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Jr. Vice Commander of State of Wisconsin VFW, Ron Ramos, is a Marine and native of Brooklyn, New York. He was age 14, living in New York City on 9/11/2001. On Sept. 11, 2021, he attended his first 9/11 memorial event and spoke for the first time of his experiences. It was an emotionally difficult moment. Corey Dornbrack, Senior Vice Commander for VFW Post 1638 and combat veteran who served 30 years in the U.S. Army and Wisconsin National Guard, having been deployed during Desert Storm and served two tours during Operation Iraq Freedom, offers him comfort. **Photo by Erin McKeen Photography.**



Alderman Paul Russell getting ready to retire the flag in honor of the passengers and crew of Flight 93, who stopped terrorists from reaching their target by fighting back against hijackers and crashing the plane into a field in Shanksville, Penn., on Sept. 11 ... in honor of everyday citizens who became heroes. **Photo by Erin McKeen Photography.**



The Boy Scouts salute as the retired American flag is ceremoniously burned as a part of the Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Northwoods Veterans Post. **Rose Skic photo.**

# “We Remember” 9/11

## Merrill remembers Sept. 11 on the 20th anniversary of the day America came under attack

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

Beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at the Northwoods Veterans Post in Merrill, the Merrill community commemorated the 20th anniversary of the day America came under attack. “We Remember” was the culmination of many organizations and individuals coming together to remember, to process, and hopefully, to continue healing, along with community members in attendance.

Former Merrill Mayor and Past Commander of VFW Post 1638, Bill Bialecki, narrated the ceremony, bells tolled, and flags were retired.

- The Merrill Fire Department retired its flag in honor of the 343 firefighters and 2 paramedics who perished on Sept. 11, 2001.

- The Merrill Police Department retired its flag in honor of the 61 police officers who perished on Sept. 11, 2001.

- VFW Post 1638 retired the Northwoods Veterans Post flag in honor of the 55 military who perished on Sept. 11, 2001; the 2.77 million who fought in the War on Terror; and the 7,057 who have given the ultimate sacrifice since Sept. 11, 2001.

- The Dornbrack family retired the Merrill High School flag in honor of the 5 children on Flight 77 and the 3 children on Flight 175 who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, and the 3,051 children who lost their parents on Sept. 11, 2001. They also acknowledged the 1.5 million military families that have sacrificed years of missed

birthdays and anniversaries and are left with the extended effects of war.

- Alderman Paul Russell retired the City of Merrill flag in honor of the everyday average citizens who became heroes on Sept. 11, 2001.

The names of the 13 military heroes who lost their lives on Aug. 26, 2021, in Kabul, Afghanistan, were read. Eleven were Marines from Massachusetts, California, Utah, Nebraska, Indiana, Texas, Missouri, and Wyoming; one was a Navy Corpsman from Ohio; and one was an Army Staff Sgt. from Tennessee. The Honor Guard raised a new flag over the Northwoods Veterans Post in honor of the resilience of the American people to unite as one and move forward.

The sound of TAPS being played, then silence to honor those lives lost, and then the eerie beauty of the playing of bagpipes broke the silence.

VFW Chaplin John Rathke led the group in prayer, the Scouts led the pledge to the flag, and everyone joined in singing the National Anthem.

Speakers at the event included VFW Post 1638 Commander Arnold Viljevac, Merrill native Master Chief Michael Jaeger, VFW State Junior Vice Commander Ron Ramos, and Miss Wisconsin 2021, Jennifer Schmidt.

The ceremony of remembrance concluded with motorcycle engines roaring to life, as area motorcyclists, many of whom were also veterans, left to begin the Merrill Area Community Ride (MACR) Annual Rosco’s Ride event, with proceeds to go to the Northwoods Veterans Post.



Attendees salute as VFW Post 1638 raises the flag over the Northwoods Veterans Post in honor of the resilience of the American people to come together and move forward following the events of Sept. 11, 2001. **Photo by Erin McKeen Photography.**



Edgar bagpiper, Travis Niewolny, broke the silence after taps was played and all observed two minutes of silence at the “We Remember” event in Merrill on Sept. 11, 2021. **Rose Skic photo.**

# ATV accident claims the life of a Menomonee Falls woman

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

Jennifer L. Kaine, age 51, of Menomonee Falls, Wis., and Adam G. Gauckler, age 38, of Caledonia, Wis., were riding a 2021 Polaris ATV, traveling southbound on a public ATV trail west of County Rd. B in the Township of Harrison, on

Saturday, Sept. 11, when Gauckler lost control. The ATV hit a tree and rolled, and both Kaine and Gauckler were ejected from the ATV, according to a press release from the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Department. Kaine was flown to an area hospital where she died from her injuries. Gauckler sustained non-life threatening inju-

ries. Neither were wearing helmets, according to the release.

Lincoln County Sheriff’s Deputies, Lincoln County EMS, and Russell First Responders all responded to the scene.

The crash remains under investigation; however, alcohol does not appear to be a factor, the press release said.

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Lion's Club volunteers coral the ducks into the finish lane where the "lucky duck" winners are picked. **Tina L. Scott photos.**

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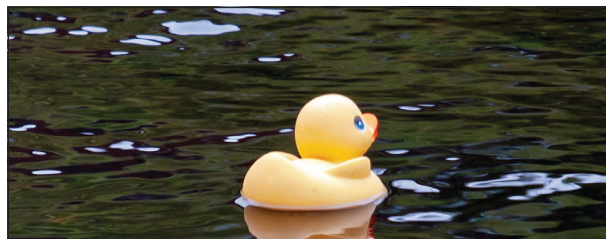
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Ticket holders eagerly waited to hear the numbers called for the winning rubber ducks, hoping they might win a cash prize.

# Little yellow rubber duckies earn big cash prizes for ticket holders

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
 EDITOR

The Annual Merrill Lion's Rubber Duck Race

was held on the Prairie River in Stanges Park on Aug. 5. In the weeks leading up to the race, the Lion's Club sold raffle tickets for chances to race little yellow rubber ducks and earn a big cash prize. \$5 bought one numbered ticket to race the duck of

the corresponding ticket number, and \$20 bought six chances for six lucky ducks with the corresponding ticket numbers. Once the rubber ducks were all dumped from the Third Street Bridge, they floated their way down the river where they were



Eager ticket holders watch as the ducks float down the Prairie River toward the finish line, hoping their duck will flow the fastest and be declared one of the lucky winners. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

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# Comunidad hispania invites the public to celebrate hispanic heritage and culture

## Annual fiesta will be Sept. 18 at Normal Park in Merrill

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

Comunidad hispania [the Hispanic community] will hold their annual fiesta [party] and celebration to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Normal Park in Merrill, from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m., and the public is invited to celebrate with them. "Everyone is invited!" organizers say.

The event provides a fun and festive way for attendees to experience a bit of Hispanic culture, with delicious authentic food, lively music, and fun activities. It's the perfect way to dance to a mariachi band or enjoy the taste of empanadas from Mexico and tamales from San Salvador without needing a passport.

"This year's event features a 'Food Fest,' including a variety of authentic Hispanic foods from several Latin American countries which will be available to purchase from many excelentes cocineros [excellent cooks]," said Nancy Baacke, one of the event organizers.

"Tacos (pork/chicken), gorditas, picaditas, pozole (soup), stuffed chiles, prepared pork rinds, empanadas, agua de horchata, from Mexico, Stuffed potato from Peru, and different kinds of tamales (chicken/pork with red/green sauce filled) wrapped with banana/corn leaves, or aluminum foil from different countries like San Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Mexico." These are the kinds of delicioso authentic cuisine you can expect to find at the park this Saturday.

"The Lincoln High School Mariachi Band from Wisconsin Rapids will be providing music for the afternoon, and there will also be piñata," Baacke said. Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes and honors the many achievements and contributions of Hispanic

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This year's Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Normal Park will feature two pinatas for the kids, a fun traditional activity at fiestas and celebrations in many Hispanic cultures.

Submitted photo.

### PUBLISHER'S LETTER

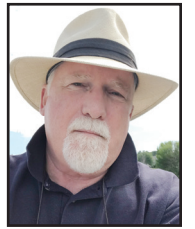
## Dealing with Uncertainty

Dear Reader,

We all depend on the certainty of life. We manage it. We control it. We jam it into a routine upon which we can depend. Why? Because we know that we can depend on ourselves.

What happens when we're thrown a curve-ball? We spaz out because it wasn't planned and it can wreak havoc on carefully laid plans. That should not be how we handle the unknown variables of life.

We need to thank the "forces that be" for intervening in our lackadaisical and routine lives. We need to engage beyond our zone of comfort, mixing it up a bit, trying new things, evolving to a new level. After all, life is a magical journey, and the Magician is weaving all the parts of this enchanting tapestry so that we can enjoy those surprises along the way.



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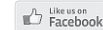
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In July United Way Wisconsin held its annual Summer Conference. It is a learning, sharing, networking opportunity for United Way leadership. A special focus for this conference, was driven by initiatives being advanced by United Way Worldwide. The newest initiatives are dealing with building a "Race Equity Culture". While our local United Way is independent and governed by our local Board of Directors, there are a few major national standards that cross amongst United Ways throughout the country.

In our annual reporting to United Way Worldwide we have been asked to report on programming, initiatives and community efforts that will move our local society toward greater equity. While we are not a metro, or micro community, our percentages of diversity, in comparison, are very low. Yet, for those with race ethnicity, living in a community that has a culture supporting race equity would be important. Nonetheless, our Central Wisconsin United Ways have had dialogue about approaches that can be made to improve that equity. Complex subject? Sure, but one that will likely get tackled in some manner, taking small steps, as we move forward. Achieving total race equity, where one's racial identity has no influence on how a person fares in all aspects of society, is a very lofty goal, if not an impossible goal. Structural racism is deeply rooted in history and perpetuated by policies, practices, attitudes, and cultural messages. The first thing we can do as a community is recognize that we have a presence of racial differences and observe how we and others treat it. United Way is certain we shall hear more on this subject going forward.

Yet another disparity is in financial inequity. Often seen as families struggle to elevate their financial circumstances. Several United Way funded agencies work hard to help these struggling families through tough times. The United Way raises funds which get disbursed to our 18 agencies that provide the needed service. The needs are immense. The United Way campaign runs until the first of November. Agencies help with services in our three impact areas: basic needs/income; health services; and education.

The donations come from individuals, families, retirees, employee campaigns and companies. The annual public appeal was just mailed to all households and businesses. Our response rate is typically less than 1%. Right, "way to low". Can we count on you to do a little something this year? Every dollar helps and it all stays local. There are so many requests through the mail, so United Way hopes you watch for our annual appeal.

United Way is driven to make a positive difference in the Merrill area. To donate send checks to Merrill Area United Way, at P. O. Box 813, Merrill 54452. Our website is [www.merrillareaunderway.org](http://www.merrillareaunderway.org) where Pay Pal donations can now be made. For further information email us at [delores.Olsen@merrillunitedway.org](mailto:delores.Olsen@merrillunitedway.org); or call our part-time office at 715-536-2016.



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**Raymond J. 'Ray' Heller**, age 90, of rural Merrill, passed away Saturday, September 4, 2021, at North Shore Riverview in Tomahawk.

Ray was born March 15, 1931, in the Town of Schley, son of the late Arthur and Frances (Geiss) Heller. He married Harriet J. Raasch on January 26, 1952, and she preceded him in death September 13, 2008. Ray was a self-employed logger. He enjoyed deer hunting and watching the deer around the family cabin. Ray also enjoyed gardening and trout fishing. He was a baseball fan and in his younger years enjoyed playing the game. Ray honorably served in the United States Marine Corp and was stationed in Korea during the Korean War. He was able to go on the 'Honor Flight' several years ago.

Ray is survived by one daughter, Yvonne Severt of Merrill; four sons, Michael (Laura) Heller, Jack (Kelly) Heller, John Heller, and Dean (Sandi) Heller, all of Merrill; grandchildren, Derek, Brandon, Kyle, Nicole, Ashley, Joshua, Jessica, Dylan, Makayla, and Jared; great-grandchildren, Sky, Izaiah, Hunter, Rowan, Sutton, Hailee, and Zane; and sister, Betty Okray of Merrill. Besides his wife and parents, Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Harriet Heller; his parents, Arthur and Frances Heller; sons, Gary and Todd; and his siblings, Arthur 'Bud' Heller, Jr., Dorothy Mae Ament, and Phyllis Mattson.

A memorial service for Ray was held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, September 11, 2021, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Father Mariadas Vallabhaneni presided. The honorary pallbearers were Ray's grandsons: Derek King, Brandon King, Kyle King, Joshua Heller, Dylan Heller, and Jared Heller. Burial of Ray's cremated remains will take place in Gleason Cemetery, Town of Russell. Family and friends gathered at the funeral home on Saturday, September 11, 2021, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill assisted the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com).

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**William K. McDonald Jr.**, of Gleason, passed Saturday, September 11, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. He was 59 years old. He was born on July 10, 1962, in Burlington, a son of William and Bessie (Cain) McDonald.

He married Janice Champagne on May 13, 2006 at Bradley Park in Tomahawk. He was a graduate of McHenry Community High School, McHenry, Illinois.

He was raised on Northern Pump Farms in McHenry. Farming was his passion and he worked on farms in several communities.

As a young man he was involved in Future Farmers of America and 4-H, and showed animals at county fairs developing his love for everything John Deere.

He lived in Rhinelander for 15 years, raising his daughter, and managing the Pennzoil Pit Stop. For the past 14 years he worked at Weinbrenner Shoe Company factory in Merrill.

Survivors including his wife, are a daughter, Amber Rose McDonald, Milwaukee; two step-daughters, Cindi Kluck, Tomahawk, Kimberly (Dennis) Ristau, Tomahawk; two step-sons, Christopher Wickersham, Jesse Wickersham both of Tomahawk; nine step-grandchildren and one great-step-grandchild on the way; two sisters, Alivia (Peggy Morrison) Biko, Oregon, Mary (Roger) McDonald-Bambauer, Oregon; a brother, Archibald (Sybil) McDonald, Genoa City.

A celebration of life will be held on the farm in the next several weeks.

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**Aubrey Kohler**

It is with great sorrow the family of Aubrey Koehler announce her passing. A master of Rubik's cube and a lover of painting, Aubrey passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday September 8, 2021. Aubrey was born October 3, 2008 and lived in Merrill. She was a student at Prairie River Middle School.

She was quiet but introspective, always willing to help out without being asked whether around the house or with her younger cousins. Aubrey loved cooking and baking, mastering the art of grilled cheese sandwiches for her Mom, waffles for her brother and helping Dad make smash burgers and tacos. Aubrey enjoyed binge watching shows with Mom, tinkering with Dad and swimming with Bryce. Aubrey enjoyed family vacations, most recently zip lining and go cart racing with her cousins. She liked playing soccer and participating in girl scouts. She was excited to begin the new school year back in school.

Aubrey is survived by her parents, Ben and Joellen (Lechleitner) Koehler and her brother Bryce. She is further survived by grandparents Joe and Carol Lechleitner, August and Sandy Koehler, and great grandmother Joyce Sherman. In addition, aunts and uncles; Jed and Leah Lechleitner, Tony and Denise Lechleitner, Angie and Rich Metzler, Jason Koehler and Wendy Koehler, along with cousins Kaden, Quinn, Kael, Kai, Nolan, Zoe, Rhys, Tyler, Jacob, Ana and Knox.

Aubrey was able to be an organ and tissue donor. Visitation was held at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill, Wednesday September 15, 2021, from 9am - 11am followed by a private family service. Afterwards, a celebration of Aubrey's life was held from 12:30pm - 4pm at the Agra Pavilion at River Bend Trail in Merrill with a butterfly release at 3pm.

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).

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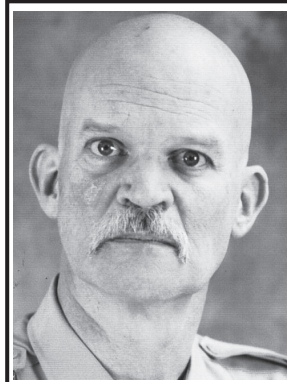
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**MERRILL Foto News**

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**Brian J. Kingsley**, age 50, of Merrill, passed away on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at his home under the care of his family and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services.

Brian was born November 19, 1970, in Wisconsin Rapids, son of the late Robert and Barbara Kingsley. Brian was preceded in death by his loving companion and life partner, Peggy (Kleinschmidt) Trantow on December 3, 2019. Brian was a 1989 graduate of Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids, and a 1991 graduate of Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton where he earned his Associate Degree in Police Science. Brian began his career in law enforcement in 1992 with the Tomahawk Police Department. In 1992, Brian was hired by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. He had attained the rank of Detective Sergeant. Brian enjoyed snowmobiling and boating. His passion was fishing with Peggy, and he would always bet her on who would catch the biggest fish.

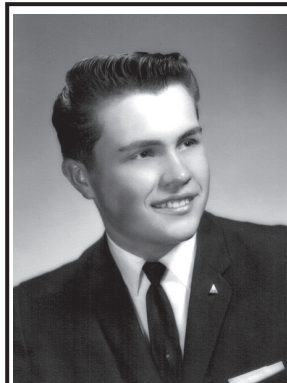
Brian is survived by his siblings, Sarah (Brian) Ross of Stevens Point, Douglas (Julie) Kingsley of Akeley, Minnesota, and Jeffrey Kingsley of Stevens Point; his nieces and nephew, Jennifer (Matt) McNelly, Rachel Kingsley, and Andrew and Erin Ross; and Peggy's son, Josh (Amy Berndt) Trantow of Merrill.

A private inurnment service at Merrill Memorial Park will be held at a later date. The Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com).

A private inurnment service at Merrill Memorial Park will be held at a later date. The Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com).

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**James E. 'Jim' Schult**, age 73, of the Town of Scott, Lincoln County, passed away Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at his home.

Jim was born August 23, 1948, in Merrill, son of the late Herman and LaVila (Sturm) Schult. Jim was a 1966 graduate of Merrill High School. He worked at Wausau Homes for several years and also VanDerGeest Dairy Farms. Jim and his brother, Jeff, eventually took over their parent's farm and renamed it 'Schult Farm'. The farm had been in the family for several generations. He enjoyed looking at other farms in the area and getting ideas on how to improve the Schult Farm. Jim had a very forward-thinking approach to farming and designed the 'flat barn milking parlor'. In his free time, Jim enjoyed going to casinos. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Merrill.

Survivors include his brother, Jeffrey Schult, of the Town of Scott; and numerous cousins including, Bruce (Judy) Schield of Merrill and Dennis (VerJean) Schield of Tomahawk. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and LaVila Schult; and his brother, David Herman Schult.

A memorial service for Jim will be held at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, September 23, 2021, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. David Szeto will officiate. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home on Thursday, September 23, 2021, beginning at 4:00 P.M. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill is assisting the family.

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

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**Joann Marie (Nyberg) Medina**, 65, of Marion, formerly of Tomahawk-Merrill, Wisconsin, passed away Friday, September 10, 2021, at Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids. A Private Celebration of Life will take place in Marion. A Celebration of Life Gathering will take place in Tomahawk, Wisconsin in the Spring of 2022. Stewart Baxter Funeral & Memorial Services, Marion, is caring for Joann and her family.

Survivors include her children, Melissa (Jeremy) Anderson and Joshua (Michelle) Hildebrandt; grandchildren, Kylie and Aiden Anderson, Evelyn Hildebrandt, and one on the way; sisters, Sandy Nyberg (Mario Tantillo), and Diane (Bob) Langeberg; sisters-in-law, Diane Nyberg and Kelly Nyberg; close friends, Butch and Debbie Russ and their family; many nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and nephews; and beloved dog, Oliver.

Joann Marie Nyberg was born June 12, 1956, in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, to John Gustav and Roberta Marie (Hickey) Nyberg. She graduated from Tomahawk High School in 1974. She married Michael Hildebrandt, and they had two children. They later divorced. Joann married David Medina, and were married until his passing.

Joann enjoyed cross stitch, sudoku and crossword puzzles, coloring books, reading books—especially Danielle Steele, sitting by the bonfire, and, in her younger days, motorcycle rides. Most importantly, Joann cherished her family. Joann loved every moment spent with her children and grandchildren. She loved butterflies, and her family will know her love each time they see one.

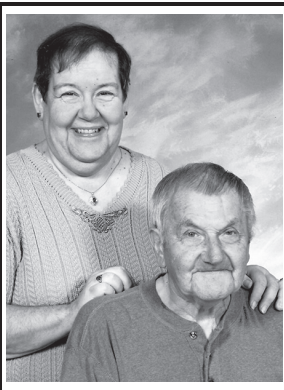
She was preceded in death by her parents; former spouse, Michael; husband, Dave; and brothers, Alan and Jim.

Memorials may be directed to a charity Joann would have appreciated such as an animal rescue, or to help those with Diabetes, COPD, or Cancer.

Please share your support and memories with Joann's family on her tribute wall at [www.stewartbaxter.com](http://www.stewartbaxter.com) under obituaries.

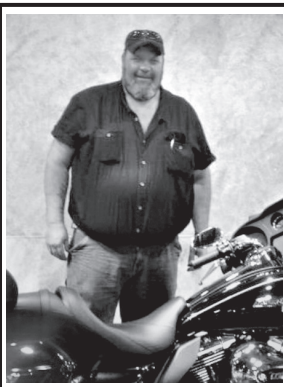


# OBITUARIES



Lyle Karau passed away on September 10, 2021 at Ascension hospital after a brief illness. He was born on April 7, 1930. He went to be with his beloved sister Kathy and parents Arthur and Katherine (Schneider) Karau. He is survived by many cousins. We want to thank Woodland Court for their loving care. Graveside service will be at the Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 24,

2021 at 3p.m. John J. Buettgen Funeral Home is assisting family at this time. Online condolences may be expressed at HonorOne.com



Jay "Jay Bird" Wayne Graap, age 56, of Merrill, WI was born on September 14, 1964. Jay passed away unexpectedly on 8/5/2021. Jay resided his whole life in Merrill. He attended Merrill High School and worked as a logger for Graap Logging for several years. Lastly he a Lead Blaster @ Merrill Iron and Steel.

Jay had a love for motorcycles especially Harley's. He didn't just ride as a hobby, it was his passion. He loved to ride with family, friends who are like family, and making memories. He also enjoyed 4-Wheeling. He took great pride especially doing a memorial ride for his late friend Rob Johnson. Jay is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Loافر Graap and Clarice Jean Graap. He is survived by his sister Sandy (Dave) Sherfinski, brother Kim Graap, and brother Tod Graap all of Merrill, WI along with several Nieces, Nephews, and Cousins. Also survived by his special girls Michelle (James) Brown, Mindy Meehein, and Lindsey Johnson.

Most people will remember Jay for his laugh and genuine love for life. Anyone who knew Jay knew he lived his own life on his terms right up to the end.

Celebration of Life and Motorcycle Ride were held previously but if wanting to see Highlights and videos please visit on Facebook Page: Jay Birds Celebration of Life. For anyone that wishes to do so, family asks that any future memorial contributions be monetary in Lieu of flowers. These can be dropped off at Incredible Bank in Merrill.



Shirley M. Kirstein, age 87, of Tomahawk, formerly of Merrill and Wausau, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Tomahawk. Shirley was born on April 10, 1934 in Wausau to Otto & Clara (Peters) Zumann. She was married to William Kirstein on May 19, 1956 in Wausau. Together they have two daughters. Shirley attended Madison General School of Nursing where she earned her nursing degree.

Shirley was formerly on the Town of Wilson election board. She enjoyed sewing and spending time with grandchildren and great grandchildren. Shirley was currently a faithful member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Shirley served on the altar guild and attended bible study in various congregations. She was a woman with very strong faith and had a very long prayer list. She was kind hearted, loving, and loved her family. Shirley is survived by her husband - William "Bill" Kirstein; two daughters - Laurie (Mark) Peterson & Sue (Randy) Blaschka; two grandchildren - Callie (Justin) Mayer & Tanner (Amy) Blaschka; and two great grandchildren - Everly & Elaina. She is further survived by three sisters-in-law - Eileen (Delmar) Kolbe, Lou Ann (James) Jester & Mary Kirstein. Shirley is preceded in death by her parents. The Memorial Service for Shirley Kirstein took place at 11:00AM on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomahawk. Pastor Stephen Gillet officiated. Visitation took place at the church from 9:30AM until the time of service at 11:00AM. Memorials are appreciated to St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice. Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents. The Memorial Service for Shirley Kirstein took place at 11:00AM on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomahawk. Pastor Stephen Gillet officiated. Visitation took place at the church from 9:30AM until the time of service at 11:00AM. Memorials are appreciated to St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice. Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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ADRC-CW PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE: 2022-2024 AGING PLAN As the designated area agency on Aging, the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin (ADRC-CW) is responsible for creating an aging plan every three years for the counties of: Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, and Wood. The plan addresses the needs of older adults and the identified services the agency provides.

As is required, public hearings are conducted by the ADRC-CW to gather feedback from older adults, caregivers, and the public on the draft of the 2022-2024 Aging Plan. The mission of the ADRC-CW is to promote choice and independence through personalized education, advocacy, and access to services that prevent, delay, and lessen the impact of aging and disabilities in the lives of adults. The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m. at the Antigo Community Church at 723 Deleglise Street, Antigo, WI 54409
- Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m. at the ADRC-CW Wausau office at 2600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 25, Wausau, WI 54401
- Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:30 a.m. at the Tomahawk Senior Community Center at 113 S. Tomahawk Avenue, Tomahawk, WI 54487
- Thursday, September 30, 2021 10:30 a.m. at the Second Street Community Center at 211 E 2nd Street, Marshfield, WI 54449

Comments can be submitted in person at the public hearings, submitted in writing to ADRC-CW, 220 3rd Ave South, or emailed to jennifer.cummings@adrc-cw.org. Written comments must be received by October 11, 2021.

A draft copy of the 2022-2024 Aging Plan will be available at the public hearings and available on the website after September 17, 2021. For additional information, please contact the Director of Aging and Wellness Jennifer Cummings, RN at 888-486-9545. Published Sept. 16, 2021 WNAIXLP

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 36

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Carl Edward Mahn, Jr.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 6/16/1933 and date of death 1/29/2017, 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 Published Sept. 2, 9 & 16, 2021 WNAIXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Amended Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 21-CV-100

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Thomas Lee Davis NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Thomas Lee Davis To: Thomas Lee Raymond Briggs Birth Certificate: Thomas Lee Davis IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Robert R. Russell Place: 1110 East Main Street, Branch 2, Merrill, WI 54452 Date: 10/7/21 Time: 10:00 am If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please

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call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Merrill Foto News, a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin. Published: Sept. 9, 16, 23, 2021 WNAIXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Case No. 21CV42 Code No. 30404

PREVAIL BANK Plaintiff, v. MICHAEL PULVER LINCOLN COUNTY Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of and pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above-entitled action on May 12, 2021 in the sum of \$68,845.26, the undersigned, Ken Schneider, Sheriff of Lincoln County, or his authorized designees, will sell at public auction in the main lobby of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on September 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. the following described mortgaged premises, which are to be sold together as indivisible homestead property: 1322 W. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452 PIN of 251-3106-104-0198

Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), Block Five (5) of Wisconsin Valley Lumber Co.'s Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

TERMS OF SALE: A down payment required at the time of Sheriff's Sale in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the winning bid; said payment being made in the form of cash, money order, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Lincoln County Clerk of Courts; balance of sale price is due in full within ten (10) days of confirmation of sale by the Court. Failure to post the remaining balance due shall result in the forfeiture of the down payment to the Plaintiff. Property to be sold as a whole "as is" and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties and interest, and any existing first in time mortgages or leasehold interests, and the right of the United States of America to redeem said property after sale within the period provided by 28 U.S.C. Section 2410. Purchaser to pay all transfer and recording fees and the cost of title evidence. Dated this 17th day of August, 2021 Ken Schneider Lincoln County Sheriff Prepared by: Justin J. Bates, Esq. Bates Legal Group, LLC State Bar No. 1066128 PO Box 1473 Wausau, WI 54402-1473 715-843-5599 To obtain bid information for this sale, please go to www.bateslegalgroup.com Published Sept. 2, 9 & 16, 2021 WNAIXLP

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of and pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above-entitled action on May 12, 2021 in the sum of \$30,354.22, the undersigned, Ken Schneider, Sheriff of Lincoln County, or his authorized designees, will sell at public auction in the main lobby of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on September 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. the following described mortgaged premises, which are to be sold together as indivisible homestead property: 212 N. Prospect Street, Merrill, WI 54452

PIN of 251-3106-113-0128 Lot Seventy-eight (78), of the Merrill Manufacturing Company's Addition to the Plan of Prospect Park, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

TERMS OF SALE: A down payment required at the time of Sheriff's Sale in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the winning bid; said payment being made in the form of cash, money order, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Lincoln County Clerk of Courts; balance of sale price is due in full within ten (10) days of confirmation of sale by the Court. Failure to post the remaining balance due shall result in the forfeiture of the down payment to the Plaintiff. Property to be sold as a whole "as is" and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties and interest, and any existing first in time mortgages or leasehold interests, and the right of the United States of America to redeem said property after sale within the period provided by 28 U.S.C. Section 2410. Purchaser to pay all transfer and recording fees and the cost of title evidence. Dated this 17th day of August, 2021 Ken Schneider Lincoln County Sheriff Prepared by: Justin J. Bates, Esq. Bates Legal Group, LLC State Bar No. 1066128 PO Box 1473 Wausau, WI 54402-1473 715-843-5599 To obtain bid information for this sale, please go to www.bateslegalgroup.com Published Sept. 2, 9 & 16, 2021 WNAIXLP

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of and pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above-entitled action on May 12, 2021 in the sum of \$47,788.58, the undersigned, Ken Schneider, Sheriff of Lincoln County, or his authorized designees, will sell at public auction in the main lobby of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on September 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. the following described mortgaged premises, which are to be sold together as indivisible homestead property: 1501 W. 1st Street, Merrill, WI 54452 PIN of 251-3106-104-0108

The North Five (5) feet of the East Fifty-two (52) feet of Lot Nine (9), and the East Eighty (80) feet of Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), all in Block Eleven (11), of the Plat of J.M. Smith and Co.'s Third Addition to West Merrill (now City of Merrill), Lincoln County, Wisconsin. TERMS OF SALE: A down payment required at the time of Sheriff's Sale in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the winning bid; said payment being made in the form of cash, money order, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Lincoln County Clerk of Courts; balance of sale price is due in full within ten (10) days of confirmation of sale by the Court. Failure to post the remaining balance due shall result in the forfeiture of the down payment to the Plaintiff. Property to be sold as a whole "as is" and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties and interest, and any existing first in time mortgages or leasehold interests, and the right of the United States of America to redeem said property after sale within the period provided by 28 U.S.C. Section 2410. Purchaser to pay all transfer and recording fees and the cost of title evidence. Dated this 17th day of August, 2021 Ken Schneider Lincoln County Sheriff Prepared by: Justin J. Bates, Esq. Bates Legal Group, LLC State Bar No. 1066128 PO Box 1473 Wausau, WI 54402-1473 715-843-5599 To obtain bid information for this sale, please go to www.bateslegalgroup.com Published Sept. 2, 9 & 16, 2021 WNAIXLP

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of the Merrill Area Common Public School District comprised of the City of Merrill, Towns of Birch, Corning, Harding, Harrison, Merrill, Pine River, Rock Falls, Russell, Schley, Scott and such parts of Ackley and Vilas as are in such district, that the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing of said district for the transaction of school business and the approval of the tax levy for the 2021-2022 school year will be held in the Merrill High School Auditorium (1201 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin - please enter the building at Door #16) on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Detailed copies of the budget are on our website, on file in the office of the Superintendent of Schools and at most Merrill financial institutions. Published September 9 & 16, 2021 WNAIXLP

In memory of Robert Luedtke  
 Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.  
 When someone you love becomes a memory that memory becomes a treasure. Sadly missed and loved by wife, children and grandchildren.

Don't be late with your Classified Deadline Mondays at 4:00 pm

## NOTICE MERRILL WATER UTILITY SYSTEM FLUSHING

In an effort to check and improve water quality, the Merrill Water Utility will be flushing hydrants and the water system, on a citywide basis, the week of September 27, 2021 through October 1, 2021 in the following areas:

- East of Center Avenue on Monday, September 27, 2021.
- Center Avenue, west to Prairie River on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.
- Prairie River, west to Wisconsin River on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.
- West of the Wisconsin River (6th Ward) on Thursday, September 30, 2021.
- South of Wisconsin River on Friday, October 1, 2021.

You may notice discoloration during or following flushing. This should be eliminated shortly after you run water through your own service line. If problems persist, please call the Merrill Water Utility at 536-6561.

Gabe Steinagel Utilities Manager  
 Published September 16 & 23, 2021 WNAIXLP



# Autumn was in the air for the Fall Festival

## Beautiful weather made for good attendance

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

The Fourth Annual Fall Festival on the River Bend Trail was held Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Agra Pavilion on the River Bend Trail and drew attendees for the food, the crafts, the music, the fun, and the fresh air. Whether out for a walk, or wandering over to check out the restored cupola from the T.B. Scott Mansion in its permanent new location on the Trail, or coming specifically to check out the crafts and vendors, the beautiful seasonal weather made for a fairly steady

stream of visitors to enjoy the Fall Festival.

"We had approximately 25 vendors," said Greg Hartwig, one of the event's organizers. Attendance was pretty good, especially in consideration of all of the other events happening around town on Saturday, he said.

"We do this for small business to promote their products," Hartwig said. "The event is always free for vendors and the public to attend."

This year, "People got to meet the new owners of Merrill Ace Hardware who cooked up pork and mac and cheese on the Traeger

grill," he said. "They gave out samples."

Musical entertainment was on location, with Mark Robl, Russ Zoellner, and Jim Rehwinkel donating their time and talent. And, of course, with more than 20 vendors, there was a lot of variety in the wares available for purchase: from woodworking and pottery to cupcakes and jewelry, plus much more.

The Friends of the River Bend Trail also sold insulated drink bottles and accepted donations from attendees. "All proceeds are going toward the new section of trail!" Hartwig said.



Cupcakes were one of the delicious options available for purchase at the vendor tables at the Fall Festival on the River Bend Trail. Submitted photo.

### REAL ESTATE & AUCTIONS

**ALange Auction & Realty**

**Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00 AM**

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### MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**09-06-2021**  
At 7:15 p.m. there was a report of a reckless driver, driving a green sedan, traveling southbound on highway 51. The vehicle exited on highway 64 into the City of Merrill near the South Ridge Ave. stoplights. Officers were able to locate the vehicle at a gas station in that area. The vehicle displayed a State of Minnesota license plate. The operator of the vehicle was under the influence of alcohol and taken into custody. The subject was arrested for an OWI 2nd offense.

At 9:39 p.m. officers stopped a vehicle driving without headlights or taillights. The operator of the vehicle was under the influence of alcohol. The driver was cited for OWI 1st offense and later released to a responsible party.

**09-07-2021**  
At 2:36 a.m. officers were dispatched to a residence for a report of a male party attempting to gain entry and making statements of having a firearm. Officers arrived and located the suspect a short distance from the scene. It was determined the male was previously in a relationship with the female reporting party. No firearm was located on the male or in the area of the scene. The male was arrested for domestic related disorderly conduct and threatening computer messages.

At 9:01 a.m. an officer responded to a local retail store for a report of a counterfeit bill. The bill was collected by the officer and brought back to the police department. The investigation is ongoing.

At 9:30 p.m. officers responded

to a report of a domestic incident involving a male party brandishing a firearm. Officers located the male party and were able to take him into custody. It was discovered that the male had battered his girlfriend and was making threats with a firearm. The male was arrested for domestic battery, disorderly conduct while armed, and misdemeanor bail jumping.

At 11:32 p.m. officers responded to a residence for a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers arrived on scene and made contact with the involved male and female parties. Officers located a methamphetamine pipe and methamphetamine inside the apartment while interviewing the involved. The male party was arrested on charges of domestic disorderly conduct, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**09-08-21**  
At 9:06 a.m. a caller reported finding denting on his vehicle hood.  
At 3:56 p.m. a male was arrested for a probation violation at the request of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

At 4:21 p.m. a male was arrested for a probation violation at the request of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

**09-09-21**  
At 2:17 a.m. a caller reported observing some youths throwing something at one of the elementary schools. Officers located four youths in the area. It was found the youths had thrown beer cans at one of the doors of the school but no damage was observed. All four youths were

cited for curfew violations and two of them were cited for tobacco violations.

At 11:25 a.m. a caller reported a delivery truck struck their business causing damage to some lighting. The driver reported he was unaware he had struck the lights. Arrangements were made for the delivery company to pay for the damage to the lights.

**09-10-21**  
At 09:17 a.m. dispatch advised of a runaway juvenile. The runaway juvenile had not been coming home for the past couple days from school. An officer was able to make contact with the juvenile and ask where they were staying. The officer spoke with the mother and advised to call if the behavior continues.

At 2:36 p.m. officers were dispatched to West Main Street for a report of a vehicle doing burnouts in front of a residence. Officers spoke with the reporting party and verified who was doing the burnouts. Officers will continue to attempt to make contact with the suspect.

At 9:13 p.m. dispatch advised of a possible intoxicated driver located at an East Main Street business. An officer made contact with the subject who appeared to be physically disabled and not under the influence of intoxicants. The subject decided to walk to where she was staying at in Merrill because her driver's license was suspended.

**09-11-21**  
Around 1:28 p.m. dispatch advised of a driving complaint of vehicles exceeding the speed limit near the 500 block of Genesee Street in the

City of Merrill. An officer observed the vehicles legally parked on the street and no traffic violations were observed.

Around 3:11 p.m. a vehicle was stopped for speed on Taylor Street near Grand Ave in the City of Merrill. The driver was issued a written warning for speed.

Around 5:53 p.m. dispatch advised of a threat complaint of an employee at a nursing home in the City of Merrill. The report was an employee received threats to her life from a coworkers wife. The officer was able to talk with both parties involved and the situation was resolved.

Around 6:08 p.m. officers were dispatched to an apartment complex for a report of a suicide threat. The reporting party stated that the resident texted photos to her stating he was going to end his life using a 30/06 rifle. Officers were able to set up a perimeter around the complex and shut down Memorial Drive for traffic. Officers took the suspect into protective custody and located the rifle in the residence. The suspect was transported to NCHCC in Wausau for further evaluation.

**09-12-2021**  
At 2:00 a.m. an officer responded to a local tavern for a report of a hit-and-run vehicle crash. The suspect was identified by the officer and was cited for unsafe backing and operating after revocation.

At 4:28 p.m. officers were dispatched to a residence for a report of a female party with warrants. Officers located the female and she was taken into custody on the warrants.

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# Crime Stoppers raid Roaring Twenties fundraiser

## Event and mock raid nets Crime Stoppers \$1,800

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

On August 5, 36 people attended the Roaring Twenties Crime Stoppers fundraiser at Helene's Barn Cellar. With the venue decorated in 1920's style, prohibition era signs at the entrance, and about 80 percent of attendees dressed in 1920's garb, attendees turned back time nearly 100 years for a little fun and fundraising. Just as the evening kicked off, Lincoln County Sheriff's Lieutenant Andrew Schmidt (in attendance and dressed like a 1920's gangster) "announced that the speakeasy was being raided and everyone in attendance was under arrest!" Crime Stoppers President Ken Neff said.

Neff reiterated that, of course there would be a raid! Because this was a Crime Stoppers dinner ... and Crime Stoppers exists to stop all crime, including those committed at a speakeasy during prohibition!

The fun continued with Merrill's own "Mr. Crime Stopper," Elroy "Heinie" Lemke, in attendance outfitted in his black and white jailbird jumpsuit. His mock "escape from the law" ended quickly and he was ap-

prehended along with the rest of the attendees during the "raid."

In addition to a delicious dinner and drinks, attendees enjoyed the theme, the fun, and viewing a "Thompson submachine gun provided by the Lincoln County Sheriff's office," Neff said. "People were able to have photographs taken in their 20's era clothing with the weapon. It was a big hit."

The event netted Crime Stoppers about \$1,800. Not a bad take for a 1920's-era raid!



Many attendees came dressed for the 1920's, but some were more ready than others for a bootleg run or a quick getaway!  
**Submitted photo.**



Dody Neubauer & Elroy "Heinie" Lemke, a/k/a Mr. Crime Stopper, at the Aug. 5 Crime Stoppers' Roaring Twenties Dinner at Helene's Barn Cellar.  
**Submitted photo.**



Heinie tried to escape but was quickly recaptured by the Sheriff's Dept.  
**Submitted photo.**

# 2021 Farmland Zone Antlerless Harvest Authorization Selection Now Open

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has opened 2021 Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorization selection.

The archery season will open on Sept. 18, and many hunters have already purchased their hunting license for the 2021 season. Hunters purchasing a deer hunting license can now log into their Go Wild account to select the Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorizations included with their license at no additional charge.

Hunters must select the unit and land type (public or private) where they plan to fill their Farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorizations. Refer to the 2021 Farmland (Zone 2) map to see how many harvest authorizations are issued for the deer management unit(s) you intend to hunt. Then log into your Go Wild account online to select the unit and land type for your authorizations. If you have a gun deer license and an archer and/or crossbow license, you will be allowed to make two selections for unit and land type.

If you cannot access your online account, you can visit an open DNR service center or license agent to complete your selection for a \$2 processing fee.

More information about deer hunting in Wisconsin is available at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/deer>.

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## WISH Rising Stars Scholarship is born out of COVID-19

### Applications are due Oct. 1, 2021

"Born out of COVID-19 in an effort to build something positive out of the pandemic," Wisconsin Illinois Senior Housing Inc. (WISH) is accepting applications for their WISH Rising Stars Scholarship through Oct. 1, 2021.

"Many high school students applied for jobs at WISH senior care facilities to help others during what turned out to be one of

the most difficult and lonely times for seniors," a WISH press release said. "This is WISH's way of giving back to our communities and investing in our next generation."

Although not required, students with an interest in health care, long term care, or post-acute care are encouraged to apply. The scholarship is open to Wisconsin and Illinois high school students

and WISH employees. Bell Tower Residence in Merrill is a WISH employer.

Since Fall 2020, approximately \$67,000 has been awarded to 40 recipients.

Fall 2021 awards will be announced on or around Nov. 1, 2021.

For more information and a link to the application, go to: [bit.ly/wish-scholarship](http://bit.ly/wish-scholarship).

## HERITAGE from page 3

people to the United States. It began as a weeklong observance in 1968, when President Lyndon B. Johnson declared the week of Sept. 15 as Hispanic Heritage Week. Sept. 15 is the Independence Day of several Hispanic countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico celebrates its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile celebrates its independence on Sept. 18.

Twenty years later, in 1988, President Ronald

Regan extended the observance to 30 days, proclaiming Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month each year.

This year's local celebration of the rich culture and important contributions of the Hispanic community is being hosted by HAVEN [Household Abuse Victims Emergency Network]. HAVEN offers bilingual Spanish-English advocacy for individuals and families experiencing interpersonal abuse and violence.

"Come and join us for food, festivities, music, and fun," Baacke said. "Esperamos verte ahí! [We hope to see you there!]"



This year's Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Normal Park on Sept. 18 will feature traditional foods from many Hispanic cultures available for purchase and is guaranteed to be a flavor-filled fiesta!  
**Submitted photo.**

## In Memory Of



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Sadly missed by her husband, Jame Engel, her children, Jody, Tracy and Jamie her grand children and her great grand children



# Annual fall electronics recycling event postponed

## Alternatives available

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

In past years, Merrill has held a Good News Project electronics recycling event in conjunction with a local non-profit group (such as Kiwanis or Noon Optimists) each September. Unfortunately, this year's fall event had to be postponed, according to Bill Weber, one of the event's annual organizers, as they have been unable to recruit enough volunteers to hold the event on-site in Merrill. He is hopeful that they will be able to hold the event in the springtime.

In the meantime, Merrill residents can still recycle their electronics at the Good News Project's warehouse, 1106 N. Fifth St., Wausau, each Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The cost is 45 cents per pound, and they will accept "just about anything with a cir-

cuit board and/or electric cord that is smaller than a large appliance." From DVD players, game systems, cords, Christmas lights, and stereo equipment, to blow dryers, toasters, televisions, microwaves, air conditioners, and even dorm size refrigerators, the Good News Project offers an affordable way to clean out the electronic clutter in your home, so you don't need to wait until spring. Laptops, smart phones, and cell phones are accepted at no charge. Smoke detectors cost a flat \$15 each to recycle.

The Good News Project does not accept large appliances, but advise that Yaeger Auto Salvage does. Likewise, they will not take light bulbs or batteries but recommend Batteries Plus & Bulbs will take those. And they suggest the Salvation Army or Faith in Action of Marathon County is a good place to drop off ink and toner cartridges.

### LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS

For week ending Sept. 12, 2021

A 57-year-old Minocqua man was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and lewd, lascivious behavior in public Tuesday evening following a report of a man walking around naked at the Larson Lake Wayside/Park.

A 33-year-old Ontonagon, Mich., man was stopped and cited for speeding and operating without a license after he was observed traveling 90mph on USH 51 near State Rd. 64.

A 42-year-old Merrill woman was arrested Tuesday evening on charges of battery and strangulation/suffocation following a disturbance in the Township of Scott.

A motorist traveling on USH 51 near County Rd. K reported their vehicle being struck by a piece of wood that had flown off a trailer being towed by a vehicle in front of them. The wood struck the complainant's vehicle, causing the windshield to be smashed on the driver's side.

A 21-year-old Wausau woman was stopped and cited for speeding after she was observed traveling 87 mph on USH 8 near Gatewood Heights Rd.

A 26-year-old Merrill man was arrested Saturday morning on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia, three counts of bail jumping, and a warrant for failure to appear.

A 41-year-old Tomahawk man was arrested Sunday morning on charges of domestic battery, domestic disorderly conduct, and strangulation/suffocation following a domestic disturbance in the City of Tomahawk.

Seven people reported striking deer last week.

# LCHS July Honorariums

The Lincoln County Humane Society would like to thank everyone who donated in honor of a loved one in July:

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Thank you, Merrill for your cooperation and blessed generosity!

### MERRILL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 12, 2021

Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO 1  
Community Paramedicine Program visit 1  
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury 28  
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill 1  
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional 1

Smoke scare, odor of smoke 1  
Total Incidents This Week: 33  
Total Incidents/Calls for 2021: 1,539

# 7th Annual



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The Haunted Sawmill will hold a special pre-season "Spook-tacular" event on Sept. 24, 2021. Tina L. Scott photo.

# Sawmill Spook-tacular event at Haunted Sawmill

Vincent and his creepy crew are gearing up for October

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The Haunted Sawmill, 700 Hendricks St. in Merrill, is hosting a "Sawmill Spook-tacular" event on Friday, Sept. 24. "It's going to be a full-costume dress rehearsal night for our actors and crew," said Jerry Hersil, President of The Friends of Vincent Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that runs the haunt as a fundraiser to help promote its mission of helping children in the Merrill community.

"But we are also going to be inviting our sponsors and offering half-price tickets to the community."

Gates will be open from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and tickets for this event will be \$7.50 each.

"The event will be open to everyone, but we are especially focusing on our sponsors and the Scare Crew's family and friends," he said. The leaders will be working with the actors to help them develop their acting and "scaring" techniques.

"This will be the test run for our troupe acting idea," Hersil said. "The troupes are groups of actors that will latch onto some of our unsuspecting guests and follow them all the way through the haunt. The troupe concept allows our actors to not have to stay in one spot and to expand their acting range."

"We are inviting Louisiana Pacific to join us starting at 6:30 p.m. for the naming of our community room after them," Hersil said, "in recognition of all of their sponsorship over the years."

One of their biggest sponsors since it started, their donations of sheets of plywood every year has enabled them to remodel the outside and to build rooms inside the haunt. "Their donations have also given our teen volunteers materials to paint artwork on, given them hands-on training with working with tools as they help with construction, and shown them essential building skills," he said. "They are invaluable to us. You cannot look at the Haunted Sawmill without seeing their materials in every facet of the project."

## T.B. Scott Library hosts Wisconsin State Parks: Extraordinary Stories of Geology and Natural History

Science writer Scott Spoolman and author of a new book will present on: "Wisconsin State Parks: Extraordinary Stories of Geology and Natural History" at the T.B. Scott Free Library. The pre-

sentation, on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 4:30 p.m., is free and open to the public. Masks are required at the Library, regardless of vaccination status. Spoolman will hold a book signing after the presentation.

## Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM  
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Malignant (Now showing in theatres)

★★★★☆

Rated R – For language, violence, gore, and adult themes.

Well my friends, that time has come 'round again. Summer is ending, the temperature is cooling, Walmart has Halloween decorations for sale, and horror movies have started to flood into cinemas.

First out of the gate this season is *Malignant*, a truly disturbing entry into the horror genre, but unlike so many other generic horror films, this one is actually original and well-crafted and frankly, very good.

See MALIGNANT page 10



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**MALIGNANT** from page 9  
Madison Mitchell, Wallis (Star Trek played by Annabelle Discovery), is a woman in



the middle of what can only be described as a rough life, and as we meet her, that life becomes decidedly rougher.  
To tell you much more than that would be a disservice to both you and the filmmakers' intent. This is a film that deserves to be spoiler free, because the twist is just so darn good and does not come out of left field; eagle-eyed viewers with a penchant for solving mysteries may actually be able to piece it together.  
*Malignant* surprised me. It was entertaining and clever in ways that

are hard to come by in this particular genre.  
It also boasts an excellent supporting cast from George Young's (pretty much a newbie) portrayal of detective Kekoa Shaw, to Ingrid Bisu's (*The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It*) lovesick CSI agent Winnie. The cast is obviously game for this film, and nobody is just going through the motions for a paycheck.  
*Malignant* has some real moments where you are asking - *What the heck is going on?* - but at no point do you feel that your intelligence is being taken for granted.

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CORRECTION: Last week I reviewed *John Carter* and by mistake, I only allotted that film two stars when my intent was to award it three stars. Sorry, folks.

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**Rummage Sales Upcoming 7202**

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**HUGE SALE:** September 16, 17, 18 Time: 8-5 each day. Lots of fishing plugs, old and new antique plugs, nets, spinners, walleye jigs, tackle boxes, tip downs, tip ups, hooks, leaders, bobbers, sinkers, fishing poles, reels, line, trailers, trailer stands, antique been bar coffee table, saws, drills, shovels, rakes, sledge hammers, hunting clothes, antique metal wagon wheels, lots of miscellaneous. 164963 Hwy 52 Wausau, 2 miles east of Nutterville between Hwy J South and Hwy J North. 715-432-9052 Early sales available.

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**Auctions 7282**

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Thursday, Sept. 16th	<b>Football (Varsity, JV, &amp; JV2)</b> Hayward (JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 17th	Hayward Comm. (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Saturday, Sept. 18th	<b>Volleyball (Varsity, JV, &amp; JV2)</b> Bloomer (JV)	Away	9:00 am
Saturday, Sept. 18th	Multiple Schools (JV2)	Home	9:00 am
Saturday, Sept. 18th	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am
Monday, Sept. 20th	Stevens Point (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 23rd	D. C. Everest (JV & JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 23rd	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 21st	<b>Tennis (Varsity &amp; JV)</b> D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 23rd	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 16th	<b>Boy Soccer (Varsity &amp; JV)</b> D. C. Everest (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 16th	D. C. Everest (JV)	Away	7:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 20th	Mosinee (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 21st	Wausau East (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 21st	Wausau East (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 23rd	Wausau West (JV & Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Saturday, Sept. 18th	<b>Cross Country (Varsity &amp; JV)</b> Tribute Golf (Varsity)	Away	8:30 am
Tuesday, Sept. 21st	Gartzke Flowage (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 23rd	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 16th	<b>Swimming (Varsity &amp; JV)</b> WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 23rd	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:30 pm

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July 5-7 the Merrill 12U All Star Team went 1 for 3 in the 2021 Little League Majors Tournament in Rhinelander. Merrill defeated Wausau Americans in game one but fell short of moving on to week two after losing to Wausau Nationals and Rhinelander. Congratulations to these boys! Front row L to R: Jensen Olson, Easton Simon, Brodie Isaacson, Brody Klebenow, Erik Grunewald, and Connor Josiger. Back row L to R: Coach Josiger, Jayden Graap, Brayden Nelson, Will Memietz, Jesse Morin, Hunter Yingling, Lakeyn Adams, Coach Graap, and Coach Simon. **Submitted photo.**

## Bluejay Girls Varsity Volleyball

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Thursday, Sept. 9, the Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Team played SPASH on the Panthers' home court. The Lady Jays put the Panthers through their paces and came away with a 3-1 win.

"I was so impressed with the way we came out in the first set tonight," Coach Kris Krug said. "Everybody was talking, we made all of our

serves, and we were flowing together - it was like we couldn't do anything wrong."

"Then, after awhile, you could see SPASH was starting to take advantage of a few open spots we had, and then we started struggling to make a play," she said. "Several times we were down, once even by seven points, but we kept battling back to finish the game. That was something we couldn't do at the beginning of the season. You can tell our underclassmen are gaining confidence, and they are only going to be getting better."

"Our seniors were solid tonight ... McKenna Meyer had a great game," Krug said. "They just couldn't stop her. When she starts to connect with the ball, she's going to be a force to reckon with."

**Box Score**  
Merrill 3 @ SPASH 1

"We are coming off a tournament at UW-Whitewater, having learned a lot. We had a week of having very productive practices," Coach Kris Krug said.

At the meet against Wausau East on Thursday, Sept. 2, "you could tell how excited the girls were for their first home match," she said. "It was great to see our fans and student section back; the energy in the gym was much higher than last year."

"However, when we got out there, it seemed like we struggled to harness the energy in the gym," Krug said. "Our communication wasn't there, we let balls drop, and we missed way too many serves in the first set."

"I don't think we were expecting Wausau East to be a solid blocking team, but they were," she said. "Fortunately, after the first set, we did a pretty good job reading through the net and making smarter plays. Once we were able to get in a groove, we did a better job of getting the ball to the setter, and the setter did a good job moving the ball around. This young team is only going to get better with every match we play."

**Box Score**  
Wausau East 0 @ Merrill 3

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Claire Schultz**, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Claire said she started taking swim lessons when she was less than a year old and began swimming competitively at the age of eight. She has been a member of the Merrill Bluejays Girls Swim Team since she was a Freshman and currently swims the 200 Yard Freestyle, 50 Yard Freestyle, and is a part of the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay and 200 Yard Medley Relay teams. Claire said she is a year-round swimmer, and she also teaches private swim lessons and works at a lifeguard at the Weston YMCA where she swims competitively November to August as a part of the Weston YMCA Northern Swimmers (WYNS). At MHS, Claire is involved in FFA, Tri-M, Marching Band, and Wind Ensemble Band. She plays percussion and plays the bass drum in Marching Band. Claire attends Highland Community Church and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. When she's not at school or in the water, she loves being outdoors hiking, sledding, snowboarding, and hanging out with friends.

Claire is the daughter of Lowie Schultz of Merrill. She has a 3.9 GPA and plans to attend college to study science, most likely biology she said. She plans to continue swimming competitively in college.



**Claire Schultz**

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