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Tina L. Scott photo.

## Dancers take the stage: "Oh What Fun!"

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) Auditorium was the place to be last weekend as Brooke's School of Dance presented "Oh What Fun!" with five shows on May 7 and 8, 2022. The shows were once again open to the public and packed the auditorium.

The Christmas-themed show featured students performing routines in tap, jazz, lyrical, ballet, hip hop, and other styles, with students from

about age two through young adults on stage. From Frosty the Snowman, Jingle Bell Rock, and Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree to Mele Kalikimaka, dancers celebrated the magical season of Christmas, dancing to familiar and less well-known songs, and even the Grinch made an appearance in Where Are You Christmas?

The little ones stole the show with their adorable antics, tap shoes, and twirls, while older students drew awed applause with pirouettes, grand jetés, back flips, aerial walkovers,

synchronized routines, and more. The routines featured in this weekend's show won multiple awards during the April 2 and 2, 2022, GROOVE dance competition in Minneapolis, Minn., including nine routines that took first, second, or third place. Eight other routines took fourth through tenth place, and two routines were awarded Judge's Choice. Brooke's School of Dance also received the GROOVE Professionalism Award at the competition. "Out of 15 studios who participated, this award

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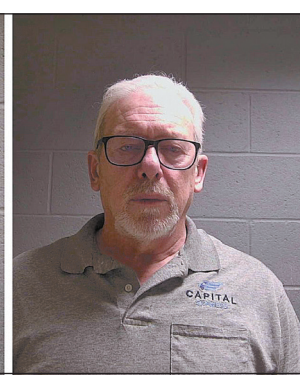
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## Langlade County Sheriff's Office seeking individuals with information

The Langlade County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating several related incidents dating back to the 1990's. Travis L. Huse, age 42, of Merrill; and his father, Scott L. Huse, age 64 (also of Merrill) have been identified as persons of interest in these investigations. As of May 2022, Scott and Travis Huse were associated with Pathways Fellowship church in Merrill.



Travis Huse (L) and Scott Huse (R) of Merrill. Photos courtesy of Langlade County Sheriff's Office.

During the 1990's and early 2000's the Huse's were associated with the Apostolic Worship Center and former Evergreen Christian Academy school near Elton in Langlade County. In the early 2000's the Huse's moved to Fond du Lac and were in-

involved with the Cornerstone Worship Center. Since the 1990's Travis Huse has also lived in Kentucky, Missouri, Maine, and New Hampshire. Scott Huse has lived in New Hampshire and Maine.

Investigators are seeking any information or possible victims who may have had contact with Travis and/or Scott Huse in the past. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sgt. Justin Groner

at 715.627.6419 or jgrones@co.langlade.wi.us. No further information is available at this time. All involved parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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# Hass organizes City Council training session, sets office hours

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

Steve Hass, Merrill's new Mayor, convened a Committee of the Whole meeting for the newly-organized Merrill City Council on Friday, May 6, 2022. The meeting was an orientation meeting and training session, during which Council President Paul Russell presented on the Nine Tools of Civility and City Attorney Tom Heyden outlined legal matters relative to the Council including walking quorums, the use of electronic communications, and the open records laws. Heyden also outlined the duties, responsibilities, and powers of the City Council and City Committees, Boards, and Commissions as compared to those of the Mayor, City Administrator, and Department Heads. He said the roles of each and the process of local government are not always understood by the general public. Procedures for lawns, weeds, and snow removal and



City of Merrill Mayor Steve Hass. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

Street and Weed Commissioner procedures were also outlined, and City Building Inspector Darin Pagel presented information related to property conditions and demolitions in the City, sparking dialogue focused on

acquiring properties while there is still time to refurbish them and the challenges of doing that in a timely manner, which will require cooperation from the County.

A program explaining the complex issue of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Tax Increment Districts (TID's) was presented, along with information outlining the City's current financial position, including bond rating and debt, as well as future borrowing.

The meeting concluded with a presentation and discussion of the preliminary budget strategy for 2023 by Finance Director Kathy Unertl.

During the meeting, Hass said the Council and City officials are "working together for the better of the community, and I hope everybody takes that to heart."

Hass said he will be in the office at Merrill City Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. He is already embracing an active roll in directing City communications, attending community and Chamber meetings, and getting out into the business community to represent the City of Merrill.

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## Murray named new MAPS Superintendent

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

The Merrill Area Public School (MAPS) Board of Education announced that it has unanimously selected Shannon Murray to be the new Superintendent of MAPS, and Murray has accepted. Murray will begin working in this position on July 1, 2022, when current Superintendent John Sample's retirement

takes effect.

Murray currently serves as the Principal at Merrill High School (MHS), and has been the MHS Principal for the last 16 years. Prior to that, Murray served as an Assistant Principal at Wausau West High School and taught at both Wausau West and Medford high schools. Murray received his administrative licensure at Marian University and is currently completing his Specialist pro-

gram at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Murray is a Merrill native and a MHS graduate of the Class of 1986.

"While we had many qualified candidates, throughout the process the decision was evident," said Kevin Blake, President of the Merrill Area Public School Board, "We are fortunate and excited to move forward under Mr. Murray's leadership."

The process of selecting



Murray

a new MHS Principal has not yet begun.

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# Former Merrill resident, Ausman runs for Congress

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR



Ausman

Former Merrill resident, Democrat Richard "Dick" Ausman, self-described as "a small business owner, parent, and a former UW-Madison Marching Band bass drummer," has launched a campaign for Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District, running against incumbent Congressman Tom Tiffany.

The 7th Congressional District is Wisconsin's largest district by land mass and includes Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Clark, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Iron, Jackson, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Monroe, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Vilas, Washburn, and Wood Counties.

"We are all Badgers/Wisconsinites - Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and whoever - and no matter if you live on a farm or in a city apartment, everyone deserves to have someone in Washington who's looking out for them, and that's why I'm running," Ausman said in a press release.

"I support the Democratic Party values that our econ-

omy should work for everyone, health care is right, and we must strengthen and defend our democracy, but my upbringing taught me the value of a dollar, and my career in business taught me to be cautious when spending that dollar, so I will be a careful steward of American taxpayers' money and ensure that the 7th Congressional District gets their fair share," he said.

Ausman was born and raised in Merrill. His father died when he was seven years old and his mother, with six children, had no insurance or savings. Ausman said he remembers vividly the white boxes of food they would pick up at the County build-

ing. And he remembers his mom baked bread that he would deliver to families in the neighborhood, and she rented a bedroom in their house to a student attending the nursing college to supplant her earnings. Her values are the core of who Ausman became, he said: "Tell the truth, be kind, give your all to your family and work, and everyone is welcome at my table."

A graduate from UW-Madison, a business man, and a publishing company executive, Ausman is married with two daughters.

## Lincoln County Sports Club 24th Annual Fundraiser/ Open House

The Lincoln County Sports Club will hold their 24th Annual Fundraiser and Open House on May 21, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Sports Club, W5071 Schulz Spur Dr., in Merrill. There is no admission and all are welcome. Food, beverages, music, raffles (including some exclusive to the day of the event), kids raffles, and more ... with more than \$20,000 in prizes to be won. In addition, there will be activities and opportunities for kids and adults including opportunities for axe throwing, archery, shooting balloons, racing minnows, fishing, to see the shooting range renovations, and to see demonstrations of all-terrain wheelchairs, ATVs/UTVs, and new clay trap shooting equipment. And 15 non-profit organizations will be there to share information about their organizations and offer special giveaways.

This is the club's primary fundraising event to support two annual \$2,000 scholarships to local graduates who will major in conservation-related fields, shooting range upgrades, all terrain wheelchair accessibility, Range Safety Officer (RSO) training, self-defense and gun care classes, hunter mentoring programs, hunter's safety and trapper education classes, youth and women's trap shooting nights, and free meetings open to the public with guest speakers.

For more information, visit [lccsportsclub.com](http://lccsportsclub.com).

## Fishing season is now open

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Wisconsin's general inland fishing season opened this past Saturday, May 7, 2022.

First-timers, or those who haven't had a Wisconsin fishing license for the last 10 years or more, can get a fishing license for just \$5.

A one-day general fishing license for Wisconsin residents is \$8 or for non-residents is \$10. And an annual fishing license for state residents is \$20.

Kids age 15 and under and seniors (born before 1927) fish free every day! Plus there are additional discounts for older teens and younger seniors.

To purchase a license, go to: <https://gowild.wi.gov/> or stop at a DNR Service Center or other sales location in your area. (In Merrill, the Beacon Bar, Customer One Coop on Center Ave., Express Lane Station on Center Ave., and Walmart, are authorized sales locations.)



Don't have your own fishing equipment? You can still enjoy some local fishing in the Merrill area! Did you know you can check out fishing rods at the T.B. Scott Library in Merrill? Check it out, literally!

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For complete Wisconsin fishing regulations, bag limits, fish species, places to fish, eating your catch, and other information, go to: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing>.

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## Myers sentenced to 137 months for methamphetamine trafficking

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EDITOR

TJ Myers, age 33 of Merrill, was sentenced to 137 months in federal prison for conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, according to a new release issued by Timothy O'Shea, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin. Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron Wegner handled the prosecution. Myers pled guilty to the charge on Jan. 26, 2022, and Chief U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson sentenced Myers on May 9, 2022. A co-defendant in the case, Levi Bagne of Arizona, who was Myers' methamphetamine source according to the investigation, signed a plea agreement and appeared at a plea hearing before Judge Peterson on May 10, 2022.

According to the press release, Myers



Myers

was arrested as the result of a June 8, 2020, traffic stop by the Merrill Police Department. Myers was driving a Jeep Patriot and fled on foot after stopping the vehicle. A search of the Jeep revealed approximately 400 grams of meth inside the center console. He was subsequently arrested and had been out of prison at the time for less than two months.

Judge Peterson considered that timing an aggravating factor as he pronounced his sentence, the release said. Further, "Judge Peterson described Myers' criminal history as 'unrelenting' and noted his multiple felony convictions for methamphetamine trafficking," the release said. The Judge concluded that a substantial sentence was warranted because Myers played a

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**OBITUARIES**



**Elaine K. Sukow**, 97, of Merrill, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2022, due to natural causes.

Elaine was born on June 15, 1924, to the late Katherine (Bloechl) and Harry Doering, she grew up and lived in the Merrill area all her life.

Elaine was preceded in death by her beloved children, Russell Sukow and Michelle Sukow; loving husband of 77 years, Lester Sukow; sister, Dorothy (Marvin) Kanitz; brothers, Roy (Nancy) Doering

and Norbert Doering; and parents, Katherine and Harry Doering. Elaine will be greatly missed by her family which includes her children, Sidney (Eva) Sukow and Brian (Linda) Sukow; daughter-in-law, Cecilia Sukow; grandchildren, Lori (Tom) Munson, Carrie (Dan) Barz, Cammie (Dave) Pankow, and Amy (Russ) Kitsemel; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Harry (Joyce) Doering; and many nieces and nephews.

Elaine worked various jobs throughout her life and was an intricate part of running and operating Les's Sports Shop with her husband Les, but none of these were more important than caring for her daughter, Michelle.

Elaine liked clipping recipes from magazines, writing stories and poetry about the past, writing letters and sending cards to family and friends. She worked daily at 'Seek-a-Word' puzzles which kept her mind sharp. Music was a big part of Elaine's life, she played a variety of musical instruments and enjoyed listening to polka music on the radio. She was a life-long sports fan and enjoyed watching the boys play sports as well as watching baseball and football on TV. Having a daily cocktail was important to her.

A funeral liturgy for Elaine was held at 12:00 p.m., noon, on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Burial followed in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery, Merrill. Visitation began at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Elaine's family would like to thank Aspirus Hospice and Pine Crest Nursing Home for the wonderful care they gave to Elaine, especially Heather.

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



**John Bernard Romatoski**, age 93, of Merrill, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2022, at Woodland Courts in Merrill, Wisconsin. He was born on April 27, 1929, to the late Walter and Kathryn (Plaza) Romatoski in the town of Mosinee in Marathon County. He met and married the love of his life, Mary Ann Kleman, and the two enjoyed 67 years together. They were married on May 22, 1954, in the town of

Bevent. She precedes him in death. John was in the US Army and was honorably discharged in 1953. He worked in carpentry and farming up until he was 74 years old even though he was legally blind. John was very proud of his family. He had a good sense of humor. Most of his kids and grandkids carried on tradition as carpenters. He loved playing dice and cards with his entire family until he was unable to. He loved to watch polkas (Molly B) and rodeo. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting in his younger years.

John is survived by his children: Larry (Julie) Romatoski, Jeff (Donnabelle) Romatoski, Patti ("Tiny") Clark, Ron (Jean) Romatoski, Rick (Heidi) Romatoski and Kurt (Christy) Romatoski, grandchildren: Mike (Carey), Scott (Melissa), Shawn, Becky (Bobbie), Zack, Kelsey, Kim, Brent, Seth (Sara), Kelly, Trina (Paul), Bryce (Kara), Samantha (Nolan), Rachel (Trevor), Bailey, Taylor, Emily (Brandon), Maddie and Trevor, 27 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandson, sister: Genevieve, brothers in law: Leroy Kleman, Jimmy (Debbie) Kleman, sister in law: Dolores Wanta and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann Romatoski, parents and brothers, Mike, Roman, and Joe, sisters, Helen, Lottie, and Eleanor, and granddaughter, Michelle.

The funeral service for John was held on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 12:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill. Reverend Sue Smaaland officiated. Visitation was held on Monday, May 9, 2022, from 11:00 am until the time of the service, also at the funeral home. Burial immediately followed the service and took place at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family requests that donations be made in John's name to the Veterans Administration.

Special thanks to all employees at Woodland Courts, for the care that they provided for John.

The service will be recorded and available under his obituary on the funeral home website.

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



**Barbara "Barb" Lynn Schuster**, 76, was called to her heavenly home on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Aspirus Merrill Hospital. She was born August 15, 1945, in Milwaukee, to the late Roger Ringhand and Margaret Taylor. She married Duane Schwartz, he survives, and together they had four children: Jamie Schwartz, Lauren Podeweltz (Jim Streeter), Brian Schwartz, and Amy Jo David. After the two divorced, Barb met and married the love of her life,

Donald Schuster, October 10, 1981. Don lovingly called her "Barbie". His daughters, Tammy (Christopher) Williams, and Sherri (Terri) Agena, became part of her family too.

Barb was a homemaker and enjoyed taking care of her family. She loved to cook and often contributed her famous potato salad at family events. Barb and Don enjoyed riding motorcycle throughout the Northwoods, vacationing in Hayward each summer, and visiting cousins in Mercer. She often spent time playing cards with her close friends Shirley Eggers, Joanne Haas, Terri Frisch and Marlene Benzinger. Barb will always be remembered for her spicy personality and love of laughter! It was loud, unique, and made everyone else laugh!

Barb is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Don Schuster, step-grandson Phillip Williams, and most recently, her daughter Amy Jo David.

She is survived by her loving children; grandchildren - Jennifer, Ian, Lauren, Chaz, Morgan, Jordan, Megan, and Courtney; great-grandchildren - Denali, Bentley, Harley, Hudson, Corbin, Jameson, Ellie, Greyson, Ryver and Charlie; siblings - Beverly (Rick) Henrichs, Tomahawk, Mark Allen and Joanne (Monty) Sczygelski, both of Merrill, and Scott Ringhand (Racine), along with many nieces and nephews and special friends Rick and Patty Granato.

Funeral services for Barb will be held Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 11am at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill. Pastor Adam Rodriguez, Trinity Lutheran Church, will officiate. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, from 4pm until 7pm, and again on Thursday, May 12, 2022, from 10am until the time of service, all at Waid Funeral Home. Burial in the Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery will immediately follow the service.

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



**Jane E. Allen**, age 71. Born Jane Elizabeth Latzig in Merrill, Wisconsin on September 3rd, 1950.

Jane lost the courageous fight against cancer on January 30th, 2022 at her home in Allegan Michigan surrounded by her family and listening to Allen Jackson sing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Jane loved life and she brought that love with her wherever she went. She worked most of her life within the Family Business.

First in Wisconsin at Badger Evergreen Farms then moving to Michigan with her family in 1982 to run Badger Evergreen Nursery. She worked hard, traveled far and cooked much! Her love for life and fun-loving energy has given many of her family and friends unforgettable memories.

Jane is preceded in death by her husband Butch Allen and is survived by her four sons, Tim Mohrland (Melody), Kevin Mohrland (Tammy), Chris Mohrland (Tammy) and Matthew Mohrland along with ten grand and great grandchildren. Jane also had four step children, Kimberly Allen, Kevin (Kathrine), Bridget Allen and Jennifer Allen along with many more grand and great grandchildren.

There will be a CELEBRATION OF JANES LIFE 5/28/2022 @ 1:00 PM , 1535 115th Ave. Otsego, MI 49078 ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME



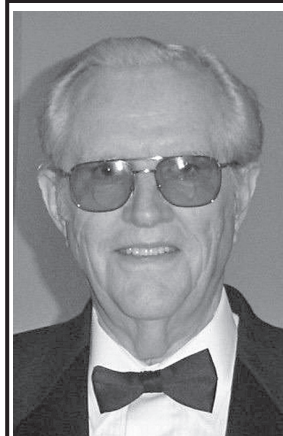
**Donald L. Wallace**, 85, of Merrill, passed away Monday, May 2, 2022, at Aspirus Merrill Hospital.

Donald was born April 19, 1937, in Rib Lake, Wisconsin, son of the late Lester and Vera (Krueger) Wallace. Don enlisted in the Wisconsin National Guard and served from 1954 until 1960. Don had worked at Treat All Metals in Milwaukee and Donahue Metals in Port Washington. He eventually took a job at Allen Edmonds Shoe Manufacturing in Port Washington, Wisconsin and retired in 1999. Don enjoyed open water fishing and was an avid reader. Don also enjoyed football and baseball, namely the Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers. He also enjoyed watching NASCAR.

Survivors include his daughters, Suzi Wallace of Menomonee Falls and Derinda 'Rindy' (Randy) Richards of Stoughton; sons, Scott Wallace of Random Lake and Steve Wallace of Waldo; six grandchildren, Emily Miller, Collin (Allison) Wallace, Colton Wallace, Taylor Wallace, Brandon Wallace, and Cody Wallace; two great-grandchildren, Leighton and Garrett; brothers, Dan (JoAnn) Wallace of West Bend and Bill (Peggy) Wallace of Palmyra; and several step-children. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Lina Wallace; parents, Lester and Vera Wallace; sister and brother-in-law, JoAnn (Ron) Adkins; and brother, Terry Wallace.

Per Don's wishes no service will be held. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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



**William L. Kidder** passed away on April 30, 2022, at Mount View Nursing Home in Wausau, Wisconsin.

William was born September 25, 1927, in Kalamazoo, Michigan to the late William and Virginia (Loomis) Kidder. He entered the U.S. Army at the end of World War II after preparing for his service for four years of ROTC training during his high school years in Evanston, Illinois where his parents relocated to support the war in a civilian capacity. He lived in Chicago, Illinois throughout most of his adult life in various capacities of the business field with a few short years as Sales Manager of the former Ward Paper Company in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Survivors include his wife Allaire (Hintze, Lindquist) Kidder of Merrill, WI, daughter Linda Dute (Son-in-law Thomas Welsh) of Fort Collins, CO, stepson John Lindquist of Atlanta, GA, stepdaughters: Patricia Lindquist (Lori Kroening) of Merrill, WI, and Lisa Lindquist of Atlanta, GA, grandchildren: Gregory, Brian, Gayle, Beth, Reagan, and Amy, great-grandchildren: Natalie, Lincoln, and Boone, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Laurie Kidder Maddox, one brother Larry Kidder and one sister Ruth Kidder.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 11:00 am at Waid Funeral Home. A visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of service also at the funeral home. Private inurnment 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](http://www.waidfuneral.com).

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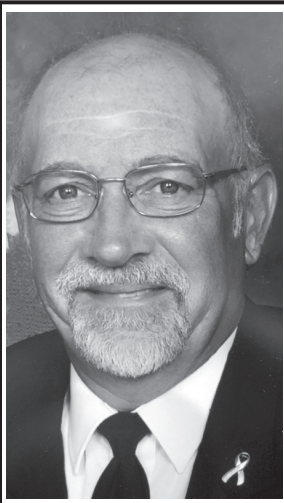
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**OBITUARIES**



**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 – the evening farm chores. Scott was born March 4, 1957, to Victor and Marjorie (Turbin) Heidemann. He was the fourth generation to grow up on the Heidemann Homestead in the Town of Pine River. Scott married his high school sweetheart, Laurie L. Schepp, on July 16, 1977, a union lasting nearly 45 years. Together they raised two sons, Ross and Dirk, whom they installed traditional family values.

Scott loved and cherished his family above all. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and a wonderful Papa Scott to his two grandchildren, Tavin and Brynlee. Scott will always be remembered for his kind heart, helpful hands, and sense of humor. He was best described by his mother-in-law as “one of the good ones.”

Scott started his mechanical career with Rod’s Wrecker Service. In 1988, Scott and Laurie took over the family dairy farm. In 2004, the dairy operation was sold and he joined his home-away-from-home work family at Peterson Sand & Gravel. He truly enjoyed delivering material to customers, allowing him to meet new people and touch base with old friends. He had a strong passion for International Harvester machinery and had the ability to fix almost anything, from tractors to heavy equipment. Scott prided himself on his organized toolboxes and his meticulous work ethic. More than anything, he loved to farm and filled his days with his love of the land. Scott was also an avid deer hunter and was famous for his homemade, cold-smoked sausage. Scott was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Town of Pine River, where he served on the Church Council, Cemetery Committee, and Finance Committee. Scott will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his wife, Laurie Heidemann, of Merrill; his sons Ross Heidemann (Melissa Gilbert and her son Christian Gilbert) and Dirk (Jessica) Heidemann and their children Tavin and Brynlee, all of Merrill; mother Marjorie Heidemann of Merrill; and brother Timothy (Kelley) of Merrill. In addition, he is survived by Laurie’s family: Dale Schepp of Merrill; Dawn (Edward) Vruwink of Rudolph, WI; Terri (Paul) Schmidt of Pelican Lake, WI; sister-in-law Stephanie Schepp of Merrill, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Scott was preceded in death by his father Victor Heidemann, brother Michael Heidemann, father-in-law Wayne Schepp, mother-in-law Irene Schepp, and brother-in-law Kerri Schepp.

A funeral service was held on Friday, May 6, 2022, at 11:00 am at Calvary Lutheran Church in the Town of Pine River. A visitation was 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 will be at Calvary Lutheran Cemetery in the Town of Pine River.

The family would like to thank all first responders and medical professionals for their dedicated care. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Scott to Calvary Lutheran Church.

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



**Shirley Ann Chilsen** fell asleep in death April 29, 2022. She was born April 20, 1939 in Merrill, Wisconsin to Rueben and Margaret Anderson. She married Alfred Chilsen on August 29, 1957. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister June and brother-in-law Orland Simon; and her husband Alfred of 47 years.

Shirley was always cooking and baking and found happiness in giving her food away. She was especially known for her pies and her children would request which one they wanted. Cards and board games also gave her great joy and she loved the competition. She enjoyed the association and took the initiative in inviting others to her home. She also loved watching her favorite football team—the Green Bay Packers.

Her greatest joy was finding out that God’s name is Jehovah, while studying the Bible (Psalms 83:18). She was baptized as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses in March of 1980 along with her husband Alfred. The last 13 years she lived in Butler, Wisconsin to be closer to her children, and she developed many close friendships while there. She recently moved back to her hometown where her daughter resides. She devoted 42 years teaching everyone she met about God’s Kingdom, a government in Heaven ruled by Christ Jesus that will end wars and issue in a paradise earth where death will be no more (Revelation 21:3-4) and where millions will be resurrected to life on a beautiful earth (John 5:28, 29).

She is survived by her children: Brian (Donna) Chilsen, Milwaukee; Kevin Chilsen, Oshkosh; Debra Chilsen, Merrill; Todd (Melanie) Chilsen, Albany, NY; Brad (Elina) Chilsen, Milwaukee; Tamera Murdock, Merrill; 5 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and her cat Olivia.

For those of us who knew and loved her she will be missed. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to the Worldwide Work of Jehovah’s Witnesses at [donate.jw.org](http://donate.jw.org)

Please send announcements, news briefs, photo submissions and letters to the editor to: [tscott@mmclocal.com](mailto:tscott@mmclocal.com)

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Legals 7700**

**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 WNAAXLP

**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 Poppo 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

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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 WNAAXLP

**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: 2022SC000089 Small Claims, Replevin 31003 PARK CITY CREDIT UNION vs. XANDRA L BIENFANG

**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 WNAAXLP

**LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
**CITY OF MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
**JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023**  
**LICENSE PERIOD**

**CLASS B COMBINATION LICENSE**  
Quade, LLC, Jesse Quade, Agent, 1-900, 2501 W. Main Street All Aboard LLC, Marion L. Clark, Agent, All Aboard, 315 E. 2nd Street M & C Entertainment LLC, Cheryl Fick, Agent, Ballyhoo’s, 124 N. Prospect Street B’s Nest LLC, Duane Yorde, Agent, B’s Nest, 1404 W. Main Street Bubba’s Pub, Brian Kummerow, Agent, Bubba’s Pub, 405 Grand Avenue Casa-Amigos Mexican Restaurant LLC, Yareldi Gutierrez, Agent, Casa-Amigos Mexican Restaurant, 2410 State Rd 107 Caylor’s Trophy Bar, LLC, Michael J Caylor, Agent, Caylor’s Trophy Bar, 808 E. Main Street Erickson, Craig, Ericksons Westside Tap, 116 N Prospect Street

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Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 584, Scott Doerr, Agent, Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1205 N. Lake Street Kort LLC, Ardis K. Kort, Agent, Gesundheit, 1300 E. Main Street JWM-CO LLC, James Merkel, Jimbo’s, 1007 E. Main St Hinz, Calvin L., Kathy & Cal’s Club 64, 2405 W. Main Street Lincoln Lanes, Inc., Mark M. Bares, Agent, Lincoln Lanes, 1208 N. Center Ave.

V-F Inc, Valeria Melendez, Agent, Los Mezcales, 3340 E. Main Street Texas Recreational Center, Inc., Michael Malinowski, Agent, Merrill Public Golf Course, 1604 O’Day Street

Kim’s Wisconsin LLC, Qemal Alimi, Agent, New Pine Ridge Restaurant, 1302 N. Center Ave Plautz’s Pub LLC, David R Plautz, Agent, Plautz’s Pub, 310 E. 2nd Street Merrill Social & Sick Benefit Society, Amanda Plautz, Agent, S & S Bar, 418 Grand Avenue

Jesperson, Flori A., Salvo’s Restaurant, 201 E. 2nd Street Sawmill Brewing Co Inc, Zach Kubicek, Agent, Sawmill Brewing Co., 1110 E 10th Street

Sutton’s Wine Bar, LLC, Vanessa Lazarz, Agent, Sutton’s Wine Bar, LLC, 129 N Prospect Schmitt-Manecke-Donner VFW Post 1638, John Rathke, Agent, VFW Post 1638, 601 Johnson Street

**CLASS A COMBINATION LICENSE**  
Hometown Grocer, Inc, Steve Burkhardt, Agent, Dave’s County Market, 300 E. 1st Street Dolgencorp, LLC, Crystal Lemke, Agent, Dollar General Store #21051, 710 E 2nd Street

Applegreen Midwest LLC, Sheri R Myers, Agent, Express Lane #2328, 702 N. Center Avenue In & Out Beer and Liquor LLC, Eric W Dayton, Agent, In & Out Beer and Liquor LLC, 701 E. 2nd Street

Krist Oil Company, Amy Salazar, Agent, Krist Food Mart #88, 105 S. Center Avenue Kwik Trip, Inc., Heather Elizabeth Ohlmann, Agent, Kwik Trip #386, 2311 E. Main Street

Kwik Trip, Inc, Angela Rae Brose, Agent, Kwik Trip #241, 300 S. Pine Ridge Ave Lotter II LLC, Frank Lotter, Agent, Lotter’s Merrill Mobil, 1201 Grand Avenue

River Country Cooperative, Becky Guite, Agent, Merrill Cenex, 1300 N. Center Avenue Merrill Shell LLC, Melissa J Wagner, Agent, Merrill Shell, 604 S. Center Avenue

Carkelsy, Inc, Gary L. Schwartz, Agent, Pine Ridge Convenience Store, 3350 E. Main Street Walgreen Co., Michael Cich, Agent, Walgreens #10574, 101 N. Center Avenue

Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, Esther Novak, Agent, Walmart #1366, 505 S. Pine Ridge Avenue Raymer’s Westside Market LLC, Mark Raymer, Agent, Westside Market, 1504 W. Main Street

**CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE**  
Northwoods Maple Farm, LLC, Rebecca Renken, Agent, Northwoods Maple & More, 811 E. 1st Street

**CLASS B BEER LICENSE**  
Swami Bapa Hotels, Inc., Ketul Kumar Patel, Agent, Cobblestone Inn & Suites, 3209 E Main Street Merrill Hockey, Inc., Carmen Klug, Agent, Merrill Hockey, 1100 Marc Drive

**CLASS A BEER LICENSE**

**Legals 7700**

Pier 2 Citgo LLC, Jennifer Gremler, Agent, Pier 2 Cenex, 504 E 2nd Street **CLASS A BEER LICENSE WITH CIDER**  
Indianhead Oil Co LLC, Mary Hofile, Agent, Holiday Stationstore #482, 1312 W Main Street

**CLASS B BEER AND CLASS C WINE (0)**  
Updated 5/06/2022 22 of 24 Class B Combo in use Submitted Lori Anderson-Malm City Clerk Published May 12, 2022 WNAAXLP

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 Sherriff 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. Tillsch Goyske & Tillsch, LLP 2100 Stewart Avenue, Ste. 140 Wausau, WI 54401 State Bar No. 1001102 Published May 5, 12, 19, 2022 WNAAXLP

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

MAPS is seeking proposals (as required by DPI) for a Food Service Management Company for a five-year term beginning with the 2022-23 school year. RFP information is available by contacting Edward Then, Director of Business Services by email ([edward.then@mapsedu.org](mailto:edward.then@mapsedu.org)) or phone (715-536-4581). Sealed proposals are due on June 8, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the MAPS Central Office.

Published May 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 WNAAXLP

**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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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 Published May 5 & 12, 2022 WNAAXLP

**Critic’s Choice Movie Event is back at the library**

Starting May 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., the T. B. Scott Library will once again host a monthly movie. All are welcome, but most of the movies will be PG or older rated.

The library will provide free popcorn and soda, and Merrill residents can call the Merrill Transit System for a free bus ride to and from the movie.

Movies will be shown the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The name of the movie to be shown cannot be publicized due to copyright laws, library staff said, “but the first movie has to do with a famous escaped slave who led dozens of slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad.”

So save the date/time – Wednesday, May 25, at 1:00 p.m. – for a fun afternoon at the library!

**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](http://www.townofrussellwi.com)

The town will pay ½ 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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**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**The Good Mother**

Dear Reader,

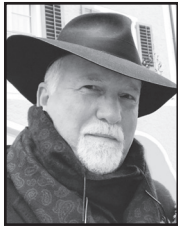
The myriad of choices a good mother makes in support of her child boggles the mind. It starts with simple things like pursuing a healthy diet when pregnant, continues with sleepless nights caring for a sick infant, followed by painstaking attention to the child's school environment, and on, and on, and on....

A good mother actively cares for her child at every step of the child's life. Like any parent, she often puts her own needs "on hold" – sometimes too much so, as we are discovering. But it is a natural tendency to do all you can to give your child the best possible launch onto their own life, inspiring and guiding an impressionable youth into a responsible adult.

Let's give a salute to all the good mothers on this Mother's Day. May it be a happy recognition and celebration of all the love they have poured into the world, with countless effects too subtle to catalog.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
PUBLISHER

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



**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MARCH 24, 2022**

Girl, Brynlee Autumn, born to Jessica Lorbecki and Dustin Lorbecki of Wausau.

**MARCH 25, 2022**

Girl, Emmalynn Marie, born to Brandy Bogdonovich and Rusty Martin of Wausau.

**MARCH 29, 2022**

Boy, Bennett Jacob, born to Mckayla Dahlke and Jacob Dahlke of Irma.

**MARCH 30, 2022**

Girl, Lyla Marie, born to Barbara Dobratz and Clifford Stencil of Wisconsin Rapids.  
Girl, Parker Carolyn, born to Cortney Swan and Tim Swan of Merrill.

**APRIL 15, 2022**

Boy, Hugh Patrick Alexander Awarado, born to Alexandra McCabe and Hugh McCabe of Wausau.

**APRIL 19, 2022**

Boy, Henry Lee, born to Kaytlyn Stenberg and Zachary Haring of Lincoln.

**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:**

**"The Devil is in the details"**

A recent article criticizing the activities of Don Friske, Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, is typical of the disinformation disseminated needing clarification. First of all, the "Jefferson Project" is a sophisticated technological study of the impact of human activity on fresh water and how to mitigate the effects, a multi-state effort. Thanks, Mr. Friske for your involvement in this long-overdue project.

**For purposes of clarification:**

1. Don Friske did not influence the outcome of candidates elected to the County Board of Supervisors. The people did.
2. Voting by County Board members to allow Mr. Friske to appoint Committee Chairs is a clear adherence to Wisconsin Statutes 59.12(1) which in detail outlines the roles and responsibilities of county officials including the Chairman.
3. Mr. Friske's long and impressive role as a full-time Legislator and extensive experience in other activities lends itself well as an overseer of Parliamentary procedure. The chaos of the previous Board of Supervisors probably defined the need for "corporate counsel."
4. The Foto News decision to eliminate articles attempting to influence future political votes or decisions is not a policy implemented by Ms. Tina Scott (Foto News Editor) but rather a companywide decision.
5. Mr. Friske's accountability is not to himself, but to the voters.
6. Mr. Friske heading up the Jefferson project does not make him a "slave master," but rather demonstrates leadership willing to assume responsibility for the undertaking of a needed bi-partisan effort.

– Mike Closser  
Merrill, Wis.

**TO THE EDITOR:**

When Donald Trump was in office, he and Mitch McConnell made three lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court. McConnell went so far as to defy Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dying wish—that the next president appoint her replacement—by packing the Court with Amy Coney Barrett just eight days before the 2020 election.

The result? Today's Supreme Court has been taken over by a hyperpartisan supermajority that is on the verge of dismantling abortion care in America.

But there's something we can do. The Judiciary Act of 2021 would add four seats to the Supreme Court bench—restoring balance to the court. It's the solution we need

to move away from the extremely partisan rulings that now threaten our fundamental freedoms. Recent polling showed that the majority of voters support expanding the court.

Congress has changed the size of the Supreme Court seven times already in our nation's history. It's time to do it again. I'm urging our representatives to back this important bill now so we know they want to protect the rights of the American people. The stakes are too high to stay quiet on this important issue.

I am sick and tired of many politicians acting as they care about unborn children, but they are against helping them after they're born. Many politicians want to take away all birth control, then they complain when single mothers are in need of help. There are many dead beat dads who constantly ignore their children, financially and emotionally.

– Anita Wood  
Tomahawk, Wis.

**TO THE EDITOR:**

In response to: <https://merrillfotonews.com/2022/05/06/moellendorf-receives-2022-iris-award-from-nami/>  
**Ethics, a letter to the editors**

NAMI and all the affiliates join together to end the stigma of mental illness.

That NAMI instructs its members, "there is" a stigma to mental illnesses, does not mean that any of the rest of us are required to do so. We can, and ought to, rise above anyone carrying that prejudice in their minds. We can be aware of those holding that prejudice without becoming one of them. Morally and ethically, that is the stance we ought take. Journalism has that obligation to its readers.

– Harold A Maio,  
retired mental health editor  
Fort Myers, Fla.

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**Survey to measure attitudes toward diversity and inclusion in Lincoln and Marathon Counties**

A recently released survey seeks feedback from residents of Lincoln and Marathon Counties on their perceptions and attitudes toward diversity, inclusion, and community welcomeness.

The Lincoln and Marathon County Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Welcomeness Study will accept responses from Lincoln and Marathon County residents until June 3, 2022. The survey has been mailed to randomly selected households and can be completed online by any resident of Lincoln County and Marathon County ages 18 years and older.

The topics of diversity, inclusion, and welcomeness have been the focus of conversations nationwide, and Central Wisconsin is no exception. Despite these widespread dis-

cussions, community leaders and organizations found a lack of concrete information on how residents of Lincoln and Marathon Counties feel about these issues.

Designed to address this lack of data, the survey will provide residents the opportunity to express their opinion on how welcoming their community is, as well as their personal attitudes toward people of different backgrounds. The results of the survey will help community leaders and the public gain a better understanding of relationships between individuals and groups that live in our area.

The study is being conducted by the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service, a unit of the University of Wisconsin System. Funding was provided by Church

Mutual Insurance Company, S.I.1 and the B.A. and Esther Greenheck Foundation. Key partners include the Aware and Active Citizen Group from Lincoln County and the Mosaic Collation from Marathon County.

The survey is open to residents of Lincoln and Marathon Counties, ages 18 years and older, and responses will remain anonymous.

"We hope community members will take advantage of this opportunity to be heard and help shape the future for our area," said Kathy Drenkler, chair of Mosaic of North Central Wisconsin.

To learn more about the Lincoln and Marathon County Diversity, Inclusion and Community Welcomeness Study, or to access the online survey, please visit: [wipps.org/LMdiversitystudy](http://wipps.org/LMdiversitystudy).

**In Loving Memory of Shari Guenther**  
Who passed away 5 years ago  
May 13, 2017



Sister, since you passed away life just hasn't been the same, I would move heaven and earth to have you here with us again.

We love you to the moon and back and miss you more than words can say...

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The time we spent together meant the world to me. your laughter and your precious smile as we grew up so happily.

I'm so grateful for the years we had and the closeness that we shared, your heart, so kind and thoughtful I always knew you truly cared.

You were a wonderful big sister. I miss you to no end But more than just my family I've lost one of my very best friends.



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**MYERS from page 3**

significant role in a large-scale drug trafficking organization.

The arrest and charge against

Myers was the result of a joint investigation by the Central Wisconsin Narcotics Task Force, Drug Enforcement Administration, Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Unit, and Merrill Police Department. The

investigation was conducted and funded by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), a multi-agency task force that coordinates long-term narcotics trafficking investigations.





**DANCERS**  
from page 1

Tina L. Scott photos.

is given to the studio whose students and staff demonstrate the best sportsmanship to the other studios and their staff, as well as the GROOVE staff, and are the easiest and most professional to work with," Brooke Burton, the studio's owner explained. "We are SO proud of our students, staff, and families for receiving this honor!"

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MERRILL FOTO NEWS  
**Student of the Week**

This Week's Featured Student is  
**Dino Townsend**  
Son of Dino Townsend & Brandi Neumann  
Dino is in 8th Grade at Trinity Lutheran School. He was nominated by Jeff Holt.

**What is your favorite subject in school? Why?**  
Either science or English - science because it's the most fun class. We get to do lots of hands on activities. English because I'm really successful at it and enjoy reading and writing.

**What is your favorite part of school? Why?**  
My favorite part of school is being able to see my favorite teachers and my friends, and the morning when I can see everybody, telling jokes and trying to make their day.

**What would you like to do/become someday? Why?**  
I hope to be either an astronomer to learn more about space, or someone who gets to talk with people all day.

Dino does outstanding academic work and brings an inquisitive mind to class. He is also an incredibly kind young man who consistently "lives Jesus" by putting others before himself and reaching out to classmates and younger students to make sure they all know they matter.  
- Jeff Holt

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# Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM  
 GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

## Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness

(Now showing in theatres)

★★★★☆

Rated PG-13 – for language and violence

Well, Marvel fired up that movie-making machine this weekend to make another few hundred million with *Doctor Strange and the Multiverse of Madness*.

The latest entry into the Marvel Universe is, well, pretty much the same as most of the others. While entertaining and undeniably well done, these films are starting to feel very generic.

This time Doctor Strange is on a mission to save the Multiverse and ... well, really, does it matter what it's actually about? Everyone is going to see it, and it's going to make a freaky amount of money, so ya, no real need to discuss what it's about.

I will say this. There are some pretty cool cameos in the film that many viewers will appreciate (not to mention will set up some more Marvel films – cha-ching!).

And the villain of the story was kind of



a surprise, but not jump-out-of-your-seat surprise. More of a, "Huh? Ok, then," surprise.

*Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* is a decent-enough film with some excellent special effects and a few neat moments, but no new ground is broken here. It's a Marvel movie – you pretty much know what you are getting when you buy your ticket.

*Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* gets three out of five stars from me because it is entertaining and should be seen on the big screen.

535 days until *Dune Part 2*.



Merrill Eagles #584 recently donated \$1,000.00 to the Merrill Parks and Recreation Department. The money will be used to offset the cost to individuals who are being trained to be lifeguards at the Bierman Family Aquatic Center. Pictured L to R are Dan Wendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director, and Past President Neal Christensen representing the Eagles.

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Kathy Johnson, owner of Rosebud Yoga Studio, and Jim Bjorklund, a student at the studio, pose in the window to help showcase "What happens behind the curtain." More poses will be on display this Saturday, May 14, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

## What happens behind the curtains?

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

At 804 E. First St. in Merrill, a storefront window is blocked by curtains. Have you ever wondered what happens behind those curtains?

Kathy Johnson, a certified Svaroopaa® Yoga teacher, with 20 years of teaching experience, owns and operates Rosebud Yoga Studio, LLC, in the building, and the curtains are there to afford students some privacy while in class, she explains.

"No one likes to be watched by people on the sidewalk while taking a Yoga class," Johnson said. "That being said, there have been many a time where people are looking in through the door trying to see what a Yoga Studio looks like and maybe catching a glimpse of what poses they do in a Yoga class."

That sparked the idea to showcase "What happens behind the curtains" on Saturday, May 14. From 10:30 to 11:30

a.m., some of Johnson's students will give demonstrations in the front window of the building – in front of the curtains.

At Rosebud Yoga Studio, which opened in May 2019, "The Yoga that is taught here is not a style of Yoga where you have to be a contortionist," Johnson said. "There are no head stands, and you are not being asked to tighten your core to get into a pose."

"To take some of the mystery out of what kind of poses they do in class, some of the students are going to be demonstrating poses in the window," she said. "This is your opportunity to take a peek at what happens behind the curtains in a Yoga class."

In addition, the studio will be open to the public on Saturday, May 14, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. so visitors can come right in, see what the Yoga classroom is like, and Johnson will be there with students to answer any questions and share the benefits they've received from taking Yoga classes.

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**Restaurant and Hotel 7150**



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**Multi Family Good Stuff Garage Sale.** Keurig machine, Norwex mop system, wood snowmobile sled deck, bikes, tv's, Dyson vacuum, Jeep Gladiator seat covers, leather recliner, entertainment center & other furniture, dog & puppy supplies, luggage, rugs, bedding, pillows, jewelry galore, mirrors, home décor & pictures, name brand women clothing 0-18 & boys/men's small-large, shoes, books and misc. houseware. N1311 Golf Drive, Merrill. Thursday, May 12th 8am-5pm. Friday, May 13th 8am-5pm. Saturday, May 14th 8am-1pm.

**Rummage Sales This Week 7200**

**116 N Genesee St** Old Franklin School, 8-1pm, baby items, clothes, some furniture, dishes

**1810 East Street** Wed - 11th thru 15th 8 am-5pm Women's clothing, DVD stereo equipment, Tools, Monitors, TV's Furniture, Household items, May 20th - 22 nd

Empty Nesters cleaning out house! Priced to sell; bedding, women XS/S, men Sm, games/toys, kitchen items, housewares, airsoft. **Saturday May 14 8am-3pm 2407 Shadowview Cir Plover**

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**LARGE GARAGE SALE**  
 Wausau sale: 1619 Summit Dr. near NTC, watch for signs! Thurs. 5/12 & Fri. 5/13 8-5pm, Sat. 5/14 8-2pm. Fishing, camping, gardening, parts washer, cornhole boards, vintage beer signs, motorcycle helmet, dehumidifier, sawhorse, Little Tikes picnic table & sandbox, medical tools, eclectic blends of estate items, vintage, antiques, guys stuff, moving dolly's, bedding, housewares, wood boxes, McDonald's signs, parts bins, clothing-misses sizes, books, movies, shoes.



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**1100 W. Taylor Street, Merrill, WI 54452 • nwhr@elginfasteners.com**  
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**Rummage Sales Upcoming 7202**

**11.0 GARAGE SALE, Biggest Family Sale Ever!** 1103 Michler Crest, Merrill. Thur. thru Sat. 5/19 thru 5/21, 8am-5:30pm. Womens, Mens & Girls name brand clothing; shoes, boots, purses, outerwear. Jewelry, Vera Bradley bags, furniture, area rugs, wall art, folding chairs, Longaberger baskets and pottery, outdoor lawn decor, books galore, jogging stroller, toys, high chair, children's bike, DVDs, glassware. Tons of household. Trailer. Boat w/motor. MCM cedar chest. Don't miss this one!

**Estate Sales 7208**

**JANE'S Estate Sales**  
5/13-5/15/22  
1106 Young St - Wausau  
Fri 12-5, Sat 9-3, Sun 10-1

Notice #1: We DO NOT give out prices or information prior to the sale. Please do not text, call or email requests.

Notice #2: First come, first served. Deli style numbers will be given out starting at 11:00am on Friday. Limited to 40 persons in the house at one time.

Wonderful sale!! Antique furnishings, including stackable Barrister bookcases, antique treadle sewing machine with a beautiful, unusual case, antique display cases, dressers and small furniture pieces. Two full size beds. Many pieces of vintage Murano glass, including light fixtures. Redwing crocks. Vintage electronics, vintage toys, antique & vintage kitchenware, china & depression glass. Garden & garage items. Vintage aluminum patio glider. Two upright freezers. Loads of vintage knick-knacks. Vintage camping supplies, and so much more. We are still unpacking! Go to JANE'S Estate Sales on Facebook or estate-sales.org for photos

**Estate Sales 7208**

**Living Estate Sale by V&J Estate Sales**  
5406 Thomas Ave. Weston  
May 14th and 15th  
Sat. 10-4 and Sun. 10-2

Mid Century Modern bedroom set, complete with dresser and mirror, linen dresser, two night stands, matching headboard, Kent Coffey Perspecta collection. midsize sectional couch, Walnut china cabinet, walnut dining room table and six chairs, two leaves. Lane mcm coffee table and side table. Retro lounge chairs and ottomans, vintage waiting room chairs, patio furniture, shelf units, tv stand, stereo equipment, file cabinet, sewing machine, lamps, pictures, books, garden cabinets, lawn tools, grill, treadmill, piano, hand tools, aquariums, simplicity riding lawn mower with snow thrower. lawn trailers, craftsman router, craftsman radio arm saw, delta dust collector, industrial guardian drill press, delta mitral saw, more to be discovered. For pictures go to our facebook page at V&J Estate Sales and Service or Estatesales.org.

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**Trucks:** '99 Sterling L9513 quad axle dump truck; 269K miles. '94 GMC Topkick service truck; 59K miles.  
**Misc. Equipment:** Gravely Promaster 72" front mower; Kubota diesel; 617 hrs. Daewoo G25 S-2 5,000 lb. forklift; 636 hrs. '74 J.D. 4430 tractor. Woods 2126 3pt. rotary cutter. Amco 10' offset disc. 10' PTO rock rake. Lincoln Ranger 3ph. Welder/generator. Plus Air compressors, irrigation pumps & pipes, large selection of shop equipment, Lots of parts; accessories & inventory.

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Sale Order: *Selling in 2 rings!!!*  
8:00 am-Smaller Items (Crafts, and flowers & more!)  
10:30 am (approximately)-Quilts (Handmade quilts of all sizes & wall hangings!)  
Noon (approximately)-Furniture (Dining sets, bedroom sets, end tables, & more!!)  
**Send early consignments to:**  
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Consignment drop off times at fairgrounds: Friday, May 20th Noon - 8 pm or auction day by 7:30 am  
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# Connexus Credit Union gives back to two Merrill-based organizations

Connexus Credit Union's philanthropic program, Connexus Cares, announced recent donations to two Merrill-based organizations: the MAC Home and St. Vincent de Paul of Merrill.

Connexus Cares made a \$7,750 donation to the MAC Home. "The MAC Home provides safe housing and basic needs to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. They operate a warming center, as well as temporary transitional housing. Additionally, they offer resources to individuals experiencing homelessness, such as information on community agencies, assistance with job searching, and developing self-esteem and other areas of mental wellbeing," a press release from Connexus said. The \$7,750 Connexus Cares donation is designated to the area of greatest need and will be used for general operating costs.

Connexus Cares also made a \$5,000 donation to St. Vincent de Paul of Merrill. "St. Vincent de Paul of Merrill supports community members through their Outreach



L to R: Jim Rell, St. Vincent de Paul; Judy Warren, St. Vincent de Paul; Sue Norenberg, St. Vincent de Paul; Boyd Gustke, Connexus Credit Union; Claire Meney, Connexus Credit Union; and Tania Hargraves, Connexus Credit Union. Submitted photos.

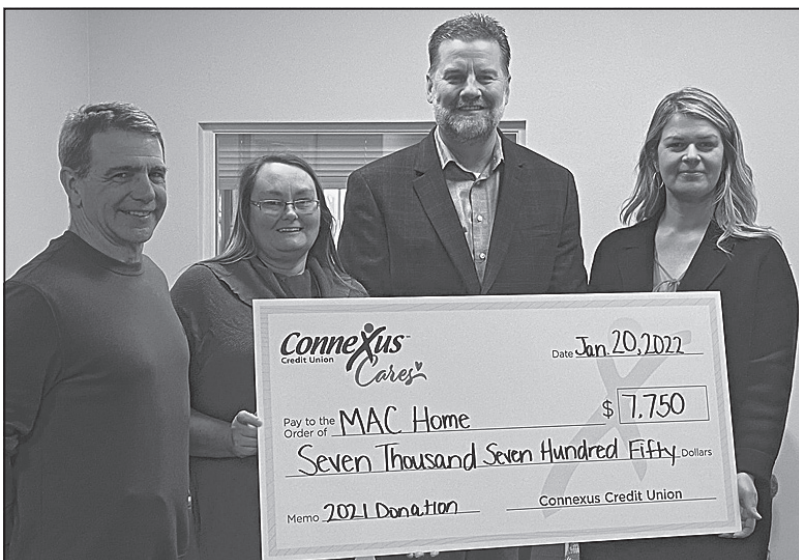
Office, as well as a free clinic for those who do not have access to affordable health coverage," their press release said.

The \$5,000 Connexus Cares donation is designated to supporting Outreach Services which help community members with emergency needs such as WPS disconnections, rental evictions, medical bills, vehicle repairs, diapers, food, gas, and other related emergencies.

"The Merrill community is very near and dear to me, and many other

Connexus employees, so being able to extend our financial giveback to more wonderful organizations in the Merrill area is a great privilege," said Boyd Gustke, Connexus President and Chief Executive Officer. "Both the MAC Home and St. Vincent de Paul are critical non-profit organizations helping so many in the Merrill area, providing support and resources at times of worry and stress that many can't imagine. Each individual helped by these organizations brings us one step closer to a better and brighter future for all of us - and I'm thankful that Connexus can support them along the way."

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L to R: Jim Finucan, MAC Home; Theresa Anthony, MAC Home; Boyd Gustke, Connexus Credit Union; and Claire Meney, Connexus Credit Union.

# Merrill Varsity Boys Baseball Team wins four of the last six games

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The Merrill Varsity Boys Baseball Team has been hitting it fast and furious. "We had six games this week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and two on Saturday," Shawn Schultz, Head Coach for the Merrill Varsity Boys Baseball Team said. "We were 4-2 on the week and are 4-4 in the Valley and 10-6 overall."

"We lost to Mosinee 5-2 on Monday night, beat Wausau East 8-2 on Tuesday, lost to East 5-2 on Thursday, beat Antigo 8-2 on Friday, and then beat Eau Claire Memorial 6-2 and Onalaska 5-4 in Waunakee on Saturday," he said. "The only home game was the Thursday loss to Wausau East."

"It was a long week of baseball, but we played solid defense all week and our pitchers did a great job of limiting the opponents' opportunities," Schultz said. "Our hitters continue to improve and did a great job of executing on Saturday. We have a tough Wausau West team this week on Tuesday/Thursday and then play in the Lakeland Tournament on Saturday. It was impressive to see the kids step up this last week after a tough week the week before. Have to play with confidence and continue to execute."

In game highlights, Sophomores Brady Kanitz and Isaak Clapper, and Seniors Fletcher Ellenbecker and Jack Hock, all did time on the mound in Monday's game against the Mosinee Indians. Michael McRae and Connor Cortright brought home the two runs for Merrill.

### Box Score: Merrill 2 @ Mosinee 5

Henry Reimann pitched all seven innings in the Tuesday game against Wausau East, and this game had Michael McRae and Erik Mann both rounding the bases three times each. Connor Cortright and Nathan Brzoznowski also brought in one run apiece.

### Box Score: Merrill 8 @ Wausau East 2

Tyson Glisch pitched four of seven innings, while Fletcher Ellenbecker pitched two, and Jack Hock pitched one at the Thursday, May 5, home game. Wausau East took the win, but Merrill's Erik Mann and Nathan Brzoznowski crossed home plate for Merrill in the second and seventh innings and the team gave it a great effort.

### Box Score: Wausau East 5 @ Merrill 2

At Antigo on Friday, May 6, the Bluejays took on the Red Robins and came away with the win. Brady Kanitz pitched all seven innings, Michael McRae and Sam Reimann each scored two runs, and Henry Reimann, Connor Cortright, Isaak Clapper, and Bradyn Pieper each scored one for the team.

### Box Score: Merrill 8 @ Antigo 2

Saturday, May 7, the Bluejays played Eau Claire Memorial Old Abes Varsity and made it a good one. Merrill scored their first run in the second inning and four more runs in the fourth. then the winning run in the sixth. Eau Claire pulled out one run in the fourth

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# Lady Jays battle hard in Soccer play last week

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

Fast feet were working the ball at Wausau West on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, when the Merrill Girls Varsity Soccer Team traveled to West for a game against a tough team.

“West is a solid team and proved why they’re sitting in the top three in conference,” Girls Varsity Soccer Coach Kyle Hahn said. “Defensively, they were stifling and held us to zero shots on goal. Offensively, they moved the ball well from side to side and weren’t afraid to commit numbers forward.”

“Reggie Lahti had her hands full throughout the game, but did well to contain West’s players on the right,” he said.

“McKenna Smith and Amelia Skoviera continue

to play a crucial role for us in their center back positions, and Anna Bowe had another solid game in goal, racking up 12 saves on the day.”

**Box Score: Merrill 0 @ Wausau West 5**

The Marshfield Varsity Soccer Team made the trip to Merrill for a May 5 game against the Lady Jays.

“Another tight conference contest for us,” Hahn said. “We were defensively solid throughout, save for one lapse in focus on a corner kick in the second half.” Marshfield made their one lone score at 56:07 in the second half, despite making 13 shots on goal, 12 of which Merrill blocked. Merrill made three shots on goal during the game but couldn’t land the score.

“Getting through the



#5 Faith Zdroik and #11 Morgan Schmidt are in the thick of it in the tight game against Marshfield. Submitted photos.



#28 Gracie Wyma has control of the ball in the May 5 game against Marshfield.

entire first half without giving up a goal is a testament to the hard work the girls have been putting in,” Hahn said. “They’ve certainly stepped up to the challenge of playing more aggressively, which is certainly paying off.”

“Morgan Schmidt has

really provided some extra grit for us in midfield, and Telina Marmorat did an outstanding job filling in at right back for an injured Ally Hoock.”

“Anna Bowe made a number of good saves on the night and she’s been doing a great job of being more active and cutting attacks off before they be-

come more problematic,” Hahn said.

**Box Score: Merrill 0, Marshfield 1**



Area youth pose with the Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team on Youth Night at the MARC. Submitted photo.

## Merrill Varsity Girls Softball Team makes a clean sweep on Youth night

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex (MARC), Merrill’s Lady Jays took on the Wausau East Lumberjacks in a Varsity Softball double-header and emerged victorious. It was a great night for the ladies and the perfect way to showcase the sport for Youth Night.

“Our first wins in

Conference and our first Sweep!” said Allison Krohn, Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach.

In the first game, Merrill’s Addy Schmeltzer dominated on the mound, and Sophie Wendorf put in an inning pitching, as well. Dani Korman and Katie Heckendorf each picked up two runs, and Sophie Wendorf, Olivia Losee, Nicole Doering, and Laney Zuelsdorff each

made one.

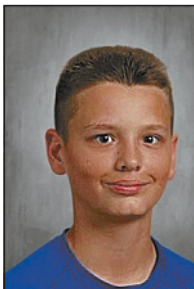
**Game One Box Score: Wausau East 1 @ Merrill 8**

Game two was a tight race that took the Varsity Girls into extra innings before Merrill took the lead and the win. Merrill’s Addy Schmeltzer pitched all eight innings. East took

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## Waliczek is May Youth Optimist at PRMS

Eighth grader Keegan Waliczek has been named May Youth Optimist at Prairie River Middle School. Mrs. Nelesen nominated him saying, “Keegan Waliczek stands out as a Youth Optimist. Keegan works hard in class and goes beyond expectations. Keegan is a positive role model, willing to help other students, and is a great team player. He is friendly and respectful and a welcome addition to the classroom. I am glad to recommend Keegan for Youth Optimist.”



Keegan Waliczek

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## 2022 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

<b>Baseball-Boys (Varsity, JV &amp; JV2)</b>			
Thurs. May 12	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Crandon (JV2)	Home	5:00 pm
Sat. May 14	Lakeland Union (Varsity & JV)	Away	9:00 am
Mon. May 16	Marshfield (JV2) DBL	Away	4:30 pm
Mon. May 16	Northland Pines (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Tues. May 17	Medford (JV2)	Home	5:00 pm
Tues. May 17	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 19	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
<b>Softball-Girls (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Thurs. May 12	D.C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Sat. May 14	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	9:00 am
Mon. May 16	Wausau West (JV2) DBL	Home	4:00 pm
<b>Soccer-Girls (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Thurs. May 12	Stevens Point (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tues. May 17	D. C. Everest (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. May 17	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. May 19	Amherst (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm
<b>Track &amp; Field-Boys (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Thurs. May 12	Stevens Point (JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Thurs. May 12	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	4:15 pm
Tues. May 17	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	3:30 pm
<b>Track &amp; Field-Girls (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Thurs. May 12	Marshfield (JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Tues. May 17	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	3:30 pm
<b>Golf-Boys (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Fri. May 13	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	2:00 pm
Mon. May 16	Multiple-Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm
Mon. May 16	Multiple Schools (JV)	Home	2:00 pm
Tues. May 17	Multiple-Wausau (Varsity)	Away	3:00 pm

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Robert Hoff**, a Sophomore at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Robert has been raised around guns and taught gun safety since childhood, he said, so he’s also been shooting from an early age. In the seventh grade, he decided to go competitive with his shooting skills and began shooting trap at the Weston Trap Club in their summer league. In addition to shooting summer league there, in the eighth grade, he joined the Merrill Bluejay Trap Team, and in a recent week this season, he shot a 25 (perfect score) for the Merrill Bluejay Varsity Trap Team.

At school, Robert likes U.S. history and advanced woods classes. Outside of school, he enjoys deer, turkey, bear, duck, and goose hunting; target shooting and practicing his trap shooting; fishing; riding snowmobiles and four-wheelers; and hanging out with friends. He belongs to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and is currently in confirmation classes there.

The son of Robin Hoff and Deb Hoff of Athens, Robert has a 2.167 GPA and plans to join the workforce after high school graduation, possibly pursuing a trade.



**Robert Hoff**

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and another in the fifth inning, but it wasn't enough. Isaak Clapper was on the mound five innings for Merrill, with Fletcher Ellenbecker pitching the other two. Henry Reimann brought in two runs, and Jack Hooch, Erik Mann, Nathan Brzoznowski, and Brayden Pieper each brought in one run apiece.

**Box Score:**  
Merrill 6 @ Eau Claire 2

Merrill also played against Onalaska on Saturday and enjoyed another battle on the ball field. Onalaska scored the first run in the first inning and Merrill had zip. In the second inning, it was the reverse and that tied things up. No scores in the third and fourth innings, and then in the fifth, Onalaska made another run to take the lead. Merrill fought back in the sixth inning and brought home three runs to take a two-point lead, but it all came

down to the seventh inning. Onalaska scored two runs to bring their total to four, but it wasn't enough. Merrill scored another run for the win. Sam Reimann pitched five innings for Merrill with Jack Hooch and Henry Reimann each pitching one. Erik Mann scored two runs in the game. Tyson Glisch, Emil (EJ) Weix, and Lucas Reist also scored runs for Merrill.

**Box Score:**  
Onalaska 4 @ Merrill 5

### SOFTBALL from page 15

an early lead with four runs in the first inning while Merrill only had two. Merrill had it tied up by the end of the third

inning, though, picking up one run each in the second and the third. In the fourth inning, Merrill pulled ahead, bringing the score to Merrill 5 - East 4. A scoreless fifth inning. And then in the sixth, East got a run and

tied it back up. The seventh inning both teams played hard but failed to score, and the game went into the eighth inning and Merrill made the winning run.

"Everyone stepped up and contributed," Coach Krohn said. "We were loud and energetic, and I think set a really good example for all of these kiddos of what our program is about!"

Sophie Wendorf brought in two of the runs, with Olivia Losee, Laney Zuelsdorff, Olivia Pierce, and Nicole Doering each bringing in one run apiece.

**Game Two Box Score:**  
Wausau East 5 @ Merrill 6

## State Greco and Freestyle State Tournaments

On May 7 and 8, 2022, the Wisconsin State Freestyle and Greco-Roman Wrestling State Tournaments took place at Woodside Dome in Wisconsin Dells. Merrill had several wrestlers competing in the two Tournaments.

Wyatt Bathke placed 6th in Freestyle and 5th in Greco-Roman for the 195-pound Junior Division. Remington Skic placed 6th in the Freestyle 14U 102-pound Division. Carson Brooks took 5th place in the 195-pound 16U Division for Greco-Roman Wrestling.

Other wrestlers winning matches at the State Tournament were Broc Suchocki and Austin Depies.



Wyatt Bathke (L) and Carson Brooks (R).

Submitted photos



Wyatt Bathke wrestling in the State Tournament.



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### WALICZEK from page 15

Keegan has been involved in football and traveling basketball and has been on the Honor Roll at school. He also attends the Edge Program at St. Francis Xavier Church. He is athletic, creative, and a hard worker.

He is the son of Renee Waliczek and Paul Waliczek of Merrill.

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