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release said Travis L. Huse is currently charged with 31 felony counts and Scott L. Huse is charged with 12 felony counts stemming from sexual assault of a child-related incidents that occurred while the Huse family was involved with the Apostolic Worship Center and former Evergreen Christian Academy school in Elton, Wis. [Langlade County]. Both were associated with the church and school in the 1990’s and early 2000’s. Both men remain in custody at the Langlade County Jail on cash bonds of \$1 million (Travis L. Huse) and \$250,000 (Scott L. Huse).

A preliminary hearing is scheduled in Langlade County Circuit Court for Scott L. Huse on June 10, 2022,

and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for Travis L. Huse on June 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

According to the LCSO, in the early 2000’s the Huse’s moved to Fond du Lac and were 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.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. Investigators continue to seek any information or possible victims who may have had contact with Travis Huse or Scott Huse in the past. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sgt. Justin Grones at 715.627.6419 or jgrones@co.langlade.wi.us. Anyone with concerns of clergy abuse can also contact the Wisconsin

Department of Justice’s Clergy and Faith Leader Abuse toll-free number at 1.877.222.2620.

The Langlade County Sheriff’s Office has been assisted by numerous agencies in this investigation, to include the Merrill Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office (Wis.), Fond du Lac Police Department, Wisconsin Department of Justice – Division of Criminal Investigation, Augusta (Maine) Police Department, Florissant Police Dept, Dry Ridge Police Department, Enfield (New Hamp.) Police Department, and the Langlade County District Attorney’s Office.

No further information is available at this time.

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The Lincoln County Farm Bureau will hold their annual June Dairy Breakfast on Sunday, June 12, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex. In addition to delicious breakfast fare, including but not limited to Wisconsin dairy favorites like cheesy scrambled eggs, white and chocolate milk, and real Wisconsin cheese curds, as well as plain and potato pancakes, sausage links, orange and cranberry juice, there will be a petting zoo, live music by Carl Jackson and Jeni, and horse and wagon rides. The Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture, Randy Romanski, will present a welcome message at 8:15 a.m. Merrill’s Mayor and some other State officials are expected to be there helping out, as well. Breakfast is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-11, and children 5 and under are free.

June is dairy month, so come out and show your support for local area farmers. This event is sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin, and Lincoln Co. Farm Bureau, Lincoln Co. Dairy Promotion Committee. Proceeds help support farm educational programs for youth and the FFA Alumni and Farm Bureau Scholarship Fund.

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Former Tomahawk resident Henry Robert Hughes found not guilty in 2016 death of infant son

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

MERRILL – A former Tomahawk resident charged in the 2016 death of his infant son was found not guilty by a Lincoln County jury on Wednesday, June 1.

The jury found Henry Robert Hughes not guilty of one felony count of first-degree reckless homicide and one felony count of child abuse after nearly seven hours of deliberation.

The verdict comes after Hughes’s trial had been delayed multiple times over the last several years.

Hughes, now 26, was 20 years old at the time of his infant son River’s death.

According to a Tomahawk Police Department Incident Report filed on Nov. 2, 2016, Hughes and his wife, River’s mother, brought River into the Tomahawk Ministry Health Care Emergency Room at approximately 6:15 p.m. on Sept. 4, 2016. Hughes and River’s mother stated River had started coughing and stopped breathing, and Hughes had administered CPR.

Hughes later told Tomahawk police officers that he was making dinner when River began to cry, so he laid River in his crib. Hughes said that after River began to choke and turn blue, he administered CPR, and a white fluid began coming out of the infant’s mouth. Hughes



Hughes

then called River’s mother, who was at work at the time of the incident, and the two took the infant to the hospital, according to the report.

The report stated that officers told Hughes that River’s injuries were not consistent with his story, and that the injuries River had sustained occur when an infant is shaken or dropped.

Johanna Miller, a social worker employed by the Lincoln County Social Services Department, told officers that the injuries consisted of a subdural hematoma of the brain, a metaphyseal ankle fracture, and bi-lateral fractures to the ribs.

Dr. Kristen Iniguez of Marshfield Clinic described River’s injuries as “severe high velocity injuries,” previously known as Shaken Baby Syndrome, and stated that she believed the injuries to River’s head and brain were due to abusive head trauma.

River died on Sept. 18, 2016, after being in a coma. He was 23 days old.

Hughes was taken into custody by the Tomahawk Police Department on Nov. 1, 2016.

Hughes denied dropping the infant and told investigators the injuries River had sustained may have occurred while he was administering CPR.



Ron and Beth Kautz presented a \$2,500 donation from the Merrill Lions Club to the Friends of the River Bend Trail (Greg Hartwig accepted on the group’s behalf). The Friends group is fundraising for lights on the new section of trail, known as The Lincoln Wood Products section. The lights are on order and should arrive soon. Total cost is \$90,000, of which approximately \$53,000 has been raised. Donations for this project may be sent in c/o the Merrill Chamber of Commerce. Donations of \$100 or more will be recognized on a sign on the trail. This fundraiser will close at the end of June so the sign can be prepared and erected, showcasing the names of the donors at various levels of support: \$100 is the Feller level, \$250 is the Water Slinger level, \$500 is the Birler level, \$1,000 is the Lumberjack level, and \$2,500 donations are at the Lumber Baron level.

Submitted photo.

Friday fire likely caused by a towel over a lamp

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The City of Merrill Fire Department (MFD) responded to a two-story brick home on Joe Snow Rd. in Merrill on Friday, June 3, 2022, for a reported fire. While no smoke or flames were visible from the driveway, a 360-degree assessment revealed visible smoke coming from the second story of the home on two sides, and it was hot, the

MFD reported.

MFD requested Tomahawk EMS to Irma for EMS standby, and additional fire units were requested from Corning, Russell, and Pine River Fire Departments.

The “attack crew had a charged water line at the point of entry,” said Merrill Fire Chief Josh Klug. “A water can was carried up to the second story where the seat of the fire was found. The water can was used to extinguish a small hot spot

at the point of origin. Attack crew used a TIC to check for extension of the fire and noted none.”

“Positive pressure ventilation was used to clear the home of remaining smoke and heat,” he said.

Prior to MFD arrival, the occupants of the home and their pets had evacuated the premises, and no injuries were reported.

The “fire likely started from a towel that was over a lamp,” Klug said.

Family Fun Night featuring Chalk It Up set for July 13

On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, the public is invited to participate in a Family Fun Night/Chalk It Up event with fun activities for all ages. The event will take place at Normal Park in Merrill as a part of a day of activities beginning with the Merrill Area Farmers Market in the morning and ending with the Merrill City Band concert in the evening.

Participants who wish to create chalk art should pre-register

at: <https://forms.gle/f6aPD5fxN-5dR8v6z7> to reserve a space. The cost is \$15 for a square and includes chalk. Chalk artists are asked to check-in at 7:30 a.m. with a start time of 7:45 a.m., and winners will be announced at 5:00 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded to the top artist’s drawings in the following categories: 12-16 years old, age 17 and up, and community choice.

A free Family Fun Night will be

from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and includes activities such as inflatables, crafts, face painting, balloon animals, and more.

The Merrill City Bank will play at 7:00 p.m.

This event is being sponsored by KB Body Shop, the Merrill City Band, Merrill Forward Together Healthy Community Initiative (MFTHCI), and the Merrill Park and Recreation Department.

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and get the baskets hung. As in years past, the Merrill Street Department crew was instrumental in hanging the actual flower baskets from the poles.

This year, the Hanging Basket Committee added 10 more hanging flower baskets to their order, bringing their total to 110 baskets of flowers. They expanded to hang baskets further west on Hwy. 64 where visitors enter into Merrill on the west end of the city. That means hanging baskets of flowers will be hung on poles extending all the way to Foster Street in Merrill’s Sixth Ward, spanning a distance of almost five miles, and along Center Ave., as well. The new baskets of begonias will be hung on the South Center Ave. route where visitors enter Merrill on the south side by the hospital. The Hanging Flower Basket Project also provides the hanging flower baskets on the gazebo in Normal Park.

Hanging Flower Basket funds are accepted year round to help beautify Merrill. A single basket donation is \$60, and a pole donation is \$100, which is two baskets; however, donations are accepted



Marcus Reinhardt of the City of Merrill Street Department hangs the flower baskets from the light poles.

Tina L. Scott photo.

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OBITUARIES



Lois Ann Ristau (nee Matthies) was taken to heaven on Thursday, May 26, 2022. She was born April 26, 1929, in Merrill, Wisconsin, graduated from Merrill High School in 1947 and married Donald “Baldy” Ristau in 1954.

Lois worked for the Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company, The Ravn Clinic and the Weinbrenner Shoe Company from which she retired in the 1990’s.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Donald (1985), parents; Ella (nee Sievert) and Rudolph Matthies, grandchildren; Joshua Monnette and Matthew Ristau, siblings; Bob Matthies, Cuban Matthies, Rev. Richard Matthies, June Matthies, Fern Jahnke, and Janet Blaker, sister-in-law; Betty (Roger) Hulke.

She is survived by her children; Thomas (Joy) Ristau of Green Bay, Wisconsin and Mark (Stacy) Ristau of Buckeye, Arizona, grandchildren; Rebecca (Chris) Grunwald of Arizona, Amy (Dave) Alex of Arizona, Sam Ristau of Arizona, Kara (Ben) Bruley of Wisconsin, and Kaitlyn (Brian) Monnette of Colorado, great grandkids; Kaiden Bruley of Wisconsin, Addi Bruley of Wisconsin, Josiah Grunwald of Arizona, and Calvin Grunwald of Arizona, and sister-in-law Judy Warren of Alaska.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 11:00 am at Waid Funeral Home. A visitation was held on Monday, June 6, 2022, from 9:00 am until the time of service also at the funeral home. Interment at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their appreciation and thanks to Missi Dengel and all the staff at Woodland Court and to thank all the hospice nurses and social workers.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aid in loving memory of Lois Ristau.

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.



Kathleen Sue Andreae-Riley (nee Waszkiewicz), age 75, passed away peacefully, on June 2, 2022 in Ringle, Wisconsin.

Kathleen was born September 11, 1946 to Frank and Dolly Waszkiewicz in Garden City, Michigan. On January 4, 1964 she was united in marriage to Ervin Andreae. Kathleen loved cooking for her family, with Memorial Day gatherings being one of her favorites. When she wasn’t making quilts for babies, she could be found reading about spirituality, faith and relationships. She was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Kathleen was a fiercely independent and proud woman that could, at times, be described as stubborn. After the passing of Ervin, Kathleen married Marty Riley.

Kathleen will be missed dearly by her three children Susan (Gary) Hollar, Lisa Jaecks and Robert Andreae; 4 grandchildren, Amanda, Stephine, Josh and Fawna; one great grandchild; siblings, Delores Mary Ricinski, Frank (Janice) Waszkiewicz, Michael (Theresa) Waszkiewicz; Lynnea Waszkiewicz, Teresa Hancock along with many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; and husbands, Ervin and Marty; and a great granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Spirit Baptist Church, W1461 WI-86, Spirit, WI. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Spirit.

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Larry D. Mahn, 76 of Wausau, died on Monday, May 30, 2022 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Larry was born on June 22, 1945 in Merrill, the son of Albert and Hertha (Schulz) Mahn.

Larry was a United States Navy Veteran, proudly serving from 1963 to 1967. On January 3, 1981, Larry was united in marriage to Mary Jane Litza at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wausau.

Larry drove for UPS until his retirement. He enjoyed his Draft Horses. Larry loved a wood fire and campfires. He was very good with numbers and enjoyed traveling and researching maps. Most important to Larry was the time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Larry is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; children, Sara (Dennis) Burdick, Richard (Christie) Mahn, Mike (Heather) Schultz and Steve (Rebecca) Schultz; grandchildren, Nikki (Pete) Sanders, Makayla (Tristan) Schultz, Jenna Burdick, Keegan (Chey) Lawrie, Isaac Mahn, Estella Schultz, Avery Mahn and Tatum Schultz; two great-grandchildren, Presley and Beau Schultz; a sister, Arlene Statz and several nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Ryan Mahn.

A funeral service was held at 4PM on Friday, June 3, 2022 at St. Ladislaus Catholic Church, Bevent. Sister Mary Ellen Diermeier will preside. Burial was in the parish cemetery with military rites conducted. Visitation was on Friday from 3PM until the time of service at the church.

Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com



Frank W. Tritten, age 83, of Merrill, WI, passed away on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Aspirus Merrill Hospital.

Frank was born in Wausau, WI, on January 5, 1939, to the late Harry and Marie (Kundo) Tritten. He was married to Marjorie Dittmar on March 30, 1963; she preceded him in death in 2016.

Frank grew up on a farm in the Town of Texas, Marathon County, in a home built by his grandfather. Frank and Marjorie moved to Merrill in 1975 where he was employed for many years at Heartland Cooperative, retiring in 2016. He enjoyed the outdoors hunting and fishing and was always there to lend a helping hand to family and friends in time of need.

Survivors include his two sons, Ted (Jane) Tritten, and Toby (Donna) Tritten; and five daughters, Terry (Rodger) Randall, Trude (Jimmy) Tritten, Tabitha (Tom) Hirte, Tania (Eric) Staack, and Tracy Tritten.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Marie; his wife, Marjorie; two sons, Timmy and Tony; his daughter, Toni; his grandson, Dillon; and his brother, Harry.

In accordance with wishes, no formal services will be held. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Frank’s obituary and leave online condolences at generationsfuneral.com.



John Peters, age 74, of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away on Thursday, June 2 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born June 17, 1947, to the late Arthur and Ruth (Streich) Peters. John loved his family, especially his kids and grandkids. His hobbies included hunting, watching wildlife, woodworking, and being outdoors. His greatest pleasure was spending time with his grandchildren. John is a 1965 graduate of Merrill High School. He had a strong work ethic and believed in the importance of doing things correctly. He was a member of Heat & Frost Insulators Local 127 for 35 years, and took a lot of pride in his work.

John is survived by his children, Jesse (Meghan) Peters of Sun Prairie and Leah (Terry) Zastrow of Merrill, grandchildren Taylor & Ben Zastrow of Merrill and Elena & Olivia Peters of Sun Prairie, step-grandchildren Sara (Chris) Doerr and Garrett (Makayla) Hameau of Merrill, sister Mary (Ray) Trapp-Hardy, and brothers Jim & David Peters. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dick Peters, sister Kathy Renn, and brother-in-law Paul Renn. A visitation will be held Friday, June 10, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill, WI. John’s family would like to thank Compassus Hospice for their care and support the past six months.



Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

Keith Allen Osness passed away on May 24, 2022 at Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital in Sugar Land, Texas following an extended illness.

Keith was born May 13, 1962 in Merrill, son of the late Faye Jean (Travis) and David Osness. He was a 1980 graduate of Merrill Senior High School. Keith furthered his education at UW Superior and UW Eau Claire, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry.

Keith’s motto in life was “work hard, achieve great results, and treat everyone with respect”. This was evident in his strong work ethic from early on. He enjoyed working in woods - peeling popple and picking boughs, as well as working on the family beef farm. Keith worked as college summer help at Wausau Papers in preparation for his future career in the paper industry. Following graduation, he was employed by several paper chemical companies throughout the country. Being one to seek out advancement and adventure his career path led him to the oil industry. During this time, he traveled internationally from floating oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico to the deserts of central Africa.

Throughout his life Keith was an avid competitor. In his younger years he participated in Merrill little league baseball and youth wrestling. As an adult he enjoyed playing tavern league softball with his family and friends. Keith had a life-long passion for long distance running and competed in several marathons. He could be seen at most any time, day or night, out for his run.

Keith will be remembered for his quick wit and signature laugh. He was fun loving, full of energy, and young at heart. His generous nature knew no bounds, never hesitating to lend a helping hand. Keith loved to reminisce and share memories of “the good old days”.

Keith is survived by his life partner Anna Kim Ho of Sugar Land, Texas; his sister Julie (Greg) Thorson of Merrill; and his brother Scott (Renee) Osness of Wausau.

He is further survived by his niece Melissa Osness (Kris Kohn) of Wausau; and nephews Logan Osness (Sarah Brady) of Wausau, and Ivan “Vanya” Thorson of Merrill; aunts Barbara Hanson, Patsy Travis, Betty Latzig, Elayne (Richard) Ollmann, Janet Beyer-Thums, Phyllis (Ralph) Buch, Carol Osness, and Carol J. Osness all of Merrill and Darlene Osness of Wausau. Keith is also survived by many wonderful cousins.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, David and Faye Jean Osness; his brother Craig Osness; and sisters Johanna Osness-Hoerstmann and Anne Marie Osness in infancy; and faithful German Shepherd, Mrs. Heidi

A funeral service for Keith was held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, June 3, 2022 at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Pastor Patricia Schutz presided. Visitation was from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 2 and from 10:00 A.M until the time of services on Friday. Burial took place at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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The program will provide strategies for better managing diabetes, including techniques to deal with symptoms and information about healthy eating, meal planning, appropriate use of medication, exercise, and working effectively with healthcare providers. Participants learn to make realistic, achievable action plans, share their experiences, and help each other solve problems.

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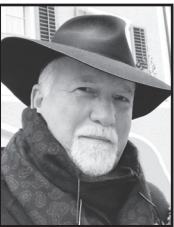
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PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

Author of “Dear Reader” and “Tapestry of Love and Loss”

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To the Editor

I had a dream. I dreamed I was in Lincoln County attending a meeting where residents were gathered to discuss current issues and needs of our county. The chairmen and members of the Board of Supervisors were present. Many differences of opinions were offered and examined. Everyone had a voice. People were willing to compromise for the good of all. We enjoyed a Democracy in action.

I awoke on April 20 to realize Lincoln County had become a Dictatorship on April 19, 2022. The new Chairman of the Board of Supervisors now chooses who will lead the committees without consideration of their knowledge and expertise. He had the authority of the Corporation Council removed and declared she would only be a guide. He would become the final authority on Parliamentary Procedures. This change basically cuts out any checks and balance on legal issues. The changes he made creates a dictatorship with him at the head.

As stated in many of their published election campaign statements, new Supervisors claimed they were interested in cleaning up corruption, creating transparency, and checking overspending. What were they basing these statements on? Where did they get this information? Not by attending committee and Board meetings.

I plan to work to remove this Dictatorship. You can become informed by attending committee meetings and Board meetings either in person or by Zoom. Contact the office or go online for meeting times and attendance directions. America is a Democracy, not a Dictatorship.

– Judy Woller
Merrill, Wis.

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TO THE EDITOR:

On Saturday at city-wide sales, I was shopping at a sale with my daughters, Cami and Kitty, and my grandson and great-grandson. At a sale, I discovered I lost my wallet. I was very worried, but two angels found it and turned it in to the police. When I got my wallet back, I was very surprised to find a note in it and a \$20 bill. What wonderful and caring people we have in our city! Thank you, girls. I will never forget what you did. You are a blessing indeed!

– Gloria “Jean” Wiedeman
Merrill, Wis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

*Letters must be 250 words or less. (There will be no exceptions to this. Any letter longer than 250 words will not be printed.)

*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.

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Beat the heat this summer – 2022 cooling center listing

Summer is here! While many people look forward to the warmer summer temperatures, it’s important to remember that hot conditions can turn dangerous quickly and pose a risk to health and safety, especially for infants and children, older adults, and individuals with certain medical and chronic conditions.

Lincoln County is fortunate to have many locally designated cooling centers. A cooling center is an air-conditioned facility where Lincoln County residents are invited to get relief from extreme heat during business hours. Thank you to the following businesses and organizations that have agreed to participate as a cooling center this year. Cooling center signage is displayed at each location.

IN MERRILL:

- Merrill Enrichment Center, 303 N. Sales St., Merrill 715.536.4226 Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- Riverside Athletic Club, 500 S. Center Ave., Merrill 715.536.2481 Monday-Thursday 6:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - T.B. Scott Free Library, 106 W. First St., Merrill 715.536.7191 Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 - Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes, 1208 N. Center Ave., Merrill 715.536.9405 Tuesday-Thursday 11:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday 11:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Saturday 9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
 - Smith Multi-Purpose Center (MARC), 1100 Marc Dr., Merrill 715.536.7313 Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 - Wal-Mart, 505 S. Pine Ridge Ave., Merrill 715.536.2414 Monday-Sunday 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
- IN TOMAHAWK:**
- Tomahawk Public Library, 300 W.

- Lincoln Ave., Tomahawk 715.453.2455 Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 - Senior Community Center, 113 S. Tomahawk Ave., Tomahawk 715.453.5757 Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
 - Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. 2nd St. Tomahawk 715.453.4040 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - Strikers Tomahawk Bowl, 309 W. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk 715.453.3245 Wednesday-Saturday 12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
- IN GLEASON:**
- Gleason Bowling Alley, N4878 Hwy 17, Gleason 715.873.4588
 - Monday, Wednesday-Sunday 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

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Crime Stoppers to hold Shred Day June 11

Crime Stoppers of Merrill will hold a Shred Day event on Saturday, June 11, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot at Kindhearted Home Care, 120 S. Mill St., in Merrill. On-site shredding services will be provided by Confidential Records, and there is a \$5 suggested donation per box/bag of paperwork to be shredded. Anyone in Lincoln County can utilize this service, and all proceeds will benefit Lincoln County Crime Stoppers.

Small paper clips and rubber bands may be left on material to be shredded; boxes and bags will not be kept or shredded – they will be returned to customers. Please, no spiral notebooks, video tapes, floppy disks, or any type of magnetic tapes.

This event is sponsored by Kindhearted Home Care, Tomahawk Community Bank, Merrill Community Bank, and BMO Harris Bank.



| LEGAL NOTICES |

Legals	7700	Legals	7700
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: 5-27-22
/s/ HONORABLE ROBERT R. RUSSELL
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR II
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Amended
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22-CV-79
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Seth James Look
By Seth James Look
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Seth James Look
To: Emily Muhlaysia Johnson-Look
Birth Certificate: Seth James Look
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Judge Robert R. Russell
Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452
Date: June 30, 2022
Time: 11:30 AM
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0303 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 Foto News, a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.
Published June 2, 9, 16, 2022
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Notice is hereby given that the following applications for a Class 'B' combination license to deal in intoxicating liquor has been filed with the Town of Corning Clerk:
William D. Dinges
W8047 Joe Snow Road
Merrill, WI 54452
Ed & Sharon's, LLC
N1294 Hwy 64 & 107
Merrill, WI 54452
Rick Hass, Clerk, Town of Corning
Published Jun. 9, 2022
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
CASE NO.22-CV-59
HON. ROBERT R. RUSSELL
Money Judgment: 30301 The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00 AND Other Contracts: 30303 Wis. Stat. § 810 Replevin
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
ANTIGO, WI 54409
Plaintiff,
v.
MAXIMILIAN GILLHOUSE
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MERRILL, WI 54452
Defendant.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
To each person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within **40 days** after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452, **and** to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 839 North Jefferson Street, Suite 200, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within **40 days**, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 6, 2022.
GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Joshua J. Brady
WI State Bar No. 1041428
P. O. Address:
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Milwaukee, WI 53202
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: May 19, 2022
Electronically signed by
Hon. Jay R. Tlusty
Circuit Court Judge
STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 2022 PR 15
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL ANDREW TUDOR
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth May 7, 1959 and date of death December 21, 2021 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N936 Raspberry Lane, Merrill, WI 54452.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Branch I Courtroom, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable Jay R. Tlusty, on June 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 19, 2022.
3. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names ore addresses are unknown.
The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable: Deceased brother Frederick Tudor had a child. None of the family has ever had contact, and does not even know the child's name.
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.
Please check with person named below for exact time and date.
ATTORNEY MIRANDA N. LAMB
NOLAN & DEFFNER LEGACY LAW
1803 Stewart Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401
715-842-0888 Bar Number 1112872
Published May 26, June 2 & 9, 2022
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The law office of Atty. Craig J. Nienow is closed. If you need to contact him, you can e-mail him at: nienowlawfirm@frontier.com or call **715-536-7185.**

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Harvey Thomaschefskey retired from more than 41 years of combined wrenching at the same company ... from when it was originally Bloechl Motors through its change of ownership to Brickner's Park City and then change of location from E. Second St. to the dealership on E. Main St. He's seen a lot of changes during that timeframe – in staffing, growth, automobiles, and automobile technology. Now retirement means he can turn back the clock to wrench on his 1965 Mustang, an auto restoration project of his own.

Photo courtesy of Brickner's Park City.

Thomaschefskey retires after 41 years as an auto mechanic in Merrill

Now he'll be wrenching on a '65 mustang of his own

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Harvey Thomaschefskey is retiring from employment as an auto mechanic after 41 years and five months of turning a wrench, but he's not putting his tools down altogether. Retirement means that now he'll be able to turn his attention to a dream project of his own.

"Harvey came to work as a mechanic at Bloechl Motor Company in 1980 and stayed on when we purchased the dealership in 1988," said Jim Brickner, President and co-owner of Brickner's Park City in Merrill.

"Harvey came with the dealership ...," he said. "Harvey and I are the last of the original seven people who were with the dealership when we started operations."

"Harvey is one of those guys that everybody in town knows," Brickner said. "He has probably fixed most everybody's car one time or another, and is one of those good guys that we were lucky to be blessed to have working with us."

"Harvey cared about his customers. He would try and fix every vehicle in a way to help keep the cost down for the customer, would recommend fixing only what was needed, and was always on time, and on task," he said. "Harvey is a true mechanic. He always had the right tools and skills and experience to fix almost anything."

"We always joke that Harvey's been around so long he once fixed Jesus's donkey cart," Brickner added, laughing.

More importantly, he had the kind of work ethic and attitude any employer would envy. "Harvey always has a smile on his face," Brickner said.

"So today is a bit of a momentous day here at the dealership," he said on May 25, 2022. "Harvey Thomaschefskey is retiring."

"He will be hard to replace," he added. "One of the best people you will ever meet."

Thomaschefskey isn't disappearing entirely from Brickner's however. "I'm still going to work part-time, but full time is done," Thomaschefskey said. "Just like maintenance stuff – not working on cars anymore. Taking care of equipment ... oil furnaces and stuff like that, general maintenance that I've already been doing."

On the mechanic side of things, "We have been very fortunate to have hired a very experienced young man who is relocating here from Montana, and we are very excited to see how he does," Brickner said.

And Thomaschefskey is excited, too. "I bought a '65 mustang that I'm restoring," he said. "It just got it painted yesterday." [That was Thursday, May 26, the day immediately following his official retirement!]

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History Hunt had 1920's costumed characters scouring the city of Merrill for clues



One of the teams who participated in this year's History Hunt called themselves the Jenny Town Bathers. Here they are dressed in their 1920's swimwear, taking a moment to cool off on the banks for the Prairie River in Merrill. From L to R: Christi Stellingworth, Vince Howard and Trina DeLasky, and Kelly and Scott Wallace.

Kyle Stellingworth photo.

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Historical Society held a "Merrill in the Roaring Twenties" History Hunt on May 14, 2022, and drew 10 teams of history hunters, many dressed in 1920's garb, who scoured the city of Merrill and "spent the morning learning about Merrill and the 1920's and seeking clues to the party location," according to organizers. [The answer and after-party location was Ballyhoos.]

At least one attendee described this year's History Hunt as "awesome!" and the costumed competitors did make for a lively addition to the community that day.

Many of the downtown merchants joined in the fun offering support, raffle prizes, deals, and discounts on merchandise, including Westside Market, Sweeter Times, Gruetts, Miller's Furniture, Ballyhoos, Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe, Johnsons, Hargraves, Ana Blairs, Courtside, and the Trophy Bar, organizers said.

In addition, the Merrill Paranormal Society and the Masons and Odd Fellows Organizations offered information and stories. And attendees got to explore the Organizations' current location.

Stephanie Springborn, Martin Burkhardt, and Dick Baumgart also led tours through the old vocational school that is being restored on West Main St., which was built in 1929 as a Merrill Buick Garage and then became the Wisconsin National Guard Armory for several years during WWII, before being taken over by the Merrill School System as their Vocational and Tech School until 1967.

"The event had the support of major sponsors including Incredible Bank, Park City Credit Union, Weinbrenners, Johnsons, and Westside Market. There were raffle prizes donated by Lake of the Torches Casino, AmericInn, Sunrise Broadcasting/WJMT,



The Henhouse Bootleggers team are looking for the safe at NAPA Auto Parts in Merrill as part of the Merrill Historical Society History Hunt.

Submitted photo.

Circus World Museum, Culvers, and Kindhearted. The Merrill Historical Society is grateful for all the wonderful support they have received from our local merchants," organizers said.

"We also celebrated Merrill's 175th Anniversary with a \$175 cash raffle prize (donated by Incredible Bank) open only to the participants in the hunt," they added. The winner was Eunice Berndt.

Each team involved in the hunt made a "Silent Movie Clip" for a little extra fun, "since Talkies were started in the 1920's," organizers said. These entertaining clips can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/fvm5NM7KOEU>.

Two teams received awards for best team name: The Heebie Jeebies and The Unflappables. Two teams received awards for best silent movie: Henhouse Bootleggers and Ex Libris. The award for best costumes went to: Jenny Town Bathers. And a special award for the Charleston went to: PB&J. The social media award went to: Henhouse Bootleggers. Other team names included: Zootsuit Jud & Flapper Jan, Red Hat RNs, Dillinger's Dames, Flawed by Fashion, Rasers, and Dillinger's Bootleggers.



Jan Black's Team taking a selfie in front of the mural outside Ana Blairs.

Submitted photo.



Teams explore the Odd Fellow/Mason Lodges in downtown Merrill during the History Hunt.

Submitted photo.

Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Kingdom of Heaven

(the Director's Cut)

(Available on multiple streaming platforms)

★★★★★

This film is rated R – for language, violence, and sexual situations

Once again, life got in the way of my movie-going experience, and I did not make it to the cinema this week. But, as always, I have one up my sleeve for you to consider.

Kingdom of Heaven, directed by Ridley Scott, arguably the greatest Director of my generation, came out back in 2005. And I will be the first to tell you, this movie stank like a deer on the side of the highway in July – muddled, confusing, choppy, and it made no sense. So I walked out thinking I had been skillfully parted from my hard-earned money.

Then something happened. Ridley Scott gave an interview and discussed how the studio had final cut and had chopped it to pieces to get more showings each day in the cinema and mentioned that a Director's cut was on the way.

In 2007, the Director's cut showed up and, with trepidation, I watched this version of *Kingdom of Heaven*. And this time, I was simply blown away. This one was significantly longer – by almost an hour – but this was a completely different movie than the one I saw in the cinema.

Kingdom of Heaven (the Director's



cut) tells the story of Balian de Ibelin, a blacksmith who becomes a Baron who becomes the defender of Jerusalem during the Crusades. It is a story of honor, love, deep religious conviction, murder, and glory, and few films have managed to do what *Kingdom of Heaven* does – to present the Crusades from both perspectives while showing mutual respect for both Islam and Christianity.

Packed full of the who's who of Hollywood actors, from Liam Neeson to Orlando Bloom, *Kingdom of Heaven* is an epic masterpiece from Ridley Scott, and it holds a place in my top 10 movies of all time.

But as the man said, caveat emptor (buyer beware): Make sure you watch the Director's cut version with the run time of 3 hours and 13 minutes and not the theatrical version with the run time of 2 hours 20 minutes. Trust me on this.

Kingdom of Heaven is available on multiple streaming platforms and gets a full five out of five stars because it is a masterpiece of storytelling (the Director's cut version, that is).



Students and staff from New Testament Church Christian Academy (NTCCA), along with others from the community, participated in the National day of Prayer on May 5, 2022. They joined together in prayer over our country, state, and city, as well as our President, Vice President, Governor, Mayor, and City officials, NTCCA participants said. NTCCA has participated in the National day of Prayer for more than 25 years, by coming together in prayer on the lawn at Merrill City Hall, NTCCA said.

Submitted photo.



SIERRA PACIFIC FOUNDATION 2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Sierra Pacific Foundation is awarding over \$519,000 in scholarships to 163 students as they attend colleges, universities and trade schools during the 2022-2023 school year.

“Our family is honored to continue to support students as they further their education,” said Carolyn Emmerson Dietz, Foundation President. “The commitment to helping tomorrow’s leaders remains strong. We are investing in the future and in the generations to come as we help these outstanding young people pursue their dreams.”

The Sierra Pacific Foundation grants scholarships to qualified, dependent children of Sierra Pacific Industries’ employees. Recipients are eligible for the scholarship for four years, with some granted a fifth year based on their school and finalizing their undergraduate degree or trade school program.

The Sierra Pacific Foundation is the philanthropic organization founded by the Emmerson



Jonnie Pierschalla-Zastrow



Isabella Weber

Growing Healthy Communities...

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Hot weather safety

Individuals should take the following steps to be safe in extreme heat this summer:

- Drink lots of water.
- Avoid alcoholic beverages, coffee, tea, and sodas.
- Avoid going outside in extreme heat.
- Limit outside activity to early morning or late evening.
- Wear sunscreen. Sunburn affects your body’s ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated.
- If you don’t have air conditioning, keep shades drawn and blinds closed, but windows slightly open.
- Keep electric lights off or turned down.
- Limit the use of the stove.

- Wear lightweight, light-colored loose clothing.
- Take cool baths and showers.
- Don’t leave anyone (including pets) in a parked car—even for a few minutes.
- Check up on family, friends, and neighbors during extreme heat. If you are unable to reach them, call 911 and request a well-being check.

If your business or organization is interested in being a designated cooling center, contact Kristin Bath, Public Health Educator, at kristin.bath@co.lincoln.wi.us or 715.539.1373. A current list of local cooling centers is available at www.lincolncountyhealth-department.com. Lincoln County Health Department is always working for a safer and healthier Lincoln County.



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PET OF THE WEEK

Leon is a fantastic cat! Super loving and affectionate but independent all at the same time. He came in with a very large group of cats so gets along with pretty much everyone he meets. He loves to relax and get lots of attention! His adoption fee includes his neuter, microchip and vaccinations.

Visit the Lincoln County Humane Society, 310 N. Memorial Dr., in Merrill. Hours: Mon. - Sat. 12-4PM; Sun. 12-2PM. Call the shelter at 715-536-3459, visit us on the web at www.furypets.com.

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It is a dark metallic blue, not a traditional color, but a color he really liked, he said. His goal is to have it on the road next year. “I bought it in a box,” Thomaschefsky said. “It was stripped down to the shell. I have to put it all back together.”

When he’s not wrenching on this classic restoration, Harvey and his wife, Terri, hope to “get in a little more camping,” said Thomaschefsky who will turn 69 in July.

They have a lot of life left to live, and Thomaschefsky isn’t wasting any time getting right to it.

Marlene and William Krueger are Golden!



Marlene Dahm of Merrill first met William Krueger of Oshkosh on a snowy night, just off the grounds of Marquette University. The two were married on June 3, 1972, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Marlene and William have exemplified devotion, love and encouragement for one another and their family.

Their children and grandchildren
wish them a wonderful 50th anniversary!

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Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens

The Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens will be available again this summer from June 6 to Aug. 26, 2022. Five area churches – Christ United Methodist Church, Saint Stephens United Church of Christ, Our Saviour’s Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and St. John’s Lutheran – partner with the Merrill Community Food Pantry to provide a lunch to children and teens in the community who may not have access to lunch when school is on summer break. Because of concerns brought on by COVID, they will be handling this program in the same manner as last year.

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Announcements 7005



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Lost and Found 7010

LOST PHOTO ALBUM In the Merrill area, my cousin, Virginia Mussell Oestreich, made a photographic record of the years that she designed & created hand crafted bridal & bridesmaid gowns. They were carefully compiled into a large photographic album. However, when she passed away in 2016, we could not locate this important record of her life's accomplishment. May 21st is her birthday. We would be grateful to anyone who is able to locate or has seen this precious collection. If you have seen or may know of this album, please contact me. It means so very much to our family, especially her Grandchildren. Contact Glenn: gbusiness001@gmail.com

Entertainment 7035



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4 houses on Kinglet Circle, Rib Mtn. Turn by Walmart on Cloverland & watch for signs. Thurs, Fri, & Sat. 6/9-6/11, 8a-5:30p. Estate items, antiques, major downsizing. Stove range hood, dishwasher, coffee & end tables, dining room & bedroom sets, fridge, snow blowers, stackable washer & dryer, medicine cabinet, display cabinet, ceiling fan w/heater, beveled mirror, bedding, towels, fishing poles, propane heater, boogie boards, shop light, ammo boxes, beach umbrella, kitchenware, children's clothes, prom dresses, snowboard boots, child's snorkel sets & more!

Rummage Sales This Week 7200

ANNUAL CLEAR Lake Condo Rummage Sale. N11445 County Road A north of Tomahawk or off of Hwy 8 south of wayside. June 9 & 10, 8-4 & June 11, 8-?. Multiple units- furniture, tools, household, much more.

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Multi Family Sale June 9 & 10: 9-5, June 11: 9-12. Name Brand clothing and Shoes - sizes Infant to Adult. New Infant Car seat, Strollers, Bikes, Toys, Household items. 1204 East Sixth Street

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Bluegill Bay Detailed Sale Listing

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Rummage Sales Upcoming 7202

IRMA GARAGE SALE W5496 Olivotti Lake Rd. Starting June 15th at 3pm, Thurs. June 18th starts 8 - 6 PM. Thurs, Fri Sat. Another Big Sale. Watch for our Big Ad in next weeks FOTO NEWS

Merrill Multi Family Sale: Thursday, 6/16, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. 6/17 8am-5pm 6/18 8am-1pm Furniture, Kitchen Appliances, Patio Furniture, Grill, Dog Crates, Kitchen Table/Chairs, Sporting Goods, Clothing, Lots of Misc Items. 506 E Riverside Ave

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Estate Sales 7208

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NTC announces Merrill area Law Enforcement Academy Graduates

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) in Wausau announced three Merrill-area students graduated from the NTC Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement 720 Academy in May 2022. A commencement ceremony was held on May 20.

The Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement 720 Academy prepares learners to enter the workforce as police officers or deputy sheriffs in the state of Wisconsin. Graduates are able to demonstrate tactical skills, conduct investigations, and manage emergencies.

Leaders from NTC's School of Public Safety stand with the graduates following the commencement ceremony in Wausau, Wis. Graduates in red, L to R: Trevor Asmundsen, Jesse Quade, and Hunter Hintze, all of Merrill. In black, L to R: Shane Heilmann, Dean of NTC's School of Public Safety; Paul Clarke, Matt Kecker, and Brian Fiene, NTC Faculty; and Paul Strehlow, Associate Dean of NTC's School of Public Safety.





On April 24, 2022, the Merrill Eagles held a Pancake Breakfast Benefit for Bobbi Grund to assist her with medical expenses. Pictured L to R: Bryan Paultz (Aerie Pancake Breakfast Co-Chair), Bobbi Grund, and Sue Heckendorf (Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast Co-Chair). **Submitted photo.**



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Local artist and retired educator wins Trout Unlimited Wisconsin contest

Pittman’s painting is featured on 2022-2023 Trout Stamp

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Bill Pittman’s artwork appears on the cover of *The Guide to Wisconsin Trout Fishing Regulations, 2022-2023*, which contains the regulations for Wisconsin trout seasons, including the inland waters catch and release and the extended Lake Superior tributaries seasons, and the official Trout Stamp for 2022-2023.

The local artist, who has been passionate about art, fishing, and wildlife since childhood, learned about an art contest last summer when he was at Jokin’ Joe’s Bait Shop “on the island,” as Pittman likes to call it, between the Sixth Ward bridges, just a short walk away, and he was encouraged to enter.

The contest itself was “a cooperative effort between the State of Wisconsin DNR and Trout Unlimited Wisconsin,” Pittman said. “They [the DNR] sponsor the competition for Trout Unlimited’s Artist of the Year ... Trout Unlimited has a Committee that judges the artwork that’s submitted.”

In years past, sportsmen who purchased a stamp to hunt or fish for a particular species would receive a physical stamp that indicated they were licensed to harvest that particular fish, animal, or fowl. These days, purchase of fish and game licenses, and specific “stamps” designating those licenses, are simply electronic notations on an individual’s DNR licensing record. Sportsmen and women no longer carry a physical stamp, license, or even a back tag when hunting [deer]. They need only carry their Wisconsin driver’s license or ID so their licensing information can be matched up with their records if questioned.

Now the stamps are basically a collector’s stamp, Pittman explained, with framed copies of the art and the stamp auctioned off at Trout Unlimited Chapter Banquets around the state as a fundraiser. Actual stamps are sold for \$10 each as a collector’s piece, and the proceeds from those sales are used to enhance the trout program in the state, he added

Pittman entered an acrylic painting of a trout, which won the top honors, and his image is now synonymous with the 2022-2023 Trout Stamp.

Pittman said he has previously entered water fowl images in contests, and he’s been a finalist in a number of those, and he was also a finalist for Wisconsin Wildlife Artist of the Year, but this one was, in his words, “pretty cool, because I won!”

“With research and all that – the research was a big thing,” Pittman said, it took him “probably 35-40 hours” to complete the painting. He used a mount he has – of the last trout his dad ever caught – as one of his points of reference for the painting. He submitted his entry in early fall 2021 and was notified he had won in late fall 2021.

“I haven’t really been doing [painting] fish until the last 8 or 10 years,” Pittman said. “Prior to that it was all water fowl.”

Originally from Minneapolis, Pittman “spent tons and tons of time in Minnesota hunting and fishing, because we had a cabin in northern Minnesota, so as a kid I was in tune to wildlife and fish,” he said. His passion naturally extended to creating wildlife art beginning in middle school and became a lifelong pursuit. “My aunt was an amateur artist, as such, in northern Minnesota and she was very influential,” he added.

Initially, though, art was a passionate pastime for Pittman, who was an avid baseball player who succeeded in achieving his dream of making it to the pros. But his professional baseball career didn’t last as long as he had hoped. Pittman played professionally as a pitcher for the Minnesota Twins for two full seasons, but injured his shoulder at the end of the second season. “I kind of toughed it out and wasn’t very successful, and then the third year I just couldn’t do it,” he



Bill Pittman of Merrill, poses in his basement art studio with the acrylic painting he created that won the Trout Unlimited contest and is now featured on the 2022-2023 Wisconsin DNR Trout Stamp, rendered as a print and physical stamp, framed as it will be auctioned off at various Trout Unlimited banquets as a fundraiser on the left and shown on the cover of this year’s Trout Regulations magazine in print and online on the right.

Tina L. Scott photo.

said. He was 21 years old.

“When I think about it realistically, actually it was a blessing in disguise,” Pittman said. “I didn’t think so at the time. But it was. I had a great career teaching, and guidance and counseling was really good ... and I’ve been retired for some time now.”

Pittman is referring to the fact that after his injury took him out of professional baseball, “Then I really focused on education.”

He went to Augsburg University in Minneapolis, where he met his wife, and he now has degrees in Education, Art Education, Health and Physical Education, and a Masters in Guidance and Counseling. He also focused on his art. In addition to painting, “In college, I did a lot of pottery and I was pretty successful with that, and that was something I was really interested in,” Pittman said. “I taught it, and I enjoyed teaching pottery classes. I enjoy teaching all of it, but three-dimensional work is something I [really] enjoy.”

During his time in Minneapolis, he also had the opportunity to meet and work with award-winning artist Les Kouba, an artist who became famous for his paintings of wildlife, ducks, and deer. “He was somewhat of a mentor for me, which was cool,” Pittman said.

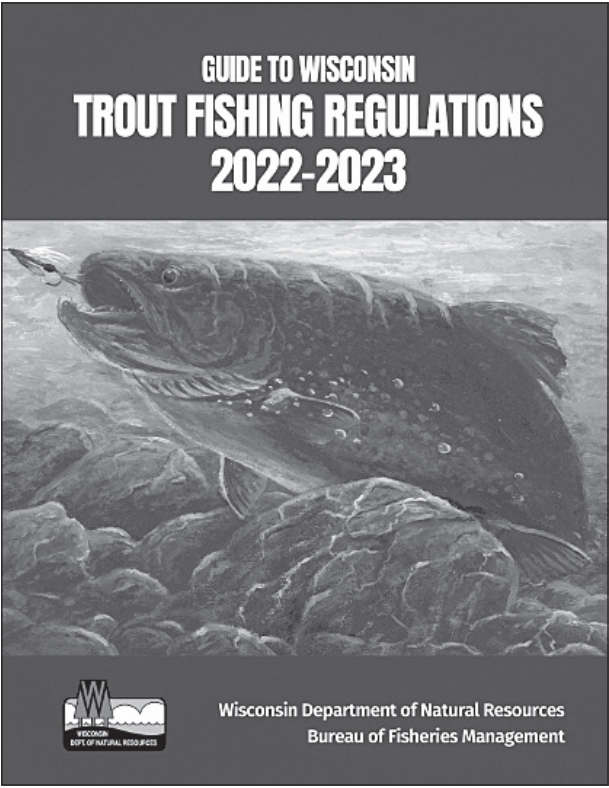
Pittman himself began showing his work in galleries in Minneapolis.

After graduation, he taught middle school and high school art classes for three years in Platteville and also had a working relationship with the college there.

In 1970, Pittman and his wife moved to Merrill where he took a teaching job at Lincoln Hills School. There, with it “being such a multifaceted type of teaching experience and environment,” he taught a wider range of subjects, from physical education to art to some academics. He taught there until his retirement in 2000.

During his teaching years, when he and his wife, Carolyn, were raising their two daughters, Pittman remembers painting after the girls were asleep and in bed.

His work has been shown in galleries in Minnesota,



Bill Pittman’s winning painting of a trout appears on the cover of the Wisconsin DNR Guide to Wisconsin Trout Fishing Regulations 2022-2023.

Illinois, and especially throughout northern Wisconsin through the years, he said. And now, he doesn’t have to worry about staying up late to paint.

At age 78, he and Caroline are long since retired [she also retired in 2000 from 30 years of teaching at MAPS], their kids are grown, and they are grandparents.

These days he spends his time in his deer stand, cutting wood, caring for his yard, duck hunting, and painting whenever the spirit moves him.

Three area students receive scholarships for Northwood Technical College

Northwood Technical College Foundation awarded a total of \$166,000 in scholarships to students for the upcoming fall 2022 semester.

Locally, three area students were recipients of one of those scholarships:

- **RaeJean Stowe of Athens**, Veterinary Technician, Robert Knowles Scholarship
- **Tavius Morris of Merrill**, Construction and Cabinetmaking, Brendan Shipley Memorial Scholarship
- **Kyle Semling of Merrill**, Construction and Cabinetmaking, Rice Lake Construction and Cabinetmaking Scholarship

Scholarships assist students with education-related costs such as tuition, fees, books, classroom supplies and more. For Northwood Tech students, these scholarships and other forms of aid provide support while they

achieve their goal and begin their career path with little to no student debt. Some of these students are fresh out of high school, while others are returning to school for a variety of reasons including years of working in a different career field or being a stay-at-home parent. No matter what level or age these individuals are enrolling at Northwood Tech, any assistance they receive makes the journey to achieving their degree less difficult and allows them to focus on Northwood Tech’s overall objective of Learning First.

A press release from Northwood Technical College expressed gratitude for all its community partnerships and community support of the Northwood Technical College Foundation which helps give students the financial support and tools needed to succeed. For information on how to contribute, visit northwoodtech.edu/give.

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MHS YA Program celebrates Student Stars

The Merrill High School (MHS) Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program celebrated their Student Stars at a banquet on May 5, 2022. The awards recognized students for excellence in developing career readiness skills at their worksite. Of the 94 students in YA this school year, 12 students received Student Stars Awards. Students receiving Awards, along with their YA worksite, included:

- Isabella Hoff - Incredible Bank
- Madison Malm - BMO Harris Bank
- Danyelle Kottke - Merrill Community Bank
- Zach Klimek - Brickner's Park City
- Bryce Brown - Geiss Meat Service
- Gaven Reindl - Agra Industries
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The Youth Apprenticeship Program is a rigorous one or two-year elective, statewide program for high school Juniors and Seniors that combines academic and technical instruction with mentored, paid, on-the-job learning that makes a real world connection for students. Youth Apprentices work a minimum of 450 hours at their YA worksite each year of their program and take related high school or college classes to enhance their worksite experiences. They earn one credit for each semester they successfully participate in YA, and



Back row, L to R: Gaven Reindl, Madison Malm, Tyler Wieloch, Omarion Banks, Bailey Turenne, Zach Klimek, and Bryce Brown. Front row, L to R: Isabella Hoff, Angela Hinner, Danyelle Kottke, Allie Maschke, and Alissa Kracht.

Photo courtesy of Merrill High School.

at the completion of their apprenticeship, they receive a Certificate of Occupational Proficiency from the State of Wisconsin, an accomplishment that is recognized by both employers and colleges alike. The 11 program areas available through Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship Program are: agriculture, food and natural resources; architecture and construction; art, a/v technology and communications; finance; health science; hospitality, lodging and tourism; information technology; manufacturing; marketing; science, technology, engineering and math; and transportation, distribution and logistics. Employers hire apprentices for a variety of reasons, including being able to recruit potential employees and shape the quality of their

workforce, to develop partnerships with Merrill High School, and to build great employee loyalty and create positive PR by helping youth with employment and education. Students become apprentices because they earn a paycheck while learning from skilled professionals. They become more organized and efficient with their time, increase career awareness and improve future employability, and develop the necessary skills needed for entry-level employment, and in some program areas, begin working towards a Registered Apprenticeship. For more information about participating in the YA Program, as either a business or a student, contact MHS Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator Linda Murray at 715.536.4594 ext. 18039.

Marlowe is April Youth Optimist at MHS

Emma Marlowe has been named April Youth Optimist at Merrill High School. She was nominated by Mrs. Alyssa Swan and Mrs. Bethany Martinovici. Mrs. Swan said, "I've coached Emma in Cross Country for many years. I also taught her in Freshman physical science. Emma is a wonderful human being. She is kind, caring, and genuinely a good person. In regards to her attitude, on the Cross Country Team (where I've interacted with her the most), she is stellar. Emma always helps others on the team and is one of our biggest cheerleaders, making sure that all of my athletes feel welcomed and appreciated. She is willing to help out whenever asked and never complains."



Emma Marlowe.

"Emma was chosen to be a part of LEAD, a leadership program for athletes. (This is very fitting for her as she is always a positive member of our team)," Swan said. "Emma has also taken tough classes throughout her high school career, including anatomy, injury sports management, and many other AP and dual-credit courses. Emma is a kind and caring student, willing to help anyone, but in such a wonderfully kind way. I am

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Merrill girls perform well at State Track & Field Championships

Schmidt brings home two medals and runs a lifetime best; Crossman runs a lifetime best; and 4x400 meter relay and Schmidt set two new school records

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The WIAA State Track & Field Championships were held at Veterans Memorial Stadium, UW-LaCrosse, in LaCrosse on Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4, 2022, with a small group of Merrill female athletes competing. On Friday, Madi Crossman competed in the Division 1 girls 200 meter dash and finished with the 12th fastest time and also her lifetime best of 26.13 seconds. The girls 4x400 meter relay team of Liz Schmidt, Mia Smith, Olivia Troyer, and Madi Crossman, alternates Emma Marlowe and Jalie Severt, raced to an 11th place finish. "They came in just one spot out of finals," said Alex Oestreich, Merrill Varsity Track and Field Head Coach, "And ran a new school record of 4:05.17." On day two of the State Championships, Merrill's Liz Schmidt competed in both the 800 and 1600 meter runs. "Saturday was Senior Liz Schmidt's time to shine and that she did," Oestreich said. "She started off with a silver medal finish in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:00.82." "She then went on to compete in the 800 meter run where she ran a lifetime best, and set a new school record time of 2:15.76, which was good for a bronze medal," he said. Oestreich said competing at the WIAA State Championships was a great way to wrap up the 2022 season. "Overall it was an awesome weekend!" he said. "We had two individual lifetime bests, along with two new school records. I'm really proud of how our girls stepped up on the biggest stage of the year, ran some amazing times, and brought home some hardware."

Trinity eighth grader selected for National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award

Jazlin Severt, an eighth grader at Trinity Lutheran School, has been selected as a National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Outstanding Achievement Award recipient. The award comes with a \$500 scholarship to the university of her choice. "Jazi does not wait to be asked to do something. She seeks out ways to serve and to lead others in the process," said Jeff Holt, Trinity NJHS adviser. "She works tirelessly, but also understands the importance of delegating in order to manage her own time and commitments and to provide her peers the opportunities to serve and lead in countless activities." The daughter of Jesse and Karli Severt of Merrill, Jazi has been one of the driving forces behind the group's efforts to support Caps for Kids, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Love Came Down at Christmas (which raised \$2,000 for Merrill's MAC Home), and Love for Kinsey (which raised thousands of dollars to help pay for some of the medical expenses of another student at Trinity). Jazi is also President of the school's Student Council, a member of its middle school leadership team (which advises the school administrator), a member of the



Jazlin Severt.

safety patrol, and volunteers to help in the school office each morning. She is a part of the school's praise team, sings with the adult praise team at Trinity Lutheran Church, and played volleyball at Trinity for five years as well as with the Medford Storm. Additionally, Jazi assists in the planting and breeding of flowers with her grandparents at Barnes Creek Daylilies. "Jazi epitomizes what it means to be a Christian servant-leader," said Holt. "She consistently puts others before herself, and when there is a task to accomplish, she lives by the motto: 'First to arrive - last to leave.'" NJHS is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals and recognizes students who have demonstrated work to support the five pillars of NJHS: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship in NJHS, the nation's oldest, largest, and most prestigious student recognition program. Trinity's chapter of NJHS has 15 current members. NJHS's Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes 500 students nationwide for their exceptional demonstration of the five characteristics of its membership, which numbers more than one million students.



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very confident that she will make a difference in this world and has a very bright future ahead of her.”

“Emma always faces the day with a smile and positive interactions with anyone she meets,” Mrs. Martinovici said. “She is involved in leadership positions in school, athletics, and extracurricular clubs where she can encourage and share experiences with her peers. She consistently models excellent character traits and optimism daily. Emma has a special place in her heart for all people. She is open-minded, dependable, and creative when it comes to her day and the activities she

participates in. She takes initiative when she notices a peer struggling and helps where it is needed, whether that is in the classroom or on athletic teams. She has volunteered her time with all abilities and is always willing to step up to the plate.”

Throughout her high school career, Emma has been involved in Junior Optimist Club (Vice President and Secretary), National Honors Society, LEAD, Link Crew, Sign Language Club, Raise Your Voice, “FRIENDS,” Track and Field (Varsity Letter), and Cross Country.

Activities outside of school include Brooke’s School of Dance, Make A Difference Day, and Special Olympics.

Emma plans to attend UW-LaCrosse to major in Exercise Science. She is the daughter of Chris and Andrea Marlowe.

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