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TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

It's Fair week! This year's Lincoln County Fair is being held at the 22-acre Merrill Festival Grounds (formerly known as the Lincoln County Fairgrounds) from Wednesday, August 17, through Sunday, August 21, 2022. This year's theme is "Moovin' on with Tradition."

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Spectrum Carnival, a family owned business based out of Bessemer, Mich., will provide the rides and some of the food stands, but many of the food vendors will be local non-profit organizations who rely on the Fair to raise funds for their organization's mission. St. Francis Snack Shack will be back, along with the other permanent stands operated by community volunteers from churches and civic organizations, and of course, the Optimists Cheese Curd stand, a Wisconsin fair food staple, will be there frying up their Wisconsin cheese curds for the crowds.

The Lincoln County Fair is the place to be for fun
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Wausau woman charged with lying to purchase gun later used in Jan. fatal shooting of Kayla Frank in Merrill

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 EDITOR

Ashley Zastrow, age 31 of Wausau, was arrested on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, in Marshfield by the Marshfield Police Department and was formally charged with lying on her application to purchase guns from a federally licensed dealer. She was arraigned in U.S. District Court on Aug. 8 in Madison.

U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea announced the charges in the Western District of Wisconsin. Zastrow was indicted by a grand jury on May 11, 2022, but that indictment was sealed until Zastrow's arrest.

Zastrow allegedly made a false statement on a Firearms Transaction Record when she purchased two guns on Jan. 13, 2022, saying she was purchasing the guns for herself.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Taylor Kraus will represent the prosecution which alleges Zastrow purchased the guns for someone else.

Days later, on Jan. 18, 2022, one of the guns was in the possession of Tanner H. Graap and was used in the Merrill shooting that resulted in the death of Kayla M. Frank, age 28, of Merrill.

Graap, also of Merrill, is charged with first degree intentional homicide and multiple other charges in the shooting and was a felon who was not to be in possession of a firearm and, as a felon, would not have been able to purchase a firearm on his own.

Graap is next scheduled to appear in Lincoln County Court on Sept. 1, 2022.

Zastrow remains in federal custody and faces up

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Schneider will face off against Dinges on Nov. ballot for Lincoln County Sheriff

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

With all precincts in Lincoln County, Wis., reporting, incumbent Lincoln County Sheriff Ken Schneider emerged the winner of the Republican nomination for Sheriff in the Aug. 9, 2022, Partisan Primary Election. Schneider received 2,350 (57.46%) votes and challenger Grant Peterson received 1,720 (42.05%) of the votes, winning by more than 15%.



Name

Schneider will now face off in the Nov. 2022 General Election against Garrett Dinges, who is challenging Schneider on the ballot, running as an Independent.

In Lincoln County, 6,415 voters came out to cast a ballot in the 2022 Partisan Primary Election, a full 37.16% of the County's 17,262 registered voters.

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Brickyard School to hold Open House during the Fair

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The little white one-room schoolhouse located near the barn on the Merrill Festival Grounds will hold its “Brickyard School Open House” this week Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, through Saturday, Aug. 20, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.; and on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

What is the second best day of the year?

“In a one-room school, two days were the highlights of the year,” said Marie Rein, remembering. “At

the top of the list was the day of the annual Christmas Program. And the second best day of the year? Picnic Day!”

That was typically held on the last day of each school year, and that’s the theme of the displays at Brickyard School Museum’s Open House during the 2022 Lincoln County Fair, she said.

“Turn back the clock, hop into a gunny sack for a relay race, heap up a plateful from the bountiful picnic potluck, and gulp down the ice-cold lemonade ladled from a repurposed milk can,” Rein invites. Not literally, but through a visit to this year’s

displays in the Brickyard School Open House.

“It was all about fun, food, and family—topped with a frosty serving of homemade ice cream,” Rein reminisces. “What could be better than Picnic Day, except, perhaps, summer vacation?”

“In addition to picnic memories, the debut of a permanent display will be featured: “The Beginning of Brickyard School Museum,” she said, along with “a special nod to the late Lorraine Muschinske, whose contributions to the museum’s success were extraordinary.”

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Each year the Merrill Tourism Commission reviews applications from local organizations seeking funds to aid in their marketing and advertising of tourism-related events taking place in the Merrill area. Grant assistance must be used to attract visitors from outside our

local area with the purpose to promote tourism and create paid overnight stays in local lodging establishments.

Only completed applications will be reviewed by the Commission. All applications must include all required attachments and must be returned to the Chamber of Commerce no later than Sept. 9, 2022. Organizations selected to receive funding for the 2023 calendar year will be notified by Nov. 15, 2022. The Commission reserves the right to deny or modify requests.

For additional information, contact the Chamber at 715.536.9474.

Senator Johnson meeting with constituents in Merrill

Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson will be in Merrill on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, to meet with constituents. Johnson will be at the AmericInn, 3300 E. Main St., Merrill, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a “Meet and Greet.” The public is invited to attend.



Merrill High School Band members wash a motorcycle Aug. 7, 2022, during their car wash. The event was a fundraiser to help generate funds to take them to the Tournament of Roses Parade on Jan. 2, 2023, where they will play and march 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. **Mark Scott photo.**

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Dinges to run as Independent for Sheriff

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EDITOR

Garrett Dinges of Merrill filed papers and announced he will run as an Independent candidate for Lincoln County Sheriff's Office on the Nov. 8, 2022, ballot. He will face off against incumbent Ken Schneider who recently won against Grant Peterson in the Aug. 9 Partisan Primary election.

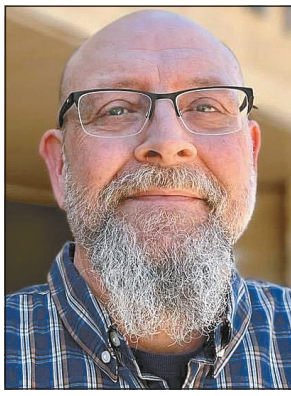
"The time is right for new leadership and direction for Lincoln County Sheriff's Office," Dinges said when asked why he is running. "I believe it is a privilege and not an entitlement to be Sheriff. Every citizen of Lincoln County deserves to live in a safe community and be served by a law enforcement agency that's held accountable to the same standards and rules as the community they serve."

"I am not a politician. I am not in politics. I am just an average Joe, an ordinary citizen," he said.

Dinges sees this as an advantage, combined with his unique background. He has worked as a psychiatric technician who worked with mentally ill patients on a psychiatric ward, followed by six years working as an Emergency Medical Technician on an ambulance in Tomahawk, and then more than 20 years working as a Correctional Officer.

Currently, he works in Social Services as an Economic Support Specialist.

"With this background, I have a diverse and different perspective than those that have been working for decades in this current administration," he said. "It's time that Lincoln County has a leader that can think outside of the box for the community they serve."



Dinges

Dinges moved to Merrill from Kenosha in 1984 with his parents, Ed and Sharon, and his brother, Eddie, when they purchased the tavern/eatery on Hwy. 64 west of Merrill, now long known as Ed & Sharon's, which just celebrated 38 years in business.

A graduate of Merrill High School, Dinges lived in Tomahawk for seven years after graduation where he met his wife, Amy. They now live in Merrill and will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year. They have one son, Gavin, age 19, attending UW-Stevens Point.

"My father, Ed, was instrumental in getting the Corning Volunteer Fire Department off the ground, along with Bob and Stan Wendt and Gene Kleinschmidt," Dinges said. "I got all of my values and who I am from both my parents by watching all the work over the years they spent to establish the business and anything else they did."

"In 2003, my dad passed away unexpectedly, which had a strong impact on my life. Every day I try to be half the man that he was and try to pass his influence on to my son."

When asked the biggest challenges in the Lincoln

County Sheriff's Office currently, and how he proposes to address them, Dinges enumerated two he considers big ones:

- "Cut extensive waste of taxpayers' dollars by targeting the abusive activity and spending of current command staff by holding accountability of each dollar spent without reducing services to the community. People tend to not spend other people's money as carefully as they spend their own," he said. "I will examine every line item of the budget to make sure the taxpayers get the quality service they deserve and paid for."
- "Restoring relationships between the other local law enforcement agencies and with Social Services by having clear lines of communications that have been lacking. One idea would be to integrate multi-jurisdictional Special Response Team (SRT) between law-enforcement agencies. With recent events that happened in Uvalde, Texas, and the current circumstances surrounding the lack of communication there between all agencies, that is a major concern," he said. "In Lincoln County, all schools are located in the City's jurisdictions. As Sheriff, I refuse to let this [what happened in Uvalde] happen in this County!"

"Having unequivocal communications between social workers and law-enforcement officers can have an impact on intervention strategies and conflict resolutions throughout our community," Dinges said. "Serving the public is an honest deed no matter how it's done. Restoring the lack of relationships

between these agencies can provide enhanced knowledge and skills related to mental illness, substance abuse, and domestic violence present in our community."

"It's time to let go of past records of wrongs between agencies. When an administration holds grudges, it has a ripple effect throughout their subordinates, which becomes a learned and acceptable behavior," he said. "I will become that leader people can look to and trust."

"The definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over again and expect different results," Dinges said. "That is what Lincoln County has done for decades."

He said he wants to change that with "outside the box" thinking.

Dinges is interacting with citizens who have questions via his Facebook page: www.facebook.com/dingesforsheriff

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As our 75th Anniversary celebration continues, we will be in the Labor Day Parade, host a Business After Hours and have our United Way Fun Day on October 15th. We invite the community to join us in our celebrations. 75 Years is a milestone, and it only comes once. Watch for further details.

August is particularly busy for everyone with the Lincoln County Fair and, of course, getting ready for back-to-school. The Backpack for School drive is underway to make certain all students have the proper supplies they need for the new school year. Please support this effort.

United Way is preparing to embark on its annual 2022-2023 campaign to support the 19 affiliate agencies we currently help fund. This year United Way has three additional agencies who may be requesting funding for the upcoming year. A successful campaign is necessary to support these important agencies and the crucial services they provide. While things are slowly returning to normal, one thing did not change. We are fully aware that our Merrill Area agencies have seen increased needs as they try to meet the continued high demand for services. In the next few weeks, applications for funding will be prepared by our agencies.

As we move forward, your support of the Merrill Area United Way makes a difference in our local community. The United Way campaign runs through mid-November. This financial support comes from individuals, families, retirees, and companies who have management support to run an employee campaign, which is appreciated. Agencies will be counting on the remarkable supports from Merrill to help us help them.

Want to donate? Watch your mailbox in mid-September for the Merrill Area United Way flyer and invitation to donate to United Way. We only ask once a year for your donation. It is our annual appeal to the entire public with our direct mail piece to every household in the county. Please give generously and help your neighbors, family, and friends. If this is not a time you can give, remember United Way accepts donations year-round. **All donated dollars remain local unless you designate dollars elsewhere.**

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OBITUARIES



Harriet Mae Henrich, age 96, passed away on Friday, August 12, 2022. She was born May of 1926 in Merrill and married Gerald Henrich on January 1, 1945. Together, they raised three children: Jerry (Andrea), Lynn (Carol) and Holly, who all survive. She is further survived by her beloved 5 grandsons: Chris, Jeremy, Tom, Ben, and Jason, her 8 great-grandchildren, whom she adored, siblings: Harry, Carol and Marlene (William), and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents: Harry and Esther,

husband: Gerald and siblings: Leroy, Annette, and David. Harriet spent most of her life as a talented, enthusiastic, and loving homemaker, as well as a dedicated wife and mother. She worked as a bridal consultant once her children were grown. Besides her family, her joys included gardening, playing bridge, and closely following the Wisconsin sports teams. Harriet was an active volunteer in her community and church.

A memorial service for Harriet will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at 10:30am at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ. Pastor Mike Southcombe will officiate. A public visitation will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 9:00am until the time of the service, also at the church.

A private family viewing will be held at Waid Funeral Home prior to the service date.

Memorials may be sent in Harriet's name to St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, Merrill Area Concert Association or The Hanging Flower Basket Project c/o the Merrill Chamber Foundation, 705 N. Center Ave., Merrill WI 54452.

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



Patricia Dawn (Schwoch) Wanta, of Sarasota FL., passed away on May 31. Born July 1, 1930, to Leona and Joseph Schmirler, she married John William Schwoch who passed in 1973. She was also preceded in death by her parents, siblings Richard Schmirler and Izetta Sparks. She is survived by her daughters, Debra Schwoch-Swoboda, Roxanne Schwoch, Terri Crawford, and special friend, Bob Berry, all of Sarasota, FL, and many nieces and nephews. She was laid to rest at Merrill Memorial Park on August 10.



Joanne Mae Krueger, age 82, of Merrill, Wisconsin, passed away on Friday, August 12, 2022, in Wausau, Wisconsin. She was born on April 23, 1940, to the late Alfred and Clara (Borchardt) Vandre in Merrill, Wisconsin. On September 13, 1958, Joanne married her husband Lavern Gene Krueger who precedes her in death.

Joanne was an avid quilter, sewing hundreds of quilts for others. She also enjoyed gardening and tending to her rasp-

berry patch. She farmed most of her life and worked at Walmart for 20 years. After retiring she continued volunteering at Merrill's St. Vincent de Paul. She was a hard worker and incredibly generous.

Her family describes her as the best mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was the most loving, giving, calm, unbiased, accepting, and faithful to God woman you could ever meet. She would always say, "Pull up a chair, let's visit," no matter how busy she was. Time spent with her family and friends was her favorite pastime. She consistently loved and supported her grandchildren, and she loved surprising them with homemade treats and small little treasures. Joanne was a joy and comfort to be around, and she will be dearly missed by her friends and family.

Joanne is survived by her children: Randy (Ann) Krueger of Merrill, WI, Mark (Gail) Krueger of Tomahawk, WI, and Linda (Richard) Foster of Freeburg, IL, siblings: Joyce Ninneman of Watertown, WI, Alan (Cindy) Vandre of Merrill, WI, Beverly Kloos of Beaver Dam, WI, Richard (Kathy) Vandre of Merrill, WI, Leroy (Lorri) Vandre of Merrill, WI, and Betty (Mike) McGraw of Gleason, WI, sister-in-laws: Carol (Allen) Koehler and Nathleen Krueger, grandchildren: Karlie and Adam Kunkel, Zach and Abbi Krueger, Lucas, Jacob, Timmy and Nathan Foster, Katelynn and Walter Krueger, Colton and Kyle Cook, and great grandchild Kaden Scott.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Lavern Krueger, children: Gene Krueger and Joni Kunkel, infant sister, Barbara Vandre, grandchild Andy Kunkel, and brother-in-law Leroy Krueger.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, August 19, 2022, at 11:00 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Town of Corning with Pastor Joel Danner officiating. A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home and again on Friday, August 19, 2022, from 9:00 am until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church designated organ fund in memory of Joanne.

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

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

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Dear Reader,

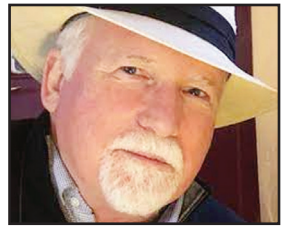
Every year the first weekend in August, Abbot Pennings High School, which was merged into Notre Dame de la baie Academy, holds a golf reunion for all classes who attended/graduated from that school. Pete Kirschling has led the charge over the years for our class and initiated an annual informal gathering at Nicky's Lionhead Restaurant in De Pere the day before teeing off. Traditions like this, built around an institution that developed a mammoth school spirit rivaling any other school in the state, die hard – if they ever die at all.

Last Friday at Nicky's a group of Squires gathered and caught up with the present while reliving a number of cherished memories from the past. Having a camaraderie like this that transcends decades and death is a gift. Back in the day we always said to each other "Once a Squire, always a Squire!" Last Friday night's convergence once again proved this to be true.

PATRICK J. WOOD

PUBLISHER

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Arthur Eanar Johnson, 74, of Merrill and formally of Ironwood, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2022, in his sleep.

He was born the son of Eanar and Melissa (Proctor) Johnson December 27, 1947, in Ironwood, Michigan. He was a graduate of A.D. Johnson High School in Bessemer and Gogebic Community College. Art was employed for the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department, Giovanoni's Hardware store in Hurley, and Ace Hardware in Merrill. Art was married to the love of his life of 55 years Elizabeth "Betty" Schiavetti. Art was an avid hunter and loved to spend time with his boys at the camp. In his later years, he became the camp cook. Art loved to go camping and have campfires with his family. He thoroughly enjoyed his retirement wintering in Florida. He loved his daily swims and happy hours.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Betty, three children; Jerry (Cyndi) Johnson, Thomas (Jill) Johnson, and Beth (Matt) Grefe, brothers; Bill (Grace) McDonald of Bessemer and Dennis (Karen) Johnson of Ashland, seven grandchildren; Nate, Henry and Lily Grefe, Reid Johnson, Evan Erspamer, Jerzy Johnson, and Cassie Firm. Art is further survived by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation for Arthur took place on Monday, August 8th at Cornerstone Christian Church in Ramsay. A service followed at the church followed by a luncheon.

Celebration of Life

Gale R Verpoorten 74, of Athens WI passed away at her home on June 30th, 2022.

She was born A New Years Baby on January 1st, 1948 to Herman and Vicki Kramm in Athens WI. She married her love of her life Orville Verpoorten on Oct 24th 1964. They were blessed with 5 children that she loved dearly. She also was blessed with 15 grandchildren & 2 great grandchildren.

Celebration of Life for Gale Verpoorten 08/20/22 at Erbach Park 400 Well St Athens WI 54411 starts at 1pm and potluck meal at 3pm. Please bring a chair and beverage of your choice. Hope to see you there to share many fond memories of her.

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July Garden of the Month



Jackie Litwin's yard and gardens at 1609 E. First St in Merrill were selected as the July 2022 Garden of the Month.



Flowers and plants, statuary, a bench, and yard art combine to create a peaceful garden retreat beneath a tree.



One of the many beautiful garden areas in Jackie Litwin's yard. Submitted photos.

Park City Gardens selected Jackie Litwin's yard and gardens at 1609 E. First St. in Merrill as the July 2022 Garden of the Month.

"Back in 2005, starting with a small circular garden on the west side of her driveway, Jackie Litwin has created a small paradise," Park City Gardens representatives said.

As time progressed, she just wasn't content with that small little garden, so with each gardening season came another addition. "To the inexperienced eye, it may appear that it was easy," they said. "Don't be fooled."

In the past couple years those little orange beetles tried desperately to kill off every beautiful plant, Litwin said. And actually, they are still trying, but as you can see, they haven't succeeded.

"The photos do not do justice to the beauty that lies within Jackie's gardens," Linda Huss of Park City Gardens said. "The variety of color, beautiful green foliage, and unique garden art welcomes you in. Just ask the neighbors. With the calming serenity and morning sunshine, they relax and take it all in while enjoying their morning coffee."

BIRTHS

JULY 19, 2022
Boy, Huxlee Thomas, born to Karly Voge and Nathan Voge of Wausau.

JULY 22, 2022
Girl, Penelope Angela Elaine, born to Katie Olson and Daniel Rost of Merrill.

JULY 20, 2022
Girl, Florence Amy, born to Jewell Holdorf and Landis Holdorf of Merrill.

JULY 23, 2022
Boy, Jensen John, born to Caitlyn Heller and Josh Heller of Merrill.

Pet of the Week



Izabella has found herself at the shelter after her owner was admitted to a nursing home. She is a sweetheart who would do best as an only cat, or with other quiet cats, and probably no small children. Izabella is on thyroid medications and will more than likely need to continue this throughout the rest of her life. She is fixed, up to date on her shots and microchipped. Her fee is fully sponsored so she is FREE to adopt with an approved application. Izabella is looking for some love and affection and a nice retirement home of her own.

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Merrill Area United Way celebrates 75 years with a new logo



Podgorski at MHS wins design contest

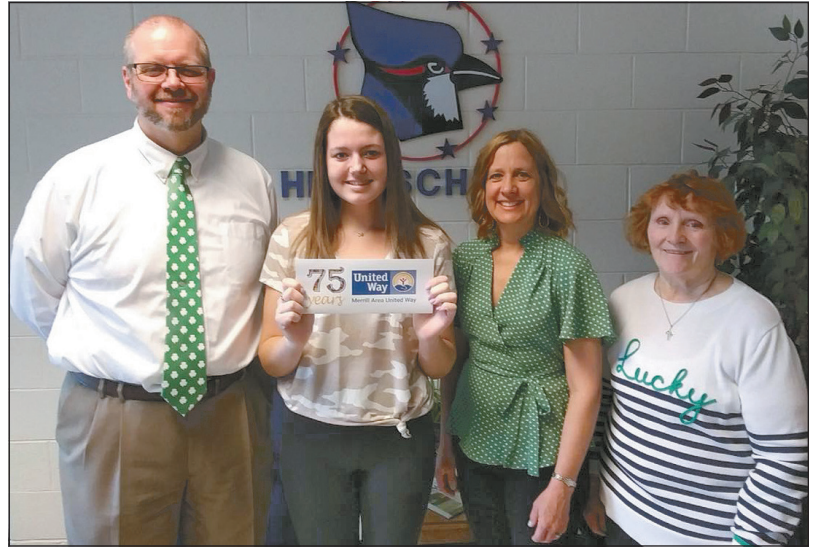
TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

2022 marks the 75th anniversary of the Merrill Area United Way (MAUW), and to celebrate, they wanted a fresh, distinctive new look they could use to commemorate this significant year.

MAUW decided to hold a 75th anniversary logo design contest and invited students in the 2022 Merrill High School (MHS) Advanced Graphics class to submit design ideas.

The guidelines: "The logo design was asked to acknowledge the 75 years, yet remain within the United Way Worldwide marketing restrictions for use of United Way designs per copyrights," MAUW Executive Director Dee Olsen said.

Five students submitted entries,



From L to R: MAUW Board member Shannon Murray; Kalynn Podgorski, the student who designed the winning logo holding that new 2022 Merrill Area United Way 75th Anniversary logo; Maria Brickner, MAUW President; and Dee Olsen MAUW Executive Director. Submitted photo.

and the MAUW 75th Anniversary Committee selected the winning entry.

The winning design was developed by then MHS Junior Kalynn Podgorski, and Podgorski received a \$100 debit card for her design, courtesy of Incredible Bank.

Andrew Gille and Parker Lezotte received honorable mention.

The new logo "will be used to create community awareness around our 75th anniversary and be placed on marketing materials, signs, banners, and t-shirts," Olsen said. For more information about the MAUW, visit www.merrillareaunitedway.org or email Dee at: delores.olsen@merrillareaunitedway.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: August 3, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Lewis Elwood Bailey, deceased
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN35

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11-11-1940, and date of death 6-30-2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N7980 Goehle Rd, Gleason, WI 54435.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 25, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Daniel E. Bailey
410 Canterbury Rd
Plover, WI 54467
715-367-6695
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Max Bachi
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
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.
James Wedemeyer
204 N. Van Rensselaer St.
Merrill, WI 54452

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Sabrina Bachi
702 N. State St.
Merrill, WI 54452
Phone 715-921-4128
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CLAIMS DEADLINE NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF MARY M. DENK
AND THE BMD INCOME TRUST
DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §701.0508, Wisconsin Statutes, Germaine A. Huebner, as Trustee of the BMD Income Trust Dated September 13, 2010 with the power to pay the debts of Mary M. Denk (deceased 11/20/21) hereby provides notice that the deadline for filing for payment of debts of Mary M. Denk and/or the BMD Income Trust Dated September 13, 2010 being the date for (4) months after the date of first insertion of this notice.
Germaine A. Huebner
Trustee
Address: c/o Houghum Law Firm, LLC
305 South 18th Ave., Suite 200
Wausau, WI 54401
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DATE SIGNED: August 2, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOYCE BACHER
DOD 09/22/2021
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022 IN 34

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/04/1932, and date of death 09/22/2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1604 Mathews St., Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11-25-2022.
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

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DATE SIGNED: July 25, 2022
Electronically signed by
Robert R. Russell, Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22-CV-107

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Gail Lynn Henry Hernandez
By (Petitioner) Gail Lynn Henry
Hernandez

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Gail Lynn Henry Hernandez
To: Gail Lynn Henry Hernandez
Birth Certificate: Gail Lynn Birnbaum

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: Lincoln County Courthouse
1110 E Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
Date: September 9, 2022
Time: 10:30 a.m.

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:
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

Case No. 22-CV-87
Case Code: 30201
ACUITY, A MUTUAL INSURANCE
COMPANY

2800 South Taylor Drive
Sheboygan, WI 53081
Plaintiff,
and
WALT'S PETROLEUM SERVICES, INC.
5207 E. Jelinek Avenue
Schofield, WI 54476

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Involuntary Plaintiff,
v.
AMANDA KOSMICKI
W469 Woodduck Lane
Merrill, WI 54452,
Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
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 also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 days after August 18, 2022 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 Clerk of Courts, Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Suite 205, Merrill, WI; and to Ron Harmeyer Law Office LLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 330 E. Kilbourn Avenue, Ste. 1070, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 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: August 10, 2022.

RON HARMeyer LAW OFFICE LLC
Electronically signed Nicholas J. DeStefanis
By: Nicholas J. DeStefanis
SBN 1064766

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1.) CHILDREN MUST BE READY & WAITING FOR THE BUS - The bus should not have to wait for the child! If there are 5 children that hold up the bus for 2 minutes, that bus will be 10 minutes late for school. We have seven "School Tripper" routes each day, transporting over 250 children. Please help by doing your part to keep schedules running on time.

2.) NO SHOWS - If your child is a scheduled pick-up and is ill, or will not be taking the Merrill-Go-Round for any reason, you must call the office with your cancellation. This is our greatest time loss! We cannot release the bus from an address until the child is accounted for. Confirmation of a cancellation takes as long as 6 minutes. Unfortunately, we average five "no shows" each day. This accumulates hours of lost time each week. We realize it's not always easy to get through on the phone, but please keep trying, your call will be answered in the order which we receive it. Advance notices are greatly appreciated. Transit is Extension 246.

3.) POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS - This is the one element we cannot control. Poor weather conditions bring on many time variables such as dressing children appropriately for the weather conditions, passengers in need of assistance boarding or exiting the bus, bad road conditions, etc. These should be the only times the routes cannot keep their schedules.

4.) PROPER BEHAVIOR - Children must comply with the bus riding rules! Be ready with pass fare - When the child boards, he/she should have their bus fare in hand to give to the driver. This saves additional time spent searching for their money. We highly recommend student bus fares to be purchased (in advance) by the month.

PROMPT AND PROPER SEATING - The child should find a seat quickly and remain in that seat until exiting the bus.

NORMAL CONVERSATION - Talking is welcomed, however, loud, discourteous talking or conversation disturbs the other passengers and disrupts the driver.

NO EATING OR DRINKING ON THE BUS - Children abuse this rule most frequently. Treats or snacks that you may allow the children to take to school, never seem to make it past the bus. We spend countless minutes daily upholding this rule. Not only does this demand the driver's attention, it also adds chores to the bus cleaning at the end of the day.

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Thank You
The Merrill Transit System

SCHOOL YEAR REMINDERS...

- *If automotive problems, bad weather, or any other emergencies occur, just call the Merrill-Go-Round for prompt, courteous service.
- *The Merrill-Go-Round's schedule leaves the East and West sides of town on the hour (schedules may vary at peak times). So, even in a last minute crisis, you and/or your children may receive service within the hour.
- *If your child has a scheduled pickup and is ill or will not be taking the Merrill-Go-Round for any reason, you must call the office and cancel. Everyone must do their part to keep the buses on schedule.
- *If your child has missed his/her scheduled ride, you must call our office so the next available bus can service you

Notice to Disabled of Opportunity to Comment

The Merrill-Go-Round provides public transportation service for the City of Merrill. We have five (5) busses, each equipped with two (2) designated areas for the securement of mobility devices to provide an equal quality level of service throughout our business day. The Merrill Transit System receives federal funds to offset a portion of its operating deficit. As a condition of receiving these funds, we must certify that special efforts are being made to provide transportation for our disabled population within our service area.

The Merrill Transit System meets this commitment by:

- Extensive sensitivity training for bus operators
- Providing equal and quality service for the disabled
- Providing daily transportation for all WI DHS and Lincoln Industries clientele.
- Providing daily transportation to the Senior Nutrition Site

Any individual or group desiring to provide written comments on the service and efforts of the Merrill Transit System are asked to do so.

Comments can be addressed to:

MERRILL TRANSIT SYSTEM
c/o Bradley Brummond
Transit Administrator
1004 E. First St., Merrill, WI54452

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PARENTS!

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Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

The Bucket List

(Streaming on Netflix and other services)

★★★★☆

Rated PG-13 - For language and adult themes

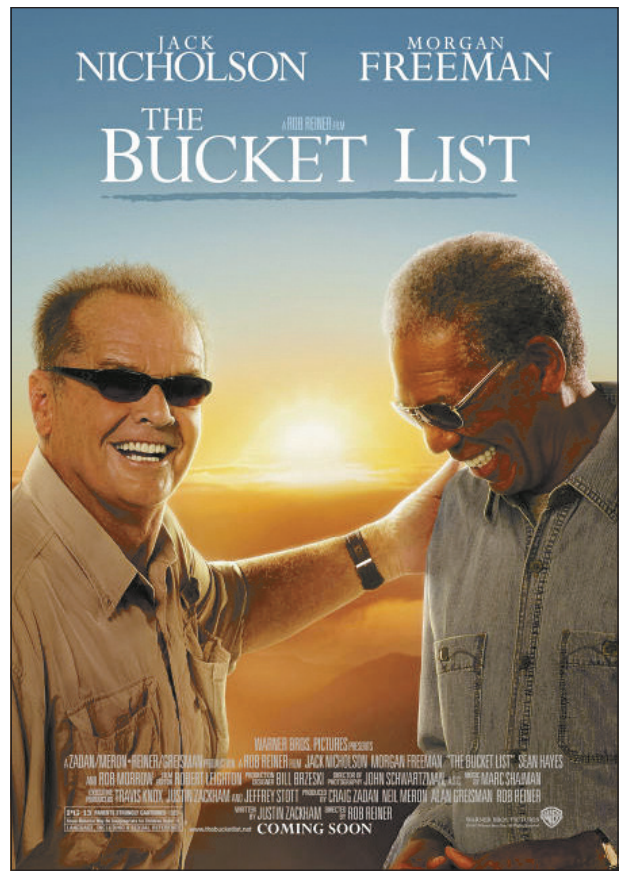
Well, adulthood got in the way of hitting the cinema for you good folks this week, so once again, lets hop into the way-back machine for an oldie but a goodie.

The Bucket List may not be one you sought out back when it came out in 2007. It's a film about two men with terminal cancer. So, ya, I know-not exactly family fun night at the movies. But this one will surprise you.

Starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman as two mismatched men who meet while going through chemotherapy, the two become the very best of friends and decide to pursue their respective "bucket lists" rather than sit and wait for their inevitable outcomes.

I have to tell you, this movie is excellent. It mixes just the right amount of drama and comedy, as these two men go down their list-from skydiving to racing cars, and no, not all of their list is superficial, but as always, I do not want to give too much away.

We all owe life a death, and the measure of a person is how they face that inevitability. And these men face that



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one last life event with grace, courage, and not a small amount of humor.

As always, Freeman and Nicholson are outstanding in their roles, but the supporting cast also does a fine job, particularly Sean Hayes as Nicholson's assistant, Thomas, who, through his snark, you can see has a genuine love for his boss.

Four out of five stars for *The Bucket List*. Do not fear the subject matter. This is one that deserves to be seen. And when it is over, you can ask yourself: "Have I found joy in my life?" And ... "Has my life brought joy to others?"

Gleason Area Lions

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August 20 & 21, 2022
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activities like the free horse show (Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.), butter carving contests (youth Thursday at 3:30 p.m./ adults Friday and Saturday at 3:30 p.m.), the James Wedgwood ventriloquist show (multiple shows on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday), the Demo Derby (Friday at 6:30 p.m.), the 4-H Dog Show (Saturday at 8:00 a.m. with cats, small animals, and domesticated exotic animal judging afterward throughout the day), the Antique Tractor Pull (Saturday at 11:00 a.m.), regular Tractor Pull (Saturday at 6:00 p.m.), Festive Balloons (Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.), and the Mud Bogs/Drags (Sunday with time still to be determined as of press time).

Live bands will play every evening in the Entertainment Tent and the Eagles/VFW Tent, as well. And while SOME of the individual Grand Stand events may have an admission charge, the Lincoln County Fair is still a 4-H based, FREE fair, with no cover or admission charge to get in the gates.

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Merrill Basketball Hall of Fame Golf Outing

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The Merrill Basketball Hall of Fame will announce the Hall of Fame 2022 class at their Merrill Basketball Hall of Fame Golf Outing on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022.

The day will begin with golf, with registration at 8:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

Registration is still open for individuals or teams that wish to participate, at a cost of \$75 per person/\$300 per team of four. (Call 715.536.2529) Hole sponsors are also still being sought.

During the event, anyone who makes a hole in one on hole #9 will win \$10,000.

All proceeds will benefit the Merrill Boys Basketball program.

"This is the second year of the golf outing," said Troy Pieper, Head Boys Basketball Coach at Merrill High School. "We had a great turnout last year and we're hoping to have even more teams this year."

"Following the golf, we will announce the 2022 Merrill Basketball Hall of Fame inductees," he added.

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The Republican primary drew the most voters, with the race for Lincoln County Sheriff the only local contested race.

The race for the Republican gubernatorial candidate, as well as numerous other Republican races with multiple candidates in the running, were also key to the turnout. While 26.92% of the voters in Lincoln County cast ballots in the Democratic primary, the vast majority - 72.46% - turned out to cast votes for Republican candidates.

Statewide, results for the races contested on the Partisan Primary ballot are in, subject also to legal certification/confirmation in the state canvass.

Democratic primary results

For the Democratic party, Sara Rodriguez will be on the Nov. ballot running for Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin, and Mandela Barnes was the clear leader who will appear on the ballot in the November race for U.S. Senator for Wisconsin on the party's ticket. Doug La Follette will be on the ballot for Secretary of State for the Democrats, and Aaron Richardson will be on the ballot for State Treasurer for the Democrats.

The results of the Democratic voters in Lincoln County on Aug. 9 were consistent with the statewide results.

Republican primary results

For the Republican party, Tim Michels will run against current Governor Tony Evers in the November election. Locally, Rebecca Kleefisch was a very close second in the race, with Michels receiving 43.93% of the local vote and Kleefisch receiving 42.43% of the local vote. However, statewide, Michels had a much wider margin for the win.

Roger Roth will represent the Republicans on the ballot vying against Rodriguez for the position of Lieutenant Governor in November. Locally, Patrick Testin was the favorite, but Roth took the win statewide.

Eric Toney will be the Republican on the November ballot in the Attorney General race. Locally, Adam Jarchow was the favorite by a small margin, but Toney took the lead statewide.

Amy Loudbeck will be the Republican running in November for Secretary of State, although locally Jay Schroeder was the favorite.

John S. Lieber will be the Republican candidate for State Treasurer, and 66.58% of Lincoln County Republican voters also voted for him.

Incumbent Ron Johnson will be on the Republican party ballot for U.S. Senator, while incumbent Tom Tiffany will be on the Republican party ballot for District 7 Representative in Congress. Locally, both of those incumbents were the strong leaders, as well.

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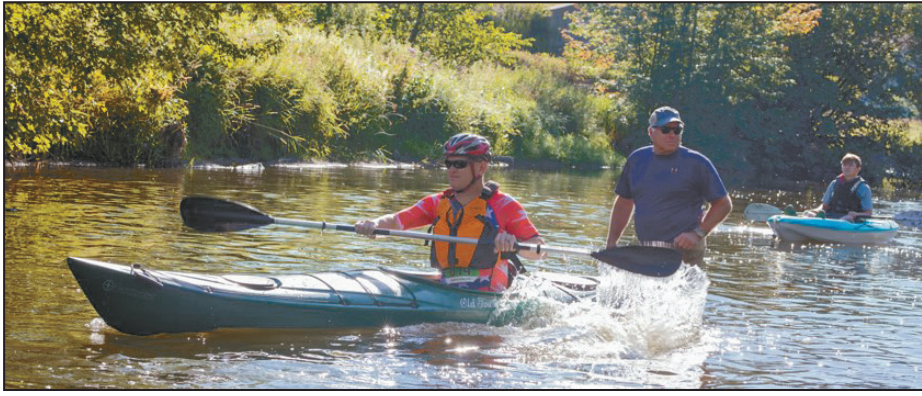
to five years in prison if convicted. Her trial is scheduled for Dec. 5, 2022, in U.S. District Court before Judge William M. Conley.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Merrill Police Department, and Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance the Marshfield Police Department, were involved with the investigation.

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Black Squirrel Scurry has contestants paddling, pedaling, and on the run



Kayakers paddle the Prairie River during the 2022 Black Squirrel Scurry in Merrill.

Joseph Frederick photo.

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Saturday, July 30, 2022, both local contestants and some who traveled in for the race from neighboring states, were paddling, pedaling, and running in and just north of Merrill in the Fifth Annual

Black Squirrel Scurry. In total, 44 contestants paddled down the Prairie River, pedaled 17.5 miles on the roads north of town, and then ran 3.2 miles through the Merrill Area Recreation Complex and Council Grounds State Park, according to Greg Eichelkraut, Race Director.

“36 contestants did the whole course

themselves joined by three relay teams,” Eichelkraut said. The competition and results were bro-

ken down into age brackets and gender. Overall fastest finisher and also the See **SCURRY** page 16



Left: Ian Schutze of Merrill finished first in the “age 19 and younger” category. Center: Morgan Roberts of Merrill. Right: Josh McCaskill of Merrill.



Center: Morgan Roberts of Merrill. Right: Josh McCaskill of Merrill. Amy Versnik-Nowak photos.

2022 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedules

Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)			
Fri. Aug. 19	Northland Pines (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Mon. Aug. 22	Crandon (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)			
Sat. Aug. 20	Multiple Schools (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Home	9:00 am
Tues. Aug. 23	Mosinee (Varsity & JV)	Away	3:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 25	Marshfield (JV2)	Away	4:00 pm
Tennis (Varsity and JV)			
Fri. Aug. 19	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	11:00 am
Mon. Aug. 22	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	9:00 am
Boys Soccer (Varsity, JV, and JV2)			
Fri. Aug. 19	Antigo (Varsity)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 25	Mosinee (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Swimming (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Aug. 18	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home-MARC	5:00 pm
Tues. Aug. 23	Marshfield (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm
Wed. Aug. 24	Colby (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm
Cross Country Boys (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Aug. 25	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am
Cross Country Girls (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Aug. 25	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am

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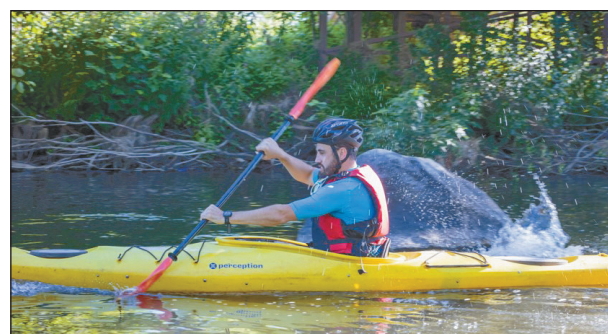
top male finisher, Gerard

Lauzon of Ironwood, Mich., completed the race in 1:38:48 (that's one hour, thirty-eight minutes, and

48 seconds). The fastest and top female to complete the course, and also the fourth highest fin-

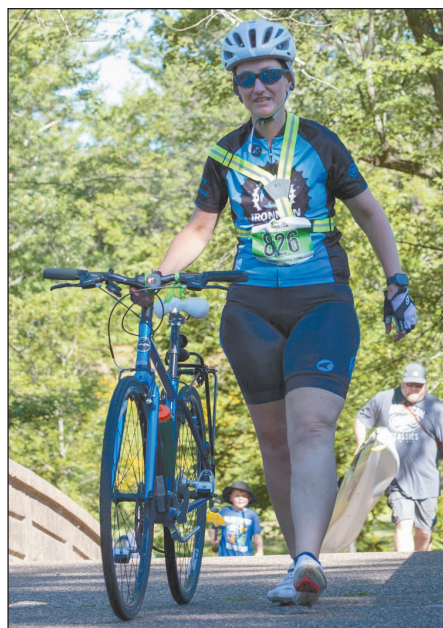
isher overall, was Nicole Bathe of Minneapolis, Minn., who finished with a time of 1:47:37.

Second overall finisher and fastest local male competitor to finish, Josh McCaskill of Merrill, clocked in with a time of 1:43:02. Morgan Roberts of Merrill represented the local ladies as the fastest local female

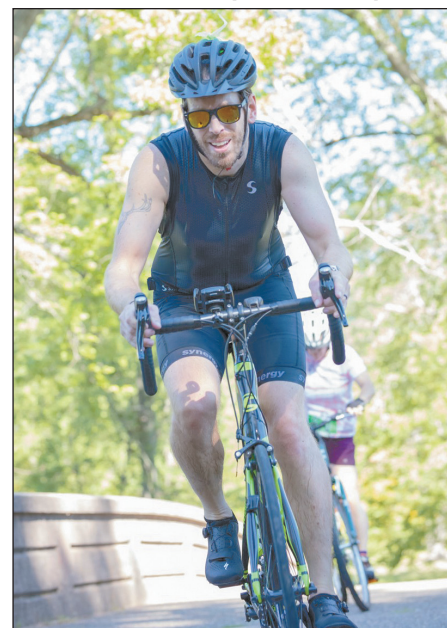


One contestant is focused as he paddles down the Prairie River during the water component of the Black Squirrel Scurry.

Joseph Frederick photos.



The Black Squirrel Scurry is a race that combines miles of paddling, pedaling, and running.



Bicycling was one of three components in the Black Squirrel Scurry race.

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competitor with a time of 2:03:13, and she also came in 11th in the race overall.

Ian Schuetze of Merrill took honors for both fastest "age 19 and younger" competitor and 9th finisher overall in the race, with a time of 2:01:21.

Erik Grunenwald of Merrill was the youngest racer to compete. At age 13, he came in at 2:03:08 and finished 10th overall.

Gerald and Mary Raino of Plainfield, Illinois, were the two oldest competitors, both age 70. They finished overall in 27th and 29th places, respectively.

Of the three relay teams, the Marshfield Clinic team took the honors for the fastest all male relay team and first place relay team overall with a time of 1:46:51. Team "Faking It" of Gleason was the fastest local relay team to complete the race, clocking in at 2:06:08.

Complete race results are available at: <http://blacksquirrelscurry.com/results/>.

The Black Squirrel Scurry is a charity event. This year, proceeds "will benefit the Northwoods Veterans Post and Friends of the River Bend Trail," Eichelkraut said.

"Numerous groups, individuals, city departments, and county departments volunteered to make this race possible," he said. The combined effort of all made for a great race on a picture-perfect day, as far as the weather, and resulted in approximately \$1,500 in charitable proceeds. The exact numbers have not yet been finalized. A formal presentation to the recipients is planned for a later date.