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MADISON, Wis. – Tick season is here. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) remind the public to Fight the Bite by protecting themselves from tick bites

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Crash in east side intersection flips vehicle on its side, sends driver to the hospital

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

On Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at just before 3:15 p.m., a two-vehicle crash occurred on the south side of the intersection of STH 64/E. Main St. and Pine Ridge Ave. on Merrill's east side. The impact caused one vehicle to flip onto its side.

"It was clear one of the drivers had driven through a red light; however, both claimed they had a green light," the Merrill Police Department (MPD) weekly report said.

"Both drivers indicated they possessed the green traffic light, and this causal factor is currently under investigation," MPD Police Chief Corey Bennett confirmed.

"It appears one driver (a 79-year-old female) was southbound through the intersection and the other driver (a 40-year-old male) was eastbound on STH 64/E. Main St.," he said. "A crash occurred rolling the minivan onto the driver's side in the southeast corner of the intersection. The driver of the minivan was entrapped in the vehicle and was ultimately extricated by Merrill Fire Department (MFD)."



A Tuesday afternoon accident in the intersection resulted in one vehicle on its side and the driver of that vehicle being transported to the hospital for treatment.

Submitted photo.

"Medic 62, Medic 63, and Engine 61 responded," MFD Battalion Chief Phillip Skoug said. "Upon arrival, crews were able to stabilize the vehicle on its side and extricate the patient from the vehicle."

The 79-year-old woman was transported to Aspirus Wausau Hospital via EMS for treatment and for further evaluation of her injuries.

"The lone occupant of the other vehicle was evaluated by EMS and refused transport," Skoug said.

"Both vehicles were removed by a towing service," Bennett said.

"Traffic control was established by MPD, MFD, and Merrill Street Department in the vicinity, and Pine Ridge Ave. south of STH 64 was closed for access," he said. "Merrill Street Department also responded to the scene with a street sweeper to remove glass and debris after the vehicles were removed."

"Additionally, while scene duties were underway, a separate minor rear-end crash occurred on the northeast corner of the intersection," Bennett added.

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Strive 4 Life celebrates Grand Opening, offers lab testing, drug testing, much more

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 EDITOR

On April 8, 2022, Ambassadors from the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce gathered at Strive 4 Life LLC, 730 E. Second St., Merrill to welcome this new business to the Merrill community and celebrate their Grand Opening. Owned by Tammy Strehlow and Kathy Olson, Strive 4 Life LLC offers drug and alcohol testing, including urine testing, hair follicle drug testing, breath alcohol, and specialty testing; health and wellness screenings; DNA testing by appointment (for paternity, siblings, and DNA origin); Audio-gram; background checks; finger printing with Field Print; biometric health assessment; vision acuity testing; respirator/mask fit testing; and will soon offer eScreen and eReader from Abbott Labs, as well as DOT and Fit for Duty physi-



Staff and Ambassadors from the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce gather to welcome new business owners, Tammy Strehlow and Kathy Olson, who are celebrating their Grand Opening event, to the Merrill business community.

Tina L. Scott photo.

cals as soon as they find/hire the "right" person to perform them. Walk-ins are welcome for drug and alcohol testing.

Strive 4 Life works with commercial accounts, such as businesses for their new hires and for wellness screening. They also work with individuals; however, they do not ac-

cept health insurance at this time. Rather, clients can order lab testing directly through Strive 4 Life or bring a lab order from their doctor to Strive 4 Life for completion, which may be less expensive than running it through insurance with high deductibles. "Take control of

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Merrill Area Concert Association presents Veritas in concert

The Merrill Area Concert Association (MACA) will present Veritas in concert on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Merrill High School Auditorium, for the final event of the 2021-22 MACA season. Veritas is a powerful male vocal quintet offering highly artistic arrangements with rich, smooth, and lush five-part harmony, and their way with the audience is smooth and easy.



Called Decades, their program includes a few beloved hymns and patriotic standards intermingled with hits from every era beginning in the 1920's, including favorites such as Stardust, Over the Rainbow, Phantom of the Opera, and recognizable favorites from Simon and Garfunkel and the band Chicago.

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membership, which supports MACA's efforts to continue bringing entertainment to Merrill. Call Diane at 715.722.3401, email MerrillConcerts@gmail.com, or go to www.merrillconcerts.org for information.

Moellendorf receives 2022 Iris Award from NAMI

NAMI Northwoods is an affiliate of NAMI National & Wisconsin. They are a non-profit organization that provides support, education, and advocacy throughout the Marathon, Lincoln, and Langlade Counties. They advocate on behalf of individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI Northwoods has office space at Grace United Church at 535 3rd Ave. Wausau.

Each year, the NAMI Wisconsin Board of Directors select approximately 8-10 people to recognize at the annual conference. NAMI Wisconsin Iris Awards are given to people who stand out in their efforts, contributions, and dedication to improve the quality of life of people affected by mental illnesses and to promote recovery.

Debbie Moellendorf, a youth educator for Lincoln County from Merrill, was selected by NAMI Wisconsin's Board of Directors to receive the 2022 Iris Award, based on a nomination from her peers. Moellendorf is recognized with this Advocacy Award for outstanding efforts to influence public policy, resource allocation, and/or beliefs within political, economic, and social systems or institutions.

During the month of May, NAMI honors Mental Health Month to continue raising awareness for mental illness. NAMI and all the affiliates join together to end the stigma of mental illness. Here are some ways that you can end stigma:

- Start a conversation about mental health
- Share your story with family, friends, colleagues, etc.
- Educate those around you
- Empower and support one another
- Be honest about your own mental health struggles

Attend Family Support Group - a peer-led support group for family members, caregivers of individuals living with a mental health condition. Support group offers education, resources, and advocacy. Support group meets at Grace United Church on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Attend NAMI Peer Support - peer-led group for anyone concerned about their own mental health. Focus is on wellness and different strategies to cope. The support group meets at 2:00 p.m.,

the second Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at Grace United Church. Another support group meets at Biggby Coffee house in Rib Mountain on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30-6:30.

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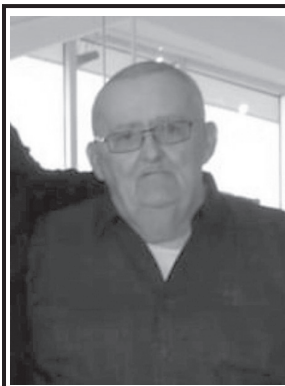
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Emmitt T. Winchell, age 77, of Merrill, passed away on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff.

Emmitt was born October 1, 1944, in Tomahawk, son of the late Stillman and Cornelia (Amelse) Winchell. He married Donna Waschick on May 4, 1974. She survives. At the time of his retirement, Emmitt was a Facility Repair Worker at the Merrill and Mosinee National Guard Armory's. He was a 'jack of all trades' and could fix anything. In his younger years Emmitt enjoyed both hunting and fishing. Emmitt honorably served in the U.S. Army from 1966 until 1968, and he was stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War.

Emmitt is survived by his wife, Donna Winchell of Merrill; two sons, Emmitt M. Winchell of Redwood Falls, Minnesota, and Josh (Nyssa) Winchell of Wausau; two sisters, Sandy Winchell of Merrill and Anna Winchell of Wausau; and four brothers, Levi Winchell of Merrill, Gerald (Nancy) Winchell of Mayville, Gerard Winchell of Rothschild, and Louis (Mary Ann) Winchell of Hatley. Emmitt was preceded in death by his parents, Stillman and Cornelia Winchell. Four of Emmitt's siblings have also passed away, infant Agnes Winchell, Carol Winchell, Susan Winchell, and Edmund Winchell.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Friday, May 6, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Burial of Emmitt's cremated remains will take place in St. Francis Xavier Veteran's Memorial, with graveside military rites conducted by the Merrill V.F.W. Post 1638 Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M. Friday, May 6, 2022, at the funeral home.

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



Donna M. Sterr, age 89, of Tomahawk, WI, passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2022, at Aspirus Sacred Heart Hospital. A dairy farmer's daughter and the oldest of seven children, Donna was born in Lomira, WI, on January 16, 1933, to the late Harvey and Dorothea (Nebel) Luedtke. She was married to the love of her life, Ronald Sterr, on June 20, 1953; he survives.

Donna was a dedicated homemaker who lovingly raised her children. Over the years, she volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader and found great joy in helping others. She loved spending summers on the family farm with her parents and loved watching her children play and talk to all of the animals just as she did as a young child. Donna enjoyed bowling and going to state tournaments with her team and loved playing sheephead. She was the owner and operator of the successful Tomahawk women's clothing store, Friends and Fashions, from 1974 to 1991, which was located in the historic Newborg Building. An additional store location was later opened in Minocqua, WI. Ronald and Donna enjoyed traveling, frequently visiting California and Florida, and wintered in Las Vegas. Donna affectionately referred to those she loved and cared about as "dear hearts" and even those whose names she couldn't remember and cared about were still referred to as "dear hearts". She truly adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Ronald Sterr; her daughter, Rhonda Kaplanek; her son, Gary (Gwen) Sterr; and her grandchildren, Stephanie Kaplanek, Andy (Lu) Kaplanek, Michael Kaplanek, Joey Kaplanek, Jenna (Jorna) Sterr, and Jamie Sterr. She is further survived by her great-grandchildren, Kayden, Sofia, and Layla.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Dorothy; her children, Terry Jacobs and Scott Sterr; and her siblings, Denese Byington, Randy Luedtke, Joel Luedtke, Leon Luedtke, Diane Luedtke, and Darlene Gampka.

Funeral Services for Donna Sterr will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 12:00 PM at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church. Pastor Mark Gass will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation from 11:00 AM until the time of services at 12:00 PM. Burial will follow at the Greenwood Cemetery. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Donna's obituary and leave online condolences at generationsfuneral.com.



Darrell Gene Lekies, age 71, of Merrill, WI passed away unexpectedly at his home on April 11, 2022.

Darrell was born on March 28, 1951 in Medford, the second of five children, to Roy and Mabel (Meschefske) Lekies. He attended Medford Public Schools and graduated from Medford High School in 1969. He then entered the U.S. Army, serving in Viet Nam, and received an honorable discharge in 1972. He worked at Weinbrenner Shoe Factory in Merrill for 46 years and was very proud that he never missed a day of work. He made many lifelong friends from his years there, going out for morning coffee and Friday fish fries.

An avid sports fan, especially pro football and baseball, he could name teams, players and statistics of most professional teams. He had an extensive sports card collection that he started as a child. He loved to read and enjoyed garage sales, hunting for that special book or baseball card. He proudly went on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight in 2018. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Medford.

There will be family graveside rites at a later time. Buettgen Funeral Home of Schofield and Wisconsin Cremation Society are entrusted with the arrangements. Darrell is survived by his siblings Judy (Bob) Robida of Stetsonville, Gordie (Carol) Lekies of Medford, Terry Lekies of Hurst, Texas and Dr. Kristi Lekies of Columbus, Ohio. He is also survived by eight nieces and nephews and nine grand nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Roy in 2004 and his mother, Mabel in 1993.

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Kathryn Christina (Schrauth) Sladek, age 89, passed away at Pine Crest Nursing Home on April 29, 2022.

Kathryn was born on October 10, 1932, to Joseph and Helen (Fleischmann) Schrauth. She was the eleventh of the thirteen children of Joseph and Helen in the township of Little Black, Wisconsin. Kathryn was raised on a farm, where she had to milk cows before walking four miles uphill to Holy Rosary Catholic School in Medford.

At eighteen she started working in Merrill for a family living on Lake Pesobic for approximately one year. At that time, she saw the love of her life, John, at the Merrill fair. He asked her if he could give her a ride home, Kathryn's reply, 'You can if you take me on all the rides' And John hates fair rides, but that night he went on all the rides with her. And yes, he did give Kathryn a ride home.

She then went to work at Weinbrenner shoe Company and shared an apartment with her older sister, John was also working at Weinbrenner. They became engaged before John was drafted into the Korean War. Where they faithfully wrote love letters back and forth until his safe return in October 1952. They received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Medford, Wisconsin on January 10, 1953. They lived their entire married life in Merrill. Raising 4 children while working side by side at Weinbrenner, until a later year, she went to Merrill Manufacturing until her retirement. After retiring at 65 years old she continued to work seasonally at Latzig Tree Farm.

Kathryn's faith and family were very important to her. John and Kathryn enjoyed over 50 years of camping in Northern Wisconsin, which always involved fishing or hunting. She enjoyed bike riding, cross country skiing, walking, swimming at the pool with the ladies, and of course rummage sale shopping. She was a member of the Red Hatter's, also a volunteer at St. Francis and St. Vincent De Paul. She was able to travel to numerous places, her favorite trips were to Alaska to visit her oldest son Jack and his family, and the trip to Rome where she saw Pope John Paul.

Kathryn is survived by her husband of 69 years, John Sladek of Merrill; 2 daughters and 2 sons, Sandy (Brian) Nienow of Merrill, John 'Jack' (Janie) Sladek of Anchorage, Alaska, Brian (Tammie) Sladek of Merrill, and Diana (Wayne) Zimmerman of Merrill; 9 grandchildren, Holly (Donnie Duncan) Nienow of Florida, Christopher (Jennifer) Nienow of Merrill, John (Anna Marie) Sladek of Alaska, Patrick (Talia) Sladek of Alaska, James Sladek of Merrill, Renee Sladek of Milwaukee, Hanna (Chris) St. Clair of Wausau, Sam (Emily) Zimmerman of Rothschild, and Olivia (Wade) Borchardt of Hamburg; 17 great-grandchildren; and sister, Josephine Waite of Jefferson. Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Helen Schrauth; siblings, Marcella, Alvin, Aloysius, Bernard, Leona, Margaret, Mary, Joey, Lucille, Sister Helen, and Danny; and daughter-in-law, Roxanne (Akey) Sladek.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Merrill. Father Maria will preside. Burial will take place at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to: St. Francis Catholic Church in Merrill, Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Medford, or Alzheimer's Disease Research 22512 Gateway Center Drive P.O. Box 1950 Clarksburg, MD 20871-1950.

Kathryn's family would like to thank the staff at Pine Crest Nursing Home and Aspirus Hospice for the wonderful care they provided Kathryn with.

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OBITUARIES



Jason Michael Kleinschmidt, age 47 of Merrill, passed away on Monday April 25, 2022, after a courageous 5-year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his wife Tanya, his Children, Amber, Michael and Matthew and a house full of family.

Jason was born September 24, 1974, to Gene and Judy (Baguhn) in Merrill, WI. When Jason was done with high school, he started working with the family business, G & J Concrete Construction and Excavating. He met the love of his life Tanya (Schmitz) Kleinschmidt, they were married June 10, 1995, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the town of Corning. They built a home together and raised 3 wonderful children together.

Jason loved being with his Wife, Children and Grandchildren, and all family and friends. His love for them was so great. He loved to travel with Tanya, he even bought a motorhome to travel in. Jason loved deer hunting, trout fishing, fires in the backyard with friends and family or camping. Maplesyrup season was one of his favorite times of the year, he loved driving the tractor and bottling the syrup. Snowmobiling was a favorite during the winter, with trips out west, Snowmobile Hillclimbs, and trail riding.

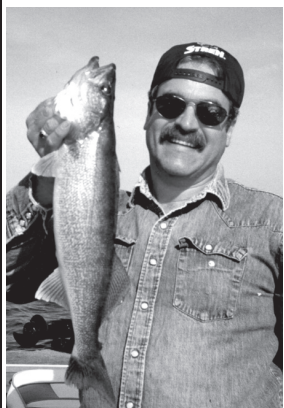
Jason is survived by his Wife: Tanya (Schmitz) Kleinschmidt, Mother: Judy Kleinschmidt, Children: Amber (Bryce) Dombroski, Michael (Amber Connell) Kleinschmidt, Matthew (Stephanie) Kleinschmidt. Grandchildren: Madison and Owen Dombroski, Isabelle and Oaklynn Kleinschmidt Brothers: Greg Kleinschmidt, Brandon (Beckie) Kleinschmidt, Sister: Sarah (Jeremy) Mohr, Father-in-law: Gary Schmitz, Sister-In Laws: Tammy (Adam) Haugen and Theresa (Mike Harder) Blake, Nieces, Nephews, Aunts, Uncles and many good Friends. Jason was preceded in death by his Dad: Gene Kleinschmidt, Mother-In-Law: Barbara Schmitz and Granddaughter: Elizabeth Dombroski.

The funeral service for Jason was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 11am at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the town of Corning. Pastor Joel Danner officiated. Visitation was held on Monday, May 2, 2022, from 3pm until 8pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill, and again on Tuesday from 9am until the time of the service, at the church. Cremation took place following the service.

The service was recorded and can be found under his obituary on the funeral home website. It will be available for viewing after May 4, 2022.

The family wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation to all the Dr's and Nurses that have taken care of Jason the last 5 years. A very special Thank you to the nurses at Froedtert CFAC floor 7 and John with Compassus Hospice, he was the most passionate, nurse we could have asked for. Thank you, Pastor Danner, for your trip to Milwaukee to visit us and for all the time you have spent with us during the last week. Jason really loved listening to your services.

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.



John Patrick Blakeslee "Pat"

was not a man who's life could be recounted within the confines of this text. With that in mind, the characteristics and accomplishments most cherished by his surviving family are as follows: Pat lived out his life with unwavering faith in his Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a radical man with radical faith. Pat was a profoundly committed husband to his wife and best friend Jeannine. Honoring his covenant to "cherish his dearly beloved" until death did her part. Pat was a self-taught autobody repair man and could fix anything and worked until the job was done, regardless of the task. He was forever a teacher of life skills and took every opportunity to coach his family.

Family was Pat's life, love and greatest joy. He was a protector, encourager, and advocate for those in his life. Whether it was his siblings, his children, his grand babies, or his circle of friends that he counted kin, Pat was never happier than to be in fellowship with his people. Some of his favorite spots to fellowship were around a pool table, at deer camp, in a fishing boat, at a campsite, on a motorcycle, or in his garage. Pat had a spirit of adventure and always looked for an opportunity to create experiences for his family.

Pat was born on November 5, 1952, and raised in the greater Cleveland, Ohio region. He was number 4 of 10 children. His jobs included Merchant Marine, owner and operator of Pat's Autobody, and account manager for multiple automotive finish distributors. He passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2022, with his family at his side, in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Pat is survived by his spouse Jeannine, children: Patrick (spouse Jenna/children: Jolene, John, Delilah, Abel), Jeremy (spouse Miranda), Rebecca (spouse Jeremiah Olson), Ryan, Daniel (spouse Isabelle/child: Rosemary), and Jason, siblings: Connie, Jimmy, Mark, Ellen, Megan, Julie, Katherine, and Sarah. He was preceded in death by his brother Todd and his parents Joanne and Pete.

A visitation will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm with a prayer service starting at 7:30 pm all at Waid Funeral Home. Private family interment 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.



Nancy English, age 92, of Merrill, passed away peacefully in her sleep on April 26th at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill. She lived a full life, believed in Jesus as her Lord and Savior and loved her family with all her heart.

Nancy was born October 5, 1929, in Rosendale, WI, daughter of Ansel and Elsie (Cobb) Atwater. She married Allison 'Oopie' English on May 28, 1949, at Christ United Methodist Church, Merrill.

Survivors include sons, Dennis (Michelle) English, Bruce (Jean) English and daughter, Cindy (John) Swope, all of Merrill; nine grandchildren, Dennis (Nichole) English, Jr., Tim English, Heather Lloyd, Abby English, Marissa Swope (Ryan Young), Lindsay (Dan) Kalupa, Andi English (Dylan Koss), Chan (Jenna) Copas and Chandra (Craig Weden) Kressel; fifteen great-grandchildren, Allyson, Jillian, Ethan, Grace, Chase, Ayden, Emilie, Haley, Hannah, Jack, Finn, Erica, Logan, Ariel and Gunnar; two step great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Nancy Gartmann, Merrill; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard (Grace) English, Green Bay; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Allison 'Oopie' English; parents, Ansel and Elsie Atwater; siblings, Dorothy (Clifford) Bass, Marjorie (Arnie) Lawson, Donald (Anne) Atwater, and Mary (Harry) Gloyd.

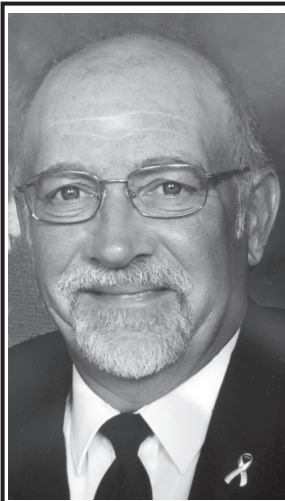
Nancy loved music and singing from the time she was a small child. This love followed her all the years of her life. She sang for various events in the Merrill area and was the founding member of the Merrill Sweet Adelines, as well as their director for many years. Nancy was a faithful member of Christ United Methodist Church, where she volunteered as a Liturgist, sang in the choir and served on various committees. She was a member of the Methodist Women and in charge of many funeral luncheons over the years. Nancy was a past member of Merrill Christian Women's Club and the Red Hatters. If asked what was most important to Nancy, she would always say that spending time with her family was her greatest joy. Her home was a special gathering place for her children and grandchildren, where wonderful memories were made.

Nancy graduated from Merrill High School in 1947. Prior to retirement, Nancy worked as a bookkeeper at the Family Medical Clinic. After retirement, Nancy worked alongside her husband Oopie as a caretaker for John Figi's property in Park Falls, as well as cleaning and maintenance for Lincoln Community Bank.

The funeral service for Nancy English will be at 12:00 P.M., Noon, on Monday, May 2, 2022, at Christ United Methodist Church, Merrill. Pastor Mike Zahn will officiate. Burial will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 A.M. Monday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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In lieu of flowers, memorials in Nancy's name may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, Merrill.

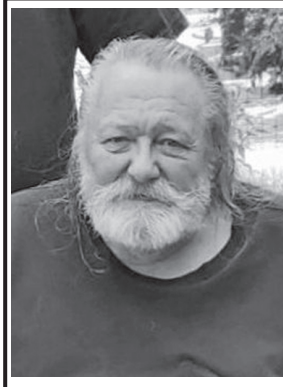


Scott A. Heidemann, age 65, of Merrill, passed away at Aspirus Wausau Hospital with his loving wife by his side on Sunday, May 1, 2022, after being unexpectedly injured doing what he loved - evening farm chores.

Full obituary to follow.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Calvary Lutheran Church in the Town of Pine River. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home and again on Friday, May 6, 2022, from 10:00 am until the time of service also at the church. Interment at Calvary Lutheran Cemetery in the Town of Hewitt.

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.



Milton "Butch" J. F. Giese, 73, Wausau, formerly of Athens, passed away at home on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

He was born November 8, 1948 in Vienna, Austria, son of the late Milton and Christine (Hedinger) Giese. Milton was united in marriage to Marion Polsek and his second marriage was to Carla Frank.

For many years, he worked as an assembler and supervisor for Wiremaid Products Corp. in Wausau and Maratech International in Marathon.

Milton was a longtime member of the Eagles Club in Wausau. Among his favorite pastimes, he enjoyed mathematics, reading and fishing. You could always count on Milton to play a prank on you or someone else! He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include, four children, Milton (Kim) Giese, Eau Claire, Charlotte (Garrett) Schumacher, Schofield, Adrian Giese, Wausau and Ryan Giese, Wausau; one step-daughter, Laura (Matt) Schuster, Minnesota; eight grandchildren, Alicia, Austin, Michaela, Spencer, Jacob, Fox, Natalie and Nathan; one great-grandson, Benjamin; four siblings, Fred Giese, La Crosse, Christine (Doug) Belongia, New York, John (Charlene) Giese, Merrill and Annie (Jim) Emerson, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and both of his spouses. His sister, Patsy Karbowski died on Friday, April 29, 2022.

Funeral services will be at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, Athens. Rev. Mark Schwalenberg will officiate. Burial will be in the Salem Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home and again on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com



Patrizia 'Patsy' Christine (Giese) Karbowski returned to the palm of her savior on 29 April 2022, days shy of her 71st birthday.

She was born to Milton and Christine (Hedinger) Giese at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey, yet she grew up in Athens, Wisconsin on the Giese Family Rib River Homestead. The second oldest of six children, life contained many tribulations, but her keen sense of humor and compassion for the less fortunate enabled her to keep perspective. She was a lady of intellect, full of wit, grace, magic, and chutzpah. She was a doer, her tasks accomplished with easy perfection. Patricia was also an artist, her writings, paintings, sewings, origami mobiles, and other-wordly creations composed with a whimsical imagination. Details never evaded her. The passing of her husband, Doran, weighed heavy on her heart; despite the joy of her grandchildren, she longed to be with her honey.

Patricia is survived by her step-father, Roger Yonke of Merrill; two daughters, Alexandra VanDan of Wisconsin and Katarina Julian (Joshua) of Pennsylvania; her son-in-law Daniel Antillon of Maryland; and a truly grand bunch of grandchildren: Jeremiah VanDan, Sarah VanDan, Charlotte VanDan, Vivienne Antillon, Angelina Julian, Joshua Royal Julian, Doran Julian, and Wilhelmina Julian. She is also survived by four of her siblings: Fred (Christine) Giese of LaCrosse, Christine (Douglas) Belongia of New York, John (Charlene) Giese of Merrill, and Anne Marie (Jimmie) Emerson of Iowa. From her siblings came many nieces and nephews, all of whom she was equal parts delighted by and proud of. Preceding her from this world are her parents, her husband, two son-in-laws, a sister-in-law, and mere days before her own passing, her older brother Milton 'Butch' Giese of Wausau. Left behind are also a handful of dear friends of whom her daughters are deeply fortunate for: thank you y gracias.

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

FFA MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Bryce Block, a Freshman at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Future Farmers of America (FFA) Member of the Month for April 2022. Bryce joined FFA at the beginning of the year and has participated in monthly meetings and the Wildlife Judging Contest (placing fourth overall); sold fruit, popcorn, and fudge as part of the FFA fruit sale; and was part of the large animal science class during first semester.

"I joined because my father and relatives were in FFA," Bryce said. "It is a family tradition." "I show cows and my grandpa has a dairy farm," he said. "Also, I raise and exhibit chickens." Bryce is part of the Merrill Bluejay Trap Team and also enjoys woodworking in his free time, in addition to raising and caring for his chickens.

The son of Ryan and Brittany Bloch of Hamburg, Bryce maintains a 3.5 GPA and is uncertain about his plans for after graduation at this time.



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Arlene M. Rieckenberg, age 88, was flown to her eternal home on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at Hilltop Grand Village in Wisconsin Rapids with family at her side.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Herman-Taylor Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids with visitation from 10:00 A.M. until the time of services. Burial will take place at St. Germain Memorial Cemetery in St. Germain, WI at a later date

where she will be laid to rest with her late husband, Jack Rieckenberg.

Arlene was born on May 15, 1933 in Merrill, WI to Paul and Leona (Berndt) Oestreich. She was the oldest of eight children and raised on the family farm. She married Jack Rieckenberg on February 28, 1953 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Jack and Arlene made their home in Schofield, WI. They were proud to have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before Jack passed away on September 16, 2003.

Arlene worked for Kraft Foods for 27 years, and was blessed with over 35 years of retirement. She traveled extensively throughout the US, Canada, and Mexico.

Arlene and Jack purchased a second home in St. Germain, WI in 1979 and fulfilled their dream of living in the Northwoods full time in 1990.

Arlene was a very inspiring lady who always gave to others. Her beauty, grace, patience, and love impacted many lives; especially as an active volunteer with hospice for 12 years and with the Commission on Aging, as well as a Salvation Army bell ringer. She was a member of the Primetimers, Shipmates, the Wildlife and Fish Club, and the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. She enjoyed Friday fish fries as a member of the Fun Bunch.

Family was of the utmost importance to Arlene and she took great pride in her children, grandchildren and especially her great-grandchildren.

Arlene is lovingly survived by two children: Vickie Kamke and Jeff (Deb) Rieckenberg; grandchildren: Kay (Chris) Roll and Erin (Zachary) Parmeter; great-grandchildren: Lauren, Olivia, Nolan and Simon; brother, Paul (Sandy) Oestreich; sisters: JoAnn (David) Sauer, Marion Fox, Elaine Oestreich, and Betty Clark; sisters-in-law: Marge Oestreich and Georgene Ritchie; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, David and Daniel Oestreich; brother-in-law, Roger Rieckenberg; sister-in-law, Joyce Fleischfresser; and son-in-law Mike Kamke.

Arlene's family would like to express their gratitude to the staff and residents at Hilltop Grand Village and Aspirus Hospice for the loving care given to mom.

To a life so beautifully lived and a heart so deeply missed, "Well Done, Dear Mother."

Herman-Taylor is honored to be assisting the family.



Susan K. Kufahl, 64, of Wausau passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022, at her home.

Susan was born on May 31, 1957, in Merrill, daughter of the late Melvin and Fern (Whitney) Kufahl Sr. Susan graduated from Merrill High School in 1975. After graduation she attended UW Stevens Point where she graduated with a bachelor's degree, she then worked as a water quality and conservation educator. Susan enjoyed taking nature walks

and spending time outside, which she often got to do at work.

Susan spent her time reading crime novels and mysteries, westerns, puzzles, sewing crafts and cross stitching, and watching the Green Bay Packers. Most importantly Susan loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and her beloved dog Murphy.

Susan is survived by her son, Zachary (Melissa Haroldson) Kufahl; four grandchildren, Layla, Matthew, Cody, and Colton; and siblings, Betty Tewes, Robert (Stephanie) Tewes, Michael (Cindee) Kufahl, Marilyn Hodgson, Melvin (Sharon) Kufahl Jr., and Chris Kufahl. Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Fern Kufahl Sr.; and brother-in-law, James Hodgson.

A memorial service for Susan will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, with Rev. Michael Southcombe officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Alice D. Bacher, 100, of Merrill, died Monday, April 25, 2022, at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

Alice was born on May 17, 1921, in Hoffman, Illinois, daughter of the late William and Lydia (Rennegarbe) Freund. She married Robert Bacher on March 29, 1938, in Merrill. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1977. Alice worked for thirty-seven years at the former Hanson Glove Factory and then at the former Fox Point Sportswear both in Merrill.

She also worked part-time at the Foto News. Alice was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill and volunteered there throughout the years. She enjoyed playing cards in various card clubs, hunting, fishing, and annual fishing trips to Canada.

Alice is survived by her grandchildren, Karla Alberti, Brenda Tummert, Patrick Bacher, Eric Bacher, Scott Bacher, Gregory Bacher, and Daniel Bacher; six great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Fern Bacher. Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Bacher; parents, William and Lydia Freund; sons, Duane 'Ike' Bacher and Donald Bacher; daughter, Joyce (Phillip) Taylor; grandsons, Michael Bacher and Mitchell Bacher; and siblings, Evelyn (Otto) Zastrow, Ruffina (Hugo) Hagedorn, Hubert (Carol) Freund, Wilbert (Evelyn) Freund, Helen (Wilbert) Schenk, and Lester (Doris) Freund.

The funeral service for Alice will be held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at St. John Lutheran Church, Merrill. Rev. David Szeto will officiate. Burial will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

LEGAL NOTICES

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BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: 4/21/22 /s/ Jay R. Tlusty CIRCUIT JUDGE/ COURT COMMISSIONER STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 22CV56

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Oaklynn Grace Blaubauch By (Petitioner): Samantha Lyn Landwehr By (Co-Petitioner): Daniel Richard Landwehr

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Oaklynn Grace Blaubauch To: Oaklynn Grace Landwehr Birth Certificate: Oaklynn Grace Blaubauch

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Jay Tlusty Place: Branch 1, Lincoln County Courthouse 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452 Date: 6-8-22 Time: 1:15 PM

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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Merrill Foto News, a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.

Published: Apr. 28, May 5 & 12, 2022 WNAXLP

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: April 26, 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. 2022 PR 08

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Nancy Jean Diaz A Petition for Summary Assignment was filed.

THE COURT FINDS: 1. The decedent, with date of birth September 4, 1939 and date of death December 20, 2021 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI with an address of N7936 Popple Lane, Irma, WI 54442.

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 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, Branch 1, before Honorable Jay R. Tlusty, Court Official, on 06-15-22, at 9:30 AM.

2. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Richard A. Diaz N9240 Wild Oak Rd, Belleville, WI 53508 608-516-9376 Published May 5, 12 & 19, 2022 WNAXLP

DATE SIGNED: April 27, 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. 2022SC00089

Small Claims, Replevin 31003 PARK CITY CREDIT UNION vs. XANDRA L BIENFANG

Legals 7700

Plaintiff: PARK CITY CREDIT UNION 501 S. PINE RIDGE AVE Merrill, WI 54452 Defendant: XANDRA L BIENFANG 116 N. STATE ST Merrill, WI 54452

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: 05-26-2022 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 Name: Robert R. Russell Published May 5 & 12, 2022 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY Case Number: 21-CV-153 Case Code: 30405

LINDA BRAUN, HAROLD SPRAGUE AND TARALYNN LANGE Plaintiffs, v. LAURA SPRAGUE Defendant

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a Court Order in the above entitled action, the undersigned Sheriff of Lincoln County will sell at public auction to the highest successful bidder on June 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Main Entrance, in the City of Merrill located at 1110 East Main Street Merrill, WI 54452, the real estate described as follows:

Address: 205 N. Thomas Street, Merrill, WI 54452 Legal Description: Lot four (4) in Block seven (7) of JM Smith and Company 3rd Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

Tax Parcel No.: 251-3106-104-0066 TERMS OF SALE: The Successful Bidder must pay at the time of such bid 10% of the bid as a down payment in the form of cash, cashier's check or certified funds payable to the Lincoln County Clerk of Courts (personal checks will not be accepted) and deliver such funds to the Sheriff at the time of sale.

The balance of the successful bid price must be paid to the Clerk of the Courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds within ten (10) days of the court's confirmation of sale to be scheduled within thirty (30) days after the Judicial Sale. If the successful bidder fails to pay the rest of required funds, the 10% down payment is forfeited. The property is sold "as is" and "where is" and subject to all accrued real estate taxes and liens and encumbrances of record. Bids made after the first bid must be at least \$100 more than the previous bid.

Dated April 21, 2022 /s/ Ken Schneider Sheriff, Lincoln County This document is drafted by: Attorney Cal R. Tillisch Goyke & Tillisch, LLP 2100 Stewart Avenue, Ste. 140 Wausau, WI 54401 State Bar No. 1001102 Published May 5, 12, 19, 2022 WNAXLP

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Thank You, Building Inspection Department

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice City of Merrill Code of Ordinances Section 14-36(b) declares lawns, grass and noxious weeds on non-agricultural lots or parcels of land which exceed eight inches of length affect public health and safety.

Code of Ordinances Section 14-34 defines noxious weeds and further delineates the duties of the owner or occupant of the property to remove the noxious weeds.

All property owners, or occupants are responsible for keeping their property areas, including boulevards, mowed and trimmed.

Failure to do so will result in mowing and trimming by the City and an assessment of costs which may result in an assessment on the property tax roll.

A copy of the Lawn Regulation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Section 26-56 of the Code of Ordinances states that "No person shall deposit any refuse, leaves or grass clippings in any gutter along any public street, road, alley or highway."

Section 32-94 states that "It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, or cause to be deposited, dumped, sorted, scattered or left any rubbish, stone, wire, earth, ashes, cinders, sawdust, hay, glass, manure, filth, paper, snow, ice, dirt, grass, leaves, construction waste, garbage or other offensive or noxious material in any public street, sidewalk, alley, or upon any public property."

Dated this 7th of April 2022

CITY OF MERRILL RONALD R LIBERTY STREET AND WEED COMMISSIONER 715-536-4222

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NOTICE MERRILL WATER UTILITY SYSTEM FLUSHING

In an effort to check and improve water quality, the Merrill Water Utility will be flushing hydrants and the water system, on a citywide basis, the week of May 16, 2022 through May 19, 2022 in the following areas:

- 1. East of Center Avenue on Monday, May 16, 2022.
2. Center Avenue, west to Prairie River on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.
3. Prairie River, west to Wisconsin River on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.
4. West of the Wisconsin River (6th Ward) & South of Wisconsin River on Thursday, May 19, 2022.

You may notice discoloration during or following flushing. This should be eliminated shortly after you run water through your own service line. If problems persist, please call the Merrill Water Utility at 536-6561.

Gabe Steinagel Utility Manager

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Stillwater concert at St. Stephens.

Stillwater, a group of five men from Kentucky performing Southern Gospel music, will share their talent and love of Jesus in a free concert at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, 903 E. Second St., Merrill, on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome, and a free will offering will be taken.

Founded in 1994, this group of men combine music with ministry and rich traditional vocals with modern harmonics.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome letters to the Editor, a chance for members of the community to comment on issues of concern to them. All letters must be original, not duplications of letters addressed to public officials or written by others. The views and opinions expressed are those of the letter writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication, its publishers, Editor, or staff.

TO THE EDITOR:

Many of us were a little stunned by how successfully Don Friske not only got his "Jefferson Project" candidates elected to the County Board—promising accountability, accessibility, and transparency—but also by how the newly-elected Supervisors were persuaded to consent to their collective disempowerment by voting to give the new Chairman of the Board—none other than Don Friske himself—the power to appoint all Committee Chairs, a radical new thing for Lincoln County. And, while they were at it, the new Board voted to strip the County lawyer, the Corporation Counsel, of her role as parliamentarian, a move that enabled the County Board Chair—Don Friske again—to be his own parliamentarian, ruling as he sees fit on anything under procedural challenge.

Is it sheer coincidence, in the same week that the "Jefferson Project" pulled off its power plan, that the Foto News editor, Ms. Tina Scott, announced the curtailment of any letter to the editor "designed to influence future political votes or decisions"? (Well, you can still submit such a letter. It'll just cost you forty bucks.)

Apparently Board members who conform can have accessibility to a Chairman who's transparently accountable to no one but himself. I realize that Thomas Jefferson was, besides his passion for small-scale agrarian democracy, an autocratic slave master. It seems the "Jefferson Project" enthusiasts like the slave master more than the small-d democrat. I'm still a little stunned.

— Paul Gilk
Merrill, Wis.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The recent change to the Letter to the Editor policy, rolled out after the Spring election, was made companywide by our publisher, Multi Media Channels (MMC), and was not a Foto News decision. Some of the publisher's other newspapers already had this policy in place for some time, and the publisher opted to incorporate that policy for all papers going forward.*

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.)
*The writer must include their full name, complete address, and a phone number where he/she can be easily reached for verification. Phone numbers and street addresses will not be published, but will be used for verification purposes, if necessary. Letters must be signed and the name, city, and state will be printed.
*Letters may be edited for style, grammar, and length. Form letters or those we determine to be libelous or slanderous will not be accepted. Any letter deemed derogatory, inflammatory, or involving vulgar language will not be published. We reserve all rights to reject material submitted to this publication.
*Letters will be published on a "first come, first served" basis. Any letters which we are unable to publish in the printed newspaper may be run online at www.merrillfotonews.com and/or may be printed in the paper at a later date.

POLITICAL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

All letters submitted as an endorsement for a political candidate, referendum, or political agenda will carry the same guidelines as above; however, they will be charged \$40.00 per letter of up to 250 words in length. Longer political letters will be accepted but will be charged \$10.00 per additional 50 words. All political letters must be prepaid prior to printing. Letters to the Editor will not be accepted from candidates running for election or representatives of an organization endorsing their own referendum, as these are clearly advertisements and not opinion letters; those submissions will be referred to our Advertising Department to be run as paid ads.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Journey

DEAR READER,

Was it John Lennon who said, "We are all alone together?"

In some ways it is true. Have you ever gone to a party and met a bunch of celebrities and then never seen any of them again other than what everyone sees in the public eye? Bottom line, they probably don't give a crap about you... unless there's motivation that you're going to fund or produce their next song or movie.

For big dreams or small, everyone has their own path. So, welcome and cherish this solo journey of yours. Sure, engage with the few that actually, truly love you for who you are. But mostly embrace your own journey and leave something for those who will come up the path a little after you're gone.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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



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Pet of the Week



Uno came to the shelter as a stray. He was extremely scared and shy. After lots of pep talks by the shelter staff he is coming around to being able to socialize. We have hope that he will turn a corner to become a friendly, indoor guy. He is a very large orange tabby who seems to enjoy the company of other felines. Uno would love to have a forever home. He will need someone who has a lot of patience to work with him. Adoption fee includes neuter, vaccinations and microchip.

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In Loving Memory Of
Hiedi Larkee
Who passed away
May 10, 2006

*God looked around His garden,
He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this earth and
Saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful;
He only takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough,
So He closed your weary eyes and whispered,*

"Peace Be Thine."

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

Sadly missed by
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Peter and Colleen Caylor Scholarship available to MAPS alumni

Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) alumni pursuing classes at any accredited technical or trade school, college, or university are eligible to apply for the Peter and Colleen Caylor Scholarship. This scholarship is meant to provide opportunities and encouragement for motivated students of any age who are pursuing coursework for meaningful employment via trade skill and technical programs. The application can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/mapsedu.org/mhsscholarships/caylor-alumni-scholarship>. All applications are due on June 1, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Coordinator, Kasie Holt, at 715.536.4594 or kasie.holt@mapsedu.org.

TOWN OF RUSSELL
TOWN RESIDENT CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 21, 2022 - 8a.m. to NOON
Town of Russell Grader Shed-Bayer Street
Gleason, Wisconsin

For complete list of items that will be accepted see the Postings at the Russell Fire Station or on our website at www.townofrussellwi.com

The town will pay 1/2 of any fees due. Participants will need to Pay their share the day of and be prepared to show proof of Residence. Tires are limited to 10 per residence.

Questions - Call Jason @ 715-351-0661

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LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS
TOWN OF RUSSELL, LINCOLN COUNTY
JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023 LICENSE PERIOD

CLASS B COMBINATION LICENSE:
GLEASON BOWLING CENTER
N5353 STATE HWY 17, GLEASON WI 54435
Todd Schram, Agent

GLEASON COMMUNITY CLUB, INC
N5335 BAYER ST, GLEASON WI 54435
Darrel Dengel, Agent

BOAR'S NEST
N5366 STATE HWY 17, GLEASON WI 54435
Harold Osheim, owner

CLASS B BEER LICENSE:
Gleason Area Lions Club
N5179 BRADLEY ST, GLEASON WI 54435
Charles McCrory, agent

CLASS B BEER and CLASS C WINE LICENSES:
MA'S PLACE
N5375 STATE HWY 17, GLEASON WI 54435
Barbara L. Nickels and Cynthia A. Schielke, owners

CLASS A BEER and CLASS A LIQUOR, off-premise consumption:
COUNTRY GAL'S, LLC
N5342 STATE HWY 17, GLEASON WI 54435
Kathy Krzanowski, Agent

CLASS A BEER, off-premise consumption:
REMINGTON OIL COMPANY
N5362 STATE HWY 17, GLEASON WI 54435
Dean Sorano, Agent

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"Oh What Fun!" Dance recital this weekend

Brooke's School of Dance will present "Oh What Fun!" this weekend to showcase their students' talents, and the recital is once again open to the public. The show will be held at the Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) auditorium, with show times on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m., and on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available for purchase in the PRMS auditorium lobby on Thursday, May 5; Friday, May 6; and at the door on show days.

COURTSIDE FURNITURE

THANK YOU!

Courtside Furniture would like to thank all of our friends, family, & the Merrill community for the wonderful support for our new "Over 80!" TV commercial. We received over **200 (yes two hundred)** people for our tv commercial. Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to our 3 grand prize winners:

1st Place: Tara Bauman won the Queen upholstered Bed.
2nd place: Jake Knospe won the Wall saver Recliner.
3rd place: Jackie Arseneau won the Bunching Ottoman.

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Ascension Episcopal Church of Merrill held a celebration of new ministry on March 30, 2022, and Rev. Amy Heimerl was installed as the Vicar by Bishop Matthew Gunter, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac. Submitted photo.

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May 8th

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Doors open at 2 pm • Drawing at 4 pm
Music by Carl Jackson from 2:30-4:30
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Only 500 tickets will be sold • \$10 each
All proceeds go towards the Auxiliary Scholarship Program
Co-Chairs: Betty Smith and Linda Blake

Mother's Day Buffet
Sunday, May 8th Starting at 10 AM
Moms will receive a \$10 gift card to be used on a future visit.

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Pancakes	

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On March 27, 2022, the Merrill Eagles #584 held a Pancake Breakfast Benefit for the family of Brandtly Clark to assist them with ongoing medical expenses associated with Brandtly's medical condition. Pictured L to R: Sue Heckendorf (Auxiliary Breakfast Co-Chair), Hailey and Brandtly Clark, and Bryan Plautz (Aerie Breakfast Co-Chair). Submitted photo.

I wish I could find a dove that can fly up to Heaven, so he could tell God, how much I love & miss my daughter Tammy (Nelson) Zerbe & (Son) Scott Nelson & (Grandson) Jeshua Zerbe.
Love, Mom & Grandma
All in May 9/14/28

LINCOLN COUNTY SPORTS CLUB

24th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER & OPEN HOUSE
May 21, 2022 from 11:00am - 4:00pm
(Raffle Drawings start at 3:00pm)
Located at the Club - W5071 SCHULZ SPUR DR
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Kids Events with Door Prizes & Kids Raffles (power bike, ATV helmet, youth rifles, air rifles, fishing poles, and more).

GENERAL RAFFLE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT SEVERAL LOCAL BUSINESSES IN TOMAHAWK
(Tomahawk Furniture, Erv's Sales & Service, Viegut's Do It Express, Road Lake Pub, NAPA), MERRILL
(PowerHouse Lawn & Leisure, Cimino's Gun & Archery, Jokin Joes, NAPA, Leroy's Barber Shop), IRMA
(JEBs Bar & Grill) & GLEASON (Gleason Bowling Center, Z's Fork Horners).
Tickets will also be on sale at the Fundraiser/Open House on May 21.
Don't miss your opportunity for a chance to win one of these wonderful prize packages!

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Come check out what they have to offer for adults & kids.

The club will be demonstrating our new Clay Trap Shooting equipment. Talk to our experts on the renovations to the shooting ranges.

For details on prize packages, ticket prices, where to purchase tickets and general information, visit the LCSC website at lcsportsclub.com
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Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Odd Thomas

(Now streaming on Amazon Prime)

★★★★☆

Rated PG-13 – for language, violence, and adult themes

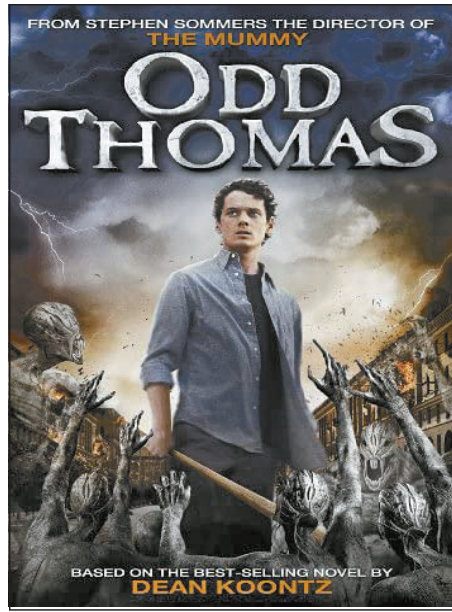
Well, not much opened this week except for a new kids animated film and, sorry, but without my wife to join me in the cinema, seeing a kids movie alone always makes me feel like I should just go buy a van, black out the windows, and complete the creepy persona, so that being said, let's head on down the Back When Highway instead and talk about a feature you may have missed that's worth checking out.

This time around, that feature is *Odd Thomas*, a 2013 supernatural mystery that is based on the wildly-popular, best-selling book series by Dean Koontz.

Odd Thomas is a fry cook in the small town of Pico Mudo in the California desert, and he has a loyal girlfriend named Stormy and a group of eclectic and somewhat odd (ha ha) friends.

Pretty normal until you learn that, as *Odd Thomas* says, "I see dead people, but then, by God, I do something about it."

"Starring the late great Anton Yelchin (a great talent taken too soon in what can only be described as a bizarre accident) and the always fantastic Willem Defoe and a host of other performers you know, this one deserved a better fate than it got. Plagued by financial issues during filming and distribution, and mired by law-



suits when *Odd Thomas* at long last hit the screens with a very, very limited release in 2013, it passed by without notice, and that's a shame. Because, my friends, this one is a lot of fun and the mystery of what is going on in Pico Mudo, and what *Odd* and his friends have to do to solve the mystery and stop what's going to happen, is a lot of fun to watch.

Did I mention there are monsters that only *Odd* can see? No? Well, there are, and they are a large part of what happens.

Four out of five stars for *Odd Thomas* – just a fun film that's a great way to pass 1 hour and 37 minutes, so find this one on Amazon Prime, dim the lights, pop that popcorn, and curl up on the couch, because there are worse ways to spend a Saturday night than to watch *Odd* do his thing. (Like seeing *The Northman* – I still cannot get over how bad that one was.)

MAPS accepts April donations

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the April 19, 2022, Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Directors meeting:

For the MHS Lettermen's Club in memory of Steve Blake – a check from Nancy Dabbert valued at \$25.00 and a check from Glenn and Barb Hartley valued at \$25.00; a Gift certificates from Hugo's Pizza valued at \$286.65 for PRMS PBIS incentives; hardwood moldings from Menzner Hardwoods Co. valued at \$1,500 for the PRMS Tech Ed; and a check from Linda Kaminski valued at \$100.00 for the Judy Bevier-North Counseling Fund.

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Eighth Grade

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Lincoln County Board adopts wolf population resolution

BY JALEN MAKI
MMC STAFF

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, during its meeting on Tuesday, April 19, adopted a resolution supporting a population goal of 350 gray wolves in Wisconsin.

The resolution points to the Wisconsin Department

of Natural Resources (WDNR)'s 1999 establishment, and 2007 reaffirmation, of a wolf population goal of 350 "based on prey availability and human population density."

The DNR currently follows the 2007 framework and is in the process of reviewing the state's Wolf Management Plan. Tribal consultations and a public comment period were scheduled for this spring, with



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the DNR slated to present a final draft of the plan to the Natural Resources Board at a later date.

Prior to the Board's vote, three members of the public voiced their opposition the resolution. Several Lincoln County residents wrote letters regarding wolves in the County, and a fourth member of the public read the letters on behalf of the writers. One letter encouraged the Board to "respect the science and the professionals who spend their lives studying this subject," while another spoke out against hunting wolves.

One member of the public spoke in favor of the resolution, saying that from 2010 to 2017, "half the county boards in Wisconsin passed a resolution similar to this, and I think that tells you where the county boards are coming from as representatives of their people."

Following comments from members of the public, the Board discussed the resolution.

District 13 Supervisor Calvin Callahan noted that numerous farming and outdoors groups, as well as majorities of respondents to a pair of surveys conducted by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, supported capping Wisconsin's wolf population at 350.

"I think it's very accurate to say that the people of the State of Wisconsin, that the people up here in the northern part of the state, our constituents, agree that the wolf population is a problem," Callahan stated. "We have left it, at the State Legislature, up to the DNR time and time again, and they have constantly failed us. We shouldn't even have to be worrying about this at the county level, but unfortunately because of a lack of leadership in Madison by the current governor's administration, we are forced to listen to our constituents and do something about it."

District 19 Supervisor Julie L. Allen opined that the introduction of the resolution was "a bit premature," noting that the DNR is slated to complete its Wolf Management Plan before saying that she would vote against the resolution.

A proposed amendment to the resolution that sought strike language regarding the 350-wolf population goal and replaced it with "not more than 50% of the population as designated" by the DNR failed after discussion, garnering one vote.

Following further discussion, the resolution ultimately passed with a 15-6 roll call vote.

Voting in favor were Callahan, District 1 Supervisor Bill Bialecki, District 2 Supervisor Lori Anderson-Malm, District 4 Supervisor Steven L. Osnes Jr., District 6 Supervisor Norbert "Nubs" Ashbeck, District 8 Supervisor Laurie Theil, District 9 Supervisor Don Friske, District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd, District 11 Supervisor Randy Detert, District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse, District 15 Supervisor Marty R. Lemke, District 17 Supervisor George Brixius, District 18 Supervisor Ken Wickham, District 20 Supervisor Angela Cummings and District 22 Supervisor Greg Hartwig.

Allen, District 3 Supervisor Elizabeth McCrank, District 7 Supervisor Greta Rusch, District 14 Supervisor Brian Hafeman, District 16 Supervisor Michael J. Loka, and District 21 Supervisor Eugene Simon were opposed.

With the resolution's passage, the Board "advises that Wisconsin reaffirm a wolf population goal of 350 or less in the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan; encourages the WDNR to include elected officials from counties with high wolf conflicts in the DNR Wolf Advisory Committee; requests that WDNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan; and requests that WDNR not relocate problem wolves from other counties in the state into Lincoln County."

The resolution will be forwarded to "the offices of the Wisconsin Governor, Secretary of the WDNR, Preston Cole, Secretary of DATCP, Randy Romanski, and state and federal legislators who represent Lincoln County," according to the resolution.

"When the WDNR public comments period for the revised Wolf Management Plan is announced, the resolution will be sent to the designated contact determined by WDNR," the resolution states.

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High energy Girls Varsity Soccer game ends with a single goal

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Lady Jays hosted the Wausau East Lumberjacks last Thursday, April 28, 2022, for a tight high-energy soccer match.

“Our best game of the season by far, and I’d say we were tremendously unlucky to come out of the game with a loss,” said Kyle Hahn, Merrill Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach. “The girls played quick and aggressive from kickoff, and Alayna Boyd enjoyed blazing past East’s defenders all night long. We held them scoreless in the first 40 (a first for our group this season) and had a couple of good chances saved by their goalkeeper to keep things square heading into half.”

“During the break, we discussed needing to sustain, and even ramp up, our energy in the second half,” he said. “Unfortunately, East capitalized off a shot from distance that took an awkward bounce right before it got to Anna Bowe short of five minutes into the second half. However, the game never looked out of reach for us.”

“Even being a goal down with 30 seconds left, our girls were pushing for opportunities and pinning East back,” Hahn said.



Merrill's #10 Reggie Lahti throwing the ball back into play during last week's game vs. Wausau East.

“While we’re never satisfied with a loss, there were a lot of great takeaways from this game that can serve as a blueprint for us through the rest of the season.

Merrill took 5 shots on goal; all were blocked by

Wausau East. East took 8 shots on goal, and Anne Bowe blocked all but that unlucky (for Merrill) one. Corner kicks: Merrill 4/ Wausau East 1.

Box Score:
Merrill 0 @ Wausau East 1

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6TH GRADE

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5TH GRADE

Willow Harmon, Kayla Klimek, Aubrey Renzelmann, Jillian Severt, Emmie Steinagel

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Marshfield beats Merrill Varsity Girls in Softball double header

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Varsity Girls Softball Team took on Marshfield in a double header on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex (MARC)

In game one, Addy Schmeltzer and Olivia Pierce both did time on the mound pitching. During Merrill’s at-bat time, the girls just couldn’t get a score. Marshfield won by 5 against a scoreless Merrill team.

Game One Box Score
Marshfield 5 @ Merrill 0

Game two had Sophie Wendorf and Addy Schmeltzer taking time on the mound. But again, Merrill just couldn’t get the hits and the runs they needed to get a number on the scoreboard.

Marshfield again scored 5 and Merrill ended up with another scoreless game.

“On a positive note, Laney Zuelsdorff in deep right field threw a runner out who was attempting to go from 1-3 on a single,” said Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach Alison Krohn. “And Nicole Doering had a few hits on the day.”

Game Two Box Score
Marshfield 5 @ Merrill 0

Come on out for youth night and poster signing

Merrill will host Wausau East on Thursday, May 5, and will also hold youth night and a poster signing event. Krohn said she is hoping to see a good turnout for the event. “We would love to get the word out to the community in any way possible,” she said.

2022 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball-Boys (Varsity, JV & JV2)			
Thurs. May 5	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Fri. May 6	Antigo (Varsity, JV & JV2)	Away	5:00 pm
Sat. May 7	Waunakee (Varsity & JV)	Away	11:00 am
Mon. May 9	Wausau West (JV2) DBL	Home	5:00 pm
Tues. May 10	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Crandon (JV2)	Home	5:00 pm
Softball-Girls (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 5	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Fri. May 6	Medford (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Fri. May 6	Medford (JV2)	Away	6:00 pm
Mon. May 9	Stevens Point (J2V) DBL	Away	4:00 pm
Tues. May 10	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. May 12	D.C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Soccer-Girls (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 5	Marshfield (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 5	Marshfield (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tues. May 10	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. May 10	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Stevens Point (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Track & Field-Boys (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 5	Wausau East (JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Fri. May 6	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Stevens Point (JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	4:15 pm
Track & Field-Girls (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 5	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Fri. May 6	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Marshfield (JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Golf-Boys (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 5	Indianhead Golf (JV)	Away	3:00 pm
Fri. May 6	Wausau Country Club (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm
Sat. May 7	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	9:00 am
Tues. May 10	Greenwood Hills (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Addison Schmeltzer, a Junior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Addison pitches for the Bluejay Girls Varsity Softball Team, and this is her second year. Addy also plays on the Merrill Traveling Fast Pitch team (for as long as she can remember) and plays on City leagues. Last year Addy played JV (and sometimes Varsity) for the Merrill Girls Basketball Team (she started playing basketball in fifth grade), but she didn’t play basketball this year.

At school, Addison is on the Link Crew and a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) and is involved with preparations for this year’s graduation and awards ceremonies as a member of NHS. She is also enjoying her psychology and advanced graphics classes at MHS. “Those are my two favorites,” she said. Prior to the beginning of softball season, Addy worked at the after school program with the second graders at Kate Goodrich Elementary School. She belongs to St. John Lutheran Church. And in her free time? “I have a big family, so there’s a lot of family gatherings,” Addy said. “Lots of birthday parties and things like that.” On the rare weekend with nothing already planned, she enjoys shopping with her best friend (who is also a cousin).

The daughter of Tracy and Chris Schmeltzer of Merrill, Addison has a 3.906 GPA and hopes to attend college and play softball at the college level, and is considering pursuing some kind of psychology studies.



Addison Schmeltzer

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1- Merrill's Isaaq Clapper pitches the ball in the April 28, 2022, game against SPASH. 2- Gavin Przybelski (SPASH #2) steps out of the way as Connor Cortright (Merrill Catcher #21) throws the ball to second base as the SPASH opponents steals the base. 3- Tommy Dohner (SPASH #15) rounds third to home in Stevens Point's Bukolt Park, as Isaaq Clapper (Merrill #15) stands ready. 4- Merrill's #11 Michael McRae is up to bat in last Thursday's game against SPASH. SPASH ultimately won the game. Merrill 0 @ SPASH 10.



Katelyn Voorhies photos.




Tomahawk Health Services honored its administrative professions this week.

Kathe Handlin (L) is the business office manager. Kathe is fairly new to THS but is doing a great job. She is very calm and customer service orientated. All our families like working with her.

Theresa Johnson (R) is the medical records/central supply manager. Theresa is really a pleasure to have on staff with her many years of experience. Theresa has been with THS for 29 years! She has been in long term care for 43 years! Theresa is the "go to" person when nobody else has the answer. She does!

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Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is **Colten Krueger**
Son of **Bob & Molly Krueger**
Colten is in 1st grade at New Testament Christian Academy. He was nominated by Mrs. Hohman.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
I like social studies because I like the reading pages in it.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
I like lunch because the food is so good!

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
Some day I would like to join the Army because then I'd get to save people.

Colten is a very kind-hearted young boy and is always willing to help. He is so imaginative and creative. He is a hard worker and has a very positive attitude. He is a blessing to all!
~ Mrs. Hohman

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