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Peterson to challenge Schneider in race for Lincoln County Sheriff



TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Grant Peterson of Merrill has announced he will run for the office of Sheriff of Lincoln County in the upcoming November election.

Current Sheriff, Ken Schneider, is also running for re-election.

Both men will run on the Republican Party ticket, which means they will face off against each other on the Aug. 9 ballot in the upcoming Primary Election.

Peterson, a nearly 30-year veteran of the department, is emphasizing his strong experience as a leader, as well as the support he has from members within the department.

A Wausau native, Peterson was hired as a Patrol Deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in 1993. He immediately moved to Lincoln County and has since called the community his home.

Peterson graduated from the Criminal Justice Program at Northcentral Technical College (NTC) in

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Bell Tower Residence partners with nonprofit to honor veterans



One of the bi-planes from Dream Flights taxis in for a landing at the Merrill Airport. Tina L. Scott photo.

5 residents to soar 1,000 feet in WWII-era biplane; public invited to attend

The non-profit, Dream Flights, is landing in Merrill to honor seniors and veterans from Bell Tower Residence with free flights of a lifetime in restored World War II-era biplanes. The first flight begins at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 17, 2022, at Merrill Airport, 1701 Champagne St. The public is invited to attend.

In the event of inclement weather, the flights will be rescheduled.

During the 20-minute flight, Dream Flyers will experience the freedom and exhilaration of soaring 1,000 feet in the air in an iconic, open-cockpit-biplane. "The magic of a Dream Flight is an exhilarating experience, one that stays with them until their last days," said Dream Flights founder, Darryl Fisher.

"They take off in the Stearman at 95 or 100 years old, and they land feeling 25-30 years younger."

Bell Tower residents who will take flight on July 17 include:

- **John Swan**, 83-year-old Staff Sergeant of the Army National Guard. Served six years in Peace Time.
- **Rex Buehler**, 83-year-old PFC of the United States Army. Served two years in Peace Time.
- **Larry Plautz**, 85-year-old Airman of the United States Air Force. Served four years in Peace Time.
- **Tom Sazama**, 90-year-old Petty Officer 2nd Class of the United States Navy. Served four years during the Korean War and was stationed

in Japan as a Communications Technician handling top secret information.

- **Gerry Leistikow**, 87-year-old Staff Sergeant of the National Guard. Served 12 years during the Berlin Crisis.

Following the flight, the Dream Flyers will receive a signed Dream Flights baseball hat, and friends and family will gather around the Stearman for a group photo. In the mail a few weeks later, Dream Flyers will receive a certificate customized with a photo of them sitting in the cockpit of the plane.

Dream Flights has honored more than 5,000 veterans and seniors living in long-term care

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Boyd pleads guilty to neglect resulting in the death of her son and is sentenced

Robertson will appear in court next week for status conference

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On July 7, 2022, Amber Boyd of Merrill was sentenced to 10 years in prison, with four of those years to be confined to state prison and six years to be served under extended supervision, in relation to the death of her 14-month-old son, Grayson Robertson, on Nov. 12, 2020.

On that date, Boyd called 911 and said "my baby isn't breathing." Emergency personnel responded and were unable to resuscitate the child.

Methamphetamine, marijuana, LSD, and drug paraphernalia were all found in the home, and all of the children in the home, including the deceased child, tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

In a March 31, 2022, plea hearing, Boyd pleaded guilty to Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Death) and that date was used as her conviction date. As part of Boyd's plea, the other charges against her were dismissed but read into the record, and Boyd is prohibited from having



Cody Robertson and Amber Boyd, the parents of 16-month-old Grayson Robertson, were both charged in the baby's death. Boyd pleaded guilty and was convicted and sentenced, while Robertson's case is still open.

Photo courtesy of Lincoln County Jail.

any contact with Cody Robertson, the father of her children and the co-defendant in this case. She was credited for the 415 days already served.

At the time of Grayson's death, two other children were removed from the home and placed in foster care.

All three children had previously been in foster care, including Grayson, who had been placed in foster care as a newborn. However, the children had all been

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County forms ad hoc Committee on Pine Crest to review finances and agreements

Committee to also report to full Board regarding successes, failures, and status and to provide recommendations for improvement

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At the June 21, 2022, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board created an ad hoc Committee on Pine Crest, as recommended by the Administrative & Legislative (A&L)

Committee. A Resolution to create the ad hoc Committee on Pine Crest was authored by Supervisor Don Friske and co-authored by Angela Cummings and Jesse Boyd and passed by a Committee vote 6-0 on June 1, 2022, at the A&L Committee meeting.

At the County Supervisors meeting on June 21, Nathan Peterson made a motion to adopt the Resolution, George Brixius seconded the motion, and the motion carried by a voice vote.

The ad hoc Committee on Pine Crest was created to "1) Review the existing financial obligations concerning Pine Crest and to review the prudence of any future contractual obligations concerning Pine Crest made by either signed contact or County Board resolution; 2) Review

the original and current use of the Pine Crest building and grounds; 3) Review the Nursing Home Management Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding (repair and maintenance of durable medical equipment and removal/rearrangement of furniture) between Lincoln County and North Central Health Care as such documents relate to the building and bed licenses; 4) Provide a report to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors outlining the past and current successes, failures and status of Pine Crest Nursing Home; and 5) Provide recommendations to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors for consideration, detailing areas of improvement for Lincoln County's overall position concerning Pine Crest Nursing Home."

Designated to be comprised of five County Board Supervisors, the Administrative Coordinator, Maintenance Director, IT Director, and Corporation Counsel, department heads are also ex officio (non-voting) members who will attend/participate as needed.

Peterson and Brixius later made a motion and second to appoint the following Board Supervisors to fill those positions on the ad hoc Committee on Pine Crest: Ken Wickham (Chair), Marty Lemke, Bill Bialecki, Greg Hartwig, and Angela Cummings, and that motion also carried by a voice vote.

The Committee on Pine Crest met after the June County Board meeting and will report monthly to the entire Board. It will conclude its business "no later than the March 2023 County Board meeting."

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1991 and also completed his recruit school training and continued additional training at NTC during his career. In addition, he graduated from the Law Enforcement Supervision course at Northwestern University, is a Certified Crisis Negotiator as a result of training through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and has taken classes in command, supervision, and executive training through the FBI. Prior to heading up the Negotiation Team for Lincoln County, Peterson was a member of the department's Special Response Team (SRT).

At the LCSO, Peterson has led a patrol shift,

conducted numerous pre-employment background investigations, had a supervisory role in the Detective Division, and now commands the Communications Center and acts as the agency's Public Information Officer. Peterson is the last Deputy Sheriff to have worked the jail, dispatch, and patrol in his early years, giving him extensive knowledge into the structure of all elements of the LCSO.

"The last three plus years have proven to be a significant challenge for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, particularly in terms of recruitment and retention of qualified and dedicated staff," Peterson said. "With a vast majority of members of this agency and a number of citizens throughout the community encouraging me to run, I have filed the paperwork to seek the Republican

nomination for this office. I firmly believe that a change in leadership will allow us to maintain the strong commitment of our current employees, as well as to attract well-qualified new ones so that together we can be accountable to the County Board and the citizens we serve. I have the qualifications, training, and experience necessary to lead us forward with that change, and I ask for your vote on August 9, 2022."

Peterson and his wife, Tammi, have two children, four grandchildren, and another grandchild "on the way." His late father, Gary Peterson, retired as a Captain of the Wausau Police Department, and his brother, Greg Peterson, was the Assistant Chief of the Appleton Police Department prior to becoming Chief of the Grand Chute Police Department.

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Lincoln County Coroner Proulx announces his retirement

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Lincoln County Coroner, Paul Proulx, announces he will retire after 16 years of holding that office.

Proulx was elected as Coroner in November 2006 and took office in 2007. He will officially retire Jan. 2, 2023.

A history of public service

Proulx brought a long history of public service to the position of Coroner, and when he retires from the position, he will continue to serve in the public interest in a number of other roles.

In July of 1970, then Lincoln County Sheriff Alfred Giese selected Proulx as a Deputy Sheriff, and Proulx attended the very first recruit school at what was then called North Central Technical Institute, now known as Northcentral Technical College (NTC). [Proulx would later go on to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of NTC.]

In 1970, Proulx was assigned as a Deputy Sheriff to the Patrol Division and rose to the rank of Sergeant in 1975. In 1992, he was promoted to the newly-created role of Administrative Lieutenant under then Sheriff Harvey Woodward. And in 1996, Proulx ran for Sheriff against long-time incumbent, Ron Krueger, and won. Proulx served as the Lincoln County Sheriff until 2001.

Proulx also became actively involved in the City of Merrill. In 1994, Proulx was appointed to the Merrill Park and Recreation Commission. During his years of service on the Commission, that group planned and guided the construction of the Merrill Area Recreation



Paul Proulx, Lincoln County Coroner.

Complex (MARC).

Proulx was elected as Fourth District Alderman and served on the Merrill Common Council from 2004 to 2010.

In 2006, he became a member of the North Central Technical College's Board of Trustees where he currently serves as Vice-Chairman and previously served as Secretary/Treasurer and three terms as Chairman.

He has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from NTC and has also attended UW-Stevens Point, UW-Madison, and Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

In 2016, Proulx was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Education (BOE) and served until 2020 when he resigned due to personal obligations. In 2022, Proulx ran for another term and was elected to the MAPS BOE.

Proulx has been a member of the Lincoln County Sportsman's Club since 1972 and instructed courses for outdoor sports including ATV, snowmobiles, and boats, and was recognized in 2019 for 40 years of instructing youth in hunters safety.

Proulx is active at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church as a Eucharist minister, a member of the Parish Council, and a member of the Cemetery Committee. He has also been a member of the Fr. Renee Menard Post of the Knights of Columbus for more than 30 years.

More time with family

Proulx isn't going into complete retirement as, in addition to his volunteer work, he will continue to operate Proulx Lockworks, a business he has run for many

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Gov. Evers appoints Ellis as Lincoln County DA for remainder of Bayne-Allison's term

In the April 2022, election, current Lincoln County District Attorney Galen Bayne-Allison ran in an uncontested race for the position of Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge for Branch I, to fill the vacancy that will be created when current Judge Jay Tlusty retires the end of July, 2022.

Bayne-Allison will be sworn in as the new Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge for Branch I on Aug. 1, 2022, according to Thomas Barker, Lincoln County Clerk of Court, creating a vacancy in the Lincoln County District Attorney's office.

On July 8, 2022, Gov. Tony Evers announced his appointment of Kristopher Ellis to serve as Lincoln County District Attorney to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term that ends January 2025.

"Kristopher Ellis has demonstrated he has the knowledge, temperament, and ability to help reduce crime and make our communities safer," said Gov. Evers. "He is committed to working to ensure Lincoln County is a great place to live, work, and raise a family, which will make him an excellent district attorney."

Ellis has been an Assistant District Attorney in Lincoln County since June. For nearly four years prior, he served as an Assistant State Public Defender in



Kristopher Ellis will be the Lincoln County District Attorney effective Aug. 1, 2022. **Stacy Literski photo.**

Merrill, representing clients in both Price and Lincoln Counties. In addition to representing criminal defendants, he also took on juvenile, revocation, and termination of parental rights cases, as well as involuntary mental health commitments. During this time, he was part of a team working to start an OWI treatment court in Lincoln County. Before public service, he was a sole practitioner focusing on criminal litigation at the circuit court and appellate court levels.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Akron School of Law, Ellis lives in Merrill with his family.

"It is truly an honor to be selected by Governor Evers to serve the people of Wisconsin as the Lincoln County District Attorney," said Ellis. "I look forward to continuing my work with the excellent staff at the District Attorney's office. Galen Bayne-Allison was able to create a great relationship between the District Attorney's office and local law enforcement; I plan to continue with that practice to work together in the interest of justice. I sincerely appreciate Governor Evers giving me the opportunity to serve the people of Wisconsin as the Lincoln County District Attorney."

Hunting Dog depredated in Lincoln County

On July 1, 2022, USDA-Wildlife Services verified that wolves killed a Plott trailing hound in the Town of Russell, Lincoln County.

Dog owners are reminded to exercise caution in wolf occupied areas. Conflicts between hunting dogs and wolves are most common during the bear training and hunting season. Dogs have also been depredated pursuing other wildlife including fox, coyotes, bobcat, rabbit, snowshoe hare, and upland birds. More information is available on the DNR's website.

dogs in hunting or training situations on public land, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources creates wolf caution areas to warn hunters that a specific

pack has attacked a dog or group of dogs. Caution areas are listed at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/wolf/dog-deps.html>.

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Rebecca Jo Kleinschmidt, 56, of Merrill, passed away safe in the arms of our Savior, Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at Willow Brooke Point Assisted Living in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Rebecca was born May 4, 1966, in Merrill, daughter of the late Milton and Vernetta (Langhoff) Kleinschmidt. After Rebecca graduated from Merrill High School, she worked at Lincoln Industries in Merrill. More recently she spent her days at the Kind-

hearted Home Care Social Center. Rebecca was a kindhearted soul who was always quick with a smile. She loved her family and they were all important to her. Rebecca's favorite thing was dancing. She never missed a chance to dance at a family gathering. Rebecca also loved bowling, dogs, and babies.

Survivors include her siblings, Bonnie Thurs of Athens, Virgil (Sherry) Kleinschmidt of Gleason, Dean Kleinschmidt (Peggy Gruetzmacher) of Merrill, Lynda (Mike) Kropp of Merrill, Gay Mootz of Merrill, Wanda Kleinschmidt of Merrill, Lois (Lee) Schmidt of Merrill, Brian Kleinschmidt of Merrill, and Jon (Rebecca) Kleinschmidt of Irma; sister-in-law, Laurie Kleinschmidt of Weston; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews; and aunts and uncles, Louis Langhoff of Oshkosh, Marion Simon of Merrill, Shirley Borchardt of Merrill, Clarice (Erv) Boehm of Wausau, and Doris Kleinschmidt of Racine. Rebecca was preceded in death by her parents, Milton and Vernetta Kleinschmidt; siblings, Kathie (Jeff) Baumann, Daniel "Boone" Kleinschmidt, Joel Kleinschmidt, and Thomas Kleinschmidt; sister-in-law, Devon Kleinschmidt; brothers-in-law, Roger Mootz and Richard Thurs, Sr.; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents.

The funeral service for Rebecca will be held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin, Marathon County. Rev. Andrew DeGier will officiate. Burial will take place in the church cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M., Thursday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

The family would like to thank the staff at St. Croix Hospice, Willow Brooke Point Assisted Living, and Kindhearted Home Care for the wonderful care they provided Rebecca.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Mariana 'Mica' Alvarez, age 82, went to her final rest on Monday, July 4, 2022.

Mariana was born April 28, 1940, in Mexico City, Mexico, daughter of the late Bernard Alvarez and the late Marion (Schumaker) Alvarez. At age 2 years, the family moved to Shorewood, Wisconsin. She attended school there elementary through high school. After graduation from high school, Mariana entered the SDS Convent. She made her vows as Sr. Frances Cabrini. She was in religious life for 13 years. During this time, she became an LPN. Later, she was employed in various medical facilities in Wausau and Merrill, Wisconsin and then in Glendale, California for 27 years. She still has many friends there. She then returned to the Wausau area.

Mariana enjoyed travelling and had many cross-country trips visiting family and friends. She also enjoyed time at the ocean, the mountains, Sequoia, Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Arizona, Vancouver, Washington, and Monterrey, Mexico.

Mariana is survived by her brother, Michael (Joni) Alvarez; sisters, Elena Villanueva and Jay Tipton (Steve); sister-in-law, Terry (Doty Webb) Alvarez; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard and Marion Alvarez; brother, Gregory Alvarez; niece, Carol; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She had several close friends and will be missed. Mariana had several health issues and difficulties but always remained optimistic looking forward to what was to come. She loved her cats, the last one Maculya was her constant companion.

Mariana's final wishes were for no services at this time. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.



Hope L. (Bartelt) Reinhardt, age 89, of Green Bay died on Friday, July 8, 2022, at her home. She was born in Merrill, WI on September 28, 1932, to the late Erwin and Grace (Pigeon) Bartelt. Hope was a long-time member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Green Bay, WI. She is survived by her loving husband Paul, of 67 years, who diligently cared for her during many years of an extended illness.

Hope attended St. John Lutheran School in Merrill and graduated from Merrill High School in 1950. After graduation, she worked at the D&M Beauty Shop in Merrill where she obtained her cosmetology and cosmetology manager license. In 1954, Hope and Paul were married at St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill. Shortly thereafter, Paul served in the U.S. Army where Hope joined him in Kentucky and Louisiana. Hope continued to work as a beautician during Paul's service and while he attended the University of Wisconsin Madison. Upon Paul's college graduation, Hope began her most important role in life as mother, and later grandmother. While raising their children, Hope and Paul lived in Wausau, Marinette, and Green Bay WI where Paul worked for Wisconsin Public Service Corporation. After the kids were grown, Paul accepted a position at Bay State Gas Company in Boston, MA, where they lived for five years. They returned to their home in Green Bay upon Paul's retirement in 1995.

Hope, known to many as "Hopie," was a "no frills" woman who enjoyed a good laugh with family and friends. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and had a natural gift for relating to children. The Reinhardt home was always a place where the kids and their friends were welcome to play and hang out. Hope loved to sing and was known for her ability to burst into song on any given topic. She also enjoyed roller skating and polka dancing with Paul in their early years, knitting, and later in life reading and playing with her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Hope is survived by their three children Paula (Carl) Zeilon of Apple Valley, MN, Jay (Karla) Reinhardt of Egan, MN, and Judy (Wayne) Doherty of Prior Lake, MN; six grandchildren: Stuart and Parker Zeilon, Andrew and Griffin Reinhardt, and Angela and Shawn Doherty; brother-in-law Charles Reinhardt, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers Charles and Dean Bartelt.

The funeral service for Hope will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 15, 2022, at Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Pastor Scott Malme will officiate. Burial will take place in Snow Hill Cemetery, Town of Scott. Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M. Friday at the funeral home. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

The family expresses its sincere gratitude for years of care and support provided by Unity Hospice, Home Instead, St. Vincent's Home Health Care, Dr. Kevin Sandmire, Pastor Scott Malme, friends and neighbors.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Marcella "Marcy" Johnson Our dear Mother and Grandmother, Marcella "Marcy" Johnson formerly Marcy Block entered into eternal life July 1, 2022 at the age of 94 with family by her side.

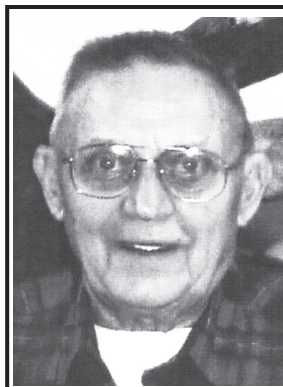
She will be remembered by family and friends as a kind and compassionate friend, mother and grandmother. Preceded in death by her first husband Roger Block, who together owned the 4-Seasons Bar on Big Arbor Vitae Lake from 1960 to 1974, where they start the best Friday night fish fry in the area. After retirement they moved to Mann Lake in Boulder Junction and then Woodruff, spending winters in Florida. After his passing she eventually went to Texas for the winter where she met her second husband Ward Johnson from Wichita, Kansas. She lived in Kansas until his passing when she moved back to Woodruff.

She was a great cook, loved getting dressed up, dancing, playing pool, fishing and when she moved into One Penny Place, playing cards, bingo, sing a longs with her friends there.

Also preceded in death by her parents, sister Virginia and brother Ellsworth. Survived by one brother Leland and her children Sheila (David) Panches, Perry (Kris) Block and Shelley Block and by grandchildren Cole Panches, Casey Block, Any (Chelsea) Block and great grandchildren Caroline and Charlotte Block and many friends and relatives.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, July 6th at Nimsgern Funeral Home Chapel with inurnment at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared at nimsgernfuneral.com NIMSGERN FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES IS SERVING THE FAMILY.



Richard W. 'Dick' King, Sr., 86, of Merrill passed away Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Dick was born on November 7, 1935, in Merrill, son of the late Ben and Edith (Hipke) King. He married Delores 'Dee Dee' Savaske in 1955 in Minnesota. She preceded him in death on January 22, 2015. Dick worked as a truck driver for the Merrill Street Department until his retirement in the 90's.

Dick was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, going to the cabin, four-wheeling, going out to breakfast with his brothers daily, going to church, and spending time helping out on his grandson's tree farm.

Survivors include his grandsons, Ryan King (Penny Callahan) of Merrill and Ben King (Tessa Hellenbrand) of Pardeeville; brothers, Irvin King of Tomahawk and Alan King of Merrill; and many nieces and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Delores 'Dee Dee' King; parents, Ben and Edith King; son, Richard 'Rick' King, Jr.; and infant son, Matthew King.

The funeral service for Dick was held at 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. Scott Gustafson officiated. Burial took place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation began at 9:00 A.M., Wednesday at the funeral home. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Memorials in Dick's name may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill or the Lincoln County Humane Society.

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I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today; While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me as much as I love you; And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart

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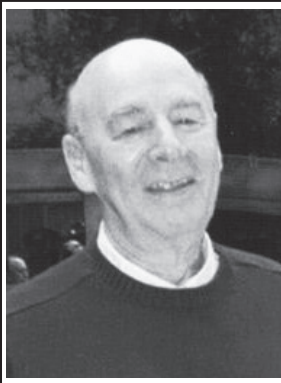
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OBITUARIES



Laverne "Goosey" Rodney Baumgart, 82, of Merrill, passed away on July 5 at his residence in Merrill, WI. A memorial service was held Tuesday, July 12 at 11:00 A.M. at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, with military rites conducted by V.F.W. Post 1638, Merrill. A lunch will follow the service. The family received friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 12 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Bell Tower Residence, Merrill, WI.

Vern was born February 12, 1940, in Merrill, Wisconsin to Alvin and Lillian (Block) Baumgart. He graduated from Merrill High School in 1958 where he played on the basketball team. Vern was united in marriage to Juliana Dorothy Zimmerman on May 6, 1961, in Merrill. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1965 and served two years including time in Kitzingen, Germany where Julie accompanied him.

After his military service, Vern began his banking career with People's Bank in Green Bay where he worked until his retirement in 1998 from Bank One. Vern supported the Cerebral Palsy Center in Green Bay and worked at their annual telethon for many years. Vern served his community by being the director of March of Dimes and the director of Cerebral Palsy in the Green Bay area. After retirement, Vern and Julie moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where they lived for ten years before moving to Northern Virginia to be closer to their grandchildren. In 2009, they returned to Green Bay where Vern enjoyed golfing with friends. In 2020, he and Julie returned to Merrill. Vern was especially fond of recalling his experiences serving in the Army. He also enjoyed attending Green Bay Packers and UW-Green Bay Phoenix basketball games.

Vern is survived by his wife of 62 years, Julie; daughter, Amy (Steve) Hood and two grandsons, Zach and Owen Hood, in Oakton, Virginia; brothers, Dick (Gay), Roger (Donna) and Virgil (Marilyn) all in Merrill; sister, Mary Rutell in Milwaukee; and sisters-in-law, Carol Frederick and Faye (Jerry) Marnholtz. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Gloria (Robert) Noel; brothers, Beryl Baumgart and Larry (Beverly) Baumgart; and brother-in-law, Robert Frederick.

We would like to thank the staff at Bell Tower Residence and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Service for the care and support they provided to Vern.

Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.
Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Ellen Dunphy Passed away July 4th, 2022 at her home in Redwood City, California after a two-year struggle with cancer. She was 35 years old. Ellen was born October 1st, 1986 to Ruthann and Donald Dunphy in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Ellen grew up in Gleason, Wisconsin, and graduated from Merrill High School in 2005. She attended Ripon College and graduated, with a BA in Theater, in 2009. On October 8th, 2015 she married the love of her life Andrew Clinnin.

Ellen was passionate about her chosen occupation, acting. At the time of her death, Ellen was a member of the Left Coast Theater Company based in San Francisco. She appeared in numerous theater productions both amateur and professional but her bread and butter was acting in instructional films known as Industrials. Before and during her cancer treatment Ellen acted in a series of instructional films portraying hospital patients for Stanford Medical's Standardized Patient Program. Ellen found her greatest professional satisfaction in her leading roles as Anna in The Baltimore Waltz and Emilie in Urania: The Life of Emilie du Chatelet. Ellen also took great pride in her portrayal of Miss Cutts in The Hothouse. Perhaps her proudest achievement was to write and act in a one-woman play about her experiences as a cancer patient. The play raised \$10,000 for the Gastric Cancer Foundation.

Ellen loved to travel with her husband Andrew. Over the years the couple visited London, Paris, Tokyo, Hawaii and numerous scenic locations within the US. She also loved reading, music, and the visual arts.

Ellen is survived by her husband Andrew Clinnin of Redwood City CA, her parents Ruthann and Donald Dunphy of Merrill, her brother Jack Dunphy of Gleason, and her sister Bridget (Casey) Dunphy of Milwaukee, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. She will be sadly missed by family and friends. Ellen was a strong advocate for gastric cancer research. If you wish to honor her memory, please consider a donation to the Gastric Cancer Foundation.

TOWN OF PINE RIVER

Open Book Friday, July 22, 2022
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
Board of Review Friday, July 29, 2022
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

If making an objection, see procedural requirements posted at the Pine River Town Hall, Pine River Fire Department, Bill's Bar, www.townofpineriver.com, or contact town clerk at 715-536-7687.

Please Recycle Amanda Herdt, Clerk
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

A Modest Question or Two

DEAR READER,

Does everyone agree that we should not be able to build a nuclear bomb in our basement?

Yes.
Does everyone agree that we should not be able to have missiles ready in our backyards to fire at will?

Yes.
Does everyone agree that we should not be able to drive around town in tanks fully armed and ready for action?

Yes.
Where do we draw our line on firearms? For

some, the line should not be drawn at all, people have the right to bear arms, period.

Maybe.
And yet, the most severe mass killings have uniformly involved semi-automatic assault rifles. Is there a way to have these available in our society without risking mass murder?

Where do we draw the line on background checks? For some, there should be no background checks, period.

Maybe.
And yet, some (though

not all) mass murders have involved people who would have failed a background check.

Is a background check that might prevent guns from getting into some hands that should not possess them too great an infringement on civil liberty?

I admit freely that I don't have the answers. But I do think we need to discuss these questions and find the answers. The horrific cost in human lives is just too great.

We Americans are known for our ingenuity



and commonsense approach to life. How can we apply our skill-sets to address this consistently pervasive problem in America? Yes, given all the different perspectives on this issue, it won't be easy. But don't we all owe it to ourselves, our families, and those that we love to try?

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

LEGAL NOTICES

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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: 6/30/22
/s/ HONORABLE ROBERT R. RUSSELL
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BRII STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22-CV-98
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Kayley Mae Bean
By (Petitioner) Kayley Mae Bean
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Kayley Mae Bean
To: Joseph Alexander Bean
Birth Certificate: Kayley Mae Bean
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Robert R. Russell
Place: 1110 East Main Street Branch 2 Merrill, WI 54452
Date: August 12, 2022
Time: 11:00 AM
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: July 5, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Ralph J. Wozniak
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN27
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth December 5, 1936, and date of death May 16, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO Box 917, Merrill, WI 54452-0917.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is October 28, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Kimberly K. Heller
417 Alfred
Athens, WI 54411
715-870-5824
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: July 7, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Max Bachi
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN27
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Case No. 2022-IN-30
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth October 3, 1936, and date of death January 5, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5135 Sunset Dr., Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is October 28, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Sabrina Bachi
702 N. State St.
Merrill, WI 54452
Phone 715-921-4128
Published DATE, 2022
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: June 29, 2022
Electronically Signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF Patricia J. McCarron, deceased
Case No. 2022 IN 23
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 14, 1935 and date of death January 31, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 311 N. Prospect St., Merrill WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is October 21, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Barbara A. Woller
811 Superior St.
Merrill, WI 54452
715-536-3256
Published: July 7, 14 & 21, 2022
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DATE SIGNED: June 21, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022 IN 22
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELAINE SUKOW
DOD 05/05/2022
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 06/15/1924 and date of death 05/05/2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2100 E. 6th St., Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 10/14/2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
James Wedemeyer
204 N. Van Rensselaer St.
Merrill, WI 54452
(715) 536-8135 Bar Number 1004552
Published June 30, July 7 & 14, 2022
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ABSENTEE VOTING TO BE ADMINISTERED AT BELL TOWER
9:00a.m.
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
1500 O'Day St.
Merrill, WI 54452

Special Voting Deputies appointed by the City of Merrill will be administering absentee voting for the residents of this facility for the August 9, 2022 Primary Election at the above time and place. Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot.

Only observers from each of the two recognized political parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each facility where absentee voting will take place. The observers may observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common areas of the home, facility, or complex. Each party wishing to have an observer present shall submit the name of the observer to the clerk or board of election commissioners no later than the close of business on the last business day prior to the visit.

Family members of residents may be present at the time of voting. If you have further questions, please contact:
Lori L. Anderson-Malm
City Clerk
1004 E 1st St, Merrill, WI 54452
(715) 536-5594
Lori.Anderson-Malm@ci.merrill.wi.us
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ABSENTEE VOTING TO BE ADMINISTERED AT PINE CREST
11:00 A.M.
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
2100 E. 6th Street
Merrill, WI 54452

Special Voting Deputies appointed by the City of Merrill will be administering absentee voting for the residents of this facility for the August 9, 2022 Primary Election at the above time and place. Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot.

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EARLY IN PERSON VOTING NOTICE

Early voting for City of Merrill Residents for the August 9, 2022 Fall Primary Election will begin at City Hall (1004 East First Street) on Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

Voting hours are:
07/26 - 07/29 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
08/01 - 08/04 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
08/05 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

There is no early voting permitted on Monday, August 8th.
Lori L. Anderson-Malm
City Clerk
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TOWN OF MERRILL MERRILL, WISCONSIN

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Merrill, Lincoln County Wisconsin Will be accepting sealed bids for Approx. 1500 cubic yards 1 1/4" road base w/ binder & Approx. 500 cubic yards 3/4" road base w/ binder

To be placed on various town roads provide a minimum of 3 truck hauling & spreading. Contractor to provide certificate of insurance showing liability & workers comp. coverage.

Sealed bids can be submitted to the Town of Merrill, W4594 Progress Ave., Merrill, WI 54452
Bids will be opened on August 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the town board meeting. The Town of Merrill reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

Notice is hereby given that public testing of the DS200 Tabulating Equipment and the AutoMARK machines being used in the City of Merrill for the August 9, 2022 Fall Primary Election is scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The testing will be conducted in the City Hall Common Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street.

Lori L. Anderson-Malm
City Clerk
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Merrill's Backpacks and School Supplies Drive is under way

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

MFTHCI, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services, and the Optimist Club of Merrill announced their 2022-2023 Backpacks and School Supplies drive is now under way. New backpacks and new school supplies can be dropped off at collection points at Walgreens in Merrill and Incredible Bank (formerly River Valley Bank). Used items cannot be accepted for this project.

Organizers say the new items needed most include: backpacks, 1" binders, colored pencils, crayon boxes of 24, Clorox or Lysol disinfectant wipes, black chisel tip dry erase markers, 2-pocket paper and plastic folders, Kleenex, wide ruled notebooks, wide washable classic markers, #2 pencils, plastic supply pencil boxes, blunt and pointed scissors, and black fine point and ultra fine point Sharpie markers.



Stock photo.

Eligible families who will receive the backpacks and school supplies will receive information in the mail. Distribution to those eligible families will take place on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the Prairie River Middle School cafeteria (use Door #14).

Monetary contributions will also be accepted and are tax deductible. Monetary donations may be mailed to: MFTHCI-Backpacks, P.O. Box 793, Merrill WI 54452.

For more information, call Jana at 715.539.5441.



The Lincoln County Humane Society would like to say a big "Thank You" to the Union UFCW 688 of Weinbrenner for their donation of much-needed kitty litter, cleaner, and also sponsoring the adoptions of a few lucky kitties. "We appreciate it!" the staff at LCHS said.

Submitted photo.

Managing Caregiver Stress

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin (ADRC-CW) will offer a new one-time class for Managing Caregiver Stress on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The program will be offered in person at the following ADRC-CW office locations: Merrill, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, and Antigo.

In Wausau, the in-person class will be held on Thursday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m. Registration is required. Call 888.486.9545 to register. Additional events can be viewed at: <https://www.adrc-cw.org/events/>.

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Being Coroner is a 24/7 on-call job, and Proulx said he really appreciates the Deputy Coroners he worked with who provided for much-needed time off during his tenure. Chief Deputy Coroner Scott Krause and Deputy Coroners Tadd Wegner, Valerie Caylor, Molly Schult, and from Tomahawk, Margo Zorowski, are all a part of his team, and he appreciates all of their contributions, Proulx said.

But, Proulx said, now it is time for him to be more present for his family on a more consistent basis, after years of being on-call and working long hours. He said he never could have served as he did without the support of his family and most importantly, his wife, Cheryl, with whom he will celebrate 50 years of marriage this fall.

"Being the spouse or child of a cop isn't easy," Proulx said. "However, my wife and kids always stepped in to fill roles I couldn't in order to allow me to serve and advance my career. I am sincerely looking forward to spending my golden years with my wife, my three wonderful daughters, and my six grandchildren."

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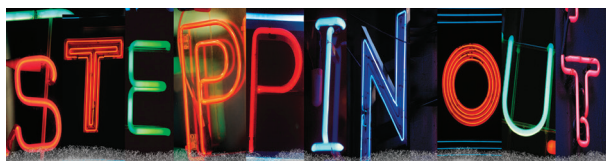
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Movie Reviews

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GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Thor: Love and Thunder

(Now showing in theatres)

★★★★☆

This film is rated PG-13 – for language, violence, very brief nudity, and children in peril.

Like half of America, this weekend I went to see the new Marvel film, *Thor: Love and Thunder*, and it's good. Not great, but a solid outing from Marvel and the Mouse Overlord at Disney.

Firing up the cash machine in the bottom of the Mouse House, the newest entry into the Marvel Universe is sure to make a ton of money, and that's great for our local theatre and it's time well spent for the viewer.

Picking up after *Endgame*, *Thor: Love and Thunder* has a lot going for it. It has a pretty decent story, some great cameos (Zeus is hysterical, but I cannot understand why Zeus, a Greek God, has an Italian accent), and outstanding visual effects.

Back again is Chris Hemsworth and his gang, and doing her best "I am a block of wood with the emotional range of a rock impression," Natalie Portman is on board as Thor's ex-girlfriend, Jane Foster.

Add in a running gag with two giant



goats, and you have a very enjoyable experience in the cinema.

I give it a solid three out of five stars. Let's face it, you are going to see it. Everyone is. So sit back and enjoy it, but I do want to say this: I love going to the Cosmo! It's not just that they have great prices, it's the fact that they are generally happy to see you there. And I love that the concession folks know what I am going to order before I even get to the counter. Always clean, always friendly, I love our local cinema. Long live the Cosmo! 494 days until *Dune Part 2*. Just sayin'.

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reunited with their parents and social workers were monitoring the children. Lincoln County Social Services had made a home visit on Nov. 11, 2020, the day before the baby's death.

After a six-month investigation,

Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies arrested both parents, Amber Boyd and Cody Robertson, and charged them in connection with Grayson's death. Both parents were charged with Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Death) and a host of related charges.

Boyd was pregnant at the time of the

arrest, and she gave birth to the couple's fourth child in October 2021. That baby was placed in "substitute care."

As a part of her sentence, Boyd may only have contact with her minor children by permission of the family court or through a family interaction plan.

Since she has been in jail, Boyd studied for and got her GED in Sept. 2021, and family members say she has expressed great remorse and sorrow over the death of her son.

Absolute sobriety and mental and drug abuse counseling are also a part of

her sentence.

Cody Robertson, the father of the children, previously entered a plea of not guilty to the charges he faces.

However, in a July 5, 2022, letter to the judge in this case, his attorney indicated an agreement had been reached and that, "It is partially consistent with the terms of Mr. Robertson's significant other, Amber Boyd."

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