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Pine River Fire Department to hold 17th Annual Pig Roast and Open House

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TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Pine River Fire Department will hold its 17th Annual Pig Roast and Open House this Saturday, Sept. 25, beginning at 1:00 p.m. with activities going on throughout the evening, and culminating with a fireworks show. Food, fun, and Fire and EMS demonstrations will educate, entertain, and satisfy the tastebuds. Activities for the kids include the Children's Safety House and other activities, and the kids will also

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Andy Geiss of Geiss Meats spent hours grilling up 1,000 pounds of ribs in preparation for Pork in the Park & More.
Tina L. Scott photo.

Merrill Festival Grounds ... Tasty ribs, horsemanship, jewelry, and guns?

7th Annual Pork in the Park & More mixes a little bit of everything!

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

This year's 7th Annual Pork in the Park & More last Saturday, Sept. 18, drew crowds for an eclectic mix of attractions, likely bringing spec-

tators and participants for one thing who then took advantage of the opportunity to check out all the other things the Merrill Festival Grounds had to offer. Whether you came for the ribs and took advantage of the horse

rides for the kids, or came for the gun show and were drawn down to the other end of the grounds by the aroma of ribs, and then got Optimist cheese curds and picked

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Northwoods Veterans Post holds Grand Opening

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EDITOR

After the "We Remember" memorial held outside the Northwoods Veterans Post on Johnson St. in Merrill on Sept. 11, the crowds came to celebrate the long-awaited Grand Opening of the Northwoods Veterans Post. Speakers at the festivities spoke to the fact that the new building, for which the Grand Opening had to be rescheduled a couple of times due to COVID, is the culmination of the efforts of many individuals and organizations who made it happen. It is also a model for other communities to emulate, because in Merrill, in the design and actualization of the new Northwoods Veterans Post, Merrill has done what few other communities have done: created a building that combines the needs and desires of multiple related organiza-



Veterans, auxiliary members, family, and the community gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Northwoods Veterans Post on Sept. 11, 2021.
Tina L. Scott photo.

tions and serves each one, focusing on working together to create one building that serves the community. The new Northwoods Veterans Post (NVP) is home to eight organizations: the Schmitt-Manecke-Donner Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1638, VFW Post 1638

Auxiliary, Am Vets Post 2000, American Legion Post 46, Honor Guard, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts. The large building includes a bar and restaurant area which is open

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“North Woodies” Ducks Unlimited Banquet

The “North Woodies” Ducks Unlimited Banquet, a Ladies Night Out fund-raising dinner presented by the Merrill and Tomahawk Area Ladies Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Merrill Eagles Club. The organization raises money for wetland and wildlife restoration. Tickets are still available and can be purchased from Linda Blake at 715.536.7988. All ladies are welcome.



Motorcycles were everywhere this past week, but especially in Tomahawk, as thousands headed up for the Annual Fall Ride. There were eight injury crashes in Lincoln County during this timeframe, six of which involved motorcycles, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. Though some individuals were transported by ambulance as a result of the crashes, none appeared to be life threatening, a spokesperson for the Department said. Beautiful weather combined with safe riding made it a great annual event.

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Sex offender to be released to Lincoln County

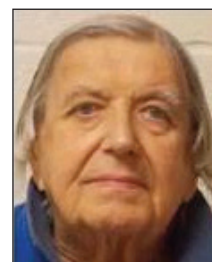
The following release is in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 301.46(2m).

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections is notifying the public of the release of a convicted sex offender.

David J. Malsch, DOB 03/22/39, is expected to be released under supervision

with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections on 09/23/21. He was convicted of Receipt of Child Pornography and Child Enticement-Expose Sex Organ.

This notification is not intended to increase fear, rather, it is our belief that an informed public is a safer public. Sex offenders have always lived in our com-



Malsch

munities; but was not until the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry and Community Notification Law was enacted that law enforcement was able to share this information with the public.

David J. Malsch will be residing in Lincoln County. He will be supervised for life, as well as a lifetime registrant with the Wisconsin Sex Offender

Registry Program. The Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry can be located at <https://doc.wi.gov>

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office cannot control the release or placement of a sex offender. Questions can be directed to 715.536.6272.

Lincoln County Sports Club public meeting Sept. 23

The Lincoln County Sports Club announced

their general membership meeting, which is

open to the public, will be Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Club, 5071 Schulz Spur Rd., Merrill.

The meeting will feature a guest speaker, Rosie Page, who is the Coordinator for the Wisconsin Headwaters Invasive Partnership. She will present information regarding aquatic and terrestrial invasive species found in our area. A light lunch will follow.

The last general membership meeting was held 18 months ago, and meetings were suspended temporarily due to COVID.

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REBOOT Combat Recovery program to begin in Merrill

Veterans, First Responders, and spouses invited to overcome trauma together

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

In the fall of 2019, REBOOT Combat Recovery Mission #1 was held in Merrill with 12 participants. Mission #2 was postponed in 2020 due to COVID and is now set to launch this Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021, at the Northwoods Veterans Post, 601 Johnson St., in Merrill. The program will run once a week on Sundays through Nov. 28, beginning with a meal at 5:00 p.m. and then class from 6:00-7:00 p.m. There is no cost to participate, and child-care can be provided if requested in advance.

REBOOT is described as a "faith-based, peer-led course empowering people of all walks of life to overcome trauma and embrace a brighter future." Focused on practical tools, healing courses, training, and building a supportive community, the program exists to help participants break free of the pain of past traumas and tragedy. When existing therapies or medications fail to

help, REBOOT is an alternative to helping people find renewed purpose and strength and move forward with living for a better future.

Each week, participants progress through a trauma-healing curriculum with a lesson guided by a leader.

"It's not a lecture. It's a conversation," the program emphasizes. "Every participant plays a part in helping one another."

"At REBOOT, we introduce people to the redemptive heart of God through our trauma healing courses and online community," the website said. "Our programs provide a unique blend of clinical insight and Christian faith-based support. They are safe, private, peer-led, and outcomes-driven."

REBOOT originally started as a program to help combat veterans in 2011. In 2018, the program was introduced for First Responders. Since 2011, REBOOT has helped more than 10,000 people overcome the trials, tragedies, and traumas of their past.

The Merrill REBOOT program is open to veterans and their spouses, as well as First Responders.

The REBOOT website indicates there are nearly 300 course locations, spanning 34 states and 7 countries, making REBOOT Recovery the largest peer-led trauma healing program in the world.

One of the program's goals is to help reduce suicides. The REBOOT website cites the following statistics:

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From L to R: Business Consultant John Douglas from Arby's Restaurant Group Inc.; shown with Gary Schwartz, co-owner, Manager Rebecca Sowinski; and Mary Schwartz, co-owner, all of Merrill Arby's. Douglas presented the Merrill team with an Award for the Highest Sales Increase in 2020. "This is quite an honor for Manager Becky and her staff," Gary Schwartz said, "because the Merrill Arby's earned 1st place out of the 47 franchise organizations in the North Region of 11 states." Merrill Arby's is located at 3350 E. Main St., inside the the Pine Ridge C-store, and is open daily 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Submitted photo.**



The Lincoln County Beef Producers Club awarded Tavin Heidemann, son of Dirk and Jessica Heidemann of Merrill, the Grand Champion Beef Breeding Stock plaque on Aug. 12 during the Lincoln County Fair. **Submitted photo.**

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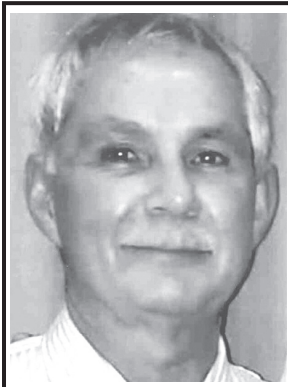
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Bruce A. Plautz, age 63, of Reedsburg, died on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison surrounded by his family. He was born on October 31, 1957 in Merrill, the son of Walter and Darlene (Fellbaum) Plautz.

Bruce had worked for over thirty years at Foremost Farms and later at the Anderson Chemical Company until the time of his passing. He had enjoyed ice fishing, camping especially at both the Hodag Country Festival and MC Festivals.

He also liked cutting wood, tinkering on just about anything, always had a kid at heart outlook, spending time on his hobby farm as well as treasuring his time spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife: Patricia; two daughters: Tracey (Mikey) Sherwood of Reedsburg and Dana Plautz (Mark Allbaugh) of Loganville; five grandchildren: Haley, Ryan, Saige, Ross and Sulas; one great-grandson: Ethan; his mother: Darlene Osness, of Wausau; two brothers: Greg Plautz of Wausau and Darrell Plautz of Irma; his two faithful companions: Mitsy and Mindy; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father: Walter; his brother: Dale Plautz; his stepfather: Ray Osness and his mother-in-law: Giesela Laatsch.

A Memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, October 15, 2021 at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Reedsburg with Pastor Beth Voigt officiating. There will be a visitation from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at the Hoof Funeral Home in Reedsburg and after 10:00 A.M. on Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family would be appreciated. The Hoof Funeral Home is serving the family.



Gladys L. Hintze, age 100, passed away September 18, 2021 at Good Samaritan Health Center, Merrill. She was born November 2, 1920 in Clare, Iowa to the late Otis F. and Esther A. C. (Johnson) Fortney. On July 8, 1964, Gladys and Ralph E. Hintze were united in marriage, a union that would last nearly 50 years. Ralph preceded her in death on June 26, 2012.

Gladys attended a one room schoolhouse in Fort Dodge through the 9th grade. She worked as a bookkeeper for 25 years, working at 1st National Foods and later at the hat store, which she managed for much of that time. Gladys loved family gatherings, especially Easter breakfast. She also enjoyed playing cards, her favorite was calling out "Trump"! Gladys was a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. She was very caring and family oriented and always there for whoever needed her. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her son: William (Gladys) Dietrich, of Wausau; daughter-in-law: Barbara Dietrich, Wausau; stepson: Dennis (Barb) Hintze, Merrill; stepdaughter: Susan (Tom) Okray, Pine Mountain, GA; 19 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ralph, three children, Diane K. Krenz, Lyle W. Dietrich, and Wanda Helvey, two great grandsons, Justin Krenz and Tyler Krenz, three great-great-grandchildren, Keaton Wiesman, Kendel Wiesman, and Anthony Moser, two sisters, Ruth Richmond and Dorothy Magnuson and one brother, Charles Fortney.

Funeral Services for Gladys will take place at 12:00 PM on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Waid Funeral Home. Rev. Neal Bohm will officiate. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service, Friday, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Luther Memorial Cemetery, town of Russell.

Waid Funeral Home and Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements. Online tributes are welcome and may be left at www.waidfuneral.com.



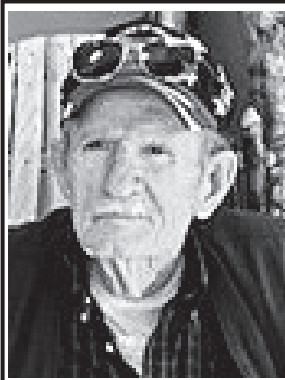
James E. "Jim" Plautz, age 77, of the Town of Texas, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, September 19, 2021. He was born September 4, 1944 in Merrill to the late Edward H. and Sophie (Bartelt) Plautz. On May 1, 1965, Jim was united in marriage to the love of his life, Mary R. Plautz, a union that would last over 50 years. She preceded him in death in January of 2018.

Jim attended grade school at Trinity Lutheran Church and graduated from Merrill Senior High School. He worked his whole career at Wisconsin Fuel & Light (Wisconsin Public

Service) as a Locator. Jim was a very loving and outspoken person who enjoyed fishing, spending time at the cabin, deer hunting, making maple syrup, snowmobiling with family and friends, and feeding the deer. He enjoyed helping out at his grandsons wedding barn, wood working and gardening, or anything else he could create with his hands. In his earlier years he enjoyed many camping trips with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his daughter: Michelle Plautz (Bryan); son: Brad (Rose) Plautz; two grandchildren: Christopher (Marling) and Jonathon (Kristina) Schultz; six great-grandchildren: John Henry, Ava, Lily, Isla, Paisley and Reese and one more on the way; brother-in-law: Kenny Graap and special friend: MaryAnn. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, parents, father and mother-in-law, and sister, Carolyn.

A Memorial Service for Jim will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev. Scott Gustafson will officiate. Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM until the time of service, also at the church. Lunch will follow the service in the church basement. Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are welcome and may be left at www.waidfuneral.com.



James 'Jim' M. Dickson Sr., age 85, of Merrill, WI, formerly of Portage, WI, died on Monday, September 13, 2021, at his home. He was born on December 27, 1935, in McAlester, OK and was the adopted son to the late Marion and Mary (Fitzner) Dickson.

Jim was raised and attended school in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Jim enlisted in the Air Force proudly serving his country with the 388th Fighter Squadron stationed in Clovis, New Mexico. During Jim's service with the United States Air Force, he served in Korea and Japan as a Staff Sergeant and crew chief maintaining aircraft, specifically maintaining their engines. While in the Air Force, Jim also became a 3rd degree black belt in karate and found a love of motorcycling. Jim had a wide variety of hobbies and interests including prospecting, traveling throughout the West, treasure hunting and was a certified diver.

After leaving the military Jim worked in construction, paving roads, building bridges, and later pursued what he enjoyed the most; working on heating and refrigeration systems as a technician and later owning his own business. Jim's passion was making broken things work and helping people. Jim was self-taught and later shared his knowledge teaching at a tech school in Texas.

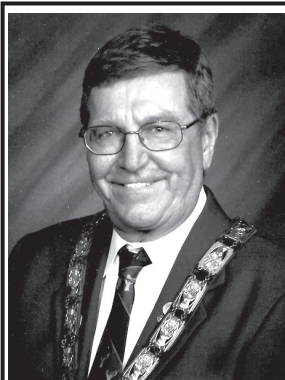
Jim's faith was important to him. He was an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist church throughout his life. He was also an elder at his churches in Merrill and Rhinelander. Jim is lovingly remembered by his family as funny, happy-go-lucky guy who was always a lot of fun to be around. He will be sadly missed, however he will remain in the hearts of his friends and family forever.

Jim is survived by his wife: Patricia Dickson, his children: Debbie (Larry) Bynum, Tina (Jim) Erdmann, Lisa Brown, and Mark (Wendy) Dickson. Many grandchildren and great grandchildren who will miss "Grandpa with the Bears." Stepchildren: Brenda (Jeff) Adaire, Dean (Susan) Achterberg, Terrence Achterberg, Laura Achterberg, Pamela (David) Lyons, Elden Shier and Thomas (Jenny) Shier, sister: Beth Ann (Dean) Auman, nieces, nephews and siblings, along with his biological extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, 1st wife: Phyllis Dickson, son: James M. Dickson II, stepson: Patrick Shier and 6 biological siblings.

A private family service with full military honors will be held Monday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery in Portage, WI. A Celebration of Life service will be held for friends and family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please direct any memorials to the family and send to Waid Funeral Home, 301 Eagle Drive, Merrill, WI 54452, in care of Patricia Dickson.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.



James (Jim) Royal Natzke, 86, Passed away on September 11, 2021.

Jim was the eldest of five children born to George and Myrtle (Henson) Natzke, of Merrill, Wisconsin. After graduating high school in Merrill, Jim joined the Navy and was deployed overseas on various destroyers toward the end of the Korean War.

Upon returning home from the war, Jim attended college and married his high school sweetheart, Bonnie Utecht. They eventually settled in Des Moines to raise their family and were actively involved in

their community. Jim had a long career in sales, including many years at Iowa Realty which is where Bonnie also concluded her career.

Jim remained a proud veteran all his life and was involved in a number of veteran affairs, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His philanthropic commitments also included the Za Ga Zig Shrine, Royal Court of Jester Court 46, Acanthus Lodge No. 632, 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason and -most importantly - the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks in West Des Moines, Iowa, where he was elected Exalted Ruler. He continued to be an active member throughout his adult life.

Jim had a great love of the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and gardening. He hunted for many years at Natzke Camp in Wisconsin - a tradition with family and friends, and later at Natzke Farm in northern Missouri with his son, Jay, and his family. As a gardener with an envious green thumb, he won many awards for his canned vegetables at the Iowa State Fair, which he loved.

As an avid, life-long fan of the Green Bay Packers, Jim amassed a tremendous collection of Packer memorabilia, which he proudly displayed, attended games at Lambeau Field when possible and when not, he watched the games with like-minded Packer fans.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Bonnie, and his son Jay. He is survived by his daughter, Kelly Schafer, and his four siblings: Gerald Natzke (Nancy), Carol (Greg) Zoellner, Sandra (Cookie) Hamlin, and George Natzke (Nancy). He leaves behind grandchildren Kathryn, Carolyn, Lucas, and Nikolas. He was deeply devoted to his companion of many years, Nadine Ludwig, and her family: Steve Ludwig, Valerie Williams, Richard Yardley and Rick, Roxanne, and Anna Ludwig, as well as many extended family and friends, who may as well have been family.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at the West Des Moines Elks Lodge on Saturday, October 9, from 1-5 p.m. All are welcome to attend and share stories. Those who wish to make a memorial contribution may do so to the West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752, 2060 NW 94th St, Clive, IA 50325.



Jennifer A. Lerand (Wing), 51, of Merrill passed away unexpectedly after a battle with COVID-19 on Thursday, September 9th, 2021. Jennifer was born in Cumberland, Wisconsin on November, 8th, 1969 and adopted by her loving parents, Ricky and Sandy Wing of LaCrosse. Jennifer graduated from Bangor High School in 1987.

Jennifer loved gardening and planning her Spring garden with the thoughts of canning and making salsa in the fall.

She enjoyed weekend four wheeling and camping trips. Her favorite destination was the Apostle Islands. Jennifer also enjoyed Nascar and was active in the racing community. Jennifer's biggest passion was her grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with them and video chatting them daily.

Jennifer is survived by her husband Chris, parents Ricky and Sandy Wing, daughter Jessica (Nathan) Jenderny, stepdaughter Cinder (Ryan) Handlin, daughter Caylin (Dan) Johnston, daughter Miranda McCarthy, son Brandon McCarthy, grandchildren Brinley, Kira, Dak, Adeline, Alan, as well as two grandchildren on the way, brother Dan (Kathy) Wing, sister Inga (Brad) Strain, and nieces and nephews Clifford, Chloe, Victoria, and James.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, September 25th, 2021 at The Gathering Place, 133 Mason Street, Onalaska, Wisconsin. Visitation will begin at 11:00 AM with a service to follow. Jennifer's service will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend and can be viewed using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81763352078?pwd=WVpaTHBjQUpaUTRCZ3F3WTY3V0VoZz09>

Coulee Region Cremation Group is assisting the family.



Judith C. Erno, born on January 11, 1943, left her earthly life to be with her heavenly Savior in Heaven on Monday, August 16, 2021, at the age of 78.

Judy was born and raised in the West Allis, Milwaukee area. Several years later, she moved to Merrill, WI, where she raised her family of four children. Judy waitressed at the Merrill Golf Course and eventually owned a nursery and landscaping company, which is where her green thumb and passion for flowers, shrubs and trees became a reality. Judy had so many house plants that

the Merrill Foto News interviewed her for an article showcasing her having over 200 house plants. Later in life, Judy moved to Crandon, WI, to manage a bar/restaurant on Lake Metonga. Food was another one of Judy's specialties, whether it was cooking the holiday meals or making each one of her children's favorite dishes, cakes or pies, which were made with love and flavor! Eventually, Judy retired in Merrill where she continued her love for house plants, flower beds and cooking, and when that wasn't keeping her busy enough, she became part of the Waves Salon family as the receptionist for Aimee, Heather and Mary - her "girls" as she referred to them. She also donated her time to the gift shop and blood bank at the hospital in Merrill. Judy will be remembered by her family and friends as quick witted, loving, caring and a strong independent woman, but most of all, our mom.

Judy is survived by her children: Jeannette (John) Whitt, Jennifer (Tony) Blank, Phillip Erno, Brenda Adamec, Dean (Karen) Erno and Jill (Mike) Mlinar, grandchildren: Nathan

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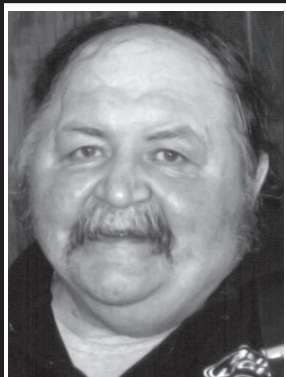
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(Andrea), Olivia (Brad), Trae, Jalyn, Raymond, Dana, Kayla (Craig) and Valeri, great grandchildren: Aven, Brody, Landon and Dylan and brother: Jeffrey Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents: Raymond and Eleanor Smith, son: Daniel Adamec and granddaughters: Jordanne Murray and Tara Blank.
A Celebration of Life for Judy will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1205 Lake St, Merrill, WI 54452, on Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 1pm-3pm, with a service at 3pm, then a dinner to follow.
In lieu of flowers and plants, Judy's family requests that donations be made to your local garden club in her name. Thank you.
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.



Kathleen 'Sparky' Mae Graap, age 74, of Merrill, passed away on Friday, September 17, 2021, at her residence, while surrounded by her loving family and while under the care of Interim Hospice. She was born on February 9, 1947, to the late Hugo and Evelyn (Nienow) Schleif in Merrill. Kathleen attended and graduated from Merrill High School, and then went to work for Weinbrenner Shoe Company in Merrill. She married the love of her life, Dennis

'Boomer' Graap on July 2, 1966, in Merrill. Sadly, he preceded her in death on May 26, 1997.
When Kathleen was younger, her and Boomer would be active in bowling leagues and the Eagles Club. Kathleen retired from Weinbrenner in 2019, after over 50 years of service! She was also a cashier at the Eagles Club part-time and did that for 27 years. Kathleen was very active in the Eagles Club and would help with all their benefits. She looked forward to playing cards with her friends at Jenny Towers, as well as going to the casino playing slot machines, cards, and bingo. Kathleen was a feisty, fun lady that was always up for a good time. Above all, her love for her family was like no other, especially for her beloved grandson, Connor. She looked forward to going to all his events and activities, and even taking a few trips to Disney World and New York. Kathleen was a member at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill and was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary for over 45 years. She fought hard until the end. Kathleen will be missed by all who knew and loved her, but never forgotten.
Kathleen is survived by her daughter: Tammy Stender, grandson: Connor Stender, sisters: Phyllis Rhyner, Margie Lange and Dawn Schleif, sister-in-laws: Eunice Schubert, Virginia McElhaney and Barbara Golisch, brother-in-law: Kenneth Graap and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, mother and father-in-law: Dorothy and Charles Graap Sr., husband: Dennis Graap, sister-in-law: Audrey Heuser and brother-in-law: Charles Graap Jr.
A funeral service for Kathleen was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 11am at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill. Pastor Mike Southcombe will officiate. Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, from 4pm-7pm at Waid Funeral Home, with an Eagles Auxiliary Service at 6pm, and visitation again on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, from 9am until the time of the service, at the church. Burial at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery immediately followed the service.
Kathleen's family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to Interim Hospice for taking such good care of her during her last days, especially Roseann Keen and Rachele Greenwood.
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.



Konrad Surber, age 77, of Merrill, passed away September 16, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.
Konrad was born April 1, 1944, in Regensburg, Switzerland. He came to the United States in 1969 and purchased the Hilltop Farm in the Town of Corning. His operation eventually became a 300-acre dairy farm, and it was the pride and joy of his life. He adored his prized Brown Swiss cattle and enjoyed working with farm genetics. Konrad loved his farming community and loved attending the Merrill 4-H Fair. Konrad enjoyed the fellowship at Pine Ridge Restaurant in Merrill where he met his dear friends Gene Bebel and the late Garth Swanson.

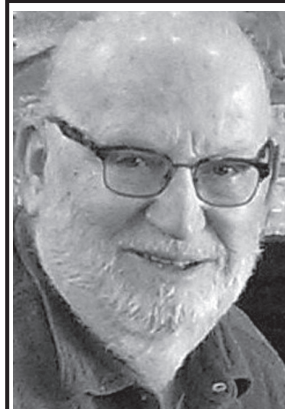
Survivors include his daughters, Rebekka Surber of Merrill and Katherina (Mark) Chapman of Bloomington, Minnesota; former spouse, Rosa Surber; three grandchildren, Nathan, Andrew, and Matthew; two sisters, Ida and Vreni both of Switzerland; and a sister-in-law, Roswith who resides in Canada. Konrad is preceded in death by three siblings, Anna Marie, Heiri, and Fritz.
The family would like to thank Lisa Weix and staff for the excellent 'in home' care provided to Konrad at his residence prior to him moving into Pine Crest Nursing Home.
A celebration of Konrad's life will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the Pine Ridge Restaurant, Merrill. The Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill is assisting the family.
Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com.

Mark Allen Nicholson. Funeral service for Mark Allen Nicholson, 54, was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Peck Funeral Home Chapel with the Chaplain from the American Legion officiating and Peck Funeral Home directing. Burial will be in Hartselle City Cemetery. No Visitation was scheduled.
Mr. Nicholson passed away on Thursday, August 19, 2021. He was born January 23, 1967, in Wisconsin, to Dan and Valerie Murphy Nicholson. He was a United States Army Veteran, serving from 1986 - 1989 and was a member of the American Legion Honor Guard, as a past Vice Commander. He loved his 1st Special Forces - 1st Group Airborne. Mr. Nicholson was a Maintenance Planner for Decatur Energy Center - Capital Power, prior to his passing.
He was the best husband in the whole world, and a loving father and an amazing grandfather.
Survivors include: Wife -Diana Vierra Nicholson, Parents - Dan and Valerie Murphy Nicholson, Sons-Jacob Nicholson (Danielle), Levi Nicholson (Abby), Daughter-Holly Harper (Derek), Brothers-Keith Nicholson (Janet), Scott Nicholson, Grandchildren-Eric Nicholson, Faith Nicholson, Micah Nicholson, Ella Nicholson.
Pallbearers were Robert Blair, Chris McMains, Jacob Nicholson, Levi Nicholson, Derek Harper, Ethan Rose, Keith Nicholson and Scott Nicholson.



Neal Charles Olkives, 88, passed away from COVID complications on Sept. 16th, 2021, at Froedert Hospital in Milwaukee, WI. He was surrounded by his beautiful wife, Isabel, his children and one of his grandsons.
Neal was born July 17th, 1933, in Gleason, WI to Joseph and Iva (Rice) Olkives. Neal went to grade school at Dudley School in Gleason, where he always laughed, and said he was the smartest and dumbest kid in 3rd grade due to him being the only 3rd grade student. He attended high school in Merrill, WI until his parents and two brothers moved to Kenosha, WI where he then graduated in 1951 from Bradford High School. After high school, Neal then met the love of his life, Isabel May Renn, at Schaffer's Bar in Gleason, WI. They dated for 22 months before marrying on July 4th, 1953. Neal always said, that was the day he lost his independence and how fireworks were invented, and it continued that way for 68 years. Not long after they were married, Isabel became pregnant with their first child. Then in 1954, Neal was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War and left for Germany. During this time, Isabel stayed back in Kenosha with Neal's parents and gave birth to their first child, Donald. Once he returned from Germany, he was stationed in Fort Riley in Kansas. At this point he met his first son at the age of 1 and was joined by Isabel. Here they were blessed with two more children, SuAnn and Iva Jean. A year later, they both decided to move back to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where they then had three more children, Jerry, Julia, and Krissy. While back in Wisconsin, Neal went to work at American Motors and then became a deputy for the Kenosha County Sheriff Dept. In 1978, Neal and Isabel purchased Olkives Lakeview Resort in Spirit, WI. It was well known for Neal's laughter and Isabel's great cooking. As Isabel ran the resort Neal continued to work for the Sheriff's Dept until he retired in 1979. He then moved back up north to help Isabel run the resort for 16 years. After selling the resort they built a home in Rib Lake, WI to retire and relax. Upon entering retirement, Neal continued driving school bus now for the Rib Lake School District as he had also done in Kenosha, WI. Neal always enjoyed doing the extra bus trips for sporting events, school activities, and end of the school year trips making him very well-known with everyone in town. After moving to Medford at the age of 80, it didn't take long for Neal to walk around the neighborhood and get to know everyone. During the day, Neal and Isabel had a wonderful routine. They were very devoted Catholics and would start their day off with the Rosary, then onto breakfast, some solitaire, a drive around town, and then an evening game of crib-

bage. Neal would always keep track of how many games were won, especially for 9/19/29 solitaire. They both loved watching the Milwaukee Brewers, the Molly B Polka Show, and Mountain Men. Once it was time for bed, they would do the Rosary and give each other three kisses, that meant I love you.
Surviving family includes the love of his life, Isabel, his children and their spouses Deb Olkives (Bill), SuAnn Johnson, Iva Jean Troiber (Wayne), Jerry Olkives (Sue), Julia Thums (Jeff), Krissy Olkives-Emmerich and his grandchildren, Dayna (Ben), Dan (Peter), Neal (Tina), Tim (Anjee), Trisha (Dave), Bobbi (Chris), Michael (Mandi), Jamie (Jason), Megan, Curtis (Aleda), and Mersadies and his 25 great grandchildren. Neal is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Iva, his brother, Jerome, his son, Donald, and his great grandson, Jonathan.
Services will be Friday Sept 24th from 4-7 with Rosary to follow and Saturday visitation will be 9:30 -11am with Catholic Mass at 11. Good Shepard Catholic Church in Rib Lake. Burial will take place in Harrison Cemetery. Hemer funeral home is assisting with arrangements.



William 'Bill' Paul Goetsch, age 84, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, September 13, 2021, at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital. He was born on September 5, 1937, in the town of Corning, Lincoln County, to the late Ronald and Lillie (Radtke) Goetsch.
Bill graduated from Concordia College in Nebraska with a bachelor's degree in education. He taught elementary school for 35 years, 7 years in the Milwaukee area and 28 years in Cornell, WI. Bill was a teacher in general studies, specializing in math. Besides teaching for 35 years, Bill also worked 12 summers with the DNR, worked on income taxes for 6 years, was the CEO/treasurer of a credit union for 8 years and owned and operated a small motel for 19 years. Bill was very active in his church and his faith in God was strong. He is remembered as a man that was quiet yet enjoyed telling his life story to anyone that would listen, playing games, putting puzzles together and working on Sudoku and wordsearch puzzles. Bill was always proud of the fact that he and Judy were able to visit all 50 states in their short time together. He was a caring and loving man that was a wonderful husband and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.
Bill married Jurnell Timm in 1960 and had two sons: Paul (Dorgene) Goetsch and Peter Goetsch, 4 grandchildren: Samantha Fiero, with her daughters: Eliza and Brielle McGinley, Amelia (Nick) Hedberg, with daughter: Gabrielle, Tyler Goetsch and Mollie Pester, with daughter: Scarlett Diaz. Jurnell preceded him in death in 2005. In 2012, Bill married Judith Ranta Menge and inherited a new family, including a son: Steve (Robbin) Ranta, with their daughters: Jennifer and Sarah, daughter: Lynn (Jon) Woller, 2 granddaughters: Katie (Carl) Wirth, with their children: Sawyer, Effie, Peter and Jalaine and Krista (Clark) Bauer. He is further survived by sister-in-law: Jean Goetsch and many cousins, as well as nieces, nephews, their children, and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife: Jurnell and 2 brothers: Ronald and Harold.
A Memorial Service for Bill will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 2pm at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the town of Berlin. Rev. Andrew DeGier will officiate. A luncheon will take place in the basement of the church, following the service, there will be no visitation prior to the service. Inurnment of Bill's cremated remains will take place at a later date in the Maple Grove Cemetery, town of Maine.
A recording of Bill's service will be available for viewing on the funeral home's website, under his obituary.
In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's name may be directed to the Northland Lutheran High School or the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, town of Berlin.
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Robert John (RJ) Hoock, Jr., of Merrill, WI passed away unexpectedly on Friday, September 17, 2021, in Minneapolis, MN. RJ was born September 2nd, 1982 in Landstuhl, Germany and is the son of Robert Hoock, Sr (Edith Hoock) of Abbotsford, WI and Trina Johnson (Robbie Johnson) of Merrill, WI. In addition to RJ's parents, he is survived by his sister Jennifer Hoock of Chesapeake, VA; his son Gabriel Hoock of Barnesville, MN; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

RJ was a very special friend to many and loved by all. He had a big heart, and his first concern was for others and not himself. RJ had many medical challenges and it seemed that every time he overcame one, another would come forward. He was a fighter and kept rallying to work through what ailments plagued him. We, as family and friends, need to take comfort that RJ will now be free of the discomfort that his body gave him. He used to say, "my body is my worst enemy". His fight is over, and he can be at rest now.

Please join us on Saturday, September 25th, 2021, at Waid Funeral Home, to honor and celebrate RJs life. Visitation will be from 2 pm until 4 pm with the Memorial Service to follow. Online tributes are welcome and may be left at www.waidfuneral.com

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Why Amazon Is Just As Bad As Facebook

Dear Reader, Recently I wrote about a certain god-like dictator who has risen to prominence: Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg. You would be forgiven if you thought I was talking about Amazon's Jeff Bezos, for he is just as powerful, another god unto himself.



Amazon is a parasite that is sucking the vitality out of our local communities. Let's look at the facts:

Amazon was founded in 1995. Initially it collected and paid sales tax in only five states, even though 45 states have state-wide sales tax laws. This gave it an unfair advantage over

brick-and-mortar stores operating in those states - it could price its products lower because it was not paying the tax. This ended only in 2016, after a Supreme Court ruling told Amazon to stop doing this.

Amazon attacked booksellers, excluding them from its platform if they did not give in to its pricing demands.

Like Facebook and Google, Amazon tracks consumers on the web and uses algorithms to stoke their purchasing behavior, to its advantage.

Amazon has launched its own private labels selling popular products that it also carries. In effect, Amazon used its distribution channel to study its competitors, then copied them and offered identical or similar

products. And now, Amazon is leveraging its online power to open physical stores that will spell the death knell of many retailers that already have seen their sales erode because of Amazon.

How does this affect you? Well, have you noticed how Amazon sponsors your kid's soccer league, or supports the local Salvation Army, United Way, and other charitable organizations that are trying to solve problems in our community? Yeah, neither have I. Support for local improvements comes from local business. When we stop supporting them and send our dollars to Amazon, we are depriving our own community of the glue that holds it together.

What about AmazonSmile, the behemoth's supposedly generous gifts to charities? Let's do the math:

• Since 2013, when Amazon began the program, it has donated \$215 million to charity. Those are Amazon's own numbers (you can see them here: https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/215-million-donated-to-charities-through-amazonsmile).

• During that same time period, Amazon sold \$1.483 trillion.

• \$215 million is 0.015% - fifteen one-thousandths of one percent of Amazon's sales during that time.

How generous is that? Hmm, maybe not so much.

Amazon needs to be reined in, for the good of us all. Call or email Congress one more time as together we fight the forces from the dark side.

PATRICK J. WOOD PUBLISHER

Author of "Dear Reader" and "Tapestry of Love and Loss"

BIRTHS

AUGUST 19, 2021

Boy, Finley Wolf, born to Sara Klessig and Eric Klessig of Athens.

Girl, Alannah Lynn, born to Calli Hohensee and Bradley Duebler of Wausau.

AUGUST 23, 2021

Girl, Kinsley Ann, born to Paula Sackmann and Austin Sackmann of Merrill.

Girl, Andrea Rose, born to Valerie Bennish and Andrew Stiver of Merrill.

AUGUST 25, 2021

Girl, Sophia Evelyn Rose Boyce, born to Kaitlyn Kreager and Brandon Boyce of Merrill.

AUGUST 29, 2021

Boy, Kolty John, born to Destini Hendry and Tiffany Braunel of Merrill.

AUGUST 30, 2021

Girl, Raelynn Jo, born to Cassandra Seubert and Andrew Seubert of Wausau.

AUGUST 31, 2021

Girl, Adelaide Quinn, born to Holly DuPlayee and Dustyn DuPlayee of Tomahawk.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Boy, Apollo James, born to Amber Kleiber and Damion Seliger of Wausau.

Girl, Saylor Layne, born to Alex Rhode and Zach Rhode of Merrill.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

Girl, Kinsley Rosemary, born to Brittney Holzem and Bruce Spahr of Merrill.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Girl, Emery Nicole, born to Jackie Sutton and Colin Sutton of Merrill.

Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Copshop

(Now showing in theatres)

★★★★☆

Rated a Hard R - For language, bloodshed, and nearly non-stop brutal violence I know, I know ... Many of you were expecting me to review Clint Eastwood's newest film, Cry Macho, but let's be honest here: It's going to be good. His movies are almost always excellent. So I chose to review one that may have otherwise slipped past your radar.

Ladies and gentlemen, that film is Copshop, and I am here to tell you this film, with the running time of 1 hour and 47 minutes, feels like 30 minutes max. There is a whole lot of fun and smart writing going on in this film.

Teddy Mureto (played by the awesome Frank Grillo from multiple Marvel films) is on the run and needs to hide. Where is the safest place to hide? Well, he decides a police station in the middle of the Nevada desert is a good choice.

Enter Bob Viddick (Gerald Butler from the Olympus Trilogy) who is here to tell Teddy and us that it's not as safe as one would think.

And from there, things just go insane. Borrowing from great films like Assault on Precinct 13 (the 1976 original masterpiece, not the 2005 waste of time and money remake), Copshop does not fail to deliver. It is fun, sharp, and has no interest in politically correct nonsense.

Rounding out the cast is Alexis Louder (Watchmen) in her first leading role, who



holds her own and then some when sharing scenes with the two veteran stars of this film. Expect great things from Ms. Louder - she was fantastic - and from Toby Huss (Reno 911) who turns in what can only be described as a rip-roaring portrayal of a psychopath.

There are only three films in the last few years in the crime genre I thought excelled and did not retread old ideas: Wrath of Man, Bad Times at the El Royale, and now, joining that list of great crime films, Copshop.

Four solid stars (out of five) for this one, folks. Catch it before it disappears.

P.S. Have I mentioned there is a film called Dune coming out on Oct. 22? I'm just a little bit excited for this one.

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**CITY OF MERRILL
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AN ORDINANCE:
Re: Amending Chapter 38, Article VII, Section 105-314 through 105-322 Historic Preservation Ordinance NO. 2021-14
Introduced: September 14, 2021
1st Reading: September 14, 2021
2nd Reading: September 14, 2021
3rd Reading: September 14, 2021
Committee/Commission Action:
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

AN ORDINANCE

The Common Council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:
Section 1. Chapter 38, Article VII, Section 105-314 through 105-322 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Merrill is amended to read as follows:
Sec. 105-314. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: **Committee** means the historic preservation committee created under this article.
Historic permit means the permit issued by the building inspector approving the demolition of a historic structure.
Historic structure means any improvement which has a special character or special historic interest or value as part of the development, heritage or culture characteristics of the city, state or nation and which has been designated as a historic structure pursuant to the provisions of this article.
Streetview Perspective means a general overall example of the original exterior appearance of the building or structure from the street or sidewalk.
Sec. 105-315. Historic preservation committee.

A historic preservation committee is hereby created, consisting of five resident members, three citizen members, and two alderpersons. The Building Inspector shall serve on the committee as an ex officio nonvoting member. The mayor shall appoint the members of the committee, subject to confirmation by the common council. Of the initial citizen members so appointed, one shall serve a term of one year, one shall serve a term of two years, and one shall serve a term of three years.
Sec. 105-316. Historic structure designation criteria.
For purposes of this article, a historic structure designation may be placed on any building, of particular historic, architectural, archeological or cultural significance to the city which:
(1) Exemplify or reflect the broad cultural, political, economic or social history of the nation, state or community;
(2) Are identified with historic personages or with important events in national, state or local history;
(3) Embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials or craftsmanship;
(4) Are representative of the notable work of a master builder, designer or architect who influenced his age; or
(5) Have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to prehistory or history.

(c) Nominations only by expressed written consent of the property owner.

Sec. 105-317. Powers and duties.
(a) **Designation.** The historic preservation committee shall have the power, subject to section 105-318, to designate historic structures within the city limits. Such designations shall be based on section 105-316. Once designated, such historic structures shall be subject to all the provisions of this article.
(b) **Advisory standards of construction, reconstruction, alteration, and demolition.**
(1) The historic preservation committee shall establish advisory historic preservation standards to be used to assist property owners on proposed alterations to a historic structure. The purpose of these advisory standards is to preserve a "Streetview Perspective" of the original character and structure.
(2) No owner or person in charge of a historic structure shall demolish all or any part of the exterior of such property unless a historic preservation permit has been granted by the historic preservation committee.

(c) Recognition of historic structures.

At such time as an historic structure has been properly designated, the historic preservation committee may cause to be prepared and erected on such property at the city's expense, a suitable plaque declaring that such property is an historic structure. Such plaque shall be so placed as to be easily visible to passing pedestrians.
Sec. 105-318. Procedures.
(a) **Designation and rescission of historic structures.**
(1) **Designation.** The historic preservation committee may recommend or rescind such designation after application of the criteria in section 105-316 and written request by any resident or property owner along with the nomination fee of \$75.00 as established by the Common Council. Property owners nominating their own property, Common Council members, and the Mayor are exempt from the nomination fee upon approval of the Historic Preservation Committee.
(b) **Appeal.** Any decision of the historic preservation committee may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals under provisions of section 113.461.
Sec. 105-319. Interim control.
No building permit shall be issued by the building inspector for demolition or removal of a nominated historic structure from the date of the meeting of the historic preservation committee at which a nomination form is first presented until the final disposition of the nomination by the historic preservation committee.
Sec. 105-320. Conformance with regulations.

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Every person in charge of a historic structure shall maintain same or cause or permit to be maintained in a condition consistent with the provisions of the City of Merrill Municipal Code. The Building Inspector is appointed as the enforcement official.
Sec. 105-321. Penalties.
Any person or persons violating any provisions of this article shall be subject to a general penalty as provided in section 1-7. Notice of violations shall be issued by the building inspector.
Sec. 105-322. Emergency conditions.
In any case where the building inspector determines that there are emergency conditions dangerous to life, health or property affecting a historic structure, the building inspector may order the remedying of these conditions without the approval of the committee. The building inspector shall promptly notify the chairman of the committee of the action being taken and include it on the next meeting agenda.

Section 2. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. It is the legislative intent of the Common Council that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal provision had not been included or any illegal application had not been made.
Section 3. Repeal and Effective Date. All ordinances or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.
Moved by: Alderman Hass
Adopted: September 14, 2021 6-2
Approved: Derek Woelner, Mayor
Attest: William N. Heideman, City Clerk
Published Sept. 23, 2021
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**CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Mayor Woelner, Common Council President Paul Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
Attended Name, Title, Status, Arrived
Paul Russell, Alderperson - First District, Present
Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District, Present
Rick Blake, Alderperson - Third District, Present
Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District, Present
John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District, Present
Mike Rick, Alderperson - Sixth District, Present
Mark Weix, Alderperson - Seventh District, Present
Steve Sabatke, Alderperson - Eighth District, Present
Derek Woelner, Mayor, Excused
2. Invocation by Rev. Paul Hohman, New Testament Church
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comment Period

On behalf of the Lincoln County Fair Association, Sue Kunkel thanked the City, the Common Council, the Street Department and everyone that helped make the 2021 Lincoln County Fair a success.
On behalf of the Merrill Historical Society, Pat Burg gave an update on the Livingston Building (former American Legion Building). She reported that a letter and the keys to the building have been delivered to the City.
On behalf of the Lincoln County Fair Association, Clyde Nelson thanked City officials and everyone that assisted during and after the tornado (Wednesday, August 11th) to ensure that the Festival Grounds could host a successful fair.
Jon Malm thanked the Merrill Historical Society for their efforts in attempting to sell the Livingston Building to his group. He added that his group is still interested in purchasing the facility.
6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s):
1. Minutes of August 10, 2021 meeting Motion (Van Lieshout/Rick) to approve.
RESULT: APPROVED
7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):
1. Revenue & Expense Report for the period ending August 31, 2021 Motion (Van Lieshout/Osness) to approve.
RESULT: APPROVED
8. Communications and Petitions:
1. Insurance claim from Richard Kotschi for towing expenses as the result of a motorcycle disablement at East Third Street and Poplar Street on July 15, 2021. The City has a contract with a contractor for a street project in the area where the disablement occurred. The contract appears to require the contractor to carry professional liability insurance for protection against claims arising out of the performance of its work. Therefore, the insurance company asserts that the City has no liability in this instance and the insurance company recommends that this claim be disallowed. Motion (Hass/Rick) to disallow.
RESULT: DISALLOWED
9. General agenda items:
1. Employee Years of Service Recognition:
Tyler R. Mueller (Fire Department), 10 years
City Clerk Heideman read a certificate of recognition for Tyler Mueller.
Joshua W. McCaskill (Police Department), 10 years
City Clerk Heideman read a certificate of recognition for Josh McCaskill.
10. Board of Public Works:
1. Continue discussion and take potential action(s) related to the former American Legion Building (now known as the Livingston Center). The Board of Public Works recommends that the City relinquish all claims to ownership of the Livingston Building (former American Legion Building) in exchange for the City receiving a \$10,000 payment from the Merrill Historical Society at the time the

building is sold by the Merrill Historical Society.
Motion (Hass/Rick) to refer to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
RESULT: REFERRED TO COMM. OF THE WHOLE
2. Street Use Permit application from The Haunted Sawmill to close the street in the area in front of the Haunted Sawmill (Hendricks Street from East Seventh Street to East Eighth Street) from 5:00 P.M. to 1 A.M. on the following dates in 2021: October 8, October 9, October 15, October 16, October 22, October 23, October 29, October 30 and October 31, in conjunction with a haunted house event. The Board of Public Works recommends approval. Motion (Van Lieshout/Osness) to approve.
RESULT: APPROVED
3. Bids for Webster Street extension. The Board of Public Works referred the bids to the Common Council with no recommendation. Motion (Hass/Blake) to approve the low bid of \$338,731.52 from Merrill Gravel and Construction Co.
RESULT: APPROVED
11. Committee of the Whole:
1. Consider recommendation(s) from September 13th Committee of the Whole meeting regarding request from Friends of Vincent Foundation - Haunted Sawmill for American Rescue Fund (City of Merrill) grant program for various projects. At the September 13th meeting, the Committee of the Whole recommended disapproving the request and discontinuing acceptance of any American Rescue Fund (City of Merrill) grant program funding requests from any organizations. Motion (Van Lieshout/Rick) to approve the recommendations from the September 13th Committee of the Whole meeting.
RESULT: APPROVED
2. Consider recommendation(s) from September 13th Committee of the Whole meeting regarding request for addition of 23rd Police Officer position. At the September 13th meeting, the Committee of the Whole recommended approving the addition of a 23rd Police Officer position. Motion (Hass/Weix) to approve the recommendation from the September 13th Committee of the Whole meeting.
RESULT: APPROVED
12. Placing Committee Reports on File:
1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Board of Public Works, City Plan Commission, Festival Grounds Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, Library Board, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee, Redevelopment Authority and Transit Commission. Motion (Osness/Rick) to place on file.
RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
13. Ordinances:
1. An Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 113, Article XI, Section 113-317, related to accessory uses or structures. City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading.
2. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Article VI, Section 105-314 through 105-322, related to Historic Preservation (Ordinance #2021-14). City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading. Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. Motion carried without a vote or an objection.
City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only.
RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 2]
MOVER: Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District
SECONDER: Steve Sabatke, Alderperson - Eighth District
AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Van Lieshout, Weix, Sabatke
NAYS: Osness, Rick
14. Resolutions:
1. A Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,680,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2021A (Resolution #2702). This resolution is being published by title only. A complete copy of the resolution, including all associated exhibits and schedules, is available for inspection in the Clerk/Treasurer office at City Hall.
RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District
SECONDER: Rick Blake, Alderperson - Third District
AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke
2. A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,150,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021B (Resolution #2703). This resolution is being published by title only. A complete copy of the resolution, including all associated exhibits and schedules, is available for inspection in the Clerk/Treasurer office at City Hall.
RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District
SECONDER: Rick Blake, Alderperson - Third District
AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke
ABSTAIN: Hass
3. A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$1,195,000 Tax Increment Revenue Bond, Series 2021C (TID No. 11) (Resolution #2704). This resolution is being published by title only. A complete copy of the resolution, including all associated exhibits and schedules, is available for inspection in the Clerk/Treasurer office at City Hall.
RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [7 TO 0]
MOVER: John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District
SECONDER: Rick Blake, Alderperson - Third District
AYES: Russell, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke
ABSTAIN: Hass
4. A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$565,000 Taxable Tax Increment Revenue Bond

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Anticipation Note, Series 2021D (TID No. 10) (Resolution #2705). This resolution is being published by title only. A complete copy of the resolution, including all associated exhibits and schedules, is available for inspection in the Clerk/Treasurer office at City Hall.
RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [7 TO 0]
MOVER: John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District
SECONDER: Rick Blake, Alderperson - Third District
AYES: Russell, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke
ABSTAIN: Hass
5. A Resolution authorizing a Development Agreement by and between the City and S.C. Swiderski, LLC (Webster St.) (Resolution #2706). WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Merrill created Tax Increment District (TID) No. 8 on September 27, 2011 and the development site is within TID No. 8; and, WHEREAS, S.C. Swiderski, LLC has proposed construction of duplexes and single-family homes; and, WHEREAS, the City of Merrill finds that the proposed development and the fulfillment of the items and conditions of the attached Development Agreement are in the vital and best interest of the City of Merrill, the Merrill Redevelopment Authority and City residents and serves a public purpose in accordance with State law; and, WHEREAS, additional property tax will be generated and new residential units created from this development project; and, WHEREAS, S.C. Swiderski, LLC has negotiated the development agreement to provide for transfer of property ownership of about 12.154 acres (between Alexander St., Heldt St., and Eugene St.) to facilitate the duplex and single-family home development project; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of September, 2021, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the development agreement by and between the City of Merrill and S.C. Swiderski, LLC and to facilitate the implementation thereof. Motion (Van Lieshout/Blake) to approve.
RESULT: APPROVED
6. A Resolution authorizing the vacation of an alley located in Block Twelve of JM Smith & Company's Third Addition (1400 block of West Main Street) (Resolution #2707). WHEREAS, Brent Scatlin has requested the vacation of an alley, to facilitate business expansion; and, WHEREAS, the alley to be vacated is described as: In the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin: A part of Block Twelve (12) of J.M. Smith & Company's Third Addition to West Merrill located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section Ten (10), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Six (6) East, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows:
Alley to be vacated lying in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼, Govt. Lot 9, Sec. 10, T31N R6E, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 6 of Block 12 of J.M. Smith & Company's Third Addition to West Merrill, thence East 16 feet to the East alley right-of-way line, thence North 100 feet along the East alley right-of-way line, thence West 16 feet to the West alley right-of-way line, thence South 100 feet along the West alley right-of-way line to the point of beginning. WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works on April 28, 2021 and the City Plan Commission on May 4, 2021 have recommended such vacation; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of September, 2021, that the following described alley be vacated:
A part of Block Twelve (12) of J.M. Smith & Company's Third Addition to West Merrill located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section Ten (10), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Six (6) East, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, more particularly described as follows:
Alley to be vacated lying in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼, Govt. Lot 9, Sec. 10, T31N R6E, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 6 of Block 12 of J.M. Smith & Company's Third Addition to West Merrill, thence East 16 feet to the East alley right-of-way line, thence North 100 feet along the East alley right-of-way line, thence West 16 feet to the West alley right-of-way line, thence South 100 feet along the West alley right-of-way line to the point of beginning. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City hereby declares that the alley being vacated is not needed for public purposes and hereby declares that the portion vacated shall revert, to the extent permitted by law, to the adjoining property owners. Motion (Rick/Sabatke) to approve.
RESULT: APPROVED
7. A Resolution honoring Gene Bebel his long-term service to the T.B. Scott Library Board of Trustees and the City of Merrill (Resolution #2708). WHEREAS, Gene Bebel has served the City of Merrill and the T.B. Scott Library Board of Trustees for 29 years as a valued, tenacious and dedicated Board Member; and, WHEREAS, his years of service have been marked by dedication to the best interests of our community and citizens; and, WHEREAS, Gene Bebel has earned the admiration and respect of his fellow Board Members and those he worked with by exhibiting an unmatched work ethic, and an amazing sense of humor; and, WHEREAS, Gene Bebel's skills, experience, vision and his colorful use of the English language will be missed at the City of Merrill T.B. Scott Library Board; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of September, 2021, that the Common Council, and the people of

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Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Gene Bebel has given the City of Merrill T.B. Scott Library Board of Trustees and commends him for those 29 years of service; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby commend the meritorious and dedicated service of Gene Bebel, congratulate him upon the occasion of his departure from the City of Merrill T.B. Scott Library Board, and extend our warmest wishes for his enjoyment of continued prosperity in the years that lie ahead. Motion (Common Council/Common Council) to approve.
RESULT: APPROVED
15. Mayor's Communications
Alderman Russell noted that there were several events held in the City recently. He thanked the First Responders, Police Department, Fire Department, Street Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department for their participation in grand opening ceremonies held at the Northwoods Veterans Post.
16. Adjournment
Motion (Van Lieshout/Rick) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 6:53 P.M.
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**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 18, 2021 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Board Room. Board members present: Ashbeck, Krueger, Liberty, Osness, Volpe, Woller, Yingling and Blake. Board member absent: Smith. Others Present: Dr. Sample, MAPS Administrators, 4 people from the public and Recorder Woller.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Osness to approve the Marching Jays trip to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California in December of 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Liberty to approve the contract between LCHD and Pine River School for Young Learners for Health Screening Services for 2021-2022. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Volpe to approve the contract between Lincoln County Health Department and Merrill Area Public Schools for Grades 4K through 12 and Northern Achievement Center. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Krueger, second by Liberty to approve the 2021-2022 budget presentation at the annual meeting in September. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Woller to approve the continuation of the contracts with vendors and purchases as presented for the 2021-2022 fiscal year with cost variances not to exceed the lower of 5% or \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ashbeck to approve consent agenda items a through d, which included minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,532,810.18; the personnel report as presented, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable; and, donations totaling \$500.00. Motion carried with Woller abstaining from the July 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. 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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**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

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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 call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Merrill Foto News, a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.
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**PINE RIVER
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enjoy visits from Aspirus MedeVac and Life Link III helicopters.

There will be raffles throughout the day, culminating in a big ticket raffle with a \$5,000 grand prize drawing at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or at the event.

Live music from Bernie Thompson begins at 1:00 p.m. and goes until 4:30 p.m., with music by Trigger Trippers from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All events will be held at the Pine River Fire Station, N1622 Range Line Rd., Merrill.

Most events are weather permitting with fireworks at dark. All proceeds benefit the Pine River Fire Department and EMS.

**REBOOT
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• A suicide attempt happens every 22 seconds in the U.S.

• One life is lost to suicide every 11 minutes.

• Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among ages 18-39.

The website further offers the following:

• TRAUMA is the root cause of suicide, and the existing solutions aren't working.

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Area contacts for the program are: Corey Dornbrack 715.218.3537 and Tracy Jopek 715.302.8896. Questions can also be emailed to: RebootMerrill@gmail.com.

**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:

1. East of Center Avenue on Monday, **September 27, 2021.**

2. Center Avenue, west to Prairie River on Tuesday, **September 28, 2021.**

3. Prairie River, west to Wisconsin River on Wednesday, **September 29, 2021.**

4. West of the Wisconsin River (6th Ward) on Thursday, **September 30, 2021.**

5. 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

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Pet of the Week



Hello! My name is **Bean!** I was brought to the shelter as a stray. I'm a sweet girl who is very food motivated. I love to nap, catnip, and I'm cuddly when I want to be. I would thrive in a home where my new humans understand that I don't like being picked up all the time but I will snuggle with them when I want to. I would do really well with other cats, maybe a calm dog and older kids. My adoption fee will include my spay, shots, and microchip.

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The Merrill High School Class of 1966 held its 55th reunion at the Eagles Club on Aug. 21, 2021. This class has met every 5 years since 1976 for a total of 10 reunions. Committee members were Jane Hanson, Mary Kay Van Der Geest, Donna Thompson, Marilyn Reedy, Ann Ruder, Larry Jaeger, Dick Knospe, and Jerry Heldt. A class photo was taken by Cindy Knospe while Larry Jaeger did the Welcome and Invocation. The guest speaker was Trina Knospe, and Master of Ceremony was Jerry Heldt. Music was provided by Jerry Heldt and Mike Weiss. Shown from L to R (across all rows): Ron Jirovec, Bill Ponko, Steve Strasman, Janice Engel Alft, Gloria Raasch Borchardt, Mary Kay Jacobson Van Der Geest, Wayne Schult, Anne Torkelson, Mort Sukow, Cherie Frazier Hysing, Tom Dorgan, Bruce Schaefer, Don Netzel, Gail Haig Frick, Kathy Wais Sheridan, John Huss, Karen Kampmeyer Larson, Lana Chilsen Strasman, Vernon Karau, Mary Burgener, Dave Odegard, Kathy Hilt Ponko, Donna Mohrland Thompson, Jim Burgener, Jane Bauman Hanson, Ron Behm, Larry Jaeger, Dick Knospe, Judy Iwen Noonan, Jerry Peeters, Mary Simmons Szepi, Al Zimmerman, Marilyn Reedy, Gary Dietrich, Jerry Heldt, Ann Vonderheid Ruder, Ivan Pick, Sue Lindstrom, Mike Weiss, Nancy Neuman Swanson, and Dave Wiskow.

Cindy Knospe photo.

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to the public, with a pool table and dart board in the bar. A large banquet hall, which can also be utilized for meetings, banquets, and special events, is available for reservations, by application. The building includes offices for an NVP Event Planner, a Bar Manager, and each of the eight organizations housed there. In addition, the building has a computer room and resource library with four computer stations that is open to NVP members and Veterans; a handicapped accessible fitness room for members only; two small conference rooms equipped with a smart TV, which can be reserved by community organizations by application; and a large conference room, also equipped with a smart TV and reservable via application.



World War II Veteran Lloyd "Bud" Schmitz was asked to stand and be recognized for his service at the Northwoods Veterans Post Grand Opening Celebration on Sept. 11.

Photo by Erin McKeen Photography.

MERRILL Foto News

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There are two volleyball courts, an outdoor terrace area, and horseshoe pits on the grounds. Guest speakers at the Grand Opening included Alderman Paul Russell; VFW Post 1638 Commander Arnold "Vic" Viljevac [with his service dog, Creek]; Brigadier General Tim Covington, Civil Support Commander for Wisconsin; Don Lynch, Past State VFW Commander; Michele Rathke, VFW State of Wisconsin Senior Vice Commander; Ron Ramos, VFW State of Wisconsin Junior Vice Commander; and Alicia Weix, President of VFW Auxiliary Post 1638.

Local raised and local processed Beef For Sale

All of our ground beef is processed as a total grind. Total grind means all the "cuts" are included in the burger including the steaks & roasts. By doing this we are able to get a leaner mix that has more flavor than most burger.

Option 1: Total Grind Ground Beef \$4.75 per lb. or \$4.50 50# or More. We have plenty of this either on hand or being processed to keep up with demand. Approximately 85%+ Lean.

Option 2: Total Grind Longhorn Ground Beef \$5.25 per lb. or \$5.00 50# or more. Approximately 90%+ Lean.

We also have Choice Beef for sale, Half or Whole, Contact for details and pricing!

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Immediately following the speakers, Veterans, their families, Auxiliary members, and area Scouts gathered outside to pose for a photo in front of the NVP, recreating an historic photo taken in front of the former VFW building.

The Grand Opening celebration included brats and burgers on the terrace for attendees for a free-will do-

nation, raffles and baskets for a fundraiser, a bouncy house for the kids, a dunk tank, food available for purchase from a local food truck, a cash bar, and live music late into the evening, both Friday and Saturday nights.



Miss Wisconsin came for the 9/11 Memorial and stayed to enjoy the Grand Opening festivities. Shown here, Miss Wisconsin [Jennifer Schmidt] of Racine, poses with VFW Post 1638 Commander Arnold "Vic" Viljevac and his service dog, Creek.

Tina L. Scott photo.



Raffles and fundraisers; Veterans and families. The Northwoods Veterans Post was packed with activities all weekend long.

Tina L. Scott photo.

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October 2
2:00 - 6:00

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Free admission for all designated drivers. Everyone must be 21 to enter (even designated drivers). For visitor information, call the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce at 715-536-9474 or visit merrillchamber.org



A bouncy house and giant slide made for some very happy kids at the Grand Opening of the Northwoods Veterans Post.

Tina L. Scott photo.



L to R: VFW Post 1638 Commander Arnold "Vic" Viljevac [with his service dog, Creek]; Brigadier General Tim Covington, Civil Support Commander for Wisconsin; Don Lynch, Past State VFW Commander; Alderman Paul Russell; Michele Rathke, VFW State of Wisconsin Senior Vice Commander; Ron Ramos, VFW State of Wisconsin Junior Vice Commander; and Alicia Weix, President of VFW Auxiliary Post 1638.

Photo by Erin McKeen Photography.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Thomas named to UW-Stout Women's Cross Country Team

The University of Wisconsin-Stout announced Dalie Thomas of Merrill, a Junior who is studying health, wellness, and fitness, has been named to the University's 2021 Women's Cross Country Team. *UW-Stout, established in 1891, is Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, with a focus on applied learning, collaboration with business and industry, and career outcomes. The University prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with an employment rate above 98% for recent graduates.*

Merrill's Wardall earns spot on 2021 UW-Whitewater Volleyball roster

Morgan Wardall, a Merrill native and graduate of Merrill High School, will compete as a member of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (UW-W) Volleyball Team during the 2021 season, returning as a middle hitter.

Wardall is a Senior at UW-W, majoring in communication. The UW-W Volleyball Team took the court officially for the first time in nearly 22 months as it started its 2021 season.

The Warhawks are the preseason favorite of Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference coaches and sports information directors to repeat as conference champions after the league's 2020 season was canceled. UW-W has not won back-to-back titles since the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

The team is also receiving votes in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Women's Division III Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll and finished the 2019 season with a 22-10 record, including a 6-1 mark in league play during the regular season. The team reached the NCAA Tournament for the 27th time in the last 28 years that fall.

UW-Platteville names Hoff Pioneer football captain

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Football Team named six captains for the 2021 season, and Merrill's own Drew Hoff, a Senior defensive back, was one of those six. He was one of three defensive captains.

Hoff is a graduate of Merrill High School and is majoring in health and human performance. He has played in 10 games and recorded 15 tackles, with two tackles for losses, and has broken up one pass in his football career.

"These six captains were elected by their teammates, not only for their leadership on the field but off the field," head coach Mike Emendorfer of the Platteville Pioneers said. "They led during a very

difficult time during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to be great role models for our team heading into the season."

The Pioneers opened the 2021 season on Thursday, Sept. 2, playing against East Texas Baptist University.

UW-Eau Claire area Freshmen receive scholarships

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire said 582 incoming freshmen received scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year, with many students receiving multiple awards. Each award varies in amount and criteria. Of those students, the following area students received scholarships:

- Kaitlyn Riehle, Athens, Wis., Freshman Honors Scholarship, Athens High School
- Emma Jaeger, Merrill, Wis., Ralph E. Duxbury Biological Sciences New Student Scholarship, Merrill High School
- Alex Johnson, Merrill, Wis., Diversity Incentive New Student Award, Merrill High School
- Kelly Page, Merrill, Wis., Blugold Achievement Scholarship, Merrill High School

Area students named to UW-Milwaukee Spring 2021 Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) has announced the names of area students named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester:

- William Richey, Athens, Wis., Letters & Science Undergrad
- Daniel Zorowski, Athens, Wis., Health Sciences Undergraduate
- Brandon Clausen, Merrill, Wis., Business Undergraduate
- Hannah Ritter, Merrill, Wis., Eng & Comp Sci Undergrad
- Lydia Rosengren, Merrill, Wis., Nursing Undergraduate
- Emily Weix, Merrill, Wis., School of the Arts-Undergrad
- Adrienne Burton, Wausau, Wis., Letters & Science Undergrad
- Delaney Doering, Wausau, Wis., Letters & Science Undergrad
- Maisie Gelhar, Wausau, Wis., Business Undergraduate

- Lauren Heeg, Wausau, Wis., Business Undergraduate
- Nicholas Hensens, Wausau, Wis., School of the Arts-Undergrad
- Elaina Henrichs, Wausau, Wis., Pathway Advising
- Morgan Johnsen, Wausau, Wis., School of the Arts-Undergrad
- Evan Laffin, Wausau, Wis., Eng & Comp Sci Undergrad
- Nicole Martinez, Wausau, Wis., Letters & Science Undergrad
- Timothy Romang, Wausau, Wis., Business Undergraduate
- Jeremy Stetina, Wausau, Wis., Eng & Comp Sci Undergrad
- Long Thao, Wausau, Wis., School of the Arts-Undergrad
- Mee Xiong, Wausau, Wis., Education Undergraduate

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER ...

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PROUD SUPERINTENDENT



Merrill Area Public Schools strongly believes that instruction is most effective face-to-face with all parties physically present. We also, however, place student and staff safety as our first priority.

The number of positive COVID cases in Lincoln County are very high at this time. Positive student/staff cases combined with contact tracing require us to quarantine students and staff during this pandemic.

I know that attendance issues are a concern for many parents during this time. I can assure you that our building administrators and office staff are committed to working closely with our parents in the event of an illness-related absence or quarantine situation. Our priority of student achievement takes a backseat to the safety of your children. Please remain in close communication with your child's school. We only become concerned from an attendance perspective when we have no parent contact and no evidence of student attendance either virtually or face-to-face.

While we value face-to-face instruction, quarantining procedures make it necessary to resort to virtual instruction as the next best strategy. Please refer to the virtual instruction processes and expectations for each building in the event your child must be quarantined.

Classroom Instruction for Quarantines by Building

Pine River School for Young Learners: At PRSYL, students who are sent home under official direction and quarantined by the LCHD will receive daily learning activities through Seesaw.

Kate Goodrich: At Kate Goodrich Elementary School (Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders), students who are sent home under the official direction and quarantined by Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) are provided a mix of SeeSaw and virtual learning. Students access their learning through apps such as SeeSaw, Dreambox, and Google Meets. Classroom teachers are in contact daily with students and/or parents to help facilitate learning while the students are working at home.

Washington: At Washington Elementary School (3rd and 4th Graders), students who are sent home under the official direction and quarantined by LCHD are provided with virtual learning. These students access their Google Meets and participate virtually in the morning meeting, literacy instruction, and math instruction. All other classes, assignments, and activities are provided to the quarantined student through SeeSaw. Students are able to virtually meet with their teachers to ask questions or receive instruction. SeeSaw is used to communicate with the student and family.

Prairie River Middle School: At Prairie River Middle School, students who are sent home under official direction and quarantined by the LCHD are able to join the live stream Google Meet for all of their core classes and can begin doing that as soon as they arrive home.

See **SUPERINTENDENT** page 13

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up some jewelry at one of the vendor stands nearby as you drifted along checking things out, or enjoyed any combination of activities in the order of your choosing, there was

something for everyone to appreciate. Visitors were delighted to learn about the other events happening on the grounds as they wandered around, heard about the various events from others on-site, or learned about the events from the announcements on the loudspeaker.



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The Merrill Festival Grounds was the place to be on Saturday, Sept. 18. Here, attendees enjoy foods from the different organizations who were selling food, drinks, and dessert on site.



The variety of events at the Merrill Festival Grounds drew attendees of all ages on Saturday.



A horse and rider are kicking up dirt as they weave in and out of the poles and pick up speed at the Gymkhana event on Saturday.



Guns, ammo, and other merchandise related to firearms was available for sale or trade on Friday and Saturday at the 53rd Annual Fall Gun Show. **Mark Scott photo.**



Volunteers of all ages turned up at the Merrill Festival Grounds to serve up ribs and more last Saturday.

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Left: Vendor booths were a great addition to food, the gun show, and the horse show, all in one place on Saturday at the Merrill Festival Grounds.



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One of the main attractions at Pork in the Park & More was the mouth-watering ribs.

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All classes other than math, science, literacy, and social studies will not be live and students are to follow their instructions within each class's Google classroom. Students will continue to follow their daily class schedule, attending virtually via the live stream, until they are scheduled to physically return to school. It needs to be stressed, however, that the live stream is only available to students who are required to stay home by the LCHD for a positive COVID test result or quarantine.

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Our website remains updated and is a valuable source of information from a COVID and district-wide perspective.

Transportation

We sincerely apologize to those families that were adversely affected by the bussing issues during the first weeks of school. A variety of factors created reactive responses to the challenges we faced rather than the proactive communication you have come to expect. We remain committed to you and will continue to strive to achieve service excellence. Thank you very much for your patience and flexibil-

ity, as student safety remains our highest priority.

Please remember to contact bus dispatch should there be any bussing changes for your children.

Industry-wide Food and Driver Shortages

Like most industries, our food industry is facing unique challenges. Currently, there are supply chain issues and a lack of delivery drivers which may result in a reduced number of entree choices available for breakfast and lunch. Menu changes may also result without much advance notice until the supply chain issues are resolved.

Despite these conditions, MAPS, in partnership with Taher, Inc. Food Service Management Company, remains committed to serving quality, nutritious meals to students and staff.

Rest assured that a free breakfast and lunch remains available to all students.

No School Reminder for Monday, September 27

Please remember that Monday, Sept. 27 is a Merrill School Improvement (MSI) Day for the district. Students are not in attendance during our MSI Days. The few MSI Days that we have built into our school calendar are important, as these are professional development opportunities for our staff.

School Board Appreciation Week

Oct. 3-9 is Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week. Merrill Area Public Schools recognizes the hard work and dedication our School Board members provide each and every day. We appreciate each dedicated member of our School Board and the role they unselfishly assume on behalf of our students and staff. Thank you MAPS School Board!

Thank you and please be safe.

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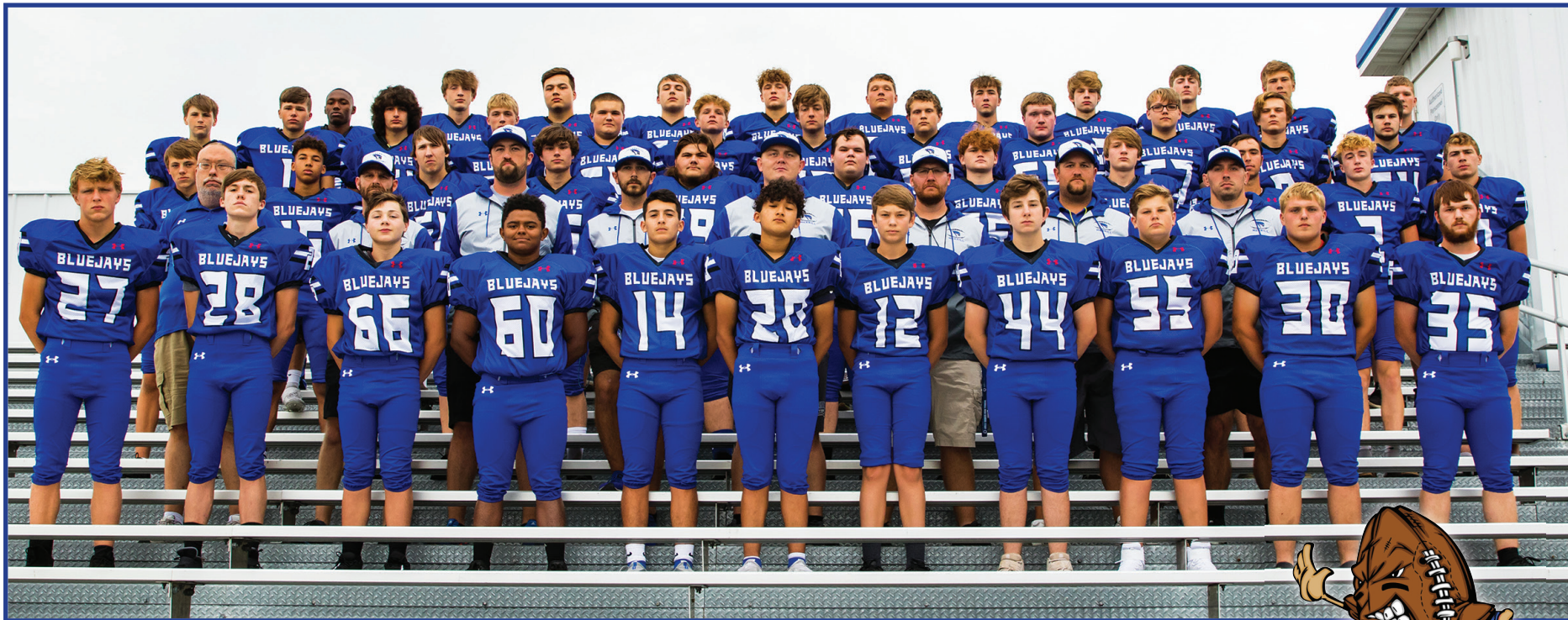
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7:00-11:00 p.m. • Bonfire @ MHS baseball field

SAT. OCT. 2

11:30 a.m. • Parade starts at Normal Park
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~ Jason Wadzinski
HEAD VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH



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HOME COMING MEMORIES

Homecoming 2021

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill High School students will celebrate Homecoming 2021 with activities starting Tuesday, Sept. 28, through the highlight of the week: the football game against the Lakeland High School Thunderbirds and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, Oct. 2.

The entire community is invited to cheer on the girls during the Powder Puff football game on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Jay Stadium.

And the Merrill High School Football Team will welcome spectators to cheer them on as the Bluejays take on the Thunderbirds at the Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1:30 p.m. at Jay Stadium.

The cancelation of Homecoming events in 2020 due to COVID inspired this year's Homecoming special section. Typically, preparing for this year's Homecoming begins with a look back at the events and game of the year prior. But in this case, a retrospective look would take us back to Homecoming 2019.

That inspired the idea to look back even further, to see how Merrill High School students have commemorated Homecoming in previous years.

10 years ago ... Homecoming 2011

In 2011, the Merrill High School KEMO no longer detailed Homecoming activities in words. Rather, the KEMO included a variety of photos from the week's activities.

But, the Merrill Foto News published a great article about the Homecoming game itself on Oct. 5, 2011, after the Homecoming game against Onalaska.

Here, excerpts [commentary not pertinent to Homecoming eliminated] from that article help readers relive some of the edge-of-your seat excitement of that game.

"Homecoming rally helps Merrill gridmen keep it exciting"

Alex Cordova's 32-yard field goal with just 24 seconds remaining gave Merrill a 35-33 edge in Saturday's Homecoming game, the first time this season the Bluejays won after allowing an opponent to take the lead in the second half of a game.

"Obviously, experience is key," Merrill Coach Tom Tourtillott said. "The more you play varsity football and have been in pressure situations, the better chance you have at succeeding. I'm proud of the kids for not stopping and for believing. We just have to be a little better in the second half."

"I'm very proud of the way they battled back. We're definitely learning how to play the game. We just have to learn to do it more consistently."

Despite the Onalaska comeback, Tourtillott enjoyed the outcome.

"I thought it was a pretty good culmination of a very great Homecoming week at Merrill High School," he said. "We talked about playing 48 minutes of football and having a lifetime of memories and I thought that happened Saturday."

Nick Peterson put the series well in motion with a huge return of Onalaska's kick-



The girls get down and dirty in the mud during the Powder Puff Football game during Homecoming 2011.

Source: 2012 KEMO

off to the Hilltopper 35.

"The key to that return was two blocks by Brandan Wiebe," Tourtillott said. "He completely pancaked the guy he was responsible for, then kept going. The second block sprung Peterson."

Merrill pushed its customary early advantage to 26-7 on a Coty Rajek one-yard blast up the middle with 9:00 left in the first half. Rajek's score came one play after quarterback Cordova tossed an option pitch at the last second to Austin Voigt for a 31-yard dash to the Onalaska one.

But that didn't mean it wouldn't be close at the end.

Merrill still held a 32-19 lead with 10:19 left in the fourth quarter after an incredible doink kick from Cordova. The ball landed on the crossbar, hung there for a tense millisecond, then bounced over the bar for a 38-yard field goal.

But Onalaska immediately converted a 1st-and-25 situation after returning the ensuing kickoff to midfield. Running back Phillip Stuhr took a flare pass 65 yards for the score with 9:37 still left on the clock. A slip on the PAT kick left it 32-25.

Merrill mounted a clock-killing drive, ultimately punting to the Onalaska 11 with 3:23 remaining. The Hilltoppers collected five consecutive first downs-discounting two illegal procedure penalties-and scored a 31-yard pass from Zach Schmidt to Clinton Rihn, the third wide receiver screen on the drive. Merrill preserved a 32-31 lead when the 2-point pass fell incomplete, but pass interference gave the visitors a second shot they converted with a Jon Jandrt run.

Just 1:54 remained when Peterson picked up the kickoff he fumbled and dashed to the Hilltopper 35. An 8-yard pass to Ray Paul and three Voigt runs pushed the ball to the 14, setting up Cordova's third field goal of the game.

"I'm very proud of the way Alex kicked that ball in not very good field conditions," Tourtillott said.

Cordova also kicked a 17-yard field goal with 7 seconds left in the half.

Austin Voigt racked up 213 yards on 38 carries, scoring Merrill's first three TD's on runs of 24, 4 and 4 yards in the opening 12:03.

The Jays ended up with 244 yards with help from Rajek (9-25) and Cordova (3-6). Cordova completed 9-of-20 passes for 81 yards to Paul (6-47), Alec Oestreich (1-18) and Peterson (1-16).

The visitors rushed for 140 yards led by Rihn (5-103), but Schmidt hit on 18-of-29 passes for 357 yards to Rihn (8-94), Garrett Hulse (6-88), Jandrt (3-87) and Stuhr (1-65).

"We hit four of our five offensive goals," Tourtillott said. "It was our best offensive all-around game. I'm extremely proud of Grant Collins and Alex Ruge, and Garrett Pagel had his best game as a blocker."



2011 Merrill Varsity Football Team. Row 1: William Soderberg, Zach Mootz. Row 2: Coach Gerlach, Coach Neale, Coach Getgen, Coach Weix, Coach Schofield, Coach Tourtillott, Coach Arneson, Coach Zastrow, Coach Paul, Coach Klug, Coach Thorson, Coach Oesterbring. Row 3: Nicholas Hoffmann, Nicholas Breaman, Schylur Seehafer, Nicholas Mootz, Eli Knoblock, Daniel Sturm, Jacob Bloechl, Justin Bonnell, Nicholas Peterson, Lucas Olson, Jared Mootz, Brandon Bartz. Row 4: Austin Voigt, Alec Oestreich, Ray Paul, Coty Rajek, Brandon Weibe, Cole Sczygelski, Michael Luedtke, Trevor Pike, Grant Dahlke, Dakota Ress, Garrett Pagel, Eric Ball. Row 5: Matthew Rekowski, Coleton Bloch, Ben Hintze, Christopher Monnot, Ivan Voigt, Benjamin Anderson, Dakota Hirte, Tyler Schmidt, Jared Hoffmann, Alex Cordova, Alexander Ruge. Row 6: James Nohr, Timothy Jahnke, Grant Collins, Mitchell Grabko, Robert Shattuck, Jared Wardall, Luke Voigt, Cody Stevenson, Nathaniel Hersil, Alex Klug.

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45 years ago ... Homecoming 1976

The KEMO for Merrill High School showcased Homecoming 1976 nicely. This excerpt from the Homecoming pages tells the story of that year:

Big Surprise-Homecoming '76

Kicking off Homecoming '76 was an opening assembly featuring descriptions of the week's activities. Tuesday recreated a day of the past as it became Nostalgia Day. It was also Chew 'em Up Day with free bubble gum to chew. Wednesday, bib overalls and suckers seemed to catch everyone's eye. Senior Dress-up Day and Queen elections highlighted Thursday. Friday, blue and white were worn by the student body.

Throughout the week, students were stumped by peculiar signs which promised a surprise at the assembly on Friday. The surprise materialized as Mr. Borg, former Vice-Principal, returned to cheer the Jays on to a Homecoming victory.

Despite cold and rain, Senior girls topped Junior girls in the Second Annual Powder Puff Game by a score of 21-12. Later, spirit rose high as the bonfire

Source: 1977 KEMO

brought warmth to all those awaiting it in the cold, damp night.

Saturday morning saw the Homecoming parade featuring class floats and cars decorated by students and clubs. Despite the frosty, cold fall day – and the fact that snow fell during the game – the Bluejays came away with a 28-15 victory over Wisconsin Rapids. Excitement of the game flowed into the night with the Homecoming Dance featuring "Slammer," ending an eventful Homecoming week.

The KEMO Football pages showcased some of the top athletes on the Varsity Football team that year:

"Dan Yorke, Scott Ackley, Keith Donner, Tom Weckwerth, Russ Akey, and Dale Elliot were named to All Conference teams. Channel 7 All Stars were Dan Yorke, Scott Ackley, Keith Donner, Tom Weckwerth, and Russ Akey. Scott Ackley achieved the honor of being selected to the All State 1st team, offense."

(Source: 1977 KEMO)



VARSIITY TEAM-Bottom Row: John Klimek, Doug Brandt, Dan Yorke, Dale Elliot, Mel Doering, Jim Kretzschmar, Dale Marquardt, Scott Ackley, Pat Semling, Dave Eckerle, Bill Ollhoff, Val Runge, Greg English, Mark Donner. Row 2: Coach Jesberger, Head Coach Rebella, Keven Kunkel, Bob Grefe, Mike Grunenwald, Mike Lowney, Matt Pankow, Jeff Olsen, Erin McCarthy, Dan Jackson, Scott Annis, Eric Pankow, Mark Storm, Tom Weckwerth, Jack Erickson, Steve Peck, Coach Paurus. Row 3: Coach Richardson, Russ Akey, Craig Schielke, Rick Gennrich, Kirby Stoelting, Dale Yorke, Phil Borchardt, Keith Donner, Erik Finanger, Luke Janowiak, Pat Woller, Mike Hoff, Mike Renken, Carl Duley, Mike Smith, Dick Duginski, Coach Artac, Coach Guallazzi.

25 years ago ... Homecoming 1996

By 1996, pictures had become somewhat more the focus than words in the KEMO.

The following excerpts, which are essentially page headings from the KEMO, help to characterize Homecoming 1996.

On the football page: "This year's new slogan 'Jay Pride Time' brought out the school spirit in all of us."

On the Homecoming 1996 photo pages:

"Lana Lemon reins over the festivities, faculty members show their school spirit, and the football team enjoys some spirited encouragement."

"Dress-up days require creativity, skits require originality, the homecoming assembly requires school spirit and a sense of fun."

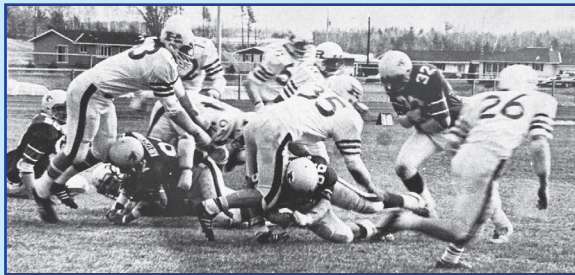
"Building floats, planning skits, participating in the parade amidst cold rain, and entertaining the assembly crowd."

(Source: 1997 KEMO)



1976 Homecoming Court members Karen Mueske, Queen Missy Summers, and Sandi Boquist ride in a car during the Homecoming Parade.

Source: 1977 KEMO



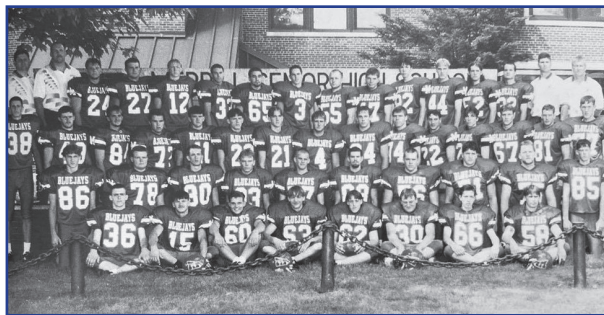
Homecoming 1976: Rick Gennrich carries the ball through the line, following the blocks of his teammates.

Source: 1977 KEMO



1996 Homecoming Court: Megan O'Leary and Jason Heckendorf, Lisa Hanson and Dave Hoff, Queen Lana Lemon and Aaron Hoffman, Marie Oldenburg and Mike Zuelsdorff, Ann Ertl and Mark Burger.

Source: 1997 KEMO



Homecoming 1996 Merrill High School Varsity Football Team: Jason Scheu, Josh English, Jim Schiher, Mike Wiesneski, Brian Pophal, DJ Schneider, Craig Hautman, Jesse Hanke, Chester Fehrmann, Jeremy Harris, Jeremy Akey, Dano Hoff, Brian Olson, Ben Henrich, Frank Neudorff, Mark Burger, Nick Polak, Logan Futterer, Dustin Pagoria, Mike Zuelsdorff, Joel Schult, Coaches Jeff Hetfeld and Dave Arneson, Nate Gebert, Jeremy Jankowsky, Pat Gatterman, Tim Osness, Aaron Kultgen, Tim English, Jason Wyland, Mike Broeking, Jeremy Graap, Bill Weix, Jason Daley, Jacob Zastrow, and Coaches Rob Greenwood and Duane Gray.

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50 years ago ... Homecoming 1971

Brief entries accompanied the photos in the Merrill High School KEMO remembering the 1971 Homecoming: "Hard work on floats and halls resulted with the Seniors winning both events. At the assembly, the Seniors again came through with their skit of total class involvement combined with song."

"The game against Marshfield ended with the Jays' defeat, but the fans' spirit and pride continued on throughout the year."

"The dance featuring 'Soundstreet,' was a great success, like all of Homecoming."

The notes on the KEMO Football pages were brief but telling. And while they didn't comment on any specific players that year, the notes exemplify something of the Bluejay spirit:

"Their season was not the best, but the spirit and competitiveness the team provided seemed to be a distinction in itself."

"The theme was not so much of 'Win! Win! Win!' as it was one of 'Fight! Fight! Fight!' This goal was surely achieved in all of their games but especially when they gained the most total yards rushing against top-rated Everest."

(Source: 1972 KEMO)



1971 Homecoming Court: Robin Annis, Marcy Schnabel, Queen Jill Wendt, Sue Sandas, and Kay Peterson. Source:, 1972 KEMO



1971 Merrill High School Varsity Football Team. Bottom Row: J. Schneider, T. Hildebrand, J. Anderson, H. Rothmeyer, B. Jensen, B. Gatterman, M. Zuelsdorff, S. Grund, D. Barney, M. Jacobi. Row 2: M. Lemmer, B. Grunenwald, S. Dahm, G. Johanson, R. Semling, B. Odegard, T. Schulz, P. Ament, J. Schewe, M. Weckwerth. Row 3: D. Detert, T. King, M. Hill, P. English, D. Berndt, B. Muchinski, S. Diagostine, B. Akey, M. Bubolz, G. Bauman. Row 4: D. Boquist, M. Semling, B. Heideman, J. Bloechl, M. McCarron, K. Robl, J. Zimmerman, T. English, J. Leist, B. Woller, J. Eckerle. Row 5: Coaches: Mr. Rebella, Mr. Jesberger, Mr. Hattlestead, Mr. Cheyka, Mr. Helmuth. Source: 1972 KEMO.

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CELEBRATING SILVER M

History of the Merrill Silver M Club

*The Merrill Silver M Club was established
"To support and encourage Merrill High School Football."*

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The idea to create the Merrill Silver M Club was first discussed at the 1944 Lincoln County Fair, according to documentation provided by the Club's current President, Chris Marlowe, which tells the story, as related for that documentation by Al Podeweltz, a Merrill High School (MHS) alumni who earned his first letter in football in 1908.

The story goes that Dr. Rudolph "Rudy" Kluetz and Al Podeweltz were in the grandstand at the fair with their wives, but acting totally oblivious to the performance, so involved were they in discussing something entirely unrelated.

"Did you come to enjoy the fair, or discuss the organization of a football club?" the wives [or one of them anyway] asked.

And what was distracting them from being attentive to either the performance or their wives? An idea they had heard about from a relative of Reno Schroeder

called the Silver B Club in Butte, Montana.

And then and there in 1944, the idea was born. They wanted Merrill to have a club like that.

They set out to find qualified alumni - MHS alumni who had been football players or football stars 25 or more years prior - and put together an organizational meeting held in a club room at the Badger Hotel in Merrill on Sept. 20, 1944, at 8:00 p.m.

With just over a dozen men at the meeting, a Club was organized, dues were paid (25 cents each), and officers were nominated and elected. Assignments were made and committees formed to identify lists of eligible members who could join the newly formed Merrill Silver M Club. They decided to hold a first annual banquet before the Oct. 21, 1944, Homecoming Game against Wisconsin Rapids; agreed to attend the football game as a newly organized Club body, and created a "Stunt Committee" to be in charge of "the stunts between halves at the Homecoming game."

And the rest, as they say, is history.

Silver M Club awards 2021 scholarships

Four class of 2021 Merrill High School graduates received scholarships from the Merrill Silver M Club this year.

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Scholarship applicants are judged on academics, school activities, community service, work experience, a written essay, and years they played football.

2021 scholarship recipients include:

- Alexander Mann \$2,000 in memory of Charles "Bubs" Johnson '54
- Caleb DeJong \$2,000 in memory of Richard "Dick" Johnson '52
- Zachary Kriegel \$2,000 in memory of Bruce Peterman '47

- Nikolas Zastrow \$1,000 in memory of Arnold Krombholz '38

Since 1984, the Silver M Club has awarded \$123,000 in scholarships to 79 Senior football players.

Included in that amount are eight \$1,000 Arnold Krombholz Scholarships awarded since 2014 totaling \$8,000. The funds for this annual scholarship are provided by a gift/endowment from Alan and Ruth Krombholz.

Scholarship Committee members are Jay Harding, Jeff Kraft, Bill Wengeler, Erik Finanger, Jeff Anderson, Roger Wendorf, Bob Akey, and Bill Folta.



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Merrill Silver M Club welcomes new members, Gold and Diamond inductees

At this year's annual Merrill Silver M Club banquet on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwoods Veterans Post, the club will welcome incoming members and Silver, Gold, and Diamond inductees for 2021:

SILVER M

Merrill High School Football letter winners who earned their first letter in 1996 and are eligible to become Silver M Club members are:

Jeremy Akey	Daniel Hoff	James Schiher
Mark Burger	Nathan Hoff	Jesse Schmelling (mgr)
Daniel Catlin	Aaron Hoffman	Joel Schult
Jason Daley	Craig Houtman	Thomas Skaar
Joshua English	Josh Krause	Michael Smith-
Chester Fehrmann	Aaron Kultgen	Jim Teues (mgr)
Villie Frost	Bryan Olson	William Weix
Patrick Gatterman	Tim Osness	Michael Wiesnewski
Nathan Gebert	Dustin Pagoria	Jason Wyland
Jesse Hanke	Chris Peterson (mgr)	Jacob Zastrow
Jason Henrich	Brian Pophal	Aaron Zuelsdorf
Adam Hill	Jason Scheu	Jeremiah Zuelsdorf

GOLDEN M

Prospective Golden "M" inductees for 2021, having earned their first football letter in 1971, include:

Robert Akey	Tom English	Bruce Muschinske
Dean Berndt	Rick Hass	Bob Odegard
Don Boquist	Norris Hattlestad	Keene Robl
Jeff Eckerle	Tom Hildebrand	Jeff Schneider
Phil English	Todd King	Basil Woller

DIAMOND M

There is one prospective Diamond "M" inductee for 2021, having earned his first football letter in 1946:

Norman Kriewald

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MHS Football Team honors U.S. Military Heroes who died Aug. 26

Bluejays lose a close game to Hayward Hurricanes

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill High School Varsity Football Team and coaching staff honored the 13 fallen soldiers who died on Aug. 26, 2021, during an attack outside of Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, in a ceremony of remembrance before the football game on Friday night, Sept. 17. Football players and coaches lined up and carried a casket flag and a dog tag for each of the fallen service members to honor their ultimate sacrifice, ceremoniously hanging the dog tags on a white cross for each service member and displaying the flags at the far end of

Jay Stadium. Each fallen soldier was honored, by name, with age, rank, and military service.

"These service members were killed while supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel. Five of those killed were 20 years old, and were just babies when 9/11 happened," Head Varsity Football Coach Jason Wadzinski said as he narrated the ceremony.

Marines Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover, Cpl. Hunter Lopez, Cpl. Daegan W. Page, Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez, Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza, Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz, Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum, Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui; Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak; and Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss were honored.

Those at Jay Stadium also honored the following

Merrill High School alumni, who did serve or are serving in the military, as the United States flag was raised:

- Trevor Pike, United States Navy, who graduated in 2013 with an Honorable Discharge. He played football for four years, is the son of Todd and Terri Pike, and is currently employed with Hetzels Plumbing and Heating in Tomahawk. He recently married Taylor Hudzinski, and his youngest brother is currently serving in the United States Air Force.

- Dallas Kaufman, United States Army, who graduated in 2017. He signed with the Army in 2016 and is still serving. The son of Scott Hulke and Lori Kaufman, he is currently employed with Kwik trip and is a member of the Village of Maine Fire Department.

- Michelle Brown, United States Army,



The Merrill Varsity Football Team and coaches honor the sacrifice of the 13 American soldiers killed in Kabul on Aug. 26, before their Friday night football game at Jay Stadium on Sept. 17.

Tina L. Scott photo.

who graduated in 2006. She currently serves with Wisconsin Army National Guard, Medical Detachment. She served in Operation Iraq Freedom in 2009. The daughter of Kim Johnson, she is currently employed as a Nurse Practitioner at Marshfield Clinic.

- Gabrielle Hinz, United States Army, who graduated in 2020, currently serves with Golf Company 132nd. She is the daughter of Candace and Chad Hinz and is currently employed at Kwik Trip.

- Damian Moonen, United States Army, who graduated in 2020, currently serves with Golf Company 132nd. He is the son of Julie and Daniel Moonen and is currently employed at C-Tech Manufacturing.

"We Remember, we will always remember, the thousands of lives that paid the ultimate price for our freedom," Wadzinski said. "Especially for those families and friends who have and are experiencing the Afghanistan withdrawal."

Wadzinski thanked VFW Post 1638 and Auxiliary for their continued support of all of our Armed Forces; MHS alumni who served and are still serving; Trista Rathke for contacting and coordinating with Armed Forces alumni for the flag raising; Michael Handlin [Merrill Class of 1982 and MAPS employee for 24 years];



L to R: Bailey Turenne, Abrehm Van Wie, and Aiden Pehlke represent Merrill Varsity Football and do the Bluejays proud.

Katie Hanson at KiK Photography photo

Michele Rathke, State Senior Vice Commander for the VFW for the State of Wisconsin, and wife of John Rathke [MHS graduate with the Class of 1982]; the Bluejay coaching staff and team; the Band Director and members of the Marching Jays, and everyone who helped make the night of remembrance possible.

"I would also like to thank the Merrill community for your patriotic display and continuing support to our Armed Forces," Wadzinski said.

"Let's get ready to play some football!" Coach said as he concluded the ceremony and the teams prepared to square off.

The Hurricanes from Hayward/Lincoln High School blew into Jay Stadium with a force, and the Bluejays gave back as good as they got, with both teams delivering an exciting game for an enthusiastic crowd Friday night.

The Bluejays saw a lot of action in the first half of the game, with the Bluejays garnering all their points in that first half. The Hurricanes made one touchdown in the first quarter with a 72-yard kick pass. Score going into halftime: Merrill Bluejays 12-Hayward Hurricanes 7.

The Bluejays played hard in the second half but weren't able to pick up anymore points, while the Hurricanes gave it their all to land a second touchdown on an 18-yard pass in the third quarter, although they failed on the two-point conversion on

that one.

"Last night our boys dropped a close one to Hayward 12-13," Coach Wadzinski summarized. But "I can't say enough about how hard they battled and kept their heads up until the bitter end."

#10 Brian Ball racked up 104 passing yards, including a 29-yard pass to Bailey Turenne for the Bluejay's first touchdown of the game in the first quarter. He completed 6 of 16 attempts, and also racked up 38 rushing yards with 13 attempts and 1 punt. #2 Cayden Diels totaled 76 rushing yards with 11 attempts in the game and 5 tackles and two kickoff returns. #5 Bailey Turenne had 45 yards receiving (1 TD first quarter), with 1 yard rushing to nail another touchdown in the final minutes of the second quarter for an exciting finish right down to the wire, and the hometown crowd went wild. [Both touchdowns failed two-point conversions.]

"Bailey Turenne had an exceptional game, reeling in a touchdown catch from Brian Ball and scoring one himself on the ground as time expired in the first half," Wadzinski said. "Bailey also set up that last drive of the half with a timely interception to swing momentum."

"Bradyn Pieper (1 Rec, 24 yds, 3 tk) had a nice game stepping in to play three different positions defensively after an injury to AJ Vogel. Bradyn also had an interception in the game."

2021 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedule

Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Friday, Sept. 24 th	Ashland (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 27 th	Ashland (JV)	Home	5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 30 th	Stevens Point (JV2)	Away	4:30 pm
Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Thursday, Sept. 23 rd	D. C. Everest (JV & JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 23 rd	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 30 th	Wausau West (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 30 th	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Tennis (Varsity & JV)			
Thursday, Sept. 23 rd	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Saturday, Sept. 25 th	Wausau West (JV)	Away	9:00 am
Thursday, Sept. 30 th	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)			
Thursday, Sept. 23 rd	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 28 th	Marshfield (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 28 th	Marshfield (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 30 th	Stevens Point (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 30 th	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Cross Country (Varsity & JV)			
Thursday, Sept. 23 rd	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 30 th	Medford (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Swimming (Varsity & JV)			
Thursday, Sept. 23 rd	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 30 th	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

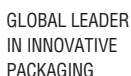
David Golisch, Merrill High School Senior, has been named Athlete of the Week. David started running Cross Country in the seventh grade and moved to the Varsity level in his Sophomore year. He also runs Track, which he started in the sixth grade and became a member of the Varsity Track Team last year as a Junior. At the Marathon Invite at Nine-Mile Recreation Area on Sept. 2, David came in first place for the Merrill Boys with a time of 18.17, coming in fourth place overall.

The son of Clint and Melanie Golisch of Merrill, David is on the honor roll and has a 3.6 GPA. He is a member of St. Stephen's Church in Merrill and enjoys running, working out at Riverside Athletic Club, the occasional game of volleyball with friends, and binge watching sitcoms on Netflix. After graduation, he plans to attend a four-year college to study computer science or engineering and to keep running!



David Golisch

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