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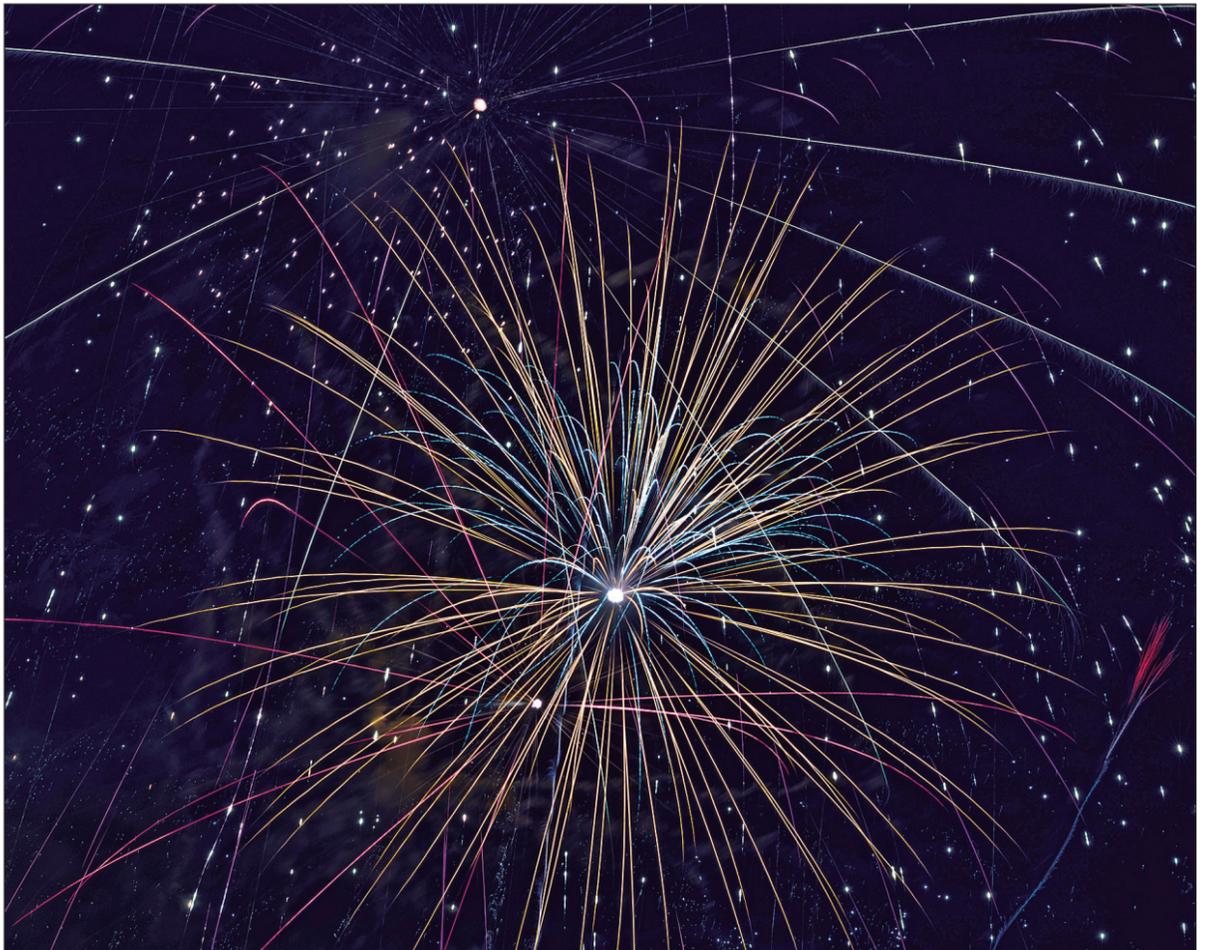
Merrill Marching Band invited to 2023 Tournament of Roses Parade

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

On Thursday, June 30, 2022, the Merrill High School Marching Band was formally invited to participate in the 2023 Tournament of Roses Parade as a part of the Northwoods Marching Band. The band is made up of marching bands from eight area schools: Merrill, Antigo, Three Lakes, Northland Pines, Lakeland, Wausau East, D.C. Everest, and Mosinee.

January 2, 2023, will mark the first time the Northwoods Marching Band will perform at the Tournament of Roses Parade, and they will perform "Beautiful Wisconsin," a piece composed by retired University of Wisconsin Marching Band Director Mike Leckrone, during the parade.

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This photo was taken at the fireworks display at Sara Park in Tomahawk. Due to impending rain, Merrill's fireworks display was rescheduled from the evening of Monday, July 4, to Tuesday, July 5, at dusk. **Joseph Frederick photo.**

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A total of 1,824 Wisconsin NEUs received a second payment of ARPA-SLFRF funding.

"The collaboration effort between DOA and DOR results in a distribution

of over \$205 million in relief funds to local governments in Wisconsin," a release from DOR stated.

NEUs are typically Wisconsin towns, villages, and cities with a population under 50,000. Through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, NEUs could apply for relief funding last year. The payments were to be distributed in two allocations; 50% was distributed in 2021, and the remaining portion was allocated last month.

DOR said local governments are

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City of Merrill	\$947,041.08	\$473,520.54
Town of Birch	\$61,963.78	\$30,981.89
Town of Bradley	\$247,645.80	\$123,822.90
Town of Corning	\$90,956.97	\$45,478.49
Town of Harding	\$38,727.37	\$19,363.68
Town of Harrison	\$84,467.52	\$42,233.76
Town of Hill	\$32,865.93	\$16,432.96
Town of King	\$88,549.60	\$44,274.80
Town of Knox	\$34,749.96	\$17,374.98
Town of Little Rice	\$31,923.91	\$15,961.95
Town of Lynne	\$14,862.93	\$7,431.47
Town of Merrill	\$308,039.56	\$154,019.78
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Town of Ogema	\$71,383.95	\$35,691.98
Town of Pine River	\$185,996.02	\$92,998.01
Town of Rock Falls	\$63,533.81	\$31,766.91
Town of Russell	\$69,290.58	\$34,645.29
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Town of Scott	\$149,571.36	\$74,785.68
Town of Skanawan	\$40,088.06	\$20,044.03
Town of Spirit	\$28,051.17	\$14,025.59
Town of Somo	\$11,199.54	\$5,599.77
Town of Tomahawk	\$43,332.78	\$21,666.39
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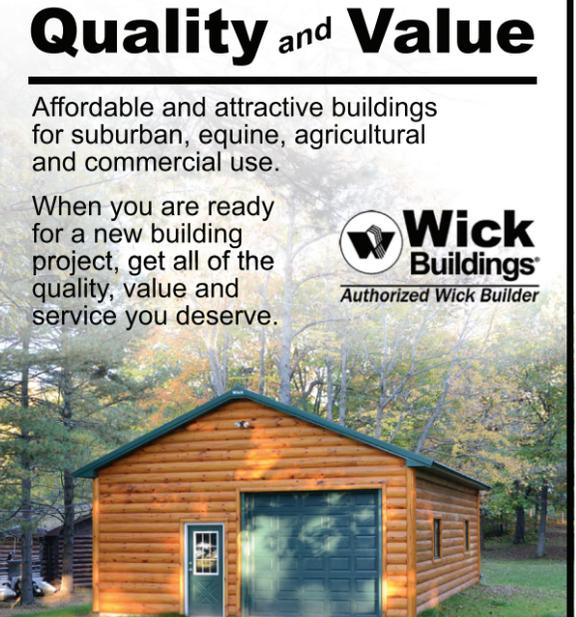
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Merrill man sentenced to 16-plus years in federal prison for producing child pornography

BY JALEN MAKI
MMC STAFF

MADISON – A Merrill man this week received a federal prison sentence for producing child pornography.

Timothy M. O'Shea, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced on Wednesday, June 29, that Jason D. Ridolfi, 42, of Merrill, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to 16 ½ years in prison for using a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing child pornography.



Ridolfi

investigators that he had taken the photos and told them that the victims were children of friends from Kenosha, according to a criminal complaint filed with the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office.

A federal indictment returned on Aug. 11, 2021, said Ridolfi had transported a visual image of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct into a Google account in Oct. 2020.

In passing down the sentence, Judge Conley said Ridolfi "needed to address his alcoholism and mental health needs to ensure he did not offend again," according to the release.

"Judge Conley was also concerned that the defendant's behavior had escalated from possession of child pornography created by others, to creating it on his own," the release stated.

With the federal indictment, Ridolfi faced a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and maximum of 30 years in a federal prison on each of the production charges, as well as a mandatory minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 20 years on the transportation charge.

The Lincoln County charges against Ridolfi were dismissed on prosecutor's motion on May 16, according to court records.

The charge against Ridolfi was the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, and the Kenosha Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman prosecuted the case.

The term of imprisonment will be followed by 20 years of supervised release.

Ridolfi pleaded guilty to the charge on March 21.

In Nov. 2020, Ridolfi was charged in Lincoln County with two felony counts of possession of child pornography and one felony count of child sexual exploitation. The charges stemmed from an investigation that began on Nov. 19, 2020, when a Lincoln County Sheriff's Office investigator was contacted by a Special Agent with the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ)'s Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), referencing cyber tip line reports received from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

Based on the tip, law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at Ridolfi's home and found more than 25,000 images of child pornography, including some Ridolfi produced, on devices belonging to Ridolfi, a release from the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin said.

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Amy Wainscott, current Tournament of Roses Parade President, is a graduate of Northland Pines High School and has been working for several years to help assemble a first-of-its-kind all-area marching band to perform specifically during her year as President.

The Northwoods Marching Band has begun summer rehearsals and played together in a number of 4th of July parades in preparation for the January parade.

Donations for travel expenses are being accepted via each local high school's band director. In Merrill, donations can be sent c/o Merrill High School, 1201 N. Sales St., Merrill WI 54452. Donations should be clearly marked for Merrill Marching Band Tournament of Roses Parade travel expenses.

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Kevin D. Haring, age 55, lifelong resident of Tomahawk, WI, passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, in the arms of his wife, Stacey, and surrounded by his family at the UW Hospital in Madison, WI. Kevin was born in Tomahawk on February 25, 1967, to the late David and Kathleen (Buss) Haring. He was married to Stacey Hanneman on June 9, 2007; she survives.

Kevin was a 1985 graduate of the Tomahawk High School and later received his degree in Law Enforcement from the Northcentral Technical College. He was a longtime member and Scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts of America where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Kevin worked as a dispatcher at both the Tomahawk Police Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department for many years. He also was a deputy for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. Kevin enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, gaming, and cruising. Above all, he cherished time spent with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Stacey Haring, of Plant City, FL; his daughter, Gia Haring, also of Plant City, FL; his sisters, Heidi Haring, of Milwaukee, WI, and Cindi Haring, of Oxnard, CA; his foreign exchange student he thought of as a son, Waji, of Pakistan; his father and mother-in-law, Ron and Debbie Hanneman, of Wisconsin Rapids; his brother-in-law, Scott (Marc Leyton) Hanneman, of Dover, FL; and his sister-in-law, Marie (Sam) Grover, of Oviedo, FL. Kevin is further survived by his dog, Phoenix, three nieces and one nephew, and many extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Kathleen.

Memorial services for Kevin Haring were held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM, at Generations Funeral Home. The family received friends for visitation from 3:00 PM until the time of services at 7:00 PM. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Kevin's obituary and leave online condolences at generationsfuneral.com.



Donald Henry Radloff, age 90, of Merrill, WI passed away peacefully on June 28, 2022, at his home surrounded by family. Don was born August 21, 1931, in Merrill, WI to the late Florence (Helmstadter) and Alvin Radloff. He was baptized & confirmed at St. Stephens Church in Merrill. Don went to grade school at the County Normal Teachers College in Merrill and graduated on June 2, 1949, from Merrill High School.

In 1950, Don joined the US Navy, was at basic training at Great Lakes and assigned to the USS Bryce Canyon (a destroyer tender ship) during the Korean War. He spent 2 years between Korea & Japan, the final 2 years stationed in Kodiak, AK as a 3rd class storekeeper and he was honorably discharged in July 1954. He received the Korean Service medal, National Defense medal and UN Service medal.

After returning home, he worked at the Krambo grocery store in Appleton before being transferred to the Wausau store (where he met his future wife). On June 2, 1956, Don married Karen (Klug) at Trinity Lutheran church in Wausau - he later joined Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill.

Don worked at the Anson Gilkey factory in Merrill for 10 years and then went on to the Ward Paper Mill as a carpenter for 27 years retiring in 1993. Karen and Don enjoyed camping for over 50 years in the Minocqua & Boulder Junction area - over the years they had several camping homes and met countless friends from both near and far. They liked to travel. They went on several bus trips to Nashville, Washington DC and Branson - also took Polka bus tours to Minnesota and Iowa - Don loved his polka music! Family trips were taken by car as Karen would not fly anywhere - trips to CA, AZ, CO, NV, ND, SD, WY, UT, Mexico and Canada to name a few.

In his spare time, Don enjoyed woodworking - he made many items and would take those items to craft fairs to sell, along with making numerous items for family members (hall trees - doll beds & other projects). In his earlier years Don & his father remodeled the family home on Superior Street.

In 2009, Don made a trip with his son, Russ, to Washington DC as he figured he would never be able to go otherwise to see some of the war memorials. But in 2013, he was sponsored by Waid Funeral Home to go on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight which he was very proud to have been able to do. It was an experience of a lifetime - something which he spoke of often. Don was a lifetime member of VFW Post 1638 in Merrill. He also served as quartermaster for several years and served with the firing squad. When his son was younger, he coached little league for several years. Both Karen and Don bowled in a couple's league for many years.

Don is survived by his wife of 66 years: Karen Radloff of Merrill, daughter: Cheryl (Doug Freeman) Radloff, son: Russell (Theresa) Radloff, grandchildren: Robin (Cody) Radloff, Ryan Radloff, Katie (Ryan) Tomajcik, Brenda (Bill) Hartl, Brad (Morgan) Hodgson, Alex (Brittany) Perez, and Seth (Nichole) Garcia, great grandchildren: Bianca, Aidan, Izabella, Grayson, Braylon, Evelyn, Connor, Jasmine, Luna, Walter, and Royce. He is also survived by sister-in-law: Dianne Sawlsville and brother-in-law: Kenneth Klug, along with 4 nieces: Teri, Lisa, Sara, Becki, great nieces: Victoria and Anna, great nephews: Carson, Collin and Jonah and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents: Florence (Helmstadter) and Alvin Radloff.

The funeral service for Don will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 12:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Pastor Scott Gustafson will officiate. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at the church, from 9:00 am until the time of the service. Entombment at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery will immediately follow the service. Military honors will be conducted by the VFW Post #1638 at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church or the Trinity School.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to St. Croix Hospice for their support and care shown to Don and his family during his last days.

For those unable to attend Don's service, a live stream of the service will be available for viewing on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 12:00pm, and can be found under his obituary on the funeral home website. It will then be posted as a recording for future viewing.

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



Kurt Ronald Hartson, Age 46 of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away at his home on June 26, 2022, in Merrill. He was born on April 13, 1976, to Paul Reamer and Angela Hartson in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Kurt worked as a general laborer in various factories. He loved fishing, tubing down the river and music. He was a fantastic cook and made a lot of dishes he learned to make while working as a cook in New Orleans.

Kurt is survived by his mother's side: mother: Angela Hartson, sister: Cammie (Brian Rowe) Schram, nieces: Adriana Schram and Braylee Rowe, nephew: Riley Schram, uncle: Steve (Renae) Hartson, cousins: Madison Hartson, Emily Hartson, Jamie Hartson, Lisa Kasper, Laura Kasper, Mark Kasper, Jennifer Kautz, and Keaton Gacke, and great aunt: Donna (Martin "Boy") Kasper, his father's side: father: Paul (Dennita) Reamer, uncle: Tim Reamer, aunts: Lisa Ambrose, Terri Allord, Pam Reamer, grandfather: Thomas Reamer, brothers: David (Crystal Everson) Reamer, Randy Reamer, Thomas Reamer, and Michael Reamer, sister: Melissa Reamer, niece: Aubree Reamer, as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother's side: grandfather: James M. Hartson, grandmother: Dorothy Hartson, and Uncle James "Jim" C. Hartson, his father's side: grandmother: Ruth Reamer and Uncle Dan Reamer.

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.

Rodney Allen Sabatke, age 65, of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away on June 29, 2022. He was born to Leslie and Pearl (Porath) Sabatke on October 2, 1956, in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Rodney enlisted into the Air Force in 1975 and was honorably discharged in 1978. While in the Air Force, he was an ammunition specialist. He became very knowledgeable of planes during his time in the military.

He was a simple man who was satisfied with life. He didn't like to be the center of attention, but he had a big heart. He loved hot rods, bicycling, skateboarding, and cutting and splitting wood. Rodney really enjoyed rock music and knew the bands well!

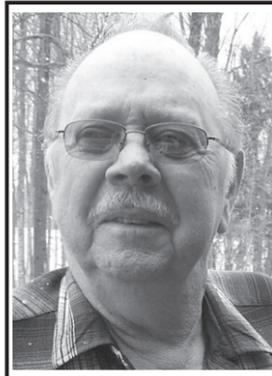
Rodney is survived by his mother Pearl Sabatke, siblings: Gerald (Patti) Sabatke, Linda (Marty) Sabatke, and Craig (Crystal) Sabatke, nephews: Andrew (Pamela) Sabatke, Adam (Jackie) Sabatke, Breyden Sabatke, and Bryce Sabatke, seven great nephews and nieces and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents, and several aunts and uncles.

Memorials may be directed to the family to be dispersed to a charity organization of their choice at a later date.

A memorial service for Rodney will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at 3:00pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill. Pastor Mike Southcombe will officiate. Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2022, from 1:00pm until the time of the service, also at the funeral home.

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.



Lewis E. Bailey, 81, of Gleason, passed away on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at his home.

Lewis was born on November 11, 1940, in Ionia, Michigan, son of the late Thomas and Armilda (Sparks) Bailey. He married Janice Morrical on December 2, 1960, in Dubuque, Iowa. She preceded him in death on November 20, 2021. Lewis worked for General Motors until his retirement in 1992. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, going out west, and traveling.

Lewis is survived by his daughter, Kimberly (Edward) Krebs of Jefferson; sons, Daniel (Alieca) Bailey of Plover and Douglas (Tracy) Bailey of Gleason; grandchildren, Nichole, Joshua, Cassandra, Megan, and Austin; five great-grandchildren; and siblings, Pollie (Jerry) McCarthy, Ruth McCarthy, George (Alice) Bailey, Gary (Marilyn) Bailey, Jerry (Cheri) Bailey, Dennis (Veronica) Bailey, and Donna Cather all of Janesville. Lewis was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Bailey; parents, Thomas and Armilda Bailey; and siblings, Thomas Bailey, Darrold Bailey, David Bailey, and Sharon Olson.

A celebration of life for Lewis will be held at a later date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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Kautz Tax Service



From L to R: Ken Neff, Merrill Chamber; Mayor Steve Hass; Ron & Beth Kautz, business owners; Clyde Nelson, Director of Merrill Chamber; Steve Sabatke, City Councilman; Sarah Sturm, Merrill Chamber; and Sue Kunkel, Merrill Chamber Ambassador. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Chamber gathered for a ribbon cutting outside Kautz Tax Service recently. Kautz Tax Service is owned by husband and wife, Ron and Beth Kautz, who operate the business out of their home at 204 E. First St. in Merrill. The business is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the normal tax season. Summer hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and otherwise by appointment.

The couple worked for H&R Block for seven years before opening their own business in 1990.

Prior to Ron working in the accounting field, Ron worked on the production line at Weinbrenner from 1962 until he retired in 2006, with a 3-year separation from 1965-1968, and was also President of the UFCW Local 688 Union in Merrill. In 1983, he became very active in the ownership of Wisco Security Agency Inc., acting as CEO, bookkeeper, payroll clerk, human resources person, etc., and ran the business until he sold it in June 2021.

Beth attended Northcentral Technical Institute (NCTI)(now Northcentral

Technical College) to become an accountant. She handled bookkeeping and finances at Carl's Foodlane from 1983 to 1999, then worked at Johnson Pharmacy, and took a position with what is now United Healthcare in 2003 where she still works today.

The couple has long been balancing multiple jobs with their own business and family life. "Dealing with our families during the very busy times of the tax season at times becomes quite hectic," they said. Their approach is to share the responsibilities of family life, from coaching their kids to now staying involved with their grandchildren's activities. They also work together on the routine tasks. "We have shared in all of the duties, such as cooking, cleaning, babysitting, etc.," Ron said.

Kautz Tax Service provides bookkeeping and payroll services and prepares and files tax returns. "We do a majority of individual tax returns, but do not hesitate to help businesses, non-profits, fiduciaries, partnerships, etc., with their more complicated issues and returns," Ron said.

"We both share in the responsibility of filing returns, advertising, education, and all of the other aspects of running a business," he said.

They are also "constantly doing education taught by IRS-approved instructors, and online educational programs" to stay abreast of changes in the laws pertaining to both federal and state tax issues, Ron added.

"Always use a trained tax preparer, which you are able to find on the IRS.gov site," he advises. "Do not hesitate to call a preparer when you have questions con-

cerning anything to do with income/tax, and attempt to keep all of the records you can concerning reporting of tax issues for federal and the state in which you need to report your returns."

When they are not working, Ron and Beth enjoy UTVing, golfing, fishing, and time with friends and family, "but best of all taking care of our granddaughter," they said.

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NOTICE THAT THE ASSESSMENT ROLL IS OPEN FOR EXAMINATION AND OPEN BOOK TOWN OF RUSSELL, LINCOLN COUNTY

Pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. Stats. The assessment roll for the Year 2023 assessment will be open for examination starting on the 26th day of July, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Russell Town Hall. Instructional material will be provided at the open book to persons who wish to object to valuations under s. 70.47, Wis. Stats. **NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING PROPERTY OWNERS WISHING TO MAKE A FORMAL OBJECTION TO AN ASSESSED VALUATION MUST OBTAIN AN OBJECTION FORM FROM THE TOWN CLERK AND SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.** The clerk can be contacted by leaving message 715-873-4141 or email russellclerk@outlook.com. **OBJECTION FORM MUST BE FILED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF HEARING.**

The Board of Review will meet on the 2nd day of August, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Russell Town Hall for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session, pursuant to s. 70.47 (1), Wis. Stats. No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view such property being assessed. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide in-

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Notice is hereby given this 7th day of July 2022.
By: Amy Brown, Clerk
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

An Evolving World

DEAR READER,

Have you ever visited with a memory of long ago? At first it seems special to think of those times, but once you're there lodged in the past, you fully realize that so much was missing.

I once traveled to Chivay in the upper highlands of Peru. The sun shone brightly as I listened to a recording of Judy Collins singing "Send in the Clowns" and watched women of Incan descent spinning alpaca for sweaters.



Back then, that was enough for then, for that time. But now I see that there was so much missing. It's because as big as the world seemed back then, it has since gotten so much bigger.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

Letters to the Editor policy updated effective immediately

The Merrill Foto News Letters to the Editor policy has been updated. Please see the bolded text for new additions.

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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

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- * Letters will be published on a "first come, first served" basis. Any letters which we are unable to publish in the printed newspaper may be run online at www.merrillfotonews.com and/or may be printed in the paper at a later date.
- * In fairness to all, and due to space constraints, there is a limit of two letters per year from an individual writer. Additional letters may be submitted to our Paid Letters to the Editor column and will require payment in full prior to publication at the same rate as Political Letters to the Editor (see policy below).

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Grass on the Black, a Medford Area Bluegrass Festival, set for July 9 and 10

This weekend, July 9 and 10, 2022, the Medford community will hold what they hope will become an annual event to be held each year the weekend after the 4th of July.

Grass on the Black, a Medford Area Bluegrass Festival, hopes to attract both existing bluegrass fans and newcomers who want to experience this American music phenomenon notable for its twanging banjos, three- and four-part harmonies, toe tapping melodies, and sing-along harmonies. The high-energy musical genre mixes traditional English, Scottish, and Irish ballads and dance music with the traditions of African American spirituals, and its birthplace is attributed to rural Appalachia in the 1940's. Elements of gospel, folk, and country music

are also evident. Marilyn Frank, owner of Marilyn's Fire Station located in downtown Medford, in conjunction with the Medford Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Medford, and other local businesses and Medford community sponsors, worked together to create the festival which will showcase bluegrass music throughout the city of Medford over the weekend. The Black River flows through downtown Medford, and hence the name of the festival.

trucks will be serving on Whelen Avenue: Merget's Mouthwatering Mayhem, Everything Tacos, The Brunch Box, and Big Papa BBQ. Outside of town, the Cravings food truck will be at 64 North, and they will also offer their regular menu for the event. All locations will have food and/or bar available on-site. Grandpa Choo Choo's Popcorn and Kiwanis Sno-Cones will also be downtown.

Sunday morning will include more bluegrass at 8:00 a.m. at Uncommon Ground and at 10:00 a.m. at Hacienda, and Marilyn's Fire Station will offer bloody marys.

More than a dozen bands/groups will perform 17 sets of music between Saturday and Sunday. Sewer Pigeon, The Good Time Gals, The Ottersons, The Blue Drifters, Doug Kroening, Central WI Line Dancers, Fennec Fox, Tuck Pence, Hemlock Chasers, Jared Hubbard, Dave Walters Old Pine Road, and Foragers are all scheduled to perform.

Organizers hope Grass on the Black will become an annual summertime tradition in Medford, and next year's event has already been scheduled for July 8 and 9, 2023.

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Lincoln County Veterans Service Office closed July 17-22

The Lincoln County Veterans Service Office, 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, will be closed from Monday, July 17 through Friday, July 22, to allow Veterans Service Officer John Olson and Deputy Veterans Service Officer Tiffany Daigle to complete accreditation training with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

"We understand this will be an inconvenience for the County's veterans," Olson said in a release. "However, this training will equip us with knowledge and skills essential to gaining required

accreditation certification and our ability to effectively serve you."

Olson said he and Daigle will check phone messages and emails throughout the week.

"If you have an urgent need, please call or email and we will do our best to get you help," Olson stated. "Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter."

Olson and Daigle can be reached at 715.539.1083 or veterans@co.lincoln.wi.us.

CHEF ANDY

It's Strawberry Season – Get Your Jam On

BY CHEF ANDY MUELLER
OWNER, GALLEY 57

Some of my fondest memories as a child were spent picking wild strawberries on my cousin's farm in Waldo, Wis.

A half-dozen adults and more than a dozen kids would arm themselves with baskets and hit the fields. We would have friendly competitions to see who could fill their baskets the fastest, but I would never win. I always wanted to, but for every two or three berries I'd put in the basket, I would eat one or two. My basket was never full, but my belly was, and it made me happier than a victory.

With strawberry season starting, it's time to take advantage of all the roadside stands representing different farms in the area and the farmer's markets throughout the region, from strawberry pie to fruit salads, or even just a big bowl of perfectly ripe strawberries for people to nosh on at a cookout.

I have to give the nod to this recipe for

refrigerator strawberry jam.

Refrigerator jam is different because it is not preserved, so it only lasts for two weeks in the refrigerator. But let's face it, any type of homemade strawberry jam has no chance of spending even a week in the fridge, much less two. I don't just put it on toast or a buttery biscuit (pictured); I heat it up a bit and put it on French toast and pancakes instead of maple syrup – it's a game changer.

This recipe couldn't be easier, as it requires only three ingredients: strawberries, sugar, and lemon juice. The ingredients are simmered for about 20 minutes to make sure the liquid reduces to a jammy consistency.

Every time I hear the song "Strawberry Fields Forever" by The Beatles, I think of those days on the Murphy Farm and it brings a smile to my face, a face stained crimson more often than not this time of year long ago.

Try this recipe and take advantage of one of Mother Nature's greatest gifts.



Refrigerator Strawberry Jam

Add to a saucepan over medium heat:

- 1 lb. fresh strawberries, washed, stems removed, quartered
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Juice of 1 small lemon

Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 20 minutes or until the liquid has reduced and is noticeably thicker. It will continue to thicken as it cools, so don't reduce it all the way to a jam consistency on the stove. Let cool to room temp, transfer to glass jars with lids, and place in the fridge to cool completely. This recipe does freeze well. Enjoy!

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Wisconsin Farm, Gallons **White Milk** **2/\$5⁰⁰**

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Gino's East, 32 oz. **Deep Dish Pizza**... **\$7⁹⁹**

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Merrill Fire Department Firefighter Paramedic Recruitment

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Application Process

- City of Merrill Employment Application
- Comprehensive letter of introduction
- Current Resume

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Announcements 7005

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Estate Sales 7208

CW Estate Sale!
 Fri. 7/8/22 2-6pm
 Sat. 7/9/22 10-3pm
 Sun. 7/10/22 10-2pm (1/2 off)
6403 Alta Verde St., Schofield
 Peaceful Everest area sale with lots to choose from! Books galore for the reader of the house, also a small selection of holiday items and religious pieces. This sale boasts a good collection of office-ware, linens, electronics and media pieces! There's some puzzles, a couple of vintage wood chairs, large wood office desk, large wall size dark wood entertainment center, a couple vintage enamel top tables a small bar with two leather back bar stools and a couple side tables. There's a green metal patio table with four chairs, potting table, several outdoor decorations and several garden tools! The basement holds a large selection of tools and Craftsman router with table, bench grinder, Craftsman 12" Band saw, small Craftsman tool box, two chainsaws, large capacity Shop-vac, Delta builders saw, Delta miter saw and muuuuch more! There's a handful of vintage Ertl toy tractors too. This sale will also feature several (over 40) Danbury mint cars/trucks. However, these pieces will not go half off. For more information/pictures, like CW Estate Sales and Services on Facebook.

Merrill: Thursday, 7/7-Saturday, 7/9, 7a.m.-5p.m. Many household items: small appliances, dishes, decorations, furniture, tools, outdoor decor. Large items include 4 piece set of Lloyd Flanders wicker furniture, Oak china hutch, bunk beds with new mattresses, small upright freezer, wood coffee bar, set of stack tables, Coleman grill. Womans XL and 2XL clothing. Plus many other items. 313 Van Rensselaer

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Estate Sales 7208

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 Fri 12-, Sat 9-3, Sun 10-1
 - **NO EARLY SALES.** We DO NOT give out prices or information prior to the sale. Please do not text, call or email requests.

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A very lovely sale! Loads of beautiful antique/primitive furniture pieces, chairs, art, frames, many handmade wool braided rugs, vintage kitchenware, like new Kitchenaid mixer, crafting and quilting, vintage Schwinn and Trek bikes, some tools, china, glassware, primitive dining tables, antique lighting, books, antique trunks, linens, feather bed pillows and comforters, cookware, men's neckties, three sofas, garden, vintage watering cans, and so much more. Go to JANE'S Estate Sales on Facebook & estatesales.org for photos. **DO NOT MISS THIS SALE!**

Estate Sales 7208

Wausau:
 Friday, 7/8, 10a.m.-4p.m.,
 Saturday, 7/9, 9a.m.-4p.m.,
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EMPLOYMENT

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2022 Landing Blitz - Aquatic invasive species prevention at its best

Throughout summer, Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) boat inspectors in their iconic blue t-shirts are at boat launches across the state, reminding people of ways they can prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Every year since 2010, they go big during the 4th of July holiday, the pinnacle of the boating season, and give boaters "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!" boat towels. The 2022 Landing Blitz was July 1-5.

Wisconsin's Landing Blitz may even be said to have inspired a broader effort: The Great Lakes

Regional Landing Blitz! States and provinces in the Great Lakes Basin are participating during 2022, the fourth year for the regional AIS prevention effort.

Grants from the Great Lakes Commission sponsoring the event have allowed Wisconsin to expand CBCW efforts to even more landings this year. "We know from years of WDNR AIS monitoring that the "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!" guidance to inspect, remove, drain, and never move is effective at preventing and reducing the spread of invasive species," says Erin McFarlane,

Statewide CBCW Educator with Extension Lakes. "Taking a minute or two to remove all the plants, animals, mud, and debris from your boat, trailer, and equipment while draining water from the bilge, fish buckets, and live wells is all it takes to prevent a new invasive species from establishing in your favorite lake or river."

New or infrequent boaters may not be aware of these well-established prevention steps and even frequent boaters might forget.

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Sunday, July 10	Whittlesey	Home	4:00 pm

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Friday, July 8 – Sunday, July 10 Art Perkins Memorial

Friday, July 8	Holmen	Home	7:30 pm
Saturday, July 9	D. C. Everest	Home	1:00 pm
Saturday, July 9	Rhineland	Home	7:00 pm
Sunday, July 10	TBD	Home	2:00 pm
Monday, July 11	Stevens Point	Home	8:00 pm
Tuesday, July 12	D. C. Everest	Away	7:00 pm
Thursday, July 14	Wausau	Away	8:00 pm

Junior Legion

Thursday, July 7	Antigo	Home	7:00 pm
Monday, July 11	Rib Lake (2-5 inn)	Away	6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 12	D. C. Everest	Home	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 13	WI Rapids (DH)	Home	5:30 pm

Merrill 13U Jr. Babe Ruth-Blue

Tuesday, July 12	League -Quarterfinals	Higher Seed Hosts	6:00 pm
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Tuesday, July 12	League -Quarterfinals	Higher Seed Hosts	6:00 pm
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authorized to use their relief funds to support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Local governments can use up to \$10 million – not more than their award amount – for government services, DOR noted.

According to data from DOR, Lincoln County received \$5,359,617.00. Marathon County received \$26,356,580.00, while \$3,951,389.00 was allocated to Taylor County.

“I am extremely proud of the efforts of our staff to ensure every local unit of government was contacted and made fully aware of the funding available to them,” said Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca. “As a result, 99.8% of Wisconsin’s towns, villages and cities decided to accept and have now

received this funding for their communities. This is a remarkable achievement, and the Towns Association and League of Municipalities, who have been excellent partners with us, deserve enormous credit.” To learn more about allowable uses of the ARPA funds, visit at www.bit.ly/3QVZ9yW.

More information and payment details can be found on DOR’s ARPA – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds webpage at: www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/SLF/ARPA.aspx.

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McFarlane notes that if Clean Boats, Clean Waters staff are not at a launch, boaters modeling good prevention steps influence others to do the same. She adds, “Every boater and angler has a role to play in protecting our lakes and rivers. We’re thankful for people currently doing their part.”

Throughout the state

many launches now have cleaning stations to make prevention even easier. Stations vary from high tech cleaning stations, to power wash units, or sign kiosks with tools like deck brushes and grabbers. If you have a lake organization interested in setting a station up, contact Tom Boisvert, Lincoln County Conservation Program Manager at thomas.boisvert@co.lincoln.wi.us.

Lastly, remember:

- Inspect boats, trailers and equipment for attached aquatic plants or animals.
- Remove all attached

mud, plants or animals

- Drain all water from boats, motors, livewells and other equipment
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash
- Buy minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer

Following these steps helps boaters comply with Wisconsin state law, which prohibits the transport of aquatic invasive species. To learn more about invasive species and their impacts to Wisconsin’s waters and economy, visit DNR.wi.gov and search “Invasive Species.”

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