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Lincoln County Deputies assaulted with bear or pepper spray; suspect flees

LaCrosse man arrested and charged with multiple counts



On Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, at approximately 10:05 p.m. a Deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in the Tomahawk area, after discovering that the license plates did not match the vehicle and the registered owner had a revoked driving status. After the Deputy activated his emergency lights to initiate the stop, the driver of the vehicle pulled into Crossroads BP at the intersection of STH 86 and US Hwy. 51. During the stop, the driver of the suspect vehicle falsely identified himself as someone else. As the Deputy was investigating, the suspect sprayed the Deputy in the face and incapacitated him with an unknown aerosol substance, believed to either be bear spray or a highly

concentrated pepper spray. The driver then fled the scene of the traffic stop southbound on US Hwy. 51. Tomahawk EMS responded to that location to treat the incapacitated Deputy. A backup Deputy pursued the suspect southbound on US Hwy. 51 at speeds in excess of 95 mph until three other Deputies were each able to deploy tire deflation devices in

an attempt to disable the fleeing vehicle. The suspect continued to flee at speeds over 70 mph even after all four tires had been deflated. The vehicle turned westbound on Lincoln Drive and proceeded to the dead end, west of CTH JJ in the Township of Merrill, before it became disabled in the yard of a private residence.

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MAPS Board Vice President to step down

Jon Smith, Board Vice President of the Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS), has announced that he will step down from his role effective immediately. In a letter to Board President, Kevin Blake, Smith stated that his decision is based on other personal and professional responsibilities. "I would like to thank Mr. Smith for his time, effort, and dedication while on the MAPS Board," said Blake. "We wish him the very best in his future endeavors." The Board met on Nov. 2, 2021 at a Special Board meeting to determine the process for filling the vacancy created by Smith. The Merrill Foto News had already gone to press prior to this meeting. Smith's current term was scheduled to end in 2022.

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St. John's to host Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

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TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

St. John Lutheran Church will host this year's Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, organizers say this year's meal will be served as pick up or delivery only. The traditional menu will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, green bean casserole, fruit salad, cranberries, a dinner roll, and pumpkin dessert. Reservations are required and must be made no later than Nov. 11. Call the Merrill Enrichment Center at 715.536.4226 to make your reservation. Free will donations will be accepted to help with costs.



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Merrill Area United Way Campaign in final stretch

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EDITOR

The Merrill Area United Way fall Campaign is in its final stretch and will wrap up during the month of November. Three company campaigns are still in the process of finishing up, and a final reminder letter was sent to prior donors, according to Dee Olsen, Executive Director of the Merrill Area United Way, Inc.

"At this point we anticipate hitting our goal," Olsen said. "We are currently at about 94%."

"Our goal this year was to reach the same amount as last year's."

United Way Donations can still be made c/o Merrill Area United Way, Inc., 503 S. Center Ave., Suite 5, P. O. Box 813, Merrill, WI 54452.



Dee Olsen, Executive Director of the Merrill Area United Way, accepts a \$5,000 check from Kelly Zagrzebski on behalf of the Wisconsin Public Service Foundation. Submitted photo.

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EDITOR

The Northwoods Veterans Post,

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Public asked to provide ornaments for holiday tree honoring troops

Courtesy of Wisconsin National Guard Public Affairs Office

MADISON, Wis. — Gov. Tony Evers and First Lady Kathy Evers invite members of the military family community in Wisconsin to contribute ornaments for this year's "Tribute to our Troops" holiday tree at the Executive Residence in Maple Bluff, Wis.

The "Tribute to our Troops" tree began under Gov. Jim Doyle to recognize service members from Wisconsin. The tra-

dition continued through the Scott Walker administration and, now, the Evers administration.

"We still have service members from Wisconsin who are deployed across the state and nation, and overseas, performing a variety of important missions," Gov. Evers said. "It's important for us to recognize and pay tribute to these folks serving our state and country while we also remember and honor our troops for their service and sacrifice. We welcome and encourage Wisconsinites from across our state to join us in this

seasonal salute to our hometown heroes."

The governor and first lady invite family members of Wisconsin's service members — past and present, in Wisconsin and abroad — to send a holiday ornament dedicated to their loved one. The ornaments will be displayed at the Executive Residence in Maple Bluff, Wisconsin, though there will be no holiday tours this year due to COVID-19.

The invitation is open to families of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guard members. Ornaments can be

plain, fancy, or personalized to honor our fallen service members, those who are deployed overseas this holiday season, and all who wear the uniforms of our nation's armed forces.

To be included as part of this year's "Tribute to our Troops" tree, ornaments must be received no later than Nov. 26 at:

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Seed Harvest a Success: Lincoln County Pollinator Gardens

The first annual seed harvest at the Lincoln County Pollinator Gardens was a resounding success. At the harvesting workshops, funded by a grant from the SARE program, over 160 community members, students, and educators participated throughout the month of October. Students from St. Francis and the Prairie River Middle School attended to help harvest seeds and to learn about the importance of pollinators and their habitat. Elizabeth Peronto, Program Assistant, stated, "Some of these students were a part of the original planting of the Lincoln County Pollinator Garden. To have them return to help in harvesting was a full-circle experience that was truly unique."



Fall seed harvesting at the Lincoln County Pollinator Gardens.

Thomas Boisvert photo.

The goal of this year's harvest was to provide enough seed to the community to create at least 10,000 square feet of new native prairie. Thomas Boisvert, Lincoln County Conservation Program Manager, said, "Now that the harvesting has concluded, we believe that we will

have enough seed to not only meet our goal, but exceed it by at least 50%."

Once all of the harvested seeds are processed throughout the winter months, the Pollinator Project will be offering seed sachets to the community along with detailed in-

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Taylor County Death in the Township of Holway

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unresponsive along with a large amount of blood on the roadway near the intersection of Elm Ave. and Hamm Dr. in the Township of Holway, Taylor County. Fire, ambulance, and law enforcement services were dispatched to the scene. CPR was performed by medical first responders, but the subject was ultimately pronounced dead at the

scene. It appears the victim may have been run over by a vehicle, but this is very preliminary. The victim is a white male and is yet to be identified. This is an active investigation and currently still in progress by the Taylor County Sheriff's Office. No further information to release at this time.

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When the four pursuing Deputies attempted to take the suspect into custody, the suspect sprayed one of those Deputies in the face and incapacitated him, as well. The three remaining Deputies were able to take the suspect into custody, just as the vehicle he'd been driving started on fire and became fully engulfed in flames. Merrill Fire Department personnel responded to and extinguished the fire. Merrill EMS responded to treat the second incapacitated Deputy.

The suspect, 54-year-old James John Gallup from LaCrosse, Wis., was booked into the Lincoln County Jail on two felony counts of Battery to a Law Enforcement Officer, one felony count of Resisting Arrest, one felony count of Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer, and one felony count of Misappropriation of Identification. Additional charges are possible, pending further investigation. The driver was also issued several traffic citations.

The suspect appeared in court on Friday, Oct. 29, before Lincoln County

Judge Jay Tlusty. Cash bond was set at \$50,000. Additionally, if released, Gallup may not operate any vehicle unless he has a valid drivers license and is prohibited from contact with the officers or their

residences. A status conference is set for Dec. 7 in Lincoln County Court.

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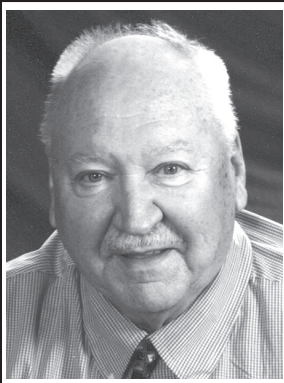
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OBITUARIES



Carlon J. Pepke, age 81, of Merrill, passed away on Friday, October 29, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Carlon was born December 6, 1939, in the town of Scott, Lincoln County, son of the late Otto and Helen (Kleinschmidt) Pepke. He married Virginia Weiler on September 15, 1962, in Athens, and she preceded him in death in March of 1985. Carlon married Darlene Stark on May 19, 1989, and she survives. Carlon began his working career as a farmer in the Goodrich area. He then went to work as a cheesemaker for Kraft in Milan, Wisconsin, and at the time of his retirement, Carlon was working for Lincoln Wood Products in Merrill. Carlon enjoyed sports. He played baseball in high school and later in the county leagues. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events and was a fan of the Brewers and Packers. Carlon was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill.

Carlon is survived by his wife, Darlene Pepke of Merrill; his daughters, Linda (Cary) Beran of Milan, Brenda (Brian) Hedlund of Medford, and Sue (Ed) Pernsteiner of Merrill; his sons, Brad (Kathy) Pepke of Merrill, Jeff (Nick) Stark of Desplains, Illinois, Mike (Ali) Stark of Neenah, and Pat Stark of Merrill; his grandchildren, Jordan (Jackie) Beran, Tyler (Samantha) Beran, Brice (Sarah) Hedlund, Brittney (Nick) Bann, Brock (Inger) Hedlund, Brett Hedlund, Maverick Pernsteiner (with fiancé, Taylor), Remington (Matt) Pernsteiner, Rhylee Pernsteiner, Tyler Cannon (with fiancé, Ali), Dan Pepke, and Aiden and Clara Stark; his great grandchildren, Kelsi, Lexi, Jacob, Cash, Sawyer, Sean, Liam, Seamus, Judah, Abram, Selah, Eliana, Corbin, and one on the way; and two brothers, Arlen (JoAnne) Pepke and Medford, and Gerald (Joan) Pepke of Great Falls, Montana. Besides his parents and first wife, Carlon is preceded in death by his twin daughters Lisa and Lori in 1965; a grandson Dillon Cannon; and his sister Arlene Meline who also passed away on the same day as Carlon.

The funeral will begin at 11:00 AM Saturday, November 6, 2021, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Burial will take place at a later date in the Athens Cemetery, Athens, Wisconsin. Visitation will be from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Friday, November 5th at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, and again after 9:30 AM Saturday at the church. The service will be live streamed. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com.



Patricia "Pat" J. Heller, age 74, of Tomahawk, WI, passed away on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at her home. She was born in Lancaster, WI, on August 9, 1947, to Virgil and Gladys (Kinney) Pagenkopf.

Pat graduated from Merrill High School and received her Bachelor's degree at UW Stevens Point. After teaching for several years, she earned a Master's degree in school psychology at Stout State University.

She and Dr. Stephen Heller married and moved to Groton, CT. She earned her PhD in deafness rehabilitation from NYU in 1986 and served as a department director for the League for the Hard of Hearing in Manhattan. Pat was involved in the cutting-edge pilot program for cochlear implants. When Pat tired of city life, she returned to Northern Wisconsin and worked for CESA 9 in Tomahawk until 1991. In 1996, she was given the Wisconsin School Psychologist of the Year Award. Pat spent the 1998-1999 school year in Kotzebue, AK, where she flew to village schools testing, consulting, and counseling as a "bush psychologist". Alaska provided her many adventures and she traveled there several times. Pat returned to Wisconsin with an Arctic Husky puppy and named him Ambler after one of the Alaskan villages. She worked in the Arcadia School District as special education director and school psychologist for several years before retiring.

Pat was well-educated and well-traveled. In her professional career, she worked to improve the education of many students. In retirement, she enjoyed her home on Killarney Flowage and read a pile of books. She treasured her neighbors and her dogs.

Survivors include her mother, Gladys, who recently celebrated her 98th birthday; her brothers, Jon (Chris), James (Peggy); her nieces, Amy (Greg), Elizabeth (Mike), and Jennifer (Patrick); her nephews, Nick (Emily), and their son, George; and her brother-in-law, Albert. She was preceded in death by her father, Virgil "Bud"; and her sister, Mary.

In accordance with Patricia's wishes, no formal services will be held. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.



Dawn Sus, age 75, passed away on Monday, October 25, 2021 at her home in Merrill, Wisconsin. She was born on May 4, 1946 in Racine, Wisconsin.

While working in a grocery store in Racine, WI, Dawn met her future husband, Frank J. Sus Jr. Shortly after meeting, Frank was deployed to England while serving in the US Air Force. Dawn followed Frank to England and on June 20, 1964 they were married in London, England.

Dawn worked in a foundry, a machine shop, she was a baker and cooked at a nursing home before becoming a dietician at a nursing home looking after 312 patients. She began Meals on Wheels in Racine, WI and co-owned a few businesses in Antigo, WI, including Sus Transfer and Eight Reasons Group Home.

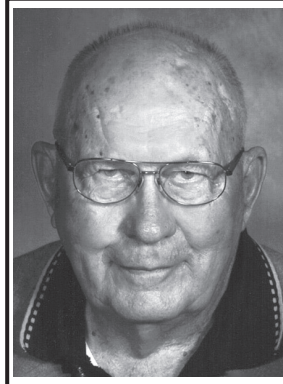
She was a very giving person, who would give the clothes off her back for anyone. She loved taking care of her many farm animals and she will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Dawn is survived by her loving husband, Frank J. Sus Jr., children: Kellie (Greg) Nowack, Carrie-Ann (Fred) Schroeder, and Frank J. (Shelly) Sus III, 11 grandchildren and 2 grandchildren, Anna and Hailey Nowack who have been helping care for grandma the last two years, one brother, James Willis, and sisters: Pamela Scholz, Edith Slater, Tracey Dettlaff, and Laura Rouse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Willis and Edith Thomas, parent-in-laws, Frank J. Sus Sr. and Rose Kupo, sister-in-law, Susan Oby and two children.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Donations may be made to the Lincoln County and/or Langlade County Humane Society in memory of Dawn Sus.

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.



LaVern J. Kottke, 89, of the town of Hamburg, Marathon County, passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

LaVern was born February 1, 1932, in the town of Hamburg, son of the late Walter and Adelia (Kleinschmidt) Kottke. He married Phyllis Krause on September 11, 1954. She survives. LaVern was a dairy farmer and had owned and operated his own trucking company. He hauled logs, gravel, and anything else his customers requested. LaVern was a hard-working individual. He was a very generous and giving person who would do anything for anyone. LaVern enjoyed polka dancing, working in the woods, logging, and trucking. For many years LaVern was the sexton at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in the town of Hamburg. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hamburg where he served as an Elder and had served on many other church boards.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Kottke of the town of Hamburg; four daughters, Diane Kottke, Faye Kottke, Lucy Plisch, and Chris Draper, all of the town of Hamburg; six grandchildren Jon, Brian, Steve, Stephanie, Jennifer, and Melinda; thirteen great grandchildren Sadie, Brayden, Gauge, Airia, Bear, Hannah, Jeffery, Maddy, Allison, Macie, Bobby, Lauren, and Daniel; his siblings, Carol (Phillip) Krause and Marlene Kottke both of Merrill, Betty Kottke of Wauwatosa, JoAnne (Roger) Ruehs of Germantown, Kathy Kottke of Wauwatosa, Wayne (Evelyn) Kottke of Hamburg, and Wallace (Judy) Kottke of Merrill; and his in laws, Delmar Zoher and Marian Kottke both of Merrill, and Ginny Kottke of Wausau. Besides his parents, LaVern is preceded in death by his son-in-law Wayne Plisch; and siblings, Donald and Loyd Kottke and Marjorie Zoher and Phyllis (Gilbert) Krause.

The funeral will begin at 1:00 PM Friday, November 5, 2021, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the town of Hamburg. The Rev. Joel Danner will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM Friday at the church. The Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com.

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Gene L. Voigt, age 81, of Merrill, passed away Friday October 29, 2021 at his home under the care of his family and hospice services.

Gene was born August 24, 1940, in Lincoln County, to the late Ralph and Ernestine (Kleinschmidt) Voigt. He married Phyllis Grund on September 1, 1970 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Gene worked as a bridge construction carpenter for Edward Kraemer and was a member of the local carpenter's union. During his working career he also spent many years working as a licensed blaster at Anderson Brother's Quarry.

Gene enjoyed watching tv sports, especially the Brewers and the Packers as well as taking an occasional casino trip with his wife and son. In his earlier years he often took his sons fishing.

Gene is survived by his wife, Phyllis Voigt of Merrill; son, Jeremy Voigt of Merrill; sisters, Dawn (Gerald) Schmidt, Darlene (David) Herdt, Carol (Mark) Pankow all of Merrill, and Shirley Hopkins of Wausau; brothers, Ralph (Arlene) Voigt, Wayne (Virginia) Voigt, LaVerne (Linda) Voigt, all of Merrill, and Mike Voigt of Texas; brothers and sisters-in-law Rueben (Diane) Grund, Lloyd Grund, Lou Ann Grund, Brian (Karen) Grund, Mark Grund, Jerome Grund, Lynette Trapp, Timothy (Sara) Grund all of Merrill, Sharon (Tom) Radtke, and Betty (Randy) Mahn both of Wausau; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Ernestine Voigt; son, Anthony 'Tony' Voigt; brother, James Voigt; and brother-in-law, Lester Grund.

A memorial service for Gene will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, November 12, 2021 at St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill. Rev. David Szeto will officiate. Visitation will begin at 10:00 A.M. Friday at the church.

Any memorials can be directed to St. John Lutheran Church, Merrill in memory of Gene.

Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com.

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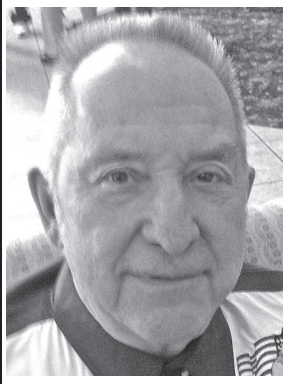
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OBITUARIES



Gordon E. Jaeger, age 90, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, October 15, 2021, at Marshfield Medical Center – Weston. He was born to the late Albert and Selma (Kufahl) Jaeger on November 23, 1930, in the town of Texas, Marathon County. After school, Gordon joined the United States Army and proudly served his country through the Korean War, before being honorably discharged.

Gordon is survived by his daughter: Jody Jayne Jaeger, granddaughters: Stephanie (Scott) Cook, Chris Ann (Aaron) Edberg and Jamie (Edward) Garcia, great grandchildren: Serena, Sarah, Skylar, Nora, Tim, Isaac, Ryann, Joey and Zeke, great-great grandchildren: Landon, Charlotte and Lyle and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, 6 sisters: Marion, Ruth, Dorena, Mick, Leora and Carmine, 7 brothers: Nyal, Delmar, Alfred, Milton, Wilbert, Butch and Karl, as well as his beloved dog: "Porky".

A private family service was held. Burial immediately followed the service and took place at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery, in the Veterans Memorial Section. Full military honors were conducted at the cemetery.

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.



Judith Ann Lemke, mothers never really die, they just keep house up in the sky, they polish the sun by day - and light the stars that shine at night, keep the Moon beams silvery bright - and in the heavenly home above they wait to welcome those they love. Poem author unknown.

June 4, 1939 - October 23, 2021

We celebrate the life of Judith Ann (Akey) Lemke. She was a devoted mother and wife of 60 years to Elmer Lemke. Together they lived life keeping family values close.

She along with family and friends created traditions snowmobiling and camping at upper Gresham Lake- where many memories were made that we hold near, many campfires, cardplaying, canasta, campfire songs, good food and floating in the lake.

Judy was a woman of strong faith that began with her attending Holy Cross High School and stayed with her all her life. As a member of Saint Francis parish she enjoyed being part of the choir for many years.

Judy worked at quality print for many years and eventually started her own business. She also became part of the Agra-Construction family for 20 some years. She met many friends along the way.

She will be missed by her dogs Beau and Jigs as they were a special part of her life.

Judy is survived by her children Paula(Michael Hunt), Jeff, Pam (Greg Dodge), Greg (Dawn); her nine grandchildren Justin July, Jayme July, Jenna July, Jared Dodge, McKenna Marion, Macy Marion, Graham Dodge, Erin Lemke and Luca Lemke; her step grandchildren, Andy Hunt, Emily Hunt, Elsie Hunt and Jonah Hunt; and several great grandchildren.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Elmer; her brother Robert Akey; and her step grandson Isaiah Hunt.

The family welcomes anyone to join us in community mass at Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Merrill at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 14, 2021. A celebration of Judy's life will be held that afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Agra Pavillion/Riverbend Trail. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

MADISON - Fern Ellen Hernandez, age 92, of Madison, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021, at Legacy House of Avondale in Arizona. She was born on Sept. 1, 1929, in Merrill, Wis., to Frank and Martha (Ringhandt) Muschinske.

Fern married Ramon R. Hernandez on Aug. 11, 1962, in Merrill. Prior to her marriage, she was a buyer for Kohlhoffs Department Store in Merrill, and an account representative for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

Fern was a member of Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ in Madison, where she sang in the choir and was a member of The Quilters and Women's Bible Study. In her lifetime she volunteered and was an officer on many church and school programs, boards and committees. She enjoyed friends, sewing, quilting, reading, and travel.

Fern is survived by her daughter, Maria; son, Robert (Gina); grandchildren, Rachel (Ryan), Joshua (Kimberly), Julia and Devin; niece, Donna (Randy) Wimmer; and nephews, Scott (Jodi) and Jeffrey Muschinske. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ramon; daughter, Beth Marie; her parents; her brother, Clifford; and sister-in-law, Dawn.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

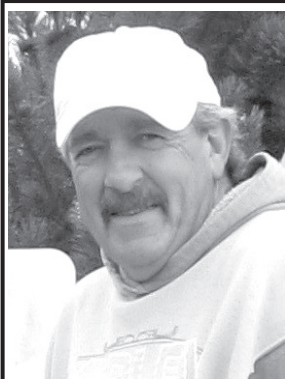


Lloyd D. Hackbart, age 92, of Merrill, passed away on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

Lloyd was born December 15, 1928, in Merrill, son of the late Marvin and Marie Hackbart. He married Mary Anne J. Bower on November 18, 1950. She preceded him in death on March 19, 2015. Lloyd served in the U.S. Army and is an honorable Korean War veteran. Lloyd was the former owner/operator of Knotty Pine Bar in Merrill and owned and operated Lloyd's Tap Cleaning. For twenty years Lloyd tended bar at Social & Sick Bar in Merrill, and he also drove school bus. Lloyd enjoyed reading the daily newspaper, taking bus trips to Brewer's games, and deer hunting. In his younger years Lloyd enjoyed playing baseball. He also enjoyed Dart ball and playing pool. Lloyd was a member of the Merrill Eagle's Club and the 'Popcorn Club.'

Lloyd is survived by his children, Lynn (Rick) Anderson of Merrill, Kim (LeRoy) Stolpa of Sheboygan, Lynelle (Chad) Sampo of Merrill, Lewis (Cindy) Hackbart and Todd Hackbart both of Merrill; 12 grandchildren, Brad, Justin, Alexander, Alecia, Andrew, Nathaniel, Breanna, Jacob, Meghan, Joseph, Karissa, and Emma; 6 great grandchildren, Melanie, Seth, Josh, MaKenzie, Jackson, and Emma; and his siblings, Marlene Zuelsdorff and Geno (Marion) Hackbart both of Merrill. Besides his wife and parents, Lloyd is preceded in death by an infant child; a great grandchild Landon; brother and sister-in-law, Warren and Arlene Hackbart; and brother-in-law, Ron Zuelsdorff.

The funeral will be at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, November 6, 2021, at Faith Lutheran Church, village of Maine. The Rev. Donald Love will officiate. Burial will follow in Faith Cemetery – West town of Scott, with graveside military honors conducted by the Merrill V.F.W. Post 1638 Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M. Saturday at the church. The Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com.



Michael L. 'Mike' Rasmussen, age 74, of Merrill, passed away Sunday, October 24, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital due to natural causes.

Mike was born February 14, 1947, in Lincoln County, son of the late Leslie and Marcia 'Joan' (Whitney) Rasmussen. He worked as a sheet metal worker for Mid-State Contracting for over forty years.

Mike was a gentle soul. He loved nature and was an avid hunter, sportsman, and gun enthusiast. Mike was an active member of the Lincoln Gun Club and a forty year member of the International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association (IHMSA) where he received many awards at various levels including internationally. Over many years he enjoyed attending "Thursday Pie Night" with his buddies.

Survivors include his lifelong companion and friend, Katie Livingston; his brother Patrick Rasmussen; nieces and nephews, Shannon, Shawna, Thane (Andrea), Jason (Alicia), Stephen Jr., Natasha (Adam), and Felicia (Brian); sister-in-law, Natalie; many great nieces and nephews; and many lifelong friends across the United States. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Marcia 'Joan' Rasmussen; brother, Stephen Rasmussen; sister-in-law, Lynn Rasmussen; and his beloved pets, Hannah and Lincoln.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at a later date.

Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com.



Thomas R. "Tom" Berndt, 62, passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2021 in Tacoma, Washington. Tom was born on April 18, 1959 to the late Ralph and Carol (Perrodin) Berndt in Milwaukee, WI. Tom was a 1977 graduate of Milwaukee James Madison High School. After graduation, he attended Marquette University, graduating in 1981.

Tom is survived by his four sisters, Minette Berndt of Owen/Withee, WI, Heidi (Steve) Holland of Vadnais Heights, MN, Judy (Wayne) Bondioli of Irma, WI and Valerie (Rodger) Luebke of Apollo Beach, FL. Tom is further survived by his nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by one nephew, Jared Bondioli.

A private memorial is planned. Tom will be interred at Merrill Memorial Park.



Clifford 'Cliff' Oscar Maluegge, age 95, passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at Bell Tower Residence in Merrill, while under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services. He was born on January 23, 1926, to the late Harry H. and Esther (Degner) Maluegge in Merrill. Cliff proudly and bravely served in the U.S. Army during WWII, from May 8, 1944, until his honorable discharge on May

12, 1946. For his service to the country, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal. Cliff then met the love of his life, Ruth Arlene Lohff, and the two lovingly exchanged marriage vows on June 26, 1948, in Merrill. Sadly, Ruth passed away on June 21, 2017, after a union of nearly 69 years.

Cliff worked as a laborer for various construction companies, primarily Wergin. He would be the worker that everyone could depend on and liked to see his projects go from start to finish, he was truly a "jack of all trades". After retirement, Cliff enjoyed woodworking and would make his family all sorts of wooden pieces for their homes. He also took up caning chairs and helped his kids when it came time for them to build their own homes. In his spare time, Cliff enjoyed being outdoors, whether it was trout fishing, deer hunting or tending to his vegetable garden. He was a great cook and baker and taught his children to make some of his specialties. He is best known for his Chocolate Crinkles and Trilbies. Cliff was honored that he was able to attend the Dream Flight, just this past August 3, 2021, and The Never Forgotten Honor Flight for Veterans on April 17, 2011. Above all, Cliff loved his family. He adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and they followed grandpa everywhere as his little ducklings! Cliff was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, the Men's Club at Trinity, the V.F.W. Post #1638, the DAV and the Central Wisconsin Polka Club. Cliff had a heart of gold and will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Cliff is survived by his sons: Steve (Kay) Maluegge and Tom (Mary) Maluegge, daughters: Polly (Joel) Schneider, all of Merrill and Karen Karau, of Green Bay, 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, sisters: Ruth 'Jeanie' Rajek and Joyce (Norman) Weisenfeld and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife: Ruth Arlene Maluegge, son: Joseph Lohff, brothers: Theodore and Reuben Maluegge and sister: Mildred Shearier

The funeral service for Cliff will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Reverend Scott Gustafson will officiate. Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 4pm-8pm at Waid Funeral Home and again on Monday, November 1, 2021, from 10am until the time of the service, at the church. Burial will immediately follow the service and take place at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery, with military honors conducted by the Merrill V.F.W. Post #1638.

The service will be live streamed for those unable to attend, and will be available for viewing on November 1, 2021, at 11am, and can be found under his obituary on the funeral home website. It will then be posted as a recording for future viewing.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bell Tower Residence for the wonderful care provided to Cliff over the last 4 years.

Donations in Cliff's name may be directed to Trinity Lutheran School or the Bell Tower Residence activity fund.

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.



Gloria D. Trzebiatowski, age 71, of Merrill, passed away on Friday, October 29, 2021, at the Hospice House in Wausau.

Gloria was born August 24, 1950, in Merrill, daughter of the late Henry and Bernice (Liesman) Puphal. She married Damon R. Trzebiatowski on July 19, 2001. He preceded her in death on September 30, 2015. Gloria and Damon had been the owners and operators of '64 Pub' in rural Merrill. She enjoyed putting puzzles together and spending time with her family.

Gloria is survived by daughter, Cheri (Steve, Jr.) Ament of Merrill and her son Joe Blaubach (with Lea Ballmer) of Irma; two grandchildren, Ashley (Jerome) Ziegelbauer and Cassie Blaubach; and her siblings, Eileen (Walter) Richards of Tucson, Arizona, Henry (Arleen) Puphal of Portage, Betty Boyd of North Carolina, Sally (Dale) Boyd of Whiting, Vicki (Ken) Drost, Rueben (Darlene) Puphal, and Jean Robl all of Merrill. Besides her parents and husband, Gloria is preceded in death by her siblings, infants John and Roger Puphal, and LaVern, James, and Duane Puphal.

A private family celebration of life will be held. Inurnment will take place later in Merrill Memorial Park. The Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Merrill is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com.

Gloria's family would like to thank the staff at the Hospice House in Wausau for the wonderful care given to her.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Girl, Mackenzie Rose, born to Kyla Rodriguez and Adam Rodriguez of Merrill.

OCTOBER 18, 2021

Girl, Eleanor Sage, born to Lauren Patterson and Brandon Woller of Rothschild.

Chamber of Commerce

Just a reminder that the Chamber Office will have limited hours starting on Nov. 19 and going through Dec. 3. The office will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on those dates. The office will be closed Nov. 25 through Nov. 28.

The gift of giving is coming up. If you have Chamber

Gift Certificate orders of 50 or more that you would like before Dec. 6, those orders must be in by Nov. 16 and will be available for pick up after Nov. 18.

If you have any questions, please give the Chamber a call. Email list to manager@merrillchamber.org

LEGAL NOTICES

OBITUARIES

Legals 7700

Merrill Area Public Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting September 15, 2021 - Minutes

Legals 7700

MOTION by Volpe, second by Osness to approve a full-time aide for the School Forest to be paid as a 50/50 split with the Friends of the School Forest and to authorize the attached Memorandum of Understanding effective for the 2021-2022 school year and until terminated by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Legals 7700

taxable tax and revenue anticipation promissory notes; and, participation in the PMA Levy and Aid Anticipation Notes (PLANN) Program, approving Edward Then as the acting fiscal agent for MAPS regarding signatures required on the day of the offering an other documentation relating to this borrowing. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Legals 7700

West 60' of the East 140' of Lot 4, Block 4, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Merrill, by its Building Inspector, hereby declares that the building located on the above described property is old, dilapidated or out of repair and, consequently, dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human habitation and unreasonable to repair.



Patricia Jean Rajek, 90, of Merrill passed away Sunday, October 31, 2021. "Pat" was born November 29, 1930 to Anton & Pearl (Montgomery) Kordick in Merrill. She grew up and attended school in the Merrill school system, graduating from Merrill Senior High School. Pat attended the University of Wisconsin - Marathon Campus where she met her future husband John H. Rajek, also of Merrill.

being very involved in their education and school activities. At St. Robert's she was a PTA member, a substitute teacher (seventh and eighth grades), and an Assistant Girl Scout Leader. She also volunteered to help with rehabilitation of special needs children. Pat worked part-time at Livingston's Department store where she reveled in helping customers choose the latest styles and enjoyed setting up the store and window displays. She also belonged to a card club where she said she mostly got the booby prize.

Pat and her Husband Jack enjoyed the beauty of nature and wildlife in northern Wisconsin and passed that love along to their children. Camping, picnicking, time in the woods, so many memories from time spent around campfires, snow-shoeing, XC skiing and even piling firewood. They built strong family traditions surrounding the holidays that are still going strong today. Pat would say that her greatest achievements in life were her children. She had a unique relationship with each one, and loved them all dearly. When Patricia's husband retired, they did some traveling around the country making a number of trips to Alaska, but mostly she and her husband, along with their children and grandchildren enjoyed life here, in Northern Wisconsin.

Pat is survived by her five children: JoAnne (Bruce Germond) Rajek of Rhinelander, John (Susan) Rajek of Eagle River, AK, Elizabeth Plautz of Rhinelander, Nancy (Joe Simons) Rajek of Oconomowoc, and Peter (Julie) Rajek of Merrill; her eight grandchildren: Peter (Jennifer), John (Erin), Anthony (Taylor), Alisha (Dan), Andrea, John, Anna (William), William; and her seven great-grandchildren: John, Anna, Emma, Everly, Estella, Alexandria and Damien. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John and one sister, Eileen Williams. A celebration of her life will be held at the Eagle's Club in Merrill on Monday, November 8th. Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:30 with a memorial service to follow.

The family requests memorials be given to the Merrill Historical Society and/or Merrill River Bend Trail (address: Friends of RBT, PO Box 561, Merrill, WI 54452) The family also wishes to thank the wonderful CNA's, Activity staff, auxiliary staff, Compassus Hospice Care and Sisters at Bell Tower Residence for the loving care they gave to our mother during her stay there.

Mid Wisconsin Cremation Society is assisting family at this time. Online condolences can be made at MidWisconsinCremationSociety.com

NOTICE

TOWN OF CORNING 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, Nov. 8th, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at the Corning Town Hall, a public hearing will be held on the 2022 proposed Town of Corning Budget.

Following the hearing, a meeting will be held to adopt the 2021 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2022 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1) (A) of Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 29th day of October 2021

By: Rickey C. Hass Clerk, Town of Corning

TOWN OF SCOTT NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the Scott Town Hall, N563 Lake Road, Merrill, a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2022 Budget for the Town of Scott will be held. The proposed budget will be posted at the Scott Town Hall and available for inspection upon request.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS Notice is further given that on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, immediately following the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2022 Budget, a special meeting of the electors called pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes by the town board will be held to approve the 2021 town tax levy to be collected in 2022 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

NOTICE OF NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Scott Town Board will commence immediately following the conclusion of the above two meetings. The 2022 Budget will be discussed and adopted at this meeting.

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Merrill Area Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting September 28, 2021 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Board members present: Ashbeck, Krueger, Osness, Volpe, Liberty, Smith, Woller and Blake. Board member absent: Yingling. Others present: Dr. Sample, MAPS Administrators, approximately 9 people from the staff and public and Recorder Woller.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Osness that as a result of symptomatic or a close contact quarantine, I move to allow re-entry into school the day following proof of a negative Covid test, effective Monday, October 4, 2021. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ashbeck to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully submitted, Ronald Liberty Board Clerk

RAZE ORDER (Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0413) TO: OWNER: Donald and Edith Townsend 603 Cotter Ave Merrill, WI 54452 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1905 Jackson Street Merrill, WI 54452 LEGAL DESCRIPTION Land described as O Rouk and Rodden's Addition to the City of Merrill,

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 21CV148

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Jessie Allen Weso By (Petitioner) Jessie Allen Weso By (Co-Petitioner) Jessie Allen Weso

IT IS ORDERED: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Jessie Allen Weso To: Jesse Allen Weso Birth Certificate: Jessie Allen Weso

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin. Judge's Name: Robert R. Russell Place: 1110 East Main Street, Br. 2, Merrill, WI 54452 Date: 11-24-21 Time 11:00 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. Published Oct. 28, Nov. 4 & 11, 2021 WNAXLP

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR THE TOWN OF SOMO, LINCOLN COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tripoli Community Center a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed 2022 budget of the Town of Somo in Lincoln County will be held. The more detailed proposed budget is posted on all official bulletin boards in the Town of Somo and will be available for inspection at the town clerk's home by appointment. Telephone 715-453-4662.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF SOMO, LINCOLN COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 10, 2021, a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS will follow the completion of the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2022 town budget, which begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Tripoli Community Center. This Special Town Meeting of Electors is called pursuant to Sec. 60.12(1)(b) of the WI Statutes by the town board for the following purposes:

- 1. To approve the total 2022 highway expenditures pursuant to Section 81.01(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes. 2. To adopt the 2021 Town Tax levy to be paid in 2022 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) of the WI Statutes.

Town of Somo Tripoli, WI 54564

Budget Summary for Town of Somo:

Table with 4 columns: Category, 2021 CURRENT BUDGET, 2022 PROPOSED BUDGET, CHANGE. Rows include REVENUE (Tax Levy, Intergovernmental, Licenses & Permits, Misc Revenue, Total Revenues) and EXPENSES (General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, Total Expenses).

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Rep. Callahan Calls for Resignation of Meagan Wolfe

MADISON, Wis. - State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) issued the following statement regarding the conclusion of the Legislative Audit Bureau's investigation into the November 2020 election and the Racine County Sheriff's investigation:

"I've spoken with many constituents from around the 35th Assembly District about what happened during the 2020 election. With the recent report from the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau and the subsequent information released from the Racine County Sheriff's Office, we can now see that the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) has turned into a rogue agency, breaking state election laws and twisting the rules as they see fit.

"Under state law, Special Voting Deputies (SVDs) and family are the only ones able to assist folks in care facilities

with filling out a ballot. Local clerks appoint the SVDs and are required to have individuals from both parties. The WEC has tried restricting SVDs from entering care facilities in the past without legislative approval.

"Today, I demand the resignation of the WEC's administrator, Meagan Wolfe. The mismanagement of the agency and plain disregard for our state's election laws has gone on for long enough. It's time she is held accountable. She needs to step aside for someone who will follow state election law. We need to prevent these issues from ever happening again, and a new administrator will be a great step towards restoring faith in our state election processes."

The 35th Assembly District includes all of Lincoln County and portions of Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.

Merrill Foto News advertisement including office hours, mailing address, staff list (Patrick J. Wood, Tina L. Scott, Heidi Schult, Tim Schreiber, Dinah Schneider, Kurt Haebig, Jennifer Gartmann, Sue Schroeder), and circulation audit information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The views and opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Merrill Foto News, its publishers, Editor, or staff.

To the Editor:

In response to the letter of Richard Kotschi 10/21/21:

There are Anti-christs in our world. According to Bible Prophecy, we only need to be concerned about the final one.

President Trump does not fit the definition of Anti-christ according to Webster.

1. One who denies or opposes Christ, a great antagonist, expects to fill the world with wickedness, but be conquered by Christ at His second coming. 2. A false Christ.

If Trump is a false Christ, it is because he was very concerned about the well-being and safety of everyone and the Country. He gave us a better life and more rights and freedoms. President Biden fulfills the first definition, a great antagonist, and expects to fill the world with wickedness.

This administration is trying to make Constitutional changes, take away some of our rights and freedoms, and make us a Socialist Nation.

The News Media is corrupt, not giving true reports. There have been over 30,000 deaths and hundreds of thousands of side effects from the experimental vaccines, and they are bad for children. Check Websites, listen to both sides of the news. Be aware of the misinformation of Dr. Fauci, the CDC, FDA, WHO, NIH, and pharmacies. They have blocked alternative treatment. Many doctors and epidemiologists treating patients with Hydroxychloroquine and a Human Ivermectin and others are having excellent results. It was stated that 80 - 85% of the 700,000 people who died from COVID would probably be alive if treated this way. We should have the right to treatment of choice.

- Thank you,
Glorian Iattoni
Irma, Wis.

**To the Editor:
Hypocrisy**

On Oct. 12, 2021, our Merrill Common Council passed a resolution on a vote of 5-3 "that the City of Merrill employees will not be required to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, ... and the Common Council encourages all city contractors to not require COVID-19 vaccinations as a condition of their employment." The Council also approved Vision and Value Statements, which included: "Merrill will be recognized as a welcoming city with a safe and diverse community;" "Provide respectful service to those who live, work, or visit," and "Make decisions with an understanding of their impact on the people and community." How can we be SAFE and RESPECTED, when city employees and employees of city contractors are not required to receive the COVID vaccine? What IMPACT will this resolution have on the people of our community? It is pure hypocrisy, when our Common Council says one thing in a resolution, but then the opposite in Vision and Value Statements. Only when everyone has received the COVID vaccine will we all be safe and respected. I say "Thank You," to the three members of our Common Council, who voted "nay" on the resolution.

- Respectfully submitted,
Catherine G. LeMay-Brown
Merrill, Wis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Marital Dating

Dear Reader,

How's your marriage? Are you and your spouse doing well? Terrific! But this column is not for you; it's for the people who are struggling.



If some decades have passed since you walked down the aisle, the bloom may have come off the rose. You probably now have a few issues that slowly are driving you nuts. Some may come from familiarity, as people who have known each other for a long time tend to take each other for granted. But others could be tendencies or habits that seemed cute and funny in the courtship and now feel like marriage-killers.

What do you think of that oft-repeated advice to take your spouse on a date? Treat him or her like you are just meeting for the first time. You know what that's like - curiosity, questions, the feeling of wanting to know everything about each other and to answer the burning questions of "what was your life like before we met?" and "where are you at right now in your life?"

For this to work, you have to start fresh. Stuff about the past has to be embargoed - completely put away as if it never happened. The focus is building on the present and what may lie in the future. Instead of regurgitating past grievances, concentrate on appreciating any courtesy, big or small, since it is a subtle demonstration of affection towards you.

You may be on the fence about your spouse, and who knows, your marriage may not be fixable. But maybe it is. Maybe, just maybe, it is possible to start over again with someone you've known for a long time. And that almost certainly beats pioneering a new frontier with a stranger who might emerge from the needs and lonesomeness of the unknowing beyond. It's worth a try, isn't it?

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

FFA MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Allison "Sallie" Hunter, a Sophomore at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named FFA Member of the Month for October 2021. Sallie joined FFA her Freshman year "because I love volunteering and helping people, especially in agriculture," she said. "If I can help people better understand what we do as farmers or even just being in the outdoors, I feel like I did something positive for our community." When she was in third grade, Sallie's family began raising pigs, and the following year she started showing pigs at the Lincoln County Fair. "My very first year I received Beginner Showmanship," Sallie said. "I absolutely fell in love with agriculture after that." Sallie enjoys FFA activities such as the Fall Leadership Workshop she recently participated in. "My favorite thing we have done so far is attending World Dairy Expo. There I learned a lot about the dairy industry and I got to meet a bunch of new people," she said. In addition to FFA, Sallie is also in 4H, was recently elected President of the Prairie River Eagles Club, and she is a wrestler. This is her 9th year wrestling. Sallie has a part-time job at Geiss Meat Service. In her free time, Sallie enjoys watching Friends and just being with her animals [cat Porkie, dog Windsor, and rabbit Mushu]. She also likes to hunt and fish and loves the outdoors.

The daughter of Becky and Brandon Hunter of Merrill, Sallie has a 3.2 GPA. She plans to attend a Wisconsin college to get a degree in education or agriculture business and knows she wants to have a career working with animals.



Allison Hunter

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MERRILL FOTO NEWS

Student of the Week



This Week's Featured Student is

Carson Wallace

Son of

Matthew and Stacey Wallace

Carson is in the 4th Grade at St. John Lutheran School.

He was nominated by Mrs. Breitwisch.



What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
My favorite subject in school is science because I get to learn about a greater variety of things in the world.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
My favorite part of school is seeing my brother and grandma at school because it reminds me that school is an extended family.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
I would like to be a hunting guide, because I would love to teach kids to learn to hunt and love the outdoors just like my dad and my papa do for me.

Carson is such a friendly and polite young man. He is always smiling and has a helpful heart that is willing to help others. He has blessed me immensely in the short time that I've had him in my class.

- Mrs. Breitwisch



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BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Ron's Gone Wrong

(now showing in theatres)

★★★★☆

Rated PG - no idea why.
Ron's Gone Wrong is a film that I just kind of ended up seeing. The choices this weekend were, shall we say, limited. I had the choice of *Antlers* about who knows what (the trailer for that one is just wacky) or *Ron's Gone Wrong*, so I chose the latter because I am a sucker for animated films.

Ron's Gone Wrong was a disappointment. The animation was good enough and the voice talents did their best, but the story was just not there.

Movie Reviews



It's the future, and every kid has a robotic best friend produced by a company called "Bubble" except one, Barney. Desperate to help his son fit in but low on funds, Barney's father gets his hands on a unit that

is damaged and malfunctions, and from there, let the very predictable hijinks begin.

Along the way, we have a not-so-fleshed-out villain, social media addiction messages, and bitter lessons in the difference between famous and infamous - or at least the filmmakers take a stab at those messages, but they never really follow through convincingly.

Honestly, I was bored, and there is a better-than-average-chance I may have nodded off for just a moment. OK, ya, not a chance, I *did* nod off for a minute or two. My bad.

But leaving the theatre when the film ended, I heard no banter or laughter from the other attendees, so I am pretty sure they felt the same as I did.

Two Stars for *Ron's Gone Wrong*. It's not terrible, but it's really just kind of forgettable.

Dune Chapter Two has officially been greenlit for production with a release date of Oct. 24, 2023

T. B. Scott Library Going Fine-Free; announces food drive

BY JESSICA ZELLERS
DIRECTOR, T. B. SCOTT FREE LIBRARY

Starting Nov. 17, T. B. Scott Free Library is going fine-free. This means no more late fines for overdue materials, and existing fines will be purged from T. B. Scott patron records.

While T. B. Scott Free Library is the first local library to eliminate late fines, this change fol-

lows a nationwide trend set by New York Public Library, Madison Public Library, and others. Late fines present a barrier to the most vulnerable in our community, including children, the elderly, and the disabled: the very people who need the library the most. And, surprisingly, late fines are not very effective in getting people to return materials on time.

Patrons will still be financially responsible for lost and damaged materials, and if an item is more than 30 days overdue, the library will assume it to be lost and charge accordingly. There are also a small number of nontraditional circulating items that will still accrue late fines, such as the telescope and

the sewing machine. But no longer will books and movies rack up charges if they come back late.

Late fines represent less than one half of one percent of the library's annual operating budget, so the overall financial impact will be minimal. The library hopes to recover the difference with donations.

In conjunction with going fine-free, the library will be running a food drive. We invite patrons to help others in the community by grabbing an extra non-perishable item at the store and bringing it to the library. The food drive will run from Nov. 16 to Nov. 30, with all donations going to the Merrill Community Food Pantry.

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Fotos from the Past

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11-3-71

Local Deputy Sheriff-turned-inventor, Dave Haskins, is hoping his new creation helps emergency personnel and the sick and injured in climates such as northern Wisconsin. Haskins and his company, Lake Nokomis Enterprises, has teamed up with HI-Plastics in Tomahawk to create the Ambu-Ski. A fiberglass body is formed to hold a stretcher and an injured or sick person that needs to be removed from rough terrain or snow-filled areas; the bottoms are outfitted with either a ski or heavy tires that are interchangeable. Haskins saw the need for the emergency vehicles after investigating snowmobile crashes deep in the woods and realizing no safe way was available to remove the victims to awaiting ambulances. The sled is just over eight feet long and weighs about 180 pounds with a stretcher. Since developing a prototype, Haskins said he is fielding orders from as far away as Alaska, Canada, and California. (We had one in Lincoln County; not sure what happened to it, but it was used up until a few years ago, and we certainly got our money out of it.)

The Merrill Chamber held its Annual Banquet late last week and honored Caylor's Corners as Business of the Year. Mrs. C. L. Caylor and several of her eight children run the store since the death of her husband. The store has furniture, appliances, hardware, clothing, and a gas business. The store is well known for the messages displayed in the front windows such as, "If you can't stop in, smile as you go by," and "Keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you've been up to," and Mrs. Radlinger cited that friendly spirit in giving the award.

Roger Strand of Strand's Department Store was honored as Retailer of the Year. Strand was cited for his cooperation with the Retail Committee, friendliness, and advice. Tom Young, President of the Chamber, told those assembled at the Banquet about big plans for the Chamber in 1972, including having its first full-time Director.

Mayor Ralph Voigt has issued a Mayoral Directive barring the hiring of any employees without full Council approval. Voigt cited the lack of certainty in the City Budget and the ongoing unresolved contract negotiations with unions representing most City employees.

A tragic accident in the shadows of Lambeau Field has left a Merrill teacher dead and two others seriously injured. The three were returning from a Teacher's Convention in Milwaukee when the accident happened at 1:55 a.m. this morning on Lombardi Avenue. Dead is Michael Hartman, age 25, a second-year industrial arts teacher at the High School. Listed in critical condition are Charles Jaglinski, age 26, and Gerald Eiola. Jaglinski is an agriculture instructor, while Eiola is a physical education and track coach at the High School. Preliminary reports say Hartman was struck broadside by a semi-truck.

11-4-81

A Merrill Police Officer is credited with the quick evacuation of residents after a fire

broke out last week in a mid-city apartment complex. Patrolman Jay Proft was making his rounds at 7:40 a.m. last Thursday when he saw flames coming from Ted's Apartments at 314 E. 2nd St. Proft sounded the alarm and began evacuating tenants from the building. Owner Ted Rudolph reported that three of the five apartments were occupied, as he had just finished renovating two of them. Firefighters brought the fire under control in an hour.

A "new" man got broken in at the fire scene. Ray Priebe, retired Merrill Fire Chief, was nearby when the fire broke out. He drove to the Fire Station, retrieved a spare pumper, and then brought it to the scene. Priebe personally did a hose lay and hooked up the pumper truck to the hydrant. Impressed with his hard work, Fire Chief Harvey Emanuel sent him along as a driver when an ambulance call came in during the fire. Although retired, Priebe works as the Emergency Services Coordinator at North Central Technical College.

The City of Merrill is getting into the Christmas spirit, as the Common Council has approved the use of \$546 to purchase new bulbs for the decorations that hang throughout town during the holiday season. The City had purchased all new bulbs, but had to return them all and buy new ones when they found out the owners of the decorations that the City leases had installed bigger sockets. Delores Olsen, Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President, said some of the shrink-wrapped decorations were also damaged and needed to be returned. Street Commissioner Phil Erickson said putting up the decorations the week before Thanksgiving is always a challenge, with many of his crew members off on vacation for deer hunting. The City also has an added expense of renting a boom truck for \$600 to install the lights.

The Merrill Golf Club has officially been foreclosed on and will face a Sheriff's Sale on Dec. 11. The two banks who own the outstanding notes on the property, Lincoln County Bank and Merrill Federal Savings and Loan, said the action was regrettable but necessary, as the Club has not made any payments since summer. The minimum bid for the property will be \$600,000 in order to satisfy the mortgage and two additional loans that were made to the course during the summer. Gerald Voigt, President of Merrill Federal, noted that although the future of the nine-hole course looks dim, he predicts golfing will be happening by spring.

11-6-91

Merrill Police are tight-lipped over the death of 21-year-old James Albright who died of a reported gunshot wound Monday in the city. The victim was brought by private auto to Good Samaritan Health Center around 9:15 p.m. Monday night, suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. Shortly after arriving, he was pronounced dead. The shooting allegedly occurred in the 400 block of 7th St. Twenty-year-old Allen Bybee is in custody for the shooting. He has been charged with negligent handling of a dangerous weapon resulting in death. In court papers, Bybee described Albright as his best friend.

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Sisters sign conservation easement with North Central Conservancy Trust

The Holy Cross Sisters have signed a conservation easement on property they own in the Harrison Hills. After two years of work with the North Central Conservancy Trust (NCCT) to craft a conservation easement, the easement was signed on Aug. 24, 2021. NCCT is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization covering eight counties in Central Wisconsin with a mission to conserve the natural heritage of Central Wisconsin through the protection of land. They do this primarily by working with landowners to develop conservation easements. Once an easement is completed to everyone's satisfaction and filed with the Register of Deeds, NCCT is legally responsible for ensuring that the conditions of the easement are permanently honored. The Sisters remain owners of the property with all ownership rights except those conveyed to NCCT by the easement agreement. The agreement is perpetual, and any future owners of the property will be bound by the easement.

In the fall of 2020, a committee of Sisters and associates crafted a Land Ethic Statement that governed the development of the easement.

"As Sisters of Mercy of the Holy Cross, our Franciscan heritage urges us to embrace all of creation and its possibilities for the future. We know that creation, connected from the smallest particle to the most complex, is interdependent for survival. As stewards of the gift of creation known by us as Lake Florentini, we sup-



L-R: Dr. Bob Freckmann (NCCT), Kay Meyer (NCCT President), Sister Pat Cormack, Sister Peggy Jackelen, and Chris Radford (NCCT Executive Director) holding the sign that will now hang on the gateway to the Harrison Hills property. **Submitted photo.**

port that this sanctuary remain peace-filled and treated with respect and care," a statement from the Sisters read.

"Our founder, Father Theodosius Florentini, taught us that the need of the time is the will of God. And so, we endeavor to address climate change and care for the earth. We commit to safeguard this land as a healthy and sustainable environment."

The easement agreement identifies three levels of restrictions on the property that must be guaranteed by owners and which NCCT will evaluate on an annual basis. The lake shore, creek shore, and a wetland on the property are at the highest restriction level which maintains them as "wild or undisturbed in character." The buildings and present improvements are in a small section of the property and are considered

minimal protection level which allows "accommodation, subject to moderate constraints, for a wider variety of activities, uses, and improvements." The majority of the property is designated as standard protection level and serves "to support open space activities including forestry" as well as "limit future improvements and allow for various land management activities that do not compromise the Conservation Values."

NCCT Board of Directors President, Kay Meyer, states, "It has been truly inspiring to observe the Sisters' passion for protecting this place that is so special to them, forever."

The Sisters are committed to stewardship of the earth's resources and are very happy that the Franciscan values and care for creation are guaranteed on this beautiful property in perpetuity.

Aspirus Community Presentation: What is AFib and Why Does it Matter?

WAUSAU, Wis.- Atrial fibrillation (AFib) is a serious heart condition that causes your heart to beat irregularly. Unfortunately, many people who have AFib don't even know it.

Aspirus Heart Care physicians, Dr. John Johnkoski and Dr. Kevin Rist, will describe AFib symptoms and risks and share steps you can take to decrease an AFib related stroke. There will time at the conclusion of the presentation for questions.

Attendance is free, but masking is required, and attendees need to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

The program will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at The Landing, 707 Third St., Wausau.

To register for the event, visit www.aspirus.org/classes-events or phone the Aspirus Contact Center, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at 715.847.2380.

Aspirus Health is a non-profit, community-directed health system based in Wausau, Wisconsin. Its 11,000 employees are focused on improving the health and well-being of people throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Aspirus serves communities through four hospitals in Michigan and 13 hospitals in Wisconsin, 75 clinics, home health and hospice care, pharmacies, critical care and air-medical transport, medical goods, nursing homes and a broad network of physicians.

REPORTS

MERRILL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS

FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 1, 2021

Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2
Building fire (Mutual Aid Given)	1
Community Paramedicine Program visit	1
Dispatched and cancelled en route(EMS)	1
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	41
Passenger vehicle fire	1
Standby for Tomahawks E.M.S.	1
Total Incidents This Week:	48
Total Incidents/Calls for 2021:	1,857

A Lincoln County Deputy recovered a vehicle stolen from Pierce County on Thursday afternoon after responding to a report of an abandoned vehicle on Hilly Rd. in the Town of Corning. The vehicle was secured and the investigation continues.

The left lane of northbound USH 51 was shut down for about 45 minutes on Thursday afternoon when a vehicle pulling a trailer lost control and spilled gravel on the roadway. There were no injuries reported.

Nine people reported striking deer last week.

MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

10-25-2021

At 12:30 p.m. a party reported her purse being stolen from a parked vehicle in the 1400 block of E. 10th St. The investigation is ongoing.

At 3:57 p.m. officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on W. Main St. west of S. Alexander St. A vehicle was stopped, preparing

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LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 1, 2021

An inmate of the Lincoln County Jail will face charges of criminal damage to property after he was observed damaging jail property.



Welcome to the Aspirus Health Family.

We're excited to announce that Merrill area Ascension hospitals and clinics will begin using their Aspirus names on December 1, 2021.

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Merrill's Elizabeth Schmidt competes at State Cross Country Championships.

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Schmidt competes at State for the third year

Merrill's Cross Country star takes 14th out of 151 athletes

Merrill High School (MHS) Senior Elizabeth Schmidt competed in her 3rd Cross Country State Meet at the Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021. Elizabeth placed 14th out of 151 Division 2 female athletes with a time of 19:41.

"The Ridges Golf course offers a difficult course, but since Liz has been there before, she was calm and ready to run," Head Cross Country Coach Alyssa Swan said. "Because of COVID last year, Liz wasn't allowed to have her teammates cheer her on, but this year, she had a great support system, made up of her teammates, to help push her to do her best! We are very proud of Liz, and she will be greatly missed on the MHS Cross Country Team!"

Lady Jays Swim their way into a third-place WVC Conference finish; take first-place championships in three events

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

At the Oct. 28 Great WVC Conference Swim Meet, the Merrill girls came away with three Conference Champions, six second place finishes, and one third place finish. Additionally, the girls came in in the top eight in six other events.

In the final score, "the Bluejays finished third behind SPASH and DCE, with their highest Conference score ever," Head Swim Coach Kristie Winter said. SPASH had a score of 509, DC Everest had a score of 429.5, and Merrill finished with a score of 381.

"On to Sectionals next weekend in Menomonie!" Winter said.

The highest scores for Merrill in each of the events were as follows:

Event 1 - 2nd place in the Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay team of: Grace Schultz, Amber Winter, Claire Schultz, and Bailee Sommer (1:52.09)

Event 2 - 2nd place in the Girls 200 Yard Freestyle: Amber Winter (2:02.05)

Event 3 - 2nd place in the Girls 200 Yard IM: Grace Schultz (2:15.28)

Event 4 - 2nd place in the Girls 50 Yard Freestyle: Claire Schultz (25.23)

Event 5 - 7th place in the Girls 100 Yard Butterfly: Megan Miles (1:07.35)

Event 6 - 1st place in the Girls 100 Yard Freestyle: Claire Schultz (55.95)

Event 7 - 2nd place in the Girls 500 Yard Freestyle: Olivia Pajtash (5:44.92)

- 3rd place in the Girls 500 Yard Freestyle: Bailey Orzech (5:49.33)

Event 8 - 1st place in the Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Grace Schultz, Claire Schultz, Amber Winter, and Bailee Sommer (1:41.88)

Event 9 - 1st place in the Girls 100 Yard Backstroke: Grace Schultz (1:00.54)

Event 10 - 2nd place in the Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke: Amber Winter (1:08.78)

Event 11 - 8th place in the Girls 400 Yard Relay: Laney Zuelsdorff, Olivia Pajtash, Emma Pajtash, and Bailey Orzech (4:13.38)



In honor of World Homeless Day, and to welcome Nicolet Bank to the Merrill community, Branch Manager Nicole Johnson and Vice President of Commercial Banking Kurt Rust (both on right) presented Dee Olsen - MAC Home Secretary/Treasurer (middle), Theresa Anthony- MAC Home Executive Director (second from left), and Mike Ravn - MAC Home Board President (left) with a \$1,500 donation. MAC Home is thankful to receive support from Nicolet Bank and wishes Nicolet Bank much success in Merrill. Submitted photo.



The group Working Dogs of North Central Wisconsin, recently donated \$300 from a UKC Nosework Trail fundraiser and a DVD of what they do to the Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS). Pictured are Rose Gotting and Ester Van Langen from the group and Liz from LCHS! Submitted photo.

2021 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedule

Swimming (Varsity & JV)

Saturday, Nov. 6th Menomonie (Varsity) Away 1:00 pm

Please go to www.wiaawi.org for latest up to date playoff schedules.

2021-2022 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedule

Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)

Practice begins Monday, November 8th.

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DANGER! Cold weather increases risk of carbon monoxide poisoning

Properly working AND maintained carbon monoxide detectors save lives

As temperatures begin to cool and we enjoy the last days of fall, the Lincoln County Health Department wants to remind everyone of the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. "As we get ready for cooler weather, Lincoln County residents should make sure that their heat source and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order," says Meghan Williams, Environmental

Health Specialist, Lincoln County Health Department. According to the State of Wisconsin Environmental Public Health Tracking Program, Lincoln County sees more people in the emergency room for carbon monoxide poisoning than the State of Wis. average. About 50% of all carbon monoxide poisonings occur in the home. However, now is the time that many people will begin heading to their hunting shack, cabin, or RV in preparation for hunting season. Investing in a battery-powered CO detector for use in cabins, hunting shacks, tents, RV's, or when camping can save lives. The following tips will help you and your family stay warm and safe this winter season:

- Make sure you have working carbon monoxide detectors. CO alarms should be mounted in a central location outside each sleeping area. CO alarms are not a substitutes for smoke alarms. Daylight saving time is a good time of year to replace batteries in your detectors and push the "test" button to be sure they are working properly.

- Have your furnace or wood-burning stove checked annually. Hire a professional to make sure yours is working properly and vents outside of the home.

- Never run a car in an enclosed space. If a vehicle is running, you must have a door open to the outside.

- Run any generator a safe distance from the home. Never run a generator in the home or garage, or right next to windows or doors. Generators should be run a safe distance (at least 20 feet) from the home.

Common signs of CO poisoning might include sleepiness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, headaches, dizziness, disorientation, and weakness. At very high levels, it causes loss of consciousness and death. If you think you may be experiencing CO poisoning, or your detector sounds an alarm, head outside immediately for fresh air and call 911. Do not re-enter the building until it has been declared safe to do so.

For more information about carbon monoxide, visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/air/co.htm>. For more information about Lincoln County Health Department's programs and services, visit lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com or like them on Facebook. Lincoln County Health Department is always working for a safer and healthier Lincoln County.

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to turn into a driveway, when another vehicle failed to stop and struck the stopped vehicle. The operator of the striking vehicle was cited.

10-26-2021
At 6:13 a.m. officers responded to the 600 block of Chippewa St. for a report of a female heard yelling for help. Officers located a female that was locked out of her house.

At 4:52 p.m. a caller reported their license plate stolen off their vehicle in the 800 block of N. Prospect St.

10-27-2021
At 11:40 a.m. officers responded to Probation and Parole Office. An individual was taken into custody for a probation violation hold.

At 11:57 a.m. an officer was dispatched to the 700 block of E. 2nd St. in reference to a shoplifting complaint. Upon the officers arrival, they were made aware a female filled a laundry basket full of items and walked out without paying. The officer was provided a photo of the suspect and vehicle involved. Shortly after, the officer located the suspect vehicle parked in the 400 block of Grand Ave. The officer made contact with the female, who refused to identify herself. The officer was able to determine this was the female involved based on the photo he was provided and located the laundry basket in the passenger seat of the vehicle with items inside of it. The female started the vehicle and took off, nearly running over the officer. The officer was able to punch out the driver's side window in an attempt to control the steering wheel; however, the officer was spun off beside the vehicle. Officers pursued the vehicle until the vehicle stopped, and the female was taken into custody for multiple charges. The officer suffered only minor scrapes to a hand.

At 4:49 p.m. an officer responded to the 500 block of E. 2nd St. in reference to a fraud complaint. It was found a male used a fraudulent check. Investigation is ongoing.

10-28-2021
At 5:29 p.m. an officer conducted a traffic stop on E. Main St. near Nast St. The driver was cited for no insurance on the vehicle and operating after suspension.

At 11:06 p.m. a Lincoln County Deputy requested that a Merrill Officer complete a crash report regarding a damaged squad from an incident involving multiple units on a pursuit. The Merrill Officer completed the crash investigation.

10-29-2021
At 6:31 p.m. officers responded to the 1400 block of E. 6th St. for a report of juveniles throwing rocks at the neighbor and his home. Officer spoke with both parties involved, and resolved the conflict.

At 8:40 p.m. officers received a report of juveniles smoking marijuana at a residence. After further investigating, there will be a juvenile referral for possession of THC and drug paraphernalia.

At 11:10 p.m. dispatch advised of a domestic disturbance at a residence of the 400 block E. 6th St. Officers attempted to locate the suspect at his residence. The suspect is still at large and will face multiple charges.

10-30-2021
At 3:24 p.m. dispatch advised of an

extra patrol request from a resident on Arthur Street. There was a party that occurred the night prior near the residence. The report was vehicles driving over the curb and driving on the property. Officers are aware of the behavior and will monitor the area.

At 8:13 p.m. officers were dispatched to a residence at the 600 block of Genesee St. for a report of a suspicious person going through belongings in the garage. Officers responded to the location, but did not locate anyone in the garage or residence.

10-31-2021
At 1:23 a.m. a caller reported she had been punched by a female while at a tavern. The suspect left prior to officers' arrival; however, her name was obtained. Investigation continues.

At 8:27 a.m. a citizen turned in a phone she found. Later in the day, the owner of the phone called it and the officer answered it. The owner came in to claim his phone.

At 12:14 p.m. a caller reported someone stole a firearm from his home. He named two possible suspects. Investigation continues.

At 3:26 p.m. a store employee called on behalf of a customer, after another customer slapped him on the back. It was found the male customer questioned the victim and his wife about their ethnicity. The man then put a \$1 bill in the man's pocket, told him to go back to his own country, and slapped him on the back. The officer will be reviewing surveillance video to attempt to identify the suspect.

At 4:30 p.m. a caller reported he and his wife had been gone for the weekend and returned home to find a mess in their house, food missing, and a safe entered, with money missing. It was found their teenage son, who was supposed to be staying with a friend for the weekend, had returned home. The son denied stealing the money but confirmed nobody else had been at the residence all weekend. As such, he was confronted with the fact that he was the only possible suspect; however, he continued to deny he stole the money. He will be referred for theft.

At 5:21 p.m. the Chief of Police was assisting Probation and Parole in checking residences of registered sex offenders for violations during trick or treat hours. They observed a probationer that had a warrant for his arrest riding his bicycle. He was arrested for his warrant.


At 7:38 p.m. a caller reported finding a suspicious baggie in her child's Halloween candy. The child did not know which residence had handed out the specific candy. The candy was packaged in a gem bag and was blue crystallized candy. She was concerned it was possibly drugs. An officer tested a sample for methamphetamine and it was negative. Based on the coloring and odor, it is believed to be homemade sugar candy. At 9:14 p.m. another caller reported the same concerns, adding that another family member tasted the substance, reporting it tasted like blue raspberry candy. She discarded the package, concerned it was not factory sealed and suspicious in nature.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Madison "Madi" Crossman, a Junior at Merrill High School, has been named Athlete of the Week. Madi is in her third year running Varsity Cross Country and also completed her first year as a member of the Varsity Track & Field Team this past spring.



She is a member of the National Honor Society and hopes to join Raise Your Voice Club soon. She enjoys volunteering outside of school at events, such as Ghidorzi Green and Clean. Last year she ran a 5K turkey trot for charity and plans to do that again this Thanksgiving Day, as well. In her free time, Madi is really into weight lifting and running, she said.

The daughter of Jason Crossman of Tomahawk and Sara Schreiner of Wausau, Madi maintains a 3.8 GPA and hopes to attend college and continue to compete in Track and Field at the college level, but she is not yet certain where she wants to go to school.



Madi Crossman

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