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The DNR announced that the 2022 Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest is now open.
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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced today that the 2022 Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest is now open. Students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades enrolled in public, private, parochial, or home schools in Wisconsin are eligible to participate.

The Keep Wildlife Wild program began in 2014 to spread the word about our shared role in keeping all wildlife healthy in its natural habitat. The contest's goal is to create a poster that teaches the importance of enjoying and observing wildlife in the wild and not keeping wildlife in homes or as pets.

During the warmer months of spring and summer, the frequency of human and wildlife encounters increases, especially those involving young wild animals.

While most of these encounters are harmless, there are times when well-intentioned people disrupt wildlife because they mistake a lone baby animal for an orphan.

The Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest is a fun way for kids to help spread the important message to keep wildlife wild. The DNR encourages students to find out how they can help keep wild animals in Wisconsin safe and healthy on the Keep Wildlife Wild webpage. Students can learn to turn their ideas into a piece of art.

Judging will take place in March. Those who submitted designs will be notified by email of winners during the first week of April. The DNR will also

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Merrill City government needs change

The Spring 2022 Election will be a hot topic

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

If there is one thing many Merrill residents seem to be able to agree on, it is the general statement that "Merrill City government needs change." Exactly what that change should look like, who should be running the City (as both elected and appointed personnel), and what they should do, however, is the source of great controversy, and that controversy is likely to

heat up even more as the Tuesday, April 5, 2022, Spring Election draws near.

Last week on Dec. 28, 2021, Merrill's current Mayor, Derek Woellner, posted a post on his personal Facebook page, which began with the sentence: "Your city government is being taken over by ignorant radicals and nobody is stopping them."

His lengthy post went on with Woellner describing some of the events of the Dec. Common Council meeting as "F***ING DISGUSTING;" calling out and publicly shaming four City Aldermen by name; saying, "I've been dealing with these ignorant radicals for

years;" and concluding with a call to action for more residents to run for office.

The call to action, though readers had to get through more than a dozen paragraphs of personal opinion and harsh criticism that did little to elevate the public's positive impression of Merrill City government, was to, in Woellner's words, "Please, please consider running for office. Merrill needs you."

Woellner singled out four Merrill City Aldermen with whom he has had long-standing differences of opinion and said, "I'm writing because most of these guys are running again unopposed. I can't run

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Snowmobile/winter ATV trail updates

The Lincoln County Forestry, Land, and Parks Department (LCFLPD) announced Lincoln County's funded snowmobile trails (County Administrated Trails) in Zone 1 opened as of 8:00 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 2021. The Hiawatha Trail, which is already open, will remain open.

All trails in Zones 2, 3, and 4 remain closed at this time.

On trails where winter ATV use is permitted, trails must be open

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Park City Investment Center welcomes Lisa Humphrey

Financial Professional Lisa Humphrey recently joined Park City Investment Center's (PCIC) efforts to provide quality service as its newest Rollover & Savings Representative.

Humphrey graduated from Argosy University before completing her Series 6 and 63 certifications. She said the position will allow her to use her knowledge to help community members build secure futures.

"I get the opportunity to introduce people to investment options that can sustain their retirements or optimize their businesses," Humphrey said. "They have their own jobs they are experts in. Investing is where I excel. I can help them thrive in life."

Humphrey will join financial professionals Ryan Powers and Kurt



Lisa Humphrey

Powers and Rollover & Savings Representative Jeff Konieczny in discussing retirement planning,

plan rollovers, estate planning, retirement income planning, life insurance planning, and full investment portfolio options with interested community members.

Kurt Powers explained there are thousands of mutual funds, annuities, insurance options, and individual securities available to the average investor. The people at PCIC helps investors get the most out of their dollars.

"An investor on their own may sink \$50 into buying one share of a stock," he said. "We can take that same amount of money and spread it across a variety of investments."

Those interested in discussing their investment options with PCIC can call 715.536.8351 or visit parkcitycu.org/planning/investing-retirement for more information.

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in four different districts. I need you." [At least one of those Alderman has publicly stated he took offense to Woellner's post.]

At one point, Woellner tried to temper the harshness, but that read like a veiled insult, as well: "They aren't bad guys. They aren't evil. But they've shown their ignorance, and they've demonstrated how radical they're willing to be.

They have no place on our council."

His post concluded with: "Get your papers before Friday. Hurry." And then an "Edit: members of the same group are also running for county board. We need you there too."

Local businesswoman, Tina Warner Dengel, responded to Woellner's online post saying, in part: "How is a Mayor swearing and bashing city council members on Facebook the right thing to do? ... By you acting this way does not help Merrill's population at all. I just don't understand all these officials bashing each other and then our children thinking that's ok. Just my opinion. I am just hoping that every city doesn't have this happen on Facebook as it's pretty childish."

Woellner opted to respond to some of the comments readers made on his Facebook post.

For instance, LaDonna Fermanich, who will be running for office in Merrill's City government in the upcoming election, said she did not disagree with some of the Mayor's comments but added: "But I definitely don't understand how your method of handling the situation could be seen as civil, professional, or productive, yet alone not embarrassing. But of greater curiosity is this; this meeting occurred on December 14th. Why have you waited until today to revert to your public ranting practices?"

Woellner responded to her directly saying, in part: "Are you forgetting the whole discussion before I went off? I asked direct questions. I informed the alderman that their resolution was unconstitutional. The other aldermen informed them. The city attorney informed them. I made sure that I 100% understood them, that they were knowingly doing what they were doing. I took special care to give them the benefit of the doubt, that maybe

there was some misunderstanding, but their responses could not be more clear. They know the constitution has the courts make that decision, and that they simply don't trust the courts, so they want to violate the constitution. So yea, I lost my sh**. Frankly I'm disappointed that papers are due in a week and the people that would do something so blatantly wrong are running unopposed; that's why today."

A review of the video from the December City of Merrill Common Council - Regular Meeting revealed the final item on the agenda was a proposed resolution declaring the City of Merrill to be a Constitutional Republic City. A lengthy discourse ensued because the Mayor, in particular, took offense to this. He responded with a proposed Amendment to the resolution that was an entire rewrite, which he presented at the time of the meeting. Discussion, disagreements, the Mayor accusing members of the Council of trying to circumvent the constitution and the courts, some heated comments and desk-pounding on the part of Mayor Woellner, and motions to table or postpone indefinitely ensued. Ultimately the Mayor's amendment was voted down. Then the original resolution was voted down by a 4-4 tie vote, with Aldermen Hass, Blake, Weix, and Russell voting no, ended in the Mayor also voting no to break the tie.

The discourse and length of time on this matter may interest many citizens. Videos of all City of Merrill public meetings [since they started videotaping them] are available for review on the City's webpage at <https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us/> under "Public Meeting Portal."

For those who prefer just the briefest of recaps, the most telling quotes of the meeting came from the Mayor and Merrill's Chief of Police.

When called upon by Mayor Derek Woellner to support his stance, Police Chief Corey Bennett responded: "This is an argument amongst yourselves. You guys can either choose to come together and find terms you agree on or not."

"I understand the concerns ... I get it," Bennett said. "I think everyone here had the same intention at the beginning of this ... You just want to reiterate your support for the constitution and make sure that there's nothing unfairly or unduly forced upon our citizens. That's the intent here. Find a way to talk about it and come up with language that you can all agree on or table it."

That was before the votes.

After the votes, Mayor Woellner raised his voice and began a new discourse, after scolding the Council and the public. "... January 6th we almost lost our democracy because a bunch of buffoons were believing lies! I know the polling - they say that - I don't want to point it on Republicans, but the majority of your frickin' party believes that the election was fake. Are you kidding me? You guys don't believe in the elections?" Woellner said. So began a rant at which point several Aldermen made a motion and second to adjourn, which was initially entirely unheard by the Mayor as he continued. Members of the public got up and left; members of the Council left.

Despite the Mayor's upset, no one else in the room even raised their voice.

When asked if the Mayor had any announcements, Mayor Woellner threw his hands up in the air and said, "I am not running, so I'm unhinged now. Aren't you guys lucky? ... I was hoping we had a couple more months before I let loose, but this sh**'s ridiculous."

[Asterisks mine; the Mayor used full words.]

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Above: The Northwoods Veterans Post (NVP) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) reached out to the MHS Band and Choir to have them sing and play on a Saturday, with the groups to get the profits from the food for the night. The Band couldn't do it, but the Theatrical Jays took their place, and all did an amazing job. The NVP was able to donate \$500 with a matching contribution of another \$500 from the VFW to both the Choir and the Theatrical Jays for a total donation of \$1,000. **Right:** The Northwoods Veterans Post (NVP) and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1638 (VFW) presents checks for both the Merrill High School Choir and the Theatrical Jays. Shown from L to R: Paul Russell (NVP), Richard Linder (MHS Spring Musical Director), Josh Olson (MHS Choir Teacher/Director), and Arnold Viljevac (VFW). **Submitted photos.**



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The Black Squirrel Scurry, a City of Merrill Parks and Recreation activity, donated a check for \$1,300 to the Friends of the River Bend Trail. The funds will be used for lighting along the new Lincoln Wood section of trail. Members pictured represent the River District Development Foundation, from L to R: Greg Eichelkraut, Sharon Anderson, Jon Krohn, and Greg Hartwig. Anyone wishing to help with this fundraiser may donate at the Merrill Chamber of Commerce, and all donations over \$100 will be recognized on a sign erected at the entrance. **Submitted photo.**

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to snowmobile use for seven days before ATV use is allowed. Therefore, winter ATV trails in Zone 1, corresponding with the above snowmobile trail opening, will remain closed until 8:00 a.m. Jan. 7, 2022, but will open to ATV use at that time.

All trails are closed to winter ATV use when the temperature is above 28 degrees F.

Trails are in early season condition and may be rough and icy in some areas,

LCFLDP reports.

They also remind all trail users to "Be aware of Trail Closed signs, stay on marked trails only, and respect private land."

Further, "Local snowmobile clubs remind riders to stay off lakes and rivers unless a trail has been clearly marked by a club," a release from LCFLDP said.

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Patricia 'Pat' Woller passed away peacefully at Aspirus Merrill Hospital on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on September 26, 1944, in Merrill, WI to Duane & Ruth (Boettcher) Heath. While attending Merrill High School in 1961 she met Danny 'Dan' Woller. They married on June 12, 1965.

Pat co-owned Lincoln TV and Lincoln Video, working alongside her husband for over 40 years. She enjoyed her career

because it gave her the opportunity to meet many great people. After closing Lincoln Video, she worked for Dave's County Market as a cashier & desk manager.

Both jobs provided her with long-lasting friendships in the community.

She was a lifetime fan of the Green Bay Packers & Milwaukee Brewers. This love for watching sports led to many enjoyable times watching her children and grandchildren play sports all the way into her retirement.

She is survived by her husband Dan of 56 years; sons, Scott (Shelly) of Medford, WI and Tom (Sandy) of Wausau, WI; two beautiful grandchildren, Callie and Jason; her sisters, Cherie (Robert) Kultgen of Merrill, Nancy (Terry) Kasper of Merrill; her brothers, Jeff (Sherry) Heath of Merrill and Del Heath of Texas; sister-in-law, Judy Heath of Merrill; many nieces and nephews; and special friend, Mike Huth. She was preceded in death by her parents, Duane & Ruth Heath; brother, Greg Heath; grandparents; and many aunts and uncles.

Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is handling all arrangements. Per Pat's wishes there will be no service.

In lieu of flowers, Pat suggests donations to the Lincoln County Humane Society.

With her compassionate, kind, fun, and friendly nature, Pat touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



James 'Jim' Arthur Levnerier, age 72, of Merrill, passed away on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at the Aspirus Hospice House in Wausau. Jim was born on July 26, 1949, to the late Arthur and Florence (Ferraro) Levnerier in Highland Park, IL.

Jim received his undergraduate degree from Marquette University in 1971. He went on to obtain his Master's Degree and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1975. He then settled in Little Rock, AR and taught his entire 45 year career at the University of Arkansas/Little Rock. Classes included American Literature, World Literature and Writing. Jim was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the recipient of a post-doctoral research fellowship from The Newberry Library, and served on a board with the National Endowment for the Humanities that selected major award winners in the field of American Studies.

He exemplified the best of the profession: a master teacher and a brilliant researcher. Jim and his fellow colleagues wrote dissertations, authored many articles and books, mostly about Indian captivity and early American literature. Perhaps even more impressive than Jim's scholarship was his devotion to teaching. Jim is remembered as being life-changing, humane, generous, scholarly, and inspirational. He recognized the challenges faced by the mostly nontraditional undergraduates that he taught and provided all kinds of extra support both academic and personal. In 2011 Jim was nominated for the annual UALR Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching, and he won not only at the College level but at the University-wide level. Jim retired in May of 2020, and was conferred the status of Professor Emeritus in January, 2021 by the university.

Jim was a Renaissance Man of sorts: a devout Catholic; a diehard Democrat; an avid fisherman; a master gardener; an excellent cook; an avid collector of antiques; a loving owner of dogs and an enthusiastic traveler. Jim also possessed a wicked sense of humor.

Jim is survived by his brother-in-law: Chris Malm of Merrill, nephews: Andrew (Angie) Malm of Merrill, Adam (Melanie) Malm of Oshkosh, WI, niece: Kathryn Malm of Los Angeles, CA, great nieces and nephews: Taylor (Casey) Miller, Madison Malm, Connor Malm, Carson Malm, great great niece: Hallie Miller, cousins: Bob (Sue) Rogan, Bristol, Rhode Island, and their children Samantha (Jared) Chamberlin of Warren, Rhode Island and Stephanie Rogan (Mike Masse) of West Hartford, CT and Kathy (Michael) Golden, Lincolnshire, North Carolina and many, many friends, including those in Little Rock, AR. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister: Dorothy Malm.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Jim will be held in April, 2022 in Hubbard Woods, IL.

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.



William Henry Ohlmann began his Heavenly journey on December 17, 2021 as a result of a house fire which took his life. Bill was born April 11, 1950 in Holy Cross Hospital, Merrill, Wisconsin to Rozella Ella Mae Wolfe and Frederick Wilhelm Ohlmann. He was the third child of seven.

Bill was employed in a variety of businesses and farming. Places of employment included Hoffman Construction, ITC, Krueger & Steinfest and the Wood Chips in Wisconsin and in Michigan. He was a dedicated, reliable employee who found numerous ways to use his mechanical skills. After experiencing a disabling illness, he took up wood working and constructed numerous types of lawn ornaments, bird and bat houses and furniture. He enjoyed a challenge of repairing items, also. His dream was fulfilled when he was able to purchase a saw mill. As the word spread, he was sawing logs for folks throughout Wisconsin.

He was an Honorary Member of the Merrill Eagles Club, People Helping People.

Living next door to his parents, provided him the opportunity to work on his father's farm as needed plus his own. At least once a day, he stopped in for a cup of coffee and if lucky a slab of homemade bread or a bowl of soup. Throughout his life he made friends with whomever he met from all walks of life, income levels and cultures. He enjoyed talking to everyone. Not being affluent himself, he often found a way to help someone less fortunate than himself.

He also has a kind heart for animals. He bottle-fed twin fawns and rescued three raccoons after their mothers had been hit on the road just to name a few. He enjoyed watching bear cubs play in his fields. But Big Guy was a favorite. He was an old chicken who could be seen following Bill around the yard and coming to the door for treats. Losing his dog, Ace was a very sad day. He had been good company for Bill.

Bill is survived by his son Christopher (Heather), daughter Jaimie Ohlmann, and grandchildren Taylor and Ariana. Bill enjoyed his 20 years plus relationship with Karen Jantz. She survives.

Siblings include Judith Gruetzmacher Woller, Fredrick (Patricia) Ohlmann, Caroline Welk, Rosalie (Robert) Naef, Ronald (deceased) (Darlene) Ohlmann and Rodney (Stephanie Brown) Ohlmann. Nieces and nephews include Frederick (Jacki) Gruetzmacher with Jonathan, Tanya (Joe) Stege with Taylor (mother of Christian and Nathaniel) and Megan (Ryan) Labine, Margo (Angela) Woller-Carter, Max Ohlmann, Sara (Jason) Karcz with Brady and Axton, David (Heidi) Welk with Evan, Kristen (Neil) Zurk, Katie (Justin Woller) with Jaycee and Zozy, Bill Naef, and Kelly (John) Kraegenbrink with Brook and Corina.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Ronald Ohlmann, and great-nephew Jordan Stege.

Special Friends are too many to mention. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

The Celebration of Life Service will take place from 12:30 to 4:00 pm on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at the Merrill Eagles Club, 1205 Lake St., Merrill. Memorial service begins at 1:00 pm. Visitation with friends and family to follow the service. Masks are not required, but appreciated.

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Deanna Dawn Koebe passed away peacefully at home at the age of 79 on Sunday, January 2, 2022.

Deanna was born January 7, 1942 in Lincoln County to Franklin & Milda (Grawien) Brandenburg. She received the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 25, 1956. On September 28, 1963 she married her 8th grade sweetheart, James "Jim" Koebe.

Deanna was a faithful member of Faith Lutheran Church, where she was a member of the choir, Evening Women of Faith, and Altar Guild.

She worked for Ralph Fata-Voigt Insurance Agency and later went to work for Gene Block Insurance up until the birth of her son, Robert, in 1966. At that time, she became a homemaker. When Jim went on his own building houses in 1975, Deanna took on the role of Bookkeeper for the business. She was able to be a "work from home mom" and raised their 3 children.

Deanna used her homemaking skills to become a very good cook and baker. Making her fudge ribbon cake for the men's birthdays and always angel food cake for the grandchildren. Deanna enjoyed cooking, bringing as much food as her and Jim could carry to birthday parties. One of everyone's favorites was her layered Jell-O dessert.

Deanna also worked part-time as a Cake Decorator at Merrill Dairy Queen for many years. One of her greatest joys in life was babysitting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Deanna is survived by her husband of 58 years: James Koebe; Children: Rob (Renee) Koebe, Melissa (Darrel) Dengel, and Marci (Peter) Borchardt; Grandchildren: Abby (Joe) Ollhoff, Mollie (Jeremy) Wicke, Marissa (Joel) Prah, Mikalea (AJ) Schneider, Macy Lentz, Dustin Dengel, Matthew Lentz, Dawson Dengel, Mason Borchardt, and Malaynie Dengel; Step-Grandchildren: Austin Bonnell, Justin Bonnell, and Kaitlyn Bonnell; Great-Grandchildren: Alexis Ollhoff, Mia Wicke, Evan Ollhoff, McKenzie Wicke, Aubrie Zortman, Madilynn Schneider, Jacob Wicke, and Addisyn Prah. She is further survived by a nephew: Jeff (JoAnn) Brandenburg; and a niece: Jessica (Craig) Neumann.

Deanna is preceded in death by her Parents: Franklin & Milda Brandenburg; Brother: Eugene Brandenburg; Father-In-Law and Mother-In-Law: Walter & Ann Koebe; Sister-In-Law: Peggy Brandenburg; Brother-In-Law: Robert "Bob" Koebe; Niece: Carmen Brandenburg;

Pallbearers: Austin Bonnell, Justin Bonnell, Dustin Dengel, Matthew Lentz, Dawson Dengel, Mason Borchardt

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2021 at 11:00 am at Faith Lutheran Church in Merrill, WI. A visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of service also at the church. Interment to take place at St. John Cemetery.

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



Adam A. Smith, 28, of Merrill, passed away at his home on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, after a battle with a rare bone cancer, Osteosarcoma.

Adam was born December 20, 1993, in Wausau, son of Wally and Judy (Lohfink) Smith. He attended Northcentral Technical College, UW-Marathon, and UW-Stevens Point and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Education. He began his career as a Special Education teacher at Merrill High School in 2018. Adam loved his job and the students. He taught them to be kind and selfless. Adam impacted many lives in the most positive way, whether it was teaching, coaching, or being a friend.

Adam loved basketball. He held several basketball coaching positions at Merrill High School. He was the assistant coach of the boys basketball team under Head Coach Soderberg and served as the interim Head Coach after Coach Soderberg's departure. Adam then was the assistant coach of the girls basketball team and served one year as the Head Coach until his health failed.

Adam was also a coach for Special Olympics and was a Special Olympics booster club member. Adam was also a member of the Eagle's Club. Adam enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his parents, Wally and Judy Smith of Merrill; his siblings, Emily Smith of Merrill and Alex Smith of Appleton; his paternal grandmother, Gladys Smith of Shalimar, Florida; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends. Adam was preceded in death by his sister, Kelsey Smith; his paternal grandfather, William Smith; and his maternal grandparents, Donald and Helen Lohfink.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, January 7, 2022, at the Merrill High School Auditorium - 1201 N. Sales St., Merrill. Deacon Jim Arndt will preside. Burial will take place at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery, Merrill. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Thursday, January 6th at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, and again after 10:00 A.M. Friday, January 7th at the Merrill High School Auditorium. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Adam's name to Merrill Special Olympics.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

OBITUARIES



Katherine J. 'Kathie' Baumann, 71, of Merrill, passed away on Friday, December 31, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Kathie was born in Merrill, Wisconsin at Holy Cross Hospital on August 23, 1950, to Milton and Vernetta (Langhoff) Kleinschmidt. She was baptized into the Christian faith at Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin where she later proclaimed her faith through the rite of confirmation.

She was a 1968 graduate of Merrill High School. Her work life consisted of jobs at Pine Crest Nursing Home, House of Merrill, Weinbrenner Shoe Co., along with bartending at Lierman's Ballroom and Ed & Sharon's where she was known to serve the best old fashioned in town.

In her younger years, Kathie showed off her exuberant personality from motorcycle rides with melted shoes to going around town with her bag of "tricks." She enjoyed life with her friends around her. She was always one to fill the room with laughter and celebration.

Kathie later in life was married to Jeffrey Baumann on September 27, 2003, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin. The two shared adventures by going different places and just enjoying their lives together until he preceded her in death.

Besides spending time with her family and friends, Kathie enjoyed craft shows, Amish auctions, and farmers markets. Kathie also had a love for baking and cooking which she shared with friends, family, and most of the neighborhood. Kathie was a kind and companionate person and touched the lives of many with her giving heart. She will be remembered as someone who always had biggest scoop in town.

Kathie's pride and joy in life was her daughter Riannon 'Annie' and her grandchildren Avery and Paxton whom she adored. Her grandchildren were an added bonus which overflowed her heart with love. She loved reading stories to them, watching them dance, singing with them, and falling asleep with them in her arms.

She is survived by her daughter, Riannon 'Annie' Kleinschmidt of Merrill; Granddaughter, Avery Kleinschmidt of Merrill; Grandson, Paxton Kleinschmidt of Merrill; Siblings, Virgil (Sherry) Kleinschmidt of Gleason, Bonnie Thurs of Athens, Dean (Peggy) Kleinschmidt of Merrill, Gay Mootz of Merrill, Lois (Lee) Schmidt of Merrill, Becky Kleinschmidt of Merrill, Jon (Becky) Kleinschmidt of Irma, Lynda (Mike) Kropp of Merrill, Wanda Kleinschmidt of Merrill, and Brian Kleinschmidt of Merrill; Sister-in-law, Laurie Kleinschmidt of Weston and many nieces and nephews; Sister-in-law, Sue (John) Heckendorf of Merrill; Brothers-in-law, Ervin 'Butch' Baumann, Jr. of Milladore, WI, and Terry (Amy) Baumann of Merrill; as well as several very special godchildren, friends, and family.

She was preceded in death by her Husband, Jeffrey Baumann; Parents, Milton and Vernetta Kleinschmidt; Brothers, Daniel "Boone" Kleinschmidt, Joel Kleinschmidt, and Thomas Kleinschmidt; Brothers-in-law, Roger Mootz and Richard Thurs, Sr.; and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents.

The funeral service for Kathie was held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Merrill. Rev. Neal Behm officiated. Visitation took place from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Tuesday at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, and again after 9:30 A.M. Wednesday, at the church.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Veronica J. 'Boots' Zwirchitz, age 95, passed away Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at her home. Veronica 'Boots' was born on November 18, 1926, in Merrill to the late Michael and Ann (Wyland) Hudzinski. Boots was the first baby ever born at the Holy Cross Hospital in Merrill. She married Edward 'Ed' Zwirchitz on April 12, 1947, in Merrill, and he preceded her in death on May 3, 2004.

Boots worked for the Merrill Daily Herald doing a variety of jobs for many years. She enjoyed cooking, going to the cottage, and spending time with her friends and family, especially her grandchildren. In her earlier years Boots participated in both bowling and golf leagues.

Boots is survived by her children, Michael (Jill) Zwirchitz of Merrill, Mary (Mike) Krueger of Hazelhurst, and Lori (Bob) Grefe of Merrill; grandchildren, Gretchen (David) Weber, Michael (Martha) Krueger, Coreen (Suliman) Holman, Christofer (Crystal) Grefe, Andy Zwirchitz, and David Zwirchitz; and great-grandchildren, Olive, Wilson, Veda, Riley, Dylan, Sam, Eliana, Xavier, Willow, and Taelynn. Boots was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Zwirchitz; her parents, Michael and Ann Hudzinski; and brother, Mike Hudzinski.

Boots' children would like to thank her niece, Kathy Muschinske, for the special care and support she provided their mom with.

A private family service will take place in Spring of 2022. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lincoln County Humane Society, Merrill.

Caryol J. DeBels, age 86, of Tomahawk, passed away peacefully on December 27, 2021 in Mesa, Arizona.

Caryol was born on October 16, 1935 in Deerbrook, WI to Emery and Marjorie (Washatko) McKinney. She was married to George DeBels Jr. on July 16, 1955. He preceded her in death on February 27, 2016. Caryol worked in the Human Resources office at Sacred Heart - St. Mary's Hospital in Tomahawk for 29 years.

Caryol and George farmed in the Harrison area for 40 years before retiring to their new home on Highway D, east of Tomahawk. After George's death she moved to the Clear Lake Condominiums where she enjoyed bonfires, lunch dates and the company of her neighbors. While in Tomahawk, Caryol enjoyed volunteering for the historical society, food pantry and senior center. She was also an active board member for the Sacred Heart Hospital Foundation. George and Caryol wintered in the Arizona sunshine for 24 years, where Caryol would partake in several park activities and enjoyed the company of her many Venture Out Park friends. She especially loved to play cards and knit mittens, hats and slippers.

Caryol is survived by her children - Mike (Connie) DeBels of Tomahawk, Tim (April) DeBels of Tomahawk, Georgia (Dan) Kedrowski of Ham Lake, MN, Terri (Dave) Detert of Rhinelander and Leslie (Jim) Studenski of Roseville, MN. She is further survived by her brother - Robert (Anita) McKinney of Aurora, IL, 13 Grandchildren, 2 Great Grandchildren and special friend Tom Gillette. In addition to her husband George, Caryol is preceded in death by her parents, three sons - Tony, Karel & Joel, and two sisters - Emily Kluball & Ruth Koth.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Caryol is being planned. Please check Krueger Family Funeral Home website for updates.

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



Delores A. Burrow, age 81, of Merrill, passed away Saturday December 25, 2021 at her home under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services and her family.

Delores was born on November 22, 1940 in Merrill to the late John and Alice (Englund) Kalinus. Delores married William 'Bill' Burrow on November 22, 1958 in Merrill. Delores worked as a housekeeper for thirteen years at Good Samaritan Health Center. Delores loved spending time at home with her family, she also enjoyed going to garage sales, writing poetry, and watching her grandchildren. Delores is survived by her husband, Bill Burrow of Merrill; her children, Terri (Russ) Kufahl, Larry Burrow, Jerry (Barb) Burrow, and Gary Burrow all of Merrill; Five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Mary Kalinus of Wausau. Delores is preceded in death by her parents, John and Alice Kalinus, and her brother, Kenneth Kalinus.

A memorial visitation for Delores will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Lincoln County Humane Society in memory of Delores.

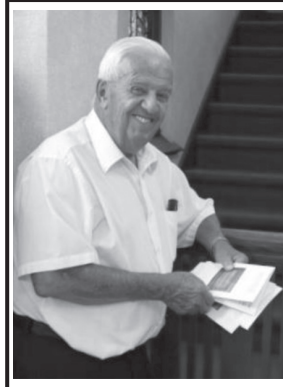
Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

Paul A. Tudor, age 62, of Merrill, passed away on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at the Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield from complications due to COVID-19. He was born on May 7, 1959, to the late Frederick and Marion (Wilson) Tudor in California.

Paul worked at Wausau Tile as a graphic designer, which he had done for many years. He looked forward to going hunting and fishing and enjoyed his RC planes. Paul was a quiet and private man and will be missed dearly by his siblings: Alan (Debbie) Tudor, Sandra Tudor, Derrick (Darlene) Tudor, John (Sharon) Tudor and Steve (Wendy) Tudor, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother: Fred Tudor.

A memorial service for Paul will be held at a later date. 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.



Ewald W. Katke, age 87, of Merrill, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family, on Thursday, December 23, 2021.

Ewald was born June 2, 1934 in the Town of Pine River to Ewald F. and Eleanor Katke. He married Marilyn Lemke on March 21, 1959. Ewald was a self-employed dairy farmer until 1995 and continued crop farming for several years following. Working was a priority and he had a strong work ethic. Ewald was a life-long member

of St. Stephen's United Church of Christ and actively served on many church committees.

He was a bus driver for Wendorf Bus Service and Peterson Bussing for a number of years. He served on the Lincoln County Board as a supervisor, being active on several different committees from 1974-1986. Ewald also served the Town of Pine River as a supervisor and town chairman from 1995-2005. He was instrumental in forming the Pine River Volunteer Fire Department. Ewald served on the advisory board of River Valley State Bank, and the Lincoln County Sports Club Board of Directors. He loved all sports, especially Merrill High School sports, and enjoyed driving school bus to many games and attending local sporting events. He loved reading and was knowledgeable about many topics. He also enjoyed working in the woods and took pride in caring for his land.

Ewald often had morning coffee with his friends, which is something he cherished. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

Ewald is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Marilyn Katke; his children, Steven (Christine) Katke of Clear Lake, MN, Terry (Kevin) Krueger of Merrill, Kaye (Anthony Munz) Katke of Two Rivers, and Mary Walsh of Merrill; grandchildren, Matthew (Katrina Depies) Krueger, Daniel (Emily) Krueger, Benjamin Katke, Samuel (Grace) Katke, Julia Joerger, Sarah Joerger, and Jacob Walsh; great-grandchildren, Henry, Josie, Zeppelin, and June; uncle, Elroy "Heiny" Lemke; and several nieces and nephews. Ewald was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Carol Jean Marquardt; and son-in-law Michael Walsh.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, Merrill. The Rev. Michael Southcombe will officiate. Entombment will follow at the Merrill Memorial Park Mausoleum. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Tuesday at Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, and again from 9:00 A.M. until the time of service Wednesday, at the church.

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

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at \$1375.00 for keeping classrooms at Kate Goodrich, Washington, and Prairie River Middle School stocked with snacks for students in need; a check from the Northwoods Marching Band valued at \$684.85 for the price for Merrill Marching Band students to attend a field trip to the Rose Bowl; funds from Laurie Wolf-Dahm valued at \$50.00 for the MAPS Art Department in memory of Margaret Ann English; and, the following funds from Laura Lussier-Lee & Eric Lee: \$1,000.00 for Kate Goodrich School, for enhancing students lives there; \$1,000.00 for Pine River School for Young Learners, for enhancing students lives there; and, \$2,000.00 for The Evjue School Forest, as needed for projects.

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Celebration of Life
for **David Becker**
Saturday, January 8th
1 - 4 PM
Northwoods Veterans Post
601 Johnson Street, Merrill
David will have *Military Funeral Honors.*

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legals 7700

BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: December 23, 2021
 Electronically signed by
 Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Amended Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
 Case No. 2021 IN 53
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 Rose Marie Plautz
 Deceased
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth March 15, 1936 and date of death December 4, 2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1500 O'Day St. Merrill, WI 54452.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 4-22-2022.
 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
 Bryan A. Plautz
 W4962 Hillside Drive, Merrill, WI 54452
 715-536-8717
 Published Jan. 6, 13 & 20, 2022
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Notice is hereby given that the following application has been filed with the City Clerk, Merrill, Wisconsin:
Class B Beer & Class B Liquor
 Quade LLC
 2501 W Main St
 Merrill, WI 54452
 License Period: 1/12/2022-6/30/2022
 William N. Heideman, CMC, WCMC
 City Clerk
 Published January 6, 2022
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
 CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Case No. 21-CV-41

COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 JOHN J. BERGMAN
 A/K/A JOHN JAY BERGMAN,
 WEST BEND MUTUAL INSURANCE
 COMPANY,
 RICHARD ALBERT RAUCHLE,
 INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,
 Defendants.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on August 13, 2021 in the amount of \$151,689.80 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
 TIME: February 21, 2022 at 10:00 am
 TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Lincoln County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
 PLACE: Lincoln County Courthouse, Main Entrance, 1110 East Main Street, City of Merrill and Lincoln County
 DESCRIPTION: Real property in the Town of Schley, County of Lincoln, State of Wisconsin, and is described as follows:
 PARCEL 1
 Lot One (1) of Certified Survey Map No. 372, dated August 18, 1982, recorded

Legals 7700

August 19, 1982, in Volume 2 of Certified Surveys, Page 130, Document No. 269999 being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 SW 1/4), Section Four (4), Township Thirty-two (32) North, Range Eight (8) East, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
 Property Address: N4514 Town Hall Rd, Gleason, WI 54435
 PARCEL 2
 The West One-half (W 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Thirty-two (32) North, Range Eight (8) East, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, EXCEPT Lot One (1) of Certified Survey Map No. 372, dated August 18, 1982, recorded August 19, 1982, in Volume 2 of Certified Surveys, Page 130, Document No. 269999.
 Property Address: 0 Heineman Rd, Gleason, WI 54435
 PARCEL 3
 The East One-half (E 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Thirty-two (32) North, Range Eight (8) East, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
 Property Address: 0 Heineman Rd, Gleason, WI 54435
 PARCEL 4
 The Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Thirty-two (32) North, Range Eight (8) East, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
 EXCEPT that parcel of land described in Volume 616 of Records, page 752 as Document No. 368056.
 Property Address: 0 Heineman Rd, Gleason, WI 54435
 PARCEL 5
 That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section Four (4), Township Thirty-two (32) North, Range Eight (8) East, Town of Schley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows:
 Commencing at the intersection of the East boundary line of said quarter quarter section and the North boundary line of Heineman Road; thence West along the North boundary line of Heineman Road a distance of 488.4 feet to the point of beginning; thence East along the North boundary line of Heineman Road to the East boundary line of said quarter quarter section, a distance of 488.4 feet; thence North along the East boundary line of said quarter quarter section, a distance of 462 feet; thence West on a line parallel to the North boundary line of Heineman Road, a distance of 422.4 feet; thence Southwesterly a distance of 468.6 feet to the point of beginning on the North boundary line of Heineman Road.
 Property Address: W1498 Heineman Rd, Gleason, WI 54435
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: N4514 Town Hall Rd, Gleason, WI 54435
 W1498 Heineman Rd, Gleason, WI 54435
 DATED: January 3, 2022
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 839 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 200
 Milwaukee, WI 53202
 414-271-5400
 Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
 Published Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3 & 10, 2022
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

See the light

Dear Reader,

When staring into the abyss which some say lies in the deepest parts of the ocean, a strange and somewhat bizarre life-world appears. In exposing ourselves to the extraordinary, we can posit new concepts potentially relevant to the way we live above sea level.



PATRICK J. WOOD
 PUBLISHER

For example, the deep-sea anglerfish carries its own light. Figuratively speaking, we each carry our own light in the world. In spreading one's goodness inside the lives of others, our lights radiate in achieving our own individual raison d'être through positive engagement with others.

Who knows...if enough of us shared our natural illumination what a difference we can make in this world. Shine on!

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

POSTER from page 1

announce winners during the fifth annual Keep Wildlife Wild Week in April.

For inspiration to help design your poster and learn about Wisconsin critters, visit EEK! Critter Corner [https://www.eekwi.org/explore/animals] or check out the DNR's Keep Wildlife Wild: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/orphan.

All submissions must be received electronically via email or by mail and must include the student's entry form and artwork by 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 18, 2022. Submit entries to:

Wisconsin Keep Wildlife Wild Poster Design Contest
 Department of Natural Resources
 Attn: Amanda Kamps
 225051 Rib Mountain Dr.
 Wausau, WI 54401
 Email: keepwildlifewild@wisconsin.gov

Poster contest rules:

The poster entry must contain the words: "Keep Wildlife Wild 2022" and follow the theme of: "If you care, leave them there!"

- All posters must consist of original artwork of Wisconsin native wildlife.
- Posters must fit an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper.
- Posters must be submitted individually; no team creations.

For a complete list of rules and requirements, please visit the DNR's Keep Wildlife Wild 2022 Poster Design Contest webpage: https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/orphan.

Any entry that fails to comply with the contest's requirements will be disqualified and won't be considered by the judging panel.

Educators can find Keep Wildlife Wild resources, including a lesson plan and PowerPoint featuring a script and an in-class interactive activity that teaches students about the initiative, on the Keep Wildlife Wild webpage under Teaching Tools for Grades 4-6 near the bottom of the page.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

* Letters must be 250 words or less (There will be no exceptions to this. Any letter longer than 250 words will not be printed.)
 * All letters must include full name, address and phone number of the composer. Phone numbers and addresses will not be published, but will be used for verification purposes if necessary.
 * Letters will be published at the discretion of the Editor. While letters on most any topic will be published, any letters deemed derogatory, inflammatory, slanderous, or involving vulgar language, will not be published.
 * Letters will be published on a "first come, first served" basis. Any letters which we are unable to publish in the printed newspaper will be run online at www.merrillfotonews.com and may be printed in the paper at a later date if possible.

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.

Correction: In her Letter to the Editor published in the Dec. 23, 2021, edition of the Foto News, Gail Westberg of Merrill listed the date of the tornado as Oct. 29. That was an error. She meant to say the tornado occurred on July 29, 2021.

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing a thank you and Happy New Year to the County and City Crew for cleaning the snow and roads in Lincoln County and City of Merrill. Also Tomahawk crew.

I appreciate you having to leave your family over the holidays and taking care of the citizens.

- Darlene Weirich
 Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

I write about a power struggle. Yes, a power struggle between those who WANT growth for Merrill and those that do NOT. Currently our City Council is split—half voting against growth and necessary investment, and the other half voting for. Mayor Woellner is the tie-breaker on the side of growth and change, but will NOT be running for office again. Under the old system, NO growth or positive changes occurred in Merrill. Property taxes increased while the City did nothing to increase the tax base. Buildings deteriorated and blight accumulated. Roads were not fixed, historic buildings razed, and no new amenities were created. The City made no investments and no TID/TIF programs were established to increase financial growth. Think about who was in power back then. Merrill stagnated for 50 years before current Administrator Johnson and Mayor Bialecki came to office in 2011.

These past 10 years, Merrill has undergone a revitalization and MANY positive changes and growth have occurred. This is a fact. Do we really want to return our City to a slow decline? Let's support those who have been responsible for positive growth; Administrator Johnson, City officials, Bialecki for Mayor, Aldermen Vanlieshout, Russell, Weix, and Blake. Other current Aldermen vote against positive growth, change, and necessary spending, as their records clearly show. Merrill IS on the right track, but it takes time to correct the mistakes of the past. Let's NOT return to the dark times for the sake of us all.

- Heather O'Neill
 Town of Harding, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations, Bill Heideman, for your years of service. Bill leaving is a tragic loss for the citizens of this community. Bill is a great public servant and a great man, as well. He's a valuable asset to the community. I wish him a prosperous and happy future.

I voted for Donald Trump. I would evaluate myself as a person with an above average education. I attended Indiana University, classes from University of Wisconsin, Villanova, and hours of training/education from General Motors. My business partner, Dr. Charles Krueger(UW/Stout), and I traveled across this country teaching the Principles of Leadership and alternatives to the Scientific Principles of Management. Charlie's father gave his life while protecting this community as a Merrill Police Officer. I also served in the United States Marine Corps. Many of my brothers lost their lives defending the principles of democracy and freedom. I and millions of others have worked hard to be contributors to our democracy in honor of those who died so we might live and reap the benefits of this great country.

I am tired of these prima donnas who sit behind their sanctuaries and refer to us as "deplorables" or "buffoons."

I would offer those who think we are "deplorables" or "buffoons," to leave their protected sanctuaries and share with me their logic. I, in return, will share what I learned while serving in the Marines.

The process for ridding ourselves of these temporary prima donnas is to vote for new representatives in the April elections.

- Mike Closser
 Merrill, Wis.

GLEASON 2022 WINTER RACES
AT COMMUNITY CLUB GROUNDS • DOWNTOWN GLEASON

Weekly payouts & points system

January 8th & 22nd, February 19th
March 5th Register 7-9am • Race at 10am

February 5th - Lighted Night Race
Register 11am • Race at 2:00pm

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FFA MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Emma Frazier, a Sophomore at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named FFA Member of the Month for December 2021. Emma joined FFA her Freshman year in high school and enjoys volunteering for FFA events. This past summer, for instance, she volunteered at the June Dairy Breakfast and in the Rodeo Hospitality Center. She also enjoys participating in some of the trips and events, like World Dairy Expo, hunting night, the fruit sale, and the monthly meetings. "I joined FFA because I wanted more experience in the agricultural field, and the people you meet are great," Emma said. "I grew up being around horses, and I still work at a horse stable." Her love for horses made for a natural draw to agriculture. Emma plays softball and is also in dance and has been involved in both since she was about eight years old. "In my free time I like to ride horses, go to the races, and buy things that I don't need," Emma said.

The daughter of Amy and John Frazier of Merrill, Emma has a 3.1 GPA and plans to go to college to pursue a career in criminal justice after high school.

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Pet of the Week

Don't let my name, **Freddie**, fool you - I am a beautiful long haired black female cat. I am sweet and loving. My favorite thing to do is lounge in the sun. I came to LCHS with my siblings and we were all a little afraid but I have come around and have learned to enjoy attention from my caretakers. Will you please come and visit me as soon as you can? My adoption fee is \$50 and includes my spay, up to date shots and microchip.

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Merrill Area Community Foundation announces \$2,820 in Beyond Crayons and Computers grants for Merrill schools

The Merrill Area Community Foundation is proud to announce that four grants totaling \$2,820 have been approved for the Beyond Crayons and Computers grant program to schools throughout the Merrill area's public and parochial schools. Funded through the Foundation, the Beyond Crayons and Computers program invites teams of teachers from three-year-old programs through the High School to submit grant applications that involve members of our Merrill Community and are innovative and creative.

The Merrill Area Community Foundation has been impressed with the variety of innovative and inspired projects that involve community members and enrich the educational experience. This year's grants were awarded to both public and parochial schools, from elementary schools to Merrill High School.

The following is a listing of grant recipients:

- Fifth Grade Merrill Community Kindness Ambassadors - Prairie River Middle School \$1,000.00
- DJ Elective - Trinity Lutheran School \$1,000.00
- Get Washington Singing Again! - Washington Elementary School \$520.00
- Youth Apprenticeship Opportunities - Merrill High School \$300.00

"Music production allows one to not only be creative in learning music methods and skills, but also allows for leadership opportunities in the community." Students at Trinity Lutheran School will be studying the career path of music production and DJing. Project goals include creating and mixing songs to build their own music; understanding the use and manipulation of rhythm and time signatures; using sounds, tones, and dynamics; and learning to lead groups in activities including dances, announcements, and event coordination.

Fifth grade students at PRMS will be partnering with area organizations to share kindness with members of our community. In doing so, the students will be learning about these organizations



Pictured, L to R: Deb Moellendorf, Merrill Community Foundation; Linda Murray, Merrill High School (MHS); Marla Konkol, MHS; Jill Reiche, Prairie River Middle School (PRMS); Tiffany Bucheger, Washington Elementary; Kristin Novitch, PRMS; Laura Huggins, Merrill Community Foundation; and Matthew Chupa, Trinity Lutheran School.

Submitted photo.

and how they serve our community. Some of the organizations they will be working with are the VFW, Meals on Wheels, Lincoln Industries, and the Farm Bureau.

Washington Elementary fourth grade students will be participating in the Get America Singing ... Again Series. They will be learning the songs in their weekly lessons. A family singing-along will be celebrated at the end of the school year.

Youth Apprenticeships are valuable hands-on job training for students in grades 11 and 12. Work locations included encompass Agriculture, Architecture & Constructions, Arts, A/V Technology & Communications, Finance, Health, Hospitality & Tourism, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math, Transportation, and Distribution & Logistics. Promoting the success of the apprenticeships increases participation in the program and provides a stronger work force for our community.

The Merrill Area Community Foundation is supported by individuals, corporations, and foundations as a means of giving back to their community. The Beyond Crayons and Computers program began in 2006 and is designed to enhance and reward innovative teaching, learning, and special motivational activities in our schools. Over \$145,000, including \$2,820 this year, has been awarded to our schools since 2006.

Renea Frederick, Board President of the Merrill Area Community Foundation, notes the importance of innovation in our children's learning. The children also learn

they can contribute to our community at any age. She stated, "The Merrill Community Foundation is proud to invest in the 'Beyond Crayon and Computer' grants for our public and parochial schools. These grants strengthen the bonds between our community and schools with innovative educational projects and partnerships created by our Merrill-area teachers."

The annual grants to the Beyond Crayons and Computers program are in addition to the grants provided to local organizations including: Merrill Community Theater, Northwoods Veterans Post Raise the Flag, Merrill Historical Society, Merrill Enrichment Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters New Website Development, NTC Foundations, River Bend Trail, Merrill City Band, Normal Park Gazebo Fund, City of Merrill Parks Development Fund, Three Rivers United Temporary Housing (TRUTH), Our Sister's House, River District Development Foundation, United Way for 211 Development, Merrill Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Merrill Rotary Club, EMT Paramedic Upgrade, Bell Tower Residence, Merrill Free Clinic, Athletic Park Improvement Project, Merrill Youth Softball, Disaster Preparedness for Senior Citizens, St. Vincent DePaul, Girls Scouts, Merrill Soccer Association, and Haven, Inc.

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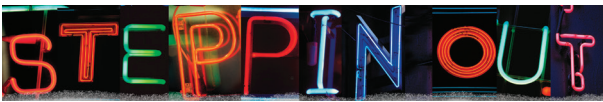
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The King's Man

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Happy New Year, everyone, and welcome to 2022! Let's all hope it's better than the last two years!

The first film I have for you this year is *The King's Man*, the prequel to the wildly successful *Kingsman* franchise, and I am here to tell you it lives up to the reputation of its franchise.

Seamlessly incorporating both historical figures [from King George to Grigori Rasputin] and

historical events into its story line, *The King's Man* is a ton of fun and a great popcorn movie to spend your day with while Mother Nature does her best to freeze us all to death.

The King's Man cast is led by the always-reliable Ralph Fiennes and the Duke of Oxford and is filled out by some of the better character actors of our time, such as Gemma Arterton, Djimon Hounsou, and a almost unrecognizable Rhys Ifans as Grigori Rasputin, who steals every scene he is in.

One of the highlights is a sword fight between Rasputin and The Duke of Oxford, which incorporates Russian dance into the action ... pure genius.

Again and as always, I will shy away from too much plot detail, as *The King's Man* is a mystery



along with an action comedy. Suffice to say, I really enjoyed this one, and it gets a solid four out of five stars from me for its excellent plot, fun and original action scenes, and excellent pacing.

And, for the record, viewing of the previous films is not necessary for the enjoyment of this one.

It is well worth the price of admission.

On Dec. 31, the year 2021 gave us one final smack-down, as we were forced to say goodbye to America's Grandmother, Betty White. The world is a little lesser for her being gone. Rest in peace, Betty. We all loved you.

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Student of the Week

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 Emmie is in the 5th Grade at Trinity Lutheran School. She was nominated by Ms. Yahr & Mrs. Gustafson.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
 I like Language Arts because I like to learn about grammar and how to make my speaking and writing better.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
 I like to learn about Jesus and God, because I like to learn about how the world was created.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
 A nurse because my mom is a nurse and I like to learn about being a nurse. I like to help people, and I could help them get better.

Emmie is a compassionate and caring student who is kind and helpful. She shows concern for others, even sending notes and emails to encourage a staff member going through a difficult time. She steps up to challenges and responsibilities without being asked, and is a leader by example.
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Three weeks of Boys Basketball: Three losses, three wins, one in triple overtime

In a game where three-pointers are unparalleled, three could be this team's lucky number; Turenne sets school record with 22 rebounds in a single game

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Last Tuesday, Dec. 28, and Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, the Merrill Boys Basketball Team traveled to Wisconsin Dells for the Dells Holiday Tourney.

In Game One against Reedsburg on Tuesday, the guys suffered a loss, down 15 points at the end of the game, for a final score of 34-49.

"It was a rough shooting night to say the least," said Coach Troy Pieper. "We struggled all around, and we were missing a couple regulars, as well, which didn't help us find our stroke on offense."

"The game was tight at halftime, but a run to start the second half - due to us not taking care of the ball well at all at the start of the half" made for a tough second half, he said.

"I do think it was one of our best defensive performances," Pieper said. "Giving up just 49 points is playing winning basketball on the defensive side; however, when you just can't find a way to get shots to fall, sometimes a great defensive performance can still result in a loss."

High scorers for Merrill were Troy Mootz (6 FG, 1 FT, 2 Ast, 1 Stl) with 13 points, Bradyn Pieper (2 FG, 1 3pt, 3 FT, 2 Ast, 2 Stl) with 8 points, and Cayden Diels (2 FG, 1 3pt, 1 FT, 1 Stl) with 6 points.

Box Score
Merrill 34 @ Reedsburg 49

Game Two at the Dells Holiday Tourney playing against Wisconsin Dells on Wednesday was a whole different story. The Merrill Bluejay Boys won the game 79-78 in triple overtime!

"What a crazy game! It's hard to sum this one up," Coach Pieper said.

Merrill was down, 29-36 at the end of the first half, but they made up for it in the second half, scoring 34 points to tie up the game at 63-63 when the buzzer went off. In the first overtime, both teams put up three points apiece. Second overtime both teams put up another five points each. That led the teams into triple overtime, where the Wisconsin Dells team put up seven points, but Merrill edged them out with eight points for

the win.

"We had Bailey Turenne (6 FG, 2 3pt, 6 FT, 5 Ast, 3 Stl) back for this one, and he played great like he has most games this year. He set the school record for rebounds in a single game with 22. He also added 20 points and 5 assists."

"There were a lot of guys who made huge contributions," Pieper said. "A couple guys off the bench I really thought were huge in us getting this win. Jordan Bush (1 FG, 1 3pt, 3 FT, 3 Ast) played great on defense and hit two big free throws at the end of the second overtime to get us tied and force the third overtime."

"Michael McRae (6 FG, 1 FT, 1 Ast) had his best game of his career," Pieper said. "He had his first career double double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. He played aggressive and confident all night."

And "Bradyn Pieper (7 FG, 6 3pt, 1 FT, 2 Ast) had a big night for us, as well. He was feeling it from the outside and made a career high 6 three-pointers and had a career high 21 points to lead the way for us in scoring."

"It was a very nice win," Coach Pieper said. "I was very impressed how the guys handled the pressure of a triple overtime game. We didn't flinch, and winning games like this go a long ways once conference play starts up again and come playoffs. This Dells team is a very good team. Earlier in the year, they were ranked in the top ten in the state."

"We have two more non-conference games this week before we head back into the conference games. We have a chance to go on a little run here if we can stay focused and bring the 3 E's ["The 3 E's: Energy - Effort - Execute"] for the entire game," he said.

Box Score
Merrill 79 @ Wisconsin Dells 78

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, the Merrill Varsity Boys Basketball Team won their neutral conference game against Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln. While game details and coach commentary weren't available for this one, Merrill brought home another win, ending the game with a seven-point lead over Wisconsin Rapids.

Box Score
Merrill 74 @ Wisconsin Rapids 67

On Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, Merrill played Stevens Point Area High School (SPASH) in a home game.

"It was nice to be home again finally after playing four in a row on the road, and the atmosphere was great again like it was for the Lakeland game. We have great fans," Coach Pieper said.

"We played really well for the most part, especially in the second half. We led them in all the stats except for points off of turnovers - that is what cost us," he said. "They outscored us by 10 in that category. If we take care of the ball a little better, I think the outcome could have been in our favor." As it turned out, the Bluejay Boys lost by eight points.

Still, "SPASH is the favorite in our conference, and in the second half we showed we can play with them and anyone in our conference when we bring the 3 E's consistently. Now we need to put an entire game together and see where that leaves us," Pieper said.

"I really liked Cayden Diels' (1 FG, 2 Ast, 2 Stl) effort tonight. He was really good on the defensive side tonight, however, he had a couple iffy calls against him that had him battling foul trouble much of the night."

Predictably, "Bailey Turenne (7 FG, 5 3pt, 3 FT, 4 Ast) was his typical consistent self, as he led us in scoring and rebounding again. He played really well and didn't come out the entire game," Coach said.

"It was nice to see Bradyn Pieper (4 FG, 3 3pt, 4 FT, 4 Ast) get his shot going again. He struggled the last couple of games, and spent about five hours at Riverside shooting on Thursday when we didn't have school, so it was nice to see him get going again," he said. Bradyn put up 15 total points.

"Troy Mootz (4 FG, 1 3pt, 4 FT, 1 Ast) was our ignitor again, as he came out aggressive and got us going early on. He's been very

consistent for us all year, and he will continue to get better each game. His work ethic is off the charts."

Box Score
SPASH 71 @ Merrill 63

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, took the Merrill Boys to Antigo where the Bluejays took on the Red Robins and brought home a win, ending the non-conference game with a 38 point lead. Final score: 68-30.

"This was a much needed get-right game," Coach Pieper said. "We executed

much better from start to finish, especially on the defensive side of the ball. I really liked our energy on defense, Antigo could never get settled into anything all night."

"I think the guys saw firsthand tonight how important defense is. We didn't shoot well at all in the first half. We were settling for outside shots

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2022 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedule

Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)

Tues. Jan. 11	D. C. Everest (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Tues. Jan. 11	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm

Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)

Fri. Jan. 7	Wittenberg-Biramwood (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Fri. Jan. 7	Wittenberg-Biramwood (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
Tues. Jan. 11	D. C. Everest (JV2)	Away	4:00 pm
Tues. Jan. 11	D. C. Everest (JV)	Away	5:45 pm
Tues. Jan. 11	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm

Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)

Thurs. Jan. 6	D. C. Everest (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. Jan. 6	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tues. Jan. 11	Wausau West (JV)	Away	5:15 pm
Tues. Jan. 11	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm

Ice Hockey Girls (Varsity & JV)

Thurs. Jan. 6	ECA Stars (JV)	Away	4:45 pm
Thurs. Jan. 6	ECA Stars (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. Jan. 13	ECA Stars (Varsity)	Away	T. B. D.

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Thurs. Jan. 6	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Away	6:00 pm
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Ryder Depies

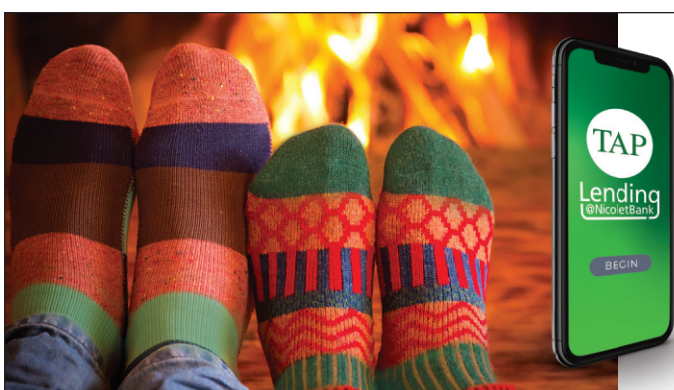
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Schmidt is October Youth Optimist at MHS

Elizabeth Schmidt has been named October Youth Optimist at Merrill High School. Mrs. Joselyn Janz nominated her, saying: "I have had the opportunity to get to know Liz for six years in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. From the start, I have been impressed by her intelligence, maturity, leadership, and dedication. Liz is a talented and confident student who has been academically successful throughout high school. Having taught Liz in AP Human Geography, as well as coached her in Cross Country and Track, I witnessed a driven and responsible student who was always willing to put in the hard work and improve. This can be a difficult skill to master, but Liz has shown this attribute from early on, which is genuine evidence that she can accomplish anything. Liz is not afraid of a challenge or hard work and her character, which includes perseverance and independence, gives her a natural ability to overcome anything that comes her way."



Elizabeth Schmidt. Submitted photo.

"I still remember the first time I met Liz during Middle School Track, and I was sincerely amazed by her mature mindset and ability to set and achieve her goals," Janz continued. "Additionally, Liz is an outstanding teammate and classmate who always supports her peers with positivity, words of encouragement, and help when needed. I have been truly impressed by her sportsmanship and leadership ability. Liz also displays her strength of character and leadership outside the classroom. She is involved in a variety of school and community extra-curricular activities. In all of these activities, Liz has taken on a leadership role and worked to achieve the organization's goals. Liz's dedication to activities outside of academics reflects her commitment, work ethic, and her constant desire to succeed. Liz's active involvement throughout her high school career will continue to her post-secondary education and beyond. Liz truly stands

out as an exemplary candidate for Youth Optimist of the Month, and there is no doubt in my mind that she will not only achieve her dreams but continue to be an amazing role model and community member. Liz is an extremely motivated and dedicated student-athlete who also demonstrates an optimistic attitude inside and outside of the classroom. As Liz's teacher and coach, I have witnessed a student and an athlete who has integrity, a positive attitude, and an amazing work ethic. Whether she is running on the track, walking into your classroom, cheering on her teammates, or doing volunteer work, she always has a smile and a positive attitude. Additionally, Liz is a natural leader who encourages her peers to be positive and achieve their goals."

Elizabeth has been involved with Link Crew, National Honor Society, Student Senate, LEAD, Student Council, Raise Your Voice, Junior Optimist (PR Representative), and DECA (President). She has also participated in Track (Team Captain), Cross Country (Team Captain), Dance, United Cross Country Competitive Ski Team, Stevens Point Running Club, and Basketball. She has received such awards as Athlete of the Week, AP Scholar Award, Spanish Student of the Semester, and Highest Honors on the Honor Roll.

When not in school, Elizabeth is active with the River Bend Trail (Board Member, Representative, and Liaison), Special Olympics, and Middle School Track Meets.

Following high school graduation, Elizabeth plans to attend a four-year university to pursue a degree in business, finance, or political science. She'd like to become a financial lawyer with an emphasis on investments or a lawyer with an emphasis on politics or pharmaceuticals. In addition to earning a degree, she plans to run at the D1 collegiate level. Elizabeth is the daughter of Jenny and Chad Schmidt.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Hinner named to MSOE Dean's List for Fall Quarter 2021

Robert Hinner, from Merrill, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Dean's List for the 2021 Fall Quarter. Hinner is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors."

UW-Milwaukee held virtual commencement ceremony

More than 1,900 students attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM)

received degrees during a virtual commencement exercise on Dec. 19, 2021.

From our area, Kyle Henrichs of Athens received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the UWM College of Letters and Science.

Smith named to Northland College Fall Dean's List

Allison R. Smith of Merrill, a Sophomore at Northland College, has been named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the fall 2021 term.

To qualify for the dean's list, full-time students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with no grade less than a "C." Northland College is a private liberal arts college located in northern Wisconsin.

Root named to Dean's List at St. Norbert College

Brendan Root of Merrill was named to the 2021 fall semester Dean's List at St. Norbert College. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

Schreiner named to Dean's List at UW-Superior

Abigail Schreiner of Athens has been named to the University of Wisconsin-Superior Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2021 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

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instead of attacking their zone; however, we still led 33-9 at the half because of our defense. We created turnovers and converted easy opportunities off of those turnovers. The guys got to see you can struggle on offense and still be fine if you have the energy needed on defense."

"I thought Michael McRae (2 FG, 1 FT, 1 Ast, 2 Stl) was awesome tonight. Looking at the box score, his numbers may not jump off the page; however, his energy and his play was awesome. I told him after the game that was the best I've seen him play; he was very aggressive all night on both ends."

"Bailey (Turenne) was awesome again; he had a very

impressive line, 27 points, 12 rebounds, 4 assists, and 4 steals. He played limited minutes, as well, due to the lead we had and because McRae earned extended playing time because of how well he played."

The other leader on the board was Troy Mootz (6 FG, 3 3pt, 1 FT, 2 Stl) with 16 points, followed by Bradyn Pieper (2 FG, 1 3pt, 2 FT, 3 Ast, 1 Stl) and Cory Gigl (2 FG, 3 FT, 2 Ast) putting up 7 points each.

Box Score
 Merrill 68 @ Antigo 30

On Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, the Bluejays played the Tigers at Marshfield and came away with a loss.

"Playing at Marshfield is never easy - the lighting, the crowd being so far away from the court - it's just all in all a tough place to play," Coach Pieper said. "And when you add to it that this Marshfield team is very solid and very balanced, it can make things tough."

"I thought we played very well for the first 14 or 15 minutes of the first half," he said. "We were not getting shots to fall, but our defense was locked in and keeping us in the game; however, we didn't execute as well to close the half and allowed them to go on a 10-2 run to put us down double digits at the half."

That unfortunately set the pace for the game.

"We talk a lot about how important the first three minutes of each half is and how important the final three minutes of each half are," Pieper said. "Tonight we didn't finish the first half well, and we didn't start the second half well either and allowed them to go on another quick run which put us down 18, and we couldn't get any momentum in the second half."

On the game highlight side: Bailey Turenne (8 FG, 1 3pt, 3 FT, 1 Ast, 2 Stl) put up 20 points for the Bluejays.

"Bailey had a very nice game for us, he was very aggressive on the boards, especially on the offensive side where he pulled down 6 offensive rebounds, and on a night when the ball isn't going in those offensive put backs are even more important," Pieper said.

Troy Mootz (4 FG, 2 3pt, 3 FT, 2 Stl) also put up 13 game points for Merrill.

Box Score
 Merrill 42 @ Marshfield 60

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