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Grundahl Park could get new village building

By CATHY SCOTT
Mount Horeb Mail

The Plan Commission met on Wednesday, August 26, with all members present, except Sarah Best. Gabe Altenbernd, Village Administrator and Sonja Kruesel, Village Planner, were also in attendance.

Four agenda items were unanimously recommended for approval for consideration at the September 2 Village Board meeting:

1) a Certified Survey Map (CSM) for Joe Voell, Springdale, under Mount Horeb's Extra Territorial Ju-

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County Fair Results



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Bigtooth closed out the Wednesday Night Live season on August 19 (above) and there plenty to cheer about at BingBong's July 29 concert (below). Photos by Ron Lutz II.

Wednesday Night Live concert series wraps up stellar 29th season



Wednesday Night Live recently wrapped up its 29th season. The free concert series, held at Grundahl Park, kicked off July 8 with the reggae rock group, TUGG and concluded with Bigtooth on August 19.

"The 29th season of Wednesday Night Live was a huge success in Grundahl Park!" said organizer Mandy Potter. "We featured six excellent bands, including an artist from New York City. There were a variety of wonderful food trucks, and we

had a few special guests to accompany the shows this season. The Wild Rumpus Circus from Mazomanie did a performance during a couple of Beatles songs, and the Mt. Horeb cheerleading squad did a performance during the intermission at the Bingbong show! A large group photo was taken with the band, the circus and audience members during the Madison Mystery Tour show. It was a season to remember, but we are already planning for our 30th anniversary in 2027!"

Board of education gets update on district renovation projects

By ERIN HERNDON
Mount Horeb Mail

The Board of Education had its first meeting of the 2026-2027 school year August 17. The board met for its bi-weekly regular meet-

ing August 17, where it received updates on district construction projects and approved its agenda and minutes for its August 3 regular and closed session board meetings, personnel trans-

actions and consent agenda. Additionally, revised Board Policy #443.6 "Firearms and Weapons" was presented for its first reading, renumbered to Policy #832 and subsequently approved.

Project Manager Molly Nemcek of C.D. Smith Construction presented a construction update to the board showcasing ongoing and completed renovation projects throughout the district.

According to the report, the team finished construction of two new single-occupant restrooms at Mount Horeb Middle School, with four new punched wall open-

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Obituaries

JAMES C. GANT



James Charles Gant, age 89 of New Glarus, passed away February 16, 2020, while vacationing with family in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. He was born on November 5, 1930, on the home farm in Blanchardville, WI, to his parents, James Richard and Charmian May (Blanchard) Gant.

Jim graduated from Blandchardville High School in 1948, and was united in marriage with Jean Marie (Ness) on February 14, 1952, at the Primrose Lutheran Church.

Born into farming, Jim spent his working life in the dairy industry including Pet Milk Labs, Fieldman for Lake-to-Lake Dairy Cooperative, Farm Quality Specialist for Klenzade Economics Laboratory, and Grande Cheese Company, where he received the Sanitarian of the Year Award.

On September 5, 1951, during the Korean War, Jim enlisted in the Air Force, was stationed in Great Falls, MT, and was discharged at the rank of Staff Sergeant on September 5, 1955.

Jim loved good food and classic recipes. He was a life-long athlete, played on the Air Force baseball team, was named to the Blanchardville All-Time All Stars Team, and was a charter member of the Edelweiss Country Club in New Glarus, where he won the Championship Flight in 1988. Through his golfing years he made seven holes-in-one, including the last and only shot of his final day of golf, after which he handed the club to his son and said to the other golfers, “I don’t need to hit all of those balls like you guys.” Anyone who knew him will remember his droll wit and keen sense of humor.

Jim is survived by his wife; sister, Charmian May Paulmeno (Gant); son, James Jay, and daughter-in-law, Beth Ellen (Tronnes) Gant; son, David Mons Gant; daughter, Laurie Jean Gant; grandson, James Jayson Mons, and granddaughter-in-law, Elizabeth Ann Branney-Gant; granddaughters, Erin Joy Gant and Jill Marie Gant; great-grandchildren, Audrey Marie, James Owen, Ava Jean, Emma Elizabeth Denise,

and Patrick Jayson Mons Gant.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside inurnment services will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the West Primrose Cemetery, rural Belleville, WI, following the memorial service for his wife, Jeanne Gant, at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in New Glarus.

An online memorial with guestbook is available at www.bealfuneralhomes.com.

Jeanne M. Gant



Jean Marie (Ness) Gant, age 95 of New Glarus, passed away August 21, 2026, at home surrounded by family. She was born on December 19, 1930, in Monroe Hospital to her parents, Mons Isaac and Mabel Eleanor (Bliesner) Ness.

Jean graduated from New Glarus High School in 1948, and was united in marriage with James Charles Gant on February 14, 1952, at the Primrose Lutheran Church.

Jeanne loved to sing and was a member of many choral groups and choirs. When her family relocated to Washington state during WWII, she performed at numerous United Service Organizations (USO). Throughout her life she sang in Lutheran choirs and was choir director at Calvary Lutheran Church in Beloit, WI. For many years she played the organ for Primrose Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Jeanne loved flower gardens and wildflowers and was a voracious reader, reading everything from histories to mysteries. She enjoyed English literature and British television series, was a life-long learner taking numerous adult education courses that included German language, pottery, and painting, and she was an avid knitter. She owned a small business in New Glarus known as Jeknits, sold knitting machines, and was a knitting instructor. She knit countless baby booties, baptismal outfits, dolls, scarves, sock caps, sweaters, Christmas stockings, and afghans, generously donating to worthy causes or freely giving her creations as gifts.

Jeanne loved her Norwegian heritage and was honored to be invited to knit a pair of traditional Norwegian socks for display in Little Norway, Mount Horeb.

Perhaps her greatest pleasure was to settle in among family and friends and, as the Norwegians used to say, “Shake the hand and laugh a little,” which for her meant an exchange of story-telling, a good cup of coffee, and a cookie. Her last words to us were, “It’s good to have kids.”

Jean is survived by her son, James Jay, and daughter-in-law, Beth Ellen (Tronnes) Gant; son, David Mons Gant; daughter, Laurie Jean Gant; grandson, James Jayson Mons, and granddaughter-in-law, Elizabeth Ann Branney-Gant; granddaughters, Erin Joy Gant and Jill Marie Gant; great-grandchildren, Audrey Marie, James Owen, Ava Jean, Emma Elizabeth Denise, and Patrick Jayson Mons Gant.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Ruth Marion Ness; and brother, Halvor Bliesner “Bud” Ness.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 506 12th Avenue, New Glarus, WI, with Pastor Erich Hartenberger officiating. Inurnment of Jeanne’s and Jim’s cremains will follow at the West Primrose Cemetery, rural Belleville. A gathering of relatives and friends will precede the memorial service from 10:30 a.m. until time of services on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in New Glarus.

The Zentner-Beal Home of New Glarus is assisting the family.

An online memorial with guestbook is available at www.bealfuneralhomes.com.

Beecher Daniels

June 7, 1933 – August 20, 2026



Beecher Daniels, age 93, of Madison, Wis., passed away peacefully on August 20, 2026, at his home at Vista West.

Beecher was born June 7,

1933, in Franklin Furnace, Ohio, the son of Ralph and Plura Daniels. On January 8, 1955, he married Doris (Erb) Daniels at Mount Vernon Zwingli United Church of Christ in Mount Vernon, Wis. Together, Beecher and Doris shared 57 years of marriage, raised their family, and made their home in Verona, Wis.

Beecher lived a full and active life, with service to his country, his community, and his family at its center. From 1952 until his retirement in 1972, he proudly served in the United States Air Force. His first assignment was at Truax Field in Madison, Wis., where he was stationed for seven years. During this time, he met Doris at a local establishment on State Street. They married in 1955 and welcomed their three children, David, Brenda, and Gregory. His Air Force career later took the family to several other assignments, including two different assignments at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. Their years in Germany were especially memorable, giving the family the opportunity to visit Doris’ Swiss relatives and travel throughout Europe.

While stationed in Michigan, Beecher and family enjoyed camping and fishing. He volunteered as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts for 16 years and served as an umpire for 14 years.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Beecher began a second career with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, where he worked from 1972 until his retirement in 1992. He and Doris also enjoyed 25 years living on their family farm, where they raised cattle, tended their gardens, and enjoyed the life they built together.

In 1968, while stationed in Michigan, he joined the Masonic Fraternity, beginning what would become a life-long commitment. He later became active in the Verona Lodge and, in 1995-1996, had the honor of serving as Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. He was also a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite, was coronated a 33rd Degree Mason, and served as Worthy Patron of the Verona Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In his later years, Beecher shared many happy adventures with his loving companion, Joan Sharp. Together they enjoyed following their favorite local music groups, heading out to hear familiar musicians and enjoying the music and company.

Beecher is survived by his three children, David

(Linda) Daniels of Colorado, Brenda (Scott) Schuppe of Wisconsin, and Gregory (Blanca Vincent) Daniels of Washington; seven grandchildren, Joshua, Jenna, Hannah, Nathan, Naomi, Luke, and Jake; eight great-grandchildren; and his companion, Joan Sharp.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Doris; his parents, Ralph and Plura Daniels; his brother, Ballard Daniels; his grandson, Zachary Carl Schuppe; and his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Jerry Schey.

A celebration of life will be held at GUNDERSON CAMACHO MOUNT HOREB FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 500 N. Eighth St., Mount Horeb, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026, with John Berg presiding. A visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday.

Memorials may be made to The Scottish Rite Valley of Madison (www.scotishritenmj.org/donate) and the Middleton Masonic Lodge No. 180 (www.middletonmasons.org).

Beecher will be remembered for his devotion to his family, his lifetime of service, and his genuine interest in the people and world around him. He loved a good conversation and could strike one up with just about anyone. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

The Family would like to thank SSM Hospice, the Vista West Care Team and Bright Star for the exceptional care they provided to Beecher. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Sharon Kay (Iverson) DeMacelli

February 29, 1944 - August 18, 2026



Sharon DeMacelli, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at Morningside Manor, San Diego, Calif. She was born

and raised on her family’s farm near Daleyville, Wis., a daughter of Carroll and Lucille Iverson.

Sharon graduated from Mt. Horeb High School in 1962. She started working for the federal government in Madison, Wis., and later moved to San Diego. She retired in 2004 from the U.S. Small Business Administration, where she worked as a loan officer and portfolio manager.

She married Jerry DeMacelli in 1978. She is survived by her daughter, Denise; her sisters, Judy Klitzsch-Anderson and Joyce Price; her brothers, Duane Iverson and Dennis Iverson; her brothers-in-law, Gordon Price, Gerald Anderson, and Joseph Mancinelli; her sisters-in-law, Claudia Iverson and Carol Mancinelli; her aunt, Ann Marie Syfestad; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry, three step-children, Joseph, Dorothy, and Jerry; her parents, Carroll and Lucille Iverson; sisters-in-law, Lynn Iverson and Yolanda Mancinelli; and brothers-in-law, Laverne Klitzsch and Thomas Mancinelli.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at Perry Lutheran Church, Daleyville, WI.

Robert Wilder Martin



Robert Wilder Martin, 87, of Chapin, South Carolina, died on Thursday, August 20, 2026. He was born in Illinois on July 24, 1939 to the late Robert Martin and Mary Collins Martin.

Before his retirement, Robert dedicated 30 years of service as an engineer with the USDA, where he meticulously restored natural wood bridges across Wisconsin. His commitment to public service continued as he worked with the IRS on behalf of the State of Wisconsin. Fueled by a lifelong entrepreneurial spirit, Bob proudly partnered with his sons in 2001 to found Trac III Systems. Together they built and operated the National Motor Fuel Diver-

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PERSPECTIVE

GEIGER Counter



by Matt Geiger, Editor



An act of faith

I was fishing yesterday when a bird fell from the sky and drowned right in front of me.

Its black feathers and pale beak slowly sank into the swirling depths of oblivion as it struggled then disappeared. It almost hit me on the way down, plummeting from somewhere in heaven, as if it had banged into God's dusty kitchen window and broken its neck.

Birds have plenty of deaths to worry about; raptors and bobcats and powerlines among them, but drowning, which is essentially the opposite of flying, seems like an unlikely demise for a creature that spends so much of its time soaring through the air. I was fishing over a deep, coursing channel, and the bird was quickly sucked downstream, where it probably got snagged in dead sticks and weeds, held on the bottom for a catfish – the most ironically named fish to eat a bird – to ultimately devour.

I'm not really into omens. I don't believe in ghosts and I suspect astrology was invented purely as a quick and easy test to quickly determine whether or not someone is intellectually unmoored. Telling someone which house Gemini is in

is basically the equivalent of Howard Dean screaming or Michael Dukakis climbing into a military tank. All rational people quickly surmise: "This person shouldn't make any important decisions."

But I must admit, the grisly bird that Zeus hurled at me did make me look around, and then up, half expecting to see some metaphysical deity pulling the strings of our natural world.

Hollywood likes to talk about the "circle of life." But anyone who spends enough time outdoors knows it's not exactly a circle at all; it's actually a jumbled, tangled, complex course through which life flows, like last year's ball of Christmas lights or some fishing line that briefly came into contact with a child.

We eat certain things, and those things sometimes eat us, and we sometimes eat the things that eat those things, and the things they eat, which also both sometimes sustain themselves on our life force.

As suburban Americans rapidly lose touch with the natural world and our place in it, the reality of this chain of events is often lost on people, forgotten like a tangled mess of Christmas lights tossed into the dark recesses of a closet.

PETA has a famous billboard showing a row of animals. On the right are ones that produce much of the food modern Americans eat: a cow, a chicken, a pig, and a duck. On the left, separated by a line, are species that are often pets in the United States. Several dogs. A cat. A rabbit. A horse.

"Where do you draw the line?" the billboard asks.

It's supposed to be a rhetorical question, but for many sustainability advocates and world travelers, it seems more like a genuine survey. Millions of people do eat horses or rabbits. Millions don't eat cows or chickens.

People at dinner parties often engage in hypothetical thought experiments. "Would you eat a dog?" is a common question.

I would never eat a cat, of course, because I believe animals have souls, and I don't ever want the sinister soul of a cat getting inside me. Serial killers are probably just people who accidentally ingested a little bit of cat hair.

Whatever your food ethics are, PETA's is an effective billboard because it gets people talking. It's based on what in philosophy is called a logical fallacy, in this case the "slippery slope" fallacy. The idea in any slippery slope argument is that, if a person will do one thing, they will inevitably do another thing, and then another, all the way down the slope. You can use it to erroneously argue any point. In a slippery slope argument, something is rejected because, with no real evidence, someone insists that it will lead to a chain reaction resulting in an undesirable end or ends.

"You'll step a sidewalk," someone says. "Does that mean you'll step on a baby?!"

To the slippery slope arguer, anyone who wears tennis shoes will inevitably end up wearing Crocs to a wedding or funeral or in the Oval Office, completely eroding the social order. Anyone who will wear a baseball cap at the dinner table will soon be walking around with the last endangered condor on their head.

The billboard is funny because it wrongly assumes people won't eat the creatures commonly kept as "pets." But the line between what people will and won't eat is arbitrary, just like the

line between what people will and won't love. In parts of Asia, it's socially acceptable to eat dogs. In France or Brazil, it's common to eat horses. In the United States, it's socially acceptable to eat ultra-processed junk food three times a day, whereas in more sophisticated cultures that kind of thing is scoffed at. In parts of Russia and Mongolia, people sometimes eat (and catch the Black Plague from) wild marmots.

It reminds me of a scandal a few years ago in which a young student got in trouble at school. Her crime was wearing a custom-made T-shirt featuring a photo of her first deer. The animal was acquired legally and ethically, and its meat filled the family freezer. It lived its life freely, never knowing the inside of a pen or cage, never shoved onto a truck and sent off to a slaughterhouse. It got to be a deer, and it got to be free, and then it was food, which is what everything is supposed to become after it grows up.

The young girl was summarily brought to the principal's office and scolded.

"Killing animals is not what we do," one teacher told her.

It seems that our society is often bothered when people learn to take care of themselves, but they get *really* angry anytime a young girl learns to fend for herself in the world.

When a local news channel caught wind of the story, they interviewed the principal who, without even a hint of irony, stood in a cafeteria serving chicken nuggets and stated: "We don't have dead animals in school."

To be clear, the girl had brought a cotton shirt to school, not a dead animal. But the pepperoni on the pizza? The chicken in the nuggets? The cow in the hamburgers? Those were real, thinking, feeling animals. They were dead and in school at the exact moment the principal said those words.

Our species' relationship with animals is vital to our survival and our men-

tal health. We have always looked to non-human creatures for so many things we cannot live without. Their fur kept us from freezing to death. Their meat kept us from starving. Their milk made our cheese curds. But it's not just physical. It's philosophical too. We look to non-human animals for inspiration, for bravery, for explanations about a complicated, beautiful, really pretty horrifying planet on which we live.

We look in the eye of a crow and see a twinkle of gleeful wisdom. We see the raven and know that he was the one who stole light from the gods and brought it to us in the human realm. We see the lion, who is so powerful he makes us feel stronger just by looking at him. (One of my favorite things ever was when I saw a group of people all wearing identical "LIONS NOT SHEEP" t-shirts together at a festival, which is a very sheep-like behavior and also ignores the fact that lions are actually pack animals.) Our dogs kept us safe from bears and wolves for thousands of years, and now that bears and wolves have receded deep into the forests, they give us laughter, comfort, and funny videos to post on YouTube. They give us the thing we need most in this lonely modern world: companionship.

I am a what is often called a "Morning Person." I rise with the sun each day, happy to be alive. I never have to set an alarm. My wife, on the other hand, is what is known as a "Night Owl." I don't know why people chose this species to represent all nocturnal people. The phrase could just as easily have been "Night Skunk" or an "Evening Bat." I wish there were a common term for people like me, people who rise with the sun. There are a million diurnal creatures. Why don't people refer to

me as a "Day Wallaby" or a "Morning Pigmy Marmoset"? But alas, I am a Morning Person. But perhaps it's no accident that those who stay up late are animals, and those who are most active in the sun are merely "people."

The thing is, if you spend enough time in nature, you will learn that it – She, most cultures have called Her – is profoundly optimistic. Mother Nature is constantly making and remaking everything that swims, crawls, runs, flies and grows. With every nanosecond of every day, She births a trillion new beings, nudging them into existence to hum and shiver and feel the sun and the moon. Even inside our own bodies and minds, we are perpetually reborn.

I sometimes worry that gloomy pessimists are on the verge of taking over the world. Then I remember one fundamental fact: Optimists have children. Pessimists don't. People love to complain, but when they have kids, I don't really believe them. Because making more people is the ultimate act of faith, of optimism, of hope that the sun will rise again tomorrow.

And it will.

The sun will shine down on all the birds that soar through the sky. It will even warm the surface of the swirling water in which, yesterday, one of them drowned and became catfish food. The dead sticks at the bottom of that river will make habitat, just like their living, ever-growing counterparts on land, whose branches surge upward, eternally upward, reaching out to touch the sky. And above them, through that air, the birds will fly, looking down on this beautiful, jumbled mess of a planet, its mess of life lit up like a sparkling ball of Christmas lights in the dark void of space.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Dahlia Gawk returns

Are you wondering what to do on Saturday, September 12th from 1 to 5 in the afternoon? Well, take a short drive or walk to Monique’s Dahlia Garden for our 11th Annual Dahlia Gawk. We are located at 1167 State Road 78, Mount Horeb (Daleyville). Hopefully you will be able to see some of our most beautiful dahlias. You should be able to see pompons, up to the large AA size which can get up to 12 inches in diameter. Bring your camera, to take photos so you can remember what you might like to put in your garden next spring. We will again be collecting for the local food pantry, so please bring along something for that.

Battery collection to reduce fires

DANE COUNTY – Dane County Executive Melissa Agard and Dane County Waste & Renewables Director John Welch today announced Battery Collection Month at Dane County Clean Sweep, an effort to make it easier for residents to safely dispose of batteries and battery-containing devices while raising awareness about the growing risk of battery-related fires. Throughout September, Dane County residents can bring household batteries

and battery-containing devices to Clean Sweep for disposal at no charge during normal operating hours. The program is limited to one load per resident per week. Batteries are increasingly common in everyday products, including cell phones, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, toys, smoke detectors, remote controls, and even some greeting cards.

When batteries are placed in household trash or recycling, they can be crushed, punctured, or overheated during collection and processing. Damaged batteries, particularly lithium-ion batteries, can enter a process known as thermal runaway, causing extremely hot fires that can be difficult to extinguish.

“Batteries have become part of almost every aspect of our daily lives, but they do not belong in our trash or recycling,” said Dane County Executive Melissa Agard. “Taking a few extra minutes to dispose of a battery properly can help protect our sanitation workers, our waste facilities, our environment, and our entire community. By offering free battery collection throughout September, we want to make the safe choice as easy as possible for Dane County residents.”

Battery-related fires have become an increasing concern for waste and recycling facilities nationwide. Thousands of fires occur at these facilities each year, and lithium-ion batteries are

increasingly associated with serious incidents. In 2023, a lithium-ion battery caused a fire that destroyed the Columbia County Recycling Center in neighboring Columbia County.

“Once a battery enters a trash or recycling collection system, there are many opportunities for it to be crushed or damaged, whether that is in a collection truck or during processing at a facility,” County Executive Agard continued. “These fires can develop very quickly and put workers, equipment, and essential infrastructure at risk. The best way to prevent them is to keep batteries out of the waste stream altogether and bring them to a facility like Clean Sweep where they can be managed safely.”

Dane County Clean Sweep provides residents with a reliable option for safely disposing of household hazardous materials, including paints, pesticides, cleaners, electronics, batteries, and battery-containing devices. Clean Sweep operates six days a week and helps keep potentially dangerous materials out of Dane County’s waste stream.

Residents are encouraged to check their homes for old, damaged, or unwanted batteries and battery-powered devices and bring them to Clean Sweep during September.

For additional information about Clean Sweep, accepted materials, and hours of operation, residents can

visit the Dane County Waste & Renewables website - <https://landfill.danecounty.gov/>

Class of 1971 to reunite

The Mount Horeb High School Class of 1971 announces plans for their 55th reunion on Saturday night, September 12th. The event is scheduled from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM at The Red Mouse Bar & Grill, 3738 County P, Pine Bluff, WI.

Questions and additional can be directed to gcpst71@gmail or blue-mounds@aol.com.

Multi-class reunion planned

The Mount Horeb High School Class of 1971 will host the annual multi class reunion (Class of 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974) on Friday, September 11th at the Dog House Bar & Grill, 117 S 1st Street, Mount Horeb, WI. The fun starts at 4:00 pm and lasts until 7:00 pm. Just show up and socialize with other alumni.

From lawn to meadow

The Mound View Garden Club’s EcoGardening Committee is sponsoring a talk Monday, September 14, 2026, 6:30PM, at the Violet Room, 2600 State HWY 78 S. Are you interested in

converting a large area of your yard to native habitat? If so, turn your interest into a plan! Learn how to meadow-scape your yard, on a budget, using a combination of seeds and live plants. Creating a meadow is an option between seeding /planting a prairie, and growing native plants in a typical garden bed. A meadow would cover an area much smaller than a prairie, but larger than your usual perennial garden. It can be lovely in any yard, even those adjoining natural areas. Attend the upcoming workshop “Lawn to Meadow with Seeds and Plants” presented by Sarah Savage, owner of TEND Native Plants.

County breaks ground on elections center

Dane County leaders and project partners broke ground Tuesday on the new Dane County Elections Center in Madison. The project will create a dedicated, modern facility for the Dane County Clerk’s Office and countywide election operations.

The center will support secure storage, voting equipment testing, ballot-related operations, recounts and the year-round work required to administer elections. The project renovates the former

Ale Asylum property for long-term public use and brings key election functions together in one location.

“Free and fair elections are the foundation of our democracy, and protecting that foundation requires skilled public servants and dependable infrastructure,” said Dane County Executive Melissa Agard. “This center is an investment in secure, transparent and efficient elections. I am grateful to Scott McDonell for his tireless work in helping bring this important project to life.”

“With this Elections Center, the County has decided to invest in our democracy and protect the rule of law. This building will provide a safe place for election officials to work, said Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell. “A secure environment for training, storage, and recounts - a modern facility to protect the integrity of our elections. We will continue to keep our elections here in Dane County safe and secure.”

About the
Dane County
Elections Center

The Dane County Elections Center will provide dedicated space for the Dane County Clerk’s Office and election administration, including secure storage, equipment testing, ballot-related operations and recounts. The facility is located at 2002 Pankratz Street in Madison.

Kids Spend an Afternoon in Germany at September Afterschool Workshop

Registration is now open for September’s Hands-on History workshop at the Driftless Historium (100 S 2nd St, downtown Mount Horeb). “An Afternoon in Germany” will be held on Thursday, September 10 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for grades K through 4. Participation is absolutely free, due to a generous grant from the Mount Horeb Community Foundation—but capacity is limited to just twenty students per month and registration is required. Thousands of German immigrants have made Wisconsin their new home, including some of the first settlers of Horeb’s Corners. Suspenders (a.k.a lederhosen braces) and Bavarian brimmed

hats will help students get into the German mood, as they learn more about the homeland of their Germanic ancestors, neighbors and friends. Participants will also be re-introduced to the famous fairy tales of German brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, and learn some words, foods and customs that have become nearly integral American life.

The workshops are planned and led by Mount Horeb Area Historical Society staff and experienced educators. For more information related to Hands-on History or to register for the September session, visit mthorebhistory.org and search “Events,” or call 608-437-6486.



Wisconsin became the adopted home of thousands of German immigrants in the 19th century. Dane county was no different. Southwest of Mount Horeb near the boundary of Perry Township, German Valley was predominantly settled by Germans--a tight knit community bound by a shared culture, language and experiences. This photo from the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society collection shows students on the porch of German Valley School in 1918 or 1919.



Community will honor the memory of 9/11

Community members are invited to a commemorative 9/11 program at the Public Safety Building on Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m. Words of reflection will be provided by FDMH followed by Honor Guard duties performed by the Mount Horeb American Legion.

Springdale 4H has fantastic fair showings



Rabbit exhibitor Serenity Humphrey entered her rabbit in the Costume class dressed as Uncle Sam continuing (The theme of 250) winning 1st Place in event.

SPRINGDALE 4-H HAD A FANTASTIC DANE COUNTY FAIR after a week of Heavy Canadian wildfire smoke & very high heat index. The 26 exhibitors of the Springdale 4-H club as a whole exhibited over 300 projects placings in 1st Place Blue, 2nd Place red, 3rd Place White & 4th Place Pink with additional awards of Reserve Champion, Champion & State Fair selected projects. Following is list of projects & placings listed by club members..

Levi Baldwin Hart: Shooting Sports; Sr.15-19 22 pistol Shoot-Blue-**Reserve Champion**, 22 Rifle Shoot-Blue-**Reserve Champion**, Air Pistol-Red, Air Rifle Shoot- Sporter-10 spot target-Blue- **Champion**, Archery 3-D Bowhunter-Blue-**Champion**, Archery Indoor Spots 20 yds. Bowhunter-Blue-**Champion**, Shotgun Shoot Sr.Trap 15-16-Blue,Shotgun Shoot Sr. Skeet age 14-19-Red, Wildlife Ecology Knowledge Challenge Sr.15-19-Blue-**Certificate & Subscription-Champion**
Harper Baldwin Hart: Shooting Sports; Int 12-14 Air Pistol-White, Air Rifle Shoot Hunter-Single spot target-Blue-**Reserve Champion**, Archery 3-D Bowhunter-Blue-**Champion**, Achery Indoor Spots 15 yds Bowhunter-Blue, Wildlife Ecology Knowledge Challenge-Blue-**Champion-Certificate & Subscription Award**

Allison Bilsie: Beef Herford Junior Yrlg Heifer-Blue-**Reserve Champion Overall-Herford Class**, Showmanship Gr. 3-5-Blue

Brooklyn Bilsie: Beef Herford Junior Yrlg Heifer-Blue-**Champion Overall-Herford Class**, Showmanship Gr.6-8-Red

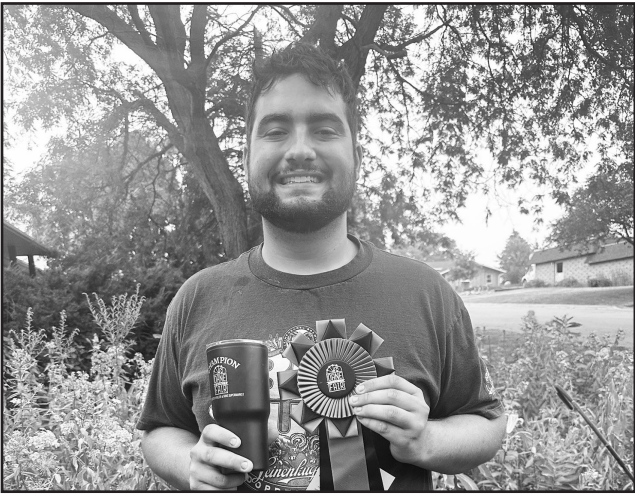
Reese Bilsie: Cloverbud; One decorated Food Item Rainbow cupcakes, 2 cookies Pumpkin, Photo Display Care of Beef Cattle, Item from a kit Crab Lego Kit

Dalton Corrigan: Swine; Market x-bred gilt weighing 284 lbs-2nd-Red; Swine Showmanship gr. 3-4 Blue-**Reserve Champion**; Demonstration & Presentation Beg.Literature Short Story-Red, Poetry-Red, Any other literature-Red; Mechancial Projects Lego gr. 3-7 Display Building Kit-Pink, Any Lego Display original-Red; Poultry Market Bird Broiler 2.5.-5 lbs.-Red, Poultry Showmanship- gr. 3-5-White; Shooting Sports Air Rifle Shot Jr. Age 8-11 single Shot-Blue-**Reserve Champion**, Archery Indoor Spots Jr, 3rd Gr. Age 11 10 Yds Bowhunter-Blue

Preston Corrigan: Swine; Barrow Duroc weight 272 lbs.-3rd Red, Swine Showmanship gr.3-5-White; Poultry Market Birds pair broilers 2.5-5 lbs.-Blue, Poultry Showmanship gr.3-5-White; Shooting Sports Archery Indoor Spots Jr. 3 gr. Age 11 10yds Bare Bow-Red, Air Rifle Shoot Jr, 8-11 Plinker Single spot target-blue-**Champion**; Mechanical Projects Lego gr. 3-7 Display Building Kit-Pink, Any Lego Display Original-Red

Jackson Corrigan: Swine; Crossbred Barrow-Blue, Swine Showmanship Gr.5-6-Pink; Poultry Market Birds pair broilers 2.5-5lbs.-Champion, Poultry showmanship gr.6-8-White; Shooting Sports Air Rifle Int.12-14 Plinker Single Spot target-Blue, Archery Indoor Spots Age12-14 Boe-hunter 15 yds-Red, Shotgun Shoot Inter Trap-Blue

Liam Crolla: Food & Nutrition; gr. 7 + Food Preservation Freezer Jam-Blue; Home Environment Room Acessory-Blue/**Merit Award**; Photpgraphy gr. 9+ Enlargement 8 x 10 Animals Color-Pink,8x10 Scenery Color-Blue-Special Consideration; Poultry Large Bird American Hen-White, Mediterranean Hen-Pink, Showmanship Poultry Sr-Blue; Woodworking 9+ Furniture-corner table-Blue,



Mathew Mahoney graduated from 4-H; he placed Grand Champion shooting sports/shotgun shoot/advanced trap.

cutting board-Blue-**Champion**

Kynan Darley: Cultural Arts; Ceramic-Blue; Flowers & House Plants gr 3-5 Foliage Trailing-Blue, Any Foliage Same Year-Red; Poultry Large Bird Pullet American-Blue, Hen American-Red, Pullet English-Blue, Pullet Cross Bred White Earlobe- Blue, Showmanship Poultry gr 3-5-Red

Perri Darley: Cloverbud; Photo display Any other display

Jasper Lokken: Cultural Arts; Chalk Drawing-Blue, Sculpture & Assemblage Clay Sculpture-Blue/**Special Consideration**; Flowers & Houseplants Gr 4-6 Annual Bouquet of growing Flowers Petunias-Blue, Snapdragons-Blue/**Champion Award**, Plant in a Recycled Bouquet Container-White, Perennial Trumpet Lily-Blue, Calla Lily-Blue, Any Other Perennial-Blue; Plant & Soil Science Gr.3-5 Vegetables Crop Display-Red

Carly Esser: Photography gr. 6-8 Multiple Photos 3 best Photo color-Blue; Plant & Soil Science Farm Crops Gr 6-8-Sheaf of wheat-White, Soybean roots attached-Red, Corn Silage tower Silo-White, Hay Silage bunker-Blue,

Tyler Esser: Plant & Soil Science gr 6-8 Farm Crops Sheaf Wheat-White, Soybean roots attached-White, Corn Silaege Tower Silo-White, Hay Silage Bunker-Blue; Mechanical Projects Legos gr. 3-7 Display Vehicles Kit-Pink

Serenity Humphrey: Cultural Arts Fiber Art Weaving Bag-Blue, Any Other Fiber Technique Pipe Cleaner Display-**Judges Favorite State Fair Award** Jewelry Orginal design Bracelet-Blue, Beaded set of 2 different pieces Bracelet & Necklance -Blue; Rabbit Pet Rabbit Gr. 7-8 (Rosie)-Blue-**Reserve Champion**, Costume Contest rabbit Gr. 6-8 dressed as Uncle Sam (Carmel)-Blue, Showmanship-Red; Flowers & House

Plants Plant craft gr 6-8 Dried Arrangments-Blue; Photography Grade 6-8 enlargement 8x10 Animals Color-Blue, 8x10 Other Color-Red; Woodworking Article for kitchen Candy dispenser-Red, Article made in School Tool Box-Red

Finn Judd: Stoughton Fair: Dairy-Jr Showmanship-8th in the class-White, Registered Holstein Winter Calf- 5th in the class-Red, Registered Holstein Fall Calf 3rd in the class-Red; Crops-Sheaf of wheat-Pink, Vegetables-Garden vegetable box 3 to 6 varieties (radishes, potatoes, banana peppers, edible pea pods)-Blue; Mechanical Sciences-Lego designed by exhibitor-Blue; Woodworking-Article for use in home (Desk)-Blue/**Best of Show Dane County Fair:** Dairy gr 3-5-Jr Showmanship- 5th in the class-Red, Registered Holstein Winter Calf-2nd in the class-Blue, Registered Holstein Fall Calf 2nd in the class-Blue, Plant & Soil Science Gr. 3-5 Farm Cro p Sheaf of wheat-Red, Vegetables-Garden vegetable single variety (edible pea pods)-Red; Flowers & House Plants-Patio planter 3 to 6 plants-Blue; Mechanical Sciences Lego gr 3-7 vehicle from a kit-Pink, Lego building from a kit-Pink; Woodworking-Article for use in Home Desk-Blue-**Reserve Champion**

Ruah Franzmann-Simert: Poultry Chicken Large Bird Pullet American-Red, Pullet English-Red, English Hen-White, Showmanship Sr 9+-Red

John-Henry Lee: Shooting Sports Int age 12-14 .22 target Rifle-Blue-**Champion**, Air Pistol-Blue-**Reserve Champion**, Air Rifle Sporter-10 spot target-Blue, Shotgun Sr. Trap 15-16-Blue

Jasper Lokken: Culrural Arts Chalk Drawing-Blue, Clay Sculpture-Blue-**Special Consideration**; Flowers & House Plants gr 3-5 Annual Bouquet of Growing Flowers Petunias single-Blue, Annuals Bouquet of



Springdale 4-H club members (L to R) John Henry Lee, Finn Rothenberg & Liam Crolla after working their shift at the 4-H Baked Potato Stand are enjoying their free Potato sitting on the bench Finn received a Blue ribbon on in Woodworking 9+.

Growing Flowers Snapdragon spike-Blue-**Champion**, Plant in recyled container-White, Perennial Growing Flowers Trumpet Lily-Blue, Cala Lily-Blue, Any Other Perennial Lavendar-Blue; Plant & Soil Science; Vegetable Crop Dispayl-Red; Swine Showmanship gr. 3-4-Blue, Barrow Poland China-Blue-**Champion**

Mathew Mahoney: Graduation from 4-H; Fowers & House Plants Gr 9+ Annual Bouquet of Growing Flowers Snapdragons-Blue, Petunias double-Blue, Zinnias Dwarf-Blue, another annual-Blue, Flowers & House Plants African Violet no flowers-Blue, Impatiens 1 Plant-Blue, Tuberous Begonia 1 plant-blue-**Reserve Champion**, Any Flowering previous Yr-Blue-**Champion**; Shooting Sports Archery 3-D Sr. Archery15-19-Blue, Indoor Spots 20 yds. Bowhunter-Red, Shotgun Shoot Advance Trap age 17-19-Blue-**Champion**

Samuel McGinnity: Photography Gr 9+ Enlargement 8x10 Color abandoned Vintage Truck-Blue, Enlargement 8 x 10 Black & White Ford Bronco-Blue, Multiple Photo 3 Best Scenery Color Automotion Car Show-Blue, 3 Best Color-Blue; Shooting Sports age 15-19 .22 Pistol-Blue, Air Pistol Shot-Red, Air Rifle Shoot Hunter Single Shoot Target-**Champion**

Katrina Meinholz: Flowers & House Plants gr. 9+ Annual Bouquet of Growing Flowers Snapdragons spike-Blue, Foliage House Pant Trailing-Blue, Single cactus succulent-Blue, Perennial Growing Flowers Gladiolus Spike any color-Blue, Hydrangee 1 stem-Red, Tiger Lily-Red, Plox any color-Blue, Any other perennial-Blue; Foods & Nutrition Gr. 7+Decorated Cookies-Red, Decorated cupcakes-Blue, Perishables & Baked Goods 10-12+-Heart Healthy Snack-Blue; Home Environment Creative Centerpiece-Red; Photography Gr.9+

Enlargement 8 x 10 Animals Color-White, Enlargement 8 x 10 Scenery Color-Blue, 3 best color photos-Blue, 3 photos Color animals-White, 3 Scenery Color-Pink, 3 BxW Animals-Red; Sheep Market Lamb 105-150 lbs. Red 6th in Class, Showmanship Gr.11+-Red; Shooting Sports Senior 15-19 3-D Bowhunter-Blue, Archery Indoor Spots 20 yds. Bowhunter-Red, Wildlife Ecology Knowledge Challenge-Red; Swine Showmanship-Blue, Barrow Hampshire-Red, Barrow Poland China-Red

Leah Meinholz: Cultural Arts Colored Pencils Drawing-Blue, Wax Drawing-Blue, Painting Watercolor-Blue, Painting Acrylics-Blue, Recyled Sculpture-Blue, Ceramic-Blue, Flowers & Houseplants gr. 6-8 annual Bouquet of Growing Flowers Snapdragons spike-Red, Bouquet Zinnias Med Flowers-White, Tuberous Begonia 1 plant-Blue.Any Other Begonia-Red, House Plant Other flowering this yr-Red, Any flowering previous yr.-Blue, Miscellaneous Any Other Plant-Blue, Perennial Growing Flowers Gladious Spike any color-Red; Photography Gr.6-8 Multiple 3 Photos animal color-Red, Multiple Photos 3 relation Animal & People color- Blue, 3 Occasion Color-Red, 3 Photos B & W of Animals-Blue, 3 Photos any subject-Blue; Rabbits Famcy Breed Sr. Doe Holland Lop-Solid-Red; Sheep Market Lamb 105-150 lbs.-Red, Showmanship Gr.8-10-Red; Mechancial Projects Any Lego Display-White

Mackenzie Meinholz: Cultural Arts Drawing-Red, Colored Pencils-Blue, Wax Crayons-White, Any other Medium-Red, Watercolor-Blue, Acrylics-Blue,Fiber Art Tie dying Hand-dipped-Blue, Painting any other-Blue, Scrapbooking 8-12 pages-Red, Wire Sculpture-Red, Ceramica-Blue; Com-

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History in the making these members of Springdale 4-H. Last year member Mathew Mahoney & his cousin Jasper Lokken 1st Year member, working the Potato stand at Fair. Each club works a time period during the Fair, profits from the stand go to paying for 4-H Scholarships, events for 4-H members, & over all support of Dane County 4-H enrolled members over the year.



Serenity Humphrey with her Cultural Arts project which was selected over all projects in that division at the Dane County Fair to be entered as a theWisconsin State Fair Entry.



Finn Judd showed Dairy at Stoughton & Dane County Fair.



Dane County Fair has an event Little Sheperd where kids (Perri Darley cloverbud in Springdale 4-H) not old enough to show animals herself are given the chance to be in a show ring with a Lamb & owner of the animal (Leah Meinholz). Fairest of Fair Erin Ranum is asking questions to the exhibitor helping them to get the feel of what is like to be showing at the Fair finding their interests.



Reese Bilsie is picture with her Cloverbud projects of rainbow cupcakes, Pumpkin cookies, Photo Display Care of Beef Cattle, Item from a kit Crab Lego Kit.



Carly & Tyler Esser proudly showing their fair entries.



Brooklyn Bilsie with her Grand Champion Hereford Beef Heifer & sister Reese showing off the ribbons.



Allison Bilsie with Her Reserve Champion Herford Beef Heifer with sister Reese holding the ribbons from the Dane County Fair



Meinholz girls (L to R) Mackenzie, Katrina, & Leah) are pictured with only some of the entries that they showed & the 2026 Dane County Fair.



1st year exhibitor Elliot Steinich showing his many fair projects.



This project will be on exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair shown by Alivia Shaffer the designer of finger Nails in Cultural Arts.



Foods & Nutrition Cake Decorating Gr.7+ Birthday Cake Toy Story Theme was Champion exhibit designed by Alivia Shaffer.

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munications Scrapbook of Oringial Poetry-Blue, Child Development Child's Book-Blue-**Champion**, Flowers & House Plants gr. 9+ Annual Bouquet of Growing Flowers Snapdragon spike-Red, Zinnias Dwarf 1 pom-pom-Red, Foliage House

Plant Trailing-Red, Coleus 1 plant-Blue, Caladium-Blue-**Champion**, Any foliage same yr.-Red, Any foliage previous yr.-Blue, 3 single Foliage this yr.-Red, 3 different foliage previous yr.-Blue, Single cactus succulent-Blue, Hanging basket Petunias-Red, Hanging Basket foliage-Red, Plant in Recyled Container-Blue, Hanging basket Bloom ot-

her-Red, African Violet no Flowers-White, Geranium 1 Plant-Red, Impatiens 1 Plant-Blue, Tuberous Begonia 1 plant-Red, Any Other Begonia 1 Plant-Red, Other flowering this year-Red, Any Flowering previous yr.-Blue, Single Bed Plant purchased this Season-Blue, Miscellaneous Any other Plant-Blue, Biggest Weed-Red, Perennial Gro-

wing Flowers Gladiolus Spike any color-Red, Hydrangea 1 stem-Red, Day Lily Hemerocallis-Red, Lily Blue, Calla Lily-Blue, Plox any Color-Blue, Any Other Perennial-Blue, Plant Craft Dried Arrangments-Blue-**Reserve Champion**; Foods & Nutrition Decorated cookies-Blue, Decorated cupcakes-blue, Foods Poster Health-Red; Home

Environment Decorated Waste Basket-Red, Room Accessory-Blue, Creative Room Accessory-Blue-**Champion**, Creative Wall Accessory-Blue, Fresh Flower Arrangement-Blue, New Furniture Book Shelf-Blue, Any Other Project-Red; Natural Sciences Exploring Your Environment Bird House-Blue, Recycling Exhibit-Blue-**Reserve Cham-**

pion, Photography Gr. 9+ Enlargement 8x10 Scenery Color-Blue, Enlargement 8x10 B&W Animals-Red, 3 Photos of People color-Blue, 3 Photos of Animals Color-Red, 3 Photos Scenery color-Red, 3 Building structures Color-Red, 3 Photos B& W Animals-Blue; Rabbits Fancy Breed

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Recreation Notes

Join Fall Body Wise Yoga for ages 50+ beginning September 14! This 6-week yoga-based functional fitness program is designed for active older adults or anyone seeking slower, more intentional movement. Each class blends gentle motion, balance practice, functional strength, and mindful breathing to help you feel stronger, more stable, and mobile! Chair support and modifications are always available. All sessions take place from 12:30 to 1:30 pm

in the Senior Center. Session 1 is Mondays, 9/14 - 10/19. Session 2: 10/26 - 11/30. The class fee is \$60 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. Sign up by 9/7!

Join a fast-paced, inclusive Olympic sport: Fencing! The {YEL!} fall Fencing program is designed for students entering grades 2nd-5th. New and returning students invited! YEL's teaches fencers new skills each class, practices those skills in kid-friendly fencing

games, and then encourages students to use those skills in fencing bouts (matches). All equipment is provided. Fencing runs Tuesdays, September 15th to October 20th, from 5:45 to 6:45 pm in the Early Learning Center Cafeteria. The cost is \$103 for residents and \$113 for non-residents. Enroll by 9/8!

Get active this fall with Total Body Fitness! This class is designed to improve fitness and overall health. Tone muscles while boost-

ing your balance, flexibility, endurance, and speed. Dumbbells, resistance bands, fitness machines, elevated benches, and other equipment will be used. Exercises can be modified to accommodate all fitness levels! All sessions take place in the High School Fitness Center from 6 to 6:45 pm. Session 1: Tuesdays, 9/15 - 12/15 (no class 11/24, 12/1). Session 2: Thursdays, 9/17 - 12/17 (no class 11/26, 12/3). The session fee is \$72 for residents and \$82 for

non-residents. Register for session 1 by 9/8 and session 2 by 9/10.

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

Email completed regis-

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

UPCOMING REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

9/3: Little Star Kickers Soccer

9/7: Body Wise Yoga

9/7: YEL Junior Basketball

9/8: YEL Fencing

9/8: Total Body Fitness Sess. 1

9/9: YEL Bricktopia Racers

PLANNING

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risdiction concerning a land division

2) a CSM for John Temby showing a division in his property, with lot 1 for the existing residential property with the balance donated or sold to Dane County parks as conservancy

3) the Final Plat for the Hidden Ridge subdivision accompanied by the Developer Agreement

4) Amendment #2 to the Specific Implementation Plan for J.T. Klein (Karakahl redevelopment) due to a change to a portion of the outdoor building material.

Site Plan Reviews

The first review was for a new village building at Grundahl Park which will replace the existing struc-

ture just west of the ball diamond. The existing 'Hamburger Lodge' building will remain on the park campus until warranted to replace it. Both the Frolic and the Youth Baseball committees have requested more storage room, restrooms, and a larger concession stand. In addition, the proposed building will include about 1000 sq. ft. of covered area as well as storage space for use by both committees. Although bids for construction will not happen until the building is approved, Jeff Gorman, Public Services Director, said both committees will be donating to its cost, discounted architecture fees, and he hopes to have some in-kind donations of labor and materials by local contractors as well as community support.

The building is considered

an institutional building so the design standards are different than those for a retail, mixed-use building, etc. As presented, it is a metal building with wainscoting, few windows and without decorations. The Commission discussed adding some decorative items, such as dragon heads, planters, bricks at the base, a small cupola, a mural, etc. to give it more of an aesthetic appearance. Gorman said it is important for park buildings to be designed to not encourage vandalism or additional upkeep by staff. To wrap up the forty minute discussion, Stephanie Gauthier-Phillips motioned, Peggy Zalucha, seconded, to approve the site plan based on the following conditions: waive the building material standards, durable base material standard, the windows/door opening standard, the articulation requirement, curbs abutting pavement, and have the photometric lighting plan reviewed by staff, and, lastly, ask the Parks n Rec Com-

mittee to consider aesthetic improvements for the building as they see fit. Motion carried unanimously.

The second review was for Premier Cooperative headquarters at 501 W. Main Street, entailing an upgrade to the building material/color for the Do It Best Center, which will complement its convenience store remodeled and expanded in 2022.

Matt Severson, CEO of Premier, not only introduced himself but also shared some facts about the Co-op. It is the oldest Co-op in the United States, is in 34 western Wisconsin communities, just opened its first in Iowa, Mount Horeb has been its headquarters for fifty years, and has 450 full-time employees, with over 500 in its peak season. Chair Ryan Czyzewski motioned, Andrew Kidd seconded the motion to approve the Site Plan application. The motion carried unanimously.

Concept Review – Premiere Co-op
Severson and Wade Wyse,

Wyser Engineering, presented a six-acre expansion of Premiere Co-op to the Commissioners to get their initial thoughts before submitting a formal application to the Village. Premiere has an agreement with Fink's Paving to purchase six acres located next to their existing twenty-five-acre campus. The concept also includes closing Garfield Street going west at Blue Mounds Street. The agreement is contingent upon getting all necessary approvals, such as annexation from the Town of Blue Mounds, CARPC, and the Village Board. Initially the potential land would include a much larger dry fertilization building, with operations enclosed. Currently, the existing fertilization building operates open, with receiving done on one end and removal on the other. That building is on the south side of Garfield and if the purchase is made, the current fertilization building will remain in use for other purposes.

Severson opined he hopes the Village will support an existing employer who wants to expand, promote safety, and increase the local tax base. Altenbernd

told the Commissioners the intention of the concept review is to get questions or concerns discussed among themselves and the presenters prior to the monthly technical team meeting. This includes the developer, attorneys, engineers, public safety department heads, utility management personnel, etc. Once the technical team meets and a formal application is submitted, the clock starts ticking for development costs incurred by the property owner.

Commissioner Peggy Zalucha asked if they agreed with the concept, would the public still have a chance to weigh in on the project. Altenbernd said they would, as there would be two, possibly three, public hearings.

The Commissioners gave their overall approval of the concept plan to move forward, realizing there will be additional discussions about the project once a formal application is submitted and the technical team has met to discuss the project.

Staff Report

Altenbernd held his first technical team meeting with all the professionals involved with the Lukken residential property development and reported after the meeting he received many compliments from the outside professionals on how valuable the meeting was to have all of them gathered along with applicable staff in one room to discuss matters. He also mentioned he met with a couple of different developers for initial discussions on potential projects. The punch list for Sienna Hills is due this week, and he foresees some issues the Plan Commission should expect to discuss at a future meeting.

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Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Ribbon Cutting for The Dog House Bar & Grill

Mount Horeb, Wis. — The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated The Dog House Bar & Grill with a ribbon cutting, recognizing its new ownership, recent renovations, and place in the local Chamber community. Located in Mount Horeb along the Military Ridge State Trail, The Dog House Bar & Grill offers a welcoming spot for residents, visitors, friends, and families to gather, enjoy food and drinks, and connect with one another. The ribbon cutting provided an opportunity to celebrate the business, meet the team, and show support for another local business contributing to the energy and hospitality of the Mount Horeb area.

The Dog House features a newly refurbished kitchen, a nostalgic bar, and a great outdoor yard that is both bike- and dog-friendly. The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce encourages the community to stop in, say hello, and support The Dog House Bar & Grill.



With The Trees Celebrates New Blue Mounds Location

BLUE MOUNDS, Wis. — The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce recently joined With The Trees Design Build to celebrate the opening of its new shop at 10940 County Highway ID in Blue Mounds with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Owned by Philip Ankney, With The Trees Design Build specializes in interior remodeling, custom furniture, built-ins and cabinetry. Philip is especially talented at taking a unique space, an unusual challenge or a creative idea and turning it into something both beautiful and functional.

From custom furniture designed specifically for a home to built-ins, cabinetry and detailed remodeling projects, With The Trees creates pieces and spaces that are made to fit the people who will use them.

Sustainability is also an important part of the company's work. With The Trees prioritizes locally sourced wood, durable materials, low-waste practices and energy-efficient solutions whenever possible. The goal is to create thoughtful, long-lasting work that reflects each client's style and values.

Philip brings more than 15 years of building experience to With The Trees Design Build. His background includes furniture making, remodeling, bamboo bicycle building and managing solar-energy projects, all of which have helped shape his creative, practical and sustainability-focused approach.

The new Blue Mounds location gives With The Trees a dedicated space to continue growing, creating and bringing even more one-of-a-kind projects to life.

The Mount Horeb Area Chamber of Commerce was excited to help celebrate this next chapter for With The Trees Design Build and officially welcome the business to its new home in Blue Mounds.

Grease traps in the Village of Blue Mounds

By Abigail Karbusicky
Mount Horeb Mail

The Blue Mounds Village Board voted to give a temporary extension to a business for getting a grease trap, and decided to evaluate its language for future exceptions.

The village board passed regulations for grease traps at restaurants earlier this year. Village President Paul Baum said at the August 12 board meeting at the time the village gave business owners 90 days, but he realized there may be circumstances that make that not enough time.

And he noted that in conversations with people at the state level, he heard this was not uncommon for circumstances to come up that would delay the process.

"I don't want to jump in and change the wording yet until we have a better handle on what's even feasible because it's not my intent to drive anybody out of business, I don't think that benefits anybody," Baum said. "But we can't ignore

the greater cost to the whole village which affects everybody."

So Baum proposed they provide a temporary extension to businesses in the village, and potentially make amendments in the future for other situations that come up.

Other board members agreed with Baum that postponing official language would be best to determine the best timeline moving forward.

The board voted to evaluate the ordinance again next month.

Also at the meeting, several residents asked during public comments how they can reach board members with questions or concerns.

Resident Audra Anderson noted that only the board president's email is on the website, and the contact of the new village clerk, Beverly Petrolis, so residents can't reach out to other board members.

Baum said the contacts used to be on the website, and he would address that.

SCHOOLS

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ings scheduled for installation by August 31. A roof replacement was noted as substantially completed at the Intermediate Center, with remaining roofing work scheduled to be done before September. Planning and coordination of the upcoming masonry repointing project have begun at the high school, and the delivery of the new baseball field perimeter fencing is expected to arrive mid-September. Nemcek said a number of projects remain ongoing at the primary center.

"At the north side of the building, the bus loop has been completed, and on the south side, we're continuing the block walls for the new addition, and we're also installing a lot of steel," Nemcek said. "This is actually a really big week for the project. We have precast panels arriving for the walls of the new gymnasium, and the joists for the roof system will also be showing up."

Nemcek said the construction team is making headway on completing the facility's retaining wall and that they are currently focused on finishing the playground located on the building's east side by mid-September.

"Our graders are going to get it all leveled and asphalted so we can get the new playground equipment set and all the other fun things that are going out there for the kids," Nemcek

said. "There's going to be a lot of work on the south side of the building, so we'll keep coordinating with everyone on the project team to keep moving forward while the kids are in session."

Ryan Sands of Bray Architects was also in attendance and shared that his team has begun the furniture design and procurement process for the renovated spaces. He said they are also further identifying the scope of work for potential additional projects.

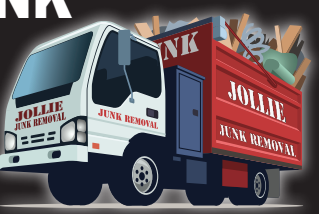
"We'll be working with Molly and the C.D. Smith team to get some more detailed pricing so that the board and the district can make informed decisions on what projects to move forward with," Sands said. "Then we will do whatever documentation is needed to actually bid and construct those in partnership with the team."

Following the presentation, Superintendent Steve Salerno noted that the project remains on time and under budget and that despite the construction, traffic conditions continued to operate smoothly.

"It promises to be a really good year as evidenced by the first day, and traffic went smoothly by all considerations," Salerno said. "It's only a one-year temporary need, but safety is paramount, and I appreciate the great sensitivity with which everybody went through the traffic areas safely and wisely. I think we'll only make it faster and faster."

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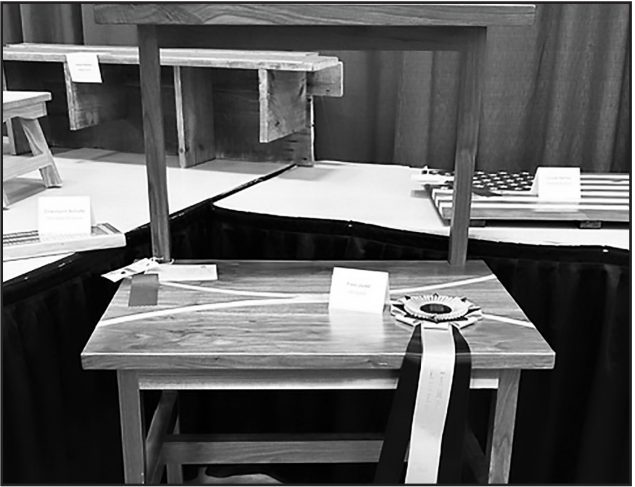
Sam McGinney with his 8 x 10 color photo "Abandoned Vintage Truck."



John-Henry Lee is proudly showing off his ribbons he received in his shooting sports events.



Corrigan Boys (L to Right) Preston, Dalton, and Jackson proudly showing off their shooting sports ribbon after the Sunday Dane County Fair Awards Ceremony.



Finn Judd Woodworking Article for use in home (Desk)-Blue/Best of Show (Stoughton Fair), and Blue-Best, Show Dane County Fair.



Harper Baldwin Hart Shooting sports awards.



Marc Stoddard received the Dane County 4-H scholarship from his application explaining many activities, accomplishments & club offices he held. Marc graduated from the Dane County 4-H Program (10 Year member) and will be attending College in Milwaukee.

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Sr. Buck Dwarf-Agouti Aov-Blue-**Champion**; Sheep Any Other Breed Yearling Ram-Blue-**Champion** 3rd Overall Rams, Market Lamb 105-150lbs.-Red, Sheep Showmanship Gr. 11+-Red; Shooting Sports Sr. Archery ag. 15-19 3-D

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Finn Rothenberg: Photography Gr. 9+ Enlargement 8"x10" Animals Color-White; Poultry Chi-

ckens Large Birds Hen Asiatic-Red, Ducks Old Duck Heavy Weight-Blue-**Champion-Reserve Best of Show**, Poultry Showmanship Sr. 9 + Blue-**Reserve Champion**; Woodworking item made in School-Blue

Alivia Shaffer- Cultural Arts Nails she designed-Blue-**State Fair Entry**, Ceramics-Blue, Foods & Nutrition Cake Decorating Gr.7+ Birthday Cake Toy Story Theme Cake-Blue-**Champion**; Photography Gr.9+ Enlargement 8 x10 People Color-Blue, Multiple Photos 3 best Color Photos-Blue, Multiple 3 Photo Animals Color-Blue, Multiple 3 Photos Baseball Sports Color-Blue

Elliot Steinich: Cultural Arts Drawing Graphite pencil-Blue, Oil Crayons-Blue, Painting any other -Blue; Mechanical Projects Legos Gr 3-7-Red; Photography Gr 3-5 Enlargement 8 x 10 Color- Blue, Multiple Photo 3 Wisconsin pictures

Color-Blue;Youth Leadership & Self Determined display-Blue

Marc Stoddard: Receipt of \$1,000 4-H Scholarship & Graduate from 4-H

Springdale 4-H Club awards: Display Club Year activities (completed by Historian Rush Fransmann-Simmert)-Red, Copy of annual program-Blue, Copy of Club newsletter (created by Mackenzie Meinholz President)-Blue, Report National 4-H week-Blue-**Champion**, Booth Display Club Community Service Project Items sent to Guamela for support of Patients & Families-Red, Booth Display Dairy Promotion Free Ice Cream to Public attending Farmers Market Mt. Horeb (Leadership Liam Crolla)-Blue-**Champion**, Clean Barn Swine 3rd Blue Medium Group, Clean Barn Sheep 5th Blue Large Group, Clean Barn Beef-1st Small Group, Clean Barn Dairy-1st Blue for Small Clubs & 3rd place overall



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Vikings set to take on all comers

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team jumps to D1

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team enjoyed one of the finest years in school history last season. The Vikings rolled to the WIAA Division 2 state championship, giving Mount Horeb its fifth state title in school history and its first since 1995. The challenges will be even greater in 2026, though. The WIAA's Performance Factor — which is a competitive balance rule that moves high school sports teams up a division based on playoff success over a three-year period — has sent the Vikings to Division 1 this year. Now, instead of battling teams like Assumption, West Salem and Viroqua at sectionals, Mount Horeb will face Division 1 powers like Madison West, Middleton and Verona, who all have enrollments more than double Mount Horeb's. The good news for Mount Horeb is it returns six of

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Isla Odgers (above), Julia Straka (right) and Mount Horeb's girls cross country team have great expectations this season. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

The Hangover

Mount Horeb-Barneveld falls to Port Washington one week after topping Grafton

by ROB REISCHEL
Sports Editor

It happens at every level of football. A team notches an emotional win one week, then struggles to duplicate that level of passion and execution the next. Mount Horeb-Barneveld football coach Bret St. Arnauld — whose team defeated defending WIAA Division 3 state champion Grafton in its season-opener — was hoping his Vikings could avoid such a hangover. Unfortunately for St. Arnauld & Co, that's exactly what happened. MH-B went to high-powered Port Washington on Aug. 28, dug itself a 22-0 hole and couldn't

fully recover and fell to the Pirates, 36-14. The Vikings clawed their way back within 22-14 before Port scored two touchdowns in the final 14 minutes to pull away. MH-B, which was ranked No. 3 in Division 3 before the game, fell to 1-1. The Pirates, ranked seventh in D3, improved to 2-0. "It took us a while to get off the bus," St. Arnauld said. "We didn't have a great week of practice and it just seemed to be a plethora of things that just didn't seem to go our way. "I have seen this situation play out many times over the years that when you have a big emotional win the prior week, you al-

most have a hangover the following week. I've seen it in college, and I have seen it at the high school level. By no means is that any excuse to get yourself into a hole, but Week 1 was an emotional win, and then having to bounce right back and play an extremely good football team in Port Washington did not play into our favor." Neither did trying to stop Port Washington junior quarterback Jack Bunyan and his bevy of gifted wide receivers. Bunyan, one of the top QBs in the Class of 2028, completed 29-of-39 passes for 362 yards and four touchdowns. Senor wideout Kiya Sul-

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Mount Horeb-Barneveld quarterback Harvey Hellen threw two touchdown passes in the Vikings' loss to Port Washington last Friday. Photo courtesy of Holly Stoenner

Vikings' spikers win Wilmot Invitational

Mount Horeb goes 5-0 on the day

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

They're off and running — and doing so in style.

Mount Horeb's girls volleyball team had a sensational start to their season, winning the six-team Wilmot Invitational on Aug. 29.

The Vikings rolled to 2-0 wins over Fort Atkinson, Kenosha Christian Life, Wilmot, Racine Horlick, and The Prairie School to win the invite.

Mount Horeb had 35 aces and 126 kills in the tournament, vs. just 35 errors for a terrific .331 hitting percentage. The Vikings also had 118 assists, 101 digs and 12 blocks.

"While the record is exciting, what was even more impressive was how the girls played from start to finish," Vikings coach Josh Smelzer said. "The energy was great all day, and you could literally see their confidence grow with every match."

Here's a recap of the Vi-

kings' five matches:

- **Mount Horeb 2, Fort Atkinson 0** — The Vikings downed the Blackhawks, 25-16, 25-18.
- Aliyah Chovanec and Elise Ellestad both had four kills, while Claire Wagner-Leek had three aces. Claire Casey had 11 assists and three digs, while Elaina Imbus also had three digs.
- **Mount Horeb 2, Kenosha Christian Life 0** — The Vikings rolled to a 25-15, 25-22 win.
- Imbus had 10 kills and Chovanec added seven, while Casey had 11 assists. Pippa Barsness and Quinn Johnston both had eight assists and Courtney Monroe had seven digs
- **Mount Horeb 2, Wilmot 0** — The Vikings cruised to a 25-14, 25-12 victory.
- Imbus had eight kills and Chovanec added six. Casey had 10 assists and Johnston added seven, while Johnston and Imbus both had four digs.
- **Mount Horeb 2, Racine Horlick 0** — The Vi-

kings downed the Rebels, 25-15, 25-10.

Chovanec led Mount Horeb with 10 kills, while Imbus had eight. Casey had 18 assists and Johnston had seven, while Harper Hendrickson had three aces.

- **Mount Horeb 2, The Prairie School 0** — The Vikings capped their perfect day with a 25-12, 25-20 win.

Chovanec, Wagner-Leek, Imbus and Olivia Turk all had four kills, while Monroe and Vera Pernot both had three aces. Casey had 11 assists and Monroe added five digs.

"That is a pretty impressive way to open the season, but there is still a lot of volleyball ahead of us," Smelzer said. "We'll enjoy this one, learn from it, and get back to work."

- **On deck:** Mount Horeb hosted Dodgeville Tuesday, then is at McFarland Thursday at 7 p.m. The Vikings then head to the Middleton Invite on Saturday beginning at 8 a.m.



Mount Horeb's girls volleyball coach Josh Smelzer and his Vikings won the Wilmot Invitational last Saturday. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

Mount Horeb golfers continue to shine

Vikings fare well at three different tournaments

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's girls golf team had another strong week.

Here's a recap of the Vikings' matches.

MOUNT HOREB TRIANGULAR

The Vikings shot a season-low 194 and won their own triangular on Aug. 24. Lancaster was second with a 218 and Darlington was third with a 255.

"It was a great start to the week for us in winning our home triangular," said Mount Horeb coach Nolan Krentz. "We stubbed our toe in this event last year, so it was nice to take care of business and come out on top this season."

Mount Horeb senior Jadyn Schellpfeffer led the Vikings with a 45, which was second individually in the 15-player field. Schellpfeffer started her round with a birdie on the par-four, first hole and added pars at No. 2 and 8.

Junior Ella Baber finished with a 49, placing third individually after parring No. 8 and 9 to end

her round. Mount Horeb juniors Harper Birkeland and Jenna Jones tied for fourth, each with career-low rounds of 50. Birkeland parred the No. 4 and 9, while Jones parred No. 9.

"We looked comfortable playing our home course and the familiarity was definitely an advantage for us," Krentz said. "Having four players shoot 50, or better, allowed us to break 200 as a team for the first time this year, an impressive accomplishment this early in the season."

BARABOO INVITE

The Vikings finished in fifth place at the 14-team Baraboo Invite held at Baraboo Country Club on Aug. 25.

Beaver Dam won the invite with a 360, followed by Monona Grove with a 375 and Wisconsin Dells (393). Mount Horeb fin-

ished with a team score of 409.

"Another strong performance for our team," Krentz said. "Baraboo is a challenging golf course with water coming into play on eight holes and trees and bunkers guarding the others. We ran into trouble on a few holes, but I thought overall, we did a pretty good job navigating the course."

Schellpfeffer continued her impressive play in leading Mount Horeb with a 92, tying for 11th in the 68-player field. Schellpfeffer recorded six pars during her round, highlighted by three straight pars from No. 6-8.

Baber shot a 99 to tie for 22nd, recording a birdie on the par-five, 12th hole and adding three pars. Birkeland added a 106 behind pars at No. 1 and 6, while Meinholz made two pars

on her way to a 112.

"Jadyn put together another really good performance for us, while both Harper and MacKenzie had new career-best 18-hole scores allowing us to earn a top-five finish as a team," Krentz said.

ADAMS-FRIENDSHIP INVITE

The Vikings fired a season-best team score of 395 and tied for seventh place in the 22-team field at Northern Bay Golf Resort on Aug. 27.

Tomah claimed the team title with a 343 followed by Beaver Dam with a 348 and Milton with a 368.

Baber paced the Vikings with a career-low, 18-hole score of 82, shooting 41 on both nines. That was also a personal-best score for nine holes.

"It was a great way to

cap off our week," Krentz said. "This was our third year playing in this event and it is always a terrific experience for our players as they are able to play several replica holes from some of the best golf courses in the world such as Augusta National, Bay Hill, Oakmont, and TPC Sawgrass."

Baber birdied the par-three, second hole and the par-four, 16th hole. She also added eight pars on her way to tying for third place individually, an impressive showing in the field of 103 players.

"Ella bounced back from a couple tough rounds earlier in the week and played a terrific round of golf, breaking her previous career-low round by four strokes in the process," Krentz said.

Schellpfeffer tied for 19th with a score of 92,

birding the difficult, par-four ninth hole and recording pars at No. 1, 2 7, and 14.

Birkeland finished with a 102, highlighted by pars on No. 14 and 18 and besting her career-low total set just two days earlier. Meinholz rounded out the scoring with a 119.

"We continue to get better each day as a team and we broke 400 on 18 holes for the first time this season," Krentz said. "Hopefully, we can carry the momentum we built this week into the coming weeks ahead."

"We have had a very busy stretch of golf to begin the year with eight events in the first three weeks, six of which were 18-hole meets, but I am confident that will benefit us as we enter the conference portion of our schedule starting this week."

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Soccer Vikings begin year 2-0

Mount Horeb defeats West Salem, Sugar River

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb boys soccer coach Rick Gage believed the Vikings’ defense would be stellar this season.

In Mount Horeb’s first two games of the season, Gage was certainly prophetic.

The Vikings defeated West Salem, 1-0, on Aug. 25. Mount Horeb then edged Sugar River, 1-0, on Aug. 27.

“Overall, the week showed promise for the rest of the season,” Gage said. “I thought our defense would be good this year and that is showing itself to be true.”

The Vikings’ wins could also pay dividends later in the season as both West Salem and Sugar River are in Mount Horeb’s sectional.

“Given that both of these teams are sectional opponents, these games were important for seeding later this season,” Gage said. “We battled hard in both of these games and were able to come away with two victories.”

Here’s a recap of the Vikings’ two wins.

• **Mount Horeb 1, West Salem 0** — The Vikings edged the Panthers in the postseason last year, and did so again in their season opener.

Junior midfielder/forward Marcos Gallasteguis scored in the 71st minute and Mount Horeb’s defense was sensational throughout.

“West Salem returned many of their playmakers from last year,” Gage said. “The middle of their team was quick and strong and we knew that we were going to have to move the ball quickly and take advantage of the space on our wings to win the game.

“The game was a fairly even affair from whistle to whistle. A lot of the game was played in the midfield, as both teams tackled hard and made it difficult to move the ball from the defensive area of the field into the attack.”

Mount Horeb did have several scoring chances throughout, as Gallastegui, freshman forward/midfielder Veyron Ruef, junior forward/midfielder Ro Gilles, senior forward Gavin Schultz and freshman forward Yovani Luna all had quality shots on goal, but narrowly missed.

Finally, the Vikings converted in the 71st minute.

Senior keeper Parker Smith sent a punt past midfield, where Gallasteguis corralled it. Gallasteguis dribbled through the defense and found an open

Luna.

Luna fired on goal, where West Salem’s keeper made a save. The ball deflected to Gallasteguis, though, whose rebound goal gave Mount Horeb a lead it wouldn’t relinquish.

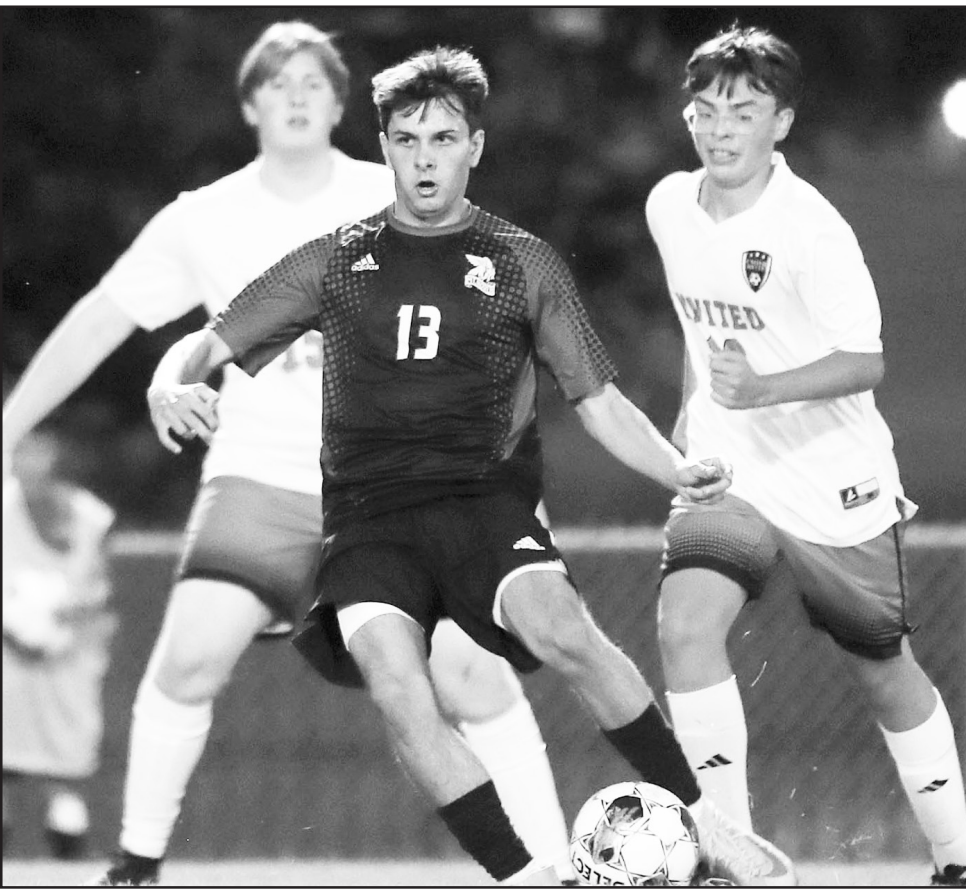
“Throughout the game we were able to create some promising attacks that ended just shy of scoring a goal,” Gage said. “At half-time we talked about opening up and getting wider to take advantage of our space on the wings.

“We also talked about cleaning up our passing. I felt that in the first half we missed some chances because our passing wasn’t clean enough. In the second half I thought our spacing improved and we began to take control of the game a bit more. We continued to create scoring chances.”

• **Mount Horeb 1, Sugar River 0** — Freshman forward/midfielder Veyron Ruef scored in the 20th minute and Parker Smith notched his second shutout of the season.

Mount Horeb’s defense of juniors Max Seibel, Jaiden Hesseling, Miles Anderson and Ethan Gieseke, and senior Carlin Ramos were also stellar.

“I would like to really commend the hard work



Gavin Schultz (13) and Mount Horeb’s boys soccer team have raced to a 2-0 start. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

of our defense this week,” Gage said. “Our backline had an outstanding week. They played two quality opponents and to be able to shut both of them is an impressive week.”

Mount Horeb controlled play early, but couldn’t capitalize.

In the 20th minute, Ramos won a ball on the right side of the field and found senior forward/midfielder Owen Ross streaking ahead. Ross gathered the ball, then drove a cross into the box onto the foot of Ruef, who buried the ball into the right corner of the net to give the Vikings a 1-0 lead.

“We are young in our attack, but we are creating opportunities and we are

showing signs of becoming a good attacking team as well,” Gage said.

Both teams created chances in the second half, but neither side could capitalize and the Vikings eventually prevailed.

“I felt as the (second) half continued, the game opened up a bit and became a little too much back and forth,” Gage said. “As we tired, we stopped looking to maintain possession and looked to get the ball down the field quickly, which gave Sugar River chances to quickly counter attack.

“Even though our play was still good, I felt that we showed signs of fatigue from two tough games in a row. The team battled hard

throughout the second half even though our play was a bit uneven. We never stopped working and played a gritty defensive last 20-25 minutes.”

• **On deck:** The Vikings were at Evansville Tuesday, then travel to Portage/Poynette Thursday at 7 p.m. Mount Horeb then hosts Edgerton Saturday at 11 a.m.

“This week does not get any easier,” Gage said. “We have sectional opponents Evansville, and Edgerton and our first conference game at Portage. The results of (last) week give us signs of a promising season. I am very happy with where we are at right now.”

Mount Horeb swimmers start strong

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb’s girls swimming team had a terrific start to its season by finishing in fourth place at the Badger Small Relays on Aug. 27.

Madison Edgewood was first with 214 points, while McFarland (188) and Lodi/River Valley/Wisconsin Heights (176) rounded out the top three. Mount Horeb was fourth with 120 points, edging fifth place Sauk Prairie (118).

The Badger Small Relays don’t count towards the conference standings, because there are no individual events. But it is an enjoyable way for the conference teams to begin their seasons.

“It’s a really fun way to start racing because it gives swimmers an opportunity to compete together, try some different events and relay combinations, work on starts and exchanges, and get some early-season racing experience,” Mount Horeb coach

Kaitlin O’Rourke said. “From a coaching standpoint, it also gives us a great opportunity to see where we are and what we need to take back to practice.”

Mount Horeb finished in seventh place at this event with 68 points in 2025, so the Vikings were encouraged by their improvement.

Among the highlights were:

- The Vikings’ 400 medley relay team of Delilah Gasch, Maggie Coe, Lucy Peterson and Haylie Becker placed third in 4:46.76.

- Mount Horeb’s 200 backstroke relay team of Delilah Gasch, Heidi Sheahan, CeCe Watson and Madeline Evans was fourth in 2:24.85.

- The Vikings’ ninth/10th grade 200 freestyle relay team of Lucy Peterson, Haylie Becker, Heidi Sheahan and Ava Beglinger was fourth in 1:59.70.

- Mount Horeb’s 200-yard freestyle relay team of Delilah Gasch, Evy Vedo, Madeline Evans and Maddie Becker was fifth in 2:01.75.

- The Vikings’ 200-yard breaststroke relay team of Ava Beglinger, Emma Erickson, Ellie McKillips and Lucy Peterson was fifth in 1:09.35.

- Mount Horeb’s 100-yard freestyle relay team of Natalie Sheahan, Heidi Sheahan, Evy Vedo and Maggie Coe was fifth in 1:00.12.

- The Vikings’ 200-yard medley relay team of Emma Erickson, Ava Beglinger, Maddie Becker and Haylie Becker was fifth in 2:22.32.

- Mount Horeb’s 200-yard breaststroke relay team of Ava Beglinger, Ellie McKillips, Evy Vedo and Maggie Coe were fifth in 2:37.56.

“One of the things I was most encouraged by was our depth,” O’Rourke said. “We were able to field an ‘A’ relay in every event and had a number of fifth place finishes throughout the meet. We also had younger swimmers making an immediate impact alongside our returning athletes, which is exciting for where this group can go this season.”

Overall, O’Rourke was thrilled with the Vikings’ start.

“For us, the fourth place finish is exciting, but the bigger takeaway is the progress,” she said. “We’re definitely not

expecting to swim our fastest in August. We have our eyes set on the end-of-season meets.

“Right now, we’re focused on putting in the work, fine tuning how to race, and con-

tinuing to improve each time we get an opportunity to compete. To see this kind of progress so early in the season, while we’re still training hard, is really encouraging and gives us a lot to build on.”

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It was a tough night for Mount Horeb-Barneveld head coach Bret St. Arnauld, Connor Casey (12) and the rest of the Vikings when they lost at Port Wwashingon last Friday. Photos courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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livan caught eight passes for 126 yards and three touchdowns, while fellow senior Kade Kintop had 12 receptions for 204 yards and one TD. Kintop also threw a 65-yard touchdown to Sullivan on a trick play.

“Port is going to do this to everybody,” St. Arnauld said. “Their quarterback is a stud, and honestly the best QB I have ever had to face as a head coach. What makes it even more dangerous is they have three legit wide receivers who are blazing fast and run phenomenal routes. Keeping them in check is going to require a lot.

“I don’t see many people being able to shut them down completely. They just have too many weapons.”

And those weapons were on display early when Port was in fifth gear from the jump and the Vikings couldn’t get out of neutral.

On Port’s first offensive play, Bunyan threw back to Kintop, and with the Vikings keying on him, Sullivan raced downfield uncovered. Kintop then fired a dart to the wide open Sullivan, who hauled in a 65-yard TD pass to give the Pirates a 7-0 lead.

Before the quarter ended, Bunyan hit Aedyn Brown-miller with a 29-yard

TD pass. Then midway through the second quarter, Bunyan hit Kintop with a 4-yard TD strike, and after Kintop ran in the two-point conversion, Port’s lead was 22-0.

“We had a lot of mental errors early in the game,” St. Arnauld said. “Things we covered all week in practice that we were determined not to let them beat us with, and those mental lapses led to us going down big early.”

MH-B made things interesting, though.

With just 2:23 left in the first half, junior quarterback Harvey Hellen hit senior wideout Owen Schultz with an 18-yard TD pass. Hellen then bobbled the snap on the two-point conversion attempt, but followed terrific blocking and scored to pull the Vikings within 22-8 at halftime.

MH-B pulled even closer midway through the third quarter after senior Cullen Olson dropped a punt at the Port Washington 6-yard line. One play later, linebacker Henry DeRosier intercepted Bunyan at the 12, setting the Vikings up with a short field.

On second-and-13 from the 15, Olson was left wide open and Hellen found him for a 15-yard TD. MH-B’s extra point was blocked, but the Vikings were suddenly within 22-14 with 5:22 left in the third quarter.

“We’re a scrappy team,

so it didn’t shock me that we crawled ourselves back into the fight,” St. Arnauld said.

The Vikings couldn’t come any closer, though.

Late in the third quarter, Bunyan threw a 13-yard TD pass to Sullivan to give the Pirates a 29-14 lead.

Then the Pirates put together a lengthy drive that gobbled up much of the fourth quarter than Bunyan capped with a 44-yard TD pass to Sullivan with 4 minutes left that made it 36-14.

“To be honest, that was one of the worst games we have played as an entire team since 2020,” St. Arnauld said. “However, we were one big play away from flipping the script, and had we just gotten off the bus, the game could have been different. So by no means is it an impossible feat. If we ran into them again, I feel like we could win that game.

“We had some bright spots, but it was definitely the tale of two different teams in Weeks 1 and 2. Week 1 we were aggressive, made very few mental errors, and sustained drives. This week was the total opposite and we almost felt like a fish out of water. I know that isn’t the team that we are, so it’s just getting back on the horse and getting after our conference schedule.”

St. Arnauld hopes his team learned some valu-

able lessons from the loss.

“You have to show up every Friday night,” St. Arnauld said. “Nobody is going to lay down for you. In fact, it is the exact opposite. You can’t have bad practices and come out and perform at a high level. We are capable of so much more and I think the game against Grafton proves the team that we can be. So we have to decide as a team which direction we want to make.

“The seniors have to make that decision and if they want to be the team I know they are capable of being, then I am all for it. But if I have to draw it out of you every week, then it will be a battle. You cannot be a coach led program and win a lot of games. You just can’t. Player led programs can reach the stratosphere. I think they will choose to

be the player led program they started out as four weeks ago.”

• **On deck:** MH-B hosts Madison Edgewood Friday at 7 p.m.

Aug. 28
Port Washington 36, Mount Horeb-Barneveld 14

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Port 14 8 7 7 — 36

PW — Kiya Sullivan, 65, pass from Kade Kintop (Grayson Allen kick)

PW — Aedyn Brownmiller, 29, pass from Jack Bunyan (Allen kick)

PW — Kade Kintop, 4, pass from Bunyan (Kintop run)

MHB — Owen Schultz, 18 pass from Harvey Hellen (Hellen run)

MHB — Cullen Olson, 15, pass from Hellen (kick blocked)

PW — Sullivan, 13, pass from Bunyan (Allen kick)

PW — Sullivan, 44, pass from Bunyan (Allen kick)

TEAM STATISTICS
Rushing (Att.-Yds.) — MHB 25-81, PW 17-33. Passing yards — MHB 181, PW 427. Passing (Comp.-Att.-Int.) — MHB 15-24-0, PW 30-40-1. Fumbles-lost — MHB 0-0, PW 0-0.

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Rushing (Att.-Yds.) — MHB: Eli Maier 16-73, Harvey Hellen 9-8; PW — Mason Schwanz 10-31, Max Zilman 3-15, Jack Bunyan 4-(-13). Passing (Att.-Comp.-Yds.-TD-Int.) — MHB: Harvey Hellen 15-24-181-2-0; PW: Jack Bunyan 29-39-362-4-1, Kade Kintop 1-1-65-1-0. Receiving (Rec.-Yds.) — MHB: Eli Maier 5-59, Owen Schultz 2-60, Henry DeRosier 5-27, Cullen Olson 3-35. PW: Kade Kintop 12-204, Kiya Sullivan 8-126, Mason Schwanz 5-36, Eyob Sullivan 3-26, Aedyn Brownmiller 2-35.

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Springdale Lutheran Church
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608-437-8733
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1st Steps Childcare
608-218-4425

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315 E. Main St. 608-437-5012
www.elcmthoreb.org
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9 am Sunday Worship

Vermont Lutheran Church- ELCA
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Tuesday, 5:30 pm,
Weds-Friday, 7:30 am;
Sat. 5:00 pm
~Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
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Mass: Sunday 8:00 am

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TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RECYCLING AND TRASH PICK-UP

The TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS will receive bids for a biweekly recycling and trash pick-up contract. Sealed bids must be mailed (or placed in secure drop box):

Town of Cross Plains, Attn: Greg Hyer, Chairman
3734 County Road P, Cross Plains, WI 53528

All bids must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2026. The bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular monthly meeting of the Board on Thursday, September 17, 2026 (agenda will be posted with zoom link on website calendar: www.townofcrossplains.org).

Bidders must be experienced in the work for which they are submitting bids. Bidders must have the proper equipment to do the work required and submit monthly statements concerning the number of residences served and, if available, the amount in pounds of all recyclables picked up and the pounds of garbage collected. The recycling totals, if available, must have the breakdown in pounds of the following: newspaper, cardboard, magazines and glossy paper materials, plastic (all classes separated out), aluminum, tin, glass (all classes separated out), and non-recyclables. Number of households as of January 2026 is 571.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid which will be in the best interest of the Town.

Jennifer Broberg, Clerk

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TOWN OF VERMONT NOTICE DANE COUNTY STATE OF WISCONSIN

Pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. stats. the Town of Vermont assessment roll for the year 2025 assessment will be open for examination on the 22nd day of September, 2026 at Vermont Town Hall, 4017 County Road JJ from 3:00 pm. to 7:00 pm. Instructional material about the assessment, on how to file an objection, and board of review procedures under Wisconsin law will be available at that time.

Katie Zelle, Town Clerk

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VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB REQUEST FOR BIDS SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL PUBLIC SERVICES DEPT.

The Village of Mount Horeb Public Services Department is seeking bids for a two-year contract with optional two-year extension for snow removal and ice control of **ALLEYS, PARKING LOTS, AND SIDEWALKS** at the following locations:

- Community Center, 105 N. Grove St.
- Municipal Building, 138 E. Main St.
- Chamber of Commerce, 300 E. Main St.
- Library, 105 Perimeter Rd.
- Sixth Street Bridge at E. Lincoln Street
- Plowing of all Village alleys (Village will salt)

All sidewalks shall be salted following snow removal or if ice is present. Village of Mount Horeb crews will salt parking lots and alleys.

For details, maps and more information, contact Jeff Gorman, Public Services Director, at (608) 437-3351 or jeff.gorman@mounthorebwi.info.

Bids are due at 3:00pm, Monday, September 21.

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TOWN OF PERRY TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Perry Town Hall, 10084 County Highway A
Teleconference - 425-585-6272 access - 394-722-206 #
following Public Hearing for ATV/UTV Routes & Regulations Ordinance, approx. 7:30 PM

Agenda

1. Call to order. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Announcements.
3. Comments by Town residents – non-agenda items.
4. New Glarus EMS – service discussion with EMS Chief Kristie Mueller.
5. Land Use:
 - a. Chad Hefty, 10217 Blue Valley Rd – accessory building.
 - b. Samantha Hearn, 1104 State Rd 78 – deck addition.
6. Roads, Equipment, Facilities:
 - a. Discontinuance of Unpaved Alley, Grove Street, resolution.
 - b. Discontinuance of Part of Josephson Road, resolution.
 - c. Town of Perry Driveway at Hauge Historic District Park – update.
 - d. Recycling Center.
7. Mount Horeb Fire Dept. 2027 budget hearing and authorizations.
8. ATV/UTV Routes & Regulations Ordinance – adopt ordinance.
9. Peoples Community Bank loan due Jan. 24, 2027 – refinance loan.
10. 2026-2027 Snowplowing contracts.
11. EMS service contract – New Glarus.
12. Treasurer's Report.
13. Friends of the Parks of Perry report.
14. Dane Co. Towns Association and Wisconsin Towns Association discussions.
15. Town Hall Renovations – sound boards.
16. Community meeting / correspondence to elected representatives - update.
17. Minutes of Previous Meetings – August 6, August 25, 2026.
18. Pay Bills due.
19. Succession planning.
20. Closed Session. Dane Co. Circuit Court case 15CV0065 DSG; Hauge Historic District Park easement negotiations: convene a closed session under WI § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel concerning strategy and WI §19.85(1)(b) and (c) personnel.
21. Adjournment.

Action might be taken on any agenda item shown above. Public comment might be invited on any agenda item presented.

Stephanie Zwettler, Clerk/Treasurer
Town Hall, Town Garage, Daleyville Signpost, Town website.
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Vikings win Arrowhead Night Classic

Mount Horeb's girls cross country team shines in opener

by **ROB REISCHEL**
Sports Editor

Mount Horeb's gifted girls cross country team opened their new season in style.

The Vikings won the star-studded, 19-team Arrowhead Night Classic on Aug. 29.

Mount Horeb won the team title with just 44 points, while Wauwatosa East (82) and Sussex Hamilton (111) rounded out the top three.

The Vikings had the top three finishers in the race, led by sophomore Isla Odgers who won the race in 18 minutes, 19.5 seconds. Junior Mia Caygill was second in 18:40.0 and senior Willa Vigliotta was third in 18:46.2. Mount Horeb

senior Julia Straka added a 16th place finish (19:50.7) and senior Maeve True was 22nd (20:08.1).

Mount Horeb's boys finished in 14th place overall.

Middleton won the team title with 94 points, edging runner-up Menomonee Falls (99) and third-place Muskego (104). Mount Horeb finished with 399 points.

Senior Samuel Wyse led the Vikings with a 57th place finish in 17:54.0, while sophomore Liam Crolla was 58th in 17:57.0. Junior Blake Losenegger was 106th (18:47.9), sophomore Jackson Ballew was 115th (18:59.8) and senior Nathaniel Sherven was 116th (19:01.1).



Mia Caygill and Mount Horeb's girls cross country team won the Arrowhead Night Classic on Aug. 29. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld

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its seven runners from last year's state title team and the Vikings should be a contender for a Division 1 state championship.

"We are keeping our heads focused over the excitement at the beginning of the season," Mount Horeb first-year coach Alexa Richardson said. "Obviously the girls and myself have big goals and high expectations, but we don't think about them at practice. We trust the training and trust the process."

The Vikings return a gifted and experienced group, led by senior Willa Vigliotta, junior Mia Caygill and sophomore Isla Odgers.

Vigliotta was named first-team all-Badger Small Conference and was the league's Athlete of the Year in 2025.

Vigliotta was first at the conference meet, completing the 5,000-meter race in 18 minutes, 59.6 seconds. She was then second at the Assumption Sectional (18:33.0) and fourth at state (18:33.90).

Caygill was third at the conference meet (19:37.40) and also earned first-team all-conference honors. She was then third at sectionals (18:38.60) and ninth individually at state (18:59.20).

Odgers was second at the conference meet (19:12.0) and earned first-team all-Badger Small honors, then was fourth at sectionals (18:39.30). She collapsed and didn't finish the state meet, but should be poised for a big sophomore season.

Mount Horeb also returns seniors Julia Straka and Maeve True, and junior

Emily Wittenwyler, who were all part of the Vikings' state championship team.

Straka was named first-team all-Badger Small last season after placing seventh at the conference meet. Straka was seventh at sectionals and 35th at the state meet.

True was named second-team all-league after finishing 10th at the conference meet. True was then 12th at sectionals and 40th individually at state.

And Wittenwyler was 17th at sectionals, then stepped up and had her score count at state when Odgers couldn't finish.

Juniors Mia Barcheski and Kira Buttner are both healthy after injury-plagued seasons a year ago, and will fight for varsity spots.

While the jump to Division 1 might be daunting, the Vikings seem ready for it.

Mount Horeb's top three runners at sectionals last year — Vigliotta, Caygill and Odgers — would have finished 1-2-3 at the Verona Sectional, which is where

the Vikings will now compete. Straka's time would have been seventh and True's would have been good for 17th.

That would have made Mount Horeb a runaway winner in the Division 1 Verona Sectional.

Now, with the roughly the same group back, the Vikings should be ready for the increased level of difficulty.

"We are trying to go into the season with a lower profile, knowing that anything can happen, but also knowing what these girls are capable of," Richardson said.

Mount Horeb's boys will stay in Division 2 after finishing seventh at the Badger Small Conference meet and seventh at sectionals in 2025.

The Vikings' top returnees include seniors Sam Wyse, Jaxon Hughes and Nate Sherven, and sophomore Liam Crolla.

"They are all returning from last year and have been putting in the work," Richardson said.

Others such as senior

Jackson Ballew, sophomores Nolan Chancellor and Julien Moreira, and juniors Blake Losenegger, Isaiah Drews and Laszlo Kelley could factor in, as well.

"I think we will see some fast and exciting results out of some of the other guys that have been training smart all summer," Richardson said. "The boys' goals are simple — train hard, stay injury free, and bring back some hardware."

"The boys are faster this year than last, and also stronger. They may not have a bulls-eye on their backs like the girls do, but I think that's a good thing for them. They know how fit they are but other teams don't — yet."



Sam Wyse is one of the top returnees for Middleton's boys cross country team this season. Photo courtesy of Mary Langenfeld



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