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# Storms leave a path of destruction through Lincoln County

Town of Pine River one of the hardest hit areas locally

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

Storms on Monday, July 26, and Wednesday, July 28, left a path of destruction through Lincoln County and beyond, resulting in Gov. Evers signing an Executive Order on July 29 declaring a State of Emergency due to severe weather. A press release from the Governor's office said the declaration was made "following widespread severe storms affecting several regions of the state overnight causing widespread damage ..."

The storms affected communities from the Mississippi River to Lake Michigan, leaving many regions with widespread damage, the Gov. said. Declaring a State of Emergency will "ensure state resources



Crews work together to deal with the massive number of downed trees in the Town of Pine River on Thursday morning, July 29. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

are available as we work together to get communities the support and help they need," he said.

### Heavy damage in Town of Pine River

Locally, Monday evening's storms brought down trees and power lines,

closed roads, and caused power outages, and torrential rain caused some flooding with water across roadways, closed more roads, and left standing water in many areas.

Just when many Lincoln County residents were getting their power back on,

though not all had yet been restored, another series of severe thunderstorms and one confirmed tornado, hit the area. The first storm came through with winds and heavy rain, but it was the second storm that evening that left the biggest path of destruction through the County.

After it had passed, thousands of trees had been snapped off from straight line winds moving through the area at speeds of 70 mph or more and a confirmed EF-1 tornado that touched down in the Town of Pine River with winds up to 90 mph. Hundreds more trees were completely uprooted and blown over due to the heavily saturated ground from all the recent rain, combined with the high winds.

In addition, about half a dozen barns were destroyed, in some cases requiring animals to be rescued and moved to other farms for milking. Luckily, damage to homes was minimal in our area, and no injuries or deaths have been reported,

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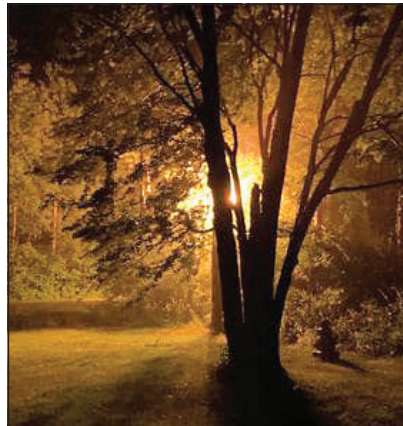
# Crews work to return power to 100,000+ homes after pair of storms hit Northwoods

**BY JALEN MAKI**  
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

Thousands of people in the Tomahawk area and other northern Wisconsin communities were left without electricity after two strong thunderstorms last week, forcing crews to work throughout the week to restore service to more than 100,000 homes.

The first storm rolled through the area on Monday, July 26, with strong winds taking down trees and damaging power lines, knocking out power for more than 60,000 homes.

On Wednesday, July 28, with more than 15,000 homes still without



A power line fell on a tree in Tomahawk during last Monday's storm, causing a fire. **Photo submitted by Derek Bartz.**

electricity after Monday's storm, a second storm hit the area, bringing torrential rain and intense winds and leaving thousands more homes without power.

On Friday, July 30, Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) said it had restored service to more than 110,000 customers, noting that it was working in the areas most impacted by outages, including Tomahawk, the Town of Bradley and the Lake Nokomis and Spirit Flowage areas. Merrill, Wausau, Eagle River, Lac du Flambeau, St. Germain and the Lakeland area were also points of focus.

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# National Weather Service: Tornado touched down in southern Lincoln County

**JALEN MAKI**  
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

A tornado touched down in southern Lincoln County on Wednesday, July 28, the National Weather Service (NWS) said.

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# Merrill salutes the City's first female Eagle Scout

Zoey Dreikosen makes history by joining the ranks of Boy Scouts' elite



TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Zoey Dreikosen, 18-year-old 2021 Merrill High School graduate, became the first female Eagle Scout in the history of Merrill on April 26, 2021. She is the daughter of Lynn and Lee Dreikosen.

Zoey joined the ranks of those elite members of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) who achieve this highest rank. According to Wikipedia, "Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process. The Eagle Scout rank has been earned by over 2.5 million youth."

Up until a few years ago, girls could never even hope to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. They weren't allowed in Boy Scouts. Rather, Boy Scouts of America was limited to male children, and Girl Scouts of the USA was limited to female children. But that all changed in October 2017 when it was announced girls would be allowed to join Cub Scouts in 2018. Girls joining the Boy Scouts program (which was renamed Scouts BSA)

came on February 1, 2019.

### What made her join Boy Scouts?

"I got involved in Boy Scouts about two years ago when they first allowed girls in Boy Scouts," Zoey explained. "I was waiting in the car, because I just assumed it was just sign-up for my brother. My Mom called me inside and said I could join Boy Scouts. I had not given much of a thought to joining, only because at the time I wasn't allowed to join. I had a little interest in it, because of everything my younger brother got to do in Scouts. So I agreed to join when I had the chance."

"He always went on these camping trips, and I kind of wished I could've went, but I couldn't because at that time girls

weren't allowed in Boy Scouts," she said.

Zoey's father, Lee, said his wife was signing their son up because they had decided to go to a different troop.

Zoey said that she remembers when she walked in, "My brother, he was like, oh, are you gonna join Boy Scouts? And I was like, yeah. And his face just went -" [She mimicked a shocked, jaw-dropping look.]

"I used to be in Girl Scouts in elementary school for about a year," Zoey said. "It just wasn't for me. I am more of a tomboy, so I guess doing boyish things interests me more."

"I think the whole deal was that Girl Scouts weren't offering the

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# Aspirus Health finalizes acquisition of Good Samaritan Hospital in Merrill

Other area hospitals and clinics in north and central Wisconsin also acquired

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

On Monday, August 2, Aspirus confirmed they had assumed ownership of 7 hospitals, 21 physician clinics, and air and ground medical transport services located in north and central Wisconsin, previously owned by Ascension Wisconsin.

In Merrill, Good Samaritan Hospital was one of the facilities acquired by Aspirus. An August 2 press release from Aspirus confirmed the completion of the acquisitions that had been previously announced in January of this year.

Other area hospitals acquired by Aspirus include: Sacred Heart Hospital in Tomahawk, St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander, Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff, St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point, Eagle River Hospital in Eagle River, and Our Lady of Victory Hospital in Stanley.

"To avoid confusion, the names of these hospitals and clinics will remain the same for the immediate future, although on site signs will indicate that they have joined Aspirus Health," the press release said. "Ultimately, facility names will be changed to reflect the Aspirus brand. By December 2021 all signs and materials will reflect the new Aspirus facility names."

"Transitioning Ascension patients are encouraged to direct any questions or suggestions to their care provider, which will not change as a result of this acquisition," it said. "For information about individual medical records, appointments or other issues, a robust help site is available at [www.aspirus.org](http://www.aspirus.org)."

"The planned transfer, first announced as a signed agreement in January 2021, was subject to regulatory and canonical requirements to complete the acquisition," the release added. "All approvals are now in hand, and today, 2,700 new team members report to work as a part of the Aspirus Health system."

"While Aspirus is excited about the future, patients and the community should not experience immediate changes. Aspirus plans to engage its new team members and key local stakeholders to learn about each community's culture and health needs. Over time, Aspirus will invest resources and expertise," it said.



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**OBITUARIES**



**Arlene L. Schield**, age 93, of Merrill, passed away peacefully under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services at Bell Tower Residence. She is survived by her daughter, Kathryn (Charles) Coates, and son, Greg (Holly) Schield. Arlene is also survived by eight grandchildren Carissa (Shannon) Kraucyk, Carla (Chad) Emmer, Joshua Coates, Joel (Sammie-Jo) Coates, Faith (Chad) Rohde, Kimberly (John) Schield-Conradt, Jason (Alicia) Rasmussen and Whitney Johnson, 20 great grandchildren and one seven-week-old great-grandchild. She is preceded in death by her wonderful parents; her dear husband; her daughter Sandra Rasmussen; three great sisters, Alice Hess, Adeline Utech and Jeanette Drumm; five brothers-in-law, Larry Schield, Hilbert Schield, Howard Hess, Clarence Utech and Warren Drumm.

Arlene was born May 11, 1928 in Wausau to the late Carl and Florence (Schulz) Neumann. She graduated from high school in Chicago, while living with her sister, whose husband was overseas in the Army. On August 30, 1947, Arlene married her sweetheart, Raymond Schield. Arlene worked alongside her husband for many years on their dairy farm. After her children were out on their own, she worked for years at Eddie's Bake Shop. Arlene and Ray enjoyed traveling the USA and Europe. They spent the winters of their retirement in Palmetto living near friends from Ray's Odds-n-Ends band. She loved to dance (especially the Polish hops) and in previous years she would accompany Ray on many of his dance jobs. She was a lifelong member of Faith Lutheran Church in Merrill, where she had been a member of the Women of Faith group and sang in the choir under Ray's direction. Arlene was also a member of the HCE Home and Community Education (previously known as The Homemakers Club), Red Hat Ladies, and her card club. She loved to play sheephead and an occasional casino trip with her dear friend Eleanor and once in a while with son-in-law Chuck. Her hobbies and passions were definitely sewing, gardening, painting, and collecting and reselling antiques at flea markets and craft shows with her sister Jeanette. In later years she even learned to carve and took many classes at the Senior center. She loved to enter items at the fair each year, especially antiques and flowers, and did her fair share of work at the antiques booth and ice cream stand during the fair.

Funeral Services for Arlene will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at Faith Lutheran Church. Rev. Donald Love will officiate. Visitation will be held from 4:00-8:00 PM Monday, August 9, 2021 at Waid Funeral Home and again from 10:00 AM until the service Tuesday, at the church. Burial will follow the service in Faith Lutheran Cemetery - Scott. Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at [www.waidfuneral.com](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Paula (Polly) Martha Marie Freeman** passed away on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

Polly was born in the Town of Russell, in Lincoln County Wisconsin on November 7, 1920 to the late Andrew and Olga (Groth) Tesky. She attended Merrill High School, and was in the graduating class of 1938. Prior to her marriage, she worked in the office of Allis Chalmers in Milwaukee.

Polly married Wilbur E. Freeman of Chicago, Illinois, on March 11, 1944, at St John's Lutheran Church in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Following their marriage, the couple lived in Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Chicago, Illinois. At the end of WWII they returned to Wisconsin, living in Wausau until 1964 before moving to St. Cloud, Minnesota. They shared 28 years of marriage before Wilbur passed away in 1972.

Polly returned to the Wausau area in 1973 where she worked for Town & Country, a women's clothing store in downtown Wausau, until her retirement.

Polly spent her retirement years enjoying family and friends; making many road trips across Wisconsin or traveling to Minnesota and North Dakota to visit her daughters. She also relished her trips to Florida, Hawaii, Arizona, Canada, and more with family and friends.

Always active in her church, Polly was a founding member of Christ Lutheran Church in Wausau.

In addition to her parents and husband, Polly was preceded in death by her sister Pearl Tranetzki, brother-in-law George Tranetzki, brother-in-law Richard Freeman, and cousin Reuben W. Tesky.

Survivors include daughters, Linda (Ronald) Stellmach of Maple Plain, Minnesota and Faye (Bernhard) Seter of Grafton, North Dakota; sister-in-law, Marilyn Freeman, Wausau; nephews, Michael Tranetzki, Wausau, Thomas (Emi) Tranetzki, Wausau, Mark (Denise) Freeman, Green Bay, and Jim (Pam) Freeman, Green Bay; niece, Polly Ann (Larry) Nemeck, Wausau; and many beloved grand-nephews and nieces. She will be missed by special friends: cousin, Lois Hahn, Weston, and long-time friend Gini Schlitz, Wausau.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, August 12th at 1:00 at Christ Lutheran Church, 1300 Townline Rd., Wausau. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 12:00 - 1:00. Interment will be at 2:30 in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery, Merrill, Wisconsin. Helke Funeral Home is assisting the family arrangements; you may sign our family guestbook at [helke.com](http://helke.com).



**Mary Elizabeth Summers**, nee Jopke, 92, of Merrill, passed away peacefully at Pine Crest Nursing Home on Monday, July 26, 2021. Born in Merrill on June 13, 1929, Mary was the daughter of the late Kurt and Dora (Frantz) Jopke. She married Laverne 'Chuck' Summers on October 27, 1951 in Merrill. Sadly, he preceded her in death on January 29, 2007.

Mary graduated from Merrill High School with the class of 1946 and enjoyed helping to plan all the reunions. After high school, she worked in the office at Weinbrenner Shoe Company, and then was a nurse's aide at the Holy Cross Hospital in Merrill. Mary also enjoyed her job working in the office of the Wisconsin Window Unit. She looked forward to attending the Westside Keg Club lunches and camping with the Friendly Foxes at the Foxfire Campground. Mary is remembered as a woman of great patience, was always kind, and gave her family many loving memories. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, and canning, something that she passed on to her children. She also looked forward to camping vacations. Mary also liked to knit, crochet, and was an excellent seamstress who made 2 of her daughters wedding dresses. Mary was a strong, independent woman that made sure that she stayed up to date on all the current events. She was proud to be a breast cancer survivor. Mary enjoyed watching and supporting her grandchildren in all their sporting and music events. She was a lifelong member at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Mary will be sadly missed but always in the hearts of her family and friends.

Mary is survived by her daughters: Sarah Williams of Eau Claire, Tess (Scott) Klug of Monona and Missy (Paul) Waid of Merrill, son: Bill Summers of Sayner, grandsons: Doug (Wendy), Ben (Allie) and Kellen (Kate) Williams, Keefe (Kaylene), Brett and Collin (Charlotte) Klug, Kurt (Kasi) and Matt (Jess) Waid, granddaughter: Elly (Vaughan) Schmidt, great grandchildren: Kylee (Trevor), Randi, Cami, Cadence, Odessa, Julie, Mia, Gabi, Konner, Scarlett and Lola, along with twin boys on the way, sister: Jane (Rich) Cooper, brother: Kurt (Yvonne) Jopke and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Laverne, sister: Joyce Wendt, brothers-in-law: John 'Jack' Wendt and Wallace Marth and daughter-in-law: VaLynda Summers.

The funeral service for Mary will be held on Friday, August 6, 2021 at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Pastor Adam Rodriguez will officiate. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2021 from 5pm-8pm at Waid Funeral Home and again on Friday, August 6, 2021 from 10am until the time of the service, at the church. Burial at the Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery will immediately follow the service.

For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed and available for viewing on Friday, August 6, 2021 at 11am under her obituary on the funeral home website.

Per family request, please wear a mask in the funeral home and the church if you are unvaccinated.

In lieu of flowers, please direct any memorials in Mary's name to the American Cancer Society, Trinity Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice.

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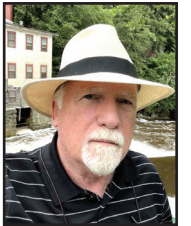
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**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**Looking Forward**

Dear Reader,

As we get older we settle more comfortably into who we are and what we have accomplished. We become more of ourselves, our potential converted into actual doings and deeds. We know ourselves and realize we don't have to impress anyone anymore. Meeting or knowing a celebrity or sports star, traveling to some exotic place, inventing a new discovery - we stop kidding ourselves as we accept that this is who we are, and here is where we are.



At a certain age, we begin to think about longevity and how to delay our inevitable mortality. And, if we aren't already, we should focus on the fun of it all and squeeze out the fruits of our labors, confirming it all to be worthwhile.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
PUBLISHER

Author of the newly released book "Dear Reader," available at Bosses (Green Bay) and the Bookcellar (Waupaca) and on Amazon. All profits go toward eradicating homelessness in Wisconsin.

**REPORTS**

**LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT**

Storms produced multiple calls for service this past week which resulted in numerous requests to law enforcement in the County as well as area fire departments. A storm that came through late Monday evening caused problems mostly from Irma north and resulted in numerous wires and trees down over roadways. Tomahawk firefighters stood by with several wires that had fallen, including one that restricted traffic on US Hwy. 8 for over six hours. Firefighters also checked several trailers at the Clear Lake Condos trailer park, including one trailer that had a tree fall through it. In total, 39 calls for service were handled by the 911 center from the start of the storm through noon on Tuesday.

Traffic was delayed and a Tomahawk man was cited twice after a crash Monday evening in the Town of Bradley. The driver of the vehicle, a 59-year-old Tomahawk man said he swerved to miss a bear and struck a mailbox and power pole, causing wires to fall on the roadway. A check showed the driver had a revoked license due to a prior OWI conviction. The driver left the scene but returned a short time later driving another vehicle. He informed the deputy he wished to remove his vehicle on his own. The man was cited again for driving on a revoked license.

A 47-year-old Tomahawk man was arrested Thursday evening on charges of battery and disorderly conduct. Deputies located the man at his Town of King home and took him into custody. They were investigating a disturbance that was reported late Tuesday evening.

A 29-year-old Merrill man was arrested Wednesday morning on a warrant charge. A deputy was performing a welfare check in the Town of Merrill when she found the man had a warrant for failing to pay child support.

On Wednesday evening, a second storm front passed through the area. First reports of trees coming down came in around 8:00 p.m. Numerous reports were received in the City of Tomahawk, Town of Harrison, and the Town of Pine River. State Rd. 64 in the Town of Pine River was closed or restricted for several miles after numerous trees fell on the roadway. A power line also was dislodged and prevented commercial vehicle traffic from traveling on the roadway. Pine River firefighters also checked on two homes where propane tanks were damaged by falling trees and started leaking. On Thursday, the Rec. Deputy assisted a group of hikers who spent the night in the Underdown Recreation Area but found the

access road covered with down trees when they went to leave. The Rec. Deputy and WPS were able to clear trees and wires to get the parties out. In total, 70 calls for service were processed by the 911 center that were storm related on Wednesday night and into Thursday.

A 50-year-old Antigo man was arrested early Thursday morning for felony bail jumping. Deputies arrested the man after checking on a suspicious vehicle in the Town of Birch. They found the man was in violation of three felony bonds by violating a no-contact order and consuming alcohol.

Speeding drivers remain a concern, as deputies conducted patrols on Friday on US Hwy. 51. At 7:30 p.m. an Outagamie County man was cited for traveling at 110 MPH in the 65 MPH zone. Just after 11:30 p.m. an 18-year-old woman from Waunakee was cited for 99 MPH on US Hwy. 51 at Lincoln Drive. On Saturday the recreation deputy cited a Tomahawk man for traveling at 74 MPH in a Can Am UTV on Tannery Rd. north of Tomahawk. A half hour later a second traffic stop on a UTV traveling at 46 MPH on Tannery Rd. resulted in the 52-year-old driver, a Tomahawk man, being cited for driving a UTV while intoxicated.

A 55-year-old Merrill man received minor injuries Saturday morning after being struck while riding his motorcycle. The man was driving on County Rd. K near Duginski Rd. when a vehicle pulled out from a driveway and struck the man. He refused medical transport.

The number of deer crashes this past week is low, with only four being reported. An eagle was found struck and killed on Wednesday afternoon on State Rd. 17 and Hinz Rd. in the Town of Merrill.

**MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**07-26-2021**

At 11:34 p.m. an officer responded to an intersection for a report of a fallen tree due to the storm. The officer located a large tree that had fallen and struck a parked vehicle. The tree was later removed by the Merrill Street Department.

**07-27-2021**

At 7:25 a.m. an officer responded to the 6th Ward bridges for an animal complaint, in reference to a raccoon being on the bridge and not moving. The officer located the raccoon and was able to assist the raccoon to safety off of the bridge.

**07-28-21**

At 8:32 a.m. a business reported

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Legals 7700**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Street Construction Project  
The City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, will receive sealed bids for a new street construction project. This project will consist of a new street extension, Webster Street, located between South Alexander Street and Eugene Street. Bids will be accepted until 2 pm, August 17th, 2021, at the City of Merrill city hall, at which time they will be opened, read aloud and placed on file for further action. Bids shall be returned to the City Clerk's Office located at 1004 E First Street, Merrill, WI 54452. Bid documents will be available Friday July 30th, 2021. Plan documents can be downloaded for a \$40.00 non-refundable fee by inputting Quest Project #7957812 (<http://www.questcdn.com/>). Paper copies will also be available from the City of Merrill Engineering Department for a \$50 non-refundable fee. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the owner and to waive any informalities in the bidding.  
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**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: 7/20/21**  
**/s/ HONORABLE ROBERT R. RUSSELL**  
**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR II**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice and Order for**  
**Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 21CV96

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF**  
Kaira Patrice Bell  
By: Kaira Patrice Bell  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Kaira Patrice Georgia Bell  
To: Kaira Patrice Tallulah Gharet  
Birth Certificate: Kaira Patrice Georgia Bell  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name: Robert R. Russell  
Place: 1110 East Main Street, Branch II, Merrill, WI 54452  
Date: 8/20/21  
Time: 8:30 am  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Merrill Foto News, a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.  
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**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR II**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice and Order for**  
**Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 21CV101

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF**  
Danielle Christine Green  
By: Danielle Christine Green  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Danielle Christine Wilcenski  
Birth Certificate: Danielle Christine Wilcenski  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name: Robert R. Russell  
Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, Br. 2, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452  
Date: 9/9/21  
Time: 1:15 PM  
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**DATE SIGNED: July 29, 2021**  
Electronically signed by  
**Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice to Creditors**  
**(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2021 IN 32  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
Mark L Bandle  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

**Legals 7700**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/29/1955 and date of death 05/25/2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W6178 Church Ave., Merrill, WI 54452.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11/19/2021.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office Attorney Sarah J. Kops Hooper Law Office, LLC 2 N. Systems Drive Appleton, WI 54914 920-993-0990 Bar Number 1059497 Published Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2021  
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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
Eye Clinic of Wisconsin will begin the destruction of medical records on August 26, 2021. This includes patient records of those who were deceased prior to 2012 and were seen in any of our clinics from 1951 to 2011. If a member of the public seeks to obtain a copy of their deceased relative's medical record, s/he should notify Eye Clinic of Wisconsin at: Mail: 800 N. First Street, Wausau, WI 54403  
Phone: 715.261.8500 or 800.472.0033  
9am-3pm, Monday through Friday  
Requests must be received no later than August 24, 2021.  
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**RAZE ORDER**  
(Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0413)  
**TO:**  
**OWNER: Alan Investments III LLC**  
**16 Berryhill Rd, Suite 200**  
**Columbia, SC 29210**  
**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**  
**700 E 4th Street**  
**Merrill, WI 54452**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
Land described as G.L. Park's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lot 6 and the South 25' of Lot 5, Block 2, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the City of Merrill, by its Building Inspector, hereby declares that the building located on the above described property is old, dilapidated or out of repair and, consequently, dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human habitation and unreasonable to repair.  
**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Owner of said building located on the above described property shall raze the building on or before **August 22, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.** To raze a building means to demolish and remove the building and to restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition. If the building on the property described herein contains personal property or fixtures which will unreasonably interfere with the razing of the building or if the razing makes necessary the removal, sale or destruction of the personal property or fixtures, the City of Merrill Building Inspector hereby Orders the removal of the personal property or fixtures on or before **August 22, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**  
Dated and effective this 16th day of July, 2021.  
**City of Merrill**  
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/s/ Robert R. Russell  
7/20/21  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice and Order for**  
**Name Change Hearing**  
Case No. 21CV95  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF**  
Carey Mae Kerchefski  
By: Carey Mae Kerchefski  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Carey Mae Kerchefski  
To: Carey Mae Fox  
Birth Certificate: Carey Mae Fox  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name: Robert R. Russell  
Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, Branch 2, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452  
Date: 8/25/21  
Time: 1:15 PM  
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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**TO THE EDITOR:**  
**Regarding the future of the former American Legion Building**

I would like to urge the Merrill City Council not only to make it possible for Jonathon Malm to acquire the former American Legion building, but also to support him in his endeavor to turn it into an Art Center which could become a very attractive asset for the whole community and beyond.

I disagree with City Alderman Steve Hass that the City needs to be run as a business. The Aldermen's responsibility and duty is to look out for the Common Good of the citizens. We need to preserve historic buildings, we need ART. These are not just frivolous things for only rich people. The Riverside Walk and famous library, the Historical Society, the old City Hall and Courthouse, and our wonderful parks are all examples of what makes our city special. They "belong" to everyone, nourish us, and make us into the unique community we want to be part of.

I commend Mr. Malm for stepping up as a private citizen and wanting to contribute to the well-being of our town.

Please, dear Aldermen of Merrill, vote in his and the Historical Society's favor and also in favor of our good community.

- Susanna Juon-Gilk  
Merrill, Wis.

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
The Fill the Gazebo Committee would like to give a huge shoutout to Culvers of Merrill. As they've done for other community groups, the managers offered to dedicate a day to our cause. On that day, July 29, 10% of all restaurant profits were donated to the Fill the Gazebo Food Drive. In addition, a Bake Sale was held, with 10% of those proceeds going to the Gazebo Drive, as well.

Our committee members observed a friendly, bustling crew during the four hours we helped. Business was hopping, and all staff members exhibited a purposeful politeness that was impressive. Thank you, Culvers, for managing a business which strongly supports the Merrill community, as well as providing a pleasant dining experience to customers. We're indeed lucky to have you in our town.

- Marie Rein  
Fill the Gazebo Planning Committee  
Merrill, Wisconsin

**TO THE EDITOR**  
**Backpacks!**

He hugged his backpack, looked at us with a smile and said, "Now I'm ready to start school!" The little boy had just picked up his backpack and supplies and could hardly contain his excitement! We invite you to help put that same smile on another young person's face this year.

Merrill Forward Together Healthy Community Initiative, the Optimists, and Children's Wisconsin are coordinating a community-wide collection of backpacks and supplies for children who qualify for free or reduced lunch in grades K-6.

You can help! (1) Purchase supplies; drop off by Thursday, August 12, at Incredible Bank, Rich's Discount, Walgreens, or Walmart; (2) Donate to MFTHCI - Backpacks, PO Box 793, Merrill; or (3) Call Linda Becker at 715-873-4564 to volunteer.

Supplies needed: Backpacks, 1" and 1.5" binders, colored pencils, crayons, disinfectant wipes, chisel tip dry erase markers, paper folders, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, kleenex, washable markers, pencils, plastic supply pencil boxes, 3" x 3" post it notes, scissors, black sharpie markers, and quart or gallon Ziploc bags.

Families served by the Backpack Project often have a hard time making ends meet. With your help, we can provide them with basic supplies needed. Thank You!

- Linda Becker and Debi McGregor  
Backpack Project Coordinators

**North Central Health Care Announces CEO Resignation**

On July 28, 2021, North Central Health Care (NCHC) in Wausau announced that Chief Executive Officer Michael Loy had resigned from his position effective July 1, 2021, to pursue other opportunities. NCHC manages, among other properties, Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

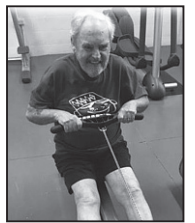
Mr. Loy thanked NCHC and its employees for the many opportunities he had been given to serve the community over the years, and for their continued hard work and dedication to the NCHC mission.

The Board of Directors appointed Chief Financial Officer Jill Meschke as CEO on an interim basis.

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2. Architecture and Construction
3. Arts, Audio Visual Technology and Communications
4. Finance, Accounting and Banking
5. Health, CNA, Medical Office
6. Hospitality, Lodging, Tourism and Restaurant
7. Information Technology (IT)
8. Manufacturing
9. Marketing
10. STEM-Science, Technology and Engineering and Math
11. Transportation, Distribution and Logistics/Supply Chain

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- Be excused up to 2 periods a day if you need to work during school hours and your class schedule allows.



Linda Murray, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator  
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# Recognizing the possible signs of Human Trafficking



TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

In our next segment focusing on Human Trafficking, Sister Celine Goessel provides tips for helping recognize signs that could point to Human Trafficking and identifying its victims. Due to storm coverage, our main story on Sister Celine and her work to help eradicate Human Trafficking will be moved to next week's edition.

In this edition, we share some of the facts about Human Trafficking, or modern slavery. We also share some of the warning signs Sister Celine urges all of us to look for. Human Trafficking is happening in all 72 Counties in Wisconsin, she said. And Wisconsin is one of the top five states in the nation for Human Trafficking, she added.

Recognizing the signs early could help rescue a victim of Human Trafficking, and Sex Trafficking in particular.

### Human Trafficking occurs in both urban and rural areas of Wisconsin. Human Trafficking Happens Everywhere.

**Up to 300,000 children in the U.S. are lured into the commercial sex trade every year ... at the average age of 13 years old.**

**KNOW THE RED FLAGS - RECOGNIZE POSSIBLE SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, MODERN SLAVERY**

- Shows signs of abuse, restraint, or confinement
- Constantly late or absent from school
- Much older "boyfriend"
- Sudden increase of expensive "stuff"
- Not free to come & go as they please
- Ran away from home
- Has strange tattoos on body, especially the neck
- Does not have appropriate clothing for the weather
- Has suicidal behaviors
- Has other self-harming behaviors
- Manifests fear of social interaction
- Has signs of physical abuse or injuries

- Did someone take away your ID or documents?
  - Is someone forcing you to work for them to pay off a debt?
  - Is someone forcing you to work or have sex against your will?
  - Is someone threatening or hurting you or your family?
  - Are you under 18 and getting paid for having sex?
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. You have rights in the U.S. regardless of your immigration status.

**Get Help – Report a Tip – Learn More HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE 1-888-3737-888 Or text "INFO" to: BeFree (233733)**

## POWER from page 1

"Our crews continue to come across extensive damage, including multiple broken utility poles, numerous downed trees, and downed power lines as they have worked as safely and as quickly as possible," said Matt Cullen, Senior Communications Specialist for WPS. Crews worked "around the clock" to

restore service to homes affected by the outages, Cullen said.

As of early Friday, July 30, 2,768 WPS customers, including 163 in Tomahawk, were still without electricity. Cullen said WPS expected all customers to have their power restored that night.

"Crews will continue to work non-stop until all repairs have been made," Cullen stated.



Trees and power lines were damaged throughout the area.

Photos courtesy of Wisconsin Public Service.



Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) crews worked around the clock last week to restore power to more than 100,000 homes.

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they suspected an employee of stealing money. The employee admitted to stealing the money. Action to follow.

At 9:03 p.m. a vehicle became disabled in the roadway after crossing through a flooded portion of the roadway following heavy rain. Officers closed off the roadway, given the flooding, until the storm drains could catch up with the rainfall. The vehicle was removed.

At 9:17 p.m. another vehicle became disabled in the roadway after crossing through a flooded portion of the roadway following heavy rain. Officers closed off the roadway, given the flooding, until the storm drains could catch up with the rainfall. The vehicle was removed.

### 07-29-21

At 10:12 a.m. a female came to the Police Department to report someone stole the mirror off of her bicycle, as well as a water bottle.

At 2:15 p.m. a caller reported a male in a vehicle had been yelling profanities toward her as they waited in line at a pharmacy. The male then left but nearly struck

the caller when she departed. The officer will be investigating further.

At 8:59 p.m. a store reported a female had shoplifted some merchandise from their store. Upon being confronted, the female left the purse she had concealed merchandise in and left prior to officer's arrival. The store was able to provide surveillance video of the female, as well as still photos. The officer will be attempting to identify the female.

At 11:31 p.m. a caller reported her mother had slapped her following an argument. It was found her mother had since left the residence. After speaking with the caller's father and boyfriend, there had been arguing throughout the day among them. The adult daughter entered the bedroom where the mother was to get something, which prompted further arguing, at which point the mother slapped the daughter. The mother will be charged with domestic disorderly conduct.

### 07-30-2021

At 2:20 a.m. officers were called to a local department store for a suspicious person complaint. Upon arrival, they located a female party that was in the store after hours. The female party was found to not be an employee

and had a backpack on containing non purchased merchandise. The female was also found to be wearing multiple layers of clothing that were not purchased. A search of the backpack also produced a marijuana pipe. The female was arrested for burglary, theft, felony bail jumping, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

At 1:53 p.m. an officer responded to a theft complaint in reference to a stolen lawn mower. The lawn mower was stolen off of a trailer on the reporting party's property. The investigation is ongoing.

At 11:36 p.m. officers responded to a local store for a report of two parties attempting to break in to a pickup truck in the parking lot. Officers arrived as the suspects were leaving the scene and stopped them. After a K9 sniff of the suspect vehicle and a positive alert, officers searched the vehicle. The search of the vehicle provided methamphetamine, fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia. The male suspect was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possession of fentanyl,

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**12 - 4 PM**  
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### STORM from page 1

including animals.

Wisconsin Public Service and Lincoln County crews responded immediately to begin the process of removing trees from roadways and restoring power to thousands of residents who lost power during the storm. Emergency crews including the Sheriff's Department and Fire Departments also responded to provide assistance.

#### The community comes together

The sound of chain saws and wood chippers was steady in many areas, as homeowners and neighbors and tree removal companies were overwhelmed by the extent of the clean-up work to be done. Some tree removal services called in "storm chaser" crews from other areas to assist. And in the Pine River area, one sign popped up on a corner on Shady Lane Road [also referred to as Shady Lane Avenue], offering free cleanup assistance through Christian Aid Services, "Your Mennonite & Amish friends," the sign said. If you need help with cleanup in response to the storms, the phone number on the sign is 330.473.2411.

Family members and neighbors reached out to check on one another and pitched in to help across the community, helping to remove trees from roadways, driveways, and rooftops. Rural farms fired up their generators to provide the electricity needed to milk cows and keep bulk tanks of milk cold, and other residents with generators fired theirs up to keep food from spoiling in refrigerators and freezers.

The Pine River Volunteer Fire Department opened their doors to provide citizens with food, water, an air-conditioned place to cool off, and a place to gather. Then they took a fire truck out to help area farmers by providing water and filling troughs for the animals.

In the City of Merrill, storm damage was minimal, but a short drive to the east of Merrill, whether that was due east or to the northeast or southeast, showed a completely different picture. And pictures themselves can't truly capture the depth of the damage.

Nonetheless, while damage and destruction definitely describe the scenes in those areas, area residents are grateful that devastation is not a word they need to use. With homes still intact and lives spared, the area will clean up and move forward.

As English philosopher Sir Bernard Williams once said, "Man never made any material as resilient as the human spirit."

See more storm photos on page 14.



On Center Road, residents helped clear trees off the road and are now cutting up downed trees on their property.



On Highway P, damage is extensive, with hundreds of trees snapped off. Crews were onsite clearing the roads and chipping the trees.



A sign on Shady Lane Rd. offers help with cleanup efforts for those who need it.



Downed power lines throughout the area caused widespread power outages as a result of Monday and Wednesday evening storms. Here trees and downed power lines block a driveway off of Hwy. K north of Merrill.



Trees entangled with power lines kept crews busy for days trying to restore power to the entire area after the storms on Monday and Wednesday evenings.



Storm damage at the corner of Hwy. P and Chestnut Ave. in Pine River. Tina L. Scott photos.

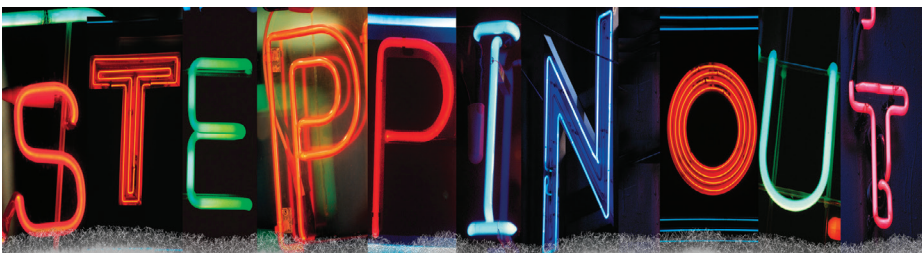


Damage is extensive in Pine River Park on Center Road in the Town of Pine River.



Rows of tall pines were downed in the path of an EF-1 tornado that touched down in southern Lincoln County and left a path of destruction into northern Marathon County.





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# Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM  
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

## Jungle Cruise

(Showing in theatres)

★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

Rated PG-13 – For action peril, violence, and disturbing images.

Somewhere deep in the bowels of Disney, I am pretty sure exists a small room filled with bespectacled men and women whose entire purpose is to feed ideas into the money printing press Disney has hidden away somewhere. We shall call this room "The Nerderly."

The latest idea cooked up in the Nerderly is to take a well-known Disney attraction and build a movie around it. The recipe was simple. Well known ride: Check. Three parts rip-off of the 1999 version of *The Mummy*, one part rip-off from 2001's *Atlantis: Check and check*. Then cast Dwayne Johnson, formerly known as The Rock, and presto: Instant hit.

Is *Jungle Cruise* a good movie? Sure, why not? It's fun, has some great action sequences, and it's kinda funny in spots, but when watching it, I was distracted by a non-stop feeling of déjà vu. There is nothing new in this film at all. But despite that, it's still a fun movie. Dwayne Johnson (from everything as of late, it seems) is a little miscast but makes the most of it. Emily Blunt (*A Quiet Place 1 & 2*) is competent in her role, but the scene stealer – hands down – is Jesse Plemons (*The Irishman*), playing a total wackjob of a character named Prince Joachim, who chews up every scene he is in with



great relish, and since it's a Disney movie, the folks in the Nerderly tossed in a computer-generated imagery (CGI) animal sidekick, because I do believe it's a Disney law, and to fail to do so will result in exile from the Nerderly.

*Jungle Cruise* is worth your time, but do not go in expecting to be wowed. It's a great distraction and worth seeing on the big screen, but keep in mind two things: there is nothing new here, and the two stars have little to no chemistry. Yet somehow, it's still a fun film to watch and worth the price of admission.

I give *Jungle cruise* two stars out of five. It missed three because of the lack of wow factor and because there are some scenes that may freak out the little ones a bit, but, hey, its 2021 – is there really anything left that freaks kids out nowadays?

## Free hot dogs at final City Band Concert

The Merrill City Band is already winding up what seems to be a very short season. After being rained out twice, there is just one performances left – on August 11. Director Linda Becker notes, with a smile, that, "It may be a short season, but it's longer than 2020!"

Join the band for an evening of good old-fashioned concert band music at the Normal Park Gazebo on Wednesday,

August 11, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to the music, HAVEN will offer concessions for sale, and the 50/50 raffle will be in full swing. Also, the band and HAVEN will work together to offer free hot dogs for the audience beginning at 6:00 p.m. What a deal!

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come out to the park for a great night of free entertainment in the park.

## TORNADO from page 1

According to NWS, the EF-1 tornado touched

down near the Town of Pine River between 8:40 p.m. and 8:44 p.m., causing widespread tree damage near the intersection of County Road P and Van

Road. The path extended south into Marathon County, ending near the intersection of Shady Lane Road and Hazelwood Lane.

The twister's maximum width was about 300 yards, and its path was roughly 2.68 miles long. Winds reached up to 90 miles per hour, NWS said. No injuries or deaths were reported.

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The Wisconsin State Fraternal Order of Eagles-Auxiliary recently awarded a \$600 scholarship and engraved pen to Kolbe Blake. Presenting the scholarship are Past State President Pearl Sabatke (left) and Vice President Rebecca Kriehn (far right). **Submitted photo.**



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things that girls wanted to do for Boy Scouts," Lee said. "Like her, [he nodded toward Zoey], she likes camping. Most of the girls troops here aren't camping. They might go to camp, but that's one week or weekend a year. We try to go camping one weekend a month."

He said activities likely vary among Girl Scout troops; however, "You'd probably see there are more girls in the troops that have more adventures," Lee said.

Despite girls joining Scouts USA, the girls and the boys each have separate dens (as Cub Scouts) and troops. For instance, Zoey belongs to Troop 9513, which is the girls' part, while the boys' part is Troop 513.

**Scouts USA challenged Zoey**

"I was very shy when I first joined when I was a Sophomore in High School," Zoey said. "But now my Troop is like my little family."

Jamie Malone, Scout Master for Troop 9513, agrees she's seen a tremendous change in Zoey.

"When Zoey joined the Troop," Malone said, "she was very shy, and unsure about the program."

"She did have a brother in Scouts, but never really followed along with him to any of the events."

"Zoey grew to love the program and became Senior Patrol Leader soon after she started," Malone said. "As the Senior Patrol Leader, we watched Zoey transform from a shy Scout to an amazingly strong leader."

"Along with being the leader and helping run the meetings, Zoey worked hard earning her merit badges and camping nights that she needed to achieve Eagle Rank," she said. "Zoey also earned additional merit badges in areas that she had special interest in, such as art and music."

"My favorite part about Boy Scouts is being able to help the younger Scouts and being able to be a good leader to them, since I was Senior Patrol Leader for two years," Zoey said. "I was able to help the younger Scouts advance to their next rank."

"I also helped the adults in our Troop with setting up merit badges and getting the kids together," she added.

**Becoming an Eagle Scout**

Lee explained that in Scouts, "Basically you've got from sixth grade until you're 18 [to attain the rank of Eagle Scout], but because they didn't allow girls in until two years ago, two and a half years ago now, they gave her a little extension because she started when she was 16, so she could make it with that start date."

"I first started to want to be an Eagle Scout when I first ranked to Scout and Tenderfoot," Zoey said. "It was a lot of work for me, because I had such a short timeframe to complete my Eagle rank, even with an extension, but I managed to complete my goal."

"I'm a little sad that I could not complete more merit badges, but I'm glad I got to do the ones that I could do," she said.

"One of my favorite non-Eagle required merit badges was the art one," Zoey said. "My favorite Eagle required merit badge was the first aid one."

"My Eagle project was making birdhouses for the Prairie Trails Park in Merrill. We made four duck hous-

es and six bluebird houses."

It wasn't her original project idea, Zoey said, but it did become her Plan B and ultimately her completed project. She explained that once she got into the Life rank, the summer before her Senior year, she had a different project in mind, but COVID canceled out that idea.

"Originally I was going to do something with a playground at a kids' school, like either repainting it or doing a mural or something for the school, but we couldn't do that because we weren't allowed to go inside because they didn't allow visitors, so I had to change up my project," she said.

Zoey credits her Eagle Coach, Kristin Woller, with giving her the idea to do bird houses instead. "The role of an Eagle Coach is to guide and mentor the Scout through the process of becoming an Eagle," Woller explained. "They provide support and encouragement and ensure all requirements are met in a safe and timely manner." [Woller is also a Unit Serving Executive for the Boy Scouts of America Samoset Council.]

Even with an extension for Zoey's late enrollment into Scouts, "She only had six months. She had to have it done by March 1st," Lee said. Normally, the deadline is a Scout's 18th birthday, but due to the fact that she was not even allowed to join Scouts until a late date, she was granted an extension to six months after her 18th birthday. [Lee said a few other Scouts were given extensions due to COVID or other unforeseen circumstances, as well.]

"Zoey joined Troop 9513 near her 17th birthday knowing that she would only have a year and a half to complete her Eagle Scout Rank," Malone said, acknowledging the challenge Zoey took on.

Zoey's Eagle project was to plan and lead the project. "I had everyone build bird houses for Prairie Trails Park," she said. "It was coordinating, showing your leadership skills for the project. I told everyone what they had to do, and I helped them out if they needed it."

Zoey's dad pre-cut all the pieces, and the adult leaders on site at the Haunted Sawmill - where the project was completed - pre-drilled the holes for the Scouts when they were working on the project with the kids.

The group constructed a total of 10 bird houses, Zoey said. "Six bluebird houses and four duck houses."

"It was like about 15 kids. We had just little groups for each bird house," she explained. They "started with the bluebird houses, and we had some of the older Scouts work on the duck houses because they're harder to build."

Zoey said their Troop is awaiting word from the Park and Rec. Department so they know where the Department would like the bird houses and duck houses placed. Then putting them up will be done as a service project so people can get service hours, she said.

**A lot of support**

"I had a lot of support from family and friends," Zoey said. "No one told me I couldn't be a girl Boy Scout or couldn't be a girl Eagle Scout."

"Thank you so much for recognizing this awesome achievement by Zoey," Malone said. I loved watching

Zoey grow and gain confidence. [It] made me proud to be a part of such an awesome accomplishment."

"As I watched Zoey earn her Eagle Rank, I was so proud of the strength and determination that she had shown throughout the program, along with the confidence that she had gained as a leader," she added.

"I am extremely proud of Zoey and delighted she worked so hard to obtain the rank of Eagle," Woller said. "It is not an easy process (only 4% of Scouts obtain the Eagle rank)."

"Zoey had a full plate: skating, art work, volunteering at the Haunted Sawmill, and leading her newly-formed troop as the Senior Patrol Lead and doing all of this amidst a pandemic. She conquered the obstacles and demonstrated true leadership though the entire process."

For Zoey, all of that hard work has really paid off. "I was told I was the first girl Eagle Scout in Merrill," Zoey said, "so I am excited that I am making history!"

**Looking to the future**

In her free time, Zoey likes "drawing, painting, going on campouts, archery, and relaxing," she said.

As summer draws to a close, Zoey is excited about a big high adventure Scouting trip out West to Glacier National Park (two nights in North Dakota, three nights in Glacier, and two nights in South Dakota), and she's also excited to be starting college soon.

Zoey is planning to go to the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, starting at Marathon Campus, where she will study "geology and art."

"I've been drawing ever since I was little, and I love art and anything related to that. And with geology, I like collecting rocks and I enjoy doing science, so you know, it works," she said.

She knows that ultimately she wants to be a geologist, while continuing to create and develop her art as a form of personal expression. But she hasn't yet narrowed down what area of geology she will focus on. "There's a lot of kinds of geologists you can be," she said.

After completing her first two years locally, Zoey plans to "either transfer to River Falls or Eau Claire, because they have good geology programs and art."

Zoey received several scholarships when she graduated in May. The most significant was the Walter & Mabel Fromm Scholarship, and she also received smaller scholarships from the Haunted Sawmill, 4H, and Ice Reflections.

In addition to making history and setting an example for other area girls, Zoey's dad said, "The coolest thing?" Her brother, Ian, has also stepped up his game. Maybe she inspired him a little, or maybe it's sibling rivalry, but now, "He's two merit badges and an Eagle Scout project away from being an Eagle Scout, too," Lee said. That sounds like one proud dad!

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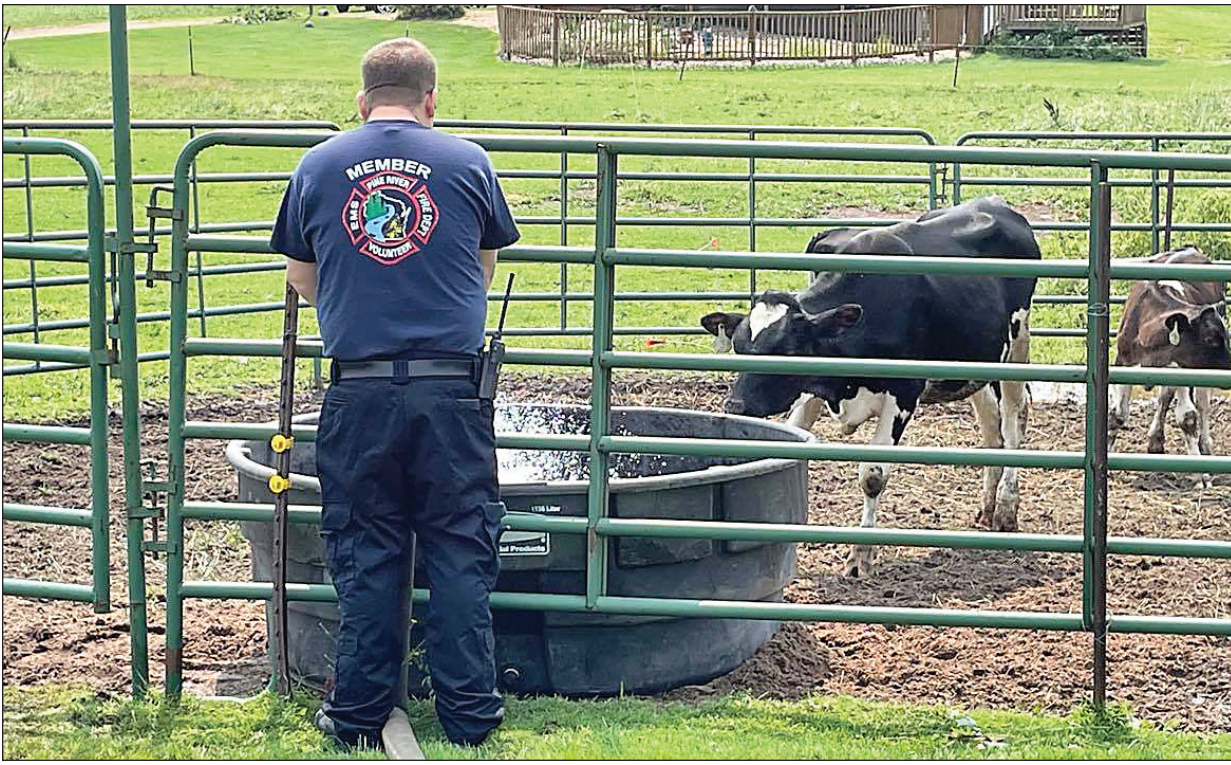


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# Town of Pine River Storm damage



Town of Pine River Volunteer Firefighter, Mike "Gus" Caylor, mans the hose to water animals at a farm that lost power, while Fire Chief John Uttecht mans the pumps at the truck. **Tina L. Scott photos.**



The barn was destroyed, but that hasn't phased this cat's curiosity in the least bit.



The Pine River Fire Department took water to fill troughs at area farms without power on Thursday morning. Here, a horse and donkey are grateful.



All but a few heifers were rescued from this barn after it was destroyed in Wednesday night's storm. As of Thursday morning, the heifers still remaining were being fed and watered while the farmers determined the best way to get them out. No animals were injured during the storm.



Another barn in the Town of Pine River that was destroyed during Wednesday evening's storm.



One of several barns that were destroyed in southern Lincoln County during Wednesday night's storm.



In the Town of Pine River, some farmers lost almost all of their corn crop when torrential rains and high winds broke the stalks off and laid them flat.



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**Local students among graduates at UW-Eau Claire**

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire awarded 1,462 degrees in May. Of the degrees awarded, 1,433 were received by students attending the Eau Claire campus and 29 were received by students attending UW-Eau Claire - Barron County.

Local students who received degrees and their fields of study are:

- Claire Krueger, Athens, Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, criminal justice, Eau Claire
- Berenice Lira, Athens, Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, business administration, Eau Claire
- Lauren Hojan, Merrill, Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, integrated strategic communication, Eau Claire
- Wyatt Joswiak, Merrill, Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, accounting, Eau Claire
- Alexis Kanitz, Merrill, Nursing and Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, nursing, Eau Claire
- Chelsey LaMonica, Merrill, Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science, rehabilitation science, Eau Claire
- Brandon Thorson, Merrill, Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, management, Eau Claire

**Area students graduate from UW-Stevens Point**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point conferred degrees on more than 1,250 graduates for the spring and summer sessions of 2021.

Local students who received degrees and their fields of study are:

- Britttany Ange, Athens, Associate of Arts and Sciences
- McKale Redmann, Athens, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Cum Laude
- Madison Schreiner, Athens, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration
- Sharalyn Zettler, Athens, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education
- Emma Becka, Merrill, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art - Graphic Design
- Kaitlyn Beilke, Merrill, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Summa Cum Laude
- Jack Bucknell, Merrill, Bachelor of Science, Finance
- Dylan Dorava, Merrill, Associate of Arts and Sciences
- Gretta Fermanich, Merrill, Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Sociology
- Brianna Grosskurth, Merrill, Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Social Work
- Danielle Grosskurth, Merrill, Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Social Work
- Sheena Kalepp, Merrill, Associate of Arts and Sciences
- Vincent Moore, Merrill, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education
- Makayla Nelson, Merrill, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Cum Laude
- Alicia Ollhoff, Merrill, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Cum Laude
- Patience Pyan, Merrill, Associate of Arts and Sciences
- Allie Turenne, Merrill, Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Social Work, Magna Cum Laude
- Katelyn Zelinski, Merrill, Bachelor of Science, Health Science - Health Care Administration

**Area students named to UW-LaCrosse spring 2021 Dean's List**

The University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse announces the following area students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year, ending May 2021:

- Kellie Annala, Athens, Clinical Laboratory Science Major
- Shay Boesl, Athens, Health and Wellness Management Major
- Seth Coker, Athens, Mathematics Education Major
- Katie Lehrke, Athens, Public Health and Community Health Education Major
- Zandria Lukes, Athens, Psychology Major
- Haley Reed, Athens, Accountancy Major
- Erin Seliger, Athens, Archaeological Studies Major
- Alec Vosburgh, Gleason, Music Major: Choral Emphasis
- Jayda Bushor, Merrill, Early Childhood through Middle Childhood Education Major
- Taylor Cichy, Merrill, Therapeutic Recreation Major
- Cody Depies, Merrill, Communication Studies Major: Media Studies Emphasis
- Mitchell Jaeger, Merrill, Public Health and Community Health Education Major
- Stephen Koch, Merrill, Statistics Major: Actuarial Science Concentration
- Conor O'Keefe, Merrill, Biology Major
- Aliyah Pillai, Merrill, Biochemistry Major with

American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (ASBMB) Certification

- Sophie Schalk, Merrill, Social Studies Education Major (Broad Field Option B)
- Jacob Schnabl, Merrill, Undeclared Major - SOE
- Mariyah Weber, Merrill, Art Education Major

Qualification for the Dean's List is limited to students who have attained outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

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**Merrill's Wardall Earns Spot on WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll at UW-Whitewater**

Morgan Wardall, a native of Merrill, graduate of Merrill High School, and member of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater volleyball team, is one of 372 Warhawk student-athletes who were named to the 2020-21 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Honor Roll.

Wardall, a junior at UW-Whitewater in 2021, is majoring in communication.

The Warhawks' 12 women's teams had 183 honorees, while 189 student-athletes from the 10 men's teams garnered Scholastic Honor Roll accolades. The Honor Roll is part of the "WIAC Scholar-Athlete Recognition Program".

Wardall was one of 17 women honored in volleyball.

In addition to the 372 individual awards, UW-Whitewater was named an All-Academic institution as student-athletes earned a GPA equal to, or greater than, the collective GPA of the overall student body.

To be eligible for the list, student-athletes must have carried a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. More than 50 percent of the WIAC's student-athletes achieved Honor Roll status.

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**Area students honored for academic success at UM-Twin Cities**

The following area students have been named to the 2021 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities:

- Kristen Wickman, Athens, Senior, College of Liberal Arts
- Casey Krueger, Merrill, Junior, College of Liberal Art

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

**Merrill Fraternal Order of Eagles #584-Auxiliary scholarships**



Merrill Fraternal Order of Eagles #584-Auxiliary recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Gavin Dinges. Presenting the scholarship is Auxiliary Trustee Linda Blake (left) and Past President Hilde Hantke (right).

Submitted photos.



Merrill Fraternal Order of Eagles #584-Aerie recently awarded a \$500 scholarship to Piper Plautz. Presenting this Scholarship is Aerie President Gabe Palmer (right). Accepting the scholarship is Piper's father, David "Beaver" Plautz. Zachary Kriegel was also awarded a \$500 scholarship; however, because of other obligations, he was unable to attend the event.



The Wisconsin State Fraternal Order of Eagles-Aerie recently awarded Piper Plautz with a \$500 scholarship. Presenting the scholarship is State Treasurer Scott Doerr (right). Accepting the scholarship for Piper is her father, David "Beaver" Plautz.

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# Russ Sukow Memorial Golf Outing donates to Merrill Youth Hockey Association

Brothers, family and friends, play for fun and to raise money for a good cause

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Sid Sukow and Mort Sukow, brothers of the late Russ Sukow who died on January 21, 2013, at the age of 69 after complications of carotid artery surgery, enjoy getting together with family and friends to play some fun rounds of golf, remember Russ, and raise money for a good cause.

Most years they raise money for a cause related to their brother, Russ, or to support a sport he once played.

Each year proceeds from the Russ Sukow Memorial Golf Outing are donated to a different charitable cause in the area. This year, the Golf Outing was held on June 19, 2021, and it raised nearly \$500. ["I threw in a few bucks to make the \$500." Sid said.]

## Merrill Youth Hockey Association receives proceeds

The Merrill Youth Hockey Association were the recipients of this year's proceeds.

Carmen Klug, a member of the Board of Directors of the Merrill Youth Hockey Association; together with brothers and hockey players Lucas and Peyton Hagenbucher; met brothers Sid and Mort out at the memorial stone that sits at the edge of the Merrill Golf Course in memory of Russ Sukow. It is on the hole where Russ "Tee'd off, and he shot out of bounds, and he par'd the hole," Sid said, sharing the story of his brother, Russ, and his golfing claim to fame. "He hit the ball out of bounds, he re-tee'd his third shot, and he hit his fourth shot in the hole from 400 yards. He got a par," Sid said. He expression showcases both pride and love for the brother who is no



From L to R: Peyton Hagenbucher, Mort Sukow, Carmen Klug, Sid Sukow, and Lucas Hagenbucher. The Sukow brothers present Board Member Klug and the Hagenbucher brothers, who play on Merrill Youth Hockey, with a \$500 donation to the Merrill Youth Hockey Association in memory of brother, Russ Sukow.

Tina L. Scott photo.

longer here to play a few rounds with him on a great day for golf.

Sid and Mort presented the representatives of the Merrill Youth Hockey Association with a check for \$500.

The Board of Directors for the Merrill Youth Hockey Association will decide where the funds will be used, likely at their Sunday, August 8, meeting, Stacy Hagenbucher [mother of the two hockey players] and Klug said. They are hoping the funds will be used to purchase equipment.

"All of the players that want to play that can't afford to buy their equipment on their own - we buy all of that, so we're constantly updating and trying to make sure that we have nice equipment

for people to use," Klug said. "We don't charge anything for that. So that's probably what we'll suggest, and hopefully the Board agrees."

## A really fun golf outing

"We had a full 36 teams - 144 golfers," Sid said. They advertise the outing online and at the golf course. "We cut it off at 36; we don't want anymore than that. That's two teams per hole. If you have any more than that, you end up with three teams per hole, and that just gets to be too slow."

"It's an interesting outing," he shared. "They put two holes in the green, and you don't know where the other hole is. Obviously, there's the hole with the

flag in it, but then the mystery hole will be cut out, maybe 30 feet to the left. You don't know it's there until you get up there. So when you hit, and you think, 'Oh, man, did I miss that shot!' And you get up there, and your ball might be this far [he indicated a few inches with his fingers] from the other hole. And you can put it in that hole."

Essentially, players get two extra opportunities to get a great shot.

"It's really, really fun, and I think that's why it's so popular," Sid said. "And it's because of my brother. I mean, everybody liked him, and we have quite a number of people from Gleason that come cause they knew him really well." [The Sukow family corporately owns property on Doering Pond near Gleason and has multiple cabins out there. The grandfather of the Sukow brothers was a logger, and hence the name of their corporation, Doering Logging, LLC.]

Each year they take that fun time and turn it into a donation to a worthy cause.

"We try to do a sport that he played," Sid said. At least as a rule, anyway. "We've given to the Merrill Baseball Association, last year was Jessi's Wish - they didn't have their fundraiser because of COVID last year, so we thought that'd be a good year to give them the \$500."

"We've given to Gleason First Responders, because we have a cabin and a bunch of land up in Gleason, so we donated to them a few years ago," he said. "Then we gave it to Merrill Baseball Association, now it's the Merrill Hockey [Association], and next year is probably gonna be Bowling, at the bowling alley."

# Youth football opportunities announced

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Brian Suchocki, 8th grade football coach and 6th and 7th grade football coordinator, has announced opportunities for Merrill area youth to play football.

## 7th and 8th grade tackle football

Both the first practice and the parent meeting for 7th and 8th grade tackle football players will be on Aug. 18 at the Prairie River Middle School (PRMS). Students should come for first practice from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and enter through

Door 14. Students must be signed up before attending, have a sports physical completed, bring a padlock or \$5 to purchase a lock, and wear cleats, shorts, and a t-shirt. "We will hand out equipment on the first day," Coach Suchocki said.

The parent meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. the same day in the PRMS Cafeteria, and parents should also enter through Door 14.

To sign up for tackle football, parents and athletes will each need to log in to Skyward separately and go to the Family Access area to complete the forms.

All athletes must have a current sports physical before the first practice. Physical cards are available at the high school activities office. Alternate year cards are available, as well, for those who had physicals last school year. More information will be given at the parent meeting.

## 5th and 6th grade flag football

"This year 5th and 6th graders interested in football can sign up for flag football with Merrill Park and Rec," Suchocki said.

## 2021 Merrill Summer Baseball Schedule

Merrill Rangers			
Friday, August 6th	Whittlesey	Home	7:00 pm
Merrill Post 46			
Friday, August 6th	Valley Tournament	Home	T. B. D.
Merrill Junior Legion			
Thursday, July 29th	Rib Lake (DH)	Home	6:00 pm

## 2021 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedule

- Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)**  
Practice begins Tuesday, August 3rd.
- Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)**  
Practice begins Tuesday, August 16th.
- Tennis (Varsity & JV)**  
Practice begins Tuesday, August 10th.
- Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)**  
Practice begins Tuesday, August 16th.
- Cross Country (Varsity & JV)**  
Practice begins Tuesday, August 16th.
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Practice begins Tuesday, August 10th.

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and possession of drug paraphernalia.

07-31-2021

At 1:55 a.m. an officer conducted a traffic stop after observing the vehicle speeding and cross the center line. Upon contact with the driver, the officer detected an odor of intoxicants coming from the driver. The officer conducted field sobriety tests on the driver and, as a result, the driver was arrested for operating while under the influence.

08-01-2021

At 5:36 a.m. officers responded to a residence after an unwanted male party was found hiding behind a couch in the basement. It was found the male party had been looking in the windows of the home earlier in the evening and had been warned by the occupants of the home to leave and he was not welcome inside. The male later returned and snuck inside the residence where he proceeded to fall asleep. The male party was arrested for trespassing and cited for underage drinking.

At 8:18 p.m. officers responded to a residence for a welfare check after a loose parrot was found outside of the residence. Officers found that the homeowner was alright and that the bird had simply escaped the enclosed porch of the residence where it was kept.

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