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# Grand Jury indicts Merrill man on charges of producing and transporting child pornography

On Wednesday, August 11, a federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, indicted a Merrill man on charges of producing and transporting child pornography.

According to a press release from the Office of Acting U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea for the Western District of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Justice,

40-year-old Jason D. Ridolfi of Merrill is charged with two counts of using a minor to produce child pornography and one count of transporting child pornography. The indictment alleges that on August 30 and 31, 2017, Ridolfi used a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct. The indictment further alleges that on October 20, 2020, Ridolfi transported a visual image of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct into a Google account.

If convicted, Ridolfi faces a mandatory minimum of 15 years and a maximum of 30 years in federal prison on each of the production charges, and a mandatory minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 20 years on the transportation charge. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and Kenosha Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman is handling the prosecution.

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TINA L. SCOTT  
 EDITOR

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the "Good Ole Days," at least by all the young people, kids, and families that attended. Crowds were good every evening by most accounts, and most attendees found more than one thing to love about this year's

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# River Country Co-op announces the Grand Opening of the new Merrill CENEX

River Country Co-op, whose corporate offices are in Chippewa Falls and Owen, Wis., announces its

new CENEX C-store is set to open on Center Street in Merrill, across from Breman Ford. This facil-

ity replaces the previous facility which was on the same location for many years and is now more

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The new CENEX store on Center Ave. nears completion and prepares for their Grand Opening celebration.

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A Grand Opening event will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will include full-service pump and windshield washes by Cooperative board members and senior management, plus free brats and pizza to rewards cards members, door prizes, free samples, and balloons for the kids. Everyone is invited to stop by to check it out.

River Country Co-op, headquartered in Chippewa Falls, is a cooperative with 21 store locations in Northcentral Wisconsin. The Coop was started in 1948 by area farmers and is located in 32 communities and employs over 600 employees across north central Wisconsin. [www.river-countrycoop.com](http://www.river-countrycoop.com)

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# Healthcare workers and supporters rally against mandate

BY MIKE WARREN

MARSHFIELD – Nurses, other health care workers, family and friends, and supporters held a rally Aug. 12 against mandatory COVID-19 vaccines for employees of Marshfield Clinic and the Marshfield Medical Center.

Dozens carried signs, waved flags, and chanted through bullhorns, as they got support from motorists shouting and honking their horns, as they passed by the dozens of demonstrators along the sidewalks in front of Marshfield's Hillside Cemetery, and directly across from the medical complex.

The group was showing and voicing their opposition to Marshfield Clinic's plan to mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for their employees by November 15. Carrying a sign that read, "Stop the Mandates," Rose Morgan of Wittenberg, who's worked at the Clinic for 14 years, said getting the vaccine should be her choice, and no one else's.

"I don't think it's right for us to be given an ultimatum — the vaccine or your job. It shouldn't be a mandate, and it shouldn't be forced on us to lose our job and our livelihood.



Marshfield Clinic employees and community members who object to the COVID vaccination mandate rally support from the community. **Mike Warren photo.**

That's what will happen if you don't get the vaccine – you lose your job, no if's, and's or but's. I have asked if we could have the nasal swab instead of the vaccine. Haven't heard back on that. We'll see. They said things could change. But we have until Nov. 15, and if we're not fully vaccinated, they will fire us. It puts me in a very tough spot since I did have a health scare this year, and I

need the insurance. A lot of sleepless nights since the mandate."

Christine Cwiklo of Marshfield is a registered nurse with Aspirus in Wausau, and once worked for Marshfield Clinic but said she left because of their flu shot mandate.

"I'm here to support my fellow health care workers and their right

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# Redistricting data now available, public invited to submit a map for consideration

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Every 10 years, individual states in the United States re-draw legislative district lines. Those lines are re-drawn following the completion of the United States Decennial Census so that the current population is accurately represented. [The Decennial Census, counting every person living in the United States, has been conducted every 10 years since 1790.]

Now that the 2020 US Census has been completed, the 2020/2021 Redistricting Cycle begins. The public is invited to be a part of this process, and now, tools on the internet make it possible for anyone interested in contributing to the process, to get involved.

A press release from Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk), who represents the 35th Assembly District in the State of Wisconsin, which includes all of Lincoln County and portions of Marathon, Langlade, Oneida, and Shawano Counties, explains how that affects Wisconsinites: "The Wisconsin State Legislature is responsible for drawing new district boundaries every 10 years, once the federal government has provided the most recent Census data. These new boundaries will be used for all upcoming elections (local, state, and congressional) for the next decade."

Rep. Callahan is inviting Wisconsin residents to review the data and submit their own proposed re-districting maps and

plans online, for the legislature to review and consider as they re-district the state. A new website enables interested residents to participate in the process: [drawyourdistrict-wisconsin.com](http://drawyourdistrict-wisconsin.com)

"Where and how the lines are drawn influences everything from who is likely to be elected to how resources get allocated," the website explains. "And when it comes to democratic representation, communities matter. If your community is split up into different small pieces every 10 years, it makes it harder to have a voice in government."

"I invite my constituents to check out this website," Rep. Callahan said in his August 13 press release. "Submissions are being accepted from September 1, 2021,

through October 15, 2021. I look forward to seeing everyone's submissions."

"Wisconsin's Constitution requires the new boundary lines be drawn through the legislative process and this website allows Wisconsinites to be a part

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# Officer involved critical incident in the Village of Maine

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

A press release from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) announced they are investigating "an officer-involved critical incident in the Village of Maine, Wis., that occurred in the late evening of Friday, August 13, 2021."

"At approximately 10:30 p.m., a Marathon County Deputy Sheriff observed a vehicle parked at a car dealership near County Rd. WW that had eluded a Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff attempting to stop the driver for a speeding violation," the release said. "Two subjects were in the vehicle. The Marathon County Deputy ordered them out of the vehicle. A male subject got out of the vehicle and shot at the Deputy who then returned fire. A female subject remained in the vehicle. Both the male and

female subjects were injured by gunfire."

The press release said both subjects were transported to area hospitals and were still hospitalized as of Saturday, August 14.

"The Deputy Sheriff was not injured, and no other individuals were injured during the incident," the release said.

DCI is leading the investigation, assisted by the Wausau Police Department, Wausau Fire & EMS, and Wisconsin State Patrol. All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation, the release said.

"DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over investigative reports to the Marathon County District Attorney when the investigation concludes."

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The United Way campaign runs through mid-November. This financial support comes from individuals, families, retirees, and companies who have management support to internalize a campaign, which is always appreciated. Once the campaign wraps up, and donations are tallied, the United Way Board of Directors determines the level at which we can help each funded agency. As always, we hope to sustain or possibly surpass last year's level of giving.

We can only "make a difference" with local support coming from the campaign. Giving, advocating, and volunteering are critical in making a difference. As such the annual campaign "IS IT". We need your support to help fund programs in our three impact areas. The basic needs/income area includes getting a job, shelter, heat-electric-water utilities, food, clothing, transportation to get to a job, childcare so a parent can work, and much more. Health services, dental health, mental health, and AODA counseling are areas we support. Education includes youth development, general education, childcare, and youth leadership development, as well as not using drugs, alcoholic, tobacco, or vaping.

Watch your mailbox in mid-September for the Merrill Area United Way flyer and invitation to donate to United Way. We only ask once a year for your donation. It is our annual appeal to the entire public with our direct mail piece to almost every household in the county. We realize there are so many requests through the mail, so United Way hopes you watch for ours. Our United Way Board of Directors and the Lincoln County Courthouse is pictured on this four-color flyer. When you receive your mailer, return the form with your contribution. Please give generously and help your neighbors, family, and friends. If this isn't a time you can give, remember United Way accepts donations year-round. **All donated dollars remain local unless you designate dollars elsewhere.**

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# New Engine 61 "pushing in"

## Merrill Fire Department continues tradition

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

On Thursday, July 22, the Merrill Fire Department's (MFD) New Truck Committee went to Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton to make a final inspection of the Department's new rescue pumper. Pierce Manufacturing manufactures custom fire and rescue apparatus right here in Wisconsin and is the largest fire apparatus company in the world. The new Engine 61 passed with flying colors, and the guys brought it home to Merrill.

After arriving at the Merrill Fire Station, firefighters, both current and retired, gathered to admire the new Engine and all of its features.

### A time-honored tradition

After photos with the shiny new addition to the Department, all current and retired firefighters and MFD personnel were invited to perform the time-honored fire service tradition of pushing the truck into the firehouse for the very first time. "This was the procedure used by firefighters when they returned to the fire station with apparatus that was pulled by horses," Merrill Fire Chief Josh Klug explained. "They needed to manually push the wagon back in the barn." Now, it's a way to link the past with the present and honor those who went before them by continuing the tradition when new equipment is brought into service at the Fire Department.

### New features add efficiencies

As a rescue pumper, the new Engine 61 is more than just a fire engine, Klug said. It will be equipped with both firefighting equipment and emergency rescue equipment,



Current and retired fire fighters honor tradition, pushing the new Fire Engine 61 into the fire barn on July 22. **Tina L. Scott photos.**

such as the jaws of life, so it will go to car accidents and other emergencies, as well as respond to fire calls.

This one new machine will replace both the old fire engine 61 and rescue squad 64, which are being traded in as a part of the purchase arrangement.

The new combined unit will enable the Fire Department to operate a little leaner and more efficiently, Chief Klug said. This is the model for the future.

With room for extra air packs, water rescue equipment, storage compartments for extra equipment, room for a firefighter to change inside, and the pump located lower than on the old engine to make it easier for firefighters, every aspect of the unit is carefully designed for ease and efficiency of use. But the new Engine 61 also comes equipped with new technology and a few bells and whistles, like 360-degree cameras that enable operators to see what is going on all the way around the truck at all times, and a foto kite, which is basically a drone that is tethered to the truck, which stores in and deploys from out of the top of the truck, doesn't require a designated

operator, and provides both aerial pictures of the scene and utilizes infrared technology to identify hot spots at the scene. These are new tools that can be used to increase efficiencies and, ultimately, to save lives and property.

The new Engine 61 didn't immediately go into service. All personnel needed to be trained on it first. But the new Engine 61 was ready for action in time for the Lincoln County Fair and made an appearance on the Merrill Festival Grounds as firefighters were on duty for various events in the Grand Stand this past weekend.

### Thanks to the Bierman Family Foundation

"This purchase was completely funded by the Bierman Family Foundation," Chief Klug said. "We're very thankful to the Bierman Family Foundation for the wonderful gift."

"We're extremely, extremely appreciative of them, and they've been great to work with," he said, noting he was also excited to see Rick Bliese in attendance at the pushing in. "We're very excited ... And we're excited to have the truck serve the Merrill community for the next 25 years."



Current and retired members of the Merrill Fire Department, along with family and friends, pose with the new Engine 61 after it arrived in Merrill on July 22.

## MAP from page 3

of that process," Rep. Callahan said. "Using the tools on the website, you can make a statewide map or a regional plan, or identify a community of interest."

The state's rules for districting, along with various tools, are available on the site, and enable anyone with a computer to create a proposed re-districting map of the entire state of Wisconsin or a smaller area. Residents will be able to submit their own re-districting plan/map

online from the site, as well.

You can use one or more of the map creation tools on the website to create your map, and the tools incorporate the data from the Census to assist you in creating a fair, legal map for the legislature's consideration.

This is one way the public can provide meaningful input into the process that guides the electoral process in the State of Wisconsin and help prevent gerrymandering [the process of manipulating the boundaries of an area whose voters elect a representative of a particular legislative body in order to favor one party].

## OBITUARIES



**Ruth H. Radlinger**, 100, of Merrill, passed away on Monday, August 9, 2021, while residing at Pine Crest Nursing Home.

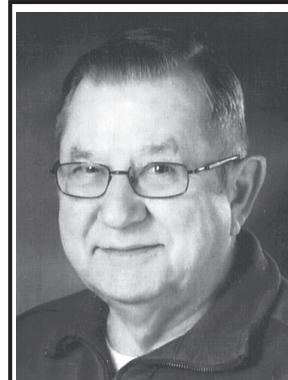
Ruth was born July 24, 1921, in Park Falls, daughter of the late William and Ella (Schalefke) Oesterreich. She married Roman Radlinger on January 3, 1940, at St. Anthony's Rectory in Park Falls. He preceded her in death on June 8, 2013.

Ruth assisted her husband at Radlinger Oil Company as a bookkeeper. Ruth was the former owner and operator of Park City Liquor in Merrill, and she also owned and operated a dress shop, first in Minocqua then moving the shop to Tomahawk. To say the least, Ruth was an avid bowler throughout Merrill and the state of Wisconsin. She was the secretary of the Merrill Women's Bowling Association for many years. She organized the Merrill couples Doghouse tournament at Les & Jim's and was the co-founder of the Northeastern Wisconsin Non-Pro Tournament and originated the State Seniors Bowling tournament. Ruth was instrumental in helping create the Channel 7 Ladies and Men's Pinbuster tournaments annually held throughout central Wisconsin. Ruth was a charter member of the State 600 Club. In 1994, Ruth was recognized for bowling in 50 state tournaments. She was the first bowler to be inducted into the Merrill Bowling Hall of Fame. Ruth received the Wisconsin Women Bowling Writers President's Award and was honored for her 25 years of service as the Merrill WBA secretary-treasurer. Raised on a golf course in Park Falls, Ruth could be found on the golf course during the summer months. After retirement Ruth and Roman enjoyed traveling.

Ruth is survived by three daughters, Judith Shrock, Mary Matz, and Leah (Tom) Juhlke, all of Merrill; 6 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Besides her parents and husband, Ruth is preceded in death by her son in law, James Shrock; and 2 brothers, Vernon, and Billy.

The Funeral Liturgy for Ruth H. Radlinger began at 12 Noon, Friday August 13, 2021, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Deacon Jim Arndt officiated. Entombment followed Merrill Memorial Park Mausoleum. Visitation began at 10:00AM on Friday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com).



**Vernon D. Utecht**, 79, of Irma, passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at Aspirus Hospice House, Wausau.

Vernon was born April 3, 1942, in Merrill, son of the late Robert and Ethel (Baneck) Utecht. He married Patricia Roesler on November 2, 1963, in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County. She resides in Irma. Vernon grew up in Merrill and for most of his life was a State of Wisconsin Licensed cheesemaker and held this license for more than forty

years. He worked in Appleton and Marathon County, eventually taking a position with Cloverbelt Cheese in Edgar and retired after working for more than thirty years. Vernon enjoyed woodworking, fishing, trips to the casino with his wife and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Utecht of Irma; sons, Steven Utecht of Wausau, Michael Utecht of Shoreview, Minnesota, and Jason (Wendy Wiesman) Utecht of Arden Hills, Minnesota; sister, Sharon Bucknell of Appleton; and brother, Robert Utecht of Merrill. Vernon was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ethel Utecht; infant son, Richard Allen Utecht; and sister, Bonnie Natzke.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family with arrangements. Sincere thanks and appreciation to all who have reached out in the past months and particularly the Aspirus Hospice House.

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**OBITUARIES**



**Paul D. Pedersen**, 62, of Merrill passed away on July 31, 2021, in Merrill.

Celebration of life service will be held at Salvation Army Church 103 2nd Ave, Wausau, WI 54401 on September 11, 2021, at 11:30 with Major Paul and Barb Logan, Ed Wilson of Salvation Army Church and Brad Main of Journey Church, Merrill officiating.

Paul D. Pedersen was born in Racine, WI to David and Sharon Pedersen on September 27, 1958. He went to high school at Union Grove High School and graduated in 1977. He went onto earn a degree in Airframe and Power Plant Mechanic from Gateway Technical College, Kenosha, WI. Paul and his father owned Pedersen Radiator Shop in Union Grove Wisconsin. Paul also owned a Super wash Car wash in Chilton, WI. He also worked as an Airplane mechanic for United Airlines in San Francisco. Paul returned to Racine, WI in 2001 where he was the primary caregiver to his beloved Aunt and Uncle Gunther.

When Paul returned to Racine, he was reunited with his college sweet heart Kathleen Pedersen (Buhler) and was married on January 15, 2005. Paul and his wife remained in Racine until 2012. In October 2012 Paul and Kathleen moved to Merrill, WI where he remain until his death.

He was involved in Salvation Army as a driver for Bell ringing. He enjoyed fishing, the shooting sports, his summer cottage on Marian Lake and spending time with his wife and many of his beloved dogs.

Paul was known for his sweet smile, generous heart, loving nature, kindness and caring for others.

Paul is survived by his wife, Kathleen S. (Buhler) Pedersen of Merrill, WI, Juan Schuller (guardian son of Wausau, WI), and his faithful dog Daisy Mac. Sister Marian (Victor) Johanson, Cousins Cinthia (Mathew) Siefert-Raw, Robert (Debroah) Siefert, and Laura (William) Greenway. Paul is further survived by his cousins, other relatives and close friends in Merrill, Racine and Wausau, WI.

Paul is preceded in death by his father, David E. Pedersen, his mother Sharon Pedersen, aunt and uncle Sylvia and Fred Gunther (aunt and uncle) and Henry R. and Idell H. Siefert. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Salvation Army, Wausau (Building Fund) 202 Callon St., Wausau, WI 54401.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Aspirus Hospice, Salvation Army, Journey Church and the many organizations involved in his care, his many faithful care givers and friends that allowed him to spend his last moments in the comfort of his own home.

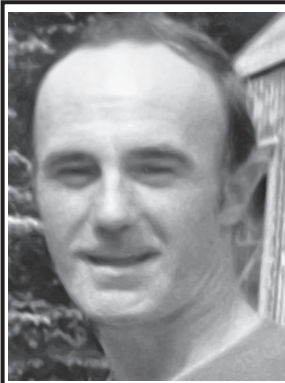


**James 'Jim' Alan Graap**, age 65, of Merrill, passed away on Friday, August 6, 2021 at his home in Merrill. He was the son to the late Richard and Berdine (Woller) Graap and was born on August 15, 1955 in Merrill.

Jim attended Merrill High School until he enlisted in the U.S. Army to bravely serve his beloved country. After serving in the military, Jim worked as a diesel mechanic and worked at Gordon Aluminum for over 30 years in the shipping department and as a truck driver for them. Jim loved working on cars and trucks, as well as working on his own truck, which he loved! He enjoyed going to auctions and garage sales. Jim would look forward to the next fishing season, as he had a passion for fishing. He would also go hunting, loved to read and watch Westerns and loved his dogs dearly. Jim is remembered as being the best dad, always willing to lend a hand where needed. Jim will be sadly missed by his friends and family.

Jim leaves behind his son: J.R. Graap (Candace), grandsons: Jayden and Jonathan, granddaughters: Madyson, Emersyn, Graycen and Jessica, stepdaughter: Christine, sister: Sandy, brothers: Tim, Ron and Roger, ex-wife: Kathy and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandson: Danny, stepdaughter: Tracy and brothers: David and Mike.

Per family request, no services for Jim will be held. 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).



**Thomas 'Tom' Earl Johnson**, age 73, passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2021, in Merrill, while surrounded by his loving family and while under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services. He was born on March 23, 1948, in Merrill and was the son to the late John E. and Rose A. (McIntyre) Johnson. Tom attended and graduated from Merrill High School. Tom met Martha Weisman, and the two exchanged marriage vows on September 28, 1973. Sadly, she preceded him in death on March 27, 2021.

Tom liked to be outdoors, whether it was deer hunting, fishing, or gardening. He also enjoyed cutting firewood, as well as cooking meals for his family and friends. Tom was an avid sports fan and he looked forward to watching the Packers. He is remembered as a funny guy, always helping others and had a huge heart. Tom worked at a number of jobs including Ace Hardware, ROW Window Unit, Farmers Mill, Wire Products, as well as A&P Pavers and Merrill Pavers. Tom honorably and bravely served in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1970, during the Vietnam War.

Tom is survived by his children: Michael (Barbara) Ritchie of Merrill, Raney (Paul) Nowinsky of Kronenwetter and Cris (Tanya) Johnson of Merrill, 11 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, 2 half-brothers: Floyd Johnson of Wausau and Malcolm (Sonny) McGuirk of Florida.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife: Martha Johnson, grandsons: Damon Johnson and Trever Ritchie, 1 half-brother and 1 half-sister.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thank you to Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services for their care and support shown to Tom and his family during his last days.

A Celebration of Tom's life will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021, from 1pm-2pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill.

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).



**Roger C. Henke**, 78 of Irma passed away at home on Thursday, August 12, 2021 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born September 1, 1942, son of the late Clarence and Sylvia (Schmidt) Henke.

Roger was confirmed on June 9, 1957 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Town of Corning. On November 21, 1964 he married Norma J. Schult. He worked as a logger with his father, later as a vinyl applicator at Semling-Menke Co for 28 years. He enjoyed cutting firewood, snow-mobilizing, four-wheeling, feeding wildlife, specializing equipment and customizing his trucks and tractors.

He is survived by his loving wife Norma; two daughters, Sarah Baumann, Hamburg; and Lissa (Kevin) Schneider, Winona, MN; two sons, Mark (Inez) Henke, Modesto, CA; and Todd Henke, Minocqua; six grandchildren, Mikayla and Michael Baumann, Hamburg; Austin, Juliet, Alexia, and Mark Anthony Henke, Modesto, CA; three half-siblings, Dora Raddatz, Little Chicago; Elaine Barry, Merrill; and Raymond (Sharon) Mundt, Tomahawk.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law, Dale Baumann.

Per Roger's wishes, private family services will be held Friday, August 20, 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations may be accepted at the Lincoln County Humane Society at 310 Memorial Drive Merrill, WI 54452, (715) 536-3459.

John J. Buettgen Funeral Home is assisting family at this time. Online condolences may be expressed at [Hon-orOne.com](http://Hon-orOne.com)

**Suzette 'Sue' Kay Wiederhoeft**, age 74, of Merrill, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 13, 2021, at her home. Sue was the daughter to the late Ellsworth and Dorothy (Krause) Sabatke and was born on June 3, 1947, in Merrill. She attended and graduated from Merrill High School. Sue eventually met David Wiederhoeft, and the two lovingly exchanged marriage vows on July 3, 1967, in Bessemer, Michigan. Sadly, he preceded her in death on October 3, 1992.

Sue was a seamstress at Fox Point in Merrill for 35 years and enjoyed her work there. She was an excellent seamstress. She also was employed with SPI (Hurd) for about 10 years. Sue was an animal lover and enjoyed time with her cats and watching the wildlife out of her window at home. She also liked to be outside, whether it was deer hunting, fishing or working in her gardens, she enjoyed it all. Sue would also look forward to watching and racing in the local demo derbies, as well as ice racing. She was a very loving and caring woman, with an incredible work ethic and believed you should work hard, then play hard! Sue loved spending time on the water, especially going on pontoon rides, she was always up for a get together. She will be sadly missed but will remain in the hearts of her family and friends.

Sue is survived by her son: Joel 'Joe' Wiederhoeft of Merrill, brothers: Mark (Becky) Sabatke and Dale (Sarah) Sabatke, both of Merrill, sister: Arlene (Alan) Pfalz of Merrill, along with many nieces and nephews and extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: David Wiederhoeft, sisters: Pam Spoehr, Claudette Johnson and Dawn 'Pat' Kollath and brothers: Joe and David Sabatke.

A Celebration of Sue's life will take place on Friday, August 20, 2021, from 3:00pm -5:30pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill. Pastor Mike Southcombe will offer support and prayers from 5:30pm-6:00pm.

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).



**Susan "Suze" Boles**, née Seliger, 61, died July 22nd, 2021 after a short battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Born April 22nd, 1960 on what would later become Earth Day. This was something that was always a point of pride for her. She was a spirit with deep roots with hands like someone made of the earth. A possessor of a truly kind heart who taught respect for all things great and small, to protect those that could not protect themselves, and to love with all your heart.

She lives on through her daughters Danielle and Olivia. A spirit like hers does not disappear. Look for her in the cardinal's red wings, in the sweetness of honey, the brilliance of the stars, and the harvest's bounty. Suze will forever be loved.

Memorial to be held Aug. 22nd 2-5pm at the Monk Botanical Gardens, Garden Pavillion, 1800 N 1st Ave, Wausau. We ask you to bring a lawn chair as seating is limited, a mask if you are unvaccinated, and a story to tell. In lieu of flowers please consider making a charitable donation to one of these charities: Arbor Day Foundation, Lincoln County Humane Society, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, or T.B. Scott Public Library.

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# Public Service Announcements

**MERRILL-GO-ROUND PARENTS – IMPORTANT REMINDERS!**

Transportation services are provided for intra-city school children: The bus operators and their routes run on schedule. There are many unfortunate variables that interject into each route that can cause unsatisfactory service. We all need to understand how important efficiency is. All scheduled rides must be pre-paid in advance. All same day rides must be paid when boarding the bus, there is no charging of bus fare. Passengers without their fare will be denied.

**1.) CHILDREN MUST BE READY & WAITING FOR THE BUS** - The bus should not have to wait for the child! If there are 5 children that hold up the bus for 2 minutes, that bus will be 10 minutes late for school. We have seven "School Tripper" routes each day, transporting over 250 children. Please help by doing your part to keep schedules running on time.

**2.) NO SHOWS** - If your child is a scheduled pick-up and is ill, or will not be taking the Merrill-Go-Round for any reason, you must call the office with your cancellation. This is our greatest time loss! We cannot release the bus from an address until the child is accounted for. Confirmation of a cancellation takes as long as 6 minutes. Unfortunately, we average five "no shows" each day. This accumulates hours of lost time each week. We realize it's not always easy to get through on the phone, but please keep trying, your call will be answered in the order which we receive it. Advance notices are greatly appreciated. Transit is Extension 246.

**3.) POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS** - This is the one element we cannot control. Poor weather conditions bring on many time variables such as dressing children appropriately for the weather conditions, passengers in need of assistance boarding or exiting the bus, bad road conditions, etc. These should be the only times the routes cannot keep their schedules.

**4.) PROPER BEHAVIOR** - Children must comply with the bus riding rules! Be ready with pass fare - When the child boards, he/she should have their bus fare in hand to give to the driver. This saves additional time spent searching for their money. We highly recommend student bus fares to be purchased (in advance) by the month.

**PROMPT AND PROPER SEATING** - The child should find a seat quickly and remain in that seat until exiting the bus.

**NORMAL CONVERSATION** - Talking is welcomed, however, loud, discourteous talking or conversation disturbs the other passengers and disrupts the driver.

**NO EATING OR DRINKING ON THE BUS** - Children abuse this rule most frequently. Treats or snacks that you may allow the children to take to school, never seem to make it past the bus. We spend countless minutes daily upholding this rule. Not only does this demand the driver's attention, it also adds chores to the bus cleaning at the end of the day.

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All of the above rules are enforced by policy and are punishable by temporary or permanent suspension. Our operators are dedicated to the comfort and safety of all of our passengers. Your children are an enjoyable and rewarding part of our day, so we greatly appreciate your support and confidence in our transportation services. Please call the Merrill-Go-Round office with any questions or comments you may have. Together we can improve the system for all!

Thank You  
The Merrill Transit System

**SCHOOL YEAR REMINDERS...**

- \*If automotive problems, bad weather, or any other emergencies occur, just call the Merrill-Go-Round for prompt, courteous service.
- \*The Merrill-Go-Round's schedule leaves the East and West sides of town on the hour (schedules may vary at peak times). So, even in a last minute crisis, you and/or your children may receive service within the hour.
- \*If your child has a scheduled pickup and is ill or will not be taking the Merrill-Go-Round for any reason, you must call the office and cancel. Everyone must do their part to keep the buses on schedule.
- \*If your child has missed his/her scheduled ride, you must call our office so the next available bus can service you

**Notice to Disabled of Opportunity to Comment**

The Merrill-Go-Round provides public transportation service for the City of Merrill. We have five (5) busses, each equipped with two (2) designated areas for the securement of mobility devices to provide an equal quality level of service throughout our business day. The Merrill Transit System receives federal funds to offset a portion of its operating deficit. As a condition of receiving these funds, we must certify that special efforts are being made to provide transportation for our disabled population within our service area.

The Merrill Transit System meets this commitment by:

- Extensive sensitivity training for bus operators
- Providing equal and quality service for the disabled
- Providing daily transportation for all WI DHS and Lincoln Industries clientele.
- Providing daily transportation to the Senior Nutrition Site

Any individual or group desiring to provide written comments on the service and efforts of the Merrill Transit System are asked to do so.

Comments can be addressed to:  
**MERRILL TRANSIT SYSTEM**  
c/o Bradley Brummond  
**Transit Administrator**  
**1004 E. First St., Merrill, WI54452**

**– Note –**  
Elderly and disabled persons, please contact our office for reduced fare passes.

**Senior Citizen Grocery Plan**

On Thursdays, senior citizens are picked up FREE of charge and taken to a local grocery store to do their food shopping. This service is sponsored by Dave's County Market. A "Grocery Run" bus is provided at 8:30 a.m. with courteous drivers that assist you with your bags. Take advantage of this special opportunity by calling ahead!

**PARENTS!**

*Just a reminder...*  
You Must Pre-register your child/ children for the Merrill-Go-Round bus transportation this 2021-2022 school year

**SOLICITATION OF POTENTIAL MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.**

The City of Merrill is soliciting the names of potential Minority Business Enterprises which can provide goods, equipment, and services such as fuel, tires, cleaning/office supplies, etc., for the operation of the Merrill Transit System.

A firm which feel it is potentially qualified as a Minority Business Enterprise or Women-Owned Business Enterprise, should contact: Bradley Brummond, Transit Administrator, 1004 E. First Street, Merrill, WI 54452.

The firms named will be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, who will contact the firms as to the process involved in the certification process.

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# Steaks going to the dogs?

## Power House Lawn & Leisure hosts Steak Cookoff to benefit LCHS

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Power House Lawn & Leisure, at their new location 2500 E. Main Street in Merrill, is hosting a Steak Cookoff they're calling "Steaks for Paws" on Saturday, August 21. While the steaks themselves won't literally be "going to the dogs," the proceeds from the event will benefit the Lincoln County Humane Society.

### Steak Cookoff

This "Steaks for Paws" event is one of dozens of Steak Cookoffs held throughout the nation where cooks and grillmasters can compete to make the perfect steak, and the event is still accepting competitors who want to sign up to compete, for a bit of friendly, fun cooking competition.

The entrants, both local and those who come from as far away as Iowa to travel the Steak Cookoff circuit, will all face the same challenge: to create the perfectly cooked steak that will please the judges according to their guidelines.

Have you seen some of the cooking competition television shows? This is pretty much just like that.

This is a team event, sort of, in that a team of people who cook together can enter the cookoff as a team and work on things together, except that only one single person/cook can actually touch and prepare and cook the steak. Other members of the team can help with other preparations, keep the Head Cook company and lend moral support, and cook other dishes in the competition. For instance, this "Steaks for Paws" Cookoff will include two ancillary dishes/competitions: Desserts and "Anything made with locally grown Sweet Corn."

### The "stakes" are high

The event is sanctioned by the Steak Cookoff Association (SCA) and representative, Anita Moore, will be on hand to oversee each phase of the event and coordinate the judges.

The entry fee to compete in the Steak Cookoff is \$150 per team and includes two perfect choice, boneless, minimum of 1 1/8" or 3 cm. thick, ribeye steaks from Geiss Meat Service of Merrill and a 10x15 team space under a tent.

Entrants bring their own cooking mechanisms – any fire or heat source. (wood, charcoal, gas, electric, pellet, sous vide, etc.) – though most opt to use a grill of some type. Cooks also bring their own seasonings and cooking secrets to the competition. [Teams may share a grill, if desired, as long as the Head Cook on each team cooks his or her own

steaks.]

Entrants must use the steaks provided and may not bring their own meat. Steaks are judged by a panel of SCA judges based on specific criteria and awarded points for attributes such as appearance, doneness (medium), taste, texture, and overall impression.

The prize for best steak of the day? Up to \$1,000 for first place, with a \$500 payout for second place, \$300 for third, \$200 for fourth, \$150 for fifth, and \$50 each for sixth through tenth places. Total prize payouts for the day will total nearly \$3,000.

In addition, the first place winner will receive a Golden Ticket, which provides that entrant a chance at going to the SCA World Championship VIII Cookoff in Fort Worth, Texas, on Sunday, March 13, 2022, with more than 400 teams from around the world. [The winner, if not already a member of the SCA, has until Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. following the cookoff win, to join SCA to qualify to attend the Championship Cookoff. The cost of joining the SCA is \$40. If not a member, the Golden Ticket will pass down to other winners.]

An additional \$25 entry fee is required to compete in the Dessert category, and/or another \$25 entry fee is required to enter the "Anything made with locally grown Sweet Corn" competition. That competition is also accepting entrants, so if meat isn't your area of expertise, but whipping up a delicious dessert or creating an amazing dish incorporating sweet corn is, this is your opportunity to get involved. These ancillary dishes, as they are called, are secondary to the Steak Cookoff competition but are still an opportunity for recognition and must also be assembled on-site.

Prize payouts in the Dessert & Corn competitions are \$125 for first place, \$75 for second, and \$50 for third place.

### The day of the event

If this sounds like an appetizing way to spend your Saturday, teams can come early and ready to cook and still sign up and enter on the day of the event, although advance registration is even better. Sign up at [steakcookoffs.com](http://steakcookoffs.com).

The cooks will meet at 10:00 a.m. to go over the rules, with the judges meeting following at 11:00 a.m.

This is a timed cookoff, with specific rules, so 12:00 noon to 12:15 p.m. is the dessert turn-in time, with corn dishes due to be turned in from 1:00 to 1:15 p.m. Steaks must be turned in between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

At 3:30, after judging takes place, the SCA will announce the winners and distribute awards and the elusive Golden Ticket.

So far, Moore said, there are about 20 teams signed up to compete at the event. Each team is comprised of as many people as the entrants wish, as long as only one person is cooking the steak.

The event is open to the public, and everyone is invited to come down and watch the competition unfold, see the grills the teams are using to cook, and pick up a few grillmaster secrets. While they wait, they can tour the new store and perhaps they'll get the sudden urge to purchase a new grill themselves after looking at the seven lines of grills on the showroom floor – from the imported Italian-made ALFA Ovens to the "Made in the USA" models such as Broilmaster, Primo, and Smokin Brokers – and the extensive selection of 80 sauces and rubs, 19 flavors of grilling pellets, and grilling utensils and accessories.

### Raising funds for furry friends

Dave Nelson, owner of Power House Lawn & Leisure shared his excitement about the upcoming event. "I've been trying to set up an event [like this] for three years." Events like this are all over the country, he said, with competitors competing for points for the World Championship.

Here on a local level, sponsors like Geiss Meat Service helped make this event possible. "Andy at Geiss Meats is donating the steaks for it, which is huge," Nelson said. "Other than our part of it, that's the most expensive thing."

Together, they've turned this event into a fundraiser for the Lincoln County Humane Society. Proceeds from entry fees beyond the prize payouts and break-even point will be donated. And then the prize winning steaks themselves will become a fundraiser.

"What happens with the steaks is ... they only turn in a small amount of that to the judges, and then we own the rest of the meat," Nelson explained, "So Geiss along with Art Mergot who's got Mergot's Mouthwatering Mayhem [food trailer], they're going to cut all the meat up, they're gonna au jus, and then we'll serve steak sandwiches to the public. And all of the proceeds that day go to the Humane Society."

### Good for the community

Kent Baumann, Store Manager at Power House Lawn & Leisure, said the event will benefit the community at large, as well. "It's gonna bring people to town," he said. That can benefit hotels and other businesses in the community.

"It's a huge thing to try and build, within the community," Nelson said of creating the event, but, "It's good for the community."

"It should just be a really fun thing," he added. "We just want everyone to have fun, but for people that are competitive minded ..." There will be plenty of opportunity for a little friendly cooking competition.

For complete rules, more information about the SCA, or to sign up online, go to [steakcookoffs.com](http://steakcookoffs.com) or call SCA Rep Anita Moore at 920.420.4618.

## LETTER from page 7

tempted by alien offers of money or celebrity or flattery to think you are special and better, or can easily become special and better without honest hard work or effort. Remember TANSTAAFL – There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch. If it sounds too good to be true, in all probability it is.

This may have happened to you or to someone you know. But even if you haven't been affected, remember this – the bad people are out there, setting traps for the unwary. Refrain from taking the first bite from this poisonous fruit.

PATRICK J. WOOD, PUBLISHER

Author of the newly released book "Dear Reader," available at Bosses

**Emily Erickson**  
Graduated with a 4.0 GPA from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay. She achieved a Bachelor's of Science for Psychology and Organizational Leadership. She is the daughter of Rachel and Jerry Harmon Sr.

### Pet of the Week

Hey there, my name is **Lewie**. I was brought to the shelter due to my family having to move. During my stay at LCHS I have really come out of my shell. I was a little shy at first and would hide under my blankets, but then I realized I needed a few friends! Now I spend most of my days in the second colony room with all my other cat friends. I have access to our catio, but that is still a bit new for me. I like the attention I get from volunteers coming in to pet me! I would do best in a home that is quiet, probably no children and no dogs would be better for me. I do enjoy the company of other cats, so having a friend would be a plus! I am spayed, up to date on vaccines, and microchipped!

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## RALLY from page 3

to bodily autonomy. We have the right to choose our health care. We support our patients. We support the staff. But ultimately, we are not being supported in our right to choose how we want to live. The problem is that this vaccine doesn't prevent COVID. It doesn't prevent transmission. We can't force people to get it. It doesn't work that way," she said.

"You'd walk off the job just so you wouldn't have to get the COVID vaccine?"

"Yes, I would."

Brooke Feltz of Milladore is an independent nurse now doing home health care. She worked as a pediatric nurse at Marshfield Clinic between 2014 and 2016, and carried a sign that said, "I Stand For Freedom." She does not plan to get the vaccine.

"We have a big thing called Informed Consent in the medical community, and right now they can't tell us

everything that's going into it (the vaccine). They can't tell us what the effects are long-term, so people are having an issue with that. It's your choice. If you wanna get it, get it. If you don't want it, you shouldn't have to. Nobody should be forced. The military shouldn't be forced. The RN's, the doctors, nobody, and we're having a big problem in this country with them forcing people to do things that we don't want to do with our bodies. We have autonomy with ourselves, and we respect that with patients, and we would ask that you guys would respect that in return," she said.

Marshfield Clinic officials announced last week its employees would face mandatory vaccinations. The timing, according to a Clinic news release, aligns with the health system's annually-required flu vaccine process. CEO Dr. Susan Turney said the vaccines are key to stopping the virus, and the mandate is based on an increase in COVID cases, due mainly to the increase in the number of illnesses related to the Delta variant.

# Trinity Lutheran Church to host Block Party for Merrill



Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the corner of West Main and State Streets in Merrill. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

Trinity Lutheran Church on West Main Street in Merrill, has announced they will host a Block Party for Merrill the weekend of August 28-29.

They are hoping this will become an annual event. Beginning Saturday, August 28, at 5:00 p.m., a free painting party and chalk contest will kick off the evening's fun, followed by a free movie showing at 8:00 p.m.

Then on Sunday, inflatables, a dunk tank, a photo booth, a caricature artist, face painting, and lawn games will make for a carnival-like atmosphere for all ages. Music will

provided. Local food trucks will be on site, and adults can sample beers from the Sawmill Brewery, as well.

There is no cost for admission, but Trinity will be collecting wipes and size 4 and 5 diapers for Haven, Inc., for the entire weekend.

The entire town is welcome to attend, said Kyla Rodriguez, Communications Director for Trinity Lutheran Church.

"We are looking forward to working with local businesses and organizations, bringing in fun food trucks and live music, and hosting the whole town for a weekend together," Rodriguez said. "We have a team of volunteers working to put this together."

# Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM  
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

## Free Guy

(Showing in theatres)

★★★★★

Rated a PG-13 – For language, violence, and adult themes.

After over a year on hiatus due to the dread virus, *Free Guy* at long last has hit the cinemas, and I am here to tell you it was well worth the wait.

Ryan Reynolds (*Deadpool*) is Guy, a simple fellow that has his morning routine: wake up, say hello to his goldfish, have breakfast while watching the news (which, for the record, is hysterical, so pay attention to the newscasters), then he heads off to work at the bank, stopping to get the same cup of coffee every morning to start his day.

His day consists of being robbed by "the sunglasses people" multiple times a day and watching as people are assaulted and robbed all around him, which is his normal day.

You see, Guy is a video game character and has no idea that he is. He has a full life – a best friend, a longing for love, and is hysterically oblivious that the chaos around him is not normal, until the day he spots Millie (Jodie Comer from *Killing Eve*) and puts on a pair of sunglasses.

From there, *Free Guy* takes off like a rocket. This is a funny film – very funny! Mary, my ever-patient wife, and I howled out loud throughout this movie, as did the others in the theatre with us. While overtly funny throughout, pay attention to the one liners



and throw away quips that are all through this film; they are hysterical. And for those of you with highly attuned hearing, there are many, many stars that lend their voice talents all through this film, and there are even a couple of cameos that will make you laugh out loud. And the interaction between a gamer and his mother had me laughing so hard it hurt.

But at the heart of this is Guy. His determination to break the norm and be the "good guy" is refreshing and feels honest as well as funny.

*Free Guy* gets five out of five stars because it's just that funny, and I am here to tell you, the 1 hour 52-minute runtime goes by faster than it takes to wipe the tears of laughter from your eyes.

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view and enjoy. Rides and games were popular, and food and beer sales were brisk. Grand stand shows were well attended with cheering and screaming crowds.

All in all, it was another great Lincoln County Fair, and attendees were happier than ever to have it back!

Special thanks to the Lincoln County Fair Board and all of the volunteers who made this year's Fair the success that it was.



The Market Animal Show & Sale shown in progress as a young man's pig is auctioned off on Friday evening at the Lincoln County Fair. **Tina L. Scott photos.**



An entire building of antique cars drew in nostalgia buffs and young people who've never seen automobiles like these before.



The Merrill Fire Department's new Engine 61 was on hand at the Lincoln County Fair, to hose down the dust and dirt in the Grand Stand arena area for events, and also in case of an emergency.



The Tractor Pulls kicked up a little dust on Saturday at the Lincoln County Fair. Here one competitor, who named his tractor The Reaper, gives it his best. **Troy D. Schmidt photo.**



This year's Lincoln County Fair brought out crowds ready to enjoy food, music, animals, exhibits, events, and fun! Here, the evening crowd is just beginning to grow.



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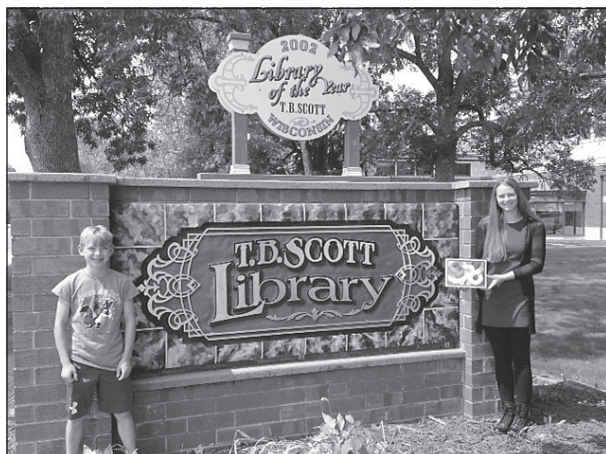
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# "Tails & TALES" Library Reading Challenge popular in Merrill

The 2021 Summer Reading Challenges offered by the T.B. Scott Library were a popular past-time for Merrill area residents this summer. The Library enrolled 426 youth and adult participants in the Beanstack online Summer Reading Challenges. As readers logged their time and activities in Beanstack, they earned digital badges. Each badge entitled readers to enter a prize drawing. Beanstack also offered a mobile app for families on the go. For those not comfortable with the digital format, a paper format was available.



Erik (shown on the left) was the grand prize winner of the Teen Reading Challenge at the T.B. Scott Library. Ava Reinhardt of Merrill Community Bank is pictured in the photo on the right holding the grand prize Erik won: an iPad Air. The Bank helped to underwrite the purchase of the prize.

Forde, Youth Librarian. "Families were happy to join in the fun of our outdoor events, as well."

The culminating event for the Library's 2021 Adult Summer READ Challenge - "Bottoms Up: Wisconsin Historic Bars and Breweries," took place at the Sawmill Brewing Company on Monday, August 16, at 7:00 p.m.

The Library would like to acknowledge the generous support of these 2021 Summer Reading Program sponsors: Arby's, Friends of the Library, Grand Stand, mBank, Merrill Community Bank, Merrill Optimist Club, Park City Credit Union, Pizza Hut, Sierra Pacific, Walmart, and the Wisconsin Valley Library Service.

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## Backpack Project Still in Motion

On Saturday, August 14, children and families visited Prairie River Middle School to pick up backpacks and school supplies as part of the Merrill Forward Together Healthy Community Initiative (MFTHCI) Backpack Program. Working together with the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW) Community Services and the Merrill Optimist Club, donated supplies were distributed to the families of kindergarten through sixth graders who qualify for free or reduced school lunches. Through the generous donations of individuals, organizations, and businesses, those young students are now off to a great start for the 2021-2022 school year.

Monetary donations are still graciously accepted, allowing MFTHCI to purchase items at sale prices throughout the year. Donations can be sent to MFTHCI-Backpacks at PO Box 793 in Merrill.

Families of students in grades K-6 who qualify for free or reduced school lunch under federal guidelines that are new to the Merrill area, or those that were unable to pick up backpacks on Saturday, should contact Jana at Children's Wisconsin at 715.539.5441 to get needed supplies.

## Area road construction will slow travel

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) advises road construction to begin in Lincoln County will slow travel, so plan accordingly. And don't forget to slow down in construction areas to protect the safety of workers.

• Highway US 51 northbound and southbound, from the Marathon/Lincoln County line in Pine River to County K (Exit 211) in Merrill, will be impacted from July 19, 2021 to November 2022. Crews will install pavement markings on the newly paved median crossovers in anticipation of a traffic switch after Labor Day. Traffic is reduced to one lane in both directions on US 51 from 6:00 a.m. Monday to 12:00 noon on Friday from the Marathon County/Lincoln County line to County K.

• Highway US 51/County Q Bridge at Exit 205, Merrill, will be impacted from August 9, 2021 to October 13, 2021. Crews are at work to remove expansion joints and prepare the bridge deck for a new concrete overlay. Traffic is/will be reduced to a single lane on County Q. Traffic using the US 51 off ramps and County Q will encounter temporary traffic signals.

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# MAPS hires Associate Principal at Kate Goodrich Elementary School for 2021-2022

Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) announced Matthew Schult has been hired as the new Elementary Associate Principal at Kate Goodrich Elementary School. Matt earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He began his teaching career at New Hampton Middle School in northeast Iowa. After five years there, he returned to his Bluejay roots and served as a teacher and an instructional coach at MAPS for the past four years. Along with teaching, he also enjoyed coaching both volleyball and basketball at the middle and high school level. While serving at MAPS, he earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership through Viterbo University.



Matthew Schult

Outside of school, Matt enjoys spending time with his family and following Wisconsin sports teams. He can also be found playing in volleyball leagues and biking the many trails throughout Wisconsin.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Kate Goodrich community. I am looking forward to pairing with Principal Skutak and working together with the Kate staff and families to ensure our students gain the knowledge and skills they need to be successful."

Matt has already started the school year by participating in a data retreat in order to begin making a difference on the students' first day back. He also had the opportunity to participate in Rapid Cycle Feedback Training to enhance the quality of his evaluations with teachers.

"Matt is a quality professional," said Superintendent Dr. John Sample. "I was very pleased with the caliber of candidates interviewing for this position. I am equally as excited for our students at Kate Goodrich who will benefit from his leadership."

Matt joins Principal Heather Skutak as they combine to form the administrative leadership team at Kate Goodrich.

# NTC Announces Free Application, Career Exploration Kits

The fall semester begins on Monday, August 30. Northcentral Technical College (NTC) announced the \$30 application fee will be waived for anyone who applies to get started this fall. For prospective students who would like to begin classes this fall, but are unsure which program is right for them, free career exploration kits are now available. Career exploration kits will be mailed to anyone who applies as undecided. Kits include interest and personality assessments, a hands-on activity, and additional resources to help determine which career would be a good fit for each recipient.

These free career exploration kits are made possible through the NTC Adult Career Pathways grant, which is funded through the Wisconsin Technical College System. NTC received \$223,429 in state funds and allocated \$20,000 to provide these resources to prospective students.

To receive a career exploration kit and apply to NTC at no cost, visit [www.ntc.edu/apply](http://www.ntc.edu/apply) or reach out to the Admissions team by emailing [admissions@ntc.edu](mailto:admissions@ntc.edu) or calling 715.803.1645.



# MAPS NEW EDUCATORS - 2021-22

**Seated, from L to R:** Shelby Christianson - Kindergarten, Kate Goodrich; Sarah Christian - Gr. 4, Washington; Marie Nelson - Special Education Instructional Coach, District; Lindsay Lodholz - Instructional Coach, Prairie River Middle School (PRMS); Marlene Scholfield - Reading Interventionist, Kate Goodrich; Kim Schmidt - Reading Interventionist, Merrill High School (MHS); Katherine Hiebl - Gr. 3, Washington; Saraphena Jochman - Social Worker, PRMS; and Kelli Morgan - Social Worker, Kate Goodrich. **Standing, L to R:** Steven Lewandowski - Special Education Teacher, PRMS; Molly Kollath - Math Teacher, MHS; Daniel Sukow - Physical Education Teacher, Pine River School for Young Learners; Margo Swedlund - Gr. 2, Kate Goodrich; Todd Kautzer - Gr. 8 Science, PRMS; Cassandra Casper - Social Studies, PRMS; Carly Cleveland - Art Teacher, PRMS; Terra Swanson - Social Worker, Pine River School for Young Learners; Laura Delly - Reading Interventionist, Kate Goodrich; Alexis Medford - Social Worker, Washington; Alisha Resch - School Counselor, MHS; Kimberly Dorow - Gr. 7 Science, PRMS; Alyssa Zimmerman - Gr. 3, Washington; and Miranda Spangberg - School Counselor, Kate Goodrich.

Tina L. Scott photo.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

# NTC Foundation awards student scholarships totaling over \$381,000

## Area students recognized

The Northcentral Technical College (NTC) Foundation is pleased to award over 575 scholarships totaling over \$381,000 to students who will be pursuing higher education at NTC during the fall 2021 term. The following students in our area were recently awarded scholarships to help them finance their education while pursuing their dreams:

- Athens, Wis. - Abigail Burdick, Anna Wheatley, Autumn Westfall, Chase Ellenbecker, Halle Albrecht, Heidi Verpoorten, Jake Denzine, Melinda Daniels
- Gleason, Wis. - Shannon Staskiewicz
- Irma, Wis. - Kayli Petrowski, Kendra Petrowski
- Merrill, Wis. - Amy Goetsch, Kyle Stellingworth, Abigail Burgener, Abigail Rasmussen, Alan Burgener, Allison Becker, Allison Blaubach, Allyson English, Amanda Jensen, Autumn Detert, Benjamin Tabor,

Bradley Doescher, Brandi McDonough, Eleanor Holzinger, Graceanne Weaver, Hollie Dewar, Jordan Brzoznowski, Joshua Hass, Jozelyn Gebert, Justin Leggett, Katelyn Hahn, Konnor Peterson, Rachel Travis, Rylee Hoepfner, Sarah Schoerner, Savannah Randall, Savannah Guenther, Sofia Zecca, Stephanie King-Witz, Syrina Podeweltz, Zoe Berna

*Northcentral Technical College ([www.ntc.edu](http://www.ntc.edu)) is north central Wisconsin's premier two-year college of choice and is a resource for all District residents. It provides individuals, organizations and businesses with quality skills training in a wide range of programs designed to build a competitive, technologically advanced workforce in today's rapidly changing global environment. NTC has seven locations: Antigo, Medford, Merrill, Phillips, Spencer, Wausau, and Wittenberg.*

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# Race to the Taps

## Walk, run, race – all proceeds benefit Merrill Police and Fire Departments

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

Sawmill Brewing Company is hosting their 5th Annual Race to the Taps 5K event on September 11, 2021. “But, since we know that not everyone loves running, there is going to be a 2-mile Family Walk/Run portion, too!” organizers Zach and Trisha Kubicek wrote on the event’s web page. “And, we are throwing a big party afterwards so that everyone in the family can participate in something throughout the day.”

“With our 5th annual Race To The Taps event falling on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, it didn’t take us long to decide that we are going to donate the money to our

local Fire/EMS and Police programs in need,” Zach said. “Sawmill Brewing Company is always looking for ways to give back to the community, and we are so excited about this event. In addition to the 5k and 2-Mile Family Walk, there will be many activities for people to enjoy. We will have food trucks, live music, activities for kids, a bounce house, fire trucks and the fire pup, and even Eros himself will make an appearance.”

### 5K details

Participation in the 5K trail run is \$40. Each racer will receive a race day t-shirt, a bag packed full of swag and fun giveaways, their bib number and chip for timing, a post-race meal, and a beer! (If you

are under 21, we have some delicious craft sodas for you instead.)

The 5K will begin at 11:00 a.m. sharp on September 11, and the 5K runners depart from Sawmill Brewing Company’s parking lot and run through the woods one-half mile to get to the Prairie Trails paths. Runners will then circle the West loop of the Trails, then run the East loop, then return to the Sawmill through the woods, and finish up on the North side of the Sawmill’s property. This route, while well maintained, is not stroller friendly, as it includes roots, rocks, gravel surfaces, and narrow passages and is designed for runners, the organizers caution.

### 2-Mile Family Walk/Run

Participation in the 2-Mile Family Walk/Run is \$20 for each person age 12 and over. Each registered 12-and-up participant will receive a race day t-shirt, a bag packed full of swag and fun giveaways, and a beverage of their choice (beer offered to those over 21). Children under age 12 are very welcome to participate, as well, and they are FREE! All kids under 12 must still be registered and must participate with a registered adult, and they will get a race day t-shirt, too.

The 2-Mile Family Walk/Run will start shortly after the 5K racers depart. This route will leave the Sawmill Brewing Company’s parking lot and heads West on 9th Street, North on Mill Street, East on Riverview Road, South on Hwy. K/Center Ave., and ends back in the Sawmill’s parking lot. The family course is very easily walkable and is stroller friendly, as the entire route is on pavement with little incline.

### Party time!

Regardless of age or mobility, or participation in the run or walk, everyone can come for the post-race party at the Sawmill Brewing Company. The party will get started as racers finish (roughly at 11:30 a.m.) and last the entire day.

Food Trucks will start serving at 11:00 a.m., live music will be performed from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., a bounce house will be on site for the kids’ area, and prizes and giveaways will add excitement to the day. And, as previously mentioned, fire trucks, the fire pup, and Eros, Merrill’s K-9, will stop by.

In addition, an awards ceremony will be held from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m., with awards

given to the top male and female finishers in each age category.

### Giving back

“Because we believe that not only being an active part of your community is important, but we also believe that giving back to your community is important,” the Kubiceks said, “we are going to have a unique giving aspect to this event. A portion of every registration will be donated back, and we will be collecting additional donations the day of the race.”

“To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, proceeds of this event will be split between Merrill Fire/EMS and Merrill Police,” they said.

The K-9 Unit of the Merrill Police Department needs financial support because “Eros,” the Department’s beloved German Shepherd, will soon be retiring. Eros is certified in narcotics detection, building searches, officer protection, and searching for missing persons or tracking suspects. Now the Department must start the recruitment process for a replacement K-9. Merrill Police donations will help fund this.

Merrill Fire/EMS proceeds will assist in funding Behavioral Health trainings for local firefighters and their families. The Firefighter Behavioral Alliance’s (FBHA) goal is to provide behavioral health workshops to fire departments, EMS, and dispatch organizations across the globe, focusing on behavioral health awareness, with a strong emphasis towards suicide prevention and promoting resources available to firefighters/EMS/dispatch and their families.

Both of these programs are completely funded by community donations, the Kubiceks said, and they hope donors will be generous on September 11.

### Getting registered and other questions answered

Packet pickup and on-site registration will be available from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 10, at the Sawmill Brewing Company and also from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, before the race begins.

New sponsors and volunteers are always welcome to get involved with the Race to the Taps. To participate in any way [as a sponsor, volunteer, or participant], or for questions, email: [racetothetaps@gmail.com](mailto:racetothetaps@gmail.com).

## 2021 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedule

Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Friday, Aug. 20th	Wausau East (JV2)	Home	10:00 am
Friday, Aug. 20th	Wausau East (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Monday, Aug. 23rd	Wausau East (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Wausau West (JV2)	Away	5:00 pm
Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Saturday, Aug. 21st	Antigo (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Home	9:00 am
Tuesday, Aug. 24th	Mosinee (Varsity & JV)	Away	3:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Marshfield (JV2)	Away	4:00 pm
Tennis (Varsity & JV)			
Friday, Aug. 20th	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Monday, Aug. 23rd	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	9:00 am
Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)			
Tuesday, Aug. 24th	Newman Catholic (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Lakeland (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Lakeland (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Cross Country (Varsity & JV)			
Friday, Aug. 20th	Alumni Run (Varsity)	Home	9:00 am
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am
Swimming (Varsity & JV)			
Thursday, Aug. 19th	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	5:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 24th	Marshfield (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 25th	Colby (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm

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# Votes needed to select Council Grounds State Park photo winners

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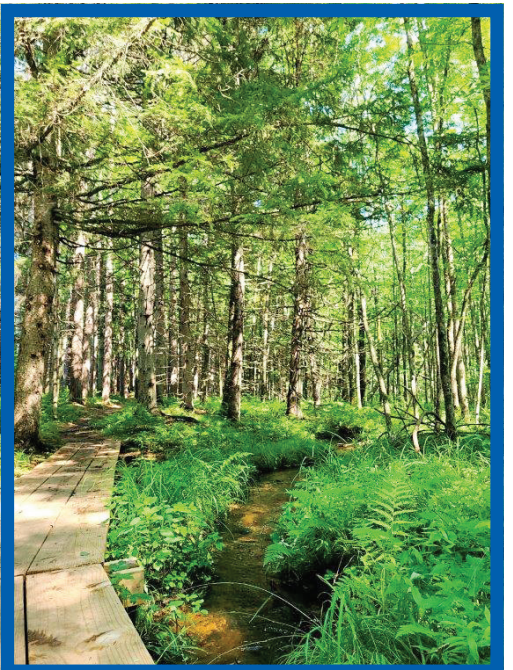
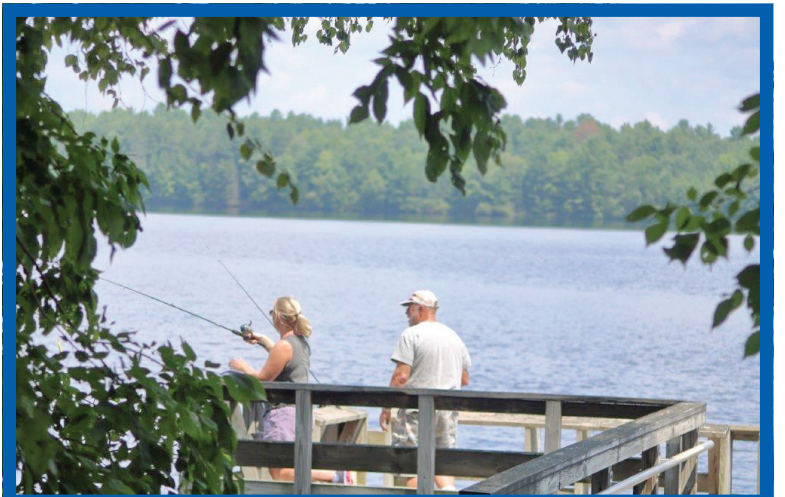
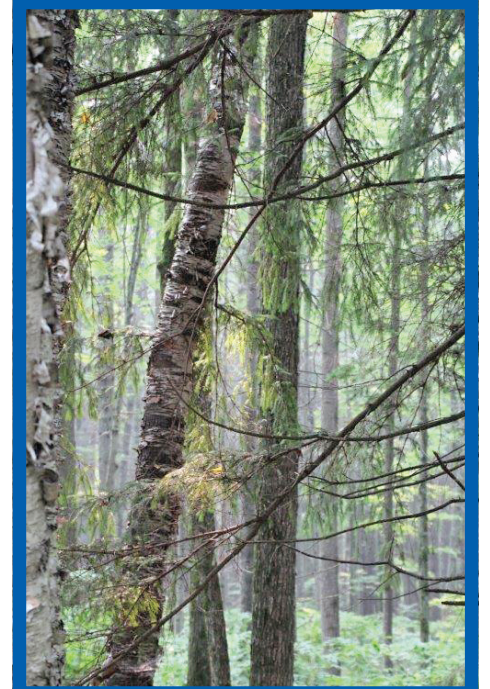
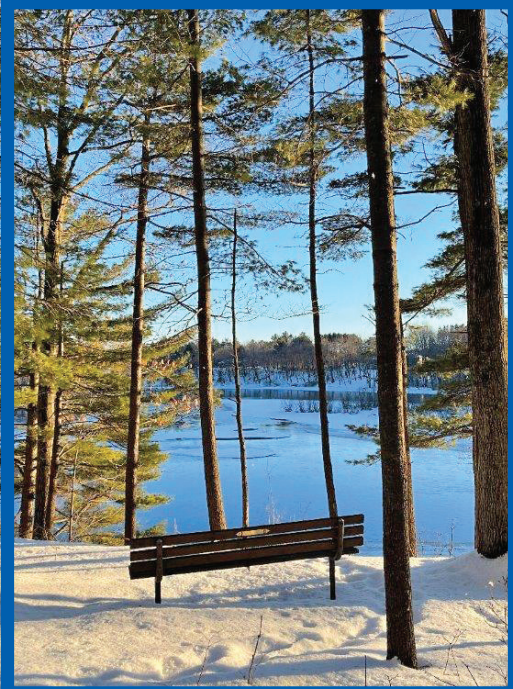
**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

A panel of judges from the Friends of Council Grounds State Park (CGSP) have selected the three finalists in each of four categories in the Annual Friends of Council Grounds State Park Photography Contest. The four categories are: People Using the Park, Wildlife, Landscape, and Plants. This year there were a total of 32 entries from people living in Merrill and other Wisconsin cities. Now it's time to narrow the finalists and select the four winners.

"Photos will be on a poster for viewing in person at the [Council Grounds State] Park Contact station and T.B. Scott Library beginning August 15th," said Laurie Nikolai-Svetlik member of the Friends of CGSP. "Also on Friends of Council Grounds State Park Facebook page August 15th until voting ends Sept 15th."

"Please observe any masking restrictions when viewing photos in person," she reminded. "Each person may vote for a 1st and 2nd choice favorite in each category only one time. Duplicate votes will not be counted."

Winning photos will be displayed locally, shared on the Friends Facebook page, and be used on greeting cards sold at the CGSP office and in future promotional materials for CGSP or the Friends group.





Thanks for all the support we receive from the sponsors and players at the booster club outing July 10, 2021. Because of your support the club is able to support many aspects of Merrill Golf.

One aspect of support is subsidizing a majority of the cost to our PGA Jr. League players. Another aspect of support is providing one or two scholarships to qualifying Merrill High School Golfers upon graduation. The club is also able to support many aspects of high school golf including providing practice rounds, polos, pullovers, range balls, hitting mats, swing training aids and meals.

The final support provided was purchasing new ball washers for the course that recognize our lifetime achievement award winners. We would never be able to do any of these things without the phenomenal support of our hole sponsors, players and volunteers. Thank You!!



Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Deb Brunett and Family

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Merrill Golf Course has 65 boys and girls ranging in age from 5 – 17 years old participating in the Junior Golf Program. The program runs for eight, Mondays throughout the summer. The kids learn the full swing, chipping and putting as well as the rules and etiquette of the game. The kids have a great time getting to learn the game of golf and also get to play on the course each week.

Merrill also has three teams participating in the PGA Jr. League where the kids play matches against other area golf courses. This is a program designed for kids age 13 and under and is played as a team event.

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