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Nurse celebrates 50 years with Merrill Hospital

One Aspirus nurse recently celebrated working half of a century in the same facility. Though the name of the hospital has changed, from Holy Cross Hospital to Good Samaritan, to Ascension Good Samaritan, and now to Aspirus Merrill Hospital, one employee has remained a constant: Holly Rauhen.



Holly Rauhen has worked at the hospital in Merrill for 50 years.
Submitted photo.

Holly started working at the hospital in Merrill back in 1972 as a "blue girl," today known as Environmental Services Staff (EVS).

She worked on her education while in EVS and became a nurse in 1981. She said she stayed in Merrill

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Two Merrill men avoided injury following a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of County Rd. W and Center Rd. in the Town of Pine River Monday afternoon. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene, and the intersection was blocked for over three hours until the scene was cleared, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.
Submitted photo.

Wisconsin requires photo ID to vote

Learn what you need and where to get it

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

To vote in the upcoming Wisconsin Primary Election on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, and the upcoming Spring Election on Tuesday, Apr. 5, 2022, will require a photo ID. The Wisconsin Elections Commission wants residents to know there is no separate "voter ID" and that a federally-compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes in Wisconsin. Residents can use an existing form of photo ID to prove their identity before voting.

Acceptable photo ID

- Wisconsin driver's license. The most commonly used form of identification for voting purposes is a Wisconsin driver's license [issued by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)]. Your Wisconsin driver's license, with or without a star in the right-hand corner, includes your photo and is the easiest form of photo ID to show at the polling place for most residents. Voters can still use their Wisconsin driver's license for photo ID even if their driving privileges have been suspended or revoked.

- Wisconsin DOT-issued photo ID card. The next most common form of identification used for voting purposes in Wisconsin is a Wisconsin DOT-issued identifica-

tion card, with or without a star in the right-hand corner, which is also an acceptable photo ID.

Voters may also show a Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service or their U.S. passport.

On all of these items, the expiration date may be unexpired or expired, as long as that expiration date is after the date of the most recent general election [at this time, the Nov. 3, 2020, election].

Other acceptable photo ID

- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin is also an acceptable photo ID for voting purposes and may be used even if it expired before the most recent general election [Nov. 3, 2020].

- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after the date of issuance is also an acceptable photo ID for voting and may also be used even if expired before the most recent general election, except that if it is expired, the student must also bring in a separate document that proves current enrollment in the university or college.

- A current, unexpired veteran's photo identification card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs is acceptable for voting purposes.

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an elec-

tion at which it is presented is also acceptable for voting purposes in Wisconsin.

About that photo

Voters don't need to get a new photo ID every time they get a new haircut or if they've aged a bit.

The photo on your ID should look like you, of course, but even if you've lost weight, shaved your beard, or colored your hair, as long as a poll worker looking at your photo ID can identify that it's you, it will work.

You should also know that, for voting purposes, the address on your photo ID doesn't need to be current, and the name on the ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name as it is shown in the local polling book. For instance, if your name is Susan, but it is shown as Sue on your driver's license and listed as Susan in the polling book, that is still acceptable. Common name abbreviations, such as Bob instead of Robert, Bill instead of William, and Jim instead of James, and similar abbreviations, are all acceptable.

Getting a new photo ID

For voters obtaining their first photo ID, the Wisconsin DMV can help. Go to: wisconsinidmv.gov/id-cards. The site explains what documents are necessary to bring to the DMV and how to make an appointment to get a new photo ID.

Certain documents, such as a birth certificate and proof of identity and Wisconsin residency, are necessary to obtain an official

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Feb. 15 Primary Election

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, residents in Lincoln County District 12 will vote to decide which two of the three candidates who filed papers to run for County Supervisor will move on to the Spring General Election and be included on the Tuesday, April 5, 2022, ballot for District 12.

Incumbent Paul Gilk will face challengers Julie DePasse and Jon Weiler.

The two candidates

with the highest number of votes will go on to compete in the Spring General Election.

Paul Gilk (Incumbent)

Age: 75

Family: Wife Susanna, children Tobias, Hannah, and Woody

Employer/position: Author, musician

Past or present elected offices held, dates served: Town of Harding Supervisor, Lincoln County Supervisor

Membership in reli-

gious, service, fraternal, etc., clubs or organizations, and offices held, dates served: --

Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek: Some of what I'll say was spelled out in greater detail in my Foto News letter of Jan. 27, specifically my involvement as a Supervisor with Pine Crest, North Central Health Care, HAVEN and Social Services, T. B. Scott Library, and various countywide referenda. There were accomplishments in all those areas.

But there were (and are) hard fiscal limitations. The tax levy limit is the big one. Right after that is the refusal of the state legislature to index the gas tax. The results of levy limit and frozen gas tax butt up against County employee wage increases (including health insurance costs), the general rise in expenses across the board, and a Highway Department that's pleaded for what's called the wheel tax as a way to plug part of its budgetary hole--and fill potholes, grade gravel, and plow snow.

I doubt if we've done more with less, but we've tried (and so far succeeded) to keep the wheels from falling off.

Two projects I'm working on (and there are oth-



Gilk



DePasse



Weiler

ers, like carbon credits related to the County forest) are historical murals on interior Service Center walls and a housing "summit" exploring low-income housing needs in the county. (The "summit" is scheduled for March 16, 9-3, in the Service Center.) It frankly takes a lot of patience and persistence to be a County Supervisor. Hotheads get nothing useful done and tend to slow everything to a crawl. At 75, I believe I've outgrown my hothead phase and am more into attentiveness and patience and persistence. I don't think I'll want to be on the County Board all that much longer, but another term or two seems right.

Julie DePasse

Age: 57

Family: Husband - Tom DePasse, daughter and son-in-law - Thea and Keith Osborne and grandson Duane Osborne (he is gorgeous), son and daughter-in-law - Dex and

Megan DePasse who are foster parents, but I don't get to share the names of these grandkids (they are beautiful too).

Employment/position: CEO of a small, not-for-profit, government insurance pool that covers (insures) public housing authorities.

Past or present elected offices held, dates served: I have never held public office.

Membership in religious, service, fraternal, etc., clubs or organizations, and offices held, dates served: My husband and I are long-time members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Corning and I have served in many capacities throughout the years. Right now I am the Financial Secretary for the church.

Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek: Lincoln County debt had increased \$7.5 M in five years; as of the

end of 2020, our liabilities totaled almost \$33 M. The debt burden for Lincoln County tax payers is increasing at an average rate of \$1.5 M per year despite property tax rates that are among the highest in the nation and a newly-extended wheel tax. This is unsustainable and I think we can do better.

I graduated from Merrill in 1982, and met my husband a few years later while stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. We returned to the Merrill area in 1998 and have been here ever since. We live in the southern part of the district, in the town of Corning, and have two wonderful kids, both married, and a beautiful grandson.

I have worked in accounting and finance for over 30 years and manage a small insurance company that was nearly insolvent when I took over, 15 years ago, and is now financially stable and flourishing. We can do the same for Lincoln County.

Governments, at every level, have increased debt dramatically. It is time they learned to live within their means, like the families and businesses in Lincoln County. When our taxes increase, families decide what they can do without. Not so with government, they decide how much debt and taxes will increase to finance their spending goals.

We need to decide what services we can and cannot provide without raising taxes or borrowing more money. We need to look for ways to increase efficiency in the services we cannot do without, like law enforcement and highway maintenance, and we need to establish policies that encourage private investment, development and growth in our County. This will increase revenue without increasing taxes.

Our County government should be informative and transparent. Understandable, timely information should be available to citizens and County Supervisors alike. Discussion and debate should be encouraged at County meetings so the Board and tax payers can make informed decisions. In my opinion, we could improve the way material is distributed and make more education and data available to the public.

If elected, I will vote
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for reductions in spending, so we can balance our budget. I will not vote to increase property taxes or extend the wheel tax. I will seek information, ask questions, and encourage debate. Finally, I will work with other Supervisors to adopt policies that will increase opportunity for the hard-working people in Lincoln County.

If you love Lincoln County as much as I do and think we can do better, I need your vote. The District 12 Primary is Feb. 15 and the Spring Election is April 5. Let's take back Lincoln County!

Name: Jon Weiler
Age: 54

Family: Spouse Sabrina, three adult children, and one granddaughter

Employment/position: Substitute teacher, government contractor US Army Reserve, former Executive Director of a Veterans non-profit, US Army Retired 2017.

Past or present elected offices held, dates served: No prior experience as an elected official.

Membership in religious, service, fraternal, etc., clubs or organizations, and offices held, dates served: Life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, member of National Rifle Association (NRA), served as the President of Peyton Panthers Booster Club from 2010 -2015 in Peyton, Col.

Why have you chosen

to run for the office you seek: My family and I relocated to Lincoln County in 2016 just prior to retiring from the US Army. During nearly 28 years of service as an Army officer, I served in a variety of roles, including several tours in the Middle East. Since retiring, I have served as the Executive Director of a Veterans non-profit, a substitute teacher, and a government contractor.

My beautiful wife, Sabrina, and I have been married for nearly 32 years. We believe in strong Christian and family values, which we have passed on to our three adult children and one granddaughter, all of whom reside in Lincoln County.

I am running for

District 12 County Board Supervisor because I believe that our elected officials MUST be held accountable, be accessible, and do what is best for the citizens of Lincoln County. This is not happening in District 12 nor Lincoln County as a whole, and change is needed. Our goal must be to positively effect and impact Lincoln County and Central Wisconsin, so our families will be proud to call our County "home" well into the future.

Not being accessible, accountable, nor transparent with the taxpayers of Lincoln County are some of the key complaints I hear from many individuals within District 12 about the current Lincoln County Board

Supervisors. The residents of Lincoln County and District 12 deserve better. When elected, I will utilize my extensive experience as a proven and trusted leader to encourage transparency and communication with taxpayers, the business community, and all levels of local services to achieve a collaborated vision.

As District 12 County Board Supervisor, I will help to ensure that Lincoln County will be the best place to live, work, and raise a family by honoring its past, while fostering and enhancing the quality of life for current and future residents.

We all have an opportunity to change the direction Lincoln County is going in 2022. We can and will create a better future for our children and grandchildren. That opportunity comes in the form of voting at every level. The next opportunity to vote

will be Tuesday, Feb. 15. I am asking for your vote.

If you would like to contact me, please email me at weilerforsupervisor@gmail.com or check out my website at https://sites.google.com/view/weilerforcountyboard/home

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Gary M. Drury, 605 Eagle Nest Blvd., Rothschild, passed on to be with his Lord Jesus on February 6, 2022.

Gary was born June 26, 1936, in Tomahawk, son of the late Harvey Drury and Kathleen (Provost) Drury. He married his beloved wife of over 50 years, Dorothy Thornton, on September 14, 1963.

Gary's career focused on education which was obtained from St. Francis Xavier School, Merrill, Merrill High School and post high school education from UW-Whitewater, UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Superior, WI. He began his teaching career in a one-room school (Washington Heights- Marathon County) moving on to Greendale School- Lincoln County the following year after which he entered the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged with a Good Conduct Medal on April 25, 1961. Gary resumed his teaching career the following fall at St. Robert Bellarmine School in Merrill. In the fall of 1970, he moved into administration by becoming the Principal of St. Robert Bellarmine School. In the fall of 1977, Gary was instrumental in establishing Merrill Catholic Schools, which included the newly formed St. Francis Xavier Middle School (Grades 6-8) as well as St. Robert Bellarmine Elementary School (Grades 1-5). Gary was the administrator of Merrill Catholic Schools (MCS) from 1977-1988 and again from 1990-1996 when he retired from his teaching/administration career.

Gary is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his sons, Michael Harvey (Sheila Leander) Merrill, WI, and James Steven (Danelle Davidowski) Ringle, WI; his daughters Lisa Marie (Cliff Cieslewicz) Wrightstown, WI, and Teresa Ann (Patric Knospe) Merrill, WI; daughter-in-law Linda Drury of Paris, KY; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, David Alan; sister, Mary Lou; and stepbrother, Robert.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials in Gary's memory to Marshfield Clinic Health System Foundation, Cattails Cottage, 1000 N. Oak Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449. To share memories and condolences with Gary's family, please visit www.brainardfuneral.com



Dan Mecikalski, age 62 of Barnes and formerly of Merrill Wisconsin passed away on Friday, November 26, 2021 at Meriter Hospital in Madison.

Dan was born on June 8, 1959 to the late Felix "Mike" and Charlotte Mecikalski. He married Barbara Toschner, they had two beautiful children together and remained close friends throughout the years.

Dan worked at several factories, drove semi, was the parts manager at Schultz's Wrecking, and was the manager of Dave's Club 107 prior to his disability.

Dan enjoyed hunting, fishing, four wheeling, participating in demolition derbies and watching his son Timmer in demolition derbies. He also enjoyed watching all sports, but mostly the Packers, Brewers, and racing. Dan loved spending time with his family and friends and enjoyed a good game of cribbage.

Survivors include his three children, Nathan Toschner, Wausau and his girlfriend Stacy, Holly Mecikalski, Wausau and her boyfriend Mike; and Timothy Mecikalski, Stratford and his girlfriend Mikaela. Four Grandchildren, Taylor Brandt, Beaver Dam; Jada DeAngelis, Wausau; Jarvis Cobbs, Wausau; and Keyshon Ivey, Wausau. Four Great Grandchildren, Ly'nyah Lacy, Lynell Lacy, Aubriella Lacy, and Arielle Lacy, all of Beaver Dam. Sisters, Sandy (Bill) Grunewald, Sun Prairie; Cindy (Lewey) Hackbart, Merrill; and Brother, Mark (Lori) Mecikalski, Pontiac Il. Neices's Shelby (Carson) Grunewald-Heimerl, Jessica Grunewald, Kimberly Mecikalski, Brad Hackbart, Justin Hackbart, and Kevin Mecikalski.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mike and Charlotte Mecikalski; Brother, David Mecikalski; Granddaughter, Brianna DeAngelis, and Great Grandbaby Nikko.

A celebration of life will be held at Overboard Bar and Grill in Merrill on June 4th. Online condolences can be made at Gundersonfh.com



Donna Mae Thompson, age 73, of Merrill, Wisconsin entered her Eternal Home on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was born on April 30, 1948, in Merrill, Wisconsin to Herman Jacob and Viola Erna Emma (Gruling) Mohrland.

Donna married Rodger "Rod" William Thompson on September 19, 1970, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, Wisconsin. They would have celebrated 52 years of marriage in September. Donna went

through and was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran School and remained a very active and a lifelong member of the Church. After graduating Merrill High School in 1966, she worked as an insurance professional for 40 years, mostly at Wausau Insurance.

Donna lived her life leading by example of service. Her greatest joy was helping others: her husband, her family, and her community. Almost everything she did was helping others; from her youth in 4H, as a Dairy Princess, or in FFA. As a mother, volunteering as a Cub Scout den mother; a Girl Scout leader, and helping at Trinity School. Her service continued in the Dorcas Society and helping Trinity School achieves its accreditation.

After retirement, she would regularly fill-in as the secretary for Trinity Church. She continued to volunteer reading stories to young students at school, serving on the Church Council, helping with Vacation Bible School, the South Blue Lake Association where the family cottage was located, and as a poll worker. She never stopped looking for ways to help others.

Donna loved flowers, birds and being outside. She especially enjoyed the regular trips she and Rod would make to the Upper Peninsula. She loved sewing, cooking, baking, and canning with her grandchildren. She was known for her pickles! Donna grew up on a farm and was a lifelong participant of 4H Fair, winning many ribbons throughout her life for her sewing or canning entries.

Donna is survived by her husband Rodger "Rod" Thompson, children; Jeremy (Jan) Thompson of Merrill, WI, Nikki Thompson of Tomahawk, WI, and Andy (Holly Peterson) Thompson of Merrill, WI, grandchildren; Caleb Thompson, Abigail Thompson, and Eleanor Thompson all of Merrill, WI, brothers; Gene (Pam) Mohrland of Merrill, WI, Terry (Robin) Mohrland of Leesburg, FL, half-brother; Richard Mohrland and step mother Joan Mohrland of Janesville, WI, sisters-in-law; Joyce Mohrland of Allegan, MI, Virginia Dorcey of Wausau, WI, Joann Thompson of Ft. Myers, FL and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Villas Mohrland, brothers-in-law, Terry Thompson and Tom Thompson, and sister-in-law Jane Allen.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022, at 11:00 am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, WI. Visitation will be held that same day from 9:00 am until the time of service, also at the church.

Donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln County Humane Society, and/or Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in memory of Donna Thompson.

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.



Patricia Jean (Weix) McCarron, age 86, of Merrill, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 31, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 14, 1935, to the late Emil A. and Kathleen L. (O'Malley) Weix in Medford, WI. Patricia attended and graduated from Medford High School.

Patricia was employed as the office manager with Stokely USA canning company in Merrill for many years, until her retirement. Family was a priority in Patricia's life. She enjoyed picnics with her family, traveling around the U.S. for family vacations and hosting family holiday gatherings. Patricia was fond of working on puzzles, playing cards, and reading. She will be fondly remembered for her sense of humor and contagious laugh. Patricia was a member at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Merrill. She will be sadly missed.

Patricia is survived by her children: Mary (David) Riebe of Janesville, WI, Margaret (Billy) Riebe of West Allis, WI, Michael McCarron of Minneapolis, MN, and Barbara Woller of Merrill, 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, brother: Mark (Betty) Weix, sister-in-law: Sally Weix-Wiley and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil A. and Kathleen Weix, her brother: Emil Joe Weix, her sister and brother-in-law: Mary Ann (John) Ritchay and her great grandson: Conner Gregor.

A funeral liturgy for Patricia will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022, at 8pm at Waid Funeral Home. Father Maria Vallabhaneni will officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022, from 6pm until the time of the liturgy, also at the funeral home. Interment at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery will take place 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.



Ronald G. Crass, age 82, of Tomahawk, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 31, 2022 at Marshfield Hospital.

Ron was born on July 20, 1939 in Tomahawk to Arthur and Veronica (Young) Crass. He was married on February 20, 1965 to Jeanie Beutner in Tomahawk. In 1965, the family moved to Schofield. Ron worked at Haupt Contract Carriers. They purchased and operated G&R Transport, Inc. for 25 years. In 1996, Ron retired and he and Jeanie moved back home to Tomahawk.

There wasn't a day that went by that they didn't say how thankful they were to have moved back home.

Ron is survived by his wife of nearly 57 years - Jeanie Crass of Tomahawk and children - Dawn Crass, Kay (Rod) Berg, Kris Leggett & John (Carrie) Crass all of Tomahawk. He is further survived by six grandchildren - Alison Leggett, Annie (Ole) Hanson, Bradley (Allison) Jarvensivu, Cole Leggett, Bethany Berg & Meagan Berg; two sisters - Sherry Thompson & Carol Jarvensivu; his in-laws - Bernie Beutner, George (Loretta) Beutner, Marge Crass & Joe Beutner; sister-in-law - Georgeanne Crass; and brother-in-law - Cliff Stieber. Ron is preceded in death by his parents; his sister-Sandra Stieber; and brothers - Barry (Nancy) Young, Ken Crass & Arthur (Marge) Crass Jr.

Ron never stopped "working". He enjoyed his garden, raising chickens and turkeys, farming, logging, woodworking, beekeeping, making maple syrup, hunting and time spent with the gang at the hunting shack. His biggest enjoyment and pride were his four children and his six grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial for Ron Crass will take place at 11:00AM on Monday, February 7, 2022 at St. Mary Catholic Church. Rev. John C. Anderson will officiate. Visitation will take place from 4:00PM until 7:00PM on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at Krueger Family Funeral Home. The rosary will be prayed at 7:00PM. Visitation will continue on Monday from 10:00AM until the time of Mass at 11:00AM. Burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in the springtime.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to Tomahawk Special Olympics.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at the Marshfield Hospital, Marshfield, WI for the loving care they provided for our entire family.

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



Judith (Judy) Karen Duranceau, 78 of Merrill died with peace in the Lord on January 31, 2022. She was born to the late Alvin and Vera Schultz on March 21, 1943. She married the love of her life Roger Duranceau on January 14, 1960, building their lives in the Wausau and Merrill area. Together they have four sons: Ronald (Patti Saltman) Duranceau, Wausau, Robert (Michele) Duranceau, Merrill, Randy (Becky) Duranceau, Baraboo, Rick Duranceau, Washington, one daughter, Debra Wickersham, Washington, one brother Wayne Schultz, WI, 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Roger who passed away on January 23, 2015, and her loving parents.

A large part of Judy's life was being a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader for over 25 years. She was also part of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She enjoyed many crafts such as cross stitch, painting and sewing. Spending time with her friends and neighbors was important to her along with an occasional trip to the casino. Judy was also an avid owl collector.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be sent directly to the family at 1407 E. 7th Street, Merrill, WI 54452.

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

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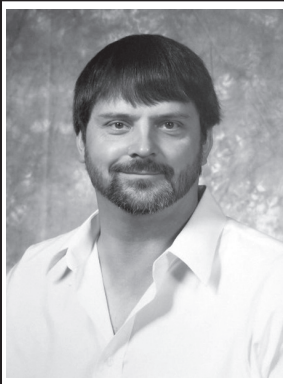
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OBITUARIES



Brian Clark Jaeger, age 59, of Gleason, Wisconsin, passed away on January 24, 2022, at St. Mary's Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He was born on October 2, 1962, in the Town of Hewitt, Wisconsin to Ronald Jaeger and DeJon (Kundo) LaMountain.

Brian was very close with his grandfather Wilbert (Bernice) Jaeger and his grandmother Hazel (Kluckman) Jersey. He worked at Brokaw Paper Mill for 30 years. When the mill closed, he went to NTC for

CNC Tooling and graduated at the top of his class. After he joined Greenheck Fan Corp., he volunteered to be one of their EMR's. Most recently, he worked as a youth counselor for the division of juvenile corrections at Lincoln Hills School. His personal mission of helping the youth led to his earning an employee recognition award. His passion to help others also led to his 15 plus years of service as a Lion. The Lions counted on Brian to fill any need regardless of how unpopular or unattractive it may have been. He was also an avid supporter of the Wisconsin Lions Camp for Kids.

Brian loved his Church, Wildwood Chapel, and held several offices and served as a Lay Servant for the Church. He also volunteered at the Merrill Enrichment Center because he appreciated how it brought the community together.

Brian enjoyed his weekly card games with his dad and step-mom. He loved to play Mexican Train with his daughter's family and loved to play chess with his sons and grandsons. Brian and Cynthia regularly enjoyed playing a variety of games with other family and friends. Additionally, he loved to try new foods and create his own recipes. Brian was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, and camping with his family and friends. He was an animal lover, and we expect that he is excited to be reunited with his cat, Mufasa and his dog, Angelo.

Brian is survived by partner Cynthia Brooks-Kotila, children; Steven (Cara) Jaeger, Rachel (Josh) Zwicky, Peter Achterberg, and Isaac Kotila, grandchildren; Evan Zwicky, Oliver Zwicky, Lilliana VessAchterberg, and Aspen Rayne Achterberg, father; Ron (Rose) Jaeger, siblings; Kevin (Tara) Jaeger, Bruce (Heidi) Jaeger, Kraig (RaDell) Jaeger, James Jaeger, Jamie (Daniel) Lemke, Peggy (Joan) Jaeger, Paul (Holly) Jaeger, and Josh (Christina) Jaeger, step-siblings; Jerry (Jessie) Duginski, Jason (Shannon) Duginski, Linda (Greg) Duginski, Dawn (Allen) Lemke, and Joey Gleason, dogs; Lilliana, and Eddie Bleu, cats; Clay and Taz.

He was preceded in death by his mother, DeJon LaMountain, stepmother, Mary Ann (Gleason) Jaeger, step-brother, Leon Duginski, Sr., and best friend, Ron McFadden.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 11:30 am at Christ United Methodist Church, 300 N. Mill St., Merrill, WI 54452. A visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of service also at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wisconsin Lions Camp, 3834 County Road A, Rosholt, WI 54473 in memory of Lion Brian Jaeger.

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.



Elvera E. Detert, 89, of Merrill, passed away on Saturday, February 5, 2022. She lived a full life, believed in Jesus as her Lord and Savior and passed away peacefully from this world, surrounded by her family, in her home, as she wished.

Elvera was born on January 17, 1933, in the Town of Pine River, daughter of the late Paul and Elsie (Jaeger) Kufahl. She was raised on her parent's farm and was confirmed at St. James Lutheran Church on March 30, 1947. Elvera married Bernhard Detert Jr. on February 19, 1955 in the Town of Pine River. He preceded her in death on October 4, 1999.

Elvera is survived by her children, Thomas (Terri) Detert of Sonora, California, Cindy (Francis) Stieber of Mosinee, David R. (Terri) Detert of Gleason, Randal (Jane) Detert of Merrill, and Russell Detert of Merrill; daughter-in-law, Shelley Detert of Hamburg; sixteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Marilyn 'Mert' Kufahl. Elvera was preceded in death by her husband, Bernhard Detert Jr.; parents, Paul and Elsie Kufahl; son, Alan Detert; and siblings, Vernon Kufahl, Melvin Kufahl, Kenneth Kufahl, Lorraine Kraft, and Milno Kufahl.

In this life, Elvera was an active member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, serving in various ways. She enjoyed fishing on warm summer days. Planning and planting flower beds and potted arrangements filled her spring and summer seasons. As days grew cold, she brought many inside to be enjoyed throughout the winter. Elvera's bird feeders, strategically placed outside her large picture window were always full of both feathered and furry visitors! Her home was always open to company, any opportunity to be with her family was important to her. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were especially delightful times.

The funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 11, 2022, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Merrill. The Rev. Patricia Schutz will officiate. Burial will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. Friday at the church. The Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill is assisting the family.

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



Kenneth Edward Bloch, age 88, of the Town of Hamburg, Wisconsin, passed away on February 3, 2022, in Merrill, Wisconsin. He was born on March 10, 1933, to Edward and Esther (Krenz) Blochin the Town of Hamburg, Wisconsin.

He served in the US Army from 1955 to 1963. He served in Korea and received a Medal of Good Conduct and the Marksmanship Medal.

On August 24, 1957, at St. Paul's in the Town of Hamburg, Kenneth married Deloris Zocher. They travelled together to world's fair, Europe, and Alaska.

Kenneth worked in the cheese factory, drove milk and gravel trucks, and was a dairy farmer. He enjoyed hunting with Kermit and nephews in Wyoming. Deer, fox, bird, raccoon, and rabbit hunting were also an activity he enjoyed since he was 16 years old. Kenneth loved wood working and made many things for the grandchildren and great grandchildren. He raised and trained horses for logging and pulling wagons and sleighs.

"Chat More" was his nickname because he loved telling stories and talking with others in German.

He served on the Athens Coop Board of Directors, was a 4H Dairy Leader, and various other agricultural boards. He held numerous church offices. Kenneth was also a lifetime member of the VFW.

Kenneth is survived by his children; Kathleen (Frank) Weitzel of Raytown, MO, Sherry (John) Kudick of Merrill, WI, Russell (Joyce) Bloch of Hamburg, WI, and Mary (Marty) Soshovske of Gleason, WI, grandchildren; Kristine, Andrew, Kenneth, Kari, Katie, Kyle, Ryan, Julia, Rachael, Justin, Benjamin, and Alissa, 21 great grandchildren, sisters-in-law; Lynette Bloch of Marathon, WI, and Phyllis (Harold) Woller of Merrill, WI, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Deloris Bloch, parents, sister Althea Balz, brother, Kermit Bloch and numerous in laws.

Family expresses heartfelt appreciation for the care given by all staff to both Kenneth and Deloris through the years of their stays at Woodland Court.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 11:00 am at St. John's Lutheran Church in the Town of Hamburg, WI. A visitation will be held on Friday, February 11, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home and on Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 9:00 am until the time of service also at the Church. Interment at St. John's Lutheran 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.



William "Bill" Charles Frazier Jr., age 74, of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away on February 2, 2022, in Wausau, Wisconsin. He was born on May 24, 1947, to William Charles Sr. and Evelyn Anna (Forster) Frazier in Merrill, Wisconsin.

In his younger years, Bill shot pool and played slow-pitch. During his later years, he enjoyed bowling and golfing. Bill was a car enthusiast. He had been participating in the Ice Drag races since they began.

He was Crew Chief for "Frazier Racing". He loved ice drags, drag racing and stock car racing. He also loved spending time at his log cabin that he built by hand.

Bill is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sherry (Fowler) Frazier, children; Sandra (Perry) Mattson, John (Melanee Mirek) Frazier, Hali Koebe, and Mindy (Jonathan) Spanier, grandchildren; Jacob, Eric, David, Liberty, Abby, Emma, Aiden, Mallory, and Lainey, sisters; Cherie "Sis" (Ric) Hysing, Patricia "Pat" (Tom) Porath, and Charlene "Augo" (Joe) Hildebrand, and his dog Macy. He is preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 11:00 am at Waid Funeral Home. A visitation was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, from 9:00 am until the time of service also at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank the staff at Benedictine for the excellent care and kindness that they provided while he was a resident there. You guys' rock!"

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.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Lost Worlds

Dear Reader,

What do you look at when you see an old photograph of a girlfriend that you once knew long ago? She has a sweet smile on her face and long curly hair. Her face beams with happiness and the innocence of dreams about to come true.



Ah, to believe in the promises of a youthful romance. But time overtakes us, swallowing our youth and bending our shoulders. We don't notice the gradual stages of growing old, until one day it hits. If only we could recalibrate and relive some of those younger years knowing what we know now.

One thing I'm sure of is that I would choose again that girl with a sweet smile on her face and long curly hair. Happy Valentine's Day.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

Thank you

The family of HAROLD HOPP would like to extend a sincere Thank You to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, visits, flowers and memorials.

Thank You to Rev. Mike Southcombe, organist Darlene Johnson, the pallbearers and Taylor-Stine Funeral Home for all their help.

Thank You to the Merrill Northwoods VFW Post for their help with the luncheon.

A special Thank You to Pinecrest and Comfort Care for their care of Harold, your love and kindness will always be remembered.

God's blessing to all of you.

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Notice of Spring Primary and Sample Ballots February 15, 2022

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Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
show an acceptable form of photo identification*
sign the poll book**

*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which they intend to vote.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark,") to mark a ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils a paper ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Christopher J. Marlowe

Christopher J Marlowe, Lincoln County Clerk

Official Primary Ballot Nonpartisan Office February 15, 2022. Includes sections for General Instructions, County Board Supervisor, School District, and Tomahawk School District.

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Choosing to respond to events with a disciplined response as opposed to a default response takes hard work and a great deal of practice. And during these times, default responses to events seem to be more visible because a disciplined response often-times is actually no response.

responses create an event for others to respond and the cycle continues to repeat itself resulting in outcomes that are anything but positive.

Discipline-driven leadership, culture, and behavior is such a priority in our district that each employee must successfully engage in the Focus 3 Virtual Trainings prior to the start of the school year.

Positive culture and climate is not only critical for MAPS or while operating our motor vehicles on our roads. It benefits us and those around us across all environments and is especially effective in our family/home environments.

For more information, please search the internet for Focus 3 Podcasts. These podcasts feature Tim and Brian Kight and are free of charge for those seeking positive outcomes in their lives.

Thank you, be safe, and please be kind to one another.

Legals 7700

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: February 3, 2022. Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Harold Fay Hopp PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed.

DATE SIGNED: February 4, 2022. Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF John T. Crowley DOD: 03/17/2021 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed.

DATE SIGNED: January 19, 2022. Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar.

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.

Legals 7700

County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office. James Wedemeyer 204 N. Van Rensselaer St.

DATE SIGNED: January 20, 2022. Electronically signed by Hon. Jay R. Tlusty, Circuit Court Judge.

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY NOTICE OF ESTATE Administration Deadlines

ISSUED BY: DATE SIGNED: February 4, 2022. Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. The inventory of the estate assets at the date of death must be filed or exhibited by August 3, 2022.

Legals 7700

estate should be completed by April 2, 2023. 3. If the deadlines cannot be met, the personal representative and attorney, if any, shall petition the court for an extension of the deadlines.

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TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

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Paige Plautz signed her letter of intent to bowl for Division One Calumet College at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes on Jan. 30, 2022. **Submitted photo.**

Plautz joins sister at Division One Calumet

Merrill's Paige Plautz, a Senior at Merrill High School signed her letter of intent to bowl for Division One Calumet College of Indiana on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at Les and Jim's in Merrill.

Paige has created a name for herself in the bowling world. She is the 2021 Pepsi Wisconsin State Champion, the 2021 Youth Masters Champion, a two-time JBST Tournament Champion in 2021, and is currently in first place in

District Nine in the High School Girls Singles and will bowl in the WIAA High School Girls State Singles in March. Paige currently has a 213 average.

Paige had several offers from other schools but chose to bowl with her sister, Piper (who also received an athletic scholarship to Calumet), starting in fall 2022.

Paige is the daughter of Beaver Plautz and Heather Plautz of Merrill.

DPI announces increase in private schools registered for Private School Choice Programs for 2022-23 school year

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction reports an increase in private schools participating in the state's three Private School Choice Programs. On Feb. 1, 2022, the application period opened for parents/guardians to apply for their students for the 2022-23 school year.

The state's three Private School Choice Programs allow eligible students to attend a participating private school in K4 through grade 12. The private school, on

behalf of the student's parent, receives a state aid payment for each eligible student.

In our readership area, the following schools currently participate: St. John Lutheran School in Merrill, St. Mary's Catholic School in Tomahawk, St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School in Athens, Trinity Lutheran School in Merrill, and Trinity Lutheran School in Athens.

MAPS accepts January donations

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the Jan. 26 Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Directors meeting:

Funds from Matthew & Autumn Laabs valued at \$48.00 for the PRMS 7th Grade Mid-Year trip for students in need of assistance; the following donations for PBIS incentives at Prairie River Middle School (PRMS): 13 gift certificates from Ana Blair's valued at \$130.00; gift certificates from Hugo's Pizza valued at \$325.00; 13 gift certificates from Brickner's Park City valued at \$260.00; cash from Kevin Blake, First Weber, valued at \$260.00; a check from Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus valued at \$1,241.59 for funding activities and events or items needed for students with disabilities in the MHS Special Education Department; money from Secret Santa valued at \$2,000.00 for student needs at PRMS; a Christmas tree from Fritz's Mountain valued at \$50.00 for providing a learning experience about tree farms for the children of Pine River School for Young Learners (PRSYL); 6 winter coats from an Anonymous Donor valued at \$150.00 for the PRSYL students in need; clothes from Ron, Lor, Morgan, and Casi McAllister valued at \$150.00 for students in need at PRSYL; books from an Anonymous Donor valued at \$2,425.00 for handing books out at the Christmas Parade; a donation from Jim Kruesel valued at \$1,000.00 for supporting staff and students at Washington Elementary School (WES) during the holiday season; hand sanitizer from Family Dollar valued at \$328.50 for use at WES; and, hats, mittens and socks from Renea & Todd Frederick valued at \$75.00 for students in need at Kate Goodrich Elementary School.

PHOTO ID from page 1

Wisconsin ID card. If all documentation is not readily available, the ID Petition Process can be used to obtain a receipt valid for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained. The voter should bring any documentation available to the DMV and complete the required application. Then a receipt valid for voting purposes will be provided and can be used to show at the polls. A temporary identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT through the Identification Petition Process (IDPP) is valid for 60 days. A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT is valid for 45 days and an identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT is also valid for 45 days.

DMV offers the IDPP and ID card for voting purposes free of charge. Anyone who doesn't have an ID to vote in the Spring Election should start the process now.

Getting a replacement photo ID

The Wisconsin DMV can also help replace a lost ID or driver's license. This can be done online.

To replace a DMV issued ID, go to: wisconsin.gov/dmv/id. To replace a Wisconsin driver's license, go to: [wisconsin.gov/DL-online](http://wisconsin.gov/dmv/DL-online).

Exceptions

A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card or driver license without a photo issued under the religious exemption is also acceptable for voting purposes.

More information

For questions about obtaining an ID to vote, call the DMV's toll-free voter hotline at 844.588.1069. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information, or other election information can be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission: <https://elections.wi.gov/>

RAUEN from page 1

her whole career because of the community at the hospital.

"The patients and staff become like part of your second family," says Rauen. "I love this community, and that's why I've always stayed here."

Holly encourages future nurses to continue with their education. She says getting her bachelor's degree really made a

difference for her.

That education and all her experience has proven invaluable as she continues to help save lives in the Aspirus Merrill Hospital Medical-Surgical Unit.

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Movie Reviews

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Book of Love

(Now streaming on Amazon)
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I have seen so very many films in my life, and *Book of Love* has the distinction of being on my list of the top 10 worst films I have ever seen.

Now streaming on Amazon, *Book of Love* is an exercise is what not to do with a movie.

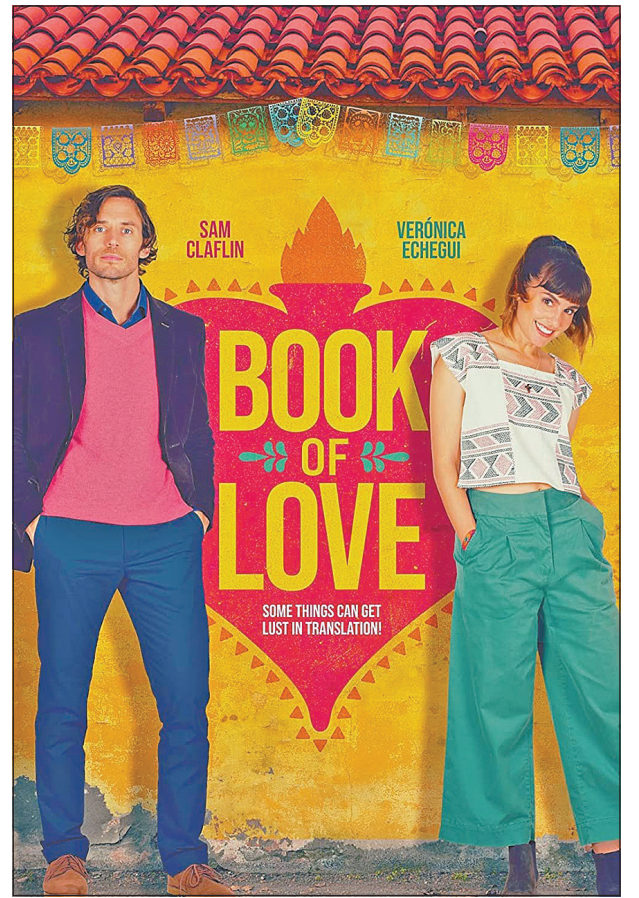
The premise is this: pretentious British guy writes book, book is bad, suddenly book becomes popular in Mexico, writer finds out translator turned stuffy British book into a Harlequin romance, book hijinks ensue.

Lacking a decent script or direction, the filmmaker needed to rely on its cast to save this bomb, and they failed. Sam Claflin (Finnick Odair in the *Hunger Games*) does his best impersonation of that frumpy, creepy uncle that always shows up to family events even though nobody really wants him there and stars alongside a group of actors and actresses nobody has ever heard of, and they show absolutely no chemistry at all. None.

And do you like your movies with a heavy dose of woke nonsense? Well, if you said, yes, then this is the movie for you!

I lost 1 hour and 46 minutes of my life to this movie, time that would have been better spent listening to Mongolian throat singing while I painted my bathroom.

This clunker gets the very first ZERO stars from me. Avoid it at all costs. That's all for this week. I need to go



now and pound hot nails into my eyes in an attempt to drive the visuals of this movie out of my head.

Luther Memorial Church in Gleason sponsoring dinner and gospel music

Valentine's themed event will raise funds for a new sanctuary

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

Luther Memorial Church in Gleason is sponsoring a pork-chicken dinner and a gospel music evening at the Eagles Club, 1205 Lake St., in Merrill on Feb. 19, 2022. The doors will open at 5:30, with dinner at 6:30, and entertainment to follow. Daniel and Catherine Lovett, a well-known Appleton duo, will provide gospel music for the evening.

The event is a part of the congregation's fundraising efforts to help replace the 110-year-old church structure. "This Valentine's event will help promote the building of a new sanctuary - carport addition to



Luther Memorial Church in Gleason is raising funds for a new sanctuary. Proceeds from their Valentine's dinner and gospel music on Feb. 15 will go to their building fund.

Submitted photo.

Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is
Christopher Holz
 Son of Kevin & Angie Holz
 Christopher is in the 8th Grade at Trinity Lutheran School. He was nominated by Jeff Holt.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
 I would have to say Social Studies, World History specifically, because World History talks about the world wars and I'm into that type of history.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
 Recess because I can hang out with my friends.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
 I would like to get into the construction trade.

Christopher epitomizes students at Trinity generally and our National Junior Honor Society specifically. He is consistently seeking opportunities for ways to serve others at school and in our community. He also is a hard working student who is serious about academics. I feel personally blessed to have Christopher in my classroom.

- Mr. Jeff Holt

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the existing fellowship hall," said John Skaar, Luther Memorial Church Trustee. "The plans are complete and final preparations are being made to replace the existing 110-year-old structure."

"Construction is planned for the summer of 2022," he added. "The antique bell and many other keepsakes will be saved and will be part of the new construction."

Tickets are \$65 per couple or \$35 for a single ticket, available in advance. Call Janet at 715.921.2398 or John at 715.574.6875 to purchase advance tickets. Some tickets may be available at the door; they will sell tickets that evening until they are sold out.

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"The Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS) would like to thank Merrill Trinity Lutheran School's 4th Grade Class!" Liz from LCHS said. "Instead of a gift exchange at school, they collected items for the pets at the shelter! Thank you much for thinking of the pets!" Submitted photo.



Left: "To say we have amazing support in our town is an understatement!" Liz from the Lincoln County Humane Society said. "... a huge thank you to Weinbrenner Shoe Company of Merrill! They donated \$800 from a Christmas party they had! To put a cherry on top of this donation, they ended up sponsoring the adoption fees for 4 dogs and 4 cats!" Right: The Lincoln County Humane Society would like to thank Lexi Wagner of Merrill who came in with her family and made a donation for the pets. She had community service for her school (RVA) and picked LCHS to donate to. "Thank you so much for thinking of the pets!" LCHS staff said.

Submitted photos.

"How awesome is this!" said Liz of the Lincoln County Humane Society. "The Lincoln County Humane Society would like to thank Cammie Schielke of Much Kneaded Massage in Merrill! She sold advent calendars and donated the proceeds to LCHS! Thank you so much for thinking of the shelter!"



The Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS) would like to send a big thank you to the Tomahawk Elementary School 5th Graders! "They had a holiday give back event and all the students brought in lots of goodies for the pets and cleaning supplies! Thank you for thinking of LCHS!" said Liz at the Humane Society.



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Merrill Boys Wrestling Team beats Wausau East at dual match

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

On Thursday, Jan. 27, the Merrill Bluejays went to Wausau East to take on the Lumberjacks and brought home a win for the Merrill Varsity Boys Wrestling Team.

"It was a good win for us," Suchocki said.

"Jon Hart did a nice job controlling his opponent and getting the pin in the third period. Callum Wheeler came out and got a pin in the first period and is continuing his success as of late. Austin Depies battled back in the match after being down and pinned his opponent."

"Dominic Roper came up with a big pin in the second period," Suchocki said. "Brian Ball wrestled solid again and won by technical fall. Ryder Depies and Brady

Norton received forfeits."

"Overall it was a good performance for the team," he said. "Going into the end of the season we want to be wrestling our best."

Individual dual stats:

- 120 - Jon Hart won his match by fall at 4:40.
- 126 - Brady Norton took his match by forfeit.
- 138 - Callum Wheeler won his match by fall at 0:35.
- 160 - Austin Depies won his match by fall at 2:35.
- 170 - Brian Ball won his match by technical fall.
- 182 - Dominic Roper won his match by fall at 2:31.
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Box Score:

Merrill 41 @ Wausau East 36

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Merrill Girls grapple at State; two girls place

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, four girls from the Merrill Varsity Wrestling Team competed at the WIAA Girls State Individual Wrestling Tournament at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, Wis.

"The Merrill girls capped off a great season with two of them taking the podium at the State Tournament in LaCrosse," Head High School Wrestling Coach Brian Suchocki said. "This was the first ever WIAA Girls State Tournament, and to have two members of our Merrill Wrestling Team place was awesome."

Assistant Coaches Scott Arneson and Carey Mullenberg coached the girls at State.

Arneson described the Tournament as "top notch" and said the LaCrosse Center "was a great venue."

"I believe the girls felt special – and the Tournament personnel and the WIAA made the event special," he said. "It was the right time of the season and the right place for the Tournament."

"Women's wrestling is one of the fastest growing sports," Arneson said. "Hopefully the girls in the Merrill community will want to participate in the sport. Merrill has a great wrestling tradition and in time, hopefully we will have a full Varsity line-up of girls."

"I challenge all the girls in Merrill in grades K-11 to give wrestling a try," he said. "It is a great TEAM and INDIVIDUAL sport. And I will guarantee that if you join the sport, it will make you a better person - physically, mentally, and socially."

"I'm very proud of the girls that gave wrestling a try this season," Suchocki said. "The Girls State Tournament was a great event for them."

This year, five girls make up the Merrill Girls Varsity Wrestling Team:

Allison Hunter

Allison Hunter is a Sophomore and brings nine years of wrestling experience to the mat, Coach Arneson said.

She was in one of the largest weight classes as far as number of competitors in the Tournament, he added.

"She came out placing in the top 12 in the Tournament, which was

great. She gained valuable experience and should be a great leader next year – and should be able to have some lofty goals for next year," Arneson said.

Adeline Callos

Adeline Callos is a Sophomore and has three years of experience wrestling.

"I told Adeline from the beginning of the season that she could place at the Tournament if she worked hard and focused," Arneson said. "She did just that and was able to come home with a fourth place finish at the first ever WIAA Girls State Wrestling Tournament."

Bridget Steinagel

Bridget Steinagel is a Freshman in her first year of wrestling.

"It was awesome that Bridget was able to get a win down at the Tournament," Arneson said. "She did a nice job this year learning the sport, she was a pleasure to coach, and hopefully she will continue with wrestling and will work hard in the off-season to better herself for next year's season."

Alissa Kracht

Alissa Kracht is a Senior who is in her first year of wrestling and wrestles in the 165 class.

"Unfortunately, Alissa was injured the week before the Tournament and could not participate," Arneson said. "She has an awesome work ethic and wanted to compete, and I believe would have been successful at the Tournament if she would have been able to compete. She is very strong and physical, which obviously helps in the sport of wrestling."

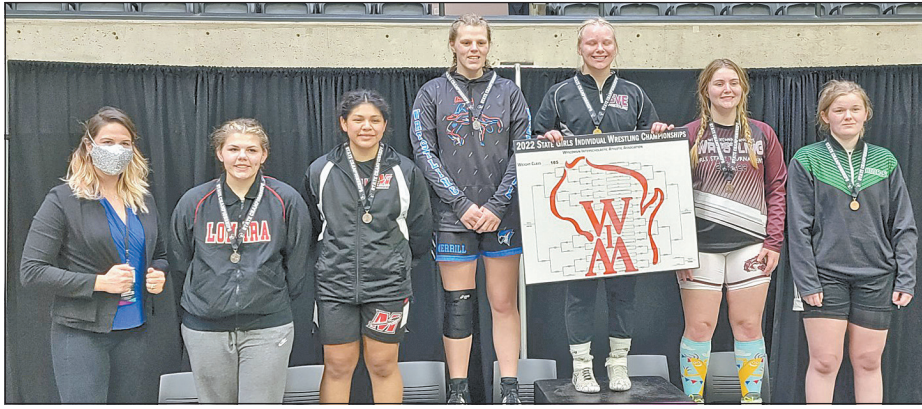
Brindelyn Eternicka

Brindelyn Eternicka is a Senior who is in her first year of wrestling.

"Brindelyn is very coachable," Arneson said. "She is hard working, dedicated, and is always trying to improve. If she decides to keep wrestling after high school, I'm sure she will be successful."

"She did an awesome job competing at State," he added. "She listened well, executed our strategy, and made it to the Finals as a first year competitor. The girl that she had in the Finals had far more experience."

"Hopefully, if Brindelyn keeps training, she will get a chance to wrestle the girl at the Girls State Freestyle Tournament in early



Left: Brindelyn Eternicka placed second at the first ever WIAA Girls State Wrestling Tournament. **Right:** Adeline Callos steps up to take fourth at the WIAA Girls State Wrestling Tournament in LaCrosse.



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May," Arneson said.

Tournament recap

"I was very proud of the girls on how they represented their community, their school, their team, their parents, and themselves," Arneson said. "They were a class act. They handled their wins and losses in the same manner, and they drew attention to themselves by the way they performed, not by the way they dressed or acted. They represented Merrill Wrestling with Pride and Class - which Coach Suchocki preaches weekly. They did Merrill Wrestling PROUD!"

"The neat thing is they got to participate in something that was 'the First Time Ever!'" Arneson added. "They got to be pioneers for all of the future female wrestlers that will come through the program, and we are hoping to have a large number of girls representing Merrill yearly at the State Tournament."

"Hopefully, we will have a full team and will have our own female wrestling team at the high school within three years and we will grow into the best wrestling team in the state," Arneson said.

"All our girls practiced hard and improved throughout the season. I am so happy for all of them," Suchocki

said. "Talking to them about their experience is exciting."

"Allison, Adeline, Brindelyn, and Bridget did a great job representing our Merrill Wrestling Team at State," he said.

"The hard work put into the season was worth it."

"For Brindelyn to make the State Finals was incredible," Suchocki said. "She has worked very hard all season. It's so awesome how far she came in

one year in wrestling." "Adeline is a fighter, and she proved to herself she belongs amongst the best in the state," he said.

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2022 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedule

<u>Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)</u>			
Fri. Feb. 11	D. C. Everest (JV & JV2)	Away	5:45 pm
Fri. Feb. 11	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm
Thurs. Feb. 17	Wausau East (JV)	Away	5:45 pm
Thurs. Feb. 17	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm
<u>Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)</u>			
Fri. Feb. 11	Mosinee (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Fri. Feb. 11	Mosinee (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
Sat. Feb. 12	Columbus (JV & JV2)	Away	5:45 pm
Sat. Feb. 12	Columbus (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm
Mon. Feb. 14	Wausau West (JV3)	Home	5:45 pm
Tues. Feb. 15	D. C. Everest (JV3)	Home	4:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 15	D. C. Everest (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Tues. Feb. 15	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
<u>Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Fri. Feb. 11	Chequamegon (Varsity)	Marathon Park	7:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 15	Wausau West (Varsity)	Marathon Park	7:00 pm
<u>Ice Hockey Girls (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Sat. Feb. 12	Cedarburg (Varsity)	Greenheck	12:00 pm
Sat. Feb. 12	Cedarburg (JV)	Greenheck	2:00 pm
<u>Wrestling Boys (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Sat. Feb. 12	Marshfield-Regional (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Brindelyn Eternicka, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS) has been named Athlete of the Week. Brindelyn is on the Merrill Girls Varsity Wrestling Team and this is her very first year wrestling. "One of my coaches said that I should do it," she said, so she decided to try wrestling. "It's really fun," she said. As a female in a male-dominated sport, her family was skeptical at first but supported her. "They are always very supportive of me and my siblings," Brindelyn said. Since she started wrestling, she's received really positive feedback and a lot of people are really excited about female wrestling, she said. Brindelyn is also a member of the Merrill Varsity Trap Team and the Varsity Track and Field Team where she throws discus and does the shotput.

At school, Brindelyn is a member of, and an officer for, Future Farmers of America. She also works part time at Rite Screen in Merrill. In her free time, she likes hunting (deer, turkey, bear, duck, pheasant, and just all hunting in general, she said) and fishing (ice fishing and summer fishing) and also really enjoys watching Netflix.

The daughter of Jim and Mel Eternicka, Brindelyn has a 3.0 GPA and is planning to attend a technical college to get started on general courses but has not yet decided on a major or selected which school she will attend.

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Merrill Boys Basketball Team takes two

A pair of wins has the Bluejays rebounding

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, the Merrill Boys Basketball Team hosted the Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School Boys Basketball Team and played for a hometown crowd in the Merrill High School Field House.

"The energy in the gym was off the charts," said Merrill Boys Basketball Head Coach Troy Pieper. "A lot of people came out for our inaugural Hall of Fame Night. It was pretty cool to see such a great turnout."

[As a part of the evening's line-up, the Merrill Basketball Program inducted former Merrill Basketball players and coaches into the Merrill Basketball Hall of Fame. See article in next week's paper.]

The Bluejays came away with a great win, scoring 70 points vs. Wisconsin Rapids' 60 points.

"However, I think the guys may have been feeding off that energy a little too much," Pieper said. "As we never really settled in and executed against their zone to start. We were settling for 3's when there were opportunities to score inside. We made a couple minor adjustments and talked about it at halftime and did a much better job executing in the second half."

"Our defense was pretty good for the most part all night," he said. "We held them to just 21 first half points, and Rapids was hitting some really tough shots just to get those 21 points."

"Same as Tuesday, we got some stops early in the second half and a couple easy buckets, and once we saw the ball go in, our outside shots started to fall a little more, as well. The focus this week in practice will be to attack a little more to start and get a few easy ones to go, so we can get off to a better first half start moving forward. In both games this past week, we scored 46 and 48 points in the second half. We need to find some consistency and put up a better output in the first half, too."

This was Bailey Turenne's (8 FG, 1 3pt, 7 FT, 7 ast, 4 stl) second game back from injury. "And he looked like the regular Bailey," Pieper said. "While he didn't shoot it as well as he'd probably like, he was a beast on the boards again, finishing with 24 points, 19 rebounds, and 7 assists."

He was doing a great job of creating open looks for the guys all night, and in the second half when the outside shot was falling, he started taking over inside a little bit."

"Bradyn Pieper (5 FG, 3 3pt, 3 ast, 2 stl) and Troy Mootz (4 FG, 2 3pt, 2 FT, 3 ast, 1 stl) have really settled into their roles as the season has moved on, and they have been very consistent scorers for us all year for the most part. They both had very solid nights." Bradyn scored 13 points for the game and Troy scored 12.

"I thought Carter Baade (1 FG, 1 3pt, 2 FT) had his best game yet since being moved up to Varsity," Pieper said. "He has really adapted quickly to the speed of the game and looks really comfortable out there. While his stat line may not jump off the page, he was really good on defense tonight, and the four rebounds is pretty impressive for a guard. I just thought he gave great minutes tonight, and if that continues, he will see those minutes increase each game as we head down the stretch."

"We have a full week of practice for the first time this season," Pieper said looking ahead. "It's sort of perfect timing not having a game on Tuesday this week, as it gives a full week to focus on a tough opponent on Friday as we welcome Mosinee to our gym. They are currently 18-1 and ranked in the top 10 in the state for D2." Merrill Boys Basketball fans can cheer for the Bluejays at the game Friday night, Feb. 11. The Varsity game begins at 7:15 p.m.

Box Score:
Wisconsin Rapids 60 @ Merrill 70

The Hodags come to Merrill

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, the Rhinelander Hodags came to play the Merrill Bluejays, giving the Merrill Boys Varsity Basketball Team the home-court advantage, and it paid off. The Bluejays scored a much-needed win, with 75 points against the Hodags' 68.

"Trailing again at halftime (27-35) was a bit frustrating," Pieper said. "It's sort of been an unfortunate trend this year. However, at the break, I challenged the guys a little bit, and we made a couple minor adjustments on how we were going to handle their best player in the second half, and the guys - especially Cayden Diels (2 FG, 1 3 pt, 2 FT, 1 ast, 3 stl) who had the responsibility of guarding their best player - executed great in the second half. Our defense in the second half led us



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tonight. It was nice to see us get back to bringing it at a high level on the defensive side."

"Cayden Diels was fantastic in the second half. He hounded #2 the entire second half and got him pretty frustrated. Rhinelander plays through #2, as he is such a skilled guard who creates open shots for everyone on their team. Once Cayden locked in and took him out of it for much of the second half, they really struggled to get anything going offensively."

"Like much of the year, when our defense is playing at a high level, it fuels our offense, and tonight was much of the same," Pieper said. "We scored 48 in the second half, and we really didn't change much on offense; we just let the energy of our defense carry over to the offensive side of things."

"Bailey Turenne (8 FG, 3 3pt, 7 FT, 6 ast, 3 stl) was back from his foot injury, and that was a big boost for us, as well," he said. "I think he was sort of testing things out in the first half to make sure the foot was for sure good, and then in the second half, it was the Bailey we have all had the pleasure to watch all season. He was fantastic, like always - another double double with 26 points and 10 rebounds."

"Troy Mootz (5 FG, 1 3pt, 2 FT, 1 ast, 1 stl) was very efficient tonight. Scoring 13 points on just 8 shots is a very efficient night," Pieper said. "When he has it going like that, I'd like him to try to be a little more aggressive, but he didn't force anything and really did a nice job of letting the game come to him."

"Tyson Glisch (3 FG, 2 3pt, 2 FT) gave some really solid minutes off the bench, too," he said. "He hit a couple big three's

and was solid all night."

Brayden Pieper (3 FG, 2 3pt, 3 FT, 3 ast, 1 stl) was the third highest scorer of the night, with 11 points.

"We have really put an even bigger emphasis the last few practices on defense and taking care of the ball," Pieper said. "Both have let us down during the little losing streak. Tonight we played great defense in the second half, and we took care of the ball all night. We had just 10 turnovers on the night, and not many of those were live ball breakout turnovers."

Box Score:
Rhinelander 68 @ Merrill 75

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"Adeline had some goals set for herself, and she was able to achieve them. I'm very happy for her."

"As for Allison and Bridget, it was great for them to get wins at State and have this opportunity," Suchocki said. "Allison is our most veteran wrestler, and she did a great job battling to go 3-2 at the State Tournament. She will continue to work hard to achieve her goals. Bridget improved a lot this year, and it was good to see her grow in the sport."

Girls Individual State Results for Merrill:

- 107 - Allison Hunter, (3-2)
- 138 - Adeline Callos, (2-2) placed fourth.
- 145 - Bridget Steinagel, (1-2)
- 185 - Brindelyn Eternicka, (3-1) placed second.

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