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Illinois man dies in Town of Harrison ATV crash

53-year-old female sustains injuries

On August 21, 2021, at approximately 8:00 p.m., the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department received a report of an ATV crash involving a male and a female party. Oneida County EMS, Crescent First Responders, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Deputies from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) all responded to the scene.

According to a press release from the LCSO, an investigation revealed 58-year-old Illinois resident George T. Byrd and a 53-year-old female party were on an ATV traveling southbound on the public ATV trail, south of Pine Lake Road in the Township of Harrison, when they failed to negotiate a curve in the trail. The ATV left the trail, causing the ATV and occupants to strike several trees. Byrd was pronounced dead at the scene, and the female was transported to the hospital. The extent of her injuries and her current condition are not available. Authorities said neither party was wearing a helmet, and alcohol and speed appear to be factors in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by the LCSO and the WI DNR.

Suspicious house fire leads to arrest for arson

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

According to an August 19 press release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), the Department is investigating a suspicious house fire that was reported shortly after 5:00 a.m. early that morning. "Home owners reported that they woke up shortly before 5:00 a.m. to the odor of smoke. Upon investigating they found that an exterior wall of their house was on fire, as well as other small fires around the yard."

"While they attempted to put out the fire, they observed an unknown male subject attempting to start the home owner's pickup truck on fire," the release continued. "Upon seeing the home owners, the suspect fled."

When the Sheriff's Office arrived with K9 Nina, the K9 and her handler tracked the suspect to his house. A search warrant was obtained and executed. The sus-



Aaron A. Baumann was arrested on charges of arson and appeared in Lincoln County Court on August 20, 2021.

pect was taken into custody on a preliminary arson charge.

The suspect, Aaron A. Baumann, age 40 of Merrill, made his initial appearance in Lincoln County Court on Friday, August 20.

He is being charged with multiple felony charges of arson, first-degree reckless injury, first-degree endangering safety and manufacturing/delivering THC (>200-1000g), and a misdemeanor charge of possessing drug paraphernalia. Baumann is being held on a \$100,000 cash bond.

A status conference in Lincoln County Court is set for Sept. 30, at 8:30 a.m.

The case is still under investigation, and the Town of Russell Fire Department, the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigations, and the Wisconsin Crime Lab are assisting with that investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Rhineland woman rescued from fall at Prairie Dells

Merrill Fire Department performs high angle rescue with assistance from Town of Russell personnel

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Saturday, August 14, 2021, the Lincoln County Dispatch Center (LCDC) received a 911 call at around 9:27 a.m. requesting an ambulance be dispatched to the Prairie Dells viewing area in the Town of Schley on Prairie Dells Road, just off of Hwy. 17 near Gleason.

Ultimately, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department (LCSO) Officers; Merrill Fire Department (MFD) Engine 61, Truck 63, and MED 63 (ambulance) and personnel; Town of Russell Fire Department personnel, Town of Russell First Responders, Tomahawk EMS, and the Spirit helicopter all responded. Various agencies worked together to perform a rescue of a 45-year-old Rhineland woman who had fallen "while looking at the falls" according to the Dispatch Log's note about what the 911 caller had said. "Reporting party believes she fell over 20 feet," it noted.

The caller could not see where the woman had fallen, but officers who arrived on scene were able to locate her down a steep embankment after they heard her moaning. Contact was made with the woman, as she was conscious and not bleeding, but they were unable to do a complete assessment at that time.

The Spirit helicopter was called in for rapid transport of the patient, and the Merrill Fire Department was called in to do a high angle rescue, something their recent confined space training had helped prepare them to do.

The Merrill Fire Department report from the inci-

dent confirms they were "Dispatched to the scene of a patient that had fallen down a sheer cliff approximately 20 feet. Eng-61 was used for its rescue ropes and stokes basket needed to extricate the patient. Patient was packaged by MFD personnel with assistance from Town of Russell First Responders and Fire Personnel. LCSD was also on scene."

"A simple rope system was used to hoist this patient to safety and eventual transport by helicopter," the report continued. "With the number of emergency personnel on scene, the extrication was conducted in a very safe manner. A tag line was used to keep the bottom of the stokes stable while the patient was brought to the safe area approximately 20 feet from where she was packaged."

"This incident occurred in the fire/rescue jurisdiction of the Russell Fire Department," said Merrill Fire Chief Josh Klug. "However, they do not have the equipment, training, or qualified personnel to handle such an emergency."

"Fortunately, Merrill Fire Department does have the capability to handle such an incident," he said. "We are glad they requested us that night. It is great to have both departments working together, especially when we have a low frequency, high risk rescue to perform like [this one]. We would like to thank their personnel for assisting us on the rescue that night."

The intersection of County Hwy. G and State Hwy. 17 was closed temporarily to allow the Spirit helicopter to land. The patient was transported by ambulance to the helicopter and then to Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital in Tomahawk via helicopter.

A Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy completed an incident report that indicated the 50-year-old Rhineland man who called 911 and the injured woman were not well acquainted. They had recently met and were going

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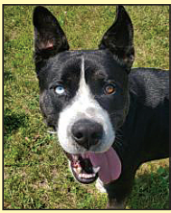
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Former SEMCO employees get "what they are owed"

Attorney General announces SEMCO agrees to pay \$650,000+

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

When Merrill-based Semling-Menke Company, Inc. (SEMCO) shut down operations on December 31, 2019, without giving employees the required 60 days notice prior to ceasing business operations, employees were caught off guard and stunned. They were also left without time to prepare for their sudden loss of income. Those employ-



ees filed for unemployment, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) stepped in to help, and, according to Luke Kramer, the Business Representative for North

Central States Regional Council of Carpenters (NCSRCC), all those who wanted a new job, did ultimately find employment elsewhere. Some also opted to retire, he said.

Still, what happened was a huge blow to employees. "SEMCO was around since 1940," Kramer said. For many employees, "it wasn't just leaving a job, it was leaving a family." As a result, many employees sought new jobs at other companies along with their coworkers. "A lot of them wanted to go with the people they used to work with," he said.

"When an employer fails to give employees proper notice of a business closing, the negative impact of the lost jobs is compounded by the effects on families and communities," said DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek.

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Merrill City Plan Public Hearing considers ban on storage containers

If passed, residents won't be joining the novelty trend of container homes or even using containers for storage

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

If you're a fan of HGTV, you may be familiar with the show called "Container Homes." The show premiered their very first episode when it aired in March 2016 featuring a home in Mineral Point, Wisconsin. Located in Iowa County, in the southwestern part of the state, the episode showcased an executive and a civil engineer who had their 3,500-square-foot designer house constructed from four 40-foot shipping containers that made up the open floor plan on the first floor, and three 40-foot and one 20-foot shipping containers that made up the second floor, and a huge rooftop deck.

In the Oshkosh/Appleton area, the company, MODS [which stands for Modular On Demand Structures], and began business in 2010, modified the storage containers in their factory by cutting out necessary areas, such as openings for windows and doorways and where containers would be combined to make rooms, and then reinforced them, as necessary. At the building site, a concrete foundation was prepared for the arrival of the containers and construction of the home. Then the prepared containers were shipped to the home site, where they were placed one at a time with a crane, and then welded and bonded together, to create an open floor plan and a solid reinforced structure. Vertical beam were inserted, and the containers essentially created the structure or shell of the home, and from there,



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walls, electrical, plumbing, and other components were installed to transform the storage containers into a high-end custom designer home.

MODS uses new or lightly used steel containers and builds everything to the International Building Code (IBC), their website emphasizes.

With metal storage containers priced at \$1,500 - \$4,000 depending on size and condition, and described as "cheap, abundant, and almost indestructible," according to HGTV, storage containers are "revolutionizing the way homes are being designed and built."

"With a little creativity and vision, you can create some truly stunning homes," the show proclaimed. And indeed, the shipping container homes they've featured in their television series, were very impressive.

The show was canceled after only one season.

MODS, however, is still doing a great business. What started out as a way to create fast, efficient, temporary housing as a response to Hurricane Katrina, grew into a business where they began building everything from homes and offices

to event displays and retail stores, tiny houses, commercial buildings, and even emergency intensive care units for hospitals to treat COVID-19 patients and press boxes for stadiums - all out of metal storage containers.

Using storage containers for building has many pros: they're strong and durable, earthquake and hurricane proof, make building much faster, are affordable [although the cost of the build can add up depending on your home design and interior finish work selected], and the build is limited by little more than one's imagination.

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Shipping containers also make terrific temporary or permanent storage containers, and many people would rather purchase and own a shipping container to use for a storage unit. [Although metal storage containers are available locally for temporary rental, as well.] And a 20- or 40-foot storage container can hold a lot.

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Employees were owed what they would have earned had they received the required 60 days' notice and worked for that duration, because that is the law in Wisconsin, and the DWD went to work on behalf of displaced employees. The law requiring adequate notice is designed to protect residents, and a community, from just this kind of sudden and unexpected loss of income and jobs, a potentially devastating blow that could have been cushioned with that 60 days notice.

SEMCO agrees to pay

On Thursday, Aug. 19, Attorney General (AG) Josh Kaul held a press conference outside the Lincoln County Courthouse to announce a settlement had been reached with SEMCO, requiring the company to pay more than \$650,000 to eligible employees to remedy those employees' losses.

He said checks to more than 130 eligible employees had already been mailed out the week before, each check totaling "thousands of dollars." Check amounts to each employee will vary, and those amounts were calculated according to "average hours that were worked by employees prior to the company closing down" and their rate of pay, for that 60-day timeframe, using a calculation from the DWD and resulting in a total payout of more than \$650,000. This is "the full amount that DWD believes is owed to former SEMCO employees," AG Kaul said.

If anyone who worked for SEMCO at the time of the closing has not received a check they were expecting to receive, they should contact the DWD, he added.

"The money is being paid by SEMCO," AG Kaul said. "They were able to raise some additional resources to help make this payment happen, so they will be providing the money to employees. It's not coming from Wisconsin taxpayers; it's coming from SEMCO."

"DWD welcomes this settlement on behalf of the SEMCO employees," Pechacek said, "and will continue its work through the Job Center of Wisconsin and community partnerships to connect the affected workers with new opportunities."

During the 90 days following when the checks were mailed, SEMCO is required to attempt re-delivery of any returned check. At the end of the 90 days, Semco will give an accounting of completed payments to DWD.

The legal process

The process to get workers their 60 days' pay first began with the DWD, but when they weren't able to get the desired results after a year of trying, the matter was referred to the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ).

Earlier this year, the DOJ filed a lawsuit against SEMCO, seeking financial relief for former employees.

"Resolving a case within a little over half a year for the legal process is pretty quick, even if it's not in most other areas of life," AG Kaul said. "And getting this kind of result - the full amount that DWD believes is owed, paid - that's an exceptional result, and it's because of the work that was done by the DWD and our

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Arlene A. Heller (nee Gundrum) age 84 of New Berlin died peacefully on Wednesday August 18, 2021. She was born May 12, 1937 to Andrew and Othilda (nee Weninger) Gundrum.

On May 16, 1986 she was united in marriage to Richard Zima in Reno, NV. Richard preceded her in death on February 21, 2010.

Arlene graduated from West Bend High School. After her children were born she worked in West Bend before moving to Kewaskum and working in the office at Regal Ware. She waitressed at night to help support her kids. Once they were grown she moved to Merrill, WI where she was the proprietor of the Hub Inn. In 1978 she moved back to West Bend where she met her future husband, Richard. Arlene was employed as a secretary at Best Heating and Wayne Wagner Plumbing in Brookfield until her retirement. In 2005 she and Richard moved to Punta Gorda, FL where she stayed after Richard's death and in 2018 she moved back to Wisconsin to be closer to family. She enjoyed boating, playing sheephead and cribbage, dining out and visiting with family and friends. Arlene and Richard loved to travel.

Her faith was important to her and she was very active in the Catholic church. She and Richard were avid Packer fans and held season tickets for many years.

Arlene is survived by 2 children: Cindy (Steve) Krantz of New Berlin and Brett (Kim Hanson) Racette of Merrill, WI, 8 grandchildren: Ralph Jr. (Alyssa), Katie, Ryan, Rachelle (Derek), DJ (Sara), Nichole (Brian), Matt and Katie (Adam) and 10 great-grandchildren: Molly, Madelyn, Elliott, Jett, Mila, Beckett, Paisley, Andralynn, Derek and Ian. She is further survived by her daughter-in-law Helen Racette, 4 siblings: Geraldine (Marty) Rulli, Patricia (Michael) Williams, Andrew (Karen) Gundrum and Ronald (Marilyn) Gundrum, a brother-in-law Matt Zima, a sister-in-law Mary Stangel, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Andrew and Othilda Gundrum, her husband Richard and her son Ralph.

A memorial service will be held Friday, August 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Schmidt Funeral Home in West Bend with Pastor Nathan Reesman from St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church officiating. Please join the family for a meal at the funeral home following the service. The family will greet visitors from 3:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. Burial of the urn will take place on Saturday, August 28th at 9:30 a.m. in Washington County Memorial Park. Masses to St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church or memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital are appreciated.

Due to the reconstruction of 7th Avenue please use Main Street and Cedar Street to come to the funeral home. Our parking lot is behind our building and can be accessed from the alley or our driveway.

While attending Arlene's visitation and service please take precautions against COVID-19 by wearing a mask and following social distancing practices.

The Schmidt Funeral Home in West Bend is serving the family. If you would like to leave a message of comfort and condolence please visit www.schmidtfuneralhome.com.



Fred Gerald Heldt, 60, of Merrill, Wisconsin, passed away on August 19, 2021 at his home. He was born on August 3, 1961 to Fred and Donna (Larkee) Heldt in Merrill, Wisconsin.

After graduating high school, Fred joined the Army and served in the Gulf War. While overseas, his first conflict was the Noriega invasion of the Panama Canal. Fred also surveyed the tunnels between the Koreas. After leaving the Army, Fred married Deborah Goff, whom he met in high school, and they welcomed their only child, a son, in 1996. He was very involved with coaching his son's hockey teams, both in Merrill and Phillips, WI.

Fred and Debbie owned and operated a resort on Chain O'Lakes in Phillips for 7 years where he loved taking the guests on fishing guides. He sold the resort and earned his Associates Degree in Maintenance from NTC. Fred was hired at Anderson Windows in Menomonie, where he moved his way up to Maintenance Supervisor until COVID hit, he then had the opportunity to retire and move back to Merrill.

Fred loved to volunteer and once took the Elk Mound High School to compete in the world tournament for bass fishing. He was very active within the VFW and Northwoods Veteran's Post 1638, serving as Quarter Master for the Post and on the Honor Guard. Fred was a lifetime member of AMVETS in Phillips.

Fred camped, hunted with his family, and competed in fishing tournaments until his heart was content. While COVID was a blessing early on, giving him the opportunity to come back to Merrill, in the end, it took his life. Fred will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Fred is survived by his wife, Deb Heldt; son, Corey Heldt; step-son; Joshua (Rebecca) Burgener; mother, Donna Heldt; siblings, Jay (Karen) Heldt, Bruce (Karen) Heldt, Andy (Becky) Heldt, Mark (Theresa) Heldt, John (Meredith) Heldt, Phillip (Pia) Heldt, Karen Heldt, and Luke (Amber) Heldt; nieces and nephews, Hannah, Ben, Lindsay, Brady, Matt, Chad, Tyler, Mason, Hunter, Grace, Anabelle, Ainsley, and Ezra; his canine companions, Duke and Scarlet. He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Heldt.

A public visitation will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Waid Funeral Home. Military honors will be performed at the funeral home by the Merrill VFW Post 1638. A luncheon will follow honors at the Northwoods Veteran's Post.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post 1638 in loving memory of Fred Heldt.

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.



Madge Ann Gilkey

July 25, 1947 - Aug 15, 2021
Beloved Sister, Cousin, Aunt, Great-aunt, Great-great-aunt, mother figure and friend, passed last Sunday morning. She passed peacefully after a brief battle with health issues.

She was a graduate of Merrill (WI) High School with the class of 1965 and Patricia Stevens Career College near Milwaukee, WI.

Madge was preceded in death by her parents, George R. Sr and Edna Gilkey of Merrill,

her sisters Barbara (William) Zackert and Nashville, TN and Judith (Gary) Peper Ullmer of Bosier City, LA and brothers-in-law Norbert Peper of Green Bay and Erling (Susan) Johnson of Morris Twsp, NJ, as well as her dogs Campbell, Bear and Kiko.

She is survived by her brother George R. Jr. (Jane) Gilkey of Madison, WI and sister Susan Johnson of State College, PA, 7 nieces and nephews, 12 great-nieces and nephews, 2 great-great-nieces and nephews as well and other family and friends.

She loved dogs and her Scottish heritage, even making a trek to Scotland. She was an important and wonderful part of everyone's lives. She loved her family and friends. They loved her and will miss her deeply. Rest in Peace and Comfort.

Gathering of family and friends will be held from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Monday, August 30, 2021 at Sepia Chapel, 3562 Finger Road, Green Bay. A Memorial Service will be held at 3:30 P.M. Burial will be with her parents on their lot at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery, Merrill.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a diabetes or breast cancer charity of choice.



Wanda Ann Harris, 72 of

Merrill, Wisconsin went to be with her Lord, Jesus Christ, on August 21, 2021. Wanda was born on October 17, 1948 in Merrill Wisconsin to Roger and Joan Gutknecht. She received her B.S. in Elementary Education from John Brown University in 1970. At JBU, she met her soon to be husband, Donald Harris and they were married on July 31, 1971. She taught Kindergarten, First and Second Grade and after her children were born,

she continued to substitute teach for the Merrill School District. Wanda and Donald partnered with her parents in developing and operating Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park until 1982 in Merrill. Wanda was very involved at all levels in many church and Christian Organizations including Christian Women's Club, Awana, VBS, Good News Clubs, and many Bible studies in parks, churches, and homes around Merrill. Wanda's service may be highlighted by her commitment to the Pine Crest Nursing home community. Wanda led a weekly bible study with residents for 40 years. Don and Wanda were charter members of Merrill Bible Church, spent 25 years at Immanuel Baptist Church in Wausau, WI, and are currently members of Highland Community Church.


Wanda was preceded in death by her parents Roger and Joan Gutknecht. She is survived by her husband, Donald; her son Aaron (Heather), and grandchildren Jack and Aidan of Denver, CO; her son Joshua (Margot), and grandchildren Sawyer, Eva, Isaac, and John of Janesville, WI; her sister Linda (Steve) Mittelstadt of Marco Island, FL; her sister Susan (Dennis) Berghold of Siloam Springs, AR, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made at Gideon's International (www.sendtheword.org).

Her funeral service will be held August 30, 2021 at Highland Community Church, Wausau Campus with a visitation beginning at 9AM and service at 11AM.

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.

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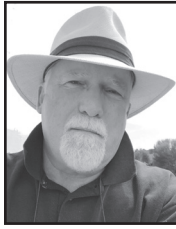
PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Hurting and Healing

Dear Reader,

It seems like there are a lot of hurt people out there. We see it in the external symptoms – the road rage, an argument, a crying jag, a spending spree – and we can only speculate about what is underneath. A lost dream? A broken relationship? An estrangement from a loved one? Whatever it may be, the rule of thumb is that the symptoms you see externally are only a hint to what is going on deep inside.

So how do those that are hurting right now find healing? It starts with caring for our brethren and trying to understand what and where their situation is in this moment. Respecting those we meet who cross our path is another good beginning point. It's not easy to do, because often we are busy worrying about ourselves and our immediate family. But it has to start somewhere. Let it begin with us.



PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

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for a walk near Prairie Dells when the woman got too close to the edge of the cliff and fell about 20 feet where she landed on a rock. The officer noted the woman complained of back pain and had visible scrapes on both of her legs and was unable to speak coherently or answer questions at the time.

"This appears to be an accident where [the woman] slipped on a rock and fell," the report concluded. The report also noted that alcohol appeared to be a contributing factor.

OBITUARIES



Janice Imhoff Hornung, 81, of Merrill, passed away on August 17, 2021. Born May 29, 1940 to Henry and Martha Dexler Imhoff in Laona, she moved to a farm owned by her grandparents in the township of Cassel in Marathon County in 1944.

She attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from Marathon High School in 1958. On July 11, 1959, she married the love of her life, James Hornung, and they settled in the town of Pine River in Lincoln County. They raised four terrific children: James Jr. (Sue Beard), of Merrill; Tony (Carol Shay), of Madison; Bryan (Ruth McGuffey), of Plano, Texas; and Marcy Weigel, of Green Bay. She has five intelligent grandchildren: Shaun, Trevor, Skylar, and Ben Hornung, and Jenna McGuffey.

With Jim's encouragement, she returned to school in 1975 to become a registered nurse and worked 17 years at Pine Crest Nursing Home, where she loved the elderly who required her care. After a car accident in 1995, Janice retired from nursing and focused on the family businesses, Deer Run Mobile Home Court and Hornung Well & Pump Co.

Her love of learning led to a variety of classes at North Central Technical Institute, where she enjoyed taking tests and meeting new people. She felt lucky to travel the world and explore other cultures. She also learned the United States isn't always the best place to live, as people from other countries often asked why we don't have universal health care, or why we need so many guns.

Survivors include brothers John (Margie, deceased), of Merrill, Donald (Lorraine), of Wausau, Henry (Marsha) of Marathon, and sister Betty, of Wausau, whose phone calls she looked forward to daily. Janice was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Carol.

Janice valued education and volunteered for the library, taking great pride in running the used book sale. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels for 15 years, and her hobbies included crocheting, knitting, bowling, gambling, antiques, auctions, and genealogy.

With the love and encouragement of her husband, Jim, she was able to enjoy the last years of her life on chemo. She had a great life, able to do everything she wanted, and more. She requests no services and to be cremated.

Mid Wisconsin Cremation Society is assisting family at this time. Online condolences may be expressed at HonorOne.com

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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: August 13, 2021
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2021IN34
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF James A. Graap
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 8/15/1955 and date of death 8/6/2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 1606 Mathews St.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11/26/2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
James Richard Graap
2215 Willow Bend Dr.
Merrill, WI 54452
715-302-4712
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: August 23, 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 35
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Yvonne Mae Mahn
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/5/1935 and date of death 11/24/2012, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 702 E. 7th Street.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 3, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Thomas E. Mahn
702 E. 7th Street
715-536-5232
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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing to be held by and before the City Plan Commission of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, commencing at **6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 7, 2021**, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the following proposed matter, to wit:
To attend remotely, call 413-357-2122 and meeting PIN 316 153 509#
1.) Public hearing on the amendment to Zoning Code Ordinance Sec. 113-317, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
Anyone having any questions regarding the hearing should contact Zoning Administrator, Darin Pagel at 536-4880.
Dated: August 18, 2021
CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN
By: William N. Heideman
City Clerk
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 21, 2021 – Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Boardroom. Board members present: Ashbeck, Krueger, Liberty, Osness, Smith, Volpe, Yingling and Blake. Board members absent: Woller. Others Present: Dr. Sample, MAPS Administrators, people from the staff and public and Recorder Woller.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Ashbeck to approve the adoption of the Wisconsin Academic Standards for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Osness to approve the 2021-2022 WIAA Membership renewal. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Osness, second by Volpe to approve the 2021-2022 Coaches Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Krueger to approve the purchase of Amplify Science at PRMS in the amount of \$22,520.96. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Liberty to approve the repairs to the PRMS dust collector. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve the purchase of the new combi oven at Merrill High School. Motion

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carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Osness to approve the application of the DPI Equivalent Options for Agriculture for the MHS From Farm to Plate course. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Smith, second by Osness to approve the insurance renewal from Marsh & McLennan as presented with the additional three lines of coverage for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000 with the addition of Maple Grove property and liability coverage. Motion carried with Yingling and Osness abstaining from the vote.
MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Liberty to approve the Focus 3 Virtual Trainings contract for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Osness, second by Volpe to approve the substitute pay increases to reflect \$130/day and \$65 for half days. Motion carried with Krueger abstaining from the vote.
MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to approve the 2021-22 addendum to the Taher Food Service contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Liberty to approve the senior Marching Jays trip to Indianapolis on August 13 and 14, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Yingling, second by Volpe to keep the current expulsion philosophy as is and no need to make any changes at this time. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to request that administration and the Board President have a conversation with Boardman & Clark to understand what the ramifications are of sharing the comments of the Studer survey with the full Board of Education and the processes/procedures that would need to be followed and the ramifications of sharing the information. Motion carried.
MOTION by Smith, second by Volpe to approve consent agenda items a through d, which includes minutes of the June 16, 2021 and June 28, 2021 meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$5,548,523.97; and, the personnel report as presented, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried with Ashbeck and Krueger abstaining from the June 16, 2021 minutes; Volpe abstaining from the June 28, 2021 minutes; and, Blake abstaining from the hiring of Casie Blake.
Blake called for a MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(c); (e); (f) except where par. (b) applies; and, (g). The purpose of the closed session is to discuss the compensation of an administrative employee; and, to conduct specified public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons requires a closed session, to wit, the consideration and discussion of the sale of personal and real property associated with Maple Grove School, and the division of assets and liabilities between Merrill Area Common Public School District and Athens School District, which may occur as a result of granting petitions for detachment of property in the Town of Hamburg, and to take action regarding the same. The Board may reconvene to open session and may take action upon the matters discussed during the closed session portion of the meeting. MOTION by Volpe, second by Osness to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried on a roll call vote.
MOTION by Smith, second by Yingling to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Liberty
Board Clerk
RL/tw
(The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.)
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RAZE ORDER

(Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0413)
TO:
OWNER: Darla F Schuman
1700 E 2nd Street
Merrill, WI 54452
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1700 E 2nd Street
Merrill, WI 54452
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Land described as CF Dunbar's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, 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.
THEFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Owner of said building located on the above described

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property shall raze the building on or before **September 19, 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 **September 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.** Dated and effective this 10th day of August, 2021.
City of Merrill
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT Branch I
LINCOLN COUNTY
Case No. 2020-CV-132
Case code: 30404

TOMAHAWK COMMUNITY BANK, SSB,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BETTY JEAN L. HEHLING
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of the Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order rendered on June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$12,673.15, the undersigned Sheriff of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
DATE & TIME: September 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
TERMS: By bidding at the sheriff sale, prospective buyer is consenting to be bound by the following terms: 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check, or certified funds, payable to the Clerk of Courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the Clerk of Courts in cash, cashier's check, or certified funds no later than ten (10) days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all liens, encumbrances, and applicable taxes.
PLACE: On the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin.
DESCRIPTION: The South Fifty (50) Feet of Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) of Block One (1) of Mathews & McCord's Addition to Merrill, Lincoln County Wisconsin. (PIN: 251-3106-121-0007)
ADDRESS: 609 N. Mill St., Merrill, WI 54452.
Dated: July 28, 2021.
/s/ Sheriff Ken Schneider
Lincoln County, Wisconsin
Gerald J. Hersil, #1025051
Hersil Law Offices, SC
200 N. Center Ave.
Merrill, WI 54452
715-536-4511 x306
Hersil Law Offices, SC is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, COUNTY
Jennifer Mary Rymarz
N3109 State Road 107
Merrill WI 54452
-vs-
Adam Michael Wallin
156499 Ravine Road
Wausau WI 54403
Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)
Case No. 21-SC-242
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (715)536-0302 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:
LINCOLN County Courthouse
Telephone Number of clerk of court: (715)536-0302
Courtroom/Room Number: Br. 2
Address: 1110 E. Main St.
City: Merrill, WI 54452
on the following date and time:
Date: September 16, 2021; Time: 9:00 a.m.

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on the following date and time:
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If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
Jennifer Rymarz
8-17-21
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
P.O. BOX 107
ANTIGO WI 54409
vs.
JOSEPH NOVAK
810 SOUTH STATE ST., #8
MERRILL WI 54452
Small Claims Publication Summons and Notice
Case No. 21-SC-224
If you need help in this matter because of a disability, please call:
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Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court:
LINCOLN County Courthouse
Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: 715-536-0319
Address: 1110 E. MAIN STREET, SUITE 205
City: MERRILL WI 54452
on the following date and time:
Date: SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.

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August 16, 2021
Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson
839 N. Jefferson St., #200,
Milwaukee, WI 53202
414-271-5400
Bar Number: 1041428
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Z-Best Storage, W4717 White Birch Rd, Merrill WI 54452 will hold a Public Sale Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Preview at 8:50 a.m. on the day of sale. Bidding is on the complete contents of storage unit #60 rented by Steven Muenchow of Merrill WI. Includes: furniture, household items, misc. Contact 715-536-0649 on Tuesday, September 7th to confirm sale will proceed as scheduled.
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One-vehicle accident brings down power lines

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Tuesday, August 17, Medic 62 and Medic 63 of the Merrill Fire Department and the Pine River First Responders and Fire Department responded to a one-vehicle accident on Big Eddy Road east of Merrill. The vehicle had struck a power pole, bringing down power lines.

Upon arrival on scene, Pine River

Fire Department made verbal contact with the lone occupant of the vehicle due to power lines being down near the vehicle upon arrival.

Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) was notified to respond to shut down power. Once WPS was on scene and the vehicle's occupant was able to exit the vehicle, EMS examined the patient. The patient refused transport.



Fourth Annual Fall Festival on the River Bend Trail

Music and festivities kick off fall with a little fun

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Friends of the River Bend Trail will hold their Fourth Annual Fall Festival on the River Bend Trail on Saturday, September 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Agra Pavilion on the

River Bend Trail. The event is designed to be a free community benefit for small businesses, crafters, nice flea market vendors, and area organizations, organizers said. As such, there is no charge for admission and no charge for vendors who want to set up a table. [Vendors should call Betty Hartwig at 715.216.9744 to reserve a space. Spaces will be filled first come, first served, especially those requiring electricity.]

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“North Woodies” Banquet – Ladies Night Out

The annual “North Woodies” Banquet, a Ladies Night Out fundraising dinner presented by the Merrill and Tomahawk Area Ladies Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, will be held on Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Merrill Eagles Club. The organization raises money for wetland and wildlife restoration.

The banquet typically draws attendees from throughout north central Wisconsin, including Lincoln, Langlade, Marathon, and Taylor Counties.

In 2020, however, the banquet was rescheduled three times due to

COVID and ultimately had to be canceled. As such, prepaid dinner tickets from 2020 will be honored for this banquet.

Tickets for this 2021 banquet are \$45 each and include a one-year membership in the Ladies Chapter of Ducks Unlimited and can be purchased by calling Linda Blake at 715.536.7988. All ladies are welcome.

The group is also still seeking banquet sponsors and donations of cash or prizes for this fundraiser. If you wish to contribute, call Linda Blake or call Kay Yohn at 715.218.1852.

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Storage container ban

That being said, container homes and build-

ings are not permitted in all municipalities, and Merrill may soon be one of them.

Merrill's City Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7,

at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers to consider a proposed amendment to City Zoning Code Ordinance Section 113-317 which would add the following language to the Zoning Code:

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If you have an opinion on this topic and would like your thoughts to be heard, plan to attend the public hearing in person. Remote attendance is also permitted. To attend remotely, call 413.357.2122 and use meeting PIN 316 153 509 #.

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Merrill Food For Kids fundraiser focuses on food for the weekends

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Food For Kids will hold their First Annual Food For Kids Fundraising Bash on Saturday, August 28, from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Trophy Bar, 898 E. Main St., in Merrill. The event will include free beer with no cover charge, music from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., 50/50 raffle, raffle baskets, and large item raffles including a television, a firepit, and lots more. There will also be food available for purchase on site from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., including pulled pork nachos, brats, and hot dogs. Raffle baskets will be drawn around 7:15 p.m.

"This is our last push for funds for the 2021-2022 school year," said Terra Holdridge on behalf of Food For Kids. "We have been very blessed this year to receive a \$10,000 grant from No Kid Hungry, but that only covers about 2 1/2 months of food."

Free and reduced lunch programs do a great job of providing food for children of lower income families during the school year, on school days. But what happens on the weekends? That's where Merrill's Food For Kids program comes in.

Food For Kids, a program completely operated by Merrill area volunteers, purchases non-perishable meals and snack items, bags them, and distributes them to area schools for distribution to participating children, where teachers or aides tuck the bags of food discreetly into their backpacks, so they will have food for the weekends.

The program is entirely funded by donations and grants, when grants are available. It takes nearly \$40,000 annually to run the program and meet the needs in our Merrill area communities and schools. Currently, Washington Elementary School, Trinity Lutheran School, Kate Goodrich Elementary School, and Pine River School for Young Learners participate in the program.

It costs approximately \$5.00-\$6.00 per child, per weekend, to run the program. Approximately 15-17 items are included in each child's food bag to provide for breakfast, lunch, and snacks for both Saturday and Sunday.

Every single dollar raised or donated to Food For Kids will be used to purchase food items to go into those food bags. No funds are used for administrating the program, as that expense is covered by Saint Stephens United Church of Christ. Donations can also be sent to Food For Kids, 903 E. 2nd Street, Merrill WI 54452.

If you like music and beer, come on down and participate in the Food For Kids Fundraising Bash on August 28 and help provide for area kids.



Boy Scouts help pack bags of food at St. Stephens United Church of Christ for Food For Kids distribution. Submitted photo.

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<p>Whole Pork Shoulders \$199 lb. (7-9 lb. Avg.)</p>		

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<h3 style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;">LIQUOR</h3> <p>1.75 Liter Kessler or Kessler Light \$15.99</p> <p>24 pk., Cans or Bottles Bud Light <small>With \$3.00 Off Instant Coupon</small> \$15.99</p> <p>12 pack Cans, Select Varieties Bud Light Seltzer <small>After \$3 Off Instant Coupon</small> \$14.99</p>	<h3 style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 2px;">FROZEN</h3> <p>Lotza Motzza, 12 " Pizza 2/\$11.00</p> <p>Red Baron Pizza 3/\$9.99</p> <p>Shoppers Value, 1 Gallon Ice Cream..... \$4.99</p>
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2021 FALL SPORTS PREVIEW



VOLLEYBALL



Front row, L to R: Olivia Troyer, Olivia Losee, Dani Korman, McKenna Smith, Erica Arneson, and Maddy Ott. Back row, L to R: Assistant Coach Kasie Holt, Emma Hoff, Anna Bowe, Alexa Emmer, Chloe McRae, Molly Dallman, Avery Hoff, and Head Coach Kris Krug. Rachel Travis photo.

HEAD COACH: Kris Krug, 23 years as Head Coach in Merrill

ASSISTANT COACHES: Kasie Holt, 4th year

2020 RECORD: 9-8 overall 6-4 WI Valley Conf 3rd place finish

2020 POST SEASON RESULTS: Regional Champs in Div 1, lost to River Falls in Sectional Final

RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE: None

KEY RETURNERS: Emma Hoff, a Sophomore setter that was a starter as a Freshman, and Avery Hoff, who saw some Varsity time, will be our second setter and could possibly be a hitter, as well. Our back row will be stacked with Senior talent with Dani Korman, Olivia Losee, and McKenna Smith. Rounding off the Senior class is Molly Dallman, who will be our number one outside hitter. Our remaining lineup will consist of Sophomores who have really improved their level of play in the summer months.

KEY LOSSES: We had a strong Senior class in 2020 and graduated seven who were in the starting lineup: Kelly Page, our setter and strongest hitter; Rachel Travis, a two-year libero; Hannah Losee, an All Conference defensive specialist, and hitters, Nicole Zoellner, Crystal Dearth, Faith Seliger, and Jordyn Henrich.

See **VOLLEYBALL** page 12



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FOOTBALL



Merrill High School Football Team 2021.

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HEAD COACH: Jason Wadzinski – 1st year as Head Coach, 13th year coaching high school football

ASSISTANT COACHES: Adam Yirkovsky, Greg Thorson, Andrew Plisch, Ryan Heath, Alex Marx, Carey Mullenberg, Chris Hahn

2020 RECORD: 1-6

2020 POST SEASON RESULTS: None

RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE: Zach Kriegel; Wyatt Bathke, Honorable Mention

KEY RETURNERS: Bailey Turenne, Cayden Diels, Aiden Pehlke, Abrehm Van Wie

KEY LOSSES: Caleb Dejong, Zach Kriegel

KEY NEWCOMERS: Quarterback Brian Ball and Runningback AJ Vogel

2020 RECAP: The 2020 season, unfortunately, was cut

short due to COVID circumstances. It was unfortunate that athletes had to battle quarantines and unknown factors week in and week out. Last year's Seniors did a tremendous job of staying positive through all the chaos that surrounded us.

2021 OUTLOOK: The 2021 Bluejays are a very enthusiastic group. Athletes and coaches alike are very excited to get after it this year, in a time that seems to be inching closer to normalcy. Our Senior leadership is top notch this year, and we have a very dedicated crew of young men. This season will depend on how well they fight through adversity early on, while trying to learn new pieces of our system.

A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH: As a first year Head Coach, I am honored to lead these young men in this program. I'm hopeful that we can find success through our season. I believe our upperclassmen are already off to a fine start, as these athletes have shown they care

a great deal about improving themselves on and off the field. As a coach, there isn't much more you could want in August.

TEAM ROSTER: Carter Baade, Cayden Diels, Bradyn Pieper, Fletcher Ellenbecker, Bailey Turenne, Omarion Banks, Ethan Ravn, Logan Pagels, Erik Mann, Brian Ball, Brody Lange, Philip Vogel, Croix Woller, Deondra Houghton, Isaak Clapper, Arin Dettmering, Justin Sabatke, Yandel Carrillo, Brandon Brandenburg, Sawyer Marnholtz, Harley Hixon, Nathan Brzoznowski, Carson Woellner, Clayton Evans, AJ Vogel, Wyatt Bathke, Kyle Duley, Brock Wakefield, Dom Roper, Tyson Glisch, Aidan Malzahn, Ian Dreikosen, Jaylin Scott, Jordan Smukowski, Ryder Depies, Aiden Pehlke, Abrehm Van Wie, Tommy Troyer, Patrick Perra, Michael Dickman, Mikal Plautz, Tanner Folz, Deontay McDaniel, Johnny Handlin, Connor Stockman, Braxton Bartelt, Jaiden Pilai, and Adam Sczygelski.

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GIRLS TENNIS



Front row, L to R: Sarah Rell, Lydia Koehler, Madisin Jacobs, Kaytlyn Hulke, and Courtney Schneider. **Middle row, L to R:** Lily Kerins, Lydia Burrows, Mariah Jacoby, Chloe Belant, Amelia Skoviera, and Lacey Frisch. **Back row, L to Rt:** Lauren Belsky, Anika Bartz, Tessa Wheat, Lauren Cohrs, Alana Polak, and Maddy VanDerGeest. **Missing from photo:** Angela Hinner, Emily Dinges, and Morgan Polacek. **Submitted photo.**

HEAD COACH: Brad Barton – 6th year coaching (2nd year as Head Coach)

ASSISTANT COACHES: Morgan Wilde (2nd year)

2020 RECORD: 6-2 (3rd place in Wisconsin Valley Conference)

2020 POST SEASON RESULTS: #1 doubles team of Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat advanced to Sectionals

RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE: Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat (1st team all-conference doubles team at #1 doubles); Lauren Cohrs-honorable mention at #2 doubles

KEY RETURNERS: Amelia Skoviera, Tessa Wheat, Lauren Cohrs, Angela Hinner, Mariah Jacoby, Lauren Belsky, Chloe Belant, and Lacey Frisch

KEY LOSSES: Alexandra Johnson, Audrey Ladewig, Autumn Reissmann, Erin Murray, Zoey Dreikosen, and Kendra Petrowski

KEY NEWCOMERS: Sarah Rell, Freshman (position to be determined yet); Courtney Schneider, Senior, (position to be determined yet)

2020 RECAP: 2020 was the best season Merrill Tennis has had in the last five years. We finished in 3rd place in the Wisconsin Valley Conference. We had the talent, dedication, and senior leadership last year. We did lose four All Conference players last year in Alexandra Johnson, Audrey Ladewig, Erin Murray, and Autumn Reissmann.

2021 OUTLOOK: Although some may classify this as a re-building year, I do not believe in re-building years. You play who you have and always strive for your best. As long as you are playing your best, that is all you can control. We did lose many top players from last year. Our players will not allow that to control their own destiny this year. Our doubles will be very strong this year. Our singles might not be as strong, as we do not have as many people as last year to cover both singles and doubles. Wausau West will continue to be the dominant team in our conference.

A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH: I really hope that we have as many fans at our meets this year as possible. We lost some fans last year due to COVID. If you want to see a team that is very positive and team-oriented, come check us out. Thank you.

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HEAD COACH: Kristie Winter 8th season
ASSISTANT COACHES: Ginger Kanitz 6th Season
2020 RECORD: 0-10 in the Wisconsin Valley Conference
2020 POST SEASON RESULTS: 6th in the WVC Conference, 8th in Sectionals, 19th at State
RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE: Junior, Amber Winter, 2nd team All-Conference 200 IM and 100 Breast 2020; HM 100 Breast 2019
KEY RETURNERS: Senior Emma Pajtach, Junior Amber Winter, and Senior Laney Zuelsdorff - All swam at the State Meet in 2020
KEY LOSS: Erin Kanitz, 6th at State in 500 Free
KEY NEWCOMERS: Freshman Bailee Sommer, Sprint Freestyler; Freshman Olivia Pajtach, Breast, IM & Distance; Freshman Ahna Wilde, Sprint Freestyler, Butterfly
2020 RECAP: 2020 was a challenging year for all involved, battling quarantine, and a very different and difficult conference schedule that was a shortened season

Back row, L to R: Ahna Wilde, Bailey Orzech, Mya Wilde, Claire Schultz, Caitlynn Pehlke, Cassandra Kasten, and Kaitlyn Klimeck. **Front row (seated), L to R:** Amber Winter, Laney Zuelsdorff, Grace Schultz, Emma Pajtach, Tanaya Pillai, Olivia Pajtach, Jana Jacobson, Megan Miles, and Bailee Sommer. **Submitted photo.**

with two meets per week. The small but mighty team was often outnumbered 4 to 1 and could not cover the lineup. The girls stepped up and swam out of their comfort zones and covered events they were not used to, often on short notice. The girls did workouts alone at home or swam in the river when not allowed to be with the team, so when released, they were ready to swim. It was a season of personal performance and persevering through adversity. The team posted some great personal swims, with almost the entire team having personal best swims along the way, and culminated the season by sending their 200 Free Relay to State along with several individual events.
2021 OUTLOOK: 2021 is already looking up. We lost two Seniors from last year, and their leadership will be missed, but we have five incoming Freshmen, all with past middle school swim experience to fill their shoes. We also have the possibility of gaining some upperclassmen

who did not swim the past few years. A large group of the team has been participating in the Merrill High School Strength and Conditioning program over the summer, and many have been in the pool. We will be starting the season larger and stronger than last year. Our schedule also returns to normal with a 14-week season instead of the 10 that we had last year. The Wisconsin Valley Conference started the season four weeks behind the rest of the state. That's a lot of conditioning time we missed; in addition, meets are much better spaced this year.
A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH: The team is ready to swim. We have been working hard off season, and we are focused on personal improvement. I am excited to see what the energy of a larger team and a normal 14-week season will do for the girls by November. We should be contenders for the top spot at Sectionals and make our 5th appearance at State if all goes well.

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BOYS SOCCER

HEAD COACH: Ryan Schroder - 1st Year

ASSISTANT COACHES: Zach Asmundson - Varsity Asst - 1st year, Erich Wallace - JV Coach - 4-5 years, Isaac Sutton - Middle School - 1st year, Dan Shields and Willie Bialecki - Volunteer Coaches

2020 RECORD: Cancelled due to COVID

2020 POST SEASON RESULTS: Cancelled due to COVID

RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE: None

KEY RETURNERS: Wyatt Grosskurth, Mark Ladewig, and Nathan Mattson

KEY LOSSES: Geno Zecca

2021 OUTLOOK: With it being my first season and practice just starting on the 16th, we aren't really sure where the team is headed quite yet. Playing in the Valley we always come up against strong competition but have the luxury of being a D2 team when it comes to playoff time. That doesn't make it all that much easier but will give us much needed experience against our Regional opponents. Playing a higher level of competition, losing some of our Seniors, and having reduced numbers will make this season difficult, but we

will do what we can to put our best team on the pitch each night!

A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH: We will be working to grow the program again moving forward. As a former Merrill soccer player and high school coach for Merrill, I would like to see us back to the point of having three full squads once again. I am actively involved with the youth program already and working with them to help building and attracting boys and girls to our soccer programs. We will also be hosting a Merrill Youth Soccer Night on Tuesday, August 24, against Wausau Newman. Each youth player wearing their soccer jersey will be welcomed on the field at half time and will also be able to get a free bag of popcorn from the concession stand. I'm also very excited about our full coaching staff from Middle School to High School, as they are all former soccer players from right here in Merrill.

TEAM ROSTER: Wyatt Grosskurth, Nathan Mattson, Colin Apprill, Matthew Rydeski, Michael Nofsinger, Cooper Apprill, Mark Ladewig, Jaden Bush, Aaron Hipke, Jordan Bush, Mason Evans, Angel Maldonado Nava, Corbin Jones, Jonathon Kracht, Edwin Moore, Parker Byer, Joshua Henderson, and Kekoa Schuetze. Manager Olivia Stevenson.

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"It's important to teach your child to listen to their body and avoid playing through pain," says Ewan. "Kids should also take breaks during practice. And they should have at least one day off a week from playing sports so their bodies can recover."

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VOLLEYBALL from page 8

KEY NEWCOMERS: We will look to our Junior class of Erica Arneson and Olivia Troyer to be able to step into defensive play and outside hitting, respectively: Sophomores Chloe McRae and McKenna Meyer to develop their hitting strengths in the front row; Maddy Ott to continue to refine her impressive defensive skills; and Anna Bowe and Lex Emmer to improve upon their valuable Varsity experience from last season and become this year's playmakers.

2020 RECAP: Considering that we didn't know if we were even going to have a season, the girls continued to work hard in the summer months and during our delayed start gave it their best. They treated every match like it could be their last, not knowing what the future would bring. At one point, we were down to eight players, but continued to play our conference matches and did very well. We finished off post season Regional Championship, and a Sectional win over DCE in five games on the road. That, to me, felt like the game to go to State. We had lost to DCE earlier in the season and had to play then on their home court. Our final match was against River Falls who beat us in three sets. They were the superior team, but we gave them a run in the first game to get their attention.

2021 OUTLOOK: First, I hope that we are dealing with a normal season and the players can focus on volleyball and not the other distractions. Secondly, I'm looking forward to playing tournaments again and traveling as an entire team. I'm very optimistic about the ability of this year's squad and what I've seen them do over the summer months. The most impressive thing about them is their willingness to support each other. It is the makings of a very successful team. If I were to make any predictions, I would believe that we will be in the top of the conference as long as we can stay healthy. I expect Marshfield to be strong again this year, and one can never underestimate DCE.

A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH: I would encourage the Merrill community to get out and support our teams this year. After having a season of limited spectators, I know the athletes of all sports would appreciate the support of our fans. Go Bluejays!

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2020 POST SEASON RESULTS: Cancelled due to COVID

RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE: Elizabeth Schmidt

KEY RETURNERS: Elizabeth Schmidt, Madi Crossman, Maddie Vandergeest, Emma Marlowe, Annie Becker, Callen Hoepfner, David Golisch, Elliot Hanson, Ian Schuetze, Kaden Schwandt, Caleb Norton

KEY LOSSES: Levi Black and Kyle Stellingworth

KEY NEWCOMERS:

2020 RECAP: 2020 was a crazy year to say the least. One thing that made life seem more normal was coming to cross country practice. Our season was very different compared to previous seasons; most of our meets were dual meets, we missed out on Smiley (a large meet in Wausau), and we were unable to have our team watch Liz Schmidt at State. However, over the season, a lot of my athletes ran their PRs and some really amazing races.

2021 OUTLOOK: This year is all about strength/speed training and gaining endurance. I want our team to be competitive this year and give the Wisconsin Valley Conference a run for their money. This is a new year, with a rather young team, so I'd like to see what our younger athletes are capable of doing.



Front row, L to R: Olivia Pierce, Lily Grefe, Breannon Herdt, Olivia Bares, Emma Marlowe, Madi Crossman, Liv Cordova, Elizabeth Schmidt, Amber Radtke, Irene Blennert, and Sophie Schmidt. **Back row, L to R:** Jonathon Myszka, Elliot Hanson, Cal Hoepfner, Henry Reimann, David Golisch, Kayoda Raddatz, Logan Knospe, Adam Bares, Kaden Schwandt, Caleb Norton, Max Black, and Parker Klebenow. Missing from photo: Brooklyn Kraegenbrink, Annie Becker, and Ian Schuetze. **Submitted photo.**

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Fotos from the Past

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8-25-71

Tragedy has struck in Canada after a fishing trip involving Merrill residents. Mrs. Theodore (Verna) Engstrom and Alfred Zimmerman were found by searchers in the waters of Bukemiga Lake, about 100 miles north of Thunder Bay in Ontario Province, early Sunday morning. Rev. Engstrom had found the boat overturned early that morning and sounded the alarm. Zimmerman, 53 of Route 2, was a widower. He and his daughter were on a fishing trip with Rev. Engstrom, his wife, and their daughter when the tragedy occurred. Rev. Engstrom is pastor of Bible Presbyterian Church in Merrill. Joint funeral services for the pair were held Saturday at Bible Presbyterian, Mrs. Engstrom was buried in her native Pennsylvania, while Alfred Zimmerman was laid to rest at Merrill Memorial Park.

District Attorney James T. Rogers is questioning the way the County is conducting ambulance transfers. This past weekend a 16-year-old Tomahawk youth was critically injured when he struck a station wagon, after turning in front of it on US Hwy. 8. The youth was taken by the Tomahawk ambulance to Sacred Heart Hospital, where doctors waited for Merrill's firemen to come transfer him to St. Joseph's in Marshfield. Firemen transferred the youth to Marshfield, but he died on the way. Rogers told Ambulance Committee Chair M. L. (Bud) Neslon that the boy's life likely would not have been saved if he arrived in Marshfield earlier, but he would like the County to study how transfers are conducted. Rogers is proposing Tomahawk ambulance crews load the patient into their ambulance and drive to Merrill, where Merrill fireman will then take over and transport the patient the rest of the way. Tomahawk can then borrow Merrill's ambulance until the transfer is complete. (No one likely ever imagined what EMS transfers would look like today with multiple helicopters and critical care transfer services.)

Quick work by firemen and plant employees helped save the Semling-Menke plant on South Nast Street when fire broke out this past Friday. It is believed that a short in the substation ignited a cupola atop a center section of the plant. Loud popping sounds could be heard for blocks as heavy black smoke rose into the air. Firemen had the fire knocked down quickly, but clean-up took most of the weekend, and production did not resume until Tuesday, as company officials waited for electrical service to be restored. Off duty firemen and policemen were called in to assist with the incident. Several hundred people work at the facility; a fire in 1968 destroyed a large warehouse at the complex.

8-26-81

United States Senator Robert Kasten (R-Wisconsin) met with an enthusiastic crowd last Friday morning at the Cork and Dyne in Merrill and thanked residents for their support in sending him to Washington. The Milwaukee native told how things had changed drastically since he last visited Merrill. Kasten's last visit found him walking in the Labor Day parade and

greeting supporters as he tried to unseat longtime Senator Gaylord Nelson. Kasten was part of a wave of Republicans elected to office last November, along with President Ronald Reagan. He promised in his next visit to Merrill that he would bring along Merrill native Gerald Whitburn. Whitburn is in Washington serving as one of Kasten's top aides.

Donald Semling has announced the sale of Wisconsin Window Unit to a New York-based company that also owns a mill in Medford. Semling said he did not seriously consider selling the plant, until he was approached about six weeks ago by United Industrial Syndicate, who also owns Hurd Millwork. Wisconsin Window Unit started with five employees in the 1940's and eventually employed 256. A slowdown in the housing industry caused production to slow, and now only 40 employees work at the facility. ROW Cash & Carry was added to the operation about 15 years ago, and Wisconsin Building Components began about 12 years ago.

Chief of Police Charles H. Johnson announced yesterday that Dennis Hintze, currently a Lieutenant on his force, has been appointed Acting Captain. The assignment was made due to the impending retirement of Capt. Allison English. Hintze joined the Department in 1967 and has served as Lieutenant since 1976.

Jay Tlusty, a member of the Merrill City Band, has proposed the City research building a new bandshell, or the show might not go on. Tlusty said he is concerned about the deteriorating condition of the current structure and noted that on the nights of band concerts, spectators have to fight for parking spaces with those attending the pool at Stange's Park. The building itself is in such poor condition that most musicians cannot even see their music due to the lack of light, Tlusty added. He would like to see a new structure built at Normal Park and for it to be modeled after a Victorian-style bandshell recently built in a Green Bay park.

8-28-91

Merrill Rangers Head Coach Bill Helmuth called the 1991 Merrill Rangers' season an up-and-done one; however, when the final out was called Sunday afternoon in Hayward, his team had been named State Champions in the Wisconsin Baseball Association Tournament. The title was the first in the history of the team; the old Merrill Giants captured Championships in 1976 and 1979. The title game against Tilden was a see-saw battle, going into extra innings, before Mike Schielke's RBI single in the 10th clinched the title. Pitcher Shawn Schultz went six innings in the contest before Scott Wright came in to relieve him in the sixth. Those two held Tilden to just six hits in the contest. Rick Bonnell was named Most Valuable Pitcher in the tournament, while Merrill shortstop Jeff Beyer was named Best Defensive Player. Jay Krueger led the team in batting, hitting .615, with Steve Hintze following with a .600 batting average. The local team defeated Grand View and Abbotsford prior to facing Tilden in the Championship.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Abigail Schreiner named to Dean's List at UW-Superior

The University of Wisconsin-Superior has named Abigail Schreiner of Athens to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Summer 2021 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

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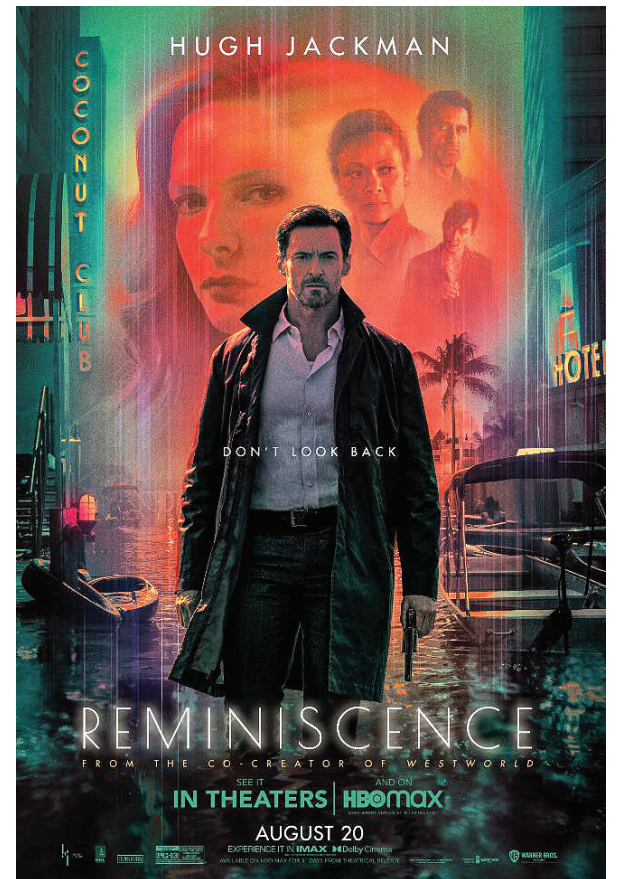
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- Merrill, Wis.: Sierra Humphrey, Trent Rathke, Amber Renken, Hannah Schmidtke, Shea-Lynn Stichmann, James Zahn, and Kathrine Zuelke



Scholarship recipient

The Lincoln County Retired Educators have named Bailey Iwen as the recipient of their annual scholarship for a Merrill High School graduate. Bailey attends UW-Stout and is majoring in Art Education. Submitted photo.



Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Reminiscence (Showing in theatres)

★★★★☆

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

Robert Tew once said, "The longer you live in the past, the less future you have to enjoy." It's a warning that many of us ignore far too often and for far too long, and *Reminiscence* takes that theme and runs with it.

Reminiscence tackles the idea of living in the past with intensity – part Romance, part Sci-Fi tale, part throwback to the great mystery stories from the Golden Age of Hollywood. *Reminiscence* is, at its core, a cautionary tale about obsession with the past.

Hugh Jackman (*X-Men*) is outstanding as the film's protagonist, and joining him, as his ever-faithful partner and war buddy, is the always-good Thandiwe Newton (*Westworld*).

In the film, the two run a business in the now partially-submerged ruins of Miami, a business that helps people relive the past. One day, a new client arrives in the form of Rebecca Ferguson (*Doctor Sleep*), and everything changes.

Well filmed, and staging some truly stunning sequences of camera work, *Reminiscence* is a good film and worth watching. It is not a film that you will watch multiple times, but that is not an indictment of the film itself. It's just the fact that once you know the answers to the mystery, you no longer have any skin in the game. But ... it is good enough to seek out to view at least once. The story is familiar, because it's been done a thousand times, but the filmmakers actually did update the base premise, and it works.

Reminiscence gets three full stars out of five, for its performances and for its creativity in putting a new spin on the old mystery genre.

Upcoming film watch: 57 days to the release of *Dune*.

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FESTIVAL *from page 6*

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September 11 will also be Merrill city-wide garage sale day, so it will be a great opportunity for residents and visitors to enjoy a reprieve from their shopping

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SEMCO *from page 4*

office and also because SEMCO stepped up and agreed to make this payment.”

Historically, other cases such as this, especially if the closing company were to go into bankruptcy, have taken much longer than this to resolve, he added.

“With this resolution, substantial payments are being made to workers who lost their jobs when the business closed,” said Attorney General Kaul. “Thank you to those at DOJ and DWD whose work led to this excellent result for more than 130 Wisconsinites.”

Celebrating a win for blue collar workers

“What happened a year and eight months ago was very tragic and affected a lot of people here in the Merrill and Lincoln County area,” Representative Kramer of the NCSRCC said at the press conference. “But we’re here today to celebrate a win for the blue collar workers here in the state of Wisconsin.”

“We’d like to thank the DOJ and Attorney Josh Kaul for all they did for the workers and for their families,” he added. “The employees didn’t get what they deserved, they got what they were owed, and that’s the beautiful thing about living in this state and for the laws that we have.”

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Merrill Bluejay Girls Tennis Team takes to the courts

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Bluejay Girls Tennis Team took to the courts to start off their season in August.

Antigo triangular

Most recently, the girls started out their day at the Antigo triangular on August 23 by beating Wisconsin Rapids 4-3.

In singles matches, Angela Hinner lost to Teagann Bondioli 6-1, 6-1; Lauren Belsky lost to Abbey Gust 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; Lauren Cohrs beat Hayley Jensen 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; and Sarah Rell won by walkover.

In doubles, the teams of Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat beat Sawyer Holdberg 6-4, 6-0; Lydia Burrows/Courtney Schneider lost to Alle Mora/Aleigh Weight 6-2, 6-4; and Mariah Jacoby/Lacey Frisch beat Sierra Dillingham/Olivia Oleson 6-2, 6-2.

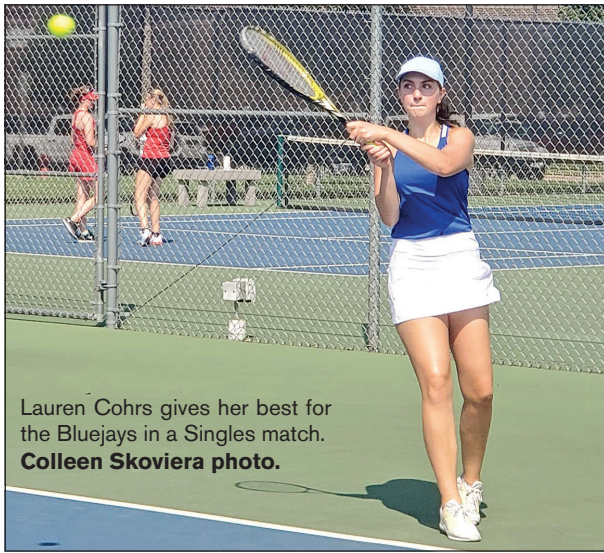
Merrill then lost to Antigo 7-0

Singles matches: Angela Hinner lost to Margo Kelly 6-1, 6-1; Lauren Belsky lost to Brecklyn Flannery 6-2, 6-2; Lauren Cohrs lost to Sierra Oelke 6-2, 6-3; and Sarah Rell lost to Makayla Roberts 6-0, 7-5.

Doubles matches: Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat lost to Ellie Packard/Faith Bussiere 6-1, 6-2; Lydia Burrows/Mariah Jacoby lost to Bailee Vandersanden/Molly Neufeld 6-1, 6-2; and Lacey Frisch/Anika Bartz lost to Anna Evans/Claire Musloff 6-2, 7-6(9).

"This was both Sarah Rell and Anika Bartz's first Varsity match," said head tennis coach Brad Barton. "They both played extremely well. Sarah stormed back after a 6-0 first set loss to play a 7-5 second set loss. Anika handled the nerves of a second set 11-9 tiebreak loss very well."

"Lacey Frisch had played only singles coming into this meet and looked very well in doubles action today, especially with Anika Bartz," Barton said. "I also



Lauren Cohrs gives her best for the Bluejays in a Singles match. Colleen Skoviera photo.

want to point out how well both Lauren Belsky and Lauren Cohrs played today. They are both playing big roles this year. Lauren Belsky was on JV last year and as a Sophomore moved up to #2 singles. Lauren Cohrs played Varsity doubles last year and has made a huge sacrifice for the team playing singles this year. She still wants to play doubles but realizes the best thing for the team is to play singles."

Two-day Warrior invite

On August 16, the first day of the two-day invite, Wausau West beat Merrill 7-0.

In singles matches, Angela Hinner lost to Mia Bailey 6-1, 6-0; Lauren Belsky lost to Lexi Kluth 6-0, 6-0; Lauren Cohrs lost to Quin Babiarz 6-0, 6-1; and Lacey Frisch lost to Ruby Edmundson 6-0, 6-0.

The doubles match-

es were also a tough loss, with the teams of Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat losing to Katie Meyer/Anika Eder 6-0, 6-3; Lydia Burrows/Courtney Schneider losing to Ashley Zoborowski/Mollie Lemke 6-0, 6-0; and Mariah Jacoby/Chloe Belant losing to Lily Wittwer/Miranda Nelson 6-3, 6-2.

"Wausau West continues to be the cream of the crop this year," Barton said. "Merrill's #1 singles player, Angela Hinner, played well against one of the best players in the state in Mia Bailey."

Later that day, Merrill beat DC Everest 5-2.

The girls took away a win in half of the singles matches. Angela Hinner beat Nya Harrington 7-6 (1), 6-2; Lauren Belsky lost to Kyra Looman 4-6, 6-3, 10-7; Lauren Cohrs beat Ava Kumar 6-3, 6-2; and Lacey Frisch lost to Nina Allen 6-3, 6-2.

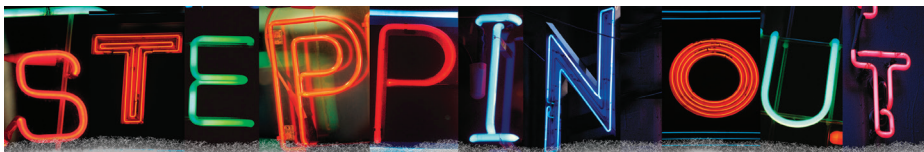
"Angela Hinner had an impressive match against DC Everest's top player," Barton said. "Lauren Belsky is playing very well, as she was on Junior Varsity last year and now playing #2 singles."

The Bluejays had a clean sweep in the doubles matches, with the teams of Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat beating Maddie Szama/Makenna Kampman; Lydia Burrows/Courtney Schneider beating Maddy Bublik/Lola Harrington 6-1, 6-2; and Mariah Jacoby/Chloe Belant beating Morgan Hahn/Annika Nye 6-4, 6-3.

In the final matches of the day, Altoona beat Merrill 6-1.

The singles matches ended with Angela Hinner losing to Josie Rechek 6-0, 6-0; Lauren Belsky losing to Lidia Bach 6-0, 6-1; Lauren Cohrs beating Keyliana DeSantis

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Date	Event	Location	Time
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Wausau West (JV2)	Away 5:00 pm
Friday, Aug. 27th	Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm
Monday, Aug. 30th	Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Wausau West (JV)	Home 5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 2nd	Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Antigo (JV2)	Home 5:30 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Marshfield (JV2)	Away 4:00 pm
Friday, Aug. 27th	Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	UW Whitewater (Varsity)	Away 10:00 am
Saturday, Aug. 28th	Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	UW Whitewater (Varsity)	Away 9:00 am
Tuesday, Aug. 31st	Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Antigo (JV)	Away 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 31st	Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Antigo (JV2)	Away 5:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 2nd	Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Wausau East (JV & JV2)	Home 5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 2nd	Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Wausau East (Varsity)	Home 7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 2nd	Tennis (Varsity & JV)	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Home 4:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)	Lakeland (JV)	Away 5:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)	Lakeland (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm
Saturday, Aug. 28th	Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)	Amherst (Varsity)	Away 1:30 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 31st	Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)	Wausau West (JV)	Home 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 31st	Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)	Wausau West (Varsity)	Home 7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 2nd	Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)	Marshfield (JV)	Away 5:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 2nd	Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)	Marshfield (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm
Thursday, Aug. 26th	Cross Country (Varsity & JV)	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away 10:00 am
Thursday, Sept. 2nd	Cross Country (Varsity & JV)	Nine Mile Park (Varsity)	Away 4:30 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 31st	Swimming (Varsity & JV)	Medford (Varsity)	Away 5:30 pm

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First ever Merrill Basketball Hall of Famers to be named

Announcement to come at the end of the Merrill Boys Basketball Golf Outing

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Troy Pieper, head coach for the Merrill Boys Varsity Basketball Team, announced three former Bluejay Basketball players from the boys and girls programs will be inducted into the new Merrill Basketball Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 28.

The inductees will be named at the end of the Merrill Boys Basketball Golf Outing fundraiser to be held on that date at the Merrill Golf Course. August 28 the golf outing will kick off with registration at 8:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

The cost is \$75 per person or \$300 for a team of four golfers and includes lunch on the turn and one drink, plus a goodie bag and a raffle ticket. There will also be mulligans for sale, raffles, and prizes for a hole-in-one, with the biggest prize being on hole #9. Any golfer registered for the outing who can land a hole-in-one on hole #9 during the event will win a whopping \$10,000.

To register for the Merrill Boys Basketball Golf Outing, call the Merrill Golf Club at 715.536.2529.

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6-1, 6-3; and Lacey Frisch losing to Natalie Beltz 6-0, 6-2.

"Lauren Cohrs continued her impressive day going 2-1 on the day," Barton said.

The doubles matches were a battle, and in the end, the team of Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat lost to Bella Bauer/Josie Kondesvedt 6-7(4), 5-7; Lydia Burrows/Courtney Schneider lost to Khalia Mork/Jackie Halverson 6-2, 6-2; and Mariah Jacoby/Chloe Belant lost to Sofia Bach/Katelyn Beltz 6-2, 6-2.

"Amelia Skoviera and Tessa Wheat really played well against a tough Altoona team," Barton said. "Lydia Burrows and Courtney Schneider are developing into a tough team."

On August 17, day two of the Warrior invite started out with Rhinelander beating Merrill 6-1.

The singles matches were tough, and the girls lost all four. Angela Hinner lost to Annika Johnson 6-1, 6-0; Lauren Belsky lost to Kaylee Pontell 6-0, 6-0; Lauren Cohrs lost to Tori Riopel 6-0, 6-0; and Lacey Frisch lost to Kelsey Winter 6-3, 6-1.

The first doubles team, Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat beat Paige Olenik/Taylor Riopel 6-4, 6-2, while the teams of Lydia Burrows/Courtney Schneider lost to Kylee Younker/Shayla Coppenger 6-3, 6-2 and Mariah Jacoby/Chloe Belant also lost to Kayla Tessman/Helena Wisner 6-3, 6-2.

"Rhinelander had their top players playing

singles," Barton noted. "Annika Johnson [for Rhinelander] is a player capable of getting to State."

In the last round of the Warrior invite, Wausau Newman beat Merrill 4-3.

The singles matches were another tough round, with Merrill losing all four: Angela Hinner lost to Becky Larrain 6-1, 6-0; Lauren Belsky lost to Ava Sukeenen 6-0, 6-0; Lauren Cohrs lost to Natalie Townsend 6-0, 6-0; and Lacey Frisch lost to Reagan Herdrich 6-0, 6-0.

The doubles matches were a positive end to the two days, with Merrill winning all three. The team of Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat beat Destiny Lo/Elizabeth Planey 6-3, 6-4; the team of Lydia Burrows/Courtney Schneider beat Ada Stenstrom/Calli Oroth 6-4, 1-6, 10-7; and the team of Mariah Jacoby/Chloe Belant beat Olivia Fox/Naomi Stenstrom 6-3, 6-0.

"Wausau Newman's #1 singles player Becky Larrain is one of the top players in the state," Barton said. "Angela Hinner put up a valiant effort against her."

"Merrill's doubles teams were all victorious," he said. "Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat went 2-0 on the day and 3-2 overall on the 2-day meet. Lauren Cohrs went 2-3. Newman had their top players playing singles."

"Overall, our team attitude was very good," Coach added. "so I feel confident in our team's direction this year."

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