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MHS Choir offers singing valentines in Merrill

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

The Merrill High School (MHS) Clara Lux Choir is offering to help Merrill residents to “woo” their special someone with singing valentines this Valentine’s Day.

Within the city of Merrill, the Clara Lux Choir will be delivering “singing valentines” on Valentine’s Day, Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

“Along with a chocolate flower, personalized card, and a few love songs, let Clara Lux surprise the one you care about this Valentine’s Day season at work or at home for just \$20,” the Choir’s pitch reads.

Gift givers can choose from five songs to touch their valentine’s heart. Selections include Crazy Little Thing Called Love, Life Could Be A Dream, Just the Way You Are, Someone to Watch Over Me, and Let Me Call You Sweetheart.

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The all-access playground at Normal Park was facilitated by and became a reality thanks to the Merrill Noon Optimist Club and many community donors and volunteers. **Submitted photos.**

Feb. 3 is Optimist Day

Famous for their cheese curds, the Optimists use the funds they raise to focus on local youth

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Members of Optimist International celebrate Optimist Day annually on the first Thursday of Feb. and this year, that is Feb. 3, 2022. It is a day to celebrate their year-round mission to bring out the best in youth, their communities, and themselves.

Locally, the Merrill Noon Optimist Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Eagles Club in Merrill, and visitors are always welcome.

“We welcome anyone to just stop by and join us,” said Past President Stacy Sturm.



Nothing beats the deliciousness of deep-fried Optimist cheese curds, and knowing the funds raised will benefit area youth makes them just that much tastier.

Most people are familiar with the Optimist cheese curds, sold at the fair and during special events in the community. The Merrill Optimist cheese curd stand is run by volunteers from the local Merrill Noon Optimist Club. Funds raised are used to support local projects, programs, and events for area children.

“The mission for Optimist is to support youth,” current Merrill Noon Optimist Club President Randy Wixon said.

“The playground was easily the biggest project that we have done,” he said, referring to the all-access

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Car crashes into parked vehicle going the wrong way on E. First St. Driver is arrested for Operating While Intoxicated Causing Injury

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On Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022, at approximately 7:53 p.m. Merrill Police Department (MPD) officers, Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) deputies, and Engine-61, Medic 62, and Med-63 from the Merrill Fire Department (MFD) responded to a two-vehicle car crash on E. First St. in Merrill.

One of the vehicles involved was reported to be on fire with a female trapped in the vehicle. Officers/deputies extinguished the fire, so the fire was out before the MFD arrived. Officers/deputies and the Engine-61 crew established/assisted with traffic control while the MFD am-



A Deputy remains on site to secure the scene of a Thursday evening crash, awaiting the arrival of tow trucks to remove the vehicles. **Submitted photo.**

balance crew triaged, treated, and transported victims. The MPD investigated the crash.

The occupied vehicle was going the wrong way on E. First St. when it crashed into an unoccupied, parked vehicle near the old City Hall building [now The Loft Apartments], sustaining “heavy front end damage.” Both the driver and the passenger

sustained non-life threatening injuries, with Merrill Fire & EMS transporting both patients, one to Merrill Aspirus Hospital and the other to Wausau Aspirus Hospital, according to the MFD.

The male driver was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated Causing Injury.

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Law enforcement cleared in Dec. 10 shooting

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EDITOR

The Lincoln County Deputy involved in the emergency response and subsequent shooting death of 28-year-old John Z. Moua on Dec. 10, 2021, on Shady Lane Ave. in the Town of Pine River has been cleared. The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) investigated the incident and reviewed all of the evidence

According to a letter from Paul M. Ferguson, Assistant Attorney General with the Office of Open Government at the State of Wisconsin DOJ, "The Lincoln

County District Attorney determined there is no basis to prosecute the law enforcement officer involved, and DCI is releasing its case file pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 175.47(5)(b)."

The officer who discharged his weapon in the incident has a 17-year career in law enforcement, with 10 of those years working for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

The incident began when a family member called 911 the morning of Dec. 10, 2021, because Moua was acting "paranoid" and was holding a knife to his own throat and there were other family members in the home who might get hurt. The caller also said Moua had a history of drug abuse.

According to the investigation, the following transpired: Upon arrival, officers repeatedly pled with Moua to put down the knife. Officers did not have weapons drawn.

Then the situation escalated when Moua grabbed another person at the residence with the knife pointed toward that person's chest and neck area, and the officer, fearing for that person's life, he said, discharged his weapon, striking Moua.

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Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance Snowshoe Hike

The Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance will host a guided snowshoe hike in the Underdown area of the Lincoln County Forest on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, starting at 10:00 a.m. Participants should meet at the Underdown Recreation Parking Lot on Copper Lake Road. [From Merrill, take Hwy. 51 to Hwy. K north of Merrill. Travel Hwy. K to Hwy. H and take a right turn onto Hwy. H, then a right turn onto Copper Lake Road to the Underdown Parking Lot. Follow the Ice Age Trail signs.]

"Come and enjoy the wonderful landscape created by the Great Wisconsin Glacier about 10,000 years ago," the Northwoods Chapter hike organizers say.

A UW geology and geophysics professor described the Underdown as a "world class hummocky feature" of glacial topography, they say. In simpler terms, the area has swamps, lakes, bogs, and hills abundantly.

The snowshoe trail layout and design has been done by Chapter member, Chris Schotz. The trail is well marked and packed. Hikers can chose between distances of one to four hours depending on their ability, experience, and endurance. The trail is "moderately difficult." Hikers should come prepared with their snowshoes, drink, and weather-appropriate clothing.

"Hot cider, hot chocolate, cookies, and a blazing fire will await you after the hike," organizers say. There is no charge for this event. Donations to the Chapter will be accepted.



Get outdoors and enjoy a free guided snowshoe hike in the Underdown on Feb. 5. Or take to the trails yourself on Feb. 5 and 6 when trail passes are free. **Stock photo.**

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To place an order for a singing valentine, call or email Choir Director Joshua Olson at 715.536.4594 or joshua.olson@mapsedu.org.

Be sure to include: preferred time of delivery (between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.) for the singing valentine on Feb. 14; where the delivery

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For up-to-date Lincoln County trail conditions, log on to: www.co.lincoln.wi.us or call the Trail Hotline at 715.539.1033.

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playground in Normal Park, organized and completed by the Merrill Noon Optimist Club between July and October 2019 with the help and support of the Merrill community, at a cost of \$315,000 according to Wixon. Since its completion, the playground is one of the most used park playgrounds in the city.

“Each year we support helping to feed kids and support the after-school programs,” Wixon said. Beginning in 2017, Optimist Club has sponsored Empty Bowls spaghetti dinners to raise thousands of dollars for Food For Kids, a program that provides bags of food for area kids in food insecure households to take home with them at the end of the school week so they have food for the weekend. “Since COVID we have not done the painted bowls,” Wixon said. They continue to support the Food For Kids program with an annual pledge.

Optimists also volunteer to help with and financially contribute support to youth events like the annual Easter egg hunt with the Park and Recreation Department, the back to school backpack program, After the Bell, the summer library program, and scholarships, Wixon said.

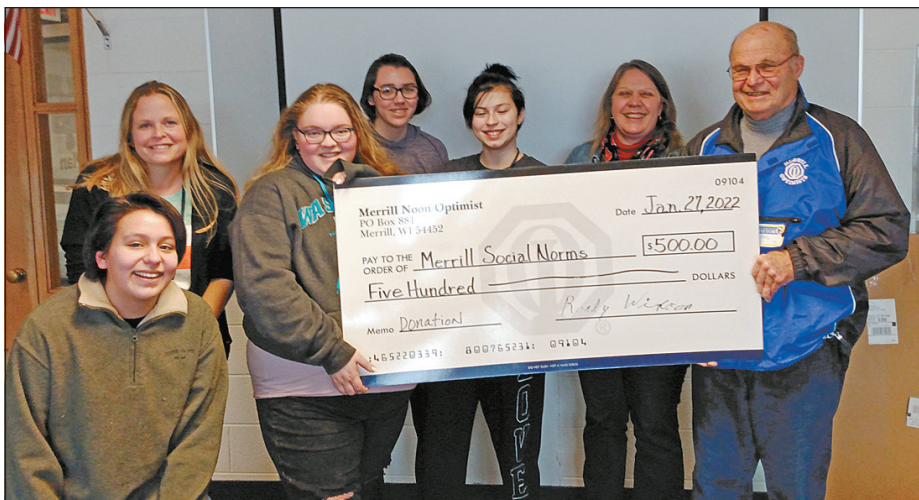
“We get requests for funds from different groups,” Wixon said, “but unless they help youth, we shy away.”

Optimists donate to support Merrill Social Norms Project

Most recently, the Merrill Noon Optimist Club donated \$500 to Healthy Minds for Lincoln County, also known as the Healthy Minds Coalition, to help support the Merrill Social Norms Project, a project that positively impacts area youth.

“The mission of Healthy Minds is to bring the community together to empower people through education and resources to support healthy choices regarding substances and social and emotional well-being,” said Debbie Moellendorf, one of the advisors for the Merrill High School Social Norms Committee. “The Merrill Social Norms Project is one of the programs that supports the Coalition’s goal to increase preventative education and outreach that increase knowledge, strengthens families, builds life skills, and increases resiliency.”

“When asked, students and adults usually overestimate the percentage of youth who use alcohol, tobacco or other drugs,” Moellendorf explains. “Based on Social Norms theory, which states that individual behaviors are influenced by misperceptions of how peers think and act, the Social Norms project utilizes a marketing campaign to correct



Randy Wixon, President of Optimists of Merrill (right) presents a donation to members and advisors for the Merrill High School Social Norms Committee. Pictured from L to R: Noah White, Trisha Kubichek (advisor), Kalia Geiger, Hana Bushar, Sebastian Doering, and Debbie Moellendorf (advisor). Missing from photo are Cassie LaCrosse and Hannah Wendt. **Submitted photo.**

students’ and adults’ perceptions of the use of substances. For youth in particular, peer influences and perceptions have been found to be more influential in shaping individual choices than other factors. The theory states that overestimating problem behaviors discourages healthy behaviors. Correcting misperceptions by promoting the actual use or

norms can change perceptions which results in decreased negative behaviors and increased prevalence of healthy protective behaviors.”

To learn more about the Merrill Social Norms project, visit <https://lincoln.extension.wisc.edu/plwlc/social-norms/merrill-social-norms/> or contact Debbie Moellendorf at deborah.moellendorf@wisc.edu or 715.539.1077.

Wixon at 715.536.6394, or contact any current member or officer of the Noon Optimist Club, includ-

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OBITUARIES



Rose M. Bolling, 69, of Merrill, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2022, at Aspirus Merrill Hospital. Rose was born January 3, 1953, in Whitehall, Wisconsin, daughter of the late Glen and Patricia (Thoma) Julson. She married Dean Bolling on September 30, 1972, in Whitehall, Wisconsin. He preceded her in death on July 16, 2012. They enjoyed family farming for 20 years in Gleason. She enjoyed caring for others through her re-established degree as a

C.N.A. Rose was a voracious reader devouring many genres of novels. She was able to enjoy many travels especially with her sister to Europe. Rose fulfilled her and Dean's life-long dream of a cruise to Alaska. Most of all, her family was her life, and she enjoyed all the opportunities to spend time with them; through the many weekend trips to the water parks, watching Friday night football, attending swim meets and softball games, and baking with the grandkids. She also enjoyed spending time with her many friends.

Rose is survived by her children, Kevin Bolling (Robin Sanford) of Merrill, Jenni (Eric) Pehlke of Merrill, and Paul Bolling of Shelby, NC; grandchildren, Jentzen (Greg) Balza, Dillon Chieves, Noah Bolling, Melony (Micah) Hershey, Morgan Bolling, Devin Miller, Aiden Pehlke, and Caitlynn Pehlke; and siblings, Debbie (Gaylord) Herbert of Holmen, WI, Darrell (Debbie) Julson of Whitehall, WI, David Julson of Whitehall, WI, and John Julson of Whitehall, WI. Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Bolling; parents, Glen and Patricia Julson; and two brothers, Gary Julson and Keith Julson.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 P.M., Noon, Saturday, February 5, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Father Maridas Vallabhaneni will preside. The Bolling family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Saturday at the funeral home. Following the service, a lunch will be held at 1:00 P.M. at the Eagle's Club, 1205 Lake St., Merrill. In lieu of flowers, the family will accept donations in Rose's name for the Lincoln County Humane Society at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Donald "Don" L. Kleinschmidt, 84, died Monday, January 24, 2022 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

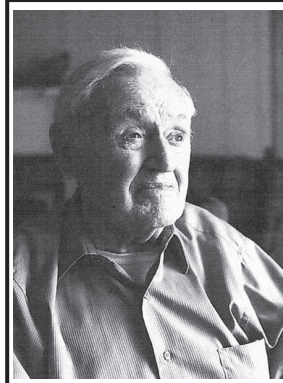
He was born October 6, 1937 in Merrill, son of the late August and Ermgard (Juedes) Kleinschmidt. On October 22, 1958 he married Nancy Schneck in Wausau and she preceded him in death on September 11, 2009.

Don graduated from Merrill High School in 1955, served his country in the United States Navy and worked for Wausau Papers. He enjoyed playing horseshoes, bowling and playing concertina in DK's Band. He loved being a dad and grandpa and was someone you could talk to for hours about anything. He also enjoyed spending time on Facebook, trips to the casino and attending horse races with his son, Scott and Steve.

Survivors include his children, Janelle (Jim) Fochs and Scott (Steve Kaiser) Kleinschmidt; grandchildren, Heather (Alex) Harris-LeMaster, Kimberley (Jake) Harris, Luke (Tracy) Fochs, Travis (Sara) Fochs and Emily (Luke) Kramer; great-grandchildren, Ian, Janelle, London, Layla, Max, Addison and Nahvia; sister, Shirley Zocker, best friend, Ann and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Nancy. Funeral services took place at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, 1302 Sixth Street, Wausau. Rev. Dr. Philip C. Schneider officiated. Visitation took place Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until the time of services all at the funeral home. Burial will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday at Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau, with full military honors conducted by the American Legion Montgomery Plant Dudley Post No 10, Wausau.

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LaVern J. Sauer

No longer encumbered by this earthly body, LaVern J. Sauer is now walking and talking with Jesus in Heaven. LaVern, age 96, passed away at his home on Sunday, January 23rd with his cherished wife Bernice by his side.

LaVern was born on September 20, 1925, in Arlington, Minnesota to the late David Sr. and Elizabeth (Herdt) Sauer.

He met the love of his life, Bernice, and would marry her in June of 1949. They were

happily married for 72 years and worked side-by-side on their farm. LaVern and Bernice enjoyed life together farming, making maple syrup, selling at flea markets and craft sales and making rag rugs. LaVern and Bernice participated in the Wausau Farmers Market and then went on to start the Merrill Area Farmers Market. They gardened 1 1/2 acres of land selling fresh produce to the local community. He previously worked for Anderson Quarry and at Quality Print/Foto News as a lead pressman. He was a former chairman of the Town of Scott and a trustee at Zion/St. John Church Town of Scott and Maine. LaVern and Bernice enjoyed several bus trips around the country, camping, fishing and flower gardening. They had a huge yard where LaVern made many animals and creations out of cement to be intermixed with the flower gardens.

LaVern was a person who people could go to for help or advice. He could build or fix almost anything. LaVern was a strong, kind, loving and supportive husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His knowledge and guidance was the foundation of his family.

LaVern is survived by his wife, Bernice Sauer, daughters, Karen (Bruce) Krombholz and Cheryl (Wayne) Ford of Merrill; grandchildren, Bethany (Brent) Jark, Benjamin (Jamie) Krombholz, Tyler (Kristi) Krombholz, and Jonathan Ford; great-grandchildren, Aiden, Annika, Aubrey, Emma, Olivia, Nora, and baby Jark on-the-way; step great-grandchildren, Derek and Alexander; and brother and sister-in-law, David Jr. and JoAnn Sauer, of Merrill.

LaVern was preceded in death by his parents, David Sr. and Elizabeth Sauer; sister and brother-in-law, Meta (Glenn) Mootz; brother-in-law and sister-in-law James and Marilyn Kriehn; half-brother, Edward Ruff; nephews Jeffrey Kriehn, Robert Mootz, and Daniel Mootz.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, January 31, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. Adam Rodriguez will officiate. Burial will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will begin Monday at 10:00 A.M. at the funeral home. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, is assisting the family. Memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church of Merrill.

LaVern's family would like to thank Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services for their assistance in the last days of his life.

Now that LaVern has passed into the arms of the Lord, we should remind ourselves that while this is the end of LaVern's physical life on earth, it's the beginning of an eternal life in Heaven.

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Larry Myron Mootz, age 79, of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away on January 24, 2022, in Wausau, Wisconsin. He was born on August 7, 1942, in the Town of Corning to Clarence and Pauline (Daubert) Mootz. He was confirmed at Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill, Wisconsin.

In his younger years, Larry liked to hunt rabbits and go fishing. Larry was a machine operator for Merrill Manufacturing for 8 years. He was a great cook, loved cars, and was known for his sense of humor. He also loved to spend time with his grandchildren.

Larry was enlisted into the Army in 1960 and was honorably discharged in 1961. Larry is survived by his daughters Colleen (David) Chartier and Angie (Jeremy) LaLuzerne, grandchildren; Emma Chartier, Jordan Chartier, Henry LaLuzerne, and Ellis LaLuzerne, great grandchildren; Kyleigh and Reagan, siblings; Lenora (Chuck) Westberg, Donald (Judy) Mootz, and Rosemary (Larry) Morfey, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation to take place.

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.



Carol Maxine Engel

In celebration of the life of Carol Maxine Engel who will be sadly missed. Carol Engel passed away on January 26, 2022, in her home in Merrill, Wisconsin. She was born in Kent, Wisconsin on December 16, 1942, to her parents Earl and Bertha Smith.

Carol was raised on a dairy farm in Kent, and later her family moved to Antigo, Wisconsin. There, she attended Antigo High School. After graduating she apprenticed in

cosmetology and soon after got her Managers License. She worked as a manager at the Mode Beauty Shoppe in Antigo for many years. Later she founded the Engel Barber Shop which she owned and worked at for 17 years before retiring in 2005.

Besides her love of barbering, Carol enjoyed her flower garden and had been a judge for a major rose growing company. She enjoyed creating flower arrangements. She loved to crochet and created many beautiful afghans and art pieces. She also enjoyed sewing and used it to create her own clothing and uniforms.

Carol loved animals and owned several Bichon Frises and a Miniature Poodle.

Carol is survived by her husband, Peter Engel; her son, James Willoughby; and her daughter, Carol Luetkens. She had three brothers: Gary, Tom, and Earl Smith Jr. She also had two sisters: Margie Kuehl and Kathy Ament. She had three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Memorial Services 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



Fern L. Zastrow, age 93, of Merrill entered into the loving arms of her Savior on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at Woodland Court in Merrill.

Fern was born on February 16, 1928 in the Town of Berlin to the late Martin and Viola (Wilde) Grueneberg. She married Leo Zastrow on June 16, 1945 at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in the Town of Maine. They were married for 70 years and made their home farming on Fern's grandparents' farm in the town of

Berlin. Fern could often be found milking cows and cleaning equipment. After their retirement, Leo and Fern took many trips together, especially enjoying Oregon and lots of fun casino trips. Leo preceded Fern in death in 2015. Fern loved church, baking desserts, card parties, polka music, going to her son's and great grandson's ballgames and most of all being with her family and friends.

Fern is survived by her three children Darlene (Gary) Balz of Marathon, Charles Zastrow of Merrill and Judy (Ken) Blaubach of Wausau; six grandchildren Scott Balz, Steven (Denise) Balz, and Tracy (Jeremy) Gertschen all of Marathon, Mike (Angie) Blaubach, Bob (Andrea) Blaubach, and Michelle Blaubach all of Wausau; ten great grandchildren Taylor, Jordan (McKenize), Brianna (Adam), Brooke (Fiance Jordan), Brett, Ashley, Connor, Cameron, Bryce and Breck. Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son Gene and brother and sister-in-law Lloyd and Doris Grueneberg.

Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, 6720 County Road A., Wausau. The Rev. Joel Willitz will officiate. Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm until the time of service at the church on Wednesday. Burial will follow immediately after the service at the Town of Berlin Cemetery. Helke Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be given at www.helke.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6720 County Road A, Wausau, WI 54401

The family would like to thank the entire staff at Woodland Court for their 5 years of love and care and to Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice for their care.

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Saun Phillip Hayes, age 40, of Merrill, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, January 28, 2022. He was born on February 2, 1981, to Gordon and Holly Joy (Kummer) Hayes in Antigo. His father survives. Saun attended and graduated from Antigo High School and was always furthering his education and always ready to learn something new. He had recently started a new job in the maintenance department at Harley Davidson in Tomahawk. Prior to that, Saun worked at Crystal Finishing Systems in Schofield and had many friends he considered family.

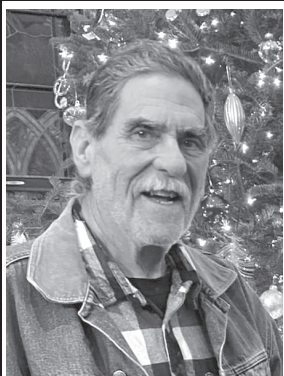
Saun was a brilliant man, he was always the relative that family wanted to be around, as he was so loving and would help anyone in need. He was Mr. Fix-It, in every sense of the word! You could count on Saun to help fix anything or if it needed to be torn apart and put back together, he was your guy. He also was a skilled plumber. Saun looked forward to the annual family hunting seasons, especially deer hunting, and he also enjoyed fishing. He liked to attend the MC Festivals and was always up for a family gathering or event. Saun loved life. He loved his family and friends beyond words. Saun was always ready for a camping trip, the carp fishing contest or racing dirt bikes. He was a man of God and had an unshakeable faith that he would pass on to his family and friends every day. Saun and his family were members of the Journey Church in Merrill. He will be sadly missed but has left a mark on the hearts of his family and friends that will never go away. Saun loved his children more than anything, they were his world. ~To Infinity and Beyond~

Saun leaves behind his wife: Heather Hayes, daughters: Payten, Leslee and Madisin, sons: Hunter and Isaac, father: Gordon Hayes, sister: Hope (Brian) Baginski, father-in-law: Frank Lipinski, nieces: Hannah 'Banana' and Gabby 'Stinky', great nephew: Jaxon, great niece: Anna, grandmother: Bonnie Kummer and many other family members, loving aunts and uncles and good friends. He was preceded in death by his mother: Holly Joy Hayes, grandfather: Edwin Kummer and mother-in-law: Jeanie.

A Celebration of Life for Saun will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 1pm at Journey Church, 1212 South Center Avenue, Merrill. Pastor Brad Main will officiate. Visitation will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022, from 10am until the time of the service, also at the church. Inurnment will take place at the Queen of Peace Cemetery in Antigo, immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family. For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed and available for viewing on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 1pm, and can be found under his obituary on the funeral home website. It will then be posted as a recording for future viewing.

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



Edward J. 'Ed' Brazeau, 67, of Merrill, passed away Friday, January 28, 2022, at his home.

Ed was born December 1, 1954, in Chicago, son of the late William and Mary (Kerrigan) Brazeau. He married Florence Pempek on April 24, 1976, in Illinois. She preceded him in death on September 20, 2021. Flo and Ed had lived for several years in Illinois and in 1989 they moved to the Merrill area. He worked at Harley Davidson in Tomahawk for 24 years. Ed loved his family especially his granddaughter, Brinlee. He was a jack of all trades and loved hanging out in his shop and working on various projects. He enjoyed fishing, grilling out, and watching football. Ed was a Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan.

Survivors include his daughter, Jackie Brazeau (Kyle Badeau) of Merrill; son, Troy Brazeau (Jessie Kalwitz) of Merrill; granddaughter, Brinlee; sister-in-law, Kathy Ennenbach of Tinley Park, Illinois; brothers-in-law, Mike Malicki of Bristol, Wisconsin, Larry (Sue) Pempek of Cedar Lake, Indiana and Lou (Barb) Pempek of Manteno, Indiana; many nieces and nephews; and several close relatives and friends. Ed was preceded in death by his wife, Flo; parents, William and Mary Brazeau; sister, Kathy Malicki; and brother-in-law, Tom Ennenbach.

A celebration of Ed's life will be held from 2:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., Friday, February 4, 2022, at the Town of Merrill Town Hall, W4594 Progress Ave., Merrill. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Michael J. 'Soupy' Schneider, age 71, of Merrill, passed away Friday, January 28, 2022, at his home.

Soupy was born October 22, 1950, in Merrill, son of the late Clarence and Charlotte (Sampson) Schneider. He married Ann Lambrecht on Oct. 10, 1970, in Merrill. She survives. Soupy worked as a delivery driver and salesman for Schneider Distributing Company for 42 years. More recently, he was working part-time as a courier for Church Mutual Insurance Company. Soupy enjoyed playing baseball in his earlier years, golfing, and traveling out west. Soupy especially enjoyed taking roads trips with good friends Keith and Cathy, and Jill and Squirrel. Soupy loved to watch the Packer, Badger and Brewer games while enjoying a beer with his friends. He was a member of the Eagle's Club and bowled in many Eagle's Club tournaments. Soupy was also a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Merrill. Soupy's pride and joy were his three boys and loved spending time with them. He loved spending time with all the grandkids and attended any activity he could. Soupy will be remembered most for his witty sense of humor, quick come backs, and his ability to make everyone laugh.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Ann Schneider of Merrill; sons, Michael (Becky) Schneider of Nevada, Iowa, Andrew (Tara) Schneider of Merrill, and Greg (Becky) Schneider of Merrill; grandchildren, Elizabeth West (Ian Koebe), Brianna Schneider (KaVon Pierce), Samuel Schneider, Alexis Schneider, Spencer Schneider, and Alyssa Schneider; four great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Summit, Luna, and Alaia; one great-grandchild on the way; brothers, Gerald 'Buck' (Valeria) Schneider of Minocqua, and William 'Bill' (Sharon) Schneider of Merrill; and mother-in-law, Pennie Lambrecht Beyea of Merrill. Soupy was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Charlotte Schneider; grandson, David Matthew Schneider; and grandson-in-law, Tim West.

The Funeral Liturgy for Michael 'Soupy' Schneider will take place at 12:00 P.M., Noon, Friday, February 4, 2022, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Merrill. Father Maridas Vallabhaneni will preside. Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Thursday, February 3, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Craig Allen Nelson passed away Wednesday, January 26 after a unique and courageous battle with West Nile Virus. Craig lived in the St. Louis area. Craig was born May 28, 1955 in Madison, WI to the late Bud and Phyllis Nelson. From Stevens Point In 1962 they relocated to Merrill, WI. Craig graduated from Merrill High School in 1973. Craig graduated from UW Eau Claire with an accounting degree and computer science. He owned his own business in St. Louis refurbishing and building decks and refurbishing architectural structures. He met the love of his life, Sharon Spurgin and were married April 26, 2014 in Las Vegas. Craig instantly became the father of 4

and poured out his love for them as they did, Craig became their father. Craig enjoyed deer and grouse hunting up at the family shack in Newwood and was an avid golfer. He was a diehard Green Bay Packer fan and received a box full of signed gear for good luck. Craig equally enjoyed his Weimaraner dogs Buddy and Thor and Doberman Shona. He enjoyed nothing better than spending his time with his family.

Survivors include his wife Sharon, his four children Lauren, Jimmy, Hannah, and Chris, all located in the St. Louis area, 2 granddaughters, his brother Pat and wife Norma Nelson of Menasha, WI, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are open visitation at Schrader Funeral Home Wednesday, February 9 from 10am to 2pm. Service will be held at 2pm. The service may be live streamed and will be shown on the Schrader Funeral Website. In lieu of flowers we ask that you honor his memory donating to Craig Hospital Foundation, 3425 S. Clarkson St., Englewood, CO 80113.

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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: January 14, 2022
Electronically signed by
Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN000002
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
John Herman Renken Jr.
D.O.D. 12/08/2021
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. The application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 12, 1934 and date of death December 8, 2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 714 S State St #2, Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 04-29-2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
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DATE SIGNED: January 1120, 22
Electronically signed by
Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022 IN 01
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GENE LARRY VOIGT
DOD 10/29/2021
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/24/1940 and date of death 10/29/2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 905 Madison St., Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 22, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
James Wedemeyer
204 N. Van Rensselaer St.
Merrill, WI 54452
(715) 536-8135 Bar Number 1004552
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DATE SIGNED: January 19, 2022
Electronically signed by
Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022 IN 03
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JAMES A. LEVERNIER
DOD 12/14/2021
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/26/1949 and date of death 12/14/2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1100 Michler Crest, Merrill, WI. 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 29, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
James Wedemeyer
204 N. Van Rensselaer St.
Merrill, WI. 54452
(715) 536-8135 Bar Number 1004552.
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DATE SIGNED: January 20, 2022
Electronically signed by
Hon. Jay R. Tlusty, Circuit Court Judge
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Order and Notice of Hearing Petition
On Summary Assignment
(Formal Administration)
Case No. 2022PR000001
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
VILAS D. KRENZ
A Petition for Summary Assignment was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
1. The decedent, with date of birth September 28, 1937 and date of death November 30, 2020 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin with an address of 1406 E. Tenth St., Merrill, WI 54452.
2. Creditors may bring an action by
A. filing a claim in the Lincoln County Circuit Court before the property is assigned.
B. bringing a suit against the assignee(s) after the property is assigned. The right of a creditor to bring an action terminates three months after the date of publication of this order.
3. The property may be assigned to the

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creditors and interested persons after 30 days have elapsed following the first publication of this notice.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard and heirship be determined at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Branch 1, before Honorable Jay R. Tlusty, Court Official, on Feb. 23, 2022, at 9:30 AM.
2. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Craig J. Nienow
1105 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452
715-536-7185 Bar 01015178
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DATE SIGNED: January 25, 2022
Electronically signed by
Thomas S. Barker, Clerk of Court
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Amended
Summons and Complaint
Small Claims - Replevin
Case No. 2021SC000402
Small Claims, Replevin 31003
Park City Credit Union vs.
WENDY M RAWLINGS
Plaintiff:
Park City Credit Union
501 S. Pine Ridge Ave.
Merrill, WI 54452
Defendant:
WENDY M RAWLINGS
N10710 RED LINE RD
Tomahawk, WI 54487
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, to the said defendant(s):
The plaintiff(s) named above has commenced an action to recover possession of the following property:
SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
SUMMONS
This claim arises under a consumer credit transaction under which you are alleged to be in default, as described in the attached complaint.
IF YOU ARE NOT IN DEFAULT OR HAVE AN OBJECTION TO THE PLAINTIFF'S TAKING THE PROPERTY LISTED ABOVE, YOU MAY ARRANGE FOR A HEARING ON THESE ISSUES BY APPEARING AT THE TIME AND PLACE STATED IN THIS SUMMONS.
IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR AT THAT TIME, JUDGEMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU FOR DELIVERY OF THE PROPERTY TO THE PLAINTIFF.
When to Appear/File an Answer
Date: 02-17-2022
Time: 09:00 am
Place to Appear/File an Answer
Lincoln County Courthouse
1110 E. Main Street, Suite 205
Merrill, WI 54452
Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner
Jay R. Tlusty
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
December 15, 2021 - Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the MHS Auditorium.
Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others Present: Dr. Sample, MAPS Administrators, Reil and Skoviera; approximately 17 people from the staff and public; and Recorder Woller.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Woller to go with Neola's language for letting the vacancy be filled by the Board President (adding to Bylaw 0142.5 Vacancies). Motion carried.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Woller to approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$2,500,000 Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Osnes to approve the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$2,500,000 Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Osnes to approve the placement of three current employees onto Grade 8 level of the Support Staff Compensation Plan with retroactive payment starting July 1, 2021 and to have them placed on the personnel report for this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to approve the BVA Governance Board enrollment limits for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Osnes, second by Krueger to approve the creation of a scholarship account for William C. Gennrich and Merle A. Gennrich and accept receipt of future funds for scholarship related purposes as defined in the attached exhibit. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to approve consent agenda items a through d, which includes minutes of the November 17, 2021 meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,364,989.23; the personnel report as presented, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable; and, donations totaling \$6,109.85. Motion carried with Gremier and

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Yingling abstaining from the November 17, 2021 minutes.

President Blake called for a MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1) (c); (e); (f) except where par. (b) applies; and, (g). The purpose of the closed session is for discussion of and potential action on approving a leave of absence for multiple employees; to discuss administrators' and supervisors' evaluations; to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation goals; and, to conduct specified public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons requires a closed session, to wit, the consideration and discussion of the sale of personal and real property associated with Maple Grove School, and the division of assets and liabilities between Merrill Area Common Public School District and Athens School District, which may occur as a result of granting petitions for detachment of property in the Town of Hamburg, and to take action regarding the same. The Board may reconvene to open session and may take action upon the matters discussed during the closed session portion of the meeting. MOTION by Volpe, second by Osness to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Osness to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Osness to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Sandra Sartain through February of 2022; Saraphena Jochman through February 2022; Carla McLenthian through January of 2022; Susan Keller through January of 2022; and, Jaimie Bushar through January of 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Yingling to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ronald Liberty Board Clerk RL/tlw

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Merrill Area Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting December 9, 2021 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others present: Dr. Sample, one member of the staff and public and Recorder Woller. The Board deliberated and then conducted the vote. The tally of the votes were counted and were as follows:

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follows: Paul C. Proulx, 3; and, Jacqueline L. Gremier, 5. Jacqueline L. Gremier received the majority of votes and was appointed the new board member.

MOTION by Yingling, second by Volpe to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Ronald Liberty Board Clerk RL/tlw

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Merrill Area Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting January 12, 2022 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others present: Dr. Sample, Baker, Skutak and Recorder Woller.

Blake opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Osness nominated Maria Volpe. Volpe accepted the nomination. MOTION by Woller, second by Krueger to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Maria Volpe for Vice President for the remainder of the 2021-2022 term. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to approve one 28-hour teaching assistant position at Pine River School for Young Learners and 2 full-time teaching assistant positions at Kate Goodrich Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Ashbeck to approve the personnel report as presented, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried unanimously.

Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1) (c); (e); (f) except where par. (b) applies; (g). The purpose of the closed session is to discuss waiving the liquidated damages of a leaving professional staff member; to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation goals; and, to conduct specified public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons requires a closed session, to wit, the consideration and discussion of the sale of personal and real property associated with Maple Grove School, and the division of assets and liabilities between Merrill Area Common Public School District and Athens School District, which may occur as a result of granting petitions for detachment of property in the Town of Hamburg, and to take action regarding the same. The Board may reconvene to open session and may take action upon the matters discussed during the closed session portion of the meeting. MOTION by Volpe, second by Woller to adjourn

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into executive session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Osness, second by Volpe to reconvene into open session for the regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to approve the mid-year retirement of Robin Hein without liquidated damages. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Volpe to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Ronald Liberty Board Clerk RL/tlw

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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 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

Legals 7700

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. 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 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 WNAXLP

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Pack Will Be Back

Dear Reader,

The Packers had a good run this year. Many are disappointed that we aren't going to the Super Bowl. But when you think about it, we have a lot to be proud of, thanks to the Packers.



We have won many Super Bowls and National Championships. Only the Steelers and Patriots (6 each) and the Cowboys and 49ers (5 each) have won more, while the Giants have equaled our 4 Super Bowl wins. For perspective, consider that some teams have never won a Super Bowl - ever.

And for additional perspective, let's compare our Packers to just one of those other teams, let's say the Giants. Population base in New York: 8.8 million. Green Bay: 104,000. Number of people who own the Packers: 1. Packers shareholders: 361,000. Giants Super Bowl tally: 4. Green Bay Super Bowl count: 4.

We have a remarkable team, and they - and we - have accomplished amazing things. We need to keep these things in mind, as we cope with this temporary setback. There is always next year, and we will move forward, as we always have.

So let's thank the Pack for all they have done for Green Bay and Wisconsin, and hope for more glory next year.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

TO THE EDITOR:

Elections

Friends and Neighbors:

All of you who vote, our next election of County Board Members happens April 5, 2022. Electing Board Members who will insist that our County Government needs to be run like a business HERE!!

We need folks who ask questions about how and why they spend our hard earned money! Our current Board and it's Leadership are Rubber Stamping spending.

There are many seats being challenged this cycle which is long OVERDUE.

In the business world if income doesn't cover expenses the Owner finds out why and makes changes or simply goes out of business.

See LETTERS page 9

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Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is **Faelinn Walters** Daughter of **Paula Anthoney & James Walters** Faelinn is in the 3rd Grade at Washington Elementary School. She was nominated by Ms. Kleinschmidt.



What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
I enjoy CKLA class because I enjoy reading about different time periods and places. I also like math because I am good at adding and subtracting.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
Gym class because I have a lot of energy. I also like recess and lunch because I get to spend time with my friends. I love coming to Washington school.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
I want to be a gym teacher because I have a lot of energy and it would be fun to play games all day and teach kids.

Faelinn goes beyond expectations, doing more than what is asked to further her learning. She is a kind and caring friend to everyone in our building. Faelinn shows gratitude to classmates and staff when they help her. She has a great positive attitude that is contagious.
~ Ms. Kleinschmidt

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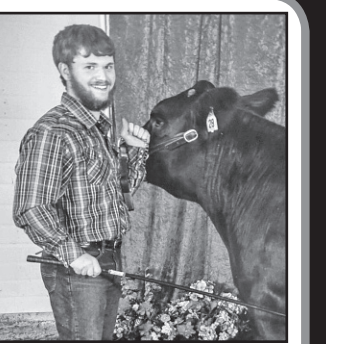
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FFA MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Kyle Duley, a Junior at Merrill High School, has been named FFA Member of the Month for December 2021. Kyle grew up on and lives on a dairy farm in the Town of Pine River and shows cattle at the Lincoln County Fair. He has been active in 4-H and "a lot of the things I volunteered for through 4-H, FFA does too. It was a natural fit," he said when asked why he joined. He attends all the monthly meetings and is one of the high sellers in the FFA fruit sale. He also volunteers to help with the Dairy Breakfast each year.



Kyle Duley

At school, Kyle is a running back/line backer on the Merrill Football Team and has played since his Freshman year. He volunteers at St. Paul's Church in addition to his FFA volunteer hours. He enjoys deer hunting and raising and showing beef cattle at the County Fair.

The son of Mark and Amelia Duley. Kyle has a 3.5 GPA and plans to go to Northcentral Technical College for Welding following high school graduation.

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Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Moonfall

(Now showing in theatres)

★★★★★

Rated PG-13 – for language and peril

Hi everyone! Last weekend I was lucky enough to be able to see a sneak peak of this week's new release, *Moonfall*.

This one is straight-up sci-fi epic, and it is a ton of fun. But I have to warn you, to really enjoy it, you need to abandon all semblance of rational thought and just roll with it. Trust me – it is absolutely worth it.

Moonfall's basic premise is this: The Moon is out of orbit and earth is doomed. Enter every required science fiction movie trope – from the fallen hero to the quirky scientist that nobody would listen to. Toss in some kids, a little family drama, and there you have it: Checklist complete.

It is an old formula, we all know it well, and frankly, it should not work.

But it does. Big time.

This is a great movie. It's fun, it's well-paced with decent special effects, and it has a fun story. I found myself happily watching the story unfold as I munched my popcorn and watched the sci-fi cheese drip from the screen.

This is a popcorn movie, folks. It isn't looking to pound a message into



us, it isn't pretending to be something it isn't, and it left the politics where they belong – far, far away.

Opening Friday at the Cosmo, this one is well worth the price of admission, and it gets five solid stars out of five possible, because you know what? We need a good fun movie that asks only that we turn off our minds for a little while and enjoy the show. *Moonfall* is one that needs to be enjoyed on the big screen, so head to the cinema, buy the biggest popcorn they have, sit back, turn off rational thought, and enjoy one heck of a ride. Trust me – this is one that should not be missed.

World Championship Merrill Ice Drags Week 1

The 57th Annual running of The World Championship Merrill Ice Drags completed Week 1 on Saturday Jan. 29, 2022. Record race entries and good weather made the day a great success. There is a new track layout due to an attempt to share the area with other winter enthusiasts. It has created a few new challenges but all-in-all, the event pushes on! Where else can you find another racetrack where you can watch a Tesla, a Mercedes, and a Yugo with a V8 all race on a drag strip made of ice!

Week 1 Winners are:

- 2WD #1** Linda Krebsbach #2 Eugene Finck
- 4X4 #1** Scott Ullman #2- Dustin Oslage
- 11.0 Sec.** #1 Scott Ostrowski E.t.11.93 #2 Travis Arndt E.t.11.85
- 10.0 Sec.** #1 Erin Dombeck E.t.10.13 #2 Bridie Maas E.t – n/a
- 9.0 Sec.** #1 Duston Koenig E.t.9.1571 #2 Colton Betro E.t.8.92
- 8.5 Sec.** #1 Joe Peek Jr. E.t.8.65 #2 Zach Degner E.t.8.63
- Easy Street II #1** Kevin Pophal E.t.8.91 MPH 79.58 #2 Ryan Dewar E.t.10.40 MPH 75.43
- 8.0 Sec.** #1 Jacob Blochl E.t.8.51 #2 Zach Runge E.t.10.48
- Ultimate Street #1** Dusty Nielsen E.t.7.78 MPH 93.93 #2 Austinn Willis E.t.7.75 MPH 108.76
- 7.0 Sec.** #1 Stephen Pophal E.t.7.54 #2



All makes, models, and styles of vehicles show up to participate in the Merrill Ice Drags. **Joseph Frederick photos.**



A black Buick is ready to race on the opening day of the 2022 Merrill Ice Drags.



Members of the Merrill Ice Draggers were out getting the track ready for the annual Ice Drag races nearly two weeks before the first race.

- Mike Bohman E.t.8.18
- Modified #1** Ryan Blake E.t.6.96 MPH 108.35 #2 Dusty Nielsen E.t.14.72 MPH n/a
- Open Door #1** Ryan Blake E.t.6.92 MPH 116.94 #2 Perry Redeker E.t.7.52 MPH 74.72
- Outlaw #1** Keith Krueger E.t.5.95 MPH 131.83 #2 Perry Redeker E.t.6.51 MPH 128.87
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Male transitional housing location to change

The Department of Corrections (DOC), Division of Community Corrections, will change the location for transitional housing services in Merrill for male offenders under the Department's supervision. The projected start date for this change, according to the DOC, is Apr. 1, 2022.

The contract for services will be located at the following address: N2333 Memorial Dr., in the city of Merrill. ATTIC Correctional Services will continue to be the provider for transitional housing services.

This notification is being made in compliance with section 301.08(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

For questions or concerns, contact Merrill Corrections Field Supervisor Michelle Hubbard at 715.409.3306.

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Merrill Area United Way Annual Meeting is Feb. 7

The Merrill Area United Way will hold its Annual Meeting on Feb. 7, 2022, at Incredible Bank, 3210 E. Main St. in Merrill, in the lower level. Enter the building at the East entrance. The public is welcome to attend. The Board conducts a very brief meeting, with the Annual Meeting following at about 5:15 p.m.

The event provides for the election of new Board members and officers for the 2022 year.

Additional action will include approval of the 2022 Annual Budget and a summary of the United Way activities through 2021. The 2021 Annual Report will be available for distribution at that meeting.

Those stepping off the Board will be recognized for their service.

The Annual Meeting allows the organization to reflect on the ongoing development of the Merrill Area United Way, an organization that serves many facets of the community.

LETTERS from page 6

The current Board approves spending with little question and if income doesn't cover spending, they increase taxes or add things like Wheel taxes.

We are in need of BIG changes, so make sure to learn about who is running to represent your area on the Lincoln County Board and vote for CHANGE!

Thank you for your time.

- Regards,
Chuck Bolder
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

"If you live among wolves, you have to act like wolves. - Nakita Krushchev"

Another young girl is dead. Her life taken by a 13 time felon who walks freely on our streets. Many walk freely amongst us due to a failed system of "rehabilitation" yielding 75% repeat offenders. A system supported by liberal politicians, laws, judges, and district attorneys. As a result, to defend ourselves we acquire concealed carry permits, carry loaded guns and mace, lock our doors, bar our windows, use surveillance systems, and adapt other measures to protect ourselves.

Using the laws of probability, and with statistics, we can see trends and predict future events with some level of certainty. Here are some trends. Our borders are being invaded, drugs ravish our society, mobs burn our cities, inflation runs rampant, high crime rates and homicides setting new records, movements to defund the police, illegal aliens smuggling drugs being secretly released into our cities, criminals released without due punishment, police officers savagely gunned down in our streets, abandoning our allies in places of war, elections lacking integrity, grocery shelves are barren, commodities for survival like gas and heating oil prices are at an all time high, a reckless press, threatened by global warming, politicians supporting socialism, etc., etc.

If we listen and learn, what happened

in Washington was only a warning. Listen closely to whispers in the wind and you hear the words revolution, civil war, union recession. Listen closely and you shall hear the sounds of Paul Revere.

- Mike Closser
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

Memories, I have had many in my years of life and recently my birthday.

Some are sad, happy, funny, a few moves, adjustments, and I wouldn't change a thing.

I am enjoying life and I laugh, I cry, I smile, I talk, I play, and I pray.

Enjoy life, everyone. We only have one.

Always be kind.

- Darlene Weirick
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

Wolves are beneficial. Gray wolves are beneficial to our ecosystems and our economy. Wolf-related tourism brings millions of dollars into Yellowstone communities annually. Killing the majority of the wolves in Montana and Idaho will be economically and ecologically damaging. And their impact on agriculture is minimal. Wolves account for less than one-half of one percent of cattle deaths annually. Poor care and disease are much graver concerns for agriculture.

- Justina Gruling
Wausau, Wis.

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.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 6, 2021

Boy, Carson Kedan James Stockowitz, born to Makyla Stockowitz and Dyllin Stockowitz of Merrill.

DECEMBER 7, 2021

Boy, Nicholas Otto, born to Bethany Prazuch and Daniel Prazuch of Wausau.

Girl, Isabella Rein Marie, born to Trinitee Elsingher and Deakin Trotzer of Weston.

DECEMBER 8, 2021

Boy, Rylann Patrick, born to Cheyenne Stoffet and Calvin Stoffet of Custer.

DECEMBER 10, 2021

Boy, Kingston Dale Cowart, born to Emily Buettner and Matthew Cowart of Rothschild.

Boy, Carling Lucia Schultz Garcia, born to Marling Garcia and Christopher Schultz of Merrill.

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Boy, Robert Graham, born to Maria Hartson and RT Hartson of Merrill.

DECEMBER 15, 2021

Boy, Calvin Jack, born to Morgan Benes and Zach Benes of Wausau.

DECEMBER 16, 2021

Girl, Merielle Eliana, born to Samantha Schilling and Kyle Diedrich of Hatley.

DECEMBER 17, 2021

Girl, Rayla Jane Marie Golisch, born to Makayla Golisch and Ryan Golisch of Merrill.

DECEMBER 18, 2021

Boy, Owen Michael Joe, born to Sami Bouchard and Dylan Bouchard of Wausau.

DECEMBER 25, 2021

Boy, Tobias Eugene, born to Kathy Parks and Nathan Parks of Merrill.

DECEMBER 27, 2021

Boy, Ottlee Allen, born to Karissa Fitzke and Nathan Fitzke of Irma.

Boy, Brayden Michael Richard, born to Morgan Hofmann and Andy Hofmann of Merrill.

DECEMBER 28, 2021

Boy, Arwen Rocamura, born to Jackielou Albers and Brogan Albers of Wausau.

DECEMBER 30, 2021

Girl, Raelynn Lea, born to Alyssa Gale and Chad Hoerlke, Jr. of Merrill.

JANUARY 4, 2022

Boy, Archer Allen, born to Dana Bartelt of Merrill.

JANUARY 11, 2022

Boy, Noah Robert, born to Sherrie White and Andrew White of Merrill.

JANUARY 14, 2022

Boy, Reid Patrick, born to Taylor Conway and Hunter Conway of Merrill.

JANUARY 21, 2022

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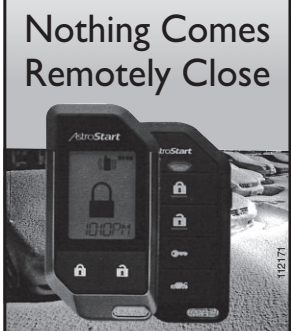
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Three Merrill Varsity Girls Swimming teammates sign to compete at college level

TINA L. SCOTT
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On Friday, Jan. 14, three Merrill High School Seniors and members of the Merrill Bluejay Varsity Swim Team signed with three different colleges to swim competitively at the college level next year. Grace Schultz signed to attend and compete for the University of South Dakota, Claire Schultz signed to attend and compete for Southern Illinois University, and Emma

Pajtach signed to attend and swim for Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Grace and Claire Schultz are twin sisters, and they have almost literally been swimming their entire lives according to their mother. "I literally threw them in the pool at nine months old," Lois "Lowie" Schultz said.

"They have been swimming competitively since age 8 and currently swim year-round with WYNS - Woodson Y Northern

Swimmers - in Wausau."

"Both girls are quite accomplished swimmers, having competed at the national level," Lowie added. "Each girl was recruited by their respective school. Both schools are NCAA Division One."

Grace Schultz - USD

"I had been recruiting/talking to the University of South Dakota's Head and Assistant Coaches since the summer leading up to my Junior year," Grace said. "I was finally able to go out and visit



Front row, L to R: Claire Schultz, Grace Schultz, and Emma Pajtach. Back row: Family members pose with the girls to support them as they sign to swim competitively for their college of choice.

Submitted photo.

the campus in mid-October. One of the biggest contributors to my commitment was the coaches. I agreed with their approach and coaching style for the team. After meeting the coaches and team, I immediately knew that I wanted to be a part of such a driven and successful group of people."

Grace isn't yet certain of her major but is leaning toward a degree in the business field. "... It's such a broad area with multiple career choices to choose from," she said. While visiting the campus, "I learned that the 'Beacom School of Business' was one of the top business schools in America. I also learned that I would be able to earn my Masters Degree by staying one extra year there."

She admits she's a little nervous about being so far from home next year, but is excited to further her swimming career in college, meet new people, and make new friends, and knows it will be worth it in the end.

Claire Schultz - SIU

"I chose Southern Illinois University because of their stellar program and amazing training philosophies," Claire said. "Both the men and women have done very well at the

championship meets, and I can't wait to be a part of that!"

"My passion for science, my training as an athlete, and my personal experiences have led me to choose to major in Kinesiology/Exercise Science beginning in the fall," she said. "After obtaining this degree, I plan to continue my schooling and earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Along with an outstanding swim and dive program, SIU also has an amazing Exercise Science program that allows students to work hands-on with cancer surviving patients. Knowing that I will have a successful future both athletically and academically was the biggest factor in making my college decision."

Claire is super excited about going off to SIU in the fall. "I can't wait to be a Saluki, and spend the next four years swimming/studying at SIU," she said.

Emma Pajtach - Loras College

"I chose Loras College because I was looking for a school with a good Science program and a team I thought I would fit well with. Loras has both," Emma said. "Additionally, when I went to visit, it felt like that's where I was supposed to be."

"I hope to become a pediatric oncologist," she said.

Loras has a very strong Science program with a high number of pre-med students being accepted to medical school following undergraduate, Emma added.

"The Swim Coach at Loras, as well as my future teammates that I have already met, are amazing. They made me feel right at home when I visited. These factors together made it really easy for me to decide where I was going," she said. "I am very excited to see where the next four years with them are going to take my swimming career."

2022 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedule

Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)

Thurs. Feb. 3	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV & JV2)	Away	5:45 pm
Thurs. Feb. 3	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm
Sat. Feb. 5	Crandon (JV)	Away	3:15 pm
Sat. Feb. 5	Crandon (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm

Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)

Fri. Feb. 4	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Fri. Feb. 4	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm

Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)

Thurs. Feb. 3	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 8	Shawano Community (Varsity)	Crawford	7:00 pm

Ice Hockey Girls (Varsity & JV)

Thurs. Feb. 3	Chippewa Falls (JV)	Marathon	5:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 3	Chippewa Falls (Varsity)	Marathon	7:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 8	Hayward Community (Varsity)	Hayward	6:00 pm

Wrestling Boys (Varsity & JV)

Sat. Feb. 5	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Away	10:00 am
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Emma Pajtach, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Emma started swimming competitively in the fourth grade and has been swimming for nine years. She has been a member of the Merrill Bluejay Varsity Swim Team since she was a Freshman. She also swims for the Rhineland Swim Club.

At school, Emma is involved in Marching Band, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, The NEST, Junior Optimist Club, Raise Your Voice, and Student Council. She also volunteers through her church and works as a lifeguard at the MAPS pool. She enjoys reading, listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with her family and friends.

The daughter of Seth Pajtach and Stephannie Pajtach, both of Merrill, Emma has a 3.9 GPA and will attend Loras College after high school graduation, where she will major in biology and plans to swim at the college level.



Emma Pajtach

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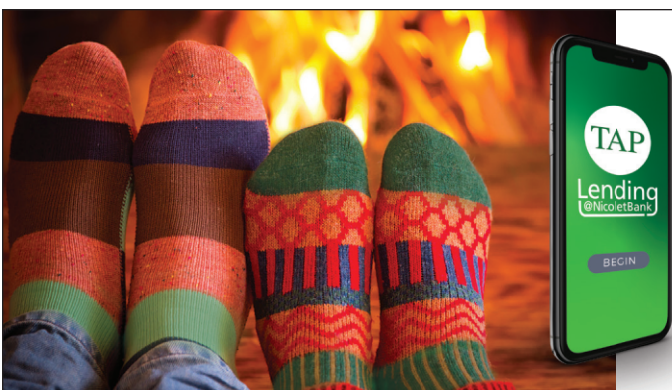


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Merrill Basketball Hall of Fame Night is Feb. 4

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The Merrill Basketball Program will hold their inaugural Hall of Fame Night this Friday, Feb. 4, in the Merrill High School Field House. The Boys JV and JV2 games will start at 5:45 p.m., with Boys Varsity Basketball to follow at 7:15. At halftime during the Boys Varsity game, the inaugural class of inductees will be welcomed and celebrated. "This will be a special night as we celebrate six very deserving former Boys and Girls Basketball legends," Merrill Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach Troy Pieper said. "The Hall of Fame Class of 2021 includes: From the Boys program, Jim Langenkamp, Paul Jespersion, and Coach Don Kerr; from the Girls program, Janet (Fruend) Wardall, Lisa (Bonnell) Handlin, and Coach Bob Yuska.



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Kottke is November Youth Optimist at MHS

Danyelle Kottke has been chosen as the Youth Optimist for the month of November at Merrill High School. Danyelle was nominated by Ms. Holly Hartwig, who states: "Danyelle is one of the hardest working people I know. Not only is she involved in many different organizations, but she is also taking many AP and college courses her Senior year and working a part-time job. Danyelle's work ethic and personality shine through everything she is involved in, and she makes a positive impact on the others around her. She is consistently trying to help others around her better themselves, as well as working on becoming better for herself. Danyelle is a natural leader in and out of the classroom, and I think she will thrive in her future endeavors."

Ms. Hartwig goes on to say: "I love working with Danyelle through our activities in 4-H. She is the girl who will be the first to volunteer to help out with our different activities and perform these tasks with a smile on her face. She has become an excellent role model to our younger members showing pigs, helping many of our first-year showers before they enter the show ring. This year, Danyelle was a huge help to me during the fair (our big event for 4-H).



Kottke

She would ask me many times throughout to help the judge during the carcass contest, in which she recorded data as the judge was measuring, and created the results (this is a big job to do alone, and Danyelle easily was able to conquer this task by herself)."

During her high school years, Danyelle has been active with Math League, Dance (Varsity Letter), Soccer, National Honor Society, Jr. Optimist, Merrill FFA, Link Crew, Raise Your Voice, and Student Council.

Outside of school, Danyelle has volunteered for 4-H, Sunday School Teacher, Summer Soccer Coach, Make a Difference Day, and Special Olympics Track Meet.

After graduation, Danyelle plans to attend UW-LaCrosse to become a physician assistant. She is the daughter of Ryan and Chad Kottke.

Merrill grapples DCE on Senior Night; Whitnall Tournament

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EDITOR

Merrill Senior Night

On Thursday, Jan. 20, the Merrill Bluejay Wrestling Team took on DC Everest (DCE) for Senior Night. "It was an exciting dual and we had our chances to win the dual," said Merrill Head Varsity Wrestling Coach Brian Suchocki. "Even though we fell 39-38, we competed very well."

"Our experienced wrestlers are leading the way, and our younger wrestlers are doing their part. This team is often shorthanded and dealing with a lot of adversity," he said. "We will continue working through any setbacks."

"It was awesome to see many of our Seniors picking up wins on Seniors Night. Wyatt Bathke and Kieran Hehling earned pins, and Dominic Roper picked up a forfeit."

"Wyatt battled back and forth until he finally put his opponent to his back," Suchocki said.

"Kieran had one of the more exciting matches. I like how he competes, and it was awesome for him to get the pin on Senior Night."

"Ryder Depies and Callum Wheeler both pinned their opponents," he added, "while Austin Depies and Brian Ball earned major decisions."



Owen Cordova's family and friends came out for Senior Night and a dual against DCE. Some of the fans also wore red in memory of Owen. Submitted photos.

"On top of Senior Night, the team and fans wore red to support the memory of their teammate, Owen Cordova. Owen was a great teammate, and he is dearly missed," Suchocki said. "He would be proud of his teammates' efforts."

Whitnall Wrestling Tournament

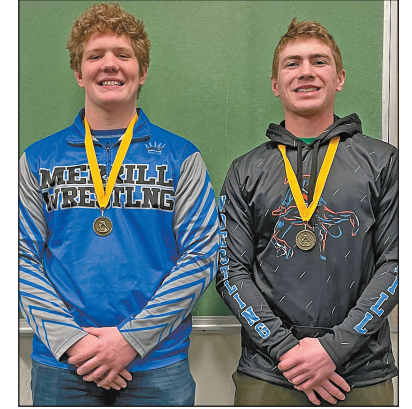
The Merrill Varsity Wrestlers competed in the Whitnall Wrestling tournament on Saturday, Jan. 22.

"The wrestling team had another solid showing at Whitnall, going 3-2 on the day," Suchocki said. "The team wrestled well, even though we were more shorthanded than we were against DCE."

"Going 5-0 on the day were Brian Ball and Ryder Depies. Ryder is doing a great job in practice and now in competition coming back from injury. Ryder looked sharp and ex-

ecuted well at the tournament. It's good to have him back," he said. "Brian put together another good performance. As the year goes on, he continues to improve."

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L to R: Ryder Depies and Brian Ball both went 5-0 at the Whitnall Wrestling Tournament.

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“Wyatt Bathke had a solid day going 4-1. Wyatt is always battling, and it’s fun to watch,” Suchocki added.

“The team overall competed well,” he

said.

Whitnall dual pairing results:

Match #1 Championship Bracket Stoughton defeated Merrill 69-12. Ryder Depies and Brian Ball won their matches.

Match #2 Consolation Bracket Whitnall/Greendale defeated Merrill 47-36. Kieran Hehling, Austin Depies, Brian Ball, Dominic Roper, Wyatt Bathke, and Ryder Depies won their matches.

Match #3 Consolation Bracket Merrill defeated Waunakee 42-30. Jon Hart, Brian Ball, Dominic Roper, and Wyatt Bathke all picked up forfeits; Callum Wheeler won with a fall at 0:42, Austin Depies won with a fall at 1:45, and Ryder Depies won with a fall at 2:20.

Match #4 Consolation Bracket Merrill

defeated Delavan-Darien 31-30. Brady Norton, Callum Wheeler, and Brian Ball all picked up forfeits; Wyatt Bathke won with a fall at 0:54 and Ryder Depies won with a fall at 0:53. Merrill’s team score was adjusted by 1.0 for tie breaker

Match #5 Consolation Bracket Merrill defeated Green Bay Preble 48-18. Jon Hart, Callum Wheeler, Brian Ball, and Kieran Heling all picked up forfeits; Brady Norton won with a fall at 0:55, Austin Depies won with a fall at 0:45; Wyatt Bathke won with a fall at 0:45, and Ryder Depies won with a fall at 1:25.



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OPEN POSITIONS

GENERAL LABOR

- Safely operate or assist in the operation of manufacturing machinery, material handling equipment and general plant operations.
- Complete quality checks as required.
- Report irregularities, maintenance needs, and quality issues to supervision.
- Any other duties assigned by supervision.

*This full-time position offers a competitive wage and comprehensive benefit package that includes medical, dental, life insurance, AD&D, pension and 401(k) plan.

PRODUCT SAFETY & QUALITY MANAGER

- Lead internal, external 3rd party, and customer audit situations
- Conduct Root Cause Analysis events – implement – follow up for effectiveness
- Lead in CIP's (Continuous Improvement Process) including corrective and preventive actions
- Verify all procedures and forms are within the standard
- Respond to customer complaints and inquiries to meet deadlines
- Assess quality needs and conduct employee training
- Complete vendor reviews
- Issue quality reports on a weekly, monthly and annual basis or as needed

*In addition to a competitive wage, the selected candidate will enjoy a comprehensive benefit package including medical, dental, prescription drug, life insurance, AD&D, LTD, and 401(k).

