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# 'Tis the season to celebrate and prepare for Christmas

Dec. 4 kicks off lots of area holiday activities, Dec. 11 continues events

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Area activities around this weekend, all focusing on the Christmas season, and fittingly so since we have entered the season of advent, which means "coming" in Latin. Christmas is certainly coming, along with snow and all that befits winter in Wisconsin.

### Holiday Shop, Sip, and Support

The Merrill Enrichment Center/Expo Center at 303 N. Sales St. in Merrill will host Holiday Shop, Sip, and Support on Friday, Dec. 3, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Six local boutiques will showcase their goods and clothing, and eleven direct sales vendors will feature their wares for sale – from children's books to kitchen items and cleaning products, from jewelry to clothing and bags, to holiday treat boxes. Attendees who wear their ugly Christmas sweaters or other festive attire will have a chance to win gift certificates to the Enrichment Center Craft Shop. And attendees can enjoy a snack and a mocktail while they shop.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the local Christmas Spirit program.

### Christmas parade

Merrill's annual Christmas parade will begin Saturday, Dec. 4, at 5:00 p.m. The parade route will travel from S. Genesee St. and go East on W. Main St. towards the Courthouse, traveling the "wrong way" down E. 2nd St. to E. 1st St. and then E. Main St. Along the way, Santa, the highlight of the parade for most children, will be stop at Banker's



Advent and the Christmas season is upon us, and signs of the season are everywhere. Decorated evergreen wreaths adorn many area homes as a sign of the season. This wreath is at Fritz's Mountain Christmas Tree Farm, East of Merrill.

Tina L. Scott photo.

Square to light the Christmas Tree in downtown Merrill on E. Main St.

### Gazebo tree lighting

Another tree will be lit on Dec. 4, as well. The Christmas tree in the gazebo at Normal Park will be lit for the first time on the evening of Dec. 4 and will then be lit each evening through the holiday season.

### O'Tannenbaum

The annual O'Tannenbaum festival of trees will take place at St., Stephens UCC, 903 E. Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 5. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids, with the youngest children being free. All of the decorated trees, wreaths, and gift baskets on display will be raffled off. All proceeds

will go to support 4-H projects and other charitable purposes in the community.

### Park Lane Luminaria

The Park Lane neighborhood will hold their annual candlelight display on Dec. 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Drive through the neighborhood on Merrill's south side near Bell Tower Residence and Aspirus Merrill Hospital to enjoy the display.

### An old-fashioned Christmas festival

Willow Springs Garden, will hold an old-fashioned Christmas festival on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5, from

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On Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, for the 12th year, the Caylor family of Merrill decorated the Christmas tree in the gazebo at Normal Park with lights. The tree was the brainstorm of Kathleen Caylor who "was obsessed with Christmas" according to her daughter-in-law, Valerie Caylor, "so she got permission to put a tree in the gazebo, we decorated it, and we've been doing it ever since." "Then when she passed away in 2015, before she passed away, she wanted us to keep the tradition going, so we've continued it," Valerie said. Dan Jackson, the long-time companion of Mary Bauman who is the daughter of Lydia Bauman [who was instrumental in building the gazebo], has been growing and grooming this balsam tree for a number of years at his Jackson Prairie River Tree Farm in Parrish, Wis., and donated this year's tree for the community to enjoy. The tree will be lit for the first time this year on Saturday, Dec. 4. Shown decorating from L to R and making it a true family labor of love are: Michael "Gus" Caylor, Jr. (Kathleen's son); Carol Goehring and Dave Goehring (Valeri's parents); Valerie Caylor (Kathleen's daughter-in-law); and Andrew Caylor (Kathleen's grandson).

Tina L. Scott photo.

**Annual Merrill Lighted Parade**

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm  
Line-up begins at 4 pm

Line-up starts on South Genesee Street and is first come, first serve. No prearranged order.

Parade stops at Bankers Square to light the Christmas tree.

Please call the Chamber office with questions or to register your float 715-536-9474.

## CORRECTION: Driver in crash misidentified

The driver of the vehicle that crashed into a parked truck the evening of Friday, Nov. 19, was incorrectly identified by witnesses at the scene as William Haight of Merrill. Haight was NOT the driver of the white Chevrolet Trailblazer that crashed in the 600 block of Prospect St. as reported in the Nov. 25 edition of the Foto News. We apologize to Mr. Haight for this error.

The Merrill Police Department has identified and confirmed Eric Welch was the driver who crashed his

white Chevrolet Trailblazer into a parked truck late the evening of Nov. 19, 2021.

Welch was taken into custody that evening by Merrill Police Officers after he failed on-site sobriety tests following the crash. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated (third offense) and cited for operating with a suspended driver's license and lack of motor vehicle insurance.

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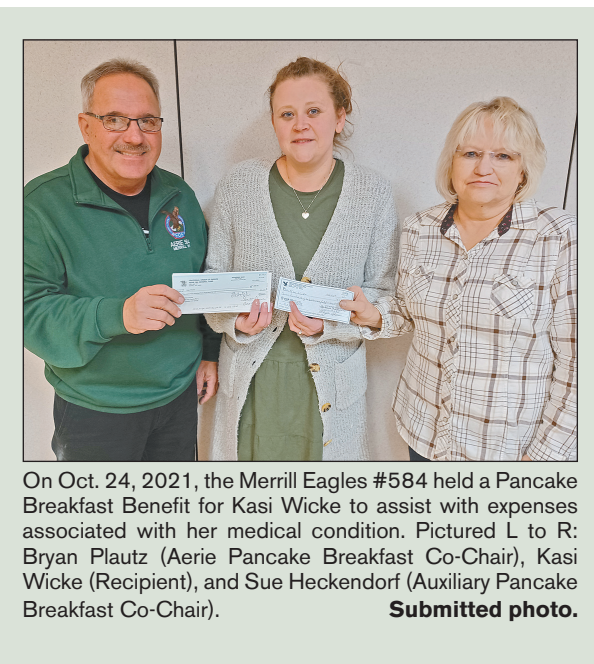
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# Wisconsin DOC switching to photocopied personal mail to address drug concerns

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) is partnering with a company to start photocopying the personal mail of all adults in its care, a response to the growing problem of dangerous drugs being sent into DOC institutions through personal mail.

DOC has seen an increase of drug incidents among persons in its care, including increased use of K2 and other synthetic cannabinoids, which have no odor and can be difficult to detect. Paper and envelopes can be sprayed with or soaked in these drugs. This paper is then sent into DOC institutions via mail, where some persons in DOC care tear it into small strips, and use it or sell it to others.

Synthetic cannabinoids can cause violent behavior in some cases. In others, it can cause serious medical distress that may require emergency medical treatment.

“Our agency’s mission and core values include protecting the safety of our staff and those in our care, and that is what’s driving this decision,” said DOC Secretary Kevin Carr. “By stopping the original pieces of paper from entering the institutions, we can greatly reduce the amount of drugs coming in and create a safer environment.”

Despite increased searches on living units, K9 searches, increased urinalysis testing and sharing of information about the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids, DOC still

had 182 drug incidents in its facilities in the month of September, with 16 of them resulting in persons in DOC care needing emergency treatment at a medical facility.

DOC saw success when it piloted a photocopying process at Fox Lake Correctional Institution (FLCI), which was the first DOC facility to see a large spike in drug incidents earlier this year. FLCI switched to photocopying mail in mid-April, a month in which the institution had nine potential overdoses and two incidents of violent behavior related to drug use. Numbers in both categories fell in the ensuing months before reaching zero in August.

Wisconsin DOC cares for about 20,000 people at 36 adult institutions. To photocopy the personal mail for that large a group, DOC is contracting with a mail management service named TextBehind, which already provides mail photocopying services to the corrections agency for the state of North Carolina and around 30 individual counties in multiple states. Personal mail for those in DOC care will be sent to TextBehind, which will do the following within 24 hours of receiving it: open the mail, photocopy the envelope and contents, and send the photocopies to DOC institutions for delivery. TextBehind will make color copies of photos and drawings.

“The amount of copying is too much to ask of DOC staff, so we decided to work with a vendor,” said DOC Division of Adult Institutions Administrator Sarah Cooper. “Also, hiring a group that specializes in this type of work should minimize any issues with the photocopies.”

During the pilot, some persons in DOC’s care at FLCI complained of photocopies that cut off parts of the original mail. Under this contract, TextBehind will be required to hold the original mail for 30 days after receipt. Any person in DOC care with a concern about their photocopied mail will have 14 days from receipt of the mail to file a complaint. Holding the original for 30 days gives TextBehind the time and opportunity to address any complaints.

Wisconsin DOC will begin this new practice on Dec. 6, 2021. Starting on that date, anyone sending personal mail to persons in DOC care will have to mail

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# Merrill Community Theater to hold auditions for "Isn't it Romantic"

Cast of seven actors sought for Feb. 2022 production

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The Merrill Community Theater will hold auditions for their next production: "Isn't it Romantic" by Wendy Wasserstein on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 300 N. Mill St. in Merrill. Casting will take place to fill roles for four women and three men in the following roles:

**Janie Bloomberg** – Sweet, witty and nice young single woman fresh out of college and looking for what life will bring her in Manhattan.

**Harriet Cornwall** – Janie's best friend, fresh out of college and found a job at Colgate.

**Lillian Cornwell** – Harriet's mother, a business woman who owns and runs her own company.

**Tasha Bloomberg** – Janie's mother is a quirky housewife who goes to dance classes daily and

runs her husband's life. **Simon Bloomberg** – Janie's Dad who is sweet, funny and very caring of his wife and children.

**Marty Sterling** – New Jewish doctor who adores Janie.

**Paul Stuart** – Harriet's boss's boss, married, and having an affair with Harriet.

The play follows two friends in their late twenties as they try to navi-

gate the harsh waters of romance and careers in 1980's Manhattan. One is Janie Blumberg, a Jewish freelance writer struggling to establish independence from her well-meaning but occasionally overbearing parents. The other is Harriet Cornwall, the daughter of a successful executive who's trying to carve her own high-powered career path at Colgate.

Audition material is available at: <https://www.merrillcommunitytheater.com/>.

The production of "Isn't it Romantic" will take place in Feb. 2022 and rehearsals begin in Jan. 2022.

For questions or more information, contact Ed Kemery at 443.871.3593 or via email at [Merrill.Community.Theater@gmail.com](mailto:Merrill.Community.Theater@gmail.com).

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**Florence Regina Gerbig**, 79, of Gleason, Wisconsin passed away on November 24, 2021 in Weston, Wisconsin. She was born on July 19, 1942 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin to Anton and Elizabeth Herek Kropidowski.

She enjoyed 52 years of marriage to her husband Roger Gerbig. Florence was a religious woman who loved Jesus, her family, and her farm. She farmed her entire life and cared for her cats and puppy. Florence will be remembered

as a very loving and generous woman who was very good at listening to others.

Florence is survived by her husband Roger Gerbig, children: Lynn (Dave) Kucirek, Claudette Forster, Scott (Jennifer) Gerbig, and Robert Gerbig, brother: John Kropidowski, 18 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and 8 siblings.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 11:30 am at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Gleason, Wisconsin. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home and again on Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am also at the funeral home. Interment will take place at St. John Baptist Catholic Cemetery in the Town of Schley.



**Jack Alan Buchler**, 82, of Gleason, passed away Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Jack was born in Ingalls Hospital, Harvey, IL, on June 20, 1939 to the late Matthew and Gertrude Buchler.

Beloved husband of Judith (nee Weinberg); loving father of Catherine (Dino) Tripodis and Richard Buchler; proud grandfather of Orion and Aeson Tripodis; dear brother of

Joanne (the late David) Pedric, Douglas (Joan) Buchler, Elaine (the late William) Graham, the late Eileen, who also passed away on November 13, 2021, (the late James) Kupiainen, Susan (William) Brassfield, Matthew (Robyn) Buchler and the late Brian (Patricia) Buchler.

First and foremost, Jack loved his family. For 57 amazing years, he was happily married to his best friend. They had a relationship like no other. The soulmates met on the Weinberg family farm when they were children and were married in Bloomville on a beautiful spring day in April 1964. Jack could not have been more proud of his children and grandchildren and treasured his nieces and nephews. He had an insatiably curious mind and was the consummate logophile. (It would put a twinkle in his eye to share one final word.)

Jack was a true outdoorsman. Whether he was bow hunting in "the tower" behind the hill, big game hunting out west or in Northwest Manitoba, or planting thousands of trees on various properties throughout the area, he was most at home, outside.

Flying was Jack's other passion. As a young man, he earned his instrument rating and ATP pilot's license, flew the Wall Street Journals across Lake Michigan, often times inclement weather, and spent untold hours as a flight instructor at Midway Airport in Chicago. Years later, when his feet finally touched the ground, he worked long hours navigating dangerous roads for 28 years with Georgia-Pacific.

Jack embodied the meaning of a "true soldier." He loved his country and was honored to be a member of the U.S. Army. He served in Korea as a Forward Observer in the Demilitarized Zone and was proud to have earned Soldier of the Month multiple times. Jack will be laid to rest at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL, with military honors on his birthday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jack's name can be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at [www.waidfuneral.com](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Lori A. Schneider**, 64 of Merrill passed away Thursday, November 18, 2021 under Comfort Care at Aspirus Wausau Hospital, surrounded by family and friends.

Lori was born April 27, 1957 to the late George and Edna Hofmann.

She had many different jobs over the years, most recently retiring from Housekeeping at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Lori married the love of her life, Jacob Schneider, on October 13, 1979.

Anyone who knew Lori knew her family was her everything. She was so proud of her children and adored her grandsons.

Lori is survived by her daughter, Gabrielle Opper (Casey Opper), Merrill; Son, Adam Schneider (Kayla Anderson) Williston, ND; Sister, Diann Hofmann, St. Paul, MN; Sister-in-law, Mary Silvis (Robert Peterson), Wausau, WI; Brother-in-law, John Bentz (Barb Dallman), Weston, WI; Many nephews, nieces and friends; Grandchildren Hunter and Caleb Opper, Jacob A., Bowen and Waylon Schneider.

Lori was preceded in death by her husband, Jacob Schneider, Parents, in-law parents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and friends.

No service or arrangements by Lori's request. Lori's family would like to thank all staff at Aspirus Wausau hospital for the wonderful care Lori received.

In lieu of flowers, any funds received by the family will go to a trust account for her grandsons.



**Rebecca J. 'Becky' Skrzypchak**, 73, of Wausau, passed away on Friday, November 26, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

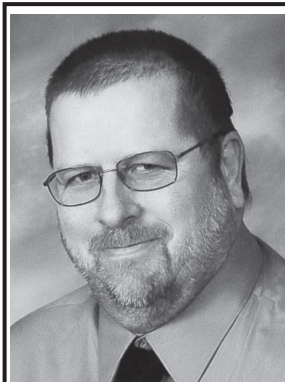
Becky was born December 20, 1947, in Merrill daughter of the late Ellsworth and Jayne Annis, Jr. She married Gary Skrzypchak on December 9, 1995. He survives. Becky's career was always filled with the love she had for her co-workers. She worked at National Foods in Rhinelander, then People's State Bank and

Brokaw Credit Union. Most recently Becky worked at Menards, where the garden center was her absolute favorite post. The matriarch of her family, Becky was filled with energy and love for everyone around her, known as a caregiver to dozens. Becky enjoyed decorating for all the holidays, especially Christmas. She was her absolute happiest when she was helping others.

Becky is survived by her husband, Gary Skrzypchak of Wausau; three daughters, Amy (Willie) Day of Las Vegas, Nevada, Shannon Krause of Medford, and Amanda Skrzypchak (husband, Ryan Frizzell) of Denver, Colorado; one son, Chad Krause of Wausau; her grandchildren, Ricky, Danille, Gregory, Jr., Willow, Stacy, Zachery, and twin girls on the way; 16 great grandchildren; five sisters, Rhonda (Tom) Karau of Florida, Michele Cubba of West Bend, Robin (Steve) Nielsen of Utah, Tammy Annis of Wausau, and Tia (Myron) Myers of Merrill; three brothers, Dennis (Donna) Annis of Rhinelander, and Todd (Joy) Annis and Scott (Kaye) Annis both of Merrill; and a sister in law, Sandy Annis of Merrill. Besides her parents, Becky is preceded in death by her infant son, Jesse Lee Krause, and two siblings, Randy Annis and Kathleen Mann.

The Funeral will be at 11:00 AM Thursday, December 2, 2021, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill. The Rev. Adam Rodriguez will officiate. Burial will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM Wednesday at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, and again after 9:30 AM Thursday at the church. MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED AT BOTH THE FUNERAL HOME AND AT CHURCH.

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



**Bert Poi Jr.**, 70 of Merrill, WI, passed away on November 19, 2021.

He was born in Wausau, WI, on March 5, 1951, son of the late Bert Poi and the late Joyce Christian.

He is survived by his special friend Leila Marnholtz and her children Debra Stadler Gapko, Jeffrey (Gail) Zahn, Gloria (John) Schenzel, Terri (William) Knorr, Randy (Rachel) Zahn, Becky (Roger) Hinner. His daughter Amy Schilling and his grandchild

Samantha (Kyle) and great granddaughter Grayslyn. His sisters Joyce Kolplitz (Richard), Karen Carlsen (Patrick Dolinsky) and nieces and nephews.

Services were held November 24, 2021 at Trinity Church.



**Janice A. Bailey**, age 79, of Gleason, passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at Marshfield Medical Center in Weston.

Janice was born on July 1, 1942, in Kankakee, Illinois, daughter of the late Leonard and Mary (Donavon) Morriscal. She married Lewis Bailey on December 2, 1960, in Dubuque, Iowa. He survives. Janice was a homemaker and a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed knitting,

quilting, and reading. Janice spent time traveling around the United States; she was a snowbird in Arizona and also enjoyed camping in northern Wisconsin.

Janice is survived by her husband, Lewis Bailey of Gleason; daughter, Kimberly (Edward) Krebs of Jefferson; sons, Daniel (Alicca) of Plover and Douglas (Tracy) Bailey of Gleason; grandchildren, Nichole, Joshua, Cassandra, Megan, and Austin; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Mickie, Elaine, Sandra, and Alanna; and brothers, Donald, Leonard, and Orvan. Janice was preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Mary Morriscal.

A celebration of life for Janice will be held at a later date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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



**John George Johnson**

John passed away at King's Veterans Home in Waupaca, Wisconsin on November 14, 2021 at the age of 81. He had resided there for the past few years.

John was born in Merrill March 21, 1940. Son of Alfred and Laura Johnson. John and Lois Tollar were married in 1960. She preceded him in death in 2013. He was honorably discharged from the

United States Army. Upon his return to Merrill, John purchased his father's painting business. He named it Jonson and Son Painting. John enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling. But his greatest passion was spending time with his Grandchildren.

John is survived by one son, Ross Alfred Johnson, Wausau. One Grandson, Noah John Johnson, Wausau, and two Granddaughters, Mya Johnson and Opheli Stevenson.

He is also survived by two sisters, Phyllis Reinhardt, and Janet Beyer, both of Merrill. Two brothers, David (Roxie) Johnson, Merrill and Mark (Pat) Johnson of Irma. Aunt, Uncle and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date, which will be posted on John's Facebook page.

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OBITUARIES



**Nathalie June Muschinske**, age 90, of Willow Brook Pointe, Stevens Point WI, formerly of the Town of Pine River, passed away Thursday, November 25, 2021.

Nathalie, the daughter of the late John and Alma (Rusch) Franz, was born on June 13, 1931. She was raised on the family farm in the Town of Texas, Marathon County, WI, attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church with her family and affirmed her faith there. She attended Jefferson rural primary school, and graduated Wausau High School in 1949. She attended Lincoln County Teacher's College graduating in 1951. She taught at several rural schools in Marathon County while pursuing her education and received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in 1959.

On June 15, 1957, she married Walter J. Muschinske at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pine River. Nathalie became a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, later Calvary Lutheran Church in Pine River where she was active as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent, as well as a member of the church choir, and WELCA for many years. She also was active as a member and officer of the Pine River Homemaker's club, and the Lincoln County Farm Bureau. Nathalie and Walter farmed in Pine River until 1985 when they retired. They travelled around the United States and visited relatives in various locations. They also travelled to Canada on a fishing trip with friends. Nathalie enjoyed reading, gardening, sewing and quilting, music, homemaking and travel.

Nathalie is survived by her children Ruth Muschinske of Wausau, and Mark (Roni) Muschinske of Oak Harbor, Washington; step-grandson Tyler (Emily) Lendt of Rose Creek, Minnesota; sister Audrey (David) Steffen of Land O Lakes, sister-in-law Doris (Gerald) Schield of Stevens Point; and nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Walter Muschinske in 2017, her parents John and Alma Franz, her sisters and their spouses Ruth (Walter) Gaedeke and Mildred (Earl) Plautz, two brothers-in-law and their spouses George (Mae) Muschinske and Gerald (Lorraine) Muschinske and nieces Mary Plautz and Beth Schield.

The family wishes to thank Ren. Assisted Living, Inclusa, Willow Brooke Pointe and Heartland Hospice for their care of Nathalie.

The funeral will be at 12 Noon December 4, 2021, at Calvary Lutheran Church, Town of Pine River, Lincoln County. Burial will take place in Calvary Church Cemetery, Town of Pine River. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM Saturday, December 4th at the church. The Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com).



**Linda A. (Pepke) Beran**, age 58, of Milan, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at her home. After a long battle with pancreatic cancer her fight is over! She went home to be with the Lord.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 26, 2021 at Saint Thomas Catholic Church in Milan. Father George Graham officiated. Interment followed at Saint Thomas Catholic Cemetery. A visitation was held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church on Friday. The Maurina-Schilling Funeral Home of Abbotsford is entrusted with the arrangements.

She was born on June 28, 1963, the daughter of Carlton and Virginia (Weiler) Pepke. Linda's Greatest Blessings were her family and friends. She treasured time spent with her husband: Cary, her sons: Jordan and Tyler; daughters-in-law: Jackie and Samantha; and 5 amazing grandchildren: Kelsi, Alexis, Jacob, Cashten and Sawyer.

Linda also enjoyed flowers. Her yard was full of beautiful planters and flowerbeds every summer. She also enjoyed growing vegetables in her raised gardens and feeding/observing the birds. She cherished the time spent on family vacations, especially out west in the mountains. Linda worked at several places over the years and treasured the many friendships that remain.

She is survived by her husband: Cary, sons: Jordan (Jackie) Beran, Tyler (Samantha) Beran; 5 grandchildren: Kelsi, Alexis, Jacob, Cashten and Sawyer; step-mother: Darlene Pepke; sisters: Brenda (Brian) Hedlund, Sue (Ed) Pernsteiner; brothers: Brad (Kathy) Pepke, Jeff (Nick) Stark, Mike (Ali) Stark and Patrick Stark; mother-in-law: Caroline Beran; brothers and sisters-in-law: Frank (Cindy) Beran Jr., Norman (Sharon) Beran, Mike (Cindy) Beran and Robin (Deb) Beran; many beloved nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles cousins and extended family and friends.

Treasured family that passed before her are, father: Carlton Pepke; mother: Virginia (Weiler) Pepke; grandparents: Victor and Mary (Lavicka) Weiler, Otto and Helen (Kleinschmidt) Pepke; sisters: Lisa and Lori Pepke and father-in-law: Frank Beran Sr.

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**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: November 18, 2021**  
Electronically signed by  
Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice to Creditors**  
**(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2021 IN 47

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JAMES MYRON HARTSON  
d/o/d 10/01/2021

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/12/1937 and date of death 10/01/2021, was domiciled in LINCOLN County, State of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of W694 County J Gleason, WI 54435.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 4, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the LINCOLN County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
Steven P Hartson  
622 W Lowell Dr  
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140  
602-515-5257  
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Legals 7700

**CITY OF MERRILL**  
1004 EAST FIRST STREET  
MERRILL, WI 54452

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing to be held by and before the City Plan Commission of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, commencing at **6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 7, 2021**, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the following proposed matter, to wit:  
**To attend remotely, Phone: 530-500-4157, PIN 272 015 442 #**

1.) Public hearing on an amendment to a Conditional Use for placement of a Doublewide Housing Unit in Whispering Pines, 2801 Thielman Street per M.M.C. Sec. 113-100, in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Legally described in tax# 251-3106-182-0112. Anyone having any questions regarding the hearing should contact Zoning Administrator, Darin Pagel at 536-4880. Dated: November 16, 2021  
**CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN**  
By: William N. Heideman  
City Clerk  
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**DATE SIGNED: November 11, 2021**

Electronically signed by  
Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice to Creditors**  
**(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2021 IN 48

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
CHERYL ANN WEEGE  
DOD 10/16/2021

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/06/1966 and date of death 10/16/2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 309 E. Riverside Ave., Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03-11-2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
James Wedemeyer  
204 N. Van Rensselaer St.  
Merrill, Wis. 54452  
(715) 536-8135 Bar Number 1004552.  
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**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: November 29, 2021**  
Electronically signed by  
Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice to Creditors**  
**(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2021IN51

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
Michael D. Wangerin

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10-23-82 and date of death 11-1-21, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of W5777 Diana Cir Dr., Merrill.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 25, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
David & Pamela Wangerin  
W5777 Diana Circle Dr.  
Merrill, WI 54452  
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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 12, 2021

Boy, Mateo Michael, born to Michele Hulce and Marshall Hulce of Merrill.

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

Boy, Jett Wilfred, born to Brittany Dvorak and Zachary Dvorak of Eland.

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Boy, Eli David, born to Taylor Dye and Mitchell Dye of Wausau.

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9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Highlights of the weekend include a Christmas Feast on Saturday and Christmas Brunch on Sunday, plus food and beverages available for purchase all day long, in addition to horse-drawn wagon rides, making Christmas crafts, a coloring contest, music, and a Lantern Loft Saturday evening. Admission to the festival is free, and the cost for activities varies. Location is 5480 Hillcrest Dr, Wausau, south of Merrill.

Living Nativity of Christmas

Trinity Lutheran Church, 107 N. State St., Merrill, will hold their Living Nativity on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Visitors can walk or drive through to hear and see the Christmas story retold with live characters and animals, pet the animals, get free chili or chicken and wild rice soup and warm apple cider, and check out the Christmas cookie bake sale in the church basement. Free children's gifts for the first 120 children.

Free Santa event at Pine River Fire Department

On Saturday, Dec. 11, Santa will be at the Pine River Volunteer Fire Department, N1622 Range Line Rd. in Merrill, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to visit with children, and parents can bring their cameras to snap a photo of their child with Santa by a fire truck. Free cookies and a treat bag add to the fun. And kids can sign up to win one of two bikes. Admission is free.

Breakfast with Santa

Merrill's Park and Recreation Department and Merrill Youth Hockey will host a Breakfast with Santa

on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Smith Multi Purpose Center/MARC, 1100 Marc Dr., Merrill. Parents can take photos with Santa afterward. Cost is \$3.00 suggested donation per person and advance registration is required. Call 715.536.6187 to register.

Christmas Craft & Vendor Sale

Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes will host a Christmas Craft & Vendor Sale on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with more than 40 crafters and vendors. Handmade crafts, wreaths, jewelry, candles, bakery, candies, cosmetics, children's books, and more. The event is a great opportunity to shop for gifts and holiday decor.

Tour the holiday lights

Driving around town to check out the many beautiful holiday light displays is another great way to get into the Christmas spirit, any day of the week. Many homes and neighborhoods go all out. So tune your auto's audio to Christmas music and go for a drive around Merrill.

**A Memorial Service will be held for Jeffrey T. Stevens**

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

At the Merrill Community Center (Town Hall)  
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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The City of Merrill Public Works Department will accept proposals for the following equipment at the Merrill City Clerk's Office, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452, until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16th, 2021. Specifications may be obtained from the Street Superintendent at (715) 536-4222 or can be found on the City of Merrill website <http://www.ci.merrill.wi.us>.

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Dustin Bonack, Street Superintendent  
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**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The City of Merrill Street Department will accept proposals for the following equipment at the Merrill City Clerk's Office, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452, until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 5th, 2022. Proposal specifications may be obtained from the Street Superintendent at (715) 536-4222 or can be found on the City of Merrill website <http://www.ci.merrill.wi.us>.

Roll Out Garbage and Recycling Carts

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**Merrill Area Public Schools**  
2022-2023 Kindergarten

**Parents/Guardians:**

Merrill Area Public Schools recently mailed a letter and postcard to the parents and/or guardians of kindergartners for the 2022-2023 school year asking if their child will be attending public, private or another school setting. To be eligible for kindergarten, your child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2022.

If you did not receive a mailing from Merrill Area Public Schools, please contact Lori Ugolini at 536-4581, Ext. 10007 and she will include your child in the census and put on our kindergarten roster. Thank you.





## Merrill man charged with six counts of Child 1st Degree Sexual Assault

Anthony S. Williams, age 44, of Merrill has been charged with four felony counts of 1st Degree Child Sexual Assault - Intercourse with Person under 12 and two felony counts of 1st Degree Child Sex Assault - Sexual Contact with Person under Age of 13, and all six counts with a modifier as a Repeater. Each count carries with it a maximum sentence of 60 years in prison plus up to 6 additional years per count due to the Repeater modifier. The charges were filed with Lincoln County on Nov. 4, 2021.



Anthony S. Williams

See WILLIAMS page 7

## Sex offender to be released to Merrill

In accordance with WI State Statute 301.45(2m), it has been determined the attached information on Thomas Bowen (age 70) should be released to the community. On Dec. 7, 2021, Mr. Bowen will be released to Community Supervision administered by the WI Department of Corrections. He is NOT wanted by the police at this time. This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather, it is our belief that an informed public is a safer public. Sex offenders have always lived in our communities; but it was not until the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry and Community Notification Law was enacted that law enforcement was able to share this information with the public.



Thomas Bowen

### Thomas Bowen Conviction Dates:

- 01/12/79: Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th Degree - Marquette, MI
- 06/09/80: Sex Crimes Law Commitment - Lincoln Co, WI
- 10/12/04: Incest with a Child - Lincoln Co, WI

**Release Date:** On Dec. 7, 2021, Thomas Bowen will be residing in Merrill, Lincoln County. He will be supervised by Wisconsin Department of Corrections on GPS monitoring as well as a lifetime registrant with the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry Program. The Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry can be located at <https://doc.wi.gov>.

The Merrill Police Department cannot control the release or placement of a sex offender. If you do have any questions or concerns, please call the Merrill Police Department at 715.536.8311.

## Lincoln County D.A.: No charges to be filed against deputy involved in pursuit that ended in fatal crash

JALEN MAKI  
MMC STAFF

Lincoln County District Attorney Galen Bayne-Allison on Monday, Nov. 8, announced that no charges will be filed against a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy who was involved in a vehicle pursuit this summer that ended with a fatal crash.

David J. Burdick, 27, died from injuries sustained in the crash, which occurred on June 2, 2021, while he was being pursued by two Lincoln County squad cars occupied by Deputy Sheriff Dean Dokken, Deputy Sheriff Logan Lange, and Deputy Sheriff Ashtin Zunker.

The incident was investigated by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) at the request of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. In a legal opinion written and signed by Bayne-Allison, the D.A. said he had "reviewed all of the interviews, records, and investigative reports prepared by DCI and assisting agencies and pro-

vided to me by Special Agent Mike Reimer."

Bayne-Allison said he also reviewed photographs and diagrams of the scene, as well as squad car dash camera footage and squad audio.

"I drove the route of the pursuit during the month of June, 2021, to better understand the roadways and road conditions involved at the time of Burdick's death," Bayne-Allison stated.

According to the legal opinion, on June 2, 2021, Burdick was seen operating a black-colored BMW that had been reported stolen from a Lincoln County residence earlier that day. Bayne-Allison said an off-duty Lincoln County deputy first observed Burdick operating the vehicle on County Rd. K in Lincoln County near the Lincoln County/Marathon County line. The off-duty deputy reported the information to the Lincoln County Dispatch Center and "followed Burdick at a safe distance," Bayne-Allison said.

Dokken, who was "in a position to respond" due to address-

ing a "non-emergent situation" on County Hwy. Q east of its southern intersection with County Hwy. K, was advised of Burdick's location, Bayne-Allison said.

Bayne-Allison said Dokken attempted to initiate a traffic stop on Burdick on County Rd. K northbound, and Burdick "accelerated rapidly and pulled well ahead of Dokken."

"Burdick did not yield in any way to Dokken's signals," Bayne-Allison stated. "Burdick passed other civilian vehicle operators at a high rate of speed including other civilian vehicle operators who had pulled their vehicles to the side of the road and otherwise altered their driving behavior in response to Dokken's signals."

Bayne-Allison said Dokken reached speeds in excess of 100 MPH on County Hwy. K in a 55 MPH posted speed limit zone, but was unable to catch up to Burdick "because of Burdick's high rate of speed."

Burdick turned left onto Joe

See CRASH page 7

## Hit and Run on State Rd. 17 sends victim to the hospital and Eagle River man to jail

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

According to a Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) press release, on Nov. 28, 2021, at approximately 6:23 p.m., deputies responded to a report of a hit-and-run on State Rd. 17 near Cty. Hwy. X and learned a 37-year-old man had stopped his vehicle and exited to speak to the driver of the vehicle behind him for driving too close to his vehicle.

"A verbal altercation took place, and the driver accelerated to drive around the first vehicle." While doing so, he struck the 37-year-old with his vehicle, then left the scene,

traveling north on State Rd. 17.

"The 37-year-old male sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Wausau Aspirus Hospital," the release said.

In conducting their investigation, LCSO shared information about the suspect vehicle with Oneida County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). As a result, OCSO located the vehicle, conducted a traffic stop, and ultimately arrested the driver who was then transported to the Lincoln County Jail.

That driver, now identified as forty-nine-year-old Todd M. Mohr of Eagle River, has been charged with felony Hit and Run Causing

Injury and 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, also a felony.

Mohr appeared in Lincoln County Court on Monday, Nov. 29. Release was set at \$5,000 signature bond with conditions of no contact with the victim or within 500 feet of the victim, his residence, or his place of employment.

A status conference is scheduled for Jan. 20, 2022, at 2:30 p.m.

The name of the victim remains confidential.

Per the press release from the LCSO, Merrill EMS and the Town of Russell First Responders also assisted at the scene.

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**CRASH** from page 6

Snow Rd. at its intersection with County Hwy. K and continued to travel at high speeds with Dokken in pursuit. Bayne-Allison said Burdick did not yield to Dokken's audible and visible signals.

Burdick lost control of the vehicle "at or in the intersection" of County Hwy. Q and Joe Snow Rd. and left the roadway, Bayne-Allison said. The vehicle became airborne and collided with a tree, ejecting Burdick from the vehicle. Burdick did not survive his injuries.

Bayne-Allison said Dr. Michael Stier's findings from the autopsy of Burdick "are consistent with the circumstances of Burdick's death."

"At no time did Dokken's pursuit of Burdick bring their two vehicles into such close proximity that Burdick would have risked precipitating a collision –

the patrol vehicle's front-end with the vehicle's rear-end or otherwise – by decelerating," Bayne-Allison stated. "Burdick's choice to continue to operate the vehicle at a high rate of speed was not forced by Dokken's actions. Burdick's choice to continue to operate the vehicle at a high rate of speed was Burdick's own voluntary choice."

Bayne-Allison also said that Dokken's patrol vehicle did not make contact with the vehicle operated by Burdick during the pursuit.

"The cause of Burdick's death was the injury occasioned by the collision with the tree and Burdick's consequent ejection from the vehicle," Bayne-Allison stated. "Dokken's actions were not a cause of Burdick's death. Because Dokken's actions were not a cause of Burdick's death, no use-of-force analysis is required in this case."

**WILLIAMS** from page 6

The Complaint cites three separate victims who are all related to Williams and stems from incidents that the victims said occurred between 2010 and 2015 when the victims were young minors, alleging Williams had intercourse with the children at several different locations within the city of Merrill during that timeframe. According to the Complaint, some of the victims were as young as four or five years of age when the assaults occurred.

Williams has a string of charges and convictions

dating back more than 20 years, including a conviction for 3rd Degree Sexual Assault on June 28, 2000, with a Habitual Criminality Modifier, stemming from charges filed on Sept. 9, 1999. He was also convicted of a Sex Offender Registry Violation for failure to report a change of address in January, 2010.

Williams is scheduled to appear in Lincoln County Court again on Dec. 23, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

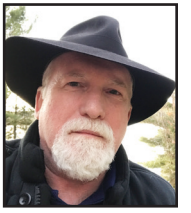
As with all defendants, Williams is presumed innocent of the charges until proven guilty in a court of law and convicted of the crime.

**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

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**Eric Stolz**, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named FFA Member of the Month for November 2021. "My brother, dad, and grandpa were all involved in FFA, so it's kind of a family tradition," Eric said. So it seemed a natural thing for him to join FFA, too.

"I've been showing pigs for many years. I work at a dairy farm and will probably be showing dairy at the fair this coming year," he added.

When asked what FFA activities he participates in, Eric responded: "I participate in the Wildlife CDE judging contest, World Dairy Expo, and show pigs at the fair. I also drive the FFA float in the homecoming parade."

When asked about extracurricular activities, "I am on the Varsity Trap Shooting Team," Eric said. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, riding four wheelers, and tractor pulling.

The son of Mike and Angie Stolz, Eric has a 4.0 GPA. Following graduation, he wants to get a better job and is considering an apprenticeship to work toward becoming an electrician.

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# Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM  
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

## Encanto

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Rated PG – for a moment or two that the little ones may find creepy

*Encanto* tells the story of the Madrigals, a family that has been granted magical powers ranging from super strength to the ability to see the future. All of them except, that is, Maribel – who is the goat of the family and looked down upon by the matriarch of the family, her grandmother.

Disney breaks no new ground here, folks. It is a bright, vibrant, somewhat-of-a-solid story. And, as always, Disney shows us once again that they are the masters of animation, not to mention one of the most prolific serial killers on the planet – since once again, they kill off a parent [the father, in this case, in the first five minutes of the movie]. Seriously, they smoke a parent or have killed one off-screen in most of their films. Go check! I am dead [haha] serious.

The film moves along at a brisk pace, only interrupted by a couple of very so-so songs, and runs only 1 hour 39 minutes, including a short film about a raccoon in the beginning, and stars pretty much nobody you have heard of doing the voice work.

There are a few messages sprinkled in along the way: strong on the outside can mean weak on the inside, a perfect life viewed from the outside isn't always perfect, losers can be winners in their own right, etc., etc., but for the most part, it's kinda just an OK movie.

The little ones will love it, though – make no mistake about that – but for adults, it's pleasant enough, but it's absolutely more for the youngsters.

*Encanto* gets three out of five stars because, as previ-



ously mentioned, the little ones will love it. And there is just, just enough there for the adults to keep from being bored, and the animation is spectacular.

As some of you may have heard, Stephen Sondheim passed away this past week. His works are countless, and he helped shape musical theatre for a generation. Rest in peace, sir, and thank you for everything.

One of his most famous works has been remade by Steven Spielberg and will open at the Cosmo on Dec. 10: *West Side Story*. See this one, folks, because everyone wants to be a Shark.

**Submitted photo.**

Pam Murphy teaches Zumba gold classes at the Merrill Enrichment Center. On Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, she and her students held a fundraiser for breast cancer by putting on a special Zumba gold class in the gazebo at Normal Park. They raised \$135.00 for Jessi's Wish to help others in our community who are fighting breast cancer. "I would like to acknowledge the women who came out and braved the cold on that brisk beautiful morning and danced and danced!" Murphy said. From left to right: Sue, Carol, Sheila, Dian, Sally, Rogene, Joy, Maxine, Marilyn, Marlene, and Pam Murphy kneeling in center.

**MERRILL FOTO NEWS**

**Student of the Week**

This Week's Featured Student is **Melia Lee**  
Daughter of **Kristin and Bob Lee**  
Melia is in the 4th Grade at Trinity Lutheran School.  
She was nominated by Mrs. Handlin.

**What is your favorite subject in school? Why?**  
My favorite subject is math. I've always been doing math and it's pretty easy for me to figure it out quickly.

**What is your favorite part of school? Why?**  
I like every part of school, because I get to learn every day.

**What would you like to do/become someday? Why?**  
I am hoping to be an author and illustrator. I'm thinking of writing books that describe my life.

Mia is eager to help not only me but her classmates as well. She shows God's love to everyone around her. She shows a positive attitude and an eagerness to learn every day.

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Fri. Dec. 3	Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Rhineland (JV)	Away 5:45 pm
Fri. Dec. 3	Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away 7:15 pm
Tues. Dec. 7	Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Wausau West (JV & JV2)	Away 5:45 pm
Tues. Dec. 7	Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away 7:15 pm
Thurs. Dec. 2	Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Shawano (JV2)	Away 5:40 pm
Thurs. Dec. 2	Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Shawano (JV)	Away 5:45 pm
Thurs. Dec. 2	Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Shawano (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm
Tues. Dec. 7	Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Medford (JV & JV2)	Away 5:45 pm
Tues. Dec. 7	Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Medford (Varsity)	Away 7:15 pm
Fri. Dec. 3	Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)	Antigo (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm
Tues. Dec. 7	Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)	Marshfield (JV)	Away 5:00 pm
Tues. Dec. 7	Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)	Marshfield (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 9	Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)	D. C. Everest (JV)	Away 5:30pm
Thurs. Dec. 9	Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Away 7:30pm
Fri. Dec. 3	Ice Hockey Girls (Varsity & JV)	Onalaska-Omni Center (JV)	Away 5:00 pm
Fri. Dec. 3	Ice Hockey Girls (Varsity & JV)	Onalaska-Omni Center (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 9	Ice Hockey Girls (Varsity & JV)	ECA Stars (JV)	Away T. B. D.
Thurs. Dec. 2	Wrestling Boys (Varsity & JV)	Wausau West (Varsity)	Home 6:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 9	Wrestling Boys (Varsity & JV)	Marshfield (JV)	Away 6:00pm
Thurs. Dec. 9	Wrestling Boys (Varsity & JV)	Marshfield (Varsity)	Away 7:15pm

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# WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

## HOCKEY



East Merrill United BlackJacks, Varsity Hockey Team.

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**HEAD COACH:** Nathan Pagel 17th year

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Kyle Swan 10th year, Greg Glovinski 1st year, Chris Toronto 10th year, Arron Gunther 4th year, Mike Becker 3rd year

**2020 RECORD:** 4 wins and 16 losses

**2020 POST SEASON RESULTS:** We went a full season with losing every game besides our very last game.

**RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE:** None

**KEY RETURNERS:** Senior Colton Betro, Senior Eli Pagel, Junior Jake Furrer, Junior Sam Holzinger

**KEY LOSSES:** Reid Hojan, Blake Raddatz, Logan Mosher

**KEY NEWCOMERS:** Sophomore Defense Connor McCorkle, Freshman Forward/Defense Zach Pagel

**2020 RECAP:** Last season was quite the ride.

With having to follow new protocols and new guidelines, our players adjusted very well. We played a lot of games and lost most of them, but our best game was at Chequamegon - we won 9-7. The worst game we played we lost 0-21 against Stevens Point. Our weakness is that most of our team is very young, so we relied on our upperclassmen to pick up a lot of slack.

**2021 OUTLOOK:** I think our team is going to do great things. We have a new coach this season who is pushing our team each and every practice and teaching us to be stronger and more of a team rather than two teams playing together. We have a pretty young team, but that's not going to stop us from using our smaller quicker guys to get in there and score some goals. An area of improvement that we are working on is becoming more of a team and learning to play united as a whole. We have a few new guys who came in this year, and they are

going to help fill in those gaps from the Seniors we lost last year, but we aren't going to back down. We believe we can start to build that team up again that we once did have.

**A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH:** I'm really looking forward to coaching these boys this season. They have a ton of potential, and I am looking forward to bringing that out of the boys. I also want to develop the program and get the boys to come together as a family.

**TEAM ROSTER:** Jake Furrer, Brody Benedict, Andrew Franken, Parker Klebenow, Roman Wunsch, Connor McCorkle, Bray Schmidt, Eli Pagel, Brody Trantow, Ikaczmarowski, Owen Reeves, Sam Holzinger, Zach Pagel, Kaeden Grusnick, Nick Townsend, Vincent Newman-Knuckles, Colton Betro, Nick Bodner, Trenton Pozorski, and Truman Shull.

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# GIRLS BASKETBALL



Merrill Varsity Girls Basketball Team.

Katie Hanson photo.



**HEAD COACH:** Michael De Buhr (first year)

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Garrett Stine, Linda Peterson, Dawn Leland, Morgan Wilde, Patience Pyan

**2020 RECORD:** 9-9 (5-7 Conference)

**2020 POST SEASON RESULTS:** Beat Lakeland 72-58, lost to Medford in Regional Final 35-47

**RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE:** 0

**KEY RETURNERS:** Junior Alayna Pozorski and Senior Laney Zuesldorff

**KEY LOSSES:** Crystal Dearth, Courtney Kruger, Nicole Zoellner, Erin Murray, Claire Drew, and Kendall Krueger

**KEY NEWCOMERS:** Senior Lydia Koehler, Guard; Senior Monica Lane, Forward; Junior Maddie Drew, Guard; Junior Lydia Burrows, Forward; Sophomore

Mia Ott, Guard; Sophomore Maddy Ott, Guard; and Sophomore Sophie Wendorf.

**2020 RECAP:** Started five Seniors for most of the year, for Head Coach Adam Smith. Led by First Team All Conference player, Courtney Kruger, who averaged 17.6 points per game. Swept Marshfield, won at Marshfield for the first time in 17 years. Reached the Regional final for the first time since 2018.

**2021 OUTLOOK:** In the five Seniors, we lost 88 percent of our scoring from a year ago, including Prayla Pyan, who is lost for the season with a torn ACL. We will be led by three Seniors, who will have an opportunity to shine after being overlooked for much of their careers by the class ahead of them. Junior Alayna Pozorski will be our "do everything" girl and a leader for this team. Juniors Maddie Drew and Lydia Burrows, along with Sophomores

Mia Ott, Maddy Ott, and Sophie Wendorf, will also make big contributions. We are a very inexperienced team with a lot of fight!

**A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH:** New roles and opportunities for many, with not a lot of Varsity experience. Learning to play together, trust each other, and playing for each other will be key to our success. We have a very difficult schedule, not just in the Wisconsin Valley, but also in the non-conference. We will get better every day and hope to be a tough team to beat when February comes around.

**TEAM ROSTER:** Maddie Drew, Maddy Ott, Alayna Pozorski, Lydia Koehler, Lydia Burrows, Sophie Wendorf, Mia Ott, Laney Zuesldorff, Prayla Pyan, Monica Lane, Breanna Steinagel, and Decilyn Clark.

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# BOYS BASKETBALL



Front row, L to R: Johnny Handlin, Sam Reimann, Jordan Bush, Jaylin Scott, Bradyn Pieper, and Arin Dettmering; Back row, L to R: Bailey Turenne, Croix Woller, Henry Reimann, Michael McRae, Cory Gigl, Cayden Diels, and Troy Mootz. **Patience Pyan photo.**



**HEAD COACH:** Troy Pieper (Second Year at Merrill/Sixth Season overall as a Varsity coach)

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Mitch Osness, Lisa Handlin, Jim Brogan, and Jay Peterson

**2020 RECORD:** 10-9

**2020 POST SEASON RESULTS:** Beat Lakeland in the first round and lost to Medford in the second round.

**RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE:** Bailey Turenne (Honorable Mention)

**KEY RETURNERS:** Seniors Bailey Turenne, Cayden Diels, Cory Gigl, Jordan Bush, and Michael McRae

**KEY LOSSES:** Nathan Woller, Isaac Sutton, Jake Zelinski, Trent Lokemoen

**KEY NEWCOMERS:** Senior Henry Reimann, Juniors Troy Mootz and Bradyn Pieper, and Sophomore Sam Reimann

**2020 RECAP:** It was an interesting year to say the least – all the COVID restrictions, playing with masks on, taking players temps before every game – there were a lot of distractions for sure. However, I'm very impressed with how my first season back home coaching went. We were picked last in the conference at the beginning of the year, and we had a chance the last game of the year to finish third, but fell short vs. West. Finishing fourth in the Valley when expected to finish dead last says a lot about the character and

work ethic of the guys last year. Our Seniors were awesome leaders last year. I couldn't have asked for a better group to have as my first Senior class. They laid the foundation for what this program will be in the future, they showed what it takes to be great on and off the court, and they will be missed, but their impact on the program will be felt for many years to come.

**2021 OUTLOOK:** I have never been a part of such a deep team and deep program. The talent from Varsity all the way through JV2 is very exciting. They all love to compete, as well. I'm really excited to see what the season will bring. Bailey Turenne is our lone returning starter, and he's one of the best all-around players I've ever coached. He can do it all. He plays great defense, he will average 10+ rebounds a game, he will lead the team in assists, and he is our leading scorer. On top of what he can do on the court, he's even a better student and leader off the court. Cayden Diels is returning from major minutes a year ago, and I expect him to take big steps and really be one of our floor leaders. He's a great athlete that can defend with the best of them. Cory Gigl, another of our Senior leaders, may have had the best off-season out of anyone in our program. His confidence is off the charts right now, and he's developed into a great inside and outside player, he brings us size inside, and he can defend inside and outside. A few underclassmen who I'm expecting to play a big role this year are: Troy Mootz, who is a strong guard who can score inside and outside and has

really improved and taken that next step on the defensive side as well. Bradyn Pieper, a Junior who can flat out shoot from the outside, and he has great range and will battle night in and night out on both ends. And Sam Reimann, who is just a Sophomore, but I expect to play major minutes for us this year. His versatility is what makes him so special. He can play four positions on the floor and is able to defend any player on the floor, big or small, and he's a great athlete who brings constant energy at all times. I'm also excited to see what Jordan Bush, Henry Reimann, and Michael McRae will bring this year. All three are athletic and bring it on the defensive end with high energy, and Jordan adds another threat from the outside, as well.

**A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH:** I'm really excited about the direction the program is heading. We have a lot of awesome young men in the Basketball program, and thankfully, we are back to a little bit of normalcy this year, so the community is able to come back out and support us. We hope to put on a great show each and every night. We only have a couple of home games until after Christmas break; however, we started the season at home on Nov. 30 and did a magnet schedule giveaway to the first 100 people who entered the gym. We hope we can help the fans get the fieldhouse nice and loud again like it should be. Last year was tough with limited attendance. Come out and see the guys play! It will be entertaining, I can promise that.

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**HEAD COACH:** Cassie Schulz, second year  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Sydney Roberts, first year coaching, but helped with the team last year  
**KEY RETURNERS:** Alex Schulz, Conor Sayles, and Reggie Lahit  
**KEY LOSSES:** Breanna Cammack, Breanna Pieper, and Jozelyn Gebert  
**KEY NEWCOMERS:** Maddie McCoy and Molly White

**2020 RECAP:** 2020 was a difficult year for all of us with the Covid-19 pandemic, and the dance team was no exception. We were unable to practice in person for a large portion of our normal season and were unable to perform at basketball halftimes or have spectators at our competitions. Although the year was difficult and we suffered many setbacks, the team was still able to fight their way to State.

**2021 OUTLOOK:** This year, as my first year coaching a "normal" season, my main goal is to build a strong foundation for the dance program at Merrill High and to set the expectations for future years of the team. Although we have a small team this year, it is made up of five extremely talented and dedicated young individuals, and I have no doubts in their ability to build our program into something amazing. This year the team will be competing with both a hip hop and a jazz routine.

**TEAM ROSTER:** Alex Schulz, Conor Sayles, Reggie Lahit, Maddie McCoy, and Molly White

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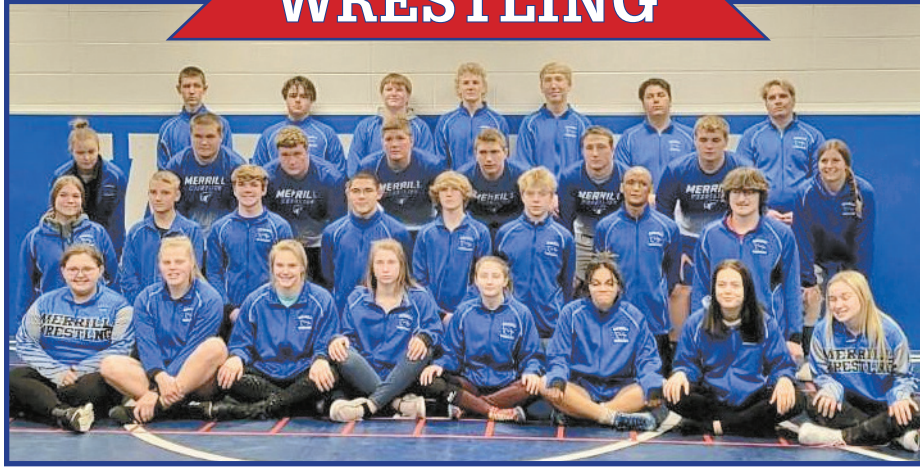
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# WRESTLING



First row, L to R: Janna Jacobson, Brindelyn Eternicka, Alissa Kracht, Riley Warren, Allison Hunter, Akeela Conley, Adeline Callos, and Sophie Simon. Second row: Erica Arneson, Evan Fredericks, Callum Wheeler, Malakai Wheeler, Joey Jenson, Brady Norton, Jon Hart, and Bridger Lemmon. Third row: Parker Welch, Mikal Plautz, Ian Dreikosen, Ryder Depies, Brian Bal, Dominic Roper, Wyatt Bathke, and Shyla Swan. Fourth row: Ian Schuetze, Bryce Roper, Carson Brooks, Austin Depies, Rylan Zimmerman, Alvis Winters, and Kieran Hehling.

Carey Mullenberg photo.

**HEAD COACH:** Brian Suchocki 23rd year with the Merrill wrestling program, 7th year as head coach

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Carey Mullenberg (8 years), Ben Natzke (13 years), Scott Arneson (35 years), Ryan Heath (2nd year in Merrill), and Ryan Martinovici (22 years).

**2020-21 RECORD:** 1-6 overall record and 5th place in the conference, 1-5 Conference record

**2021 POST SEASON:** Wyatt Bathke and Ryder Depies

**RETURNING ALL-CONFERENCE:** Tanner Depies third year

**KEY RETURNERS:** Weights from 2020-21 Seniors - Wyatt Bathke (195) and Jordan Smukowski (195); Juniors - Brian Ball (160), Ryder Depies (182), and Ian Dreikosen (Hwt); Sophomores - Allison Hunter, Mikal Plautz, Jon Hart, and Malakai Wheeler.

**KEY LOSSES:** Nik Zastrow (145), Tyler Leistikow (195), and Caleb Stoekman (Hwt).

**KEY NEWCOMERS:** Austin Depies, Callum Wheeler, Carson Brooks, Rylan Zimmerman, Brady Norton, Logan Grawien, Joey Jenson, Evan Frederick, Dominic Roper, Bryce Roper, Ian Schuetze, Kieran Hehling, Alissa Kracht, Brindelyn Eternicka, Adeline Callos, and Akeela Conley.

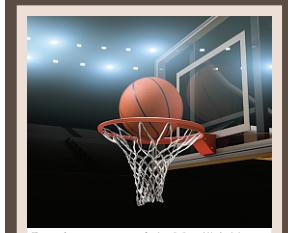
**2020-21 RECAP:** During the 2020-21 season we qualified two Merrill wrestlers for the Sectional Tournament. Wyatt Bathke and Ryder Depies both qualified for Sectionals. Due to COVID protocols, Sectionals were a combination of four Regionals instead of the normal two Regionals per Sectional. This meant less wrestlers advanced to the Sectional Tournament and less to the State Tournament. Ryder Depies and Wyatt Bathke advancing to Sectionals was a great accomplishment, and both will

have a chance this year to advance further. The fact that our season was extremely altered compared to other sports was difficult. We were limited to only dual meets for a good portion of the season, and quarantine also factored in. The wrestlers worked extremely hard and are very proud of the work they put in during the 2020-21 season under the circumstances.

**2020-21 OUTLOOK:** We have some experienced upperclassmen that are ready to make their mark. Many of them will be looking to accomplish their own personal goals. We have some wrestlers that need to make the next step, and we have a lot of new wrestlers. We need to continue building sound basics and concentrate on improvement. We need to control things that matter, like conditioning, technique, and preparing each and every day for competition. We have some Juniors and a Senior that have been around for a while. They lead by their work ethic, and now it's their opportunity to show what they can do. As usual, the Wisconsin Valley conference and our particular Sectional will be very challenging. We will need everyone competing at a high level to perform well. We have four home duals this year. The home duals are against Wausau West, Stevens Point, Three Lakes, and DC Everest. Each dual will be tough and there should be some good individual matches.

**A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH:** All the coaches and wrestlers are looking forward to a new challenge. We want to put our stamp on the season. We have a few Seniors with experience and some nice underclassmen that will compete hard, and we have some exciting wrestlers looking to accomplish some goals they have set for themselves. Even though we have some adversity to overcome, we will do our best. We will represent Merrill Wrestling with class.

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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Dani Korman**, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Dani is in her third year on the Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Team and has been playing volleyball since the sixth grade when she started on the Junior Jays Traveling Team. She also played on the Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) Volleyball Team and played Club Volleyball for Medford Storm beginning in seventh grade. Last year she coached a Junior Jays Traveling Volleyball Team. At Awards Night this year, Dani was named Best Defensive Volleyball Player and also got an award for Most Ace Serves. She also received Honorable Mention for All Conference for Volleyball in the Wisconsin Valley Conference. As a Sophomore, she also received the Best Server Award. In addition, Dani also plays for the Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team since she was pulled up as a Freshman and plays on the Merrill Fast Pitch Traveling Softball Team.

At school, Dani is involved in LEAD, Link Crew, Junior Optimists, and Raise Your Voice. She works part-time at PRMS in the office and library and just started another job at Kwik Trip.

The daughter of Michelle and Keith Korman of Merrill, Dani has a 3.5 GPA. After graduation, she plans to attend UW-LaCrosse to pursue a career as a criminal psychologist.



**Dani Korman**

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## Merrill Varsity Hockey players score a win as part of the EMU Blackjacks Team

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

The East Merrill United (EMU) Blackjacks Varsity Hockey Team played against Shawano-Bonduel-Clintonville High School Hockey Team on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, and emerged victorious. In other words, they won! The Blackjacks' Andrew Franken and Nick Bodner both scored in the second period, with Bodner getting two goals, assisted first by Eli Pagel and then by Zach Pagel and Eli Pagel both.

In the third period, Shawano-Bonduel-Clintonville's Noah Davids scored the lone goal for their team.

The Blackjacks also had a busy and successful third period, scoring another three points. Eli Pagel scored one with an assist from Nick Townsend; Nick Bodner scored one; and Zach Pagel scored the final goal with an assist from Eli Pagel and Colton Betro.

Head Coach Nathan Pagel cited a few players that were strong overall, including Jake Furrer, Andrew Franken, Zach Pagel, Eli Pagel, Nick Bodner, and Kaeden Grusnick.

"Our Goalie held strong with taking 25 shots and only letting the 1 in," he added.

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East Merrill United 6 vs. Shawano-Bonduel-Clintonville 1

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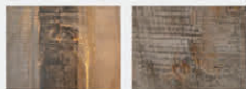
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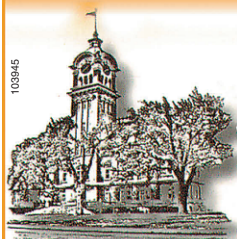


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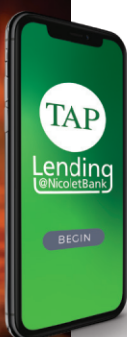


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