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Park City Credit Union plants perennials at relocated Tower

Park City Credit Union continued efforts to support the community by planting perennials around the T.B. Scott Tower on the River Bend Trail. This project is a part of the Park City Cares initiative, a program designed to benefit the community through random acts of kindness.

“At Park City, we get the honor of helping our members fulfill their dreams every day,” said PCCU CEO Val Mindak. “As an added benefit, this work also comes with the opportunity to serve our members’ communities, as well. We asked staff members if they would be interested in pitching in, and as always, we had a group ready to help.”

Through the efforts of many, including Park City Credit Union, the Tower was saved and relocated to the River Bend Trail. Donations are still being accepted at parkcitycu.org/donate to support beautification

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the craft shows will close at 3:00 p.m. “Be sure to get an early start!” Bares urged.

Many area shoppers will make a day of it. For their convenience, “lunch items will be served at most locations,” Bares added.

More information, including a city map, is available on the “Merrill Craft & Vendor Events” Facebook page. The map will also be available

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TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Area residents and visitors who love craft shows will be in their element this Saturday, Nov. 13, in Merrill. Five different locations

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Left: The City of Merrill Nickel Tour on Saturday, Nov. 6, was a success. “About 140 people participated in the event and visited the Merrill Historical Society Museum” as a part of the Nickel Tour, according to Pat Burg, Treasurer of the Merrill Historical Society. The tour predominantly followed the route of the old trolley cars and celebrated 100 years of motor buses in the City of Merrill. **Right:** Costumed tour guides rode the Merrill City Bus and narrated the Nickel Tour through the city of Merrill. From L to R: Debbie Schlieff, Rick Blake, Sue Kunkel, Tom Hayden, and Tom Burg. Missing from photo: Anne Torkelson. Submitted photos.

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Local family donates to local responders

BY TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

It's not often, but on occasion, fire and medical personnel get to meet with former patients after an incident, said Josh Klug, Fire Chief at Merrill Fire Department (FD). In October, 2021, former patients from a December, 2020, auto accident contacted the Merrill Fire Department to meet with the personnel who had helped them during their time of need.

"This time the patients not only contacted us to meet with them, but they also wanted to give back to the community through a donation to our department," Klug said.

The patients were Ruth Nelson-Lau and Dan Lau from Merrill. "Ruth worked as a Nurse Practitioner at the walk-in clinic of Good Samaritan Emergency Department from 2003 - 2014, so she has been around her fair share of medical emergencies," Klug said. "Additionally, many Merrill FD staff knew her well from the many ambulance calls that we transported there, as well as the clinical time we spent in the Emergency Department with her during our paramedic upgrade in 2006."

"Dan and Ruth generously donated \$1,000 to our department, which was used to help purchase Handtevy, a pediatric resuscitation system proven to save lives and reduce errors," Klug said. "We are so grateful for their donation and glad they were willing to share their amazing story."

"The year 2020 was a bad year for, as it was, for a lot of people," Ruth said. "In January, we began the process of getting Dan evaluated by



Ruth Nelson-Lau (center) is shown here with Merrill Firefighter/Paramedics Jason Hendricks (left) and Tyler Mueller (right). Hendricks and Mueller were part of the crew that responded to their emergency. Submitted photos.

the transplant team at UW-Madison. It is a very thorough and somewhat grueling process. The workup revealed that he was weakly positive for histoplasmosis, a fungal infection in the lungs. He started a year's worth of anti-fungal medication."

"In June, his kidney function declined to the point that dialysis needed to start. We had a week of training, then we started doing a peritoneal dialysis treatment every night at home," Ruth said. "Just when things seemed like they were settling down, my 62-year-old sister let me know that she was terminally ill. She lived with my 93-year-old father who has heart failure and dementia. This was all happening in Minn., 5.5 hours away. I had to look for placement for my dad, as well as come to terms with the fact that she was dying. That was late October [2020]."

"My sister enrolled in hospice care Oct. 30; my dad moved to the nursing home Nov. 5. The good thing was that my sister and dad were in the same facility," she said.

"My sister died Nov. 16," Ruth said. "While planning the funeral, we stayed with my aunt and uncle. I found out from them that they were diagnosed with COVID five days before my sister's funeral. Dan and I started feeling unwell four days before her funeral and were diagnosed with COVID. By this time, it was too late to scrub the funeral, so we were not able to attend. This was the week of Thanksgiving."

"We were finally feeling better in December and had to scrub Christmas plans with immediate family, as our granddaughter was possibly exposed to COVID."

All of this leads up to that fateful day last December. "Feeling cooped up with a good case of cabin fever, we took a drive to Tomahawk on Dec. 26 to visit Dan's brother in their new home on Lake Alice," Ruth said. "We were on our way



Ruth Nelson-Lau and Dan Lau (middle) present Merrill Firefighter/Paramedics Paul Peterson (left) and Eric Trempe (right) with a check in gratitude for the care they received in a Dec. 2020 car accident. Peterson and Trempe were two of the paramedic team who came to assist that day.



One view of the damage done to the Lau vehicle when it hit black ice and turned end over end multiple times last Dec. 2020.

home from there when the crash occurred."

"I had just dozed off; Dan was driving. There was black ice on the road, and next thing I knew, we were in the ditch, turning end over end three times. Talk about a rude awakening!"

"Luckily some Good Samaritans were in the area, saw our crash, and stopped immediately," she said. "They called 911, and before even a few minutes passed, two first responders from the Town of Russell were on scene. They did a great job, especially helping Dan, as he was having severe back pain and couldn't move his legs."

"Then it wasn't long and two ambulances [from Merrill FD] pulled up and began the next phase of our care," Ruth said. "It

was such a huge relief to me that I knew three of the four paramedics. They discussed sending Dan to Aspirus right away, which I was very relieved to hear, since his kidney doctor is there. The adrenaline was telling me I wasn't hurt that bad, but Tyler and Jason convinced me that I needed to be evaluated, due to the mechanism of the accident/injury. So, off I went to Aspirus also."

"Turns out I had an L1 compression fracture and a mild pulmonary contusion. I got a back brace and was able to go home that evening. The news wasn't so good for Dan. He had an L1 chance fracture, a spinal cord contusion, and a pulmonary contusion. He was admitted to

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“Steer It, Clear It” law keeps drivers, first responders safe after a crash

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is asking drivers to take simple steps that will provide the safest conditions for everyone on the roads after a crash

This month, The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is also marking Crash Responder Safety Week from Nov. 8-14, 2021. The initiative highlights the crucial role of first responders and the importance of protecting them on the roads by moving over and slowing down to keep them safe while they work. More information on Wisconsin’s Move Over law is available at: <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/about-wisconsin/who-we-are/dtsd/bto/stoc/time-legislation.aspx>.

Drivers involved in a crash should do the following:

1. Check for injuries. Call 911 if anyone is hurt. Provide accurate information about the location of the incident, severity of injuries, and number of lanes blocked.
2. Stay safe and calm. Watch for traffic, stay inside the vehicle, with a seat belt on while waiting for help.
3. If you can steer it, clear it. Move out of traffic if the vehicle is not disabled.
4. Turn hazard lights on or raise the hood of the vehicle to warn other drivers of the incident and avoid secondary crashes.

“Steer It, Clear It” became law in Wisconsin in 1998 and grants immunity from civil damages to anyone who clears the crash scene at the direction of law enforcement.

Drivers should also be aware of what to do when an emergency vehicle approaches on the roads. State law requires drivers to yield the right of way and pull over when an authorized emergency vehicle has its lights or sirens activated. Stay parallel to the right curb or right edge of the shoulder, clear of any intersection, until the emergency crews pass through the area.

The Wisconsin State Patrol’s November Law of the Month is a reminder of the state’s “Steer It, Clear It” law. The law requires drivers to move vehicles involved in a crash out of traffic if no one is hurt and the vehicles can be moved safely. If someone is hurt or the vehicle is disabled, drivers should not risk injury by trying to push the vehicle out of traffic.

This simple action, moving out of the lane of traffic, provides safer conditions for law enforcement and other responders. It also helps crews more easily clear vehicles, crash debris, spilled materials, and other obstructions from the road.

“Our officers and first responders put themselves at risk to help those who get into trouble on the highways. If you find yourself in a crash, help us keep everyone safe and move out of the path of traffic,” Superintendent Anthony Burrell said.

Across Wisconsin, there were 115,694 crashes in 2020. 703 were secondary crashes, happening after an initial incident. Secondary crashes put those involved and the responders who show up to help in danger. Last year, 69 workers were hurt and 2 were killed while responding to an emergency in Wisconsin.

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the hospital. He spent one week in acute care and three weeks on the rehab unit.”

Dan came home in a wheelchair and in a “turtle shell” back brace and required home health physical therapy for a couple of weeks and was then able to transition to outpatient therapy. “It has taken a long time, lots of

prayers, and a great care team,” Ruth said, but Dan was able to return to full function and walk again. “When he is fatigued, he still uses the wheelchair, but he can walk with a wheeled walker, a single point cane, and now can go short distances without an assistive device. We are incredibly grateful for everyone who was involved in our care. Without their skills, this story could have had a different outcome.”

“We were always diligent in wearing our seatbelts, and we are certain that those seatbelts and air bags saved our lives!” she added. “Dan did his best to steer away from the trees to avoid a head-on crash with them. We were in a sturdy vehicle; the passenger compartment was pretty much intact.”

“We are so happy to live in a community that is staffed by such excellent emergency care provid-

ers,” Ruth said.

The accident was in the Town of Russell so both Russell Fire Department and First Responders were dispatched in addition to Merrill Fire Department ambulances, Chief Klug added.



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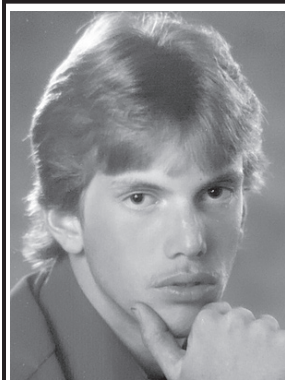
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OBITUARIES

Anthony (Tony) Marchese, 63, long time resident of Merrill, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2021, surrounded by loving family. Anthony long time employee of SEMCO Windows was originally from Columbus, Ohio where he has left many friends and family who will sorely miss his easy going spirit and great sense of humor. He is survived by his wife 18 years, Darlene Marchese, brothers, Vincent (Jim) Marchese, Mark-Kathy Marchese, Frank (Rock) Marchese, Sisters, Danita Marchese and Karen-Mike Hudson. He will also be missed by so many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Dorothy Marchese, and first wife, Susan Colby. A celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Mid Wisconsin Cremation Society is assisting family at this time. Online condolences may be expressed at MidWisconsinCremationSociety.com



Daniel E. Reamer, passed peacefully at his home in De Pere, WI on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the age of 52. Dan was born near Gleason, WI on July 7, 1969. He graduated from Merrill High School in 1988. His greatest passion was spending time with his grandchildren. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed every aspect of the outdoors. Dan loved to cook, especially his famous chicken wings. As he grew older, he took pride in spending time

with his friends and family as well as traveling, playing with computers, and working on his truck and cars. Dan spent the last 16 years working at Professional Fabrications where he took great pride in his work as a laser operator/fabricator. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth May Reamer; his sister, Ruth May Reamer; nephew, Nicholas W. Reamer; and his common law spouse, Brenda L. Drury. Daniel is survived by his father, Thomas E. Reamer; siblings: Timothy T. (Jill) Reamer, Paul L. (Dennita) Reamer, Lisa L. (Alex) Ambrose, Teresa A. (Andy) Allord, and Pamela J. Reamer; as well as many nieces and nephews; step children: Thomas J. (Stacy) Drury, Leah R. (Mike) Gonion, and Brian M. Drury; step grandchildren: Kati, Hunter, Kali, Connor, Korie, and Cooper. Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Newcomer Green Bay Chapel (340 S. Monroe Ave. Green Bay, WI) from 3 to 4 pm. A prayer service will follow at 4 pm.

Diane Marie (Krueger) Seiler
January 17, 1941-November 5, 2021
To say that Diane was loved by her family does not tell the whole story. Her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren have deeply been impacted by the selfless generosity with which she loved them. Since the death of her beloved husband Ralph, 15 years ago, almost to the day, Diane turned her loving heart even more fully towards her family. She gave generously of her time and energy. She will be deeply and eternally missed by her children Lori Schlais, Todd Seiler, and Lisa Anderson, for whom she was the most forgiving and accepting of mothers'. She taught us tolerance, kindness, and charity. By her grandchildren Michelle (Kyle Lauer) St. Clair (Cadott, WI) Sara (Timothy) Camplain (Converse, TX) Nickolas (Joleen) Anderson (Spicer, MN) Zackary (Chantelle Diels) Anderson (Merrill, WI) Autumn Schlais (Rockford, IL) for whom she was always available-for every birthday and graduation-every day she always put her grandchildren first. She taught us the value of being present for those we love. By her great grandchildren CJ, Zendaya, and Sheamus St. Clair, Everly Lauer, Farrah and Anthony Camplain for who great grandma was the giver of gifts and hugs, who always made time for phone calls-and visits-and cards. (Did you know that she spent over a month on vacation with the St. Clair children?) She taught us that we have been loved for generations!
Diane is also survived by her own mother, Violet Krueger and preceded in death by her father, Franklin Krueger, her brother, Jack Krueger and her beloved husband, Ralph. Those that are loved are never forgotten...
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The funeral service for Diane was held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Pastor Tom Michalski officiated. Burial will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation began at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Donna Mae Erickson, age 79, of Irma, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family & friends at her home on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Donna was born on July 28, 1942 in Rhinelander to George & Alice (Kolberg) Engle. She was married to Donald M. Erickson on August 28, 1960 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Together, they had 5 children. Donna loved to bowl and enjoyed trips to the casino. She enjoyed traveling and spending

time with her family and friends. She was known and loved by many people beyond her family, who lovingly called her "mom" and "grandma." Donna is survived by her children - Dorianne (James) Sowinski of Merrill, Diane Erickson of Merrill, Debra (Scott Platke) Baumann of Tomahawk, Denise (Derek) King of Tomahawk & Daniel (Rhonda) Erickson of Eagle River; 2 sisters - Sandra Blizzard of Merrill & Melody Neuman of Antigo; she is further survived by 12 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren & 2 sisters-in-law - Joann(Charlie) Towne & Gladys (Jim) Eternicka. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband - Don, grandson - Mikale Erickson, great grandson - Coltyn McCoy, sister - Julie Wenzel & brothers - Chester, Francis, James, Lewis, Stanley & Alfred Engle. The Funeral Service for Donna Erickson will take place at Noon on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Krueger Family Funeral Home in Tomahawk. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 9:00AM until the time of service at 12:00PM. Burial will follow in Bethany Cemetery, Irma. Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com



Jo Lee Wendt was lovingly received into the arms of Jesus and entered her heavenly home on November 5, 2021, at the age of 55. Jo Lee was born on August 11, 1966, in Merrill, Wisconsin, the youngest of nine children, to John and Joyce Wendt. She was baptized, confirmed and a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill. Jo Lee was a graduate of Merrill Public Schools' Life Task Center. She participated for many years in the Special

Olympics, looked forward to Saturday Fun Frames Bowling League, and spent hours loving cats at the Lincoln County Humane Society. Jo Lee was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents. She is survived by her siblings: Jerry (Rita), Joel (Sue), Jim (Cathy), Jan Halverson (Bill Hoeflein), Jill (Michael) LaBarbera, Jeanne Brown (Doug McPherson), Julie (Don) Gehrmann, Jenny (Brian) McHenry and 58 nieces and nephews. The family wishes to express extreme gratitude for her St. John family who always accepted and loved her for who she was. Also for the caregivers who allowed her to love independently during her adult years. We also want to thank the Merrill businesses who patiently accepted her frequent visits and the Kindhearted Social Center, especially Theresa and staff. Ourway Group Homes provided her a safe and loving home for the past one and a half years. The staff at the Marshfield Medical Center, along with the Heartland Hospice in Eau Claire were compassionate and attentive to her needs during her final days. The funeral service for Jo Lee will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 11am at St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill. Rev. David Szeto will officiate. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, from 5pm-7pm at Waid Funeral Home, and again on Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 10am until the time of the service, at the church. Entombment at the Merrill Memorial Park Mausoleum will immediately follow the service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to St. John Lutheran Church, Lincoln County Humane Society or a charity of your choice. The service will be live streamed and available for viewing on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 11am and can be found under her obituary on the funeral home website. It then be posted as a recording for future viewing. 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.



Mary Josephine (Daley) Szazama was born in North Portal, Saskatchewan, Canada on October 16th, 1935, to Arthur and Louise (Pfeifer) Daley. She was lovingly received into the arms of Jesus and entered her eternal home on November 2, 2021, at the age of 86. Mary Jo is preceded in death by her parents, brother Jerry and sister-in-law Joan Daley and brother-in-law Walter Schwarting. She is survived by her beloved and devoted husband Thomas George Szazama, Merrill, WI, four loving children Jeanne (Kevin) Custy of Lone Tree, CO, Joanne (Paul) Address of Colgate, WI, Julie (Mike) Hogan of New Brighton, MN, Jerry (Gina) Szazama of Waconia, MN, eighteen grandchildren, sister-in-law Mary Jo Schwarting of Oconomowoc, WI, sister-in-law Karen (Richard) Sonnentag of Oconomowoc, WI, cousins, and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Jo was a faithful and devoted Catholic who followed God's greatest commandments to love Him above all else and love her neighbor as herself. Her life centered on God, family, and friends. She was brilliant and hard-working, yet supremely kind and humble, living in full service to others. Mary Jo always treated everyone with respect and acted with integrity. She made everyone feel special and went above and beyond to assist others. As a child, Mary Jo and her brother rode a horse-drawn buggy to a one-room school house in North Portal, graduating at age 16. She left home and traveled to Regina, Saskatchewan to attend the Grey Nuns Boarding School until she was 18 and old enough to go to the Grey Nuns School of Nursing, where she became a Registered Nurse. After nursing school she was accepted into Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, and earned her Bachelor of Science teaching degree in Nursing. After her graduation in 1959 she met the love of her life Tom while he was completing Law School at Marquette. Born in Canada and intending to live in the US, Mary Jo studied hard and was proud to pass a Nationalization Exam to become a US citizen in 1962. Mary Jo and Tom married on April 23, 1960 at Gesu Church in Milwaukee surrounded by family and friends. They moved to Merrill in February of 1961, where they raised their family and have lived ever since. She and Tom recently celebrated 61 years of a blessed marriage. Beginning in 1961, Mary Jo paused her nursing career to raise children and enjoy family life with Tom. She was very involved in their parish school and extracurricular activities: led their Girl Scout Troops, became a Den Mother, taught religious education, and was President of St. Robert's (now St. Francis) Home and School Association. Mary Jo was actively involved at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Altar Society, St. Jude's Circle, and Pro-Life groups. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Adoration Chapel at St. Francis and the unborn baby memorial in Merrill's cemetery. Mary Jo was also an active community outreach member, serving in the Merrill Newcomer's Club, Merrill Jaycettes, Holy Cross Hospital Auxiliary, Lincoln County Legal Auxiliary, Good Samaritan Health Center Foundation Board, River Valley State Bank Advisory Board, and many other beneficial programs. After all of her children were in school full-time, Mary Jo returned to nursing where was employed by the Lincoln County Nursing Service as a home health nurse. Mary Jo was an avid hunter and fisherman, out-fishing and out-hunting everyone in her family. She was always adventurous and enjoyed camping, gardening, sports, snowmobiling, boating, and slalom waterskiing. She enjoyed her bridge, Toastmasters, Beta Sigma Phi, and Red-Hatter social groups. Our dear Mary Jo will be missed on earth and we rejoice in knowing she will be eternally joined with Jesus. We look forward to the day we are united with her again. Thank you to all who have cared for Mary Jo throughout her journey, especially the supportive clergy and staff at St. Francis and the wonderful staff at Bell Tower & Aspirus Hospice. There will be visitation from 10:30am until 11:30 am on Saturday, November 6th, 2021 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Merrill, with a Rosary being prayed at 11:30 am, with a 12:00pm Mass of Christian Burial to follow, all at the church. Interment at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery will immediately follow the Mass. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to St. Francis Xavier School, 1708 E. 10th Street, Merrill, WI 54452. Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.

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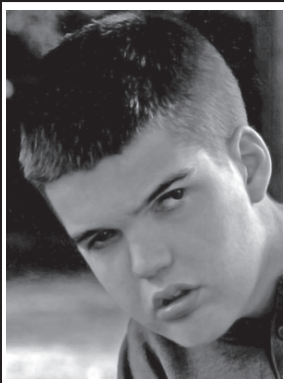
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OBITUARIES



Michael 'Mike' D. Wangerin, age 39, of Merrill, was born into eternal life on Monday, November 1, 2021. Michael was born in Merrill on October 23, 1982, to Dave and Pam Wangerin. He was a student at Washington Elementary, Merrill Junior High and Merrill Senior High, graduating in 2004. He spent his remaining years at Lincoln Industries. Mike enjoyed his friends and Special Olympics, especially bowling. He loved watching game shows and

movies and loved loud music! Mike had a very delightful sense of humor and was a very happy young man. He enjoyed being outdoors, taking many trips to Florida, but mostly, being in the company of his many beautiful labs. Mike had such a special bond with his deceased grandfather, Melvin Wangerin.

Surviving are his parents: Dave and Pam Wangerin, grandfather: LeRoy Frick, many aunts, uncles and cousins, along with his beloved puppy: Willard. He was preceded in death by his grandmothers: Judy Frick and Jeanette Wangerin and his canine brothers: Magnum, Bruiser, Max and Dunkin.

Per family request, no services will be held for Mike. Donations in Mike's name may be directed to the Lincoln County Humane Society.

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.



Robert "Bob" Turner, age 81, of Wausau, passed away at Abbottsford Health Care Center under the care of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care on November 3, 2021 with his loving wife Kathy at his side after a valiant battle with Alzheimer's. Robert was born in Denver, Colorado on April 8, 1940 to Ralph and Orma Turner. The family later moved to Burlington, Colorado where Bob grew up. He graduated from Burlington High School in 1959. Bob proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1963 as a Hospital Corpsman, and was honorably discharged on August 30, 1963. While in the Navy he received the Navy Good Conduct Award, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He was a member of the American Legion WI Post 10 in Wausau.



Upon discharge from the Navy, Bob relocated to Wisconsin where he married Patricia Retzlaff (former spouse) and they had two sons, Ronald and William. In 1984, Bob met his best friend and forever soulmate Kathy Jaeger, and on April 24, 1987 they were united in marriage at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ; a union lasting over 34 years. She survives.

Bob was the Director of Purchasing & Personnel for Good Samaritan Health Center in Merrill, Wisconsin from 1965 to 1988. Following this he worked for the State of Wisconsin Job Service, and later for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation - Division of Motor Vehicles until his retirement in 2005.

Over the years, Bob was a member of various organizations in the Merrill and Wausau community. He was a past member of the Merrill Jaycees, and served as Jaycees' President from 1972 to 1973; a member of the Merrill Noon Optimists Club; a member of the National, State and local Gold Wing Road Riders' Association (GWRRA); and a member of Therapy Dogs International, Inc.

Bob had a love for the outdoors, and in his younger years enjoyed waterskiing, camping, golfing, fishing, and hunting. In the late 1980s, he was the Lead Instructor for the Lincoln County Hunter Safety Program, and enjoyed teaching children and adults about hunter safety. His love of bird and deer hunting was something that he passed onto both of his sons. He also enjoyed his bird and deer hunting trips to the K-T Camp with his good friends Vern Kasper and Larry Bremer.

Bob had a passion for flying, taking flight lessons at the Merrill Airport. On March 21, 1981 he took his first solo flight, receiving his Private Pilot License on June 27, 1981. He enjoyed flying to various areas of the state, as well as to Colorado and Wyoming. His passion for flying was something he passed on to his eldest son Ron. Bob also enjoyed riding and touring on his Honda Goldwing motorcycle and taking various trips throughout Wisconsin and surrounding states with Kathy and his Chapter Q GWRRA friends.

For several years Bob was a freelance photographer in Mer-

rill, taking wedding pictures, graduation portraits and commercial pictures for businesses. Bob's love for photography is something that he and Kathy shared over the years; taking pictures and capturing family memories during vacations, family events and holidays.

After retiring Bob assisted the Wisconsin Sheltie Rescue with transporting and fostering rescued Shetland sheepdogs; several of them finding their forever home with Bob and Kathy. Bob was very proud of the fact that he and one of his rescued Shelties became a certified therapy dog team through Therapy Dogs International, Inc.; visiting residents at area nursing homes and bringing joy to their day.

Bob and Kathy enjoyed spending time together and looked forward to their "date nights" of dinner at a favorite restaurant followed by a movie. Bob was truly Kathy's "prince charming"; always surprising her with little gifts or flowers just to show her how much he appreciated their life together and how much he loved her. In more recent years, even as his illness began to take away many of the precious memories they had made together, and began limiting the things he enjoyed doing in life, he still found enjoyment and comfort in spending time with Kathy and continuing their "date nights" at home, spending time with his dog Willow and his cat Marble, as well as feeding and watching the birds and squirrels in the backyard.

Bob had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone; family, friend or stranger. He will be deeply missed by his family, and those who knew him. He is survived by his wife Kathy, his brother James (Lula) Turner of Westminster, Colorado, his grandsons Joseph, Andrew and Steven Turner all of Wausau, Wisconsin, his granddaughter Chloe Turner of Merrill, Wisconsin, his former daughter-in-law Christine Turner-Meilahn of Merrill, Wisconsin, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Bev and Don Zabawa, his brother-in-law Clarence Schroeder, and several nieces and nephews. Bob is pre-deceased by his parents, his two sons Ronald and William, his sister Darlene Warren and brother-in-law Francis Warren, and his niece Peggy Thompson.

The memorial service for Bob will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 4pm at Waid Funeral Home. Rev. Michael Southcombe will officiate. Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 2pm, until the time of the service, also at the funeral home, with military honors being performed at 3pm. Inurnment will take place at a later date.

In-lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill, or the Wisconsin Sheltie Rescue in Chilton, Wisconsin.

The family would like to thank the Palliative Care Team at UW Madison Hospital for their excellent care over the past two weeks, and especially to Abbottsford Health Care Center staff, and Megan from Hope Hospice & Palliative Care in Medford for the excellent care and compassion shown to Bob during his final hours.

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.

You truly were my Prince Charming,
so loving, brave and kind,
I'll treasure our memories, my love, until the end of time.
You made my life complete, my love;
your love lifted me up to the sky,
And a love like ours, my husband, can never truly die.
Although you are no longer here, my love,
although you've gone away,
I'll cherish the time we had together until my dying day.
I will always and forever love you.



Phyllis Kottke, 85, of the town of Hamburg, Marathon County, passed away on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at her home under the care of her family and hospice services.

Phyllis was born August 6, 1936, in Wisconsin, daughter of the late John and Anna (Koehler) Krause. She married LaVern Kottke on September 11, 1954. He preceded her in death October 26, 2021. Phyllis was a homemaker, farmed with her husband, and also milked cows. In her younger years she enjoyed going dancing. Phyllis was a good baker, she often made homemade bread and lemon meringue pie. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hamburg, where she also served as a past-president of the Ladies Aid. Most importantly, Phyllis was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved family gatherings.

Survivors include 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; and thirteen great grandchildren, Sadie, Brayden, Gauge, Airia, Bear, Hannah, Jeffery, Maddy, Allison, Macie, Bobby, Lauren, and Daniel. Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, John and Anna Krause; husband, LaVern Kottke; son-in-law, Wayne Plisch; and her siblings, Sylvia (Wilbert) Sturm, Lawrence (Lavine) Krause, Lavila (Elroy) Schmidt, Edgar (Emogene) Krause, and Gilbert (Phyllis) Krause.

The funeral will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the town of Hamburg. The Rev. Joel Danner officiated. Burial took place at the church cemetery. Visitation began at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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



Titus Terry Kottke
Our beloved son and brother Titus Terry Kottke, 27, Athens, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

He was born November 10, 1993 in Wausau, son of Terry and Joan (Jeske) Kottke of Athens. At the age of 15, he received the Lord as his personal savior and later followed the Lord in believer's baptism in the Eau Claire River in Weston, WI.

Titus was a 2013 graduate of the Athens High School. His lifelong dream was to own and operate his own business. In 2020, Titus, along with his two brother's Luke and Ben opened Black River Meats LLC in Withee. This business was his pride and joy!

He was a joyful person, truly loved everyone he met and was the life of every occasion. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include, his parents, Terry and Joan; three brothers, Luke Kottke, Athens, Ben (Lindsey) Kottke, Athens and Joe (Shelby) Kottke, Medford; two nephews, Eli and Wyatt Kottke; his paternal grandmother, Marian Kottke, Merrill; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Loyd Kottke; his maternal grandparents, Allen and Verna Jeske; and his uncle, Wade Kottke.

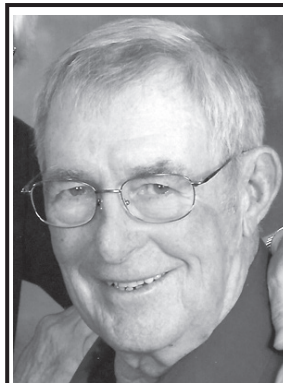
Pallbearers will be Luke, Ben, Joe and Cody Kottke, Zach Hierominus, Adam Lassa and Jeremy Jeske.

Titus had two favorite bible verses: Luke 23:43- And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. Romans 10:13- For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Funeral services will be at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Northside Baptist Church, 1719 N. Third Avenue, Wausau. Pastor Weng Liew will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Hamburg. Visitation will be on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until time of services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Kottke family.

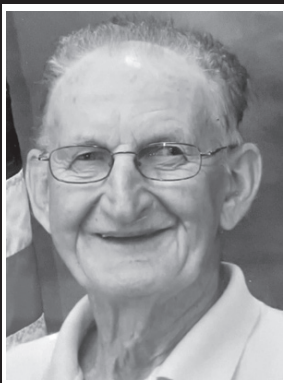
Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, Athens is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com



Rodney A. Latzig, 87, of Rockford, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Born February 3, 1934, in rural Merrill, WI, the son of Alfred and Dorothy (Krueger) Latzig. Graduate of Merrill High School, Class of 1952. Veteran of the U.S. Army serving a year in Korea. Rodney married Faye Muschinske on June 8, 1957. He worked for Area Erectors before retiring in February 1996. Rodney was a member of Saint John's United Church of Christ, Belvidere and Ironworkers Local 498.

Survived by his wife, Faye; children, Wendie Temple and Thomas Latzig; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his parents; daughter, Deanne Mulligan; grandson, Brady Mulligan; and sister, Joan Muschinske; and brothers-in-law, Ronald Muschinske and Wallace Muschinske (Ed Mux).

Memorial Service was held on November 6, 2021 at St. Johns UCC, 401 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008. Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. prior to the service. Private burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Machesney Park, IL. Memorials may be made to St. Johns UCC. To share a memory or condolence, visit olsonfh.com.



Roger Franklin Hass, age 88, passed away October 29, 2021 at UW Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. He was born on March 4, 1933 to Emil and Erna (Sell) Hass in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Roger was enlisted into the US Army in 1952. He was stationed in France, Germany, Spain, Nevada, and Colorado. He was honorably discharged in 1955. Soon after, Roger met the love of his life, Janean Haehlke. They were married on April 6, 1958 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Athens, Wisconsin.

Roger worked many jobs. He worked at Fromm Brothers Fur Farm, he delivered for Seeger's Dairy. He also worked at Northern Door, Crestline Company in Wausau, and ITC Trucking. For the last 21 years he worked at Dave's County Market before retiring in July 2021. He was a director of the Central Wisconsin Polka Club and belonged to the Dart Ball League. He was an avid Packers fan, loved playing Sheephead and enjoyed polka music.

Roger is survived by his wife, Janean Hass, children: Lauren (Garth) Yeazel and Kimberly (Ryan) Schmid, brother: Ronald Hass, nieces, and nephews: Sherry, Jerry, Nancy, Rick, Todd, and Cammie. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Darrell Hass, brother Clifford Hass and Carlos Hass and sister-in-law Karen Baumann.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Town of Corning. Pastor Joel Danner will officiate. Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9:00 AM until the time of service, also at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church and/or Wounded Warriors Project in memory of Roger Hass.

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

Pet of the Week



Hello! My name is **Ross**. I love my toys and taking naps. I am already neutered and up to date on my rabies vaccination. I am in the process of getting my distemper vaccinations completed and will soon be micro chipped. **Ross's adoption fee has been sponsored and all that is left is an approved application and away I can go to my new forever home. Stop down and come pay me a visit.**

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MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLICATION, 2021-22

Required Published Budget Summary Format

A budget summary, notice of the place where the budget in detail may be examined, the time and place for a public hearing on the budget must be published or distributed under s. 65.90. The required minimum detail for the published summary is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	5,023,606.05	6,077,302.90	6,423,989.53
Ending Fund Balance	6,077,302.90	6,423,989.53	6,423,989.94
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	10,913,187.99	10,828,966.07	10,258,119.40
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	5,500,635.60	7,309,316.22	6,895,471.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	147,778.76	210,747.07	142,260.00
State Sources (Source 600)	20,977,822.95	20,724,038.45	21,876,884.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	624,282.52	1,254,915.13	2,281,888.54
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	182,343.14	278,523.36	281,188.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	38,346,050.96	40,606,506.30	41,735,810.94
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	17,097,487.62	17,213,274.68	17,776,573.92
Support Services (Function 200 000)	14,793,377.67	15,937,959.72	16,655,154.61
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	5,401,488.82	7,108,585.27	7,304,082.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	37,292,354.11	40,259,819.67	41,735,810.53

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	110,805.26	117,945.49	129,023.49
Ending Fund Balance	191,601.38	1,813,084.90	133,514.39
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	6,847,577.66	9,204,084.17	8,116,485.86
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	6,766,781.54	7,508,944.76	8,111,994.97

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	94,580.02	82,897.81	85,696.81
Ending Fund Balance	82,897.81	79,794.15	86,096.81
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,759,524.37	571,156.18	547,003.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,771,206.58	574,259.84	546,603.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	160,687.13	190,842.69	1,991,000.71
Ending Fund Balance	190,842.69	1,991,000.71	3,082,973.71
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	30,155.56	1,800,158.02	1,091,974.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0	0.00	1

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	191,440.74	162,020.88	358,663.26
Ending Fund Balance	162,020.88	358,663.26	358,663.68
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,193,525.76	1,205,552.46	1,372,418.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,222,945.62	1,008,910.08	1,372,417.58

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	24,869.95
Ending Fund Balance	120,529.95	24,869.95	31,375.81
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	149,820.50	175,752.50	180,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	29,290.55	150,882.55	173,494.14

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	-19.79	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	-19.79	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	64,196.00	19.79	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	64,215.79	0.00	0.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	47,146,794.19	49,502,816.90	51,940,321.21
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	3,957,186.00	5,460,904.71	5,026,381.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	1,183,351.74	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	42,006,256.45	44,041,912.19	46,913,940.21
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		4.85%	6.52%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
General Fund	10,231,050.00	10,690,224.00	9,960,417.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	582,245.00	570,760.00	546,603.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	138,745.00	166,135.00	166,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	10,952,040.00	11,427,119.00	10,673,020.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		4.34%	-6.60%

LEGAL NOTICES

<p>Legals 7700</p> <p>/s/ Robert R. Russell 10/22/21</p> <p>STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 21CV148</p> <p>IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Jessie Allen Weso By (Petitioner) Jessie Allen Weso By (Co-Petitioner) Jessie Allen Weso</p> <p>NOTICE IS GIVEN: 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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Legals 7700</p> <p>RAZE ORDER (Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0413)</p> <p>TO: OWNER: Donald and Edith Townsend 603 Cotter Ave Merrill, WI 54452 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1905 Jackson Street Merrill, WI 54452</p> <p>LEGAL DESCRIPTION Land described as O Rourk and Rodden's Addition to the City of Merrill, West 60' of the East 140' of Lot 4, Block 4, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Owner of said building located on the above described property shall raze the building on or before December 5, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. To raze a building means to demolish and remove the building and to restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition. If the building on the property described herein contains personal property or fixtures which will unreasonably interfere with the razing of the building or if the razing makes necessary the removal, sale or destruction of the personal property or fixtures, the City of Merrill Building Inspector hereby Orders the removal of the personal property or fixtures on or before December 5, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Dated and effective this 26th day of October, 2021.</p> <p>City of Merrill Published Nov. 4, 11 & 18, 2021 WNAXLP</p>
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REPORTS

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

A 43-year-old Minneapolis woman is facing a charge of possession of marijuana following a traffic stop Monday evening on USH 51 near County Rd. D in the Township of Bradley.

A 65-year-old Tomahawk man was injured Tuesday morning following a motorcycle/deer crash. The man was transported with non-life-threatening injuries.

An 18-year-old Rhinelander man is facing charges of 1st degree recklessly endangering safety and resisting arrest following a chase on USH 51 in the Town of Merrill Tuesday evening.

A 65-year-old Gleason man was arrested on a felony bail jumping charge Wednesday afternoon following a domestic disturbance in the Town of Russell.

Lincoln County Deputies are investigating vandalism to stop signs in the Township of Corning Saturday morning. A Town of Corning resident reported his mailbox post was sawed in half along with a stop sign near his residence. A stop sign at the intersection of Highland Ave. and Farmingdale Rd. was sawed off and stolen, and a stop sign at Highland Ave. and Midway Rd. was stolen from the metal post. If you have any information regarding these incidents, you are asked to contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office or Crime Stoppers at 715.536.3726 or using their P3 app. Callers may remain anonymous.

Twenty one people reported striking deer last week.

Please send announcements, news briefs, photo submissions and letters to the editor to: tscott@mmlocal.com

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT that due to a resignation, there is a limited-term vacancy on the School Board until the April 2022 election.

An elector desiring to be a candidate for this position must file a letter of interest and resume at the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE, 1111 NORTH SALES STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452, PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021. Two written questions will also be asked to be completed before the interviews to be held on December 9, 2021.

Any qualified elector of this District who has filed a resume and letter of interest before the deadline, shall be required to submit to a criminal background check. Persons convicted of felonies will not be considered for Board appointments.

The Board of Education will interview and name the individual to fill this position until April 22.

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NOTICE CITY OF MERRILL GARBAGE AND RECYCLE COLLECTION

Garbage and Recycle collection for **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 25th** will be picked up in a combined collection on **Wednesday November 24th** Garbage and Recycle collection for **Friday November 26th** will be picked up in a combined collection on **Monday November 29th.**

Please have you items curbside by 6 am on your collection day.

Call the City Garage at 715-536-4222 with questions.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Dustin Bonack, Street Superintendent

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Happy Veterans Day

Dear Reader,

Every year on November 11th Americans honor Veterans Day, a day set aside to thank those military veterans who fought on behalf of this country. Our veterans served in the United States Armed Forces representing the democratic ideals for which this nation stands. Freedom stands out as one of those and has always been worth fighting for.



These days in so many parts of the world people are under surveillance and not able to speak freely or listen to information other than what is fed to them. In essence, they are unjustly subjugated to the whims and will of a few. America is different because we are free to go about our lives unencumbered by dictators.

Let's all pause for a moment and celebrate those men and women who once served or are now serving in our military. They deserve to be commemorated because some have given a part of their lives while others have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to America—truly helping to keep it "the land of the free and the home of the brave".

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

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:

WILL LINCOLN COUNTY SURVIVE? - Part 1

When I heard the media reporting on the Lincoln County Board (LCB) meeting & stating that Pine Crest (PC) was "NOT" self sustaining, I knew I needed to research. In my opinion it is much worse -Pine Crest is in a big hole and may take entire Lincoln County down with it!

It has been only 3-1/2 yrs since we were told (per an expert SURVEY) we needed to make PC more attractive for "rehab patients" & private pay residents; therefore, the LCB passed a \$9.6 million building project for PC. This obligated LCB to a \$630,000 annual bond repayment for PC that has NOT broke even in years. In 2018 I was told in an email that PC had 180 beds before the project and would have 180 beds after the project was completed.

Now, in October 2021, we are told PC has 160 beds (20 beds disappeared) and, further, only about 90 beds are occupied, some wings are closed down. What happened? Don't blame the pandemic! Many residents who need care have opted to go elsewhere & others have been refused as PC could not provide the care needed.

- **Leona Vander Sanden**
Gleason, Wis.

To the Editor:

As part of the massive spending bill, Democrats are considering an astounding 26% increase in the corporate tax rate, to 26.5 %.

Those that support this move make it sound as if such an increase will be cost-free to the middle class. But nothing could be further from the truth.

When corporate taxes were dropped in 2017, Wisconsin's economy benefited from a much-needed jolt. Median household income increased more than 6% in the three years ending in 2019, before the pandemic came ashore.

Hiking taxes will inevitably mean less hiring, lower wages, less investment in R&D, and lower economic growth. One study found that the overall reduction in employment resulting from the tax increases would be as much as 542,000 full-time-equivalent positions. Wages would decline on average by 1.15 %.

These numbers should worry every Wisconsin lawmaker that's in Washington, especially Rep. Ron Kind and our state's two senators.

As the spending bill works its way through Congress, pragmatic Democrats must work to safeguard jobs and wages. This means blocking what would amount to one of the biggest tax increases in history.

- Sincerely,
Pete Church,
Chairman of the Lincoln Town Board, Adams County
Grand Marsh, Wis.

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projects related to the tower.

The T.B. Scott Tower was originally a part of a house built by Thomas Blythe Scott more than 135 years ago. Scott was instrumental in bringing the lumber business, and the railroad supported by it, to Merrill. The tower was relocated next to the Agra Pavilion on the River Bend Trail after Ascension Good Samaritan Hospital announced it would demolish the building.

PCCU donated \$5,000 for a concrete slab for the relocated tower to sit upon earlier this year. The funds also covered a decorative fence.

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Park City Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative providing financial services to approximately 22,000 members who live, work, or own land in Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Price, Rusk, Taylor, or Vilas counties. To learn more, visit www.parkcitycu.org. Park City Credit Union has offices located in Merrill, Tomahawk, Minocqua, and Rhinelander, and in Dave's County Market in Merrill.



The T.B. Scott Tower, relocated to the River Bend Trail, with recent perennial plantings, thanks to the donations and volunteers from Park City Credit Union.
Submitted photo.

State of Wisconsin withholding tables revised for 2022

Individual income tax rate is reduced beginning for 2021

The Department of Revenue revised withholding tax tables for payroll periods starting on or after Jan. 1, 2022. The updated withholding tables are found in the Wisconsin Withholding Tax Guide (Publication W-166, 10/21 version) available on DOR's website.

Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca noted, "Wisconsin citizens will see more money in their paychecks in 2022."

Employers are required to implement the revised tables no later than Jan. 1, 2022.

The Governor signed 2021 Wisconsin Act 58 which reduced the individual income tax rate for 2021. The revised withholding tables reflect this rate cut along with individual income tax rate cuts that were implemented in 2019 and 2020, as well as adjustments due to inflation. The last revision to Wisconsin's withholding tables took place in April 2014.

It's important to note that individuals may file a new Form WT-4 with their employer any time they wish to change the amount of withholding from their paychecks, providing the number of exemptions they claim does not exceed the number they are entitled to claim. Individuals may also use Form WT-4A to adjust their withholding levels to have less withheld than the withholding tables provide if they estimate that

the amount of tax withheld for the year will be greater than their net tax liability for the year. Both forms are available on our website, and both forms are submitted to the employer.

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MERRILL FOTO NEWS
Student of the Week
 This Week's Featured Student is **Emma Hoffman**
 Daughter of **Cory and Kara Hoffman**
 Emma is in Kindergarten at New Testament Church Christian Academy. She was nominated by Pastor Paul Hohman
 What is your favorite subject in school? Why? My favorite subject in school is Word Building because it has exciting stories.
 What is your favorite part of school? Why? I like going outside because I get to play on cool things.
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The Brostowitz Family. November is National Adoption Month. To learn more about fostering or adopting in your area, contact the Department of Health Services in your community. Submitted photo.

Meant to Be: Adoption Transforms Family of Four to Eight Overnight

November is National Adoption Month

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. - Five and a half years ago, when Dawn Brostowitz and her husband, Mike, considered foster care as a way to fulfill their dream of having a third child, they never expected their family of four to become a family of eight overnight.

"We joke that he's the heart of the operation and I'm the brains," Dawn said. "That's why the social worker called him first."

After Mike's initial conversation, he called Dawn at Aspirus Riverview Hospital, where she works as Director of Nursing - Medical/Surgical & ICU. He asked if she was sitting down. The county had a sibling group of four who needed a forever home.

"I immediately told my assistant, 'You'll never believe this phone call,'" Dawn said. "And she said, 'If it's meant to be, it will be.' I knew she was right and decided to trust the process."

That kind of team support and encouragement is one of the positives Dawn has experienced in her 19 years at Aspirus. The staff treat each other like family. Aspirus' core value of col-

laboration is something they embrace at work and in each other's personal lives. Dawn shares that once the adoption was underway, the staff threw her a "foster care" shower, where she received clothing, basic essentials, and toys to help transition the kids to their new life.

"Working together to solve problems and give back brings all of us a lot of joy, which is another Aspirus core value," Dawn said. "Not many places make joy a priority. That's awesome at work, but also at home. Joy and fun are important for my family. We joke around. Everyone teases. My kids have wit like you wouldn't believe."

The Brostowitzs officially adopted the four siblings, Bruce, Autumn, Anissa, and Atlantis, on June 23, 2017. About four years ago, the family purchased a small farm that all six children, including biological sons Austin and Leo, help manage, selling asparagus and blueberries to the community and splitting the profits.

"The business keeps them busy with something productive when they're not in sports," Dawn said.

Now ages 10 to 18, the 6 children are in sports in 2 different schools in 2 different school districts. Dawn said she's

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St. Stephens invites the community to "Messy Church"

St. Stephens UCC, 903 E. Second Street in Merrill, invites Merrill and the surrounding community to participate in the launch of a new way of worship and fellowship that has been sweeping the world: Messy Church!

Messy Church enables people of all ages to belong to Christ together through their local church. It is a way of being church that is particularly suited to families, is intergenerational, and is particularly welcoming to people who have never belonged to a church before, those who have been spiritually wounded at another church, or individuals who have not found traditional forms of worship to be particularly helpful.

This month's Messy Church is Sunday, Nov. 14, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Going forward, it will be the second Sunday of each month at this same time.

"Messy Church is designed to be immersive and experiential," Rev. Michael Southcombe at St. Stephens said. "No sermons. We read a scripture passage, find a theme within it, and then explore that theme through physical activities, games, crafts, foods, and other experiences together. We might sing a song. We will have conversations, and we will eat dinner together! A meal concludes our Messy Church every month."

Pastor Southcombe said he is not a newcomer to Messy Church. "I began bringing the Messy Church program to churches I was serving as an Interim Minister five years ago. It rejuvenated one of those churches, bringing in people and families who found traditional church irrelevant to their lives. Many of those people were children and grandchildren of some of the members who had been trying for years to find a way to get them back into church."

"It is not just for revitalization, however," Southcombe said. "The second church [I introduced it to] was doing very well, but Messy Church expanded their outreach, adding five or six dozen families to the people connecting with that church every month. It was such a natural extension of their existing programs. Their Director of Faith Formation is now one of Messy Church USA's ambassadors and trainers."

"Messy Church is not just an activity a church hosts," he said. "It is a philosophy of what the church should be. Members adhere to five core values:



Messy Church at St. Stephens is intergenerational, bringing families and multiple generations together. Submitted photos.



Messy Church is interactive, hands on, and experiential. Crafts and projects are frequently a part of the activities.

- **Christ-Centered.** Everything we do comes out of a desire to experience, proclaim, and grow in Christ.

- **All ages are welcome.**
- **Creativity that recognizes and nurtures the God-given creativity of every individual.**

- **Hospitality that reflects a God of unconditional love.**

- **Celebration which reflects a God who wants to dance with us in joy."**

St. Stephens began their Messy Church events over the summer, and they are now ready to invite the wider public to join. "We've got the bugs worked out, folks here have a better understanding of the purpose and flow of the event, and we are ready to bring others into a relationship with Christ and the church through a fun, engaging afternoon of activities and fellowship and a free dinner for the whole family to enjoy together," Southcombe said.

St. Stephens church member, Leanne Schnabl, jumped at the chance

to be the Messy Church Coordinator for St. Stephens. "It brings it all together," said Schnabl. "You get to explore the Bible with all your senses and all the different kinds of intelligences we have rather than just listen to a sermon."

"Pastor Mike's sermons are wonderful," she added quickly. "But people learn in different ways."

Southcombe agreed: "A lot of people get much more out of the hymns than the sermon on any given Sunday, or the prayers or the Mission Moment. People need to experience the love of God and the fellowship of the church more than they need to hear about it. Messy Church is one way we do that."

The Nov. 14 Messy Church at St. Stephens will be a celebration on the theme of thanksgiving to God, exploring Psalm 107 which begins "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast

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Food Safety Tips for your Holiday Meal

“Let’s Talk Turkey”

When you think “Thanksgiving,” what comes to mind? Turkey! According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 46 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the United States at Thanksgiving. That number represents one-sixth of all the turkeys sold in the U.S. each year. There are a few tips that will ensure that your holiday meal is safe and delicious.

“Thawing and cooking are the two challenges any holiday cook will face,” said Barbara Ingham, extension food safety specialist with the University of Wisconsin, Division of Extension. When thawing the turkey in the refrigerator, the USDA recommends allowing 24 hours for every four to five pounds of meat. For example, a 16- to 20-pound turkey would need at least three or four days to thaw. Some newer, more efficient refrigerators can add a day or two to that time. Turkeys can also be thawed in the microwave, or in a sink filled with cold water – just change the water every 30 minutes. It’s also possible to cook a turkey directly from its frozen state, adds Ingham.

In addition to the challenge of thawing a turkey, consumers struggle with other questions, such as knowing when a turkey is sufficiently cooked, and how to handle leftovers, says Debbie Moellendorf, Lincoln County Division of Extension.

Moellendorf recommends cooking your Thanksgiving turkey to an internal temperature of 165°F, as measured with a food thermometer. Check the temperature in several places – at the thickest part of the breast, the inner thigh, and the wing. Check the temperature of the stuffing too. All turkey meat, including any that remains pink, is safe as soon as all parts reach 165°F, notes Moellendorf.

Once thoroughly



Stock photo.

cooked, proper cooling and handling of leftovers is a key food safety step. “Refrigerate leftovers within two hours,” Ingham said. Cut turkey into smaller pieces and place in shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator. Place leftover sauces, dressing, and any side dishes in the refrigerator within two hours, as well. Use leftovers within four days or freeze for longer storage. Ingham likes to joke that she often refers to leftovers as “planned overs,” with family and guests sometimes preferring meal items reheated or eaten cold the next day.

Dessert is a part of many holiday meals, and Moellendorf notes that pumpkin pie, custard pie, and cheesecake must also be handled safely. Bake these festive desserts to a safe minimum internal temperature of 160°F. Once cool, refrigerate until the big meal. Pumpkin or cream pie that you purchase from the market or grocery are also safest stored in the refrigerator once you bring them home., Moellendorf said.

The Lincoln County Division of Extension office is available to help answer your holiday meal preparation questions.

For last minute questions, refer to these holiday hotlines.

USDA MEAT AND POULTRY HOTLINE

- 1-888-674-6854
- Email: mphotonline.fsis@usda.gov
- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. weekdays (Central Time)
- 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day
- Chat Ask USDA! (English/Spanish)
- Ask.USDA.gov
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JENNIE-O TURKEY HOTLINE

- Live chat, via phone, text or social media: 800-887-5397
- Text the word Turkey to 73876
- <https://www.jennieo.com/hotline/>

ter for Messy Church, go to the church website: www.ststephensucc.net or call 715.536.7322.

According to www.messychurch.org, Messy Church has spread to over 4,000 registered Messy Churches in 30 different countries. Over 500,000 throughout the world worship monthly at Messy Church. The movement began in the church of England in 2006 but is now in over a dozen denominations and fellowships across the globe. Working with the international founders, Messy Church USA, was founded about five years ago and members share ideas, successes, ask for help and suggestions, and arrange regional training and workshops. For further background, watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TS8fo7vraI> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXeUp9tTMc>.

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love endures forever.”

This month’s Messy Church will include a scavenger hunt; pumpkin spice play dough; dancing popcorn; sculptures made from toothpicks, cranberries, and marshmallows; a couple of turkey-related crafts; a turkey on a zipline; and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings to finish,” said Southcombe. “At every activity station, the host talks about how the activity relates to the theme. Messy Church activates the right brain and the left brain, and we have fun in the process.”

Registration is requested for advance planning; however, walk-ins will also be welcome if attendees don’t get a chance to register in advance. To regis-

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TURKEY FEATHER PROMOTION!

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Finch

(now streaming on Apple)

★★★★☆

Rated PG-13 – for language and adult themes.

I had planned on reviewing *Eternals* for you all this week, but let's be honest: It's the new *Marvel* film, and regardless of what I say, you will go see it or you will not, based on just that. On top of that, my mother always said, "If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing," and that should tell you all you need to know.

That being said, I decided to tell you about a small film, released by Apple streaming this weekend, called *Finch*, starring Tom Hanks as the title character.

Finch is a contemplative film about one man's desire and need to ensure his beloved dog, Goodyear, is taken care of after he passes away.

That's usually a fairly easy task, but in this case, *Finch* takes place 15 years after a massive solar flare has destroyed the earth, killing pretty much everyone on the planet.

Finch spends his days collecting food and materials with his robot, Dewey, and taking them back to his bunker, where he is busy building another robot that he decides he will name Jeff, voiced perfectly by Caleb Landry Jones (*X-Men* franchise).

Shortly after Finch activates Jeff, a massive storm (that will last 40 days) begins to form up over his bunker, and



Finch, Dewey, Jeff, and Goodyear the dog have to abandon their refuge and hit the road in search of a safe home.

Finch is a slower film – action is almost non-existent – and it focuses entirely on the characters. Hanks does his usual amazing job carrying this film, and it works.

At times heartbreaking, and at other times funny, this is a film that hits all the notes and hits them well.

I give *Finch* four out of five stars because of the performance of Hanks and the strong story and the cinematography from Jo Willems – stunning and elegiac, finding beauty in ravaged landscapes, and making one brief moment of respite seem almost miraculous.



A wide variety of crafts will be available to get shoppers in the mood for holiday decorating and gift buying. Stock photos.

CRAFT SHOW from page 1

at each craft show location on Saturday. To stay current with craft and vendor sales in Merrill year-round, "like" the Facebook page.

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ADOPTION from page 8

grateful her job at Aspirus is flexible so that she can help Mike, who runs a cranberry marsh, and the grandparents get everyone where they need to be, when they need to be there. Watching her kids excel athletically is another source of joy.

"It's amazing to see how far our adopted kids have come," Dawn said. "They arrived at our house with no goals for the future."

Now, they have plans. One daughter aspires to be a princess. The other, a teacher. This year, Bruce and Austin started college - Bruce to pursue business, and Austin, nursing. She's especially humbled by the life Bruce is making for himself that he otherwise may not have had.

"There are so many kids in foster care who need someone to be there for them," Dawn said. "Mike and I have always had a motto to treat every child the same. Just love them."

And love them, they have, fostering even more children since adopting the four siblings. At one point, the Brostowitzs had 11 kids in their 3-bedroom house, which Dawn admits was absolutely crazy. Beyond short-term fostering, being their usual family of eight comes with challenges, too.

When asked how she manages the ups and downs while working full-time and raising six busy kids, Dawn replied: "Nothing about what we did should have been easy. But my kids make it easy. They walked into the house, and I fell in love."

A close-up, vertical photograph of the American flag, showing the red and white stripes and a portion of the blue field with white stars. The flag is waving, creating a sense of movement. The text is overlaid on the flag in a large, white, serif font with a subtle drop shadow.

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Two bull moose racks hang in the living room at Marie Skic's home. She shot the first one, the smaller of the two (on the right), at age 75, and the larger one at age 79. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

Marie Skic is still hunting and harvesting trophies in her 90's

And dropping her kills in one shot

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Marie Skic has loved hunting for more years than many of today's hunters have been alive. At age 94 (she just celebrated her birthday on Oct. 30), she has harvested trophy bucks, bear, turkey, and moose, as well as hunted squirrels and ice fished and had more adventures than she could fit in a book. She has quite the scrapbook with

photos and newspaper clippings, and a trophy wall in her living room, with bragging rights many hunters would both envy and admire.

Unlike many hunters who learned to hunt alongside a parent or grandparent, Marie didn't get to hunt when she was growing up. Raised on a farm in the Town of Pine River, her father was old-fashioned and believed hunting was for boys and men. [Although it was fine for her to milk cows and drive horses in the field for field work.]

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"I was a pretty good shot!"

So the first time Marie ever shot a gun, she was about 21 years old, newly married, with her first baby. "We were married and living in Bryant," Marie recalls. Her husband [Anthony, known to everyone as Tony] went hunting with a bunch of guys, and she doesn't remember exactly how it came about, but her husband gave her the gun and said, "Why don't you try it?"

"And I was a pretty good shot!" Marie said. "He was so amazed. He couldn't believe it, that I could hit the target all the time and I hadn't been shooting." She laughs, clearly delighted at the memory. "Oh, he was proud of me!" she says of her husband's reaction.

Once she realized she could shoot, Marie was bitten by the hunting bug. She still recalls her first experience, and her first deer hunt, vividly.

"At that time, I went hunting myself," Marie said. She set the scene. A young mother with her first child at home, she went out to hunt out of a two-door coupe. She was driving her car near a swampy area near the Bryant area where they lived. "And I seen this deer go in the swamp," she said.

Now at that time, people were stealing deer

from other hunters, she explained. "Hunters had a bad reputation of taking deer; there was a shortage of deer or whatever. Groups, there were stealing deer away from people."

So she was quite cautious. "I seen that thing go in there, and then drove a certain way and stopped, and I went in there and sat down," Marie said. "And here this thing [buck] comes right at me. And I shot it." She dropped it with one shot. But that was only the beginning of the story.

There was this tree like this, Marie said, and demonstrated with her hands. "Wouldn't you know his head was stuck in there? ... I, never in my life!"

Marie laughs again, still mystified by her luck that day, that right after her very first one-shot kill, she would have to wrestle this deer's head from being entangled in a tree before she could even claim it properly.

Now Marie was strong, having grown up working on a farm, but she was also a small woman. And this was a large animal. Limp and dead weight. She laughs again. "And then [after getting it out of that tree], I had to drag it to that little car with the [little] trunk. I almost - " Marie sighs, indicating that for at least a split second, she might have considered giving up.

But back then, circa



Marie Skic, then age 82, with her first bear kill, a 275-pound, 3-year-old sow, shot in Lincoln County. Submitted photo.

1948, hunting served a purpose, and families needed the meat. And with the climate being what it was, with other hunting groups stealing deer, fear helped fuel Marie's adrenaline. "I'll never forget it," Marie recalls, because she could hear other guys talking in their camp not very far away. "And I was scared. I think most of my muscle [strength] was not to lose out or [that they would] come and get my deer." She was thankful that she had only fired a single shot. Somehow, somehow, Marie dragged that deer out herself and wrestled it into the trunk of her small car all by herself and made it home. And it turned out, "It was a big

one," she said. "It was the biggest deer! The other guys [in her husband's hunting crew] got bucks that were bigger [in terms of racks]. This was just like a fork horn, but my deer was bigger [body and weight] than any [of theirs]. And was he proud!"

Marie still glows with joy at her husband's reaction. "He was so proud after that. So I went hunting always after that and had a gun so I could do it."

Farming and raising a family

Marie wasn't able to hunt as much as she might have liked once they had their own farm. She and her husband and two young children purchased a farm in the Town of

Maine circa 1949 and began farming full time. And life wasn't always easy. In fact, it was often downright hard, and money was tight. Marie and her husband had 11 children, and she had 2 miscarriages, as well.

In July, 1969, they lost their oldest son, Anthony Skic, Jr., when he died in a car accident southwest of Merrill at the age of 20.

In the fall of 1974, John Skic, the third youngest child of Marie and Anthony Skic, Sr., became ill and was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia in January, 1975. Despite various treatments, it was ultimately a bone marrow transplant, from John's 15-year-old brother, Matthew Skic, on May 6, 1975, completed in a Minneapolis hospital, that brought the disease into remission in July 1975. The operation marked the first time in the Upper Midwest that a bone marrow transplant had been successful in securing remission in leukemia, according to one of John's doctors quoted in a July 1975 newspaper article. Unfortunately, after 19 months, the disease was back and, despite traveling to Mexico to secure alternate treatments, their son, John, died on May 25, 1977, at the age of 10.

Then, in 1979, Marie and her husband, Tony ... "We were hunting, he shot two deer, and he got short

of breath," she said. But he wouldn't go in to the doctor. To this day, Marie wishes he had and wonders if things would have turned out differently if he had. He died suddenly of a heart attack on Dec. 9, 1979, leaving Marie with five sons and one daughter still living at home on the family farm.

But Marie had a strong faith, and she persevered with her family, continuing to farm the family dairy farm for the next 18 years.

Then, midday on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 2, 1997, while family members were making hay nearby, a fire broke out in the dairy barn on the family farm, completely destroying the barn and killing 30 dairy cattle. Though the family temporarily moved the remaining dairy cattle to another farm, they soon made the decision to sell the remainder of the dairy herd and not to rebuild the dairy. The family continued to crop the land, but retired from dairy farming. If the barn hadn't burned that year, Marie's daughter, Rose, said Marie would probably still be farming.

Though it marked the end of an era, the end of dairy farming for the then-nearly-70-year-old Marie Skic, it did afford her the time and freedom to pursue some new hunting opportunities.

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Marie and her family hunt moose in Canada

With a bit of newfound freedom, Marie decided to try moose hunting in Canada with her brother and some of her children. Most of her children, sons and daughters alike, have since gone on these rugged adventures with her. Her daughter, Rose, described the trips: "We would fly into British Columbia, drive 18 hours north, then you would unload. Then you took horses and/or four wheelers in." They opted for the motorized option. "We drove 25 miles on four wheelers, through creeks, in to camp to hunt."

"Rain, mud, stuck," Marie interjected. She described steep ravines and being at the foot of the high mountains.

One year it had snowed before we got there, Rose said. "so then there was flooding, and it would slide you downstream a ways before you could get out [as they crossed the creeks]. It was pretty scary."

Sometimes the trail was washed out so bad, you'd have to winch everybody up the trail, they said.

Nonetheless, quite a few were impressed to see Marie, then in her 70's, gassing on her four-wheeler and coming at the hills and trails and making the climb on her own, pretty fearless.

Moose hunting in Canada was primitive hunting and camping, mother and daughter explained. No electricity, no other people, staying in a big canvas tent pitched on the ground, everyone sleeping with their guns at their sides in case grizzly bears came in. And grizzly bears were a real threat. After you shot something, they explained, it was important to dress the animal and pack out the meat as soon as possible, while others stood watch for grizzlies. If the meat couldn't be packed out the same day [often on horses hired for just that purpose] because the hunt wasn't yet complete, the hunters had to "climb trees, cut branches, and hang the meat up in the trees so the bear couldn't get 'em or lay

it in the creek to keep the grizzlies from getting it," Rose said.

The first time Marie successfully shot a moose was in 2002, at the age of 75. It was a smaller one, but that rack hangs on her living room wall. She shot her second moose, much larger, when she was 79 years old. That rack is also on her living room trophy wall. Marie explained that there were rack size requirements, and anything in between very close to the size of the two racks on her wall wasn't eligible to be harvested.

One year Marie and her son went out and got their moose while the rest of the camp was eating breakfast after someone reported spotting a couple not far away.

There were numerous moose hunts in Canada over the course of about 10 years for Marie, but the last time she went was when she was 80, she said.

Marie has led a very adventurous life, but at that point, she realized that an injury in the wild without nearby medical personnel might be getting a bit too risky.

Other hunting and fishing adventures

In addition to moose hunting in Canada, Marie has ice fished in Canada north of Superior for years. In fact, Marie went to Canada ice fishing every March for the last 15 years with her sons and grandsons, Rose said. "Last time we went was 2020. We got back to the U.S. just before the Canadian-U.S. border closed due to COVID," she added.



Marie Skic, at age 93, with her son, Stan, who holds up the deer Marie dropped with one shot from 170 yards in 2020. Submitted photo.

She has also hunted deer, bear, squirrels, and turkeys for many years locally.

Marie said she didn't hunt turkeys years ago, when her kids were small, because there were no turkeys here until they were introduced to the area by the Department of Natural Resources. Since then, "I got one every year," she said. She isn't much fond of the taste of wild turkeys though, she said. Generally, she gives the meat to her son, Wally, to put in with the venison sausage he makes.

First bear at 82

With her 70's and moose hunting in Canada behind her, Marie took up bear hunting locally.

She shot her first bear on September 8, 2010, in Lincoln County when she was 82 years old.

Her daughter Rose tells the story: "The bear was on the opposite side of the Wisconsin River by my brother, Wally's, house. They (my mother and Wally) took a boat across the river to go to their hunting spot. This was a small boat that my mother bought for \$200 from her Uncle Jake in Monroe, Wis., about 50 years ago. We still have it."

"After she shot the bear," Rose said, "My mother and Wally left to go back to his house. Some family and friends went back across

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Aaron Hoffman harvested the biggest buck of his 37-year hunting career in the Town of Scott, Lincoln County, on Sept. 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., on the third day of this year's archery season. This 10-pointer has a 16-inch spread and was shot with a cross bow. He will be having this buck mounted by Prairie River Taxidermy. Submitted photo.



Max Westover, age 11, shot his very first buck during the Statewide Youth Hunt on Oct. 9, 2021. "He was pretty discouraged after not seeing any deer at all during the very foggy morning hours," his mother, Kristy Beausoleil said. "His luck turned around right before dark when this beautiful 8-point buck walked into the woods. One shot and the deer was down, and we had one super excited boy!" Submitted photo.

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Samantha Jaeger of Merrill shot this 9-point buck on Oct. 2, 2021, in Lincoln County. Sharing her excitement are children Abby and Aaron Jaeger. 11-year-old Abby also hunts with the family and is hoping to get her first deer during the gun deer hunting season this year.

Submitted photo.

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the river in the boat, loaded the bear into a wheelbarrow (instead of dragging it through the woods), put the wheelbarrow in the boat, and crossed the river to Wally's house."

Shortly afterward, the bear was transported to one of Marie's grandson's shop where many neighbors and friends came to look at it and celebrate with her mother, Rose added.

The bear was a three-year-old female that dressed out at 275 pounds. Marie shot it with a 30-06 with 150 grain Remington Core-loct. And there were many admirers indeed.

Slowing down [somewhat], but the hunt isn't over

With age, Marie has had to slow down a bit. Over the years she's had two hip and two shoulder replacements and there have been a few falls. She had a mini stroke "a long time ago" and her balance is a bit unsteady, so she needs to use a cane. Physical therapy has helped her, and she does the exercises she learned in physical therapy pretty religiously at home.

These days she is more likely to hunt with a family member than alone, but Marie intends to keep hunting just as long as she's able. She enjoys being outdoors, watching the wildlife (even from her home in the country when she can't get outdoors), and taking out the ATV.



Marie Skic, then age 93, with the turkey she harvested during the 2021 turkey season.

Submitted photo.



Aaron Jaeger of Merrill, age 8, shot his first buck while hunting with his dad, David Jaeger, on Oct. 10, 2021, during the Wisconsin Youth Hunt. This 10-point buck was harvested in Lincoln County.

Submitted photo.

Throughout her adult life, and in addition to farming full-time, Marie has been incredibly active.. in the local VFW Auxiliary and then as the only State President of the VFW Auxiliary from Merrill; acting on Governor's task forces and committees and traveling internationally representing farmers and farm wives for the State of Wisconsin; testifying before state government to help protect Wisconsin farm wives from having to pay inheritance tax on family farms if their husbands predecease them; in her church; going on bus trips; visiting up to 20 shut-ins each week [between Wausau and Merrill shut-ins] before COVID and now writing lots of cards and letters and mak-

ing phone calls to shut-ins every week; going to all of her children's and now grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's school and sporting events; as well as doing holidays and cooking and baking for family.

Of her nine living children, seven went on to settle in the Merrill area and raise families; while her daughter, Louise, lives in Greenwood with her husband and raised her family there, and her son, Matt, moved to Minnesota, first to Hayfield and then to Rochester, and raised his family there. Marie enjoys spending time with all of them every chance she gets.

As of this past summer, Marie had given up driving at night, but she still has her license. She is slowing

down, relatively speaking, with regard to a few physical challenges. But definitely not in all respects. She still drives on the freeway during the daytime without issues and, "If they're going 80, I'm going 80!" she said laughing, although she confesses she avoids the highway on Friday afternoons/evenings and Monday mornings when the traffic is high from people heading or returning from up north.

But she's not slowing down any more than she has to, and not just on the highway.

Marie got her deer last year sitting along with her son, Stan, and although it didn't have a huge rack, she shot that buck from 170 yards away and dropped it with one shot. "Her kids and grandkids are amazed that she only needs one bullet," Rose said, "same with my dad [when he was alive]."

Marie plans to hunt during the 2021 rifle deer hunting season set to begin on Saturday, Nov. 20. Hopefully, she will share a photo of whatever she shoots this year with the Foto News after this year's hunt is over.

As long as Marie is able to get out and sit [which she can do undisturbed for incredibly long periods of time] with her gun in hand, Marie is going to be participating in one of her favorite pastimes: hunting. And it's a pretty safe bet she's going to harvest more deer, turkeys, and perhaps even bear before she hangs up her rifle for good.

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Four Lady Jays Swim their way to State; new school records set; team finishes third during Sectionals

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Swim Team finished in third place at the 2021 WIAA Championship - Girls Division 2 Sectionals on Saturday, Nov. 6.

“As a team, we took third place overall out of 13 teams, finishing behind Rhinelander and Rice Lake,” said Head Swim Coach Kristie Winter. Merrill had a final score of 264. (Rice Lake scored 323 and Rhinelander took first with a score of 371.)

Going to State and setting school records

During the event, four Lady Jays swam their way to the State level competition and also set new Merrill High School records!

The 200 Medley Relay team of Amber Winter, Bailee Sommer, Grace Schultz, and Claire Schultz took second place in that competition at Sectionals, set a new school record for the event, and will be going to State with a time of 1:51.12. The same team of four girls also took second place in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay and will advance to State with a time of 1:42.54.

Grace Schultz came in second place at Sectionals in the 200 Yard IM and set a new school record with a time of 2:12.15. Amber Winter was right behind her in third place with a time of 2:16.41. Both girls will be going on to State to compete in this event.

Grace Schultz also took second place at Sectionals in the 100 Yard Backstroke and will advance to State with a time of 59.76.

Claire Schultz came in third place at Sectionals in the 50 Yard Freestyle and will go on to State with a time of 24.70.

Amber Winter took second place at Sectionals in the 100 Yard Breaststroke, set a new school record, and advances to State with a time of 1:07.40.

State qualifying Lady Jays will compete this Friday, Nov. 12, at the State competition at 6:30 p.m. at the Waukesha South High School Natatorium. “The team will be leaving at 10:00 a.m. from the High School to travel down,” Winter said.

More top 10 finishers

Olivia Pajtash came in third place at Sectionals in the 500 Yard Freestyle with a time of 5:46.51 and ninth place in the 200 Yard Freestyle with a time of 2:10.37.

Bailey Orzech came in eighth place in the 100 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:15.33 and also came in ninth place in the 200 Yard IM with a time of 2:27.65.

Megan Miles came in ninth place in the 100 Yard Butterfly with a time of 1:09.27 and fourth place in the 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 1:05.59.

Claire Schultz also came in sixth place in the 100 Yard Freestyle with a time of 55.96.

In the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay, Merrill’s team of Olivia Pajtash, Megan Miles, Bailee Sommer, and Bailey Orzech took eighth place with a time of 4:06.69.

“We had some really great swims at the Sectional meet for the team,” Winter said. “We finished with at least one top 10 swim in every event. Many of the events we had several Merrill swimmers on the podium for awards. It’s so fun to see the Bluejay Blue on the podium.”



Bluejay Swimmers are going to State! Shown L to R: Amber Winter, Bailee Sommer, Grace Schultz, and Claire Schultz. Submitted photo.

2021-2022 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedule

Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Fri. Nov. 12	Scrimmage (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 16	Lakeland Union (JV)	Away	5:45 pm
Tues. Nov. 16	Lakeland Union (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm
Thurs. Nov. 18	Wittenberg-Birnamwood (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Thurs. Nov. 18	Wittenberg-Birnamwood (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm

Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)
Practice begins Monday, November 15th.

Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)
Thurs. Nov. 12 Scrimmage (Varsity) Home 4:00 pm

Ice Hockey Girls (Varsity & JV)
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David Jaeger shot this beautiful buck on Saturday, Nov. 6, during the archery season. This 12-pointer has a 19" wide rack. Submitted photo.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Amber Winter, a Junior at Merrill High School (MHS) has been named Athlete of the Week. Amber swims on the Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Team and recently took second place at the Great WVC Conference in the 200 Yard Freestyle event and the 100 Yard Breaststroke individual events and, as part of a team, came in first place in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay and second place in the 200 Yard Medley Relay. At Sectionals on Nov. 6, Amber went on to set a high school record, both individually and as part of a team, and earned a spot at the State competition on Nov. 12. Amber has been on the Varsity Swim Team for three years. She is also on the Varsity Track and Field Team, doing discus and shot put, and figure skates, both for three years.

At MHS, Amber is on Link Crew, in National Honors Society, and in DECA. Outside of school, she participates in Swim Club, Figure Skating Club, and church bell choir at Trinity Lutheran Church. Amber enjoys camping and anything outdoors, hanging out with friends, and lifeguarding. She works as a lifeguard at the Merrill outdoor pool and the MAPS indoor pool, a swim coach, and a figure skating coach.


The daughter of Chris and Kristie Winter of Merrill, Amber has a 3.8 GPA. She wants to attend a four-year college after graduation and continue both Swimming and Track and Field at the college level. She plans to study education to be either an elementary school teacher or a high school math or science teacher.




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Gov. Evers Joins OCI and DHS to encourage Wisconsinites to sign up for health coverage during open enrollment

MADISON, Wis. — Gov. Tony Evers, together with Wisconsin Insurance Commissioner Mark Afable, and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake, today urged Wisconsin residents to sign up for high-quality, affordable health coverage during open enrollment.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 2021, open enrollment launched and will continue through Jan. 15, 2021. During this limited time, all Wisconsinites are eligible to get enrolled in one of the health plans available on the federal marketplace. Those who already have insurance through the marketplace can also renew, change, or update their plans during this period.

“This pandemic has only underscored that we should be working to make sure everyone has access to quality, affordable healthcare,” said Gov. Evers. “I urge folks to shop around on the marketplace and take advantage of the new, lower insurance rates that are available right now. Thanks to President Biden, this period lasts a few

weeks longer than last year, but don't wait—get enrolled today.”

In 2020, the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) and Gov. Evers launched WisCovered.com as an accessible resource for Wisconsinites. By visiting WisCovered.com or calling 2-1-1, those looking for coverage can get connected with free, expert help with services available in English, Spanish, and Hmong. These experts at WisCovered.com can help Wisconsinites understand their coverage options and determine if they qualify for subsidized health insurance premiums through the marketplace or free coverage through BadgerCare Plus.

“Join the thousands of Wisconsinites who qualified for free or low-cost health insurance coverage last year,” said Commissioner Afable. “If you need health insurance, there are great plans available that cover doctor visits, prescriptions, hospital stays, and more. If you need help finding a plan that fits your budget, free as-

istance is available. Just call 2-1-1 or visit WisCovered.com for more information today.”

Signing up for high-quality, affordable health insurance is about more than having access to comprehensive medical care. By getting insured, you are investing in your health, and the health of those around you,” said DHS Secretary-designee Timberlake. “Here at the state's health department, we want each and every Wisconsinite to have the ability to have the insurance coverage they need to prevent, treat, or recover from illness or injury. That is why I am urging all residents to take advantage of these resources during the open enrollment period so that every Wisconsinite can get signed up for health insurance.”

Many Wisconsinites will benefit from lower rates and more insurance options in 2021. Rates on the individual market, which include plans available on Healthcare.gov, will be 0.3 percent lower in 2022 on average than rates in 2021. Many Wisconsinites can also find more insurer options than ever before.

Stakeholders who would like to promote educational materials about Open Enrollment are encouraged to visit OCI's open enrollment digital toolkit, which features draft social media posts and graphics, press release templates, and flyers. Many materials are available in Spanish and Hmong, as well as English. The public is also encouraged to follow OCI on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for more updates.

Washington Elementary School ranked in top 30% in U.S. News Best Elementary School ranking

Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) received notification that Washington Elementary School is ranked in the top 30% of all elementary schools in Wisconsin by U.S. News and World Report. The ranking of #262 out of 1,030 elementary schools were determined by student proficiency levels in both Reading and Math on the State's Forward

Assessment from the 2018-19 school year.

“I am extremely proud of our students and staff and consider this a great accomplishment. The past few years we took a close look at our schoolwide data and identified our gaps in student achievement. We implemented high leverage teaching strategies coupled with authentic

learning opportunities which produced positive results in ELA and Math,” said Principal Trisha Detert.

“Recognition for hard work, and more importantly, the right work is always appreciated,” stated Dr. John Sample, MAPS Superintendent. “The entire Washington staff, our students, and their parents can be very proud of this accomplishment.”

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Merrill's Wardall Selected All-WIAC for UW-Whitewater Volleyball

WHITEWATER, Wis. – Morgan Wardall, a native of Merrill, and member of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater volleyball team, was one of four Warhawks who were named to the 2021 All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Volleyball Team.

Junior defensive specialist Morgan Jensen (Sun Prairie, Wis./Sun Prairie) highlights the quartet, earning the WIAC Defensive Player of the Year award in addition to first team all-conference and WIAC All-Defensive Team accolades. She is the third Warhawk to be selected Defensive Player of the Year since 2014.

Senior outside hitter Erin McNeil (Crystal Lake, Ill./Prairie Ridge), senior middle hitter Morgan Wardall (Merrill, Wis./Merrill) and sophomore outside hitter Jenna Weinfurt (Waukesha, Wis./Catholic Memorial) join Jensen on the first team. Jensen and McNeil are now two-time all-league honorees, while Wardall and Weinfurt are first-time selections.

All four players helped UW-Whitewater finish the regular season with a 25-1 record, including a 6-1 mark in conference play. The eighth-ranked Warhawks enter Thursday's WIAC Tournament semifinal match against No. 22 UW-Stevens Point on a 17-match winning streak.

Jensen enters the conference tournament ranked second in the WIAC in digs per set (4.91 / 417 total digs) and third in service aces per set (0.45 / 38 total aces). A five-time WIAC Defensive Player of the Week during the regular season, Jensen recorded a season-high 29 digs against Greenville (Ill.) on Oct. 9 and has posted 10 or more digs in 22 of her 26 matches.

McNeil ranks second on the team with 206 kills (2.48 per set) and ranks fifth in the conference with a .297 hitting percentage. She also enters Thursday's match with 46 blocks. McNeil was a two-time WIAC Offensive Player of the Week during the regular season. She registered 10 or more kills six times, including a season-high 15 against UW-River Falls on Oct. 1.

Wardall ranks second in the conference and 17th in the nation with a .366 hitting percentage and fourth in the league in blocks per set (0.94 / 93 total blocks), and ranks third on the team with 168 kills. She is a big reason UW-W ranks third in the nation in blocks per set entering the week. Wardall tallied a season-best 12 kills against Chicago on Sept. 1 and finished with a season-high eight blocks against Bethel on Sept. 11.

Weinfurt ranks fourth in the conference in both kills (258 / 3.15 per set) and points (295.5 / 3.60 per set). She also begins the postseason with 51 blocks, good for third on the team. Weinfurt finished with double figures in kills 16 times, tying her season high of 16 kills in matches against Chicago (Sept. 1) and Bethel (Sept. 11).

Johni Bunkers (Wildwood, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) is UW-Whitewater's representative on the WIAC All-Sportsmanship Team.

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