2020, the first African American and youngest person elected to that office. Voters re-elected me in 2024.

Throughout my career, I have fought to expand affordable housing, strengthen public services, improve access to health and mental health care, create good-paying jobs, support organized labor, and make government work better for the people it serves. I'm running for governor because Wisconsin families need a government that makes everyday life more affordable and opportunity available in every ZIP code.

Tiffany: I'm a lifelong Wisconsinite who wants the very best for our state because this is where my roots are, where I raised my family, and where I want future generations to build their lives. I grew up on a dairy farm in western Wisconsin, worked my way through UW-River Falls, and built a small business in the Northwoods with my wife, Chris, while raising our three daughters. Those experiences taught me the value of hard work, personal responsibility, and making every dollar count. I didn't start my career in government. I got involved in public service after running a business and seeing firsthand how decisions made in Madison could make it harder for small businesses and working families to succeed. I wanted to do something about it, and now I'm running for governor because Wisconsin needs someone who understands both the private sector and public service and who will make government work for the hardworking families who call Wisconsin home.

What are your top priorities if elected?

Crowley: I'm running for governor because Wisconsin needs an economy that works for regular people in every part of our state. Families are working hard and still struggling to afford housing, health care, child care, and utility bills. Too many communities lack the investment they need, and too many decisions are made without listening to the people who live with the consequences.

Voters want us to tackle those challenges, while Donald Trump and Tom Tiffany keep allowing rising costs to push families further behind. I will fight to fully fund public schools, raise wages, reduce our reliance on property taxes, and create good union jobs from urban neighborhoods to rural communities. I will work to make housing, health care, and child care affordable so parents can build stable lives and children can get a strong start.

I will also protect reproductive freedom, voting rights, clean drinking water, and the public lands and Great Lakes that belong to all of us. Our health, our freedoms, and the places we call home shape whether we can build a future in Wisconsin. I'm running to make state government answer to the people it serves.

Tiffany: Affordability: Wisconsin families are being squeezed by rising property taxes, utility bills, and the cost of everyday necessities. I will end the 400-year property tax hike, return the $3 billion surplus to taxpayers, cut income taxes by 10% for working families making $150,000 or less, and eliminate state income taxes on tips and overtime.

Accountability: Wisconsin taxpayers deserve to know where every dollar of their hard-earned money is going. I will audit all of state government, root out waste, fraud, and abuse, and increase transparency so taxpayers can see exactly how their money is being spent.

Common Sense: We need to get government back to the basics. That means supporting our law enforcement officers and keeping violent criminals off our streets, raising academic standards so our children can read and succeed, protecting our farmland from industrial-scale wind, solar, and data centers, and making sure our roads and bridges are safe.

What's something that makes you uniquely qualified to lead and govern?

Crowley: My executive experience makes me ready to govern on day one. The Wisconsin governor's office comes with enormous responsibility: proposing and signing a multi-billion dollar state budget, managing dozens of state agencies, responding to crises, and navigating the legislature. It requires someone who has already made hard calls in a complex government environment.

I have that experience. As Milwaukee County Executive, I have overseen a $1.4 billion budget, led a county government with thousands of employees, and managed services that touch the daily lives of nearly one million Wisconsin residents – including transit, health services, public safety, and housing.

I am the candidate in this race that has experience running a government, balancing billion-dollar budgets, lowering property taxes, and tackling the issues head on.

Tiffany: From serving as a Town of Little Rice supervisor to representing northern Wisconsin in the State Assembly, State Senate, and now Congress, I have served Wisconsinites at every level of government. I understand how government works, where it fails taxpayers, and what it takes to change it.

Prices are soaring and property taxes have doubled for many working-class Wisconsinites in recent years. What can state government do to help the middle class survive these turbulent times?

Crowley: Families feel the pain from the Trump-Tiffany tariffs and endless war every week when they go to the grocery store or fill up the tank. We cannot escape it. But while the federal government is making our lives harder, we can make different choices and act together to make things better in Wisconsin.

I will build and preserve more affordable housing, help first-time homebuyers, and protect renters. I will work to cap child care costs for families at 7% of household income and expand the supply of care, especially in rural communities. I will pursue a BadgerCare public option, so families and small businesses have another affordable choice for health coverage.

I will invest in energy efficiency and clean power to reduce utility costs, while adopting tough new rules on data centers. I will also raise the minimum wage, restore collective bargaining rights, and support good-paying union jobs. Families need both lower bills and better pay. My goal is to give working Wisconsinites more breathing room now and a real chance to get ahead.

Tiffany: For too many Wisconsin families, owning a home is becoming harder to afford, and rising property taxes are a major part of the problem. Seniors who have lived in the same house for decades should not have to worry about whether they can afford to stay there because their tax bill keeps going up. Young families should not have to wonder whether rising taxes will price them out of the community where they are raising their children. Wisconsin has a $3 billion projected surplus at the same time families are struggling to make ends meet. That tells me taxpayers have sent too much money to Madison. As governor, I will return 100% of that surplus to taxpayers, end the 400-year property tax increase, and freeze property taxes statewide.

Healthcare costs and health insurance are far beyond what many middle-class Wisconsinites can afford. Is there a solution?

Crowley: Congressman Tiffany refused to extend the Affordable Care Act subsidies, which made health insurance affordable for thousands of Wisconsinites. As a result, many Wisconsinites saw their premiums double or worse. He also cut nearly a trillion dollars from Medicaid, something that will devastate rural health care.

One of my top priorities will be to make health care more affordable and accessible for Wisconsinites. I want a healthcare buy-in option with income-based premiums, especially for farmers, small businesses, and people between jobs. A public option can increase competition, lower costs, and give Wisconsinites another dependable choice for health coverage. It will take state legislation and federal approval, and I will put the financing in public view before enrollment begins.

Tiffany: Healthcare has become far too expensive for too many Wisconsin families, and I believe the solution starts with more choice, more competition, and greater transparency. Patients should be able to know what a procedure or medical service is going to cost before they receive the bill. We need price transparency so families can compare costs and make informed decisions about their care, just as they do with other major expenses. We also need more competition. When patients have more choices among doctors, hospitals, and insurers, providers have to compete for their business on both price and quality. Government should be removing barriers that limit those choices, not creating more mandates that drive up costs. My goal as governor will be to put patients and families back in control of their healthcare decisions.

Can Wisconsin remain America's Dairyland? Should it?

Crowley: Yes. As a lifelong Wisconsinite, I understand the importance of our family farms and their critical role in providing food and resources for people in Wisconsin and beyond. We must protect them, create incentives for their sustainability and growth, as well as honor the great agricultural heritage of our state.

As Governor, I will repeal the minimum mark up on gasoline to help Wisconsin farmers battle the skyrocking cost of diesel due to Trump's endless war in Iran. I will help farms and food processors diversify and grow export markets to push against the disruption of Trump's federal trade and tariff policies. Also, I will connect the dots between farmers and consumers by expanding value-added production and getting local food in schools, hospitals and food distribution networks. We can pursue local solutions to the growing food insecurity problem.

Finally, I will work to honor our rich agricultural heritage and keep farms competitive by expanding conservation funding, mental health resources and state-level tools that help weather market volatility and extreme weather events.

Tiffany: Wisconsin can and should remain America's Dairyland. I grew up on a dairy farm in western Wisconsin, and I know that agriculture is more than an industry here. It is part of who we are. We need to protect Wisconsin farmland from being bought up by

continued on page 3







GOVERNOR

continued from page 2

Communist China or paved over for massive data centers, industrial wind and solar projects, and unnecessary new transmission corridors. Our farmers feed our families, support our rural communities, and carry on a tradition that has defined Wisconsin for generations. I want to make sure the next generation of farmers has land to farm and a future right here in Wisconsin.

What steps would you take to promote transparency in state government?

Crowley: As Governor, I will be committed to honoring Wisconsin's long history of recognizing the importance of open government. As County Executive, I've worked to ensure openness within my office and across Milwaukee County departments. The bottom line: public records and open meetings laws should be treated as a floor, not a ceiling.

To that end, I will make commonly requested data and information readily available on agency websites, mandate public records and open meetings law training for every appointee, designate a point person in my office to monitor the records process across agencies, and direct agency legal counsel to review their records request procedures at least annually.

Most significantly, I will make Legislative documents and correspondence public records, ensuring records cannot be deleted before they are requested and closing the contractor loophole Vos and Gableman tried to use to hide public records from the courts, journalists and the public.

Tiffany: Transparency and accountability will be a priority from day one of my administration. Taxpayers deserve to know where their money is going, how decisions are being made, and whether government programs are actually delivering results. First, I will launch a comprehensive audit of state government. We need to go agency by agency and program by program to identify waste, duplication, outdated programs, and taxpayer dollars that are not being spent effectively. Second, I will modernize OpenBook Wisconsin so taxpayers can more easily see where their money is being spent. Third, I will demand greater transparency from state agencies and the people making major decisions on behalf of taxpayers. That includes strengthening compliance with Wisconsin's open records laws and ending the use of secrecy and nondisclosure agreements that keep communities in the dark about data centers. Finally, I will hold agencies accountable for results. Government should not measure success by how much money it spends. We should measure whether programs are working and whether taxpayers are getting value for their money.

Explain how you would bring different ideas to the table, and even disagree, in a way that is productive, helpful, and does not detract from civil discourse:

Crowley: As a husband and dad to three daughters, I know that some of the most important conversations happen when people see things differently. My wife and I don't always agree, and raising three daughters has taught me that listening, asking questions, and being willing to see things from another perspective can lead to better choices. I believe the same is true in public service. Throughout my time serving Milwaukee County, I've worked with people who don't always share my views, listened to different perspectives, and looked for common ground so we could move forward together. As governor, I'll bring that same approach to every conversation so we can stay focused on what matters most: delivering results for working families across Wisconsin and building a better future for all of our kids.

Tiffany: I have spent my career working with people I do not always agree with. Whether running a small business, serving in local government, the State Legislature, or Congress, I have learned that you can disagree strongly on policy without losing sight of the fact that we are all Wisconsinites and ultimately want our state to succeed. I will work with anyone who is serious about lowering costs, improving our schools, keeping communities safe, and creating more opportunity in Wisconsin.

Name a specific issue on which you are willing to work across party lines?

Crowley: I have a track record of delivering tangible results even with a divided government. As County Executive, I helped negotiate the passage of Act 12 – one of the most significant bipartisan accomplishments in modern Wisconsin history. I was proud to work with Democratic Governor Tony Evers, Republican legislative leaders, business organizations, labor, and local officials to build bipartisan support. As a result, our state government is sending more shared revenue to municipalities and counties across Wisconsin.

Tiffany: There are several issues where I believe Republicans and Democrats should be able to work together, starting with affordability. Property taxes and utility bills do not care whether you are a Republican or a Democrat. Families across Wisconsin are struggling with both, and I am willing to work with anyone willing to bring those costs down. The same is true for education. Every parent wants their child to receive a great education, and every child in Wisconsin deserves the opportunity to succeed. We should be able to come together around restoring high academic standards, improving reading and math outcomes, supporting teachers, and making sure taxpayers are getting results from the money we invest in our schools.

What's an important issue you feel is not talked about enough? Perhaps something that is vital to the state's well-being but not glamorous enough to garner a lot of headlines or clicks?

Crowley: Mental health. In 2024, I lost one of my best friends to suicide, and not a day goes by that I don't feel his absence. Too many Wisconsinites know this same grief of losing a loved one. We must work to break the stigma behind mental health, so those who need support aren't afraid to seek help and are met with the compassion they deserve.

As Governor, I will implement a statewide No Wrong Door healthcare strategy, so the first call for help connects someone to the right support — mental health, substance use treatment, or medical care — without referrals or runaround. I will put mental health navigators in all 72 counties to help families find treatment and stay connected to care. And, it is critical to build behavioral health urgent care clinics and crisis centers across Wisconsin so people have a safe place to go before a crisis becomes a tragedy.

Tiffany: One issue that does not get nearly enough attention is the amount of government red tape driving up the cost of living and making it harder to build, invest, and create jobs in Wisconsin. Wisconsin is the 13th most regulated state in the country, and that red tape carries a hidden cost that ultimately gets passed along to families and small businesses. Housing is a perfect example. We need to bring down the cost of housing, but unnecessary regulations, lengthy permitting processes, and other government barriers can add significant costs before a family ever gets the keys to their home. That is why I proposed a Red Tape Reset. As governor, I will set a goal of cutting Wisconsin's regulatory code by 25%, review outdated and unnecessary regulations across state government, and streamline permitting so projects are not stuck waiting months for government approval. We can protect public safety and our environment without burying families, farmers, builders, and small businesses under unnecessary regulations. Government should enforce rules that serve a clear purpose while getting rid of outdated red tape that drives up costs and holds Wisconsin back.

What is a misconception about you, perhaps one espoused by opponents of your campaign, that you would like to clear up?

Crowley: I've been a statewide leader throughout my career. As County Executive, I led a statewide negotiation around investing in local governments to preserve services and reduce property taxes. This bipartisan deal helped rural, suburban and urban communities across the state.

I balanced the budget every year, cut the property tax rate every year, and delivered the largest property tax cut in county history ($21 million decrease). This was possible because I was able to work across the aisle and bring people together from across the state. I think that is the kind of leadership that people expect from their elected officials.

Tiffany: Democrats are running ads calling me an "extremist" and even a "legislative terrorist." Unfortunately, that kind of rhetoric has become more common in politics, but I do not think it reflects how most Wisconsinites want their leaders to treat one another. I am a Wisconsinite. I grew up here, built a small business here, and raised my family here. Like people across the political spectrum, I want what is best for our state and for the next generation of Wisconsinites. I will always be willing to listen, work with people who see things differently, and stay focused on what I believe will make Wisconsin a better place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.

Critics worry that Artificial Intelligent poses myriad threats to humanity, the arts, critical thinking, media literacy, the job market, and more, but A.I. data centers come with their own distinct concerns. Their critics worry they will pollute the environment, gobble up land, and raise utility rates. Their supporters tout them as the future. What's your stance on data centers?

Crowley: People are right to worry about their power bills, water, and the impact on their communities. My test is simple: the community decides, and if it says yes, the developer pays the full cost and meets rigid and enforceable standards.

Families and small businesses should not subsidize the power, water, or infrastructure needs of large data centers. I support requiring these facilities to pay the full costs of serving them, including necessary generation and grid improvements, with strong protections against shifting stranded costs to other ratepayers.

Projects should meet clear clean-energy and water-conservation standards, disclose their expected resource use, and undergo meaningful public review. Communities must have a real say and receive enforceable benefits. Development should create good jobs and advance Wisconsin's long-term energy goals without undermining affordable, reliable service for everyone else.

Tiffany: My position is that there should be no new data centers in Wisconsin without strong protections for Wisconsin families and taxpayers. First, I will end the state tax subsidies for data centers, which my opponent supports keeping. These are some of the wealthiest companies in the world, and Wisconsin taxpayers should not be subsidizing them. Second, local communities should have the final say. If a community does not want a data center, one should not be forced on that community. Third, we have to protect our productive farmland. Wisconsin is America's Dairyland, not America's Dataland. Once productive farmland is paved over, we do not get it back. Fourth, data centers must pay the costs they create. Wisconsin families and small businesses should not see their utility bills go up to subsidize the enormous electricity demands of a data center. They need to pay for the energy and infrastructure they require without shifting those costs onto existing ratepayers. Finally, we need complete transparency. I will ban the secret nondisclosure agreements that have kept residents in the dark while major projects are being negotiated in their communities.

What, in your opinion, should government do (and not do)? What does good government look like to you?

Crowley: Good government delivers results for Wisconsin. As county executive, I worked across party lines to balance budgets, protect services, expand housing, and deliver a $21 million property-tax reduction. I know how to make tough decisions and get results. Congressman Tom Tiffany has spent years in Washington casting votes in service to Donald Trump. I have had to run a government, balance a budget, and answer to people when something does not work.

My lived experience is how I govern: listen to people closest to a problem, bring partners to the table, and measure whether the solution improves their lives. I will bring that same approach to every part of Wisconsin—urban neighborhoods, small towns, and rural communities. I know what it feels like when the basics are out of reach. I want every child and family to have the safety, health, and opportunity to build a better future here.

Tiffany: Good government should do the basics well, protect individual freedoms, keep communities safe, provide quality infrastructure and education, and be responsible with every tax dollar it collects. Taxpayers should be able to see where their money is going and expect results in return. When government programs are not working, we should fix them. When Wisconsin has a $3 billion surplus, we should return that money to the people who earned it rather than finding new ways to spend it. I believe government works best when it respects the people it serves.

Anything else?

Crowley: Most importantly, I'm a husband and the proud father of three amazing girls—I want to build them and Wisconsin families everywhere a better future.

HELWIG AUTO CLINIC
Serving the area for 25 Years!
608-437-5112
WE SERVICE
Domestics • Imports
Classics • Exotics
Cars • SUVs
Light Trucks
Thanks to all our Valued Customers!
3137 Hwy 78, Mount Horeb
HELWIGAUTO.COM

COPLIEN PAINTING INC.
Professional Painting Contractor
Since 1939
Exterior • Interior
Residential • Farms
Commercial • Churches
Safe... Caring... Dependable...
608-328-4714
N2577 Coplien Road,
Monroe, Wisconsin
www.CoplienPainting.com
markcoplien@coplienpainting.com

MOUNT HOREB MAIL
PUBLISHED WEEKLY AT
Finger Publishing, Inc.
1126 Mills Street
Black Earth, WI 53515
608-767-3655

PERIODICALS POSTAGE PAID AT MOUNT HOREB, WI 53572 (USPS 365-340)

POSTMASTER:
Send address changes to
Mount Horeb Mail
1126 Mills Street, PO Box 286
Black Earth, WI 53515

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
In Wis: $59/1 yr.; $108/2 yrs.;
out of state: $75/1 yr.; $135/2 yrs.
To order a subscription, call
608-767-4029

PERSPECTIVE

Aleckson will solve real problems

To the editor,

Jon Aleckson is a fiscal conservative, and he learned it the hard way. He bootstrapped several businesses, including Web Courseworks, the educational software company he founded and led for 24 years. When you're meeting a payroll with your own money on the line, you learn fast that you can't spend more than you bring in.

That's the lesson Jon wants to take to Madison. He will work to rein in school spending so property taxes can come down. But don't mistake that for being anti-teacher. Jon comes from a family of educators. His grandmother Nellie taught in a one-room schoolhouse while raising his dad and uncle as a single parent. His father, Dale, was a teacher before becoming business manager for the West Allis schools near Milwaukee. His wife, Mary, is a teacher. So are his brother and his youngest daughter.

That's why Jon's approach is to cut bureaucracy, not the classroom. Every dollar should reach the teachers and students it's meant for.

Jon holds a Ph.D. in educational leadership from UW–Madison, taught as an adjunct professor at UW–Platteville, and serves on the board of a free clinic in Middleton. He and Mary live on 17 acres in the Town of Springdale. He is not a career politician. He has pledged to serve a short time, solve real problems and come home.

Green County and southwestern Dane County are farms, small towns and families who work for a living. They deserve someone who knows how to live within a budget and still values the people doing the work.

Jon and Mary live right down the road from us and have for the past 17 - 18 years, they are great neighbors and Jon would be an excellent Assembly person so join me and vote for Jon Aleckson on Nov. 3rd

I support Jon Aleckson for Assembly District 50.

Sincerely,
Rod Skindrud,
Town of Springdale

Republicans for Crowley?

"Pretend I'm on the ballot in November" President Trump tells us. But here in Wisconsin we don't have to pretend. In effect he *is* on the ballot in the person of Trump loyalist Tom Tiffany. Yes, the same Tom Tiffany who worked to overturn the votes cast by Wisconsin citizens in the 2020 presidential election. The same Tom Tiffany who fully supports Trump's ill-advised MAGA policies and priorities that are responsible for the economic hardships facing so many Americans today. And now, if elected governor, he's ready to do Trump's bidding in Wisconsin.

Elsewhere, a number of prominent Republicans in Red states are speaking out about the shortcomings of the Trump administration, rejecting unqualified congressional candidates backed by Trump, and endorsing the better qualified Democratic opponents. This group of Republicans includes former Kansas governors Bill Graves and Mike Hayden, the former Republican National Committee Chairman from Montana Marc Racicot, and 20 current and former Republican office holders in Texas. (Source: Newsweek Magazine Sept. 20, 2026.) The Democrats they endorsed offered practical and fiscally responsible proposals for addressing issues that matter to voters such as access to affordable and quality healthcare and childcare, good public schools, clean air and water, and lowering energy costs.

To be clear, by their actions these prominent Republicans are not signaling their rejection of traditional conservatism or the Republican party. However, their actions do broadcast a couple of important messages. The first one is to remember the wisdom in the old adage "Don't judge a book by its cover." The party label a candidate wears, be it Democrat or Republican, is not always a reliable indicator of their competence, character or other traits we value in candidates.The other message is directed to those who voted for Trump or Trump endorsed candidates in past elections and now, for good reason, feel betrayed. You can't change past votes, but you can, in good conscience, place country above party loyalty when you enter the voting booth on November 3rd.

Allen Pincus
Barneveld

Thank you, Coach Finley

I was saddened, but not totally surprised, to see the article about Coach Finley stepping down from his head baseball coach position. While neither of my boys played for him, I can be sure that many young men are better people because of their baseball experiences. Ryan and his staffs, while having winning games high on their list, were more concerned with having their players be well rounded people.

One of the most important and evident areas this could be seen was in their "Strike Out Cancer" campaign that I was 'fortunate' to be a benefactor of. I was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer in May of 2023 and was honored to be a part of the baseball team's 2024 cancer campaign. The coaches and players came to our house to present us with a check from the proceeds and that was very touching.

The players were all very nice and supportive and it was a great way of helping out a member of the community, who they weren't familiar with. I am thinking the players got the idea that they can do more than just play baseball and they can make a difference in people's lives.

Thank you Coach Finley, his wife, Joy and family for all of your time, service and dedication to the Mount Horeb community. Enjoy your next chapter.

Jim Coon

Jacobson will restore conservation funding

Dear Editor,

Thank you for asking questions of this year's candidates for elected office. It is another example of the importance of local press and a reason to support local journalism.

The recent conversations with Wisconsin State Senate candidates probed many issues. However, there is an important issue that was not covered: our shared environment. The candidates could not be more different when it comes to conservation and protection of our natural heritage.

Jenna Jacobson recently was named a Conservation Champion by non-partisan Wisconsin Conservation Voters after receiving a score of 100 percent on organization's Conservation Scorecard.

Her opponent Howard Marklein has a lifetime rating of a mere 17 percent. This year Marklein earned a shameful designation by being placed on the organization's "Conservation Dishonor Roll."

Many of Marklein's votes are troubling. On one issue, Knowles Nelson Stewardship Funding, Marklein's inaction served to kill the most popular and consequential conservation program in Wisconsin.

The fund was established in 1989 and bears the names of Governor Warren Knowles and Governor and US Senator Gaylord Nelson. Knowles was a Republican, Nelson a Democrat, which is appropriate, as it is a program which has enjoyed immense popularity and has benefited both parties' constituents.

In 2024, as Co-chair of the legislature's Joint Finance Committee, Marklein was a co-defendant in a 2024 Wisconsin Supreme Court lawsuit brought by Governor Tony Evers. The issue was Marklein and fellow Republicans' use of a legislative veto to stop conservation projects and land purchases. The Supreme Court ruled the action unconstitutional. However, Marklein was still able to kill the program by simply not renewing it. So, Wisconsin's popular conservation program is now dead in the water.

The fund's accomplishments can be felt throughout Wisconsin, and our locality has benefited from many initiatives. Trails, parkland, conservancy acreage, local friends' groups, and hunters and anglers have all added to our local economy through tourism. Tourist dollars are important, but the overriding benefit is the legacy we'll leave to the next in line.

Jenna Jacobson's actions while in the State Assembly represent my values. If elected State Senator, she'll work to reestablish Knowles-Nelson and the benefits it provides for Wisconsin citizens. I will be voting for her on November 3. I urge all to support Jenna Jacobson and her environmental advocacy.

Sincerely,
Tim White



To befool and mislead the people, to falsify public opinion, is to pervert and desert a republican form of government.

- Robert M. La Follette

The decisions we make in this election will have direct implications on the health and wealth of households, community, nation and planet. There is no more important act an individual can perform than to cast a vote in this and every election.

VOTE NOVEMBER 3

QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING?
GO TO MYVOTE.WI.GOV

This ad paid for by SouthWest Wisconsin Area Progressives

All are welcome to a free meal

COMMUNITY SUPPER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
Serving 5:15 - 6:15 PM
Mt. Horeb Community Center
107 N. Grove St.
Reserve your In-person or Takeout Meals
By Saturday, October 17
CALL: Dee 608-437-4576
or Susan 608-437-5765

This meal is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church

Thank you Neighbors Helping Neighbors for your partnership and support.

School board gets update on construction

By Erin Herndon
Mount Horeb Mail

Construction progress continues on Mount Horeb Elementary School. The Board of Education met for its biweekly regular meeting September 21, where it received updates from the construction team and approved its meeting agenda, consent agenda, personnel transactions and minutes for both its regular and closed session board meetings. It also approved the hiring of Dr. Susan Abplanalp as the co-interim principal at Mount Horeb High School and approved the district's annual at-risk plan. Additionally, the board considered the first reading of Board Policy #463, "Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship," as well as two information and advocacy reports regarding student academic performance from director of curriculum and instruction, Sarah Straka.

Project Manager Molly Nemcek-Johnson (née Nemcek) of C.D. Smith Construction presented a project update to the board highlighting ongoing construction at the elementary school (formerly known as Mount Horeb Primary Center). According to the September 2026 report, masonry work continues, and workers have laid concrete block up to the second level of the building's addition. Additionally, ironworkers erected precast wall panels that will form the exterior structure of the new gymnasium.

"Once all of the wall panels were set, our ironworkers set these steel joists and the decking that goes on top, which make up the roof of the new gym," Nemcek-Johnson said. "It was cute seeing all the students walk by because before the joists were on, it looked like a castle, and they all commented on it as they went down to recess."

Nemcek-Johnson said construction remains on track, with precast plank installation underway on the second floor as well as exterior site improvements, including asphalt paving and the installation of new playground equipment. She said next steps at the elementary school, including pouring interior slab-on-grade concrete and beginning exterior air barrier installation, will further advance the building enclosure and interior construction and added that work at the middle and high schools is nearing completion.

"We are waiting on four window sills to arrive, and once those are in, the middle school portion of the project will be completed. At the high school, the fencing and the concrete pads for the dugout are getting installed," Nemcek-Johnson said. "It's a lot of work happening on site. With the rain, it is a little bit muddy right now, but crews are working hard, and a lot of progress is being made. We're itching to get the roofing started in October before it gets really cold, but it is a construction project, and we will continue through winter."

CAUCUS

continued from page 1

election process. The new process, using nomination papers, came into effect following the town's 2026 Annual Meeting at which residents voted 5-0 to end the Town Caucus.

The town will now use the same process as Mount Horeb and several other nearby communities.

Burghy explained that all three of the town's supervisor positions are up for election, April 27, 2027. To be considered as a candidate, qualified residents must begin the election process this December.

December 1, 2026 is the first day candidates may begin circulating nomination papers for the positions of Town Chair, Town Supervisor #1, and Town Supervisor #2. Only two ballot spots may be advanced for each open position. So, if more than two people successfully complete nomination papers for one of the positions, the field will be narrowed to two candidates at the February 16, 2027 Primary Election.

January 5, 2027 (5:00 p.m.) is the deadline for candidates to file their necessary paperwork. That includes: Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office, Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162), and a Campaign registration statement (CF-1). The forms can all be found at elections.wi.gov.

Any qualified Wisconsin elector, who is a United States citizen age eighteen or older, may circulate a candidate's nomination papers. They simply must complete the Circulator's Certification on the nominating form.

Only people qualified to vote in the town may sign a candidate's nomination paper. Those eligible individuals may sign one nomination paper for each separate supervisor position. Should someone sign nomination papers for two people running for the same position, the one they first signed will be counted.

For town supervisor positions, Wisconsin law requires a range of 20-100 signatures. Burghy encouraged candidates to "get more than 20" in case a signer might not be an eligible elector, their information is incomplete, or another requirement has not been met.

The board did not respond to Burghy's offer to repeat the presentation at the November board meeting. Burghy also said she would build "candidate packets" to give to anyone interested in running. She plans to place the same documents, that she already provided to the existing board supervisors, online or on the town website. Resident

and former town clerk Helen Kahl was recognized to speak. She suggested that since this is all new to residents, it would be helpful to use the town email list to explain the process and provide the documents. Burghy stated, "I definitely want people to know."

Kahl also commented on the "payroll services" discussion agenda item. The board allowed public comments immediately after they approved the previous meeting's minutes and prior to their payroll services discussion. Kahl said she presumed the town office was looking for help in "figuring and subsequently paying payroll taxes and other required deductions, like insurance."

She asked, "is this a result of a recent penalty received from the state?"

As a taxpayer she said she was "troubled by this potential additional expense." Kahl went on to emphasize that the town is already currently paying for someone to "look over the books beyond the clerk and the treasurer." She does not believe the town's use of QuickBooks is appropriate for government accounting. She suggested the town use a more government- or town-specific bookkeeping system, which would include payroll and basically complete "Form C" in the spring of the year. Kahl said she would like the board to complete cost comparisons of those types of systems to what the town presently uses. She asked the board to "hold off on any decision… until you can compare several options."

Additionally, she suggested using the required upcoming budget meeting as an appropriate time for review and citizen input. With no board member responding to Kahl's comments, Chair Richard VanDomelen moved on to zoning matters.

For zoning matters, the board unanimously granted The Third Door LLC, 10043 Blessingway Rd., a conditional use permit (CUP) for sign construction that utilizes interior illumination. They also unanimously approved an engineered Topper Road driveway plan, including a vehicle turnaround area. Earlier, an updated erosion control plan had been completed then reviewed and okayed by Land Use Committee Chair, Chris Smith.

Under the Legislative Report, Supervisor Kevin Depies reviewed the September 16 Dane County Town's Association meeting. Town dues are increasing to address cost of living expenses. Also, for Rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS) costs are exceeding budgeted amounts. He noted that charges for the fire district will likely increase substantially. Depies highlighted discussion on whether, down the road, a collective county-wide EMS should be considered. On data centers, talks focused on getting leverage on the "front end," prior to project development. He mentioned avoiding non-disclosure agreements, maintaining talks in public forums and having necessary protection ordinances in place, specifically noting roads. Another association discussion involved how the town clerk's workload has "gotten heavier" over the past five years. Finally, Depies mentioned concerns being voiced on the proposed 765 kilovolt large transmission line, cutting through Dane County. He said there has not yet been a line of that size in Wisconsin. Evidently transmission line need is tied to developing "loops" to move energy, including that from western renewable sources.

For Public Works, Patrolman, Ross Powers finished a third round of mowing and completed a road ditching project, allowing for proper water drainage. He is completing guardrail replacement along with equipment cleaning and maintenance. Snow season preparations are also in the works. The town's ballot drop box is in and secured. Signage will be added.

The Land Use Committee Report agenda item focused on driveway width and a determination to allow turf, up to a driveway's edge, in lieu of gravel shoulders. Having researched the town's past practices and the Department of Transportation's recommendations, Smith described the issues under consideration, from a proper and stable base to various finishing details. The board unanimously approved that the town's driveway ordinance clarify proper driveway base and shoulder width construction requirements along with including an installation verification process. Finishing details, following the verification process, are at the owner's discretion.

After being informed that the Mount Horeb Area Joint Fire Department's budget was passed, the board unanimously adopted a resolution, allowing any signatory municipality to exceed levy limits, if they are authorized and elect to do so.

Later in the evening, board attention returned to the administrative matter, "payroll services." Prior to the board meeting, staff provided supervisors limited information and feedback on vendors ADP, Co-Ad and QuickBooks. They wrote that QuickBooks "payroll services have always been on the pricier side," that references have been requested from both ADP and CoAd, and asked "CoAd to get consideration, but either would be proficient." Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Curt Winter emphasized the growing complexities of the Clerk's office, saying it has increased "exponentially" in the last several years. He acknowledged payroll being relatively "easy to do." He suggested outsourcing the responsibilities is also easy and cost effective. Currently, QuickBook payroll services cost the town $1000/annually with an additional $3000 data transfer fee/every three years. Winter stressed that pressure on the office staff can't be relieved related to zoning or elections. He views outsourcing payroll as a "simple thing," a "no-brainer" and "strongly" encouraged it be done. Burghy acknowledged not investigating Wisconsin specialized municipal software systems such as "Workhorse." These specialized systems are developed to handle, budgeting, fund accounting and payroll management. These are the systems to which Kahl, earlier in the evening, had asked the board to include in cost comparisons. Depies asked whether QuickBooks, after taking out payroll, was "cumbersome for the municipality business we do." Winter responded "no, a municipality is a business." He went on to say that "to serve our constituents, we have to make enough money. I think it does a grand job of that and I think it does a good job of forecasting as well, but it's not perfect." After continued discussion on costs, Winter asked for permission to investigate the systems more deeply. Bellazzini asked that further discussion and cost comparisons be handled during budget deliberations, assuring money is assigned properly. Winter agreed to add it to budget discussions.

Also under correspondence and administrative matters was the item "Action: Motion to add Kevin Depies Supervisor 2 to authorized signer list at Bank CMG (Farmers Saving Bank) and Lake Ridge Bank, as well as adding Mary Ann Belazzinni [sic] Supervisor 1 as an authorized signer to the Lake Ridge Bank account." To accomplish this, VanDomelen initiated two separate motions, stating "we need to have additional signatories at the banks." Both motions passed on 2-0 votes with Depies and Bellazzini abstaining from the respective motions involving them. It's unclear whether this follows Wisconsin law. According to Wisconsin Statute 60.24, it appears the authorized signing falls under "the town chairperson's powers and duties … unless the town board, by ordinance, authorizes another officer to sign specific documents in lieu of the chairperson."

After clarifying a $311.53 payment to Weld Riley, S.C. for "opt out towns" work, the board unanimously approved September's bills totaling $16,991.54. Under Zoning/Building, the document included a $5.056.42 payment to Total Inspection Services, LLC.

For next month's agenda, Smith will provide an update on LUC's Driveway Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan work.

"Your Complete Family Shoe Store"
The Shoe Box
BLACK EARTH, WI
608-767-3447 | 608-231-4445
Black Earth, WI
Mon-Fri 9-7,
Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5

THE BARGAIN BOX
Shoe Box
608-767-2788

Scott's Custom Services
Scrap Metal Pickup
Junk Vehicles • Batteries • Appliances
Scott Shelstad • Owner • Mt. Horeb
Please leave a Message
608-279-4227
Will Pick up all types of metal.

Gleanings

By Barb Johnson
Mount Horeb Mail

140 Years Ago- Oct. 20, 1886

The evening freight, Monday, consisted of 35 loaded stock cars and three empty besides the caboose, being about the largest that ever passed through here.

Quite a number of the G.A.R. Post were down to Black Earth last Friday evening, attending the campfire.

Ole Peterson with the help of a good sized gang of men, has been making some commendable improvements in our sidewalks, notably one on the east side of First Street.

The traveling public will be pleased to learn of the reduction in railroad fare. On round trip tickets to Madison from this place the former rates were $1.41 and now after the reduction the fee is $1.40.

130 Years Ago- Oct. 22, 1896

Misses Julia Swenson and Sarah Monum left last week for the country farm to help care for unfortunate victims of the poor house and asylum.

Work has commenced on a dwelling house near Thos. Syvrud's residence on Main Street. Kleven Bros. are the builders and proprietors, and will erect the house for the purpose of renting or selling same.

It is a fact that many good items are lost to newspapers every day by the modesty of the people who hesitate to tell the editor matters concerning themselves. The right thing to do is to stop the newspaper man on the street, or any other place you may happen to meet him, and tell him that you were away on a visit, that you have relatives visiting you, entertained friends, that you have been doing any thing good. If you have done any thing mean, of course keep that to yourself, for there are others who will tell that.

Highest cash price paid for game at Bergh & Sommers' store.

120 Years Ago- Oct. 18, 1906

Reader, if you miss Decker's entry in the Times this week you are a loser.

If more of our people would do as Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Beat did last Tuesday, bring their visitors into our sanctum, it would cheer us in our work, and you don't know how we would appreciate it.

The result of the special election held Friday was 95 for and 7 against bonding the village for $2,500 to purchase and fit up a hitching place for teams. Tuesday morning the Madison Democrat used this village as an illustration to induce the people of that city to do likewise. Oregon Observer.

Jon. Glover's team got loose while tied at the store Wednesday morning and run away, smashing the milk wagon all to splinters against a telephone post and one of the horses got very badly cut in a wire fence.

110 Years Ago- Oct. 20, 1916

Thos. Ayen started his gang of men at the water main extensions last week having finished the sewer work on Park Ave.

Oren Baker has had very good success at horse training and intends to give this trade more time and attention, there are many valuable horses that have acquired bad habits which the owner would surely like to have remedied.

The girl that gives away to the desire to gad about the streets and cultivate the acquaintance of young men; the simpering simpleton is laying the foundation of a useless life. Ten to one when she is married she will develop into a gossip, if no great misfortune befalls her.

Ralph Dahle is now busy assisting at the Dahle Bros. Department store and it seems to come natural to him to wait on customers and handle merchandise having likely inherited this trait from his father's side of the house.

100 Years Ago- Oct. 7, 1926

The fire that broke out last Tuesday at the Urwelder cheese factory, 1-1/2 miles south of Verona, was found to have done great damage. The loss is set at about $500. The Verona Fire Department probably saved the building from a greater loss.

Mrs. Ingeborg Arneson Ruste, who made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Smith, Blue Mounds since the death of her husband passed away Sept. 25 at the age of 92 years.

100 Years Ago- Oct. 12, 1926

It is rumored that the husky farmers of Primrose are organizing a tug of war team which will meet the doughty Springdale team in the near future. Look to your laurels Springdale you know what kind of men they raise in Primrose.

Hurry! See the marvelous natural color picture of love and adventure in the days of Spanish Main in the Black Pirate at the Parkway Theatre. There are 11 reels to this film and all are in colors.

Joe Buechner has contradicted to erect the brick and steel construction icon work on the addition being built to the Hanley Auto Company garage.

There will be an important meeting of the American Legion Thursday evening, October 14th. There will be a very important proposition brought before the meeting which will require every vote. Come and do your bit.

Grim tragedy again stalked at a grade crossing Sunday afternoon when the east bound Milwaukee Columbian train struck an automobile occupied by Co. Agent Gwyther and Chas. M. Anderson, a prominent farmer resident four miles east of Hettinger. Both men were killed instantly their skulls being fractured. The bunk and tool houses along the track are believed to have obstructed their view.

Last Wednesday evening robbers visited at the home of Mrs. Barbara Zurbuchen of Mt. Vernon. They entered an underground cellar a few rods from the house and took with them twenty pounds of cheese. They also took off the faucet and took a large amount of gasoline.

90 Years Ago- Oct. 15, 1936

A pair of black raccoons have been liberated by the State Conservation Commission in this vicinity. The purpose of releasing these animals is to promote the propagation of these inbred coon.

Brown & Weltzen sold the fine house of the Tosten Thompson estate to Roy Frinke who will take possession Nov. 1.

Ralph Fosshage brought home four fine wall-eyed pike last Thursday, which he caught. The largest weighed 7-1/2 pounds.

80 Years Ago- Oct. 10, 1946

The personnel of the Mount Horeb Telephone Company arranged a surprise birthday party for Miss Clara Jordee, a member of the staff, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Dahlen, Sunday night.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Basthemer Wednesday, Oct. 2, at Madison General Hospital.

Luther Stamn, Belleville, has rented the Mrs. Mattie Paulson farm in Vermont Township and will move there March 1.

The Orton Johnson family has moved into their new residence on Lake Street, erected during the summer.

Mrs. Harold Nygard, Mrs. Grant Hustad, Mrs. T.E. Thoresen and Mrs. Ralph Fosshage attended a session of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star at Milwaukee Thursday of last week.

30 Years Ago- Oct. 17, 1996

Mount Horeb fire engineer Steve Vasen received a Congressional Fire Services Institute award from Congressman Scott Klug last week.

Byron Lorraine Kittleson, age 80, of rural Mount Horeb died on Friday evening, Oct. 11, 1996 at the Monroe Clinic Hospital.

The State Bank of Mount Horeb announces the following promotions: Mike Jones to Executive Vice President and Mark Nortman to Assistant Vice President.

20 Years Ago- Oct. 19, 2006

The Gonstead Clinic of Chiropractic recently announced Dr. Kristin M. Vike as a new member of the staff. Vike graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Sylvia E. Jeglum, 83, of Mount Horeb, died Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006, at the Don and Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center in Fitchburg, surrounded by her family.

Derek and Marcy Dahlk of Mount Horeb are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ruby Mae, born on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, at Meriter Hospital, Madison. Ruby joins a sister Lucy, 2-1/2.

Obituary

Benjamin "Ben" Joe Hodgson



Benjamin Joe Hodgson, beloved husband of Luella (Hoffmann) Hodgson and son of Joseph and Effie Hodgson, went to be in the arms of God on September 17, 2026. Ben was born on June 15, 1932. As a boy, he worked on the family farm in Mazomanie with his father and brothers. After graduating from Mazomanie High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served as a communications specialist during the Korean Conflict. In June 1954, he married his sweetheart (Ludaboo), Luella Hoffmann, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Marxville.

The couple moved to New York, where Ben continued his Air Force service and their daughter Ginny was born in 1955. After completing his military service, Ben returned with his family to Wisconsin and farmed for Donald and Mary Gill in Madison. He later moved back to Mazomanie and joined the grounds staff at the University of Wisconsin. Sons Neil and Stuart were born in 1960 and 1961. In 1962, Ben and Luella moved onto the family farm in Mazomanie, and daughter Pam was born in 1965. Ben farmed until the mid-80s, then worked for Patrons' Mercantile Co-op feed mill. After that he worked for News Publishing Company in Black Earth for many years. His love of farming never faded, and after leaving the newspaper, he helped his nephew Scott Evert at The Evert Farms. He continued farming until a serious accident at age 81. With faith and determination, Ben recovered quickly, though his injuries kept him from returning to farm work. This accident also ended his 60 years of bowling at Black Earth Lanes. Ben was active in many groups and organizations.

Ben was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mazomanie, now New Heights Lutheran Church and served many positions on the Church Council. He also held several leadership roles in Greening Buelow Legion Post 437, including Commander, longtime Finance Officer, and Chaplin. He was also Dane County Commander from 1988-1990, Finance Officer for the Wisconsin Dane County Council of the American Legion. He performed in many productions with the Mazomanie Repertory and Renovating Theater group, served for many years on the Patrons' Mercantile Co-op board in Black Earth, and played trumpet with the Iron Horse Cornet Band for more than 20 years, continuing well into his 80s. In 2000 he was awarded Citizen of the Year in the Township of Mazomanie. He also served on the Town of Mazomanie Board and had served as President of Wild West Days for many years. He was well known for his Wild West Days hat and vest that adorned all the Wild West Day event buttons from every year, and enjoyed pitching horseshoes at Wild West Day events. Ben was an active member of the Mazomanie Lions Club. He lived a full life and brightened every room he entered. Ben was loved by many and will be deeply missed.

Ben is survived by his wife, Luella (Hoffmann) Hodgson; daughters Ginny (Greg) Buzzell and Pamela (Rob) Metzdorf, Jr. and sons Neil (Misti) Hodgson and Stuart (Lynn) Hodgson. He is also survived by grandsons Jeremy (Jennifer) Buzzell, Zachary (Ashley) Hodgson, Dustin (Madeline) Hodgson, Calvin (Marissa) Metzdorf, Benjamin Metzdorf, and Dalton Metzdorf; granddaughters Corinne (Weston) Baur, Makon (Dennis) Ford, Cassandra (Jeremy) Foxen, and Amanda Hodgson; great-grandsons Samuel (Brandi) Baur, Jake (Elyse) Baur, Noah Buzzell, Sunny Buzzell, Asher Hodgson, Maddox Hodgson, Jaxson Hodgson, Ayden Foxen, Myles Metzdorf, and Porter Hodgson; great-granddaughters Sophie (Owen) Atkinson, Christina Baur, Kennedi Novian, Stayci Novian, Zoe Buzzell, RaeLynn Hodgson, and Ashlynn Foxen, as well as a great-granddaughter due in December; and great-great-granddaughters Sawyer Baur and Margaret Baur, as well as a great-great-grandson due in December. He is further survived by his brothers Paul (Karen) Hodgson, Phil (Gloria) Hodgson, Joe (Carol) Hodgson, and Ned Hodgson; sisters Barbara Paar, Averil (Gary) Sutcliffe, and Verna Wallace; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Effie Hodgson; brothers Donald Hodgson and Claude Hodgson; sister Evelyn (Hodgson) Roessler; brothers-in-law Lawrence Paar, Donald Wallace and LaVern Roessler; and sisters-in-law Ruthann Hodgson and Dorothy Hodgson.

Services were held Monday, September 21, 2026, at New Heights Lutheran Church at The Grove, 314 Anne St., Mazomanie. Visitation was from 9:00am – 11:30am with services following. Family and friends proceeded to the Mazomanie Protestant Cemetery for Military Honors and internment and returned to The Grove for lunch. Memorials were to be made to the family for a charity donation to be made at a later date. The Celebration of Life service is available on YouTube. Search for New Heights Church (NHLC).

The Ultimate Wood Heat.
Set the thermostat where you want for a more comfortable home.



- **More Comfort** - Thermostatically controlled wood heat.
- **Peace of Mind** - Keep the fire outside and eliminate the dangers associated with indoor wood heating.
- **Save Money** - Wood is a renewable, inexpensive and often free energy source.
- **Durability** - Long-lasting, stainless steel firebox.

CENTRAL BOILER
CLASSIC EDGE TITANIUM HDX
Outdoor Wood Furnace

County Line Burners, LLC
Dan O'Connell • 608-206-5220
countylineburners.com

VIDEO: How It Works
CentralBoiler.com > Explore > How it Works
CentralBoiler.com
20-0802

Dodgeville
OVERHEAD DOORS
& Openers Sales & Service
Home, Farm or Commercial
Call Doug at
608-935-0076
GARAGE DOORS AND OPENERS

Recreation Notes

Join the Mount Horeb Recreation Department for their 22nd annual Creepy Crawl haunted hike on October 29th, sponsored by MHTC. Take a haunted hike through part of the Military Ridge Trail lit by carved pumpkins and lined with spooks and scares of all kinds. After the hike, there will be fun for all ages including hay wagon rides, Haven's Petting Zoo, a bounce house, and more! The Less Scary Experience is from 6:00 - 7:00 PM and the Scarier Experience is from 7:15 - 8:15 PM. See the Rec Dept website for more details. Volunteers are still needed! If you want to help out, contact the Mount Horeb Recreation Department at 608-437-3400 or mhrec@mounthorebwi.info.

Get involved with one of the fastest growing sports: Pickleball! Join our Adult Indoor Pickleball program for intermediate and advanced players. This program is designed for players who have prior pickleball experience and are comfortable with the rules, scoring, and gameplay. Games will be played based on the number of players in attendance, with players rotating in and out to give everyone an opportunity to play. This program takes place every Sunday, November 1 to March 7, from 10 am to noon in the Mount Horeb Middle School Gym. The fee is $42 for residents and $52 for non-residents. The registration deadline is 10/26!

Learn to Line Dance! No experience needed, a complete beginner class! Just bring a bottle of water, yourself, and friends for a fun night of country line dancing! Participants will learn the popular classics to the very latest favorites, and discover why people everywhere love line dancing! This program is designed for those 18 years and older. The program takes place on Tuesdays, November 11 through December 1, in the Senior Center from 6 to 7 PM; and the session fee is $55 for residents and $35 for non-residents. Register by 10/27.

Join our basketball program! 3rd Grade Rec Basketball: This league runs in collaboration with Verona Recreation. Each practice and/or game will run for 1 hour. Each week there will be one weeknight practice (day & times TBD) and one Saturday morning practice (times TBD) until games begin. Games will be held on Saturday mornings (times TBD) either in Mount Horeb or Verona. Season begins the week of November 16 and runs for approx. 11 weeks. The program fee is $60 for residents and $70 for non-residents. Register before 10/28!

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.

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

10/19: Body Wise Yoga Sess. 2

10/22: Fall Painting Class

10/26: Adult Indoor Pickleball

10/28: 3rd Grade Recreation Basketball

10/28: Extreme STEM - Copters & Spy Planes

BAND

continued from page 1

is by focusing on the needs of the entire band, not just the board. I also want to make sure that students get involved with all the opportunities we have."

Board members help the entire year run smoothly for all students, and the experience is also rewarding and educational for the members. Of course, students also participate for the social aspect.

"I'm really excited to help all the students in the band feel welcome. A big part of the band is the community we've built, and I really want to help all members know that they belong and have an important role within the band," says Jack Alcorn, a senior trumpeter and Band Board member.

Newly elected members are incredibly excited about their roles, and they are looking forward to the school year.

"I believe now, more than ever, that the band at Mount Horeb High School is a place where underclassmen can find opportunities, friends, and learn skills that can last a lifetime," says Sam Wyse, senior saxophonist and board vice president. "Band is a very influential part of my time at the high school, and I think it will be for many of the underclassmen and new members this year and in the years to come."

This year's board kicked off its year by scheduling the most family-oriented event they could imagine: a trip to the JCPenny Portrait Gallery for a family photo shoot.

Band Board 2026-2027

President
Jake Lawrence

Vice President
Sam Wyse

Board Members
Jack Alcorn
Maddie Becker
Delilah Gasch
Adrienne Hogseth
Lorelei Lawry
Scott Paterson

VILLAGE

continued from page 1

cluded setting Trick or Treat hours on the 31 from 5-8pm, as well as approving an Alcohol Beverage License for Golden Roost LLC, 213 E. Main Street.

Mid-Term Elections

Village Clerk Alyssa Gaffney reported absentee voting, on the second floor of Village Hall, runs from October 20 – October 31, 9-3pm. Voting will not be available on Sunday, October 25.

Lukken TID Contractor

Brian Roemer, Sr. Municipal Advisor for Ehlers Public Financial Advisors, recapped his earlier presentation to the Community Development Authority (CDA) on its proposal to create a Tax Increment District (TID) for the Lukken property. The CDA unanimously recommended the Board approve Ehlers proposal. Ehlers prepares over 50% of TIDs in the State. The purpose of Roemer's presentation was to determine if the Board approved its (Ehlers) process for a TID creation. Although nothing formally can occur until the property is annexed into the Village, which is expected to be completed by mid-summer 2027, if contracted, Ehlers can prepare some preliminary findings by gathering data from village staff to determine if it makes financial sense to create a TID for the property. The Board unanimously approved to contract with Ehlers for a potential TID creation.

WPPI Contract Extension

Jordan Schmitz, Electrical Superintendent, presented the request from WPPI Energy, to extend the Village contract with WPPI for its electrical service from 2055 to 2073. An extension request is not unusual as it allows WPPI to plan. Currently fifty-one communities are part of the not-for-profit WPPI member group, located in Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin, with the bulk in Wisconsin. All members must approve the extension by year end, and to date, the majority have done so with the remaining members including the request in their upcoming board meeting agendas. The Board unanimously approved the contract extension.

Housekeeping Ordinances

Two Ordinances were approved, 2026-11 and 2026-12, both administrative that are already in play and, with passage, aligns with the Village Code of Ordinances. The first addresses employment-related powers of the Village Administrator and Department Heads. The second allows the Village Administrator to approve development cost reimbursement agreements.

Langhus on Main Site Plan

On Wednesday, October 28, both the Historical Preservation (HPC) and Plan Commissions agendas will include discussion on a site plan review for return of the Langhus on Main project. Approval was required by the Board to modify the Village's Public Comment Policy on agenda items for the HPC to a thirty-minute maximum, to allow the Plan Commission meeting to start at its usual 7pm time. The HPC agenda item is to discuss the historical nature (or not) of the properties on Main Street in the Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) zoning area, not the site plan itself, thus the time limit. Anyone wishing to speak on the historical nature of the properties can do so. For any wishing to speak on the site plan for Langhus on Main, they should do so at the Plan Commission meeting by completing a blue card located at the back of the Village Hall meeting room and give to Trustee Sarah Best who will chair the meeting in Czyzewski's absence. The Board unanimously approved the Public Comment modification for the October HPC 6pm meeting.

Barneveld Joining Mount Horeb Room Tax Zone and Commission

A draft of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Mount Horeb and Barneveld to have Barneveld join the Mount Horeb Room Tax Zone and Room Tax Commission was discussed. Although the draft covered the basics of adding Barneveld to the Tourism Commission, a decision was made to have both community staffs clarify a few provisions and bring the IGA back to the Village Board for consideration at a future meeting, probably in November or December so it may become effective January 1, 2027.

October Bird Month Proclamation

Trustee White read the proclamation, giving resident Kerry Beheler credit for all the work she did to have Mount Horeb qualify in 2026 as a Bird City.

ADVERTISING PAYS!!
CALL: 608-767-3655

Wick Buildings
Commercial • Residential • Agricultural
Retail • Suburban • Equestrian

Contact Us Today! WickBuildings.com 855-438-9425

For all your brush clearing needs.
Pastures, trails & wooded areas.

Give us a call or check us out online!
608.225.1169
www.timpostservices.com

A Haunting Tale of Halloween History

Have you ever wondered why we carve pumpkins or wear costumes on Halloween? Attend the Driftless Historium's October Half-Hour History lecture on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 1 p.m. to discover the origins of many beloved Halloween traditions. Presented by author Chad Lewis, "The History of Halloween: Folklore & Customs" delves into the



Lewis

roots of this spooky holiday from trick-or-treating, scarecrows, and jack- o'-lanterns, to the folklore of bats, witches, and everything that lurks in the darkness. No registration is necessary for this event.

Chad Lewis is an author, researcher, and lecturer on topics of the strange and unusual. Lewis has a bachelor's and master's degree in psychology and has authored over 35 books on the weird and supernatural including, *The Wisconsin Guide to Haunted Places*, *Hidden Headlines of Wisconsin*, and the soon to be released *Supernatural Lake Michigan*. He has traveled the globe researching unique and bizarre stories and history; lecturing extensively on his fascinating findings. The more bizarre the legend, the more likely it is that you will find Chad there.

Half-Hour History is a once-a-month midday speaker series featuring engaging presentations on local and regional history. Generously supported by a grant from the Mount Horeb Community Foundation, these FREE programs are open to all on the third Wednesday of each month. Up next, "The Intersection of Oral Traditions & Written History" presented by Ho-Chunk Deer Clan Tribal member William Nąąwącekğize Quackenbush on Wednesday, November 18, 2026. For more information call 608-437-6486, visit *mthorebhistory.org/events* or email moverland@mthorebhistory.org.

Founded in 1975, the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society operates the Driftless Historium and works to collect, preserve, and share the stories of southwestern Dane County.

Sugar River Euchre

By Stan Hook

After four frames, the J&M Bar River Rats held an 11 point lead over the Sportsman's Bar Cheese Eaters. The fifth frame is when the crackers crumbled. The River Rats won all four games and held the Cheese Eaters to just 27 points. That gave the River Rats a 44 point advantage and led them to a 38 point win. River Rats Don Boley and Daryl Storkson gnawed 111 holes into the Cheese Eaters' food chain.

Red Mouse Uff-da achieved its second win of the season when they invaded the Viking Troll's turf with a 47 point win. Rose-Ann and LaVern Maier led the way for team Uff-da, ending the night with 115 points. Uff-das Charlie and Leo Humphrey barely avoided a visit from Pepé Le Pew when Trolls Kevin Ollendick and Erika Forseth held them to just 1 point in the fifth frame. Erika and Kevin also gave Tom Magnuson and Jim Day their only loss of the night.

The Kleeman Hay Shakers also secured their second win of the season when they slowed the Red Mouse Shufflers to a crawl beating them 391 to 382. Hay Shakers, Fred Ryser and Barb Judd had Pepé Le Pew's invitation ready for him to visit Loretta Herfel and John Nechkash, but they couldn't find a stamp. Fred and Barb held Loretta and John to just one point in the seventh frame.

Norsk Cowboys Randy Schmid and Harold Schlimgen lost only their second game of the match to Steve Hoffmaster and Dave Steinhauer, finishing with 110 points. Unfortunately, this just wasn't enough for the Cowboys to outgun the Kurniki's Express. The Express brought in two subs, Ed Chancellor and Dewey Haag, to pull the Express into the station a mere 10 minutes ahead of the Cowboys. Dewey and Ed led the Express into the station with 111 points.

Short their captain and a no show left the Doghouse Pranksters in a 52 point deficit against Kurniki's Pipe Benders. Benders Tiny Zander and Tom Arneson had the league's highest score for the week with 116 points. Pranksters Dave Hook and Tommy Schulenburg brought up the rear for the league with just 79 points.

Standings:

Kleeman's Hay Shakers 2-0
Red Mouse Uff-Da 2-0
Doghouse Pranksters 1-1
J&M Bar River Rats 1-1
Kurniki's Express 1-1
Kurniki's Pipe Benders 1-1
Norsk Cowboys 1-1
Red Mouse Shufflers 1-1
Sportsman's Cheese Eaters 0-2
Viking Trolls 0-2

October 15 Schedule (all matches start at 7)

Uff-da at Express
Trolls at Shufflers
Cowboys at Hay Shakers
River Rats at Pranksters
Pipe Benders at Cheese Eaters

Senior Center News

October Events

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.

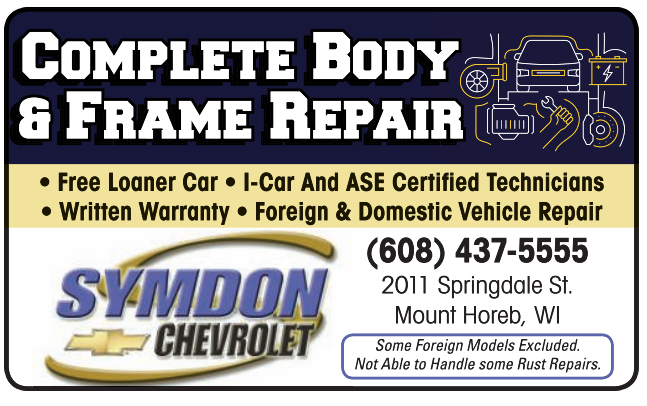
Nutrition:

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

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







MOUNT HOREB HOSTS PICTURESQUE FALL MARKET



The Mount Horeb Chamber of Commerce hosted its Mount Horeb Fall Market October 3-4.



Theresa Magyera of Oregon helps her son Hudson decorate a pumpkin.



Pumpkins lined up to be decorated by visitors.



The village's newest troll watching over the visitors in downtown Mount Horeb, with some fall color just starting to show up.



Saturday morning greeted an eager crowd with perfect fall temperatures and a bright blue sky. *Photos by Casey McCoy*







County exec and sheriff announce $3 million for body cameras

Dane County Executive Melissa Agard and Dane County Sheriff Kalvin Barrett on October 8 highlighted a $3 million capital investment in Agard's proposed 2027 Executive Budget to support body-worn cameras for the Dane County Sheriff's Office.

Agard first included the investment as part of the 2027 Executive Budget she introduced last week. On Thursday, Agard and Barrett discussed how the investment would support public safety while strengthening transparency, accountability, and trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.



Dane County Sheriff Kalvin Barrett looks on as Executive Melissa Agard talks about the new body camera proposal in her budget.

"Public safety is one of the most fundamental responsibilities we have in county government, and our residents deserve to feel safe and have confidence in the people and institutions that serve them," said Dane County Executive Melissa Agard. "This $3 million investment is about strengthening safety, transparency, and public trust. Body-worn cameras can provide greater clarity when questions arise, strengthen accountability, and help protect both members of the public and the deputies who serve them."

Body-worn and dashboard cameras have become widely used tools among law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin. In a statewide survey conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, 88% of responding law enforcement agencies reported using at least one form of recording device, while 12% reported using neither body-worn nor dashboard cameras.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office began a body-worn camera pilot program in its West Precinct in 2024 to test the technology and develop policies and guidelines for its use. The proposed $3 million capital investment would support the Sheriff's Office as it moves forward with broader implementation.

"Body-worn cameras are an important resource that supports accountability, transparency, and trust," said Dane County Sheriff Kalvin Barrett. "This investment will enable us to build on the work we began with our pilot program and move Dane County forward. The funding reflects what can be accomplished when we collaborate with our community partners and elected officials toward a shared goal. I especially appreciate County Executive Agard's leadership and support in making this possible."

As part of implementation, the Dane County Sheriff's Office will finalize policies related to the use, retention, and release of body-worn camera footage and develop a public communication plan to help residents understand the program and their rights.

"Technology alone does not create trust. It matters how that technology is used and whether the public understands the policies surrounding it," Agard said. "As we make this investment, we are committed to ensuring transparency and accountability remain at the center of implementation."

The $3 million investment is included in Agard's proposed 2027 Dane County capital budget and is subject to approval by the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

Best-selling author Fehrman to talk about 'This Vast Enterprise'

New York Times best-selling author Craig Fehrman will speak in-person at the Mount Horeb Public Library Monday, October 19 at 6:30pm. This event is the culmination of the library's community wide Big Read programming series based around Fehrman's book *This Vast Enterprise*. A major revisionist history of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the book offers a fresh and more accurate account of one of the most important episodes in American history. This evening offers a fun and informal lecture, not a reading, with plenty of images and behind-the-scenes details.

Craig Fehrman spent five years visiting more than thirty archives, interviewing more than a hundred sources, and collecting oral history passed down over centuries. With each chapter moving to a different person's point of view, including Thomas Jefferson, York (the Black man Clark enslaved), and Sacajawea, the author humanizes these influential figures and shatters long-held myths. He shows us that the captains are men who needed help on their expedition and this thrilling account reminds us that even the most familiar moments in history can still surprise us.

Fehrman has published two other works of history, *The Best Presidential Writing* (edited by him), and *Author in Chief* (written by him). Craig Fehrman grew up near Dillsboro, Indiana, and graduated from the University of Southern Indiana. He lives in Indiana with his wife and children.

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

Class of '49 holds 77th reunion

The Class of 1949 celebrated their 77th reunion at 5th Quarter in Verona on September 30th. Those attending were (in order of photo): Richard Schaller, Rosemary (Kalscheur) Farrell, Mary Ann (Diem) Austin and Jo Ann (Holmes) Zingg. Those unable to attend were John (Jack) Lynch, Marlene (Johnson) Sarbacker, and Ada (Rhiner) Oimoen. The class has been meeting each year, with the exception of during the COVID pandemic.



Barley Brothers to present Tunes from the Trail

It was common to hear fiddle tunes coming from the camps on the trail of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Some of the members, including boatman Pierre Cruzatte, brought their instruments and spent evenings playing tunes for their fellow travelers. The Barley Brothers bring this music to the Mount Horeb Public Library Saturday, October 17 at 10am. This free concert featuring fiddle tunes from the late 1700s and early 1800s is great for all ages.

The Barley Brothers are made up of musicians Brian O'Donnell and Colin Bazsali. O'Donnell is a highly sought-after fiddler and multi-instrumentalist from Madison. He has mastered numerous styles, including Old Time, Bluegrass and Cajun. A founding member of the Cajun Strangers Band, Brian can be heard fiddlin' in various bands in the area. Bazsali has been playing music most of his life. Originally a jazz drummer, he set aside percussion for the folk guitar, harmonica, and banjo and began exploring traditional American musical forms, especially old-time banjo. This led circuitously to Cajun and back to the drums, which he has played with the Cajun Strangers since early 2005. He currently plays banjo, mandolin, fiddle and guitar with Brian in the Barley Brothers. Visit www.mhpl.org or call 608-437-5021 for more information.

Mount Horeb American Legion Post 113, Mount Horeb VFW Post 9511, and the Mount Horeb American Legion Auxiliary

Invitation: Service Member and Family Recognition Event November 16

Dear Service Members and Families,

In honor of your dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering strength, you are cordially invited to the **Service Member and Family Recognition Event**.

Please join us for an evening dedicated to celebrating you and the incredible community that supports our military.

Date: Monday, November 16th

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: The Red Mouse

An evening of gratitude, connection, and community awaits. Cake and cookies will be provided.

Families, if your Service Member cannot join us please come so that we can honor you. We would like to send care packages to Service Members who are stationed outside the State of Wisconsin. We plan on sending cards thanking Service Members in Wisconsin who are serving but cannot make it that night.

Families will be recognized – each family will receive a Blue Star Banner.

Please RSVP to Mhamlegionpost113@gmail.com text or call 608-228-4591 by 31 October.

We look forward to honoring you.

-Jerry Hook

Sports Editor
Rob Reischel
robreischel@gmail.com

SPORTS

Follow Rob Reischel
on Twitter at
@robreischel

MOUNT HOREB-BARNEVELD 42, MONROE 7

Maier plays Superman for MH-B

Vikings' star scored 5 TDs in rout of Stoughton

by DENNIS SEMRAU
Sports Reporter



Mount Horeb-Barneveld's Eli Maier had five touchdowns to power the Vikings to a 52-30 win over Stoughton last Friday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

STOUGHTON — Change the No. 5 on his jersey to an 'S' and give him a cape and Eli Maier could have been a stand in for 'Superman' on Oct. 9.

At least, that's what Mount Horeb-Barneveld's senior running back/linebacker resembled to the home Stoughton crowd that was celebrating Homecoming and Senior Night.

Maier ran for three touchdowns and caught two passes for two more scores to ignite MH-B's impressive 52-30 victory over host Stoughton in a Badger Small Conference prep football game.

MH-B won its fourth straight game and improved to 5-3 overall and 4-2 in the Badger Small. Stoughton fell to 2-6, 2-4.

"We run a lot of inside zone, so if we can pick up the first and second level for him, we know that no defensive back in the secondary can tackle him," MH-B senior left tackle Evan Leibfried said of Maier. "If he can go untouched, he's gone.

"No one can tackle him. People get scared trying to tackle him near the end of the game."

Maier, who finished second at 175 pounds at the WIAA Division 2 state wrestling meet in March, has proved that taking him down on a wrestling mat is easier said than done. One would think it wouldn't be as difficult of a task on a football field, facing an 11-man defense determined to stop him in his tracks.

Good luck.

MH-B forced Stoughton to punt after going three-and-out on the game's opening possession. Maier then shredded the Stoughton defense on a 53-yard scoring scamper on MH-B's first play from scrimmage.

"He's impressive, a fun kid to watch who runs hard and is electric," Stoughton head coach Jason Becker said. "In my opinion, he's the best back in the conference."

Following a 1-3 start this season, Maier said MH-B has been on a mission to do a better job finishing drives.

"I was just thinking, next play. Once you score, you want to keep on scoring," Maier said. "After the first touchdown, we came to the sidelines and said we wanted to score again."

And the Vikings did.

After another Stoughton three-and-out, Maier matched the opening scintillating run when he broke multiple tackles and turned a short shovel pass into a 53-yard touchdown on the visiting Vikings' first play of their second possession.

"He's been doing that all year," MH-B head coach Bret St. Arnauld said after

continued on page 16

MoHo spikers fare well at conference tournament

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team had a solid showing at the Badger Small Conference tournament on Oct. 12.

The Vikings reached the Gold bracket, before settling for fourth place overall.

"Overall the girls played well," Mount Horeb coach Josh Smelzer said. "We definitely played our best ball of the year. We continue to put ourselves in position to win big matches. Finding a way to pull them out is next."

Here's a recap of Mount Horeb's performance.

• **Mount Horeb 2, Fort Atkinson 1 —** The Vikings were the fifth overall seed, but knocked off the fourth-seeded Blackhawks, 23-25, 25-21, 15-12 in the first match of the day.

Elaina Imbus led Mount Horeb with 11 kills, four aces and 12 digs, while Claire Casey had 13 assists and five digs. Pippa Barsness had nine assists and three digs, while Claire Wagner-Leek had five kills, four aces and three digs.

Courtney Monroe had 14

continued on page 14



Courtney Monroe and Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team fared well at the Badger Conference tournament on Oct. 12. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Soccer Vikings land No. 10 seed

Mount Horeb opens the postseason at Platteville/Lancaster

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb boys soccer coach Rick Gage knew that postseason seeding could go many different ways.

The teams sandwiched between No. 4 and 13 were bundled closely. And each side had a case for why they should be seeded higher.

So when the Vikings received the No. 10 seed in their WIAA Division 3 bracket, Gage wasn't complaining.

"I thought our seed was fair," Gage said. "There are a lot of good teams in our section. The seeds could have gone a lot of different ways as these teams are fairly close in strength."

Mount Horeb begins the postseason at seventh-seeded Platteville/Lancaster in a regional semifinal on Oct. 22. If the Vikings win there, and the seeds hold, they'd travel to second-seeded McFarland for a regional final on Oct. 24.

The sectional semifinals are Oct. 29 and the sectional finals are Oct. 31.

"We played Platteville to a 1-1 tie earlier this season, so we will be ready for another close game," Gage said. "Right now our attention will be to fixing the mistakes we are making and getting back to winning games again."

Mount Horeb neared the end of its regular season last week with a 2-2 tie against Reedsburg and a 4-0 loss to Lakeside Lutheran. The Vikings are now 5-7-3 overall and 1-4-1 in the Badger Small Conference.

"This was not the week we thought we would have," Gage said. "We were hoping to end the week with two wins and get ourselves ready for our playoff run.

"We had moments of really good soccer this week, but we were a bit inconsistent. We were certainly disappointed in the results, but we are confident as a team that we can fix these mistakes and get back to playing better soccer this coming week."

Here's a recap of the Vikings' week.

• **Mount Horeb 2, Reedsburg 2 —** The Vikings built a 2-0 halftime lead, but couldn't hold it and settled for the tie.

"We felt this was a game that we would be able to control and get a win," Gage said. "Reedsburg is a team that keeps games close, but we felt that we were the better team."

In the eighth minute, Marcos Gallastegui Luna put a shot on goal that was deflected left of the goal. Romain Gilles collected the ball and scored to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead.

"We were moving the ball well and playing patiently," Gage said.

In the 30th minute, Veyron Ruef fed Donovan Rahman on the right side of the box. Rahman dribbled into the box, freed himself and slotted the ball into the left corner of the net to give the Vikings a 2-0 lead that they carried to halftime.

"We came into halftime in control of the game," Gage said. "At halftime we talked about how the next goal would dictate how the game ends. It was important for us to keep up the intensity to see the game out."

Reedsburg had different ideas, though, and scored on a header in the 45th minute to pull within 2-1. The Beavers then struck again and pulled even at 2-2 just a short time later.

Down the stretch, Mount Horeb had several chances to reclaim the lead, but couldn't finish.

"Over the last 25 minutes of the game we missed numerous opportunities to take the lead again," Gage said. "We had many opportunities that fell just short of finding the back of the net.

"We were frustrated with the result. We felt that we were the better team, but we made a couple of mistakes that cost us the game."

• **Lakeside Lutheran 2, Mount Horeb 0 —** The Warriors were in control throughout and dealt the Vikings a tough loss.

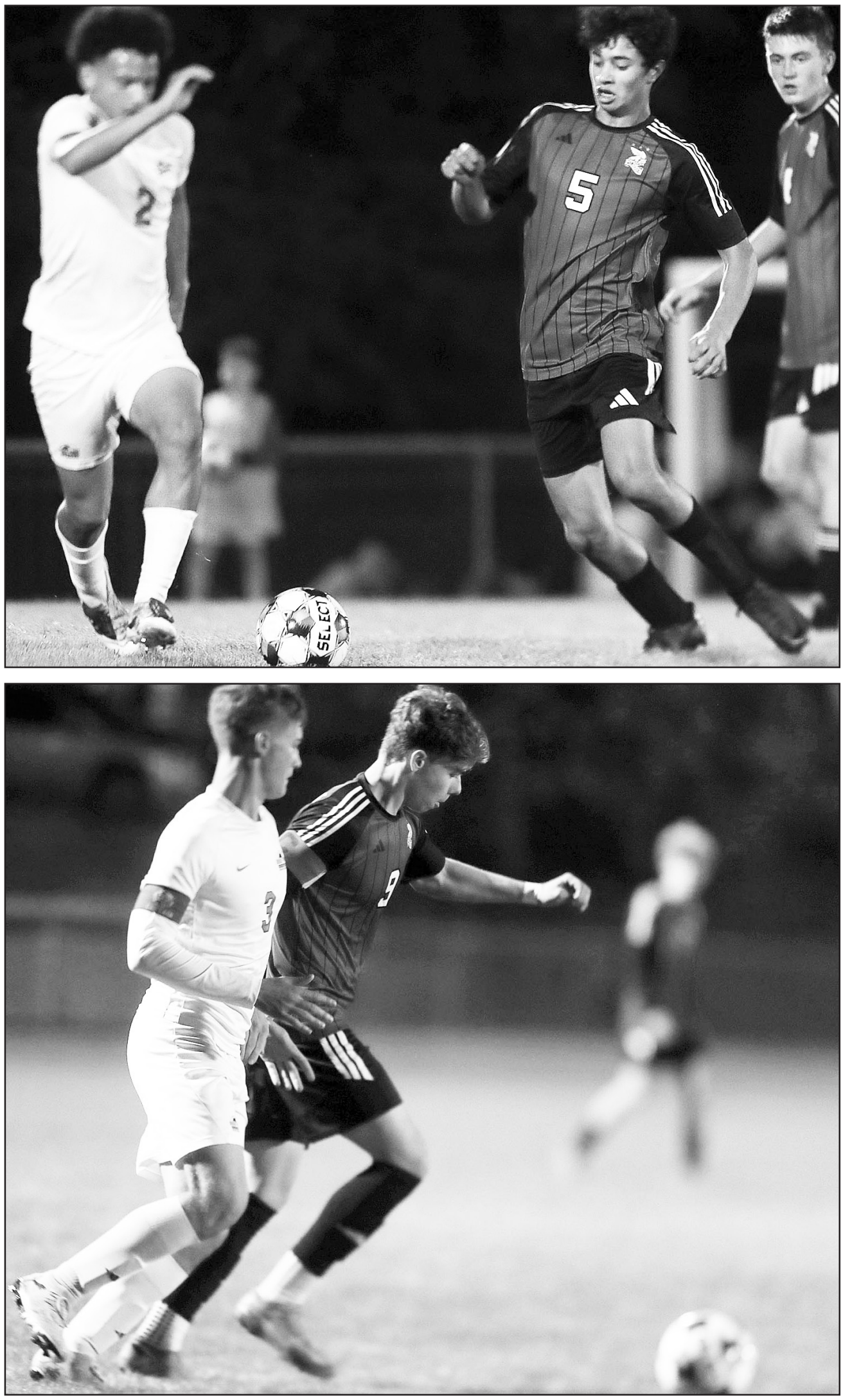
"Lakeside Lutheran is a solid team and we felt that this game would be a closely contested battle," Gage said. "Unfortunately we were just off today. This was probably the first game this season where I felt the team just could not find its form.

"We struggled from the first moment of the game to the end. We had some moments of good soccer, but they were not enough against a solid team. I felt we struggled with the rough field, the heat and with Lakeside Lutheran.

"We were missing some players due to injury, but I felt that we had team on the field that could still compete to get a result. It was just not our day."

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb wraps up the regular season this week.

The Vikings hosted Wisconsin Dells Tuesday, then are at McFarland Thursday at 7 p.m.



Donovan Rahman (top, #5), Ro Gilles (above, #9) and Mount Horeb's boys soccer team received the No. 10 seed in their sectional. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Community Forester / Arborist

The Village of Mount Horeb is hiring a full-time Community Forester / Arborist. This position is responsible for tree care, park and facility maintenance, snow removal, and operating heavy equipment. Must be comfortable working outdoors in all conditions and performing physical tasks.

Requirements: Valid Wisconsin CDL with air brake endorsement. Arborist certification preferred. **Minimum Pay $28.00/hr, DOQ.**

VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

For more information, contact Jeff Gorman at 608-437-3351 or jeff.gorman@mounthorebwi.info.
Apply online: www.mounthorebwi.info
Position is open until filled.

EOE

MoHo swimmers notch big win

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

When it comes to girls swimming dual meets, depth rules the day.

And Mount Horeb showed exactly that on Oct. 6, when the Vikings defeated Monroe/New Glarus, 96-74.

While the Vikings notched just three first place finishes, Mount Horeb was second in eight of 11 events and third in 10 of 11 to pull off the win.

"What made this win especially exciting was that it really came down to our depth as a team," Mount Horeb coach Kaitlin O'Rourke said. "Monroe/New Glarus has some very talented swimmers who took (first in) several individual events, but our girls consistently filled out the second, third, and fourth-place finishes, picking up valuable points throughout the meet."

Mount Horeb's Lucy Peterson did win the 200 freestyle (2:21.30) and the 100 butterfly (1:10.57). Peterson also swam the anchor leg of the Vikings' first place 200 free relay, which included Delilah Gasch, Maggie Coe and Ava Beglinger.

Mount Horeb then dominated with second and third place finishes.

The Vikings' 200-meter medley relay team of Gasch, Coe, Maddie Becker and Haylie Becker was second, while the quartet of Emma Erickson, Ellie McKillips, Nora Carroll and Evy Vedo was third.

The Vikings' 400-meter freestyle relay team of Haylie Becker, Heidi Sheahan, Evans and Peterson was second, while the quartet of Erickson, Vedo, Beglinger and Watson was third.

And Mount Horeb's quartet of Erickson, CeCe Watson, Maddie Becker and Madeline Evans was second in the 200-meter freestyle.

Haylie Becker was second in the 200-meter freestyle, while Evans was third. Sheahan was second in the 50-meter freestyle, and Vedo was third.

Beglinger was second in the 100-meter freestyle, while Gasch was third. Haylie Becker was second in the 400-meter freestyle, and Evans was third.

Coe was second in the 100-meter breaststroke and Beglinger was third. And Coe was third in the 200-meter IM, while Maddie Becker was third in the 100-meter butterfly and the 100-meter backstroke.

"I couldn't be happier for this group of girls," O'Rourke said. "These girls have put in a tremendous amount of work so I have just been really excited to see them race."





CeCe Watson (top), Ellie McKillips (above) and Mount Horeb's girls swimming team defeated Monroe/New Glarus in a dual meet on Oct. 6. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

CLASSIFIED NETWORK OF WISCONSIN

MISCELLANEOUS

Audien Hearing. The world's first hearing aid with touchscreen controls. No tiny buttons, apps or prescriptions. 45-day risk free trial. Free shipping. Lifetime support. More than 1.5 million happy customers. Call Audien 1-833-824-3349.

Consumer Cellular - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just $20/month. For more information, call 1-833-518-2155.

No more cleaning out gutters. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-855-948-3442 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Get 15% off your entire order. Plus, Military & Seniors get an additional 10% off. Limited time only. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details.

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waiving ALL installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. Offer ends 12/27/26.) Call 1-844-260-2934

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-888-355-6955 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-888-425-2108 today!

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE

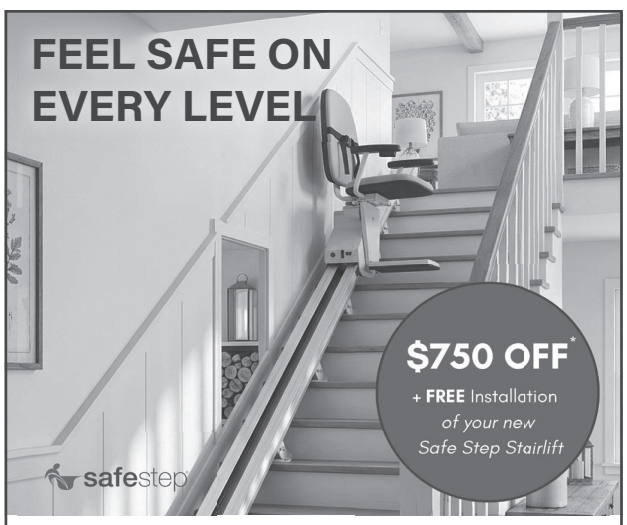
I buy classic cars especially convertibles 50/60s impala/ 55-57 bel air/ Cadillac/ Monte Carlo/ cutlass/ Buick/ caprice/ Chevelle / Mercedes/etc., any condition. 414-514-1828, Bill .

CREMATION SOCIETY OF
MADISON
MILWAUKEE
WAUKESHA

$1,450 Basic Cremation

Madison: 608-237-6116
cremationsocietyofmadison.com
Only serving Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Green, Jefferson, Richland, Rock and Sauk counties

Milwaukee: 414-384-2424
cremationsocietyofmilwaukee.com
Waukesha: 608-237-6116
cremationsocietyofwaukesha.com
Only serving Milwaukee, Waukesha, Sheboygan, Washington, Ozaukee, Walworth, Racine and Kenosha



Improve Accessibility
Comfortable Design
Made in the USA

Call Today for a
FREE Quote
1-844-721-1493

LIFETIME LIMITED WARRANTY
MADE IN USA
Financing Available with Approved Credit

* With purchase of a new Safe Step Stairlift. Not applicable with any previous stairlift purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. Not available in every state. Expires 12/31/26. CSLB 1082165, NSCB 0083445, 13VH11096000, CGC1537181, ROC 312990, CCB 244331, SAFESSW784PS, PA127501, MHIC 134223, TN 5887, RL.884533, RBB.49248, UT 13229623-5501

Wick Buildings

NOW HIRING

TRUSS BUILDER

Wick Buildings | Mazomanie, Wisconsin

Join our team building quality post-frame trusses in our new plant with advanced computer and laser assisted manufacturing.

✓ Competitive Pay
✓ 401(k) & Paid Time Off
✓ Early Go Home Incentive
✓ Health, Dental & Vision
✓ On-the-Job Training
✓ Safety-Oriented Workplace

Manufacturing or construction experience is helpful, but not required.

Visit our website for more information and to apply.

wickbuildings.com/careers

BUILD A CAREER. BUILD WITH WICK.

MoHo's boys sixth at Albany Invite

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's boys cross country team finished in sixth place among large schools at the 11-team Baertschi Invitational in Albany on Oct. 10.

Monroe won the team title with 46 points, while Janesville Parker was second with 68 points. The Vikings finished with 148 points.

Mount Horeb's Samuel Wyse was 10th individually, completing the 5,000-meter course in 17:38.60. Nathaniel Sherven was 50th (19:07.30), Laszlo Kelley was 56th (19:12.30), John Henry-Lee was 60th (19:19.50) and Isaiah Drews was 85th (19:58.0).

Mount Horeb's girls were seventh out of nine teams.

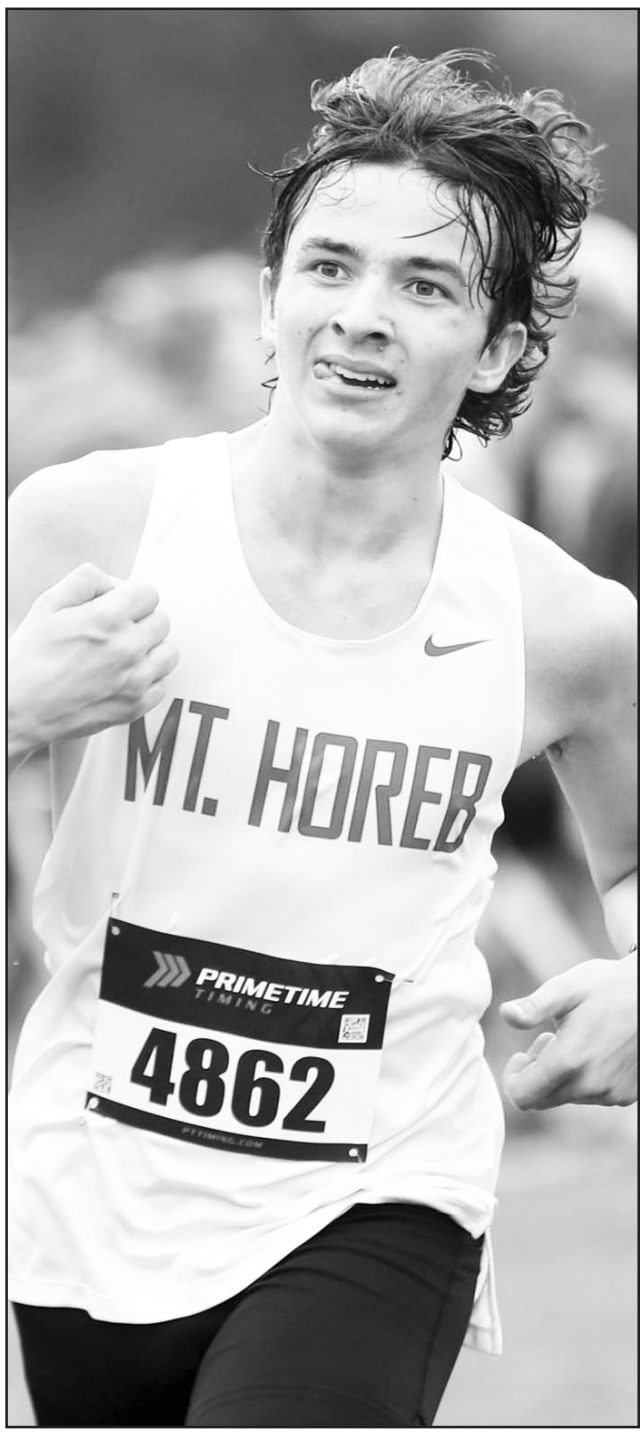
Monroe won the team title with 36 points, while Platteville (59) and New Glarus (81) were second and third.

Mount Horeb finished with 169 points.

The Vikings' Samantha Hartig finished in 16th place in 22:27.40, while Mia Bracheski was 28th (23:04.80). Ashlyn Nemo was 37th (24:10.0), Adara Millar was 41st (24:22.20) and Lucy Rosemeyer was 52nd (25:53.50).

• **On deck:** Mount Horeb is at the Badger Small Conference meet Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Stoughton High School.





Sam Wyse (left), Nathaniel Sherven (above) and Mount Horeb's boys cross country team finished in sixth place at the Albany Invite last Saturday. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

SPIKERS

continued from page 11

digs and three assists, while Alayna Alexander had four kills. Lily Paquette added three kills and four digs, while Olivia Turk had three kills and two digs.

"This was a big win because it eventually got us to the Gold bracket," Smelzer said.

• **McFarland 2, Mount Horeb 1 —** The Spartans edged the Vikings, 25-19, 22-25, 15-13.

"This was a great match," Smelzer said.

Imbus had a terrific match with 12 kills, two aces and eight digs, while Casey had 17 assists, four digs and an ace. Paquette had seven kills, six digs and a block, while Alexander and Turk both had four kills.

Wagner-Leek added three kills, six digs and an ace, and Monroe had 17 digs. Quinn Johnston had eight assists and three digs, while Harper Hendrickson had two aces.

• **Mount Horeb 2, Portage 0 —** The Vikings rolled past the Warriors, 25-8, 25-18.

Imbus again led the way with eight kills and two digs, while Casey had 12 assists and four digs.

Paquette had five kills, while Wagner-Leek added three kills. Johnston had six assists and four digs, while Monroe had five assists, eight digs and two aces.

Hannah Smelzer, Jami Chapman and Alexander all had two kills, and Barsness had two aces.

• **Madison Edgewood 2, Mount Horeb 0 —** The Crusaders, who went on to win the tournament, rolled past the Vikings, 25-18, 25-19.

"We got behind early in both sets and we weren't able to battle back," Smelzer said.

Alexander and Turk both had four kills, while Monroe had 17 digs. Casey had nine assists and Johnston had four assists, while Imbus had seven digs, Wagner-Leek added five digs and two kills, and Paquette had three kills.

• **Sauk Prairie 2, Mount Horeb 1 —** The Eagles bested the Vikings, 25-23, 26-28, 15-10.

"Another great match that we couldn't quite put away," Smelzer said.

Imbus led Mount Horeb with nine kills, two aces and 10 digs, while Casey had 19 assists and an ace.

Alexander had eight kills and two digs, while Monroe had 12 digs. Johnston added eight assists and three digs, while Wagner-Leek added four kills and six digs.

Paquette had three kills and seven digs, while Turk and Smelzer both added three kills. Vera Pernot had seven digs, while both Hendrickson and Alexander had two digs.

• **On deck:** The Vikings wrap up the regular season Thursday when they host DeForest on Senior Night at 7 p.m.



Mount Horeb's Elaina Imbus shined at the Badger Conference tournament last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADS:
NOON WEDNESDAY
the week prior to publication.

For rates and deadline information for multiple paper insertion, please call ***608-767-3655*** *or email:* ***classifieds@fingerpub.com***

CLASSIFIED ADS

Rate: $13.00 *for up to 10 words, additional words are 30¢ each. Ads must be paid in advance by credit card by calling 608-767-3655; or at our central office in Black Earth – Finger Publishing, Inc., 1126 Mills St., Black Earth*

CHURCH NOTES

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

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.

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

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

Good News Lutheran Church - WELS
9975 Pepper Dr, Mt Horeb
Pastor Jonathan Bauer
Thursday Worship: 6:30 pm
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
Sunday School and Bible Study: 10:15 am
608-437-4646
GoodNewsLC.org

Mt Vernon United Church of Christ
1693 Washington St., Verona
608-832-6677
Sunday Worship, in-person and on Facebook Live, 10:15 am
We are an Open and Affirming Congregation~ Contact us at pastor@mtvernonucc.org or visit our website http://mountvernonucc.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

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

New Hope Evangelical Free Church
639 S. Eighth St., Mt. Horeb
Phone: 608-437-3273
www.newhopeefc.org
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

St. Michael The Archangel Parish
~St. Ignatius Catholic Church
109 S. Sixth St., Mount Horeb
608-437-5348
Mass: Sunday 10:30 am
Tuesday, 5:30 pm,
Weds-Friday, 7:30 am;
Sat. 5:00 pm
~Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
10070 Spring Valley Dr., Mount Horeb
Mass: Sunday 8:00 am


Thanks for reading the paper!



DRIVER WANTED

Great part to full-time job opportunity!

Hours would vary. Van and box truck; no CDL required. Driver would deliver newspapers to post offices and drop off at newsstands. Must have good driving record and be willing to help in our pressroom and mailroom as needed.

Contact Tom Finger at
tfinger@fingerpub.com

Finger PUBLISHING, INC.
Black Earth • 608-767-3655

NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given that on October 30th 2026 at 10am a public sale will be held to satisfy a landlord's lien on the following storage units; Phil Gold, Elizabeth Booth and Paula Rodriguez at www.storageauctions.com under Mount Horeb Self Storage, Units have household items. All sales as is. 608-636-9449



VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB NOTICE
OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin adopted the following ordinance amendment at the Village Board meeting on September 2, 2026.

Ordinance 2026-08 "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY FROM PARKS AND RECREATION (PR) TO CONSERVANCY (CON), PARCEL #0606-121-1208-8".

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a copy of the ordinance is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk. It is also available on the village website at www.mounthoreb-wi.info.

Alyssa Gaffney
Village Clerk

Publish: 10/15/26 **WNAXLP**

VILLAGE OF MT. HOREB NOTICE
OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mt. Horeb, Dane County, Wisconsin adopted the following ordinance amendment at the Village Board meeting on September 2, 2026.

Ordinance 2026-09 "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY FROM AGRICULTURE (A-1) TO CONSERVANCY (CON), PARCEL #0606-121-3205-1".

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a copy of the ordinance is on file and open for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk. It is also available on the village website at www.mounthoreb-wi.info.

Alyssa Gaffney
Village Clerk

Publish: 10/15/26 **WNAXLP**

Upland Hills® Health

Healthcare Employment Opportunities

Become a part of a growing and dynamic health care organization that was named a TOP 100 Critical Access Hospital! We have a wonderful variety of employment opportunities available including:

- Mammography Technologist - Mt. Horeb
- Digital Marketing Specialist
- Information Systems Specialist
- Clinic CMA / LPN / PCT
- Certified Nursing Assistant (P.M., Nights)
- Café Coordinator
- Imaging Technologist (P.M., Nights)
- Emergency Dept Technician
- Materials Management Specialist
- Medical Coding Specialist
- Quality Data Analyst
- Home Health Registered Nurse
- Clinic Registration Specialist Insurance Billing Specialist
- Registered Nurses (ED, SNF, OR, Float)
- Sleep Technologist (Nights)
- Certified Diabetes Care & Education Specialist (CDCES)

To learn more about these and other great job opportunities, go to our website at: **www.uplandhillshealth.org**

800 Compassion Way, Dodgeville, WI 53533

ADS WANTED

We are looking for highly motivated business owners interested in advertizing job openings in the local newspaper. No prior experience necessary.

We offer a friendly sales experience and an ad in the classifieds!

Inquire by calling our office at 608-767-3655



HELP WANTED:



NEWSPAPER PRESSMAN (DAY SHIFT)
FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING COMPANY IN BLACK EARTH

JOIN OUR NEWSPAPER PRINTING TEAM:

4 day work week, Monday through Thursday. Full or part-time available. Experience preferred, but would train the right individuals on our Goss Community Press. No weekends or holidays. Casual atmosphere.

Contact Tom at tfinger@fingerpub.com

Finger PUBLISHING, INC.

COME WORK WITH US!

JOIN OUR MAILROOM STAFF!

Finger Publishing, Inc. in Black Earth
(formerly News Publishing Company) is looking to add to our part-time staff to assemble newspaper inserts into our newspapers and shoppers each week, **especially Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays,** other days as needed. Must be detail-oriented and conscientious, and able to stand for extended periods of time. Need to be able to lift approximately 25 lbs.

FINGER PUBLISHING, INC.
1126 Mills Street, Black Earth
Application forms are available at our front desk.

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

Published and Posted: Mt. Horeb Mail, Town Hall, Town Garage, Daleyville signpost, and Town website – Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 15, 2026.

Publish: 10/1/26, 10/8/26, 10/15/26 **WNAXLP**





Cullen Olson (above), coach Bret St. Arnauld (right) and Mount Horeb-Barneveld's football team have won four straight games. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

FOOTBALL

continued from page 11

Maier broke multiple tackles and eluded several more attempts on the back-to-back sizzling runs. "There isn't a team all year that we've played that he hasn't done that too. He just doesn't go down. His balance is incredible. Some things you can't teach. It's just natural."

MH-B was just getting started.

When the Stoughton defense tried to load the box to stop Maier on the first play of MH-B's third possession, sophomore quarterback Preston Myers found a wide-open Henry DeRosier in the middle of the field. The senior tight end then sprinted to the end zone for a 68-yard touchdown that gave MH-B a 20-0 lead.

"Our defense is selling out thinking we've got to stop the run," Becker said. "It was a great concept to get a good matchup on a linebacker, and he happened to run right past him, right down the middle of the field.

"That is going to take the wind out of a team's sails. It's hard to bounce back from that."

Incredibly, that gave MH-B three touchdowns on its first three offensive plays in a span of 34 seconds.

"I've never seen anything like that," St. Arnauld said with a grin. "Obviously, we wanted to start fast. Defensively, we came out well, and then the offense responded and did what we needed to do and did what we wanted to do."

No kidding.

While the MH-B defense held Stoughton to a combined 45 yards and forced five punts on its first five possessions, the visiting Vikings ran wild, scoring five touchdowns and amassing 242 yards on 13 plays on their first five possessions.

"It was a fast start," St. Arnauld said. "Our offensive line, credit to them, and then Eli doing what he does. It all comes together at the right time. It was great to see everybody gelling right out of the gate."

Following an 8-yard Stoughton punt that gave MH-B the ball on the home Vikings' 35-yard line, it didn't take long for Maier and Co. to get back to work.

After Maier opened the four-play drive with a 3-yard dive, he capped the series with a 23-yard touchdown burst to stake MH-B to a 27-0 lead with 4 minutes, 24 seconds left in the first quarter.

"They bring pressure and unfortunately, we were not matching that, and we had a couple of drops and certainly some plays along the sidelines that we would have loved to have back," Becker said. "They do what they do, and we needed to match it. Unfortunately, we didn't."

Following Stoughton's fifth consecutive possession that ended with a punt, MH-B needed just six plays to cover 43 yards to pad its lead.

Maier carried the ball on five straight plays, then the Vikings went to their power formation with starting senior left guard Michael Powell in the backfield. The 6-foot, 210-pound Powell scored on a 1-yard dive play to give MH/B a 34-0 lead.

"He's everything you want in a football player and a teammate," Maier said of Powell. "He's a real football player who's always in the weight room and works his butt off.

"The coaches said, 'You deserve to score.' When we installed it on Sunday at our meeting, everyone was laughing. He's a farmer and he owns his own combine, so we call it 'Combine'. That's awesome."

Stoughton answered by stringing together its best drive of the game, marching 86 yards in 17 plays, capped by a 15-yard scoring pass from junior quarterback Tate Schneider to senior wide receiver Junior Williams. That trimmed MH-B's lead to 34-7 with 4:33 left in the first half.

Stoughton converted three first downs and a crucial fourth-and-five at its own 45 to keep the march alive.

St. Arnauld said that drive was the only disappointing part of the game for his squad.

"We had some mental lapses," St. Arnauld said. "It was like we felt the game was over already. Maybe it was, but we can't think way. When we're out there, we have to take advantage of every second we get.

"When you start to lay down or let up when the game is out of hand or not, that's when injuries or things happen, because you let up. We can't be doing that. For me, that was the only thing I was disappointed in. Outside of that, it was a great team win."

Following the Stoughton touchdown, Myers found Maier open on a hitch-and-go route on the right sideline. Once again, Maier navigated his way through the Stoughton defense for a 68-yard touchdown.

Maier then ran for the two-point conversion to give MH-B a 42-7 lead and start a running clock heading into halftime.

"I'd love to give a shout out to coach (Chris) Balbach because he finds ways to get me the ball a lot," Maier said of MH-B's offensive coordinator. "When we go empty backfield, and I'm at receiver, that's a lot of fun.

"I just ran a simple hitch — go six yards and come back five and turn around and catch it and run."

St. Arnauld said Maier, who missed several quarters during the first four games of the season due to injuries, is hitting his stride.

"Eli is just special," St. Arnauld said. "We have had some, pretty good ones like Malik Winston back in 2018. Then Trenton Owens and Owen Preimesberger. But nobody has had the balance and the will not to go down like Eli. Eli just refuses to go down. He doesn't want to.

"You see all these guys who think they have him down, and he just squirts out of the pile."

Although the second half began with a running clock, Stoughton pulled within 42-14 when Schneider and Williams hooked up on an 8-yard touchdown with 3:37 left in the third quarter.

But MH-B sent the game back to a running clock for the rest of the night when Maier scored his fifth and final touchdown on a 7-yard run on the Vikings' ensuing possession for a 49-14 lead.

"As long as people are hitting me up top and I can keep my feet moving, there's always a chance to keep pushing and getting yards," Maier said. "My receivers have started blocking downfield a lot better, so, it's tough to get me down."

Maier said MH-B has been peaking during its four-game winning streak.

"We knew we were looking for a win tonight, and we've been executing pretty decently," he said.

That included a solid offensive line of Leibfried and junior tackle Wyatt Bush, Powell and junior Gavin Reynolds at guard, and junior center Jack Koenig.

"Offensively, I think our whole line did a great job blocking for Eli," St. Arnauld said. "DeRosier did a great job blocking. Just overall, it was a nice team win."

Senior Cullen Olson capped MH-B's scoring with a 25-yard field goal, the first conversion of his career.

Stoughton added a pair of touchdown passes from Schneider to Williams and senior tight end Mathew Bubon against MH-B's reserves to close the gap in the fourth quarter.

Entering the final week of the regular season, St. Arnauld said there is still much to work on if MH-B wants to go on a long playoff run.

"We're not peaking," St. Arnauld said. "Eli has been untouchable lately, but our offensive line has been slowly getting better. We've had such a different slew of receivers this year, and they're starting to get better.

"There is a lot of stuff with these guys that they can keep on improving. We've got a lot of younger guys we're starting to rotate in on offense, who are starting to improve every week. I don't think we're at the point where I'd say we're at our peak. I think there is more room for growth."

• **On deck:** MH-B will host McFarland in a Badger Small Conference game on Friday on Senior Night at 7 p.m.

Oct. 9
Mount Horeb/Barneveld 52, Stoughton 30
MH-B ..... 27 15 7 3 — 52
Stoughton ..... 0 7 7 16 — 30

MHB: Eli Maier 53 run (Cullen Olson kick).

MHB: Maier 53 pass from Preston Myers (Olson kick).

MHB: Henry DeRosier 58 pass from Myers (run failed).

MHB: Maier 23 run (Olson kick).

MHB: Michael Powell 1 run (Olson kick).

STO: Junior Williams 14 pass from Tate Schneider (Brady Sickles kick).

MHB: Maier 68 pass from Myers (Maier run).

STO: Williams 8 pass from Schneider (Sickles kick).

MHB: Maier 7 run (Olson kick).

STO: Williams 45 pass from Schneider (Schneider tun).

MHB: Olson 25 field goal.

STO: Mathew Bubon 8 pass from Schneider (Reign Altenburg tun).

TEAM STATISTICS

Rushing (Att.-Yds.) — MHB 24-197, Sto 27-113. Passing yards —MHB 231, Sto 210. Passing (Comp.-Att.-Int.) — MHB 5-10-1, Sto 17-28-0.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing (Att.-Yds) — MHB: Eli Maier 15-194, Harvey Hellen 3-2, Lucas High 2-2, Haiden Jeglum 1-4, Michael Powell 1-1, Myles Thompson 1-(-1), Preston Myers 1-(-5). Sto: Liam Angeles 7-51, Tate Schneider 7-42, Tyree Steele 12-17, Reign Altenburg 1-3. Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds) — MHB: Preston Myers 4-8-1-188, Harvey Hellen 1-2-0-43. Sto: Schneider 17-27-0-210, Junior Williams 0-1-0-0. Receiving (Att.-Yds) —MHB – Maier 2-121, Henry DeRosier 1-58, Zane Crowe 1-43, Sam Grundahl 1-9. Sto.: Junior Williams 7-119, Jackson Keis 6-56, Mathew Bubon 3-27, Xavier Meinholz 1-8.