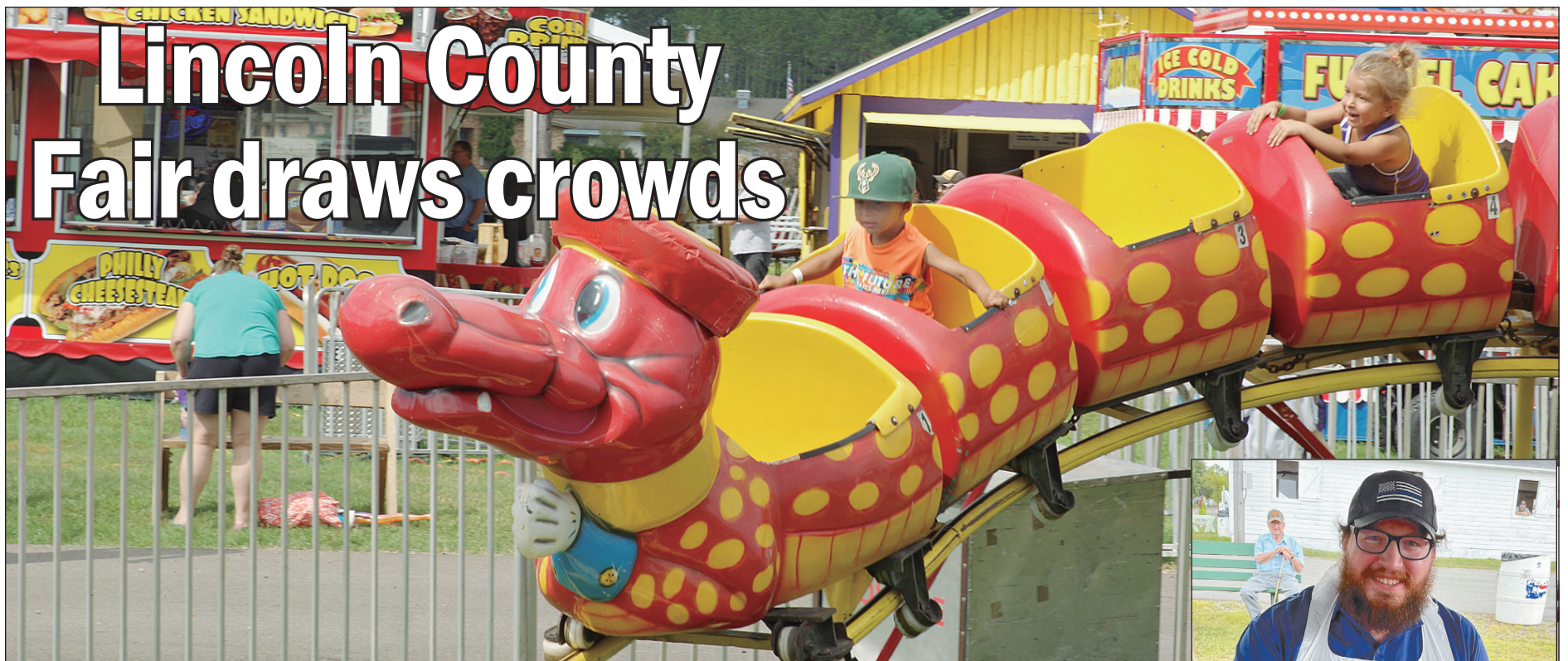


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Lincoln County Fair draws crowds

The little ones love the rides ... like this mini roller coaster with speeds and inclines just perfect for them.

Tina L. Scott photos.

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

Another Lincoln County 4-H Free Fair is in the books, after drawing thousands to the Merrill Festival Grounds for a traditional county fair and all that entails. This year's theme was "Moov'in On with Tradition!" ... and the Aug. 17-21, 2022, Lincoln County Fair did not disappoint.

Rides, games, music, exhibits, food, and fun combined with decent weather, bringing in families and kids of all ages, including those who are still just kids at heart.

"I had fun ..." said one local annual fair goer, Darlene Weirich of Merrill. "Maybe because I was a farm girl and it brings back all the memories of 4-H, taking all the exhibits, hoping for a blue ribbon."

Hundreds of volunteers and 4-H youth and their parents made it all possible, from the kids mucking the stalls and the volunteers who cleaned out the barns after the fair, to the local churches and organizations that cleaned, cooked, served, and then cleaned again in the permanent food stands on site. From the ticket takers for the grand stand shows to the people who picked up garbage on the grounds or in the stands, hundreds

of individuals worked together to make it happen, for the 138th year.

"I would like to give a blue ribbon to the people that put on the fair," Weirich said, recognizing that it takes a small army to pull everything together. "Not only the Fair Board but the ones behind the scenes—preparing the food before the crowd comes ... the kids getting their animals ready to be judged and growing vegetables, photography, woodworking, and all the other projects ... the police ... all that stood at the parking booths ..." There were just too many to list.

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Walter Mootz, who is in quality control at and representing Weinbrenner Shoe Company, did a fine job representing the quality of workmanship in his own rendition of a Thorogood work boot carved from ... butter ... winning him the blue ribbon in the Friday afternoon butter carving contest.

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Merrill "Meet Someone New" Ice Cream Social

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BY **TINA L. SCOTT**
 EDITOR

On Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. the entire city of Merrill is invited to an ice-cream social time at Normal Park in Merrill.

It began with a simple idea. Last September, Andy Perry, Pastor of Bible Presbyterian Church

and Chaplain for Merrill Aspirus Hospital, wanted to do something to bring his neighbors together.

"Everybody likes ice cream," he said. He did. And his neighbors did. So he planned an evening and invited his neighbors. "And it worked!" he said. Folks in his eastside neighborhood brought a quart of their favorite ice cream to share, gathered on a Saturday evening, and new friendships were formed.

That led to Pastor Perry thinking even bigger. He said he began to

wonder, "Why don't we do this for the entire city? Normal Park would be the perfect location."

"At a time when social media and politics are polarizing our society and driving people apart, what could be better than enjoying some ice cream and meeting some new friends to bring us together?"

"And that's the simple goal: to share a quart of your favorite ice cream, meet someone new, and

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Marathon County Sheriff's Office warns of phone scam

The Marathon County Sheriff's Office is investigating a telephone scam in which residents receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from the Sheriff's Office. The scammers identify themselves as an employee of the Sheriff's Office, provide the recipient's first and last name, and inform the recipient of the phone call that they have business to conduct with the Sheriff's Office.

As part of the call, the scammer requests personal information and instructs the recipient to

call 715.680.3057 ext. 700 with the requested information. This is not a phone number utilized by the Marathon County Sheriff's Office.

If you receive a phone call from someone who claims to be from the Marathon County Sheriff's Office or Marathon County Government or any other government agency or business, and you suspect they are not, ask for the person's name, department, and phone number and tell them you'll call them back. You can verify the phone number for the Marathon County Sheriff's

Office by using the phone directory on their website at <https://www.co.marathon.wi.us/Government/PhoneDirectory.aspx> and use Google or a phone book to verify phone numbers of other agencies or businesses.

Scammers often spoof phone numbers so it looks like they're calling from an official entity. However, if you verify the number and call back, it will ring in the correct location instead of the scammer's phone.

New 4-H Educator for the Division of Extension – UW-Madison, Lincoln County

Melissa Yates is a familiar face for Extension Lincoln County, but is assuming a new role as the new 4-H Educator. Melissa has coordinated and taught nutrition programming with Extension FoodWise for the past six years.

Additionally she has experience in school health education, leadership in local and state organizations, coaching high school sports, and developing her personal businesses.

Melissa has been a 4-H volunteer for years, participating in many events and projects with her three daughters. Her favorite 4-H activity has been as a chaperone at several camp locations,



Melissa Yates

and with different 4-H leadership.

Melissa has a Bachelor of Science degree in School Health Education from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. “

I am thrilled to be a part of this positive youth organization, and am looking forward to finding new sparks around Lincoln County and beyond!” Melissa said.

Melissa began her new position on Aug. 8, 2022, and is based in the Extension office, Lincoln County Service Center (801 N. Sales St., Merrill). She can also be reached at melissa.yates@wisc.edu or by calling the Extension office at 715.539.1072.



August 7 – 13 was National Farmers Market Week

Great people-watching, lively conversation, the sights and sounds, and—especially—flavors of the season. What’s not to like about the farmers market?

A farmers market is a great place to find fresh fruits and vegetables, support fellow community members, and try new things.

“Try and eat a rainbow of colors such as tomatoes, carrots, beans, eggplant, strawberries, and fresh herbs,” said Aspirus Health Clinical Dietician Carolyn Kelk. “Don’t be afraid to ask the vendor for a sample or recipes. Sometimes trying a new vegetable is the perfect way to stretch your taste buds.”

If you’re new to the farmers market scene, it can be a little intimidating. Or maybe you’re a regular, but you’ve fallen into a routine. Read on for some tips on making your farmers market outing the best it can be:

- Plan and prioritize. Are you after the most picturesque produce? Then it’s best to beat the crowds and arrive early. That’s when you’ll find the freshest selections and the most variety.
- If you want the lowest prices, go ahead and sleep in. You can find some great deals as the market winds down and vendors become eager to sell off their remaining wares.
- Stock up on staples, but branch out, too. Maybe you can’t get enough heirloom tomatoes. Or your kids eat berries and pears like candy. You can buy a

week’s worth in one go.

But why stop at the familiar? While browsing the market, you may find foods you’ve never tried before. If a piece of produce is new to you, don’t be shy. Ask the vendor about the best ways to prepare it. You may even get a sample or a recipe.

• Use a critical eye. As with any food shopping experience, it’s important to keep safety in mind.

Here are a couple of points to remember:

- Meats, eggs, dairy, fish, and pre-cut fruits and vegetables should be displayed on ice. If they’re not, pass them by.
- Bring several totes to keep produce and raw meat separate. Bring an insulated bag or a cooler and ice for meat, eggs, and dairy products.
- Steer clear of milk, ciders, and juices that have not been pasteurized.
- Fruits and vegetables from the farmers market need to be washed, just like produce from the grocery store. A rinse or scrub with plain water is best.
- Bring some green. It’s best to bring cash to the farmers market. But many markets accept alternative forms of payment, such as checks, debit cards, or other food assistance.

Aspirus Health established a Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program which helps provide patients with access to fresh produce. Eligible patients are given a “prescription” to use at one of many participating farmers markets in the Aspirus service area. Talk to your primary care provider to see if you qualify for the FVRx program. For more information, visit www.aspirus.org/fvr-program.

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Merrill Food Pantry updates

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Volunteer Picnic

The Board of Directors of the Merrill Community Food Pantry held their annual volunteer picnic this year on Aug. 24, 2022, at Riverside Park. Everyone who volunteered at the Food Pantry over the last year was invited to attend. "It is our way of thanking the 50 volunteers who make the operation of the Pantry such a success," said Sister Celine Goessl, co-Director of the Food Pantry.

The Merrill Community Food Pantry was formed in 1983, according to Goessl, and a Board of Directors was created, with members from each of the churches in Merrill. Recently, new members came on board.

Changes to meet the growing need

In early June 2022, the Food Pantry returned to the practice of inviting clients to come inside to choose their own food products. "However, we made some changes



The Merrill Community Food Pantry Board. Front row, L to R: Sr. Mary Anne Rose, Sr. Peggy Jackelen, Sr. Celine, and Laurie Runge. Back row, L to R: Cary Alft, Jill Alft, Chris Graham, Al Crevier, Dick Duginski, and Rev. Mike Southcombe. Missing from photo: Richard Johnson, Anne Pulkowski, Tammy Cohrs, and Lisa Carlson.

Submitted photo.

in the set-up," Goessl said. "Clients are now asked to call 715.536.4505 so each one can be given a specific time for this process."

The Food Pantry has also recently adjusted their eligibility guide-

lines to enable more individuals and families to qualify to use the Pantry. "These changes were necessary due to dramatic increases in

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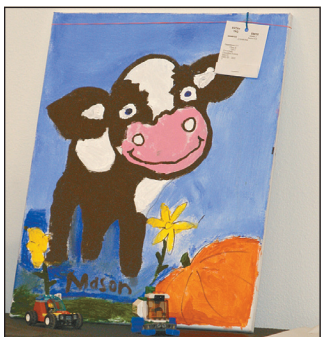
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She said she thoroughly enjoyed herself. "The music in the tents was fantastic and fun ... the rides and the games to play, hearing the laughter of the kids and [seeing their] bright happy eyes ... seeing friends giving hugs ..."

And Weirich appreciated that Merrill's fair is still free admission. "I support the Lincoln County Fair, and I paid for parking, but also walked in without paying (because you can)," she said.

Monster truck mud bog racing, demo derby, free antique tractor pull, free horse show, butter carving, free ventriloquist show, horses, cows, pigs, sheep, goats, exhibits, live music, bands, beer, dancing, chickens, ferris wheel, win a goldfish game, vendors, exhibits, cheese curds, ice-cream, corndogs, fun house, bumper cars, hamburgers, animal auctions, calves, steer, ducks, bunnies ... what was your favorite part of this year's fair?

4-H youth displayed the fruits of months of labor as evidenced by 4-H club displays and individual entries into many categories of competition that helped them develop skills and abilities they will be able to use for a lifetime. No where is the amount of time and dedication that goes into their projects more evident than in the animal showing and the annual auction.



Artwork encompassed a number of categories in the competition for blue ribbons at this year's Lincoln County Fair.



The lure of the games and the chance to win a stuffed animal or a goldfish is strong.

Tina L. Scott photo.



It's not ALL about the quest for a blue ribbon, but being recognized with blue and red ribbons, or as a Champion, or Reserve Champion is still a pretty big deal!



Madi Skic shows her animal as it is auctioned off to the highest bidder in the live market animal auction.



Merrill Mayor Steve Hass, Lincoln County Sheriff Ken Schneider, Merrill City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm, State Assemblyman Calvin Callahan, and Lincoln County Supervisor Laurie Thiel all know that no visit to the fair is complete until you've had some Optimist Cheese Curds!



Merrill Eagles 584 and the Merrill VFW Post 1638 sponsored live entertainment in the beer garden/tent.

and come out for the evening. To participate, bring a pint or quart of your favorite ice cream and a lawn chair and come to Normal Park on Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to join in. Bowls, spoons, cups, drinking water, and lawn games for kids will all be provided.

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listen to their story. The resulting friendships could help bring our community together in lasting ways," Perry said.

Perry is hoping lots of people will embrace the idea

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OBITUARIES



Jean B. Rahlf, age 72, of Irma, WI, passed away on Friday, August 12, 2022, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Jean was born in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada on August 22, 1949, to the late Alfred and Angela (Olson) Maygard. She was married to Allen "Al" Rahlf on June 24, 1989; he survives.

Jean grew up in Canada and later moved to the United States where her and her husband owned and operated Brandy's Acres Riding Stables in Irma. Jean's passion was for animals. Her home, sometimes replicating a zoo, was always filled with rescues, holding a special place in her heart for her horse, Champ, and her cat, Lucy. Jean dedicated herself to supporting those with addiction as a drug and alcohol counselor in the Tomahawk and later Rhinelander area, a job she truly enjoyed and embraced. She had many hobbies. Over the last several years, she loved panning for gold and was looking forward to an upcoming trip to Lake Superior for shoreline panning and sluicing with Al. Jean's love was for her family. Her quiet, yet so bold and strong personality was infectious. Always there in her helpful and caring ways, she touched the hearts of many and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her loving husband of 33 years, Allen "Al" Rahlf, of Irma, WI; two sons, Warren Mildenberger, of Tomahawk, WI, and Trevor (Amanda "Mindy") Mildenberger, of Merrill, WI; one daughter, Karen Mildenberger, of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada; two stepsons, Michael (Chrissie) Rahlf, of Merrill, WI, and Dustin (Nikki) Rahlf, of Irma, WI; her twin sister, Joan (Albert) Swartz, of Gwynne, Alberta, Canada; one brother, Wayne (Ellen) Maygard, also of Gwynne, Alberta, Canada; and her mother-in-law, Phyllis Rahlf, of Merrill, WI. Jean is further survived by 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Angela, her brother, Marvin Maygard; and her stepdaughter, Michelle Grudzinski.

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



James L. 'Jim' Iattoni, 87, of Merrill, passed away Tuesday August 16, 2022, at Woodland Court Elder Services, under the care of Compassus Hospice Care.

Jim was born on April 15, 1935, in Merrill, son of the late Louis and Hazel (Krueger) Iattoni. He married Caroline Klimek on October 29, 1955. She preceded him in death in 1994. On May 5, 2013, Jim married Elaine Kurtzweil. She survives. Jim was the owner and operator of James Iattoni

and Sons Masonry, he also did work dairy farming and logging. He enjoyed motorcycles and having coffee with friends at Pine Ridge and McDonald's.

Jim is survived by his wife, Elaine Iattoni of Merrill; children, Linda (James Jr.) Millican of White House, Tennessee, Bruce (Ann) Iattoni of Merrill, Julia (Brian) Woller of Merrill, and Alan (Ginger) Iattoni of Merrill; stepchildren, Lyle Kurtzweil Jr. of Marathon, and Nancy Kurtzweil of Pardeeville; Nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and siblings, Lois Jaecks, Joann (Bill) Clegg, Glorian Iattoni, and Richard (Connie) Iattoni. Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Caroline Iattoni; his parents, Louis and Hazel Iattoni; and brother-in-law, Lenard Jaecks.

The funeral service for Jim was held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, August 22, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Pastor Justin Spady officiated. Burial took place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Town of Rock Falls. Visitation began at 9:00 A.M., Monday at the funeral home. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Fritz Wirtz, April 15, 1929 – August 3, 2022

A Servant of God and a Friend to Man went to sleep with the promise of the resurrection when the trumpet will sound and his name will be called - I Thessalonians 4:16, 17. He was 93 and surrounded by family and friends sharing promises and singing. Parkinson's was his enemy that took over...

He is survived by his lovely wife of 9 years, Sophia; his four children Fritz Jr (Dianne),

David, Marleen and Kenneth (Sandie); 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters of Wisconsin, Marie Skic and Nathalie Fromfeld; many nephews and nieces; and brother-in-law Floyd Petersen (Eileen), from Loma Linda, California. Fritz was predeceased by his father, Gottlieb; mother, Marie; and his first wife of 59 years, Ruth (née Petersen).

Fritz had an 8th grade education and is an example of a man who was Generous; a Visionary; a man of Decision; and Service and Faith minded. He was born in Merrill, Wisconsin and started in life as a dairy farmer. Then in 1961, he and his family moved, along with friends, to Kelowna, BC to Hall Road - 2000 miles away.

It was a priority for Fritz that his children have a Christian Education, and he worked hard to provide for his family. Fritz started a construction company, A&B Durastone; went into real estate in the mid-60s with Kelowna Realty, Century 21, and Prudential. Then he, and his first wife Ruth, built and operated Sutherland Hills Rest Home in 1972 - serving the citizens of Kelowna with safe loving care and providing employment to amazing loyal staff. 45 years later, in 2017, it was sold.

During this time of business, Fritz was Director for 20 of the 30 years with the Silver Tip Pathfinder Club for boys/girls ages 10-15; in 2005, he founded the Ministry in the Philippines, a Faith Works Ministry, and built 21 churches, conducted dozens of health and medical clinics on the Island of Panay, and introduced thousands to a better life in health and in Christian living; he was a strong supporter of the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP); and he conducted many personal bible studies through his years and was a colporteur - selling Christian books from door to door.

Fritz lived a humble life while he helped support others. He loved the outdoors and was known as a successful hunter. He was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And, he leaves an honorable legacy.

Donations may be made to Friends of Faith Works Ministry c/o 3075 Hall Road, Kelowna, BC, V1W 2R5.

To view the Livestream/recording or send the family condolences and photos, please visit his obituary page at: www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/obituaries/wirtz-fritz-ernest



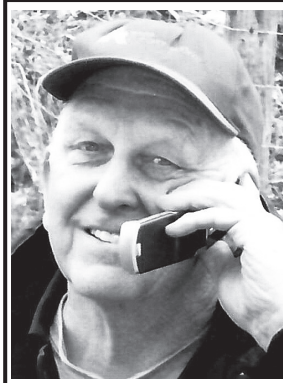
Dorothea H. 'Toots' Baneck, 83, of Athens, formerly of Merrill, passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Dorothea was born October 5, 1938, in Merrill, daughter of the late Lawrence and Hertha (Hinz) Schult. She married Lawrence Baneck on April 16, 1960. He preceded her in death on November 8, 2008. Dorothea enjoyed going to the cottage in Tomahawk and spending time at the shack in the Town of Hamburg. While there, she enjoyed watching the wildlife and being in the woods. Dorothea enjoyed bow hunting in her younger years and trout fishing with her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed going to auctions, collecting anything and everything, and playing the accordion. 'Grandma Toots' loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Kathy (Mark) Perrin of Medford and Kevin (Kris) Baneck of Hamburg; three grandchildren, Greg (Casey) Baneck of Merrill, Kaity (Zack) Fleming of Wausau, and Ryan Perrin of Medford; one sister, Bernice (Ralph) Schulz of Merrill; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Dorothea 'Toots' was met at the gates of Heaven by her husband, Larry Baneck; her grandson, David L. Baneck; and her parents, Lawrence and Hertha Schult.

The funeral service for Dorothea 'Toots' Baneck was held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Pastor Joel Danner will presided. Visitation began at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday at the funeral home. Entombment will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Mausoleum. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Robert 'Bob' Charles Uski, age 81, of Merrill, passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at the Marshfield Medical Center in Weston, WI. He was born on June 1, 1941, to the late Elis and Ruth (Amberg) Uski in Merrill. Bob attended and graduated from Merrill High School and went on to do some classes at trade schools and some construction courses. He enlisted in the United States Army in January of 1964, bravely and proudly serving his country during Vietnam,

earning his Army Commendation Medal. He was honorably discharged in January of 1966. Bob met the love of his life, Maxine Plamann and they have been together for 30 years.

Bob was a diesel mechanic by trade and had his own shop called "Bob's Repair" for many years, as well as working as a diesel mechanic for Van Der Geest Dairy Farms for several years. Prior to that, he had worked for Inland Diesel Inc in Butler, WI as a foreman for 7 years and an assistant service manager for 5 years. Bob truly had a passion and skill for repairing and doing maintenance on diesel vehicles. He was an avid outdoorsman as well and would love the peace and tranquility of the woods and looked forward to heading out to the shack and his ponds every chance he had. Deer hunting was a huge part of his life, as well as fishing. You could find Bob outdoors most of the time! He was a happy person, and he would always have a smile on his face. Bob loved visiting with and just simply being around his family and friends. He was a member of the American Legion Post 10 in Wausau, the Lions Club in Irma, he was a Bethany Cemetery Trustee and a member of the Detroit Diesel Craftsman's Guild. Bob went on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight in October of 2015 and his daughter joined him as his sponsor. He will be sadly missed, but always in the hearts of his family and friends.

Bob leaves behind his best friend and life partner: Maxine Plamann of Merrill, daughter: Jill (Thomas) Parker of McCaskill, AR, brothers: Wilbur (Patti) Uski of Huachuca, AZ and James Uski of Tomahawk and sister: Sandra (James) Gano of Irma. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service for Bob will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 7pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill. Pastor Joel Danner will officiate. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, from 4pm until the time of the service, also at the funeral home. Burial of his cremated remains and military honors will be performed by the Wausau American Legion Post 10 the following day at Bethany Lutheran Cemetery in the town of Birch.

Memorials in Bob's name may be sent to the Wausau American Legion Post 10 Honor Guard at 1001 Golf Club Road, Wausau, WI 54403

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



Edith A. 'Ede' Borelli, 85, of Merrill, passed away Friday, August 19, 2022, at Bell Tower Residence under the care of Aspirus Hospice.

Ede was born in Merrill on October 5, 1936, to Ralph and Irene (Olson) Litke. She graduated from Merrill High School in 1954 and married Leo Borelli on April 27, 1957. He preceded her in death on February 3, 2017. Ede started her career as a secretary at Ward Paper Company and then worked for over 30 years at the Lincoln County Forestry Department. After retiring in 2000, Leo and her enjoyed traveling, including special trips to Alaska and Italy. She enjoyed gardening and collecting almost anything, including salt and pepper shakers, stamps, coins, and beanie babies. But most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ede is survived by her two sons, Joe (Dawn) and Bruce (Patti), both of Verona, Wisconsin; six grandchildren, Eric (Danielle), Nick, Megan, Matt (Andrea), Steph (Brad) and Zach (Jannon); and eight great-grandchildren, Madison, Lila, Halle, Blake, Leo, Harper, Maci and Tucker. She was preceded in death by her husband Leo; parents, Ralph and Irene; and numerous aunts, uncles and in-laws.

The funeral service for Ede will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, August 26, 2022, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Merrill. Pastor Tryphine Schrubra will officiate. Burial will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at the Taylor Stine Funeral Home, Merrill and from 10:00am until the time of the service on Friday at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church or Aspirus Hospice.

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OBITUARIES



Oscar H. Silvers was born on July 13, 1934, in Boyd Town, Wisconsin to Henry Z. Silvers and Goldie C. (Jones) Silvers. Oscar died on August 8, 2022, following a brief stay at Our House Memory Care in Wisconsin Rapids. Oscar was 88 years old and passed peacefully from health complications due to dementia. He received kind, loving and devoted care at home in Merrill from his wife, Kay, and his son, Keith, and daughter-in-law, Pam, for many years.

Oscar is survived by his two sons, Kenneth J. Silvers of Quilcene, Washington and Keith B. Silvers (Pam), Merrill, Wisconsin; his sister, M. Ellen Schmidt, South Beloit, Illinois; three grandchildren, Chelsea and Kyle Silvers, Michael Wolfe; 1 great-granddaughter, Juniper; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers.

Oscar was raised in Racine, Wisconsin where he worked and completed his GED. Oscar's sons were born in Racine, while he was married to their mother, Nancy (Silvers) Reyers. They later divorced and the boys lived with their dad. Oscar lived and worked for most of his adult life in the Wausau-Wisconsin Rapids-Merrill areas. Oscar and Kay S. (Van Winter) Collins were married in 1984. Oscar was a skilled, union machinist by trade, retiring in 1999. Oscar and Kay bought and sold many homes and other properties, primarily in rural areas. Oscar built several homes and out-buildings, often by himself, and cared for feral cats on the properties. He had a passion for attending auctions and delighted in finding "good deals." Over many years, Oscar also enjoyed feeding wild birds and deer on his properties, collecting coins, working on puzzles, watching VHS WWII movies, and following political analysis programs on television.

A private family memorial gathering and burial in the Richland Center Cemetery will occur at a later date. prattfuneralservice.com



Marcella M. 'Sally' Voigt, 91, of Merrill, passed away Friday, August 19, 2022, at her home.

Marcella was born on November 24, 1930, in the Town of Hamburg, daughter of the late Marvin and Adeline (Borchardt) Langbecker. She married Earl Voigt on April 14, 1951, in the Town of Berlin. He preceded her in death on June 23, 1982. Marcella was a homemaker, she valued time with her family more than anything, she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Marcella was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, where she helped with the altar guild and the Dorcas. She was a member of the Red Hatters, the Merrill Homemakers, and the German Club. Marcella enjoyed going out for a fish fry, gardening, going to concerts at the park, and polka dancing.

Marcella is survived by her children, Marcia (Bruce) Plautz of Saint Cloud, Minnesota, Mark (LeAnn) Voigt of Merrill, Angela (Guy) LePage of Merrill, and Shawn (Breigh) Voigt of Merrill; grandchildren, Brandon (Jody) Plautz, Briana (Tina Weaver) Plautz, Ryan (April) Voigt, Adam (Ericka) Voigt, Megan Voigt (Tom Henrichs), Robert LePage, Grace LePage, Jacob LePage, Ivan Voigt, and Ashley Voigt; eighteen great-grandchildren; sister, Jane Pehlke of Green Bay; sister-in-law, Lola Schmidt; brother-in-law, Carl Voigt; and many nieces and nephews. Marcella was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Voigt; parents, Marvin and Adeline Langbecker; great-grandson, Chase Voigt; brother-in-law, Leonard Pehlke; mother-in-law and father-in-law; as well as many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

The funeral service for Marcella will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, August 29, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Rev. Scott Gustafson will officiate. Burial will follow in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M. Monday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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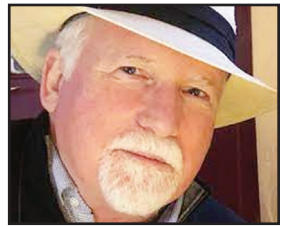
On Saturday, August 14, 2022, the Northwoods Veterans Post (NVP)/Pub 1638 held a ribbon cutting to unveil their permanent display showcasing photographs of the Merrill area veterans who have gone on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight, commemorating their experiences on their trip to Washington D.C. to see monuments erected in their honor and their return to central Wisconsin. Photos from future trips and Never Forgotten Honor Flight memorabilia will continue to be added to the display. "We wish to acknowledge the generosity of the Town of Maine Lions Club, James Campbell of Honor Flight, and the Lincoln County AMVETS for making this accolade to our local heroes possible," a representative from the NVP/Pub 1638 said. In photo, L to R: Richard Jeskey, Corey Dornbrack, Brad Berens, Steve Sabatke, U.S. Congressman Tom Tiffany, Paul Kudick, and James Campbell. **Submitted photo.**

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

On the Riviera

DEAR READER,

In another lifetime back during college days, I traveled around Europe using a Eurail Pass, along with a wing and a prayer. I passed through the French Riviera with only enough in my modest budget to buy the essentials like bread, cheese and a little wine to wash it down. Someday, I thought, I'd return when I had a few more resources to enjoy this beautiful part of the world in style. So it went on my bucket list.



Next March I plan to return to the Riviera on a sojourn sponsored by MMC Tours and see it again through a fresh pair of eyes. (MMC Tours, toursmmc.com, is affiliated with our publications and digital sites in case you're wondering). While my memory isn't as good as it once was, I do remember that every which way one turns, the views are postcardesque, like facets on a gemstone, and there is an abundance of sights to see and experience. If you're free for a week next spring, join me on this short but exhilarating adventure. While I don't think one can go back in time, it sure could be fun trying.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

Supervisors approve resolution to record Lincoln County Board, Committee meetings, post online

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022, voted to approve a resolution that will lead to County Board and Committee meetings being recorded and posted on the Lincoln County website.

"Recording Committee and County Board meetings and making the recordings available to the public would enhance the transparency of the County Board and its Committees by allowing members of the public to watch past recorded meetings that they were unable to attend in person or online," the resolution, authored by District 22 Supervisor Greg Hartwig and co-sponsored by District 20 Supervisor Angela Cummings, states.

Last year, the County used Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant funding to upgrade audio and video equipment in the County Board Assembly Room at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill. According to the resolution, this technology would be utilized to record and post meetings

online, and there would be no financial impact.

During the meeting, Hartwig said having the meetings available online allows members of the public who may not be able to attend in person to be more informed.

"That's what I was looking at with this resolution - to be more transparent, to give more people the opportunity, and us more opportunity to see what's going on in the Committee meetings," Hartwig stated.

Prior to the vote, Supervisors discussed the process of recording and posting the meetings.

The County's Information Director, Travis Spoehr, said the process "isn't terribly unfamiliar," noting that the County previously used meeting recordings for minutes.

Spoehr explained that through the Google Meets platform, which the County uses for virtual meetings, the meeting host would simply have to hit the "record" button to record a meeting, after which, the recording would be sent to the host's Google drive, a personal cloud storage and file sharing platform that

each Supervisor has. On Google Drive, the recording will become an MP4 file, after which it would be moved to a Google shared drive, a link to the drive would be created, and the link would be posted on the County's website.

A standard procedure will be implemented regarding this process, Spoehr noted.

Spoehr said although he was initially concerned about storage space due to the large size of video files, Google Drive offers a "very large amount of space" to maintain the recordings.

County Clerk Chris Marlowe said he would post the meeting links on the County's website, where agendas, minutes and more are available.

The Board also briefly discussed several other related topics, including how records requests will be handled and how long the recordings will be available online. District 9 Supervisor and Board Chair Don Friske noted that the Board would make decisions regarding those topics at a later date, in the event that the resolution was passed.

After further discussion, the resolution was approved.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 30, 2022
Girl, Isabelle Sage, born to Nicole Pikus and Michael Spencer of Merrill.

AUGUST 11, 2022
Boy, Walker Elliot, born to Brittany Lodel and Wesley Lodel of Marathon City.

Boy, Kaiden James, born to Kasey Berna and Christopher Haebig of Weston.

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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.
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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing to be held by and before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, in the Basement Conference Room, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the following proposed matters, to wit:
1. Norbert Conrad, 913 Grand Avenue, requesting a variance to M.M.C. Sec. 113-320, regulations for fencing in a residential zone in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Legally described in pin# 251-3106-112-0076.
2. Kevin Emanuel, 105 S. Ohio Street, requesting a variance to M.M.C. Sec. 113-320, regulations for fencing in a residential zone in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Legally described in pin# 251-3106-104-0134.
Anyone having any questions regarding the hearing should contact Zoning Administrator, Darin Pagel at 536-4880.
Dated: August 22, 2022
CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN
By: Lori Anderson-Malm
City Clerk
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CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
Wednesday, August 10, 2022
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
I. Call to Order: Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following elected officials, department heads and residents were in attendance:
Elected Officials and Department Heads present: City Attorney – Tom Hayden, City Administrator – Dave Johnson, City Clerk – Lori Anderson-Malm, Facilities Maintenance Manager – Nick Wszalek, Finance Director – Kathy Unerl, Fire Chief – Josh Klug, Police Chief – Corey Bennett, Public Works Director/ City Engineer – Rod Akey, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator – Darin Pagel, Park & Recreation Director – Dan Wendorf, Utility Operations Manager – Gabe Steinagel, Street Superintendent

PET OF THE WEEK



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– Dustin Bonack, Merrill Enrichment Director – Tammie Mracek and Merrill Productions.
Department Heads excused: Transit Administrator – Brad Brummond.
Residents in attendance: Al Wix, Pastor Mike Zahn, Diane Zahn, Kyle Gulke, Derek Woellner and Eric Pfantz
II. Invocation Pastor Mike Zahn – Christ United Methodist Church
III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
IV. Roll Call was taken and the following alderperson's were in attendance:
Paul Russell – First District Present
Michael "Gus" Caylor – Second District Present
Rick Blake – Third District Excused
LaDonna Fermanich – Fourth District Present
Dick Lupton – Fifth District Present
Mike Rick – Sixth District Present
Mark Weix – Seventh District Present
Steve Sabatke – Eighth District Present
V. Public Comment—There was no public comment.
VI. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting – July 12 and August 3, 2022
Alderson Russell made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12 and August 3, 2022 Common Council meetings. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion passed.
VII. Revenue & Expense Reports:
Alderson Caylor made a motion to approve the revenue and expense reports ending July 31, 2022. Alderson Weix seconded and the motion passed.
VIII. General Agenda Items:
1. Employee Years of Service Recognition:
Mayor Hass thanked all the employees for their service.
2. Consider agent change for Krist Oil Company to Kevin Erickson.
Alderson Rick made a motion to change the agent for Krist Oil Company to Kevin Erickson. Alderson Weix seconded and the motion carried.
3. Consider a Temporary Class "B" picnic license to sell fermented malt beverages for Merrill Rangers for August 12, 13, 14, 2022 in conjunction with the WBA Semi Finals.
Alderson Caylor made a motion to approve the temporary class "B" picnic license for the Merrill Rangers for August 12, 13, 14 2022. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.
IX. Health & Safety Committee:
1. Consider a Temporary Class "B" picnic license for Trinity Lutheran Church for August 28 at Trinity Lutheran Church in conjunction with the Merrill Block Party.
Alderson Sabatke made a motion to approve the temporary class "B" picnic license for Trinity Lutheran Church for August 28. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried.
X. Personnel & Finance Committee:
1. Consider the 2023-2024 contract with Bowmar Appraisal, Inc. for Maintenance & Market Revaluation.
Alderson Caylor made a motion to refer this back to the Personnel & Finance Committee for further consideration. Alderson Rick seconded the motion for discussion.
Alderson Caylor stated he would like to see this go out for bids. Finance Director Unerl stated the database is proprietary and appraiser Koski should be advised. It was suggested appraiser Koski be invited to the next Personnel & Finance meeting to discuss.
There was a motion and a second to send this back to the Personnel & Finance committee for further consideration. The motion passed on a voice vote.
XI. Place Committee Reports on File:
1. Consider placing the following

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committee reports on file: Merrill Housing Authority, Personnel & Finance Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Airport Commission, Committee of the Whole, Library Board, Marketing & Communications Committee, Board of Public Works and Committee of the Whole (various meetings from 2021).
Alderson Russell made a motion to place the committee reports on file. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.
XII. Ordinances:
1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-59, Polling Places.
City Attorney Hayden read the change in the ordinance.
Alderson Caylor made a motion to suspend the rules and have the second and third readings by title only. Alderson Russell seconded and the motion carried.
City Attorney Hayden read the second and third readings of the ordinance by title only.
Alderson Fermanich made a motion to approve the change in the ordinance. Alderson Caylor seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Alderson's Russell, Caylor, Fermanich, Lupton, Weix and Sabatke voted yes. Alderson Rick voted no. The motion passed on a 6-1 roll call vote.
XIII. Resolutions:
1. A Resolution supporting state legislative actions to reject the certified results of the 2020 Presidential elections. This was brought to the Common Council by Alderson Fermanich.
WHEREAS the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled on July 8, 2020 in Tiegen V. Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC) (No. 2022AP91) that only through legislative laws, could absentee voting via ballot drop boxes be legally permitted;
AND WHEREAS the WEC Memos issued regarding the use of voter drop boxes in the 2020 Presidential Election in the state of Wisconsin were not reflective of legislative laws, actions, or rulings;
AND WHEREAS, it has been confirmed that voter drop boxes were illegally authorized to be used and located throughout the state of Wisconsin and adjacent to the Flag Pole at Merrill City Hall, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, WI for the 2020 Presidential Election;
AND WHEREAS the Wisconsin Supreme Court has declared that all votes cast in these drop boxes are illegal and invalid having resulted in the certification of an illegal election;
AND WHEREAS it has also been documented through investigations by the Racine County Sheriff's Department and former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman that Special Voting Deputies were not properly used in nursing home facilities based on instruction from WEC Memos rather than legislative laws during the 2020 Presidential Elections;
AND WHEREAS MyVote.wi.gov has recently issued requested absentee ballots of Wisconsin Legislative Speaker of the House Robin Vos and Racine Mayor Cory Mason to an individual and address other than that of Vos and Mason;
AND WHEREAS we, as elected members of the City of Merrill City Council swore an oath to protect the Constitution of the United States of America, and the State of Wisconsin;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we expect our elected state representatives, Calvin T. Callahan Assembly District 35, and Mary Feizkowsky Senate District 12 to do the same by working with Rep. Brandtjen (R-Menominee Falls), Rep. Ramthun's (R-Campbellsport), and other state representatives to ensure election integrity and correct all fraud and weaknesses identified in the 2020 Election by any legal method available to the legislative body including reclaiming of the 10 Electoral College votes cast for Mr. Joseph R. Biden.
AND BIT IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we ask and encourage the Wisconsin State Legislature to do everything in their power to dissolve and defund the WEC and put the responsibility of election integrity into the hands of the elected position of Secretary of State, and the Wisconsin Legislature in order to ensure that the Constitutional right to vote in elections be conducted according to law.
Alderson Rick made a motion to table the resolution. Alderson Weix seconded. A roll call was taken and carried on a 5-2 vote. Alderson's

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Russell, Caylor, Lupton, Rick and Weix voted yes. Alderson's Fermanich and Sabatke voted no.
XIV. Mayor's Communications:
Mayor Hass made the following announcements:
August 13 – Food for Kids at the VFW Post
August 17-21 is the Lincoln County Fair The Labor Day Parade and Car Show at the Festival Grounds will be Monday, September 5th
The Clerk/Treasurer's office will be closed the week of August 22nd for carpet replacement.
August 19th the Aquatic Center will close for the summer.
The quilt show that was held at the Expo Center was a success.
Pork in the Park has been cancelled.
The next regular scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September, 13 at 7:00 PM
XV. Adjournment:
Mayor Hass asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L. Anderson-Malm – City Clerk.
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City of Merrill
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11 – Synopsis:
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article III, Section 2-59, Polling Places
The complete Ordinances are available on the City of Merrill website:
<https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us/>
Lori L. Anderson-Malm – City Clerk
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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.
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 20, 2022 – Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Board Room.
Board members present: Gremler, Liberty, Osness, Proulx, Volpe, Woller, Yingling and Blake. Board members absent: Krueger. Others Present: Murray, MAPS Administrators, four people from the staff and public and Recorder Woller.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Gremler to approve the adoption of the Wisconsin Academic Standards for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to approve the 2022-2023 WIAA Membership renewal. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to approve the 2022-2023 student handbooks/agendas for elementary, middle and high school. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to approve the 2022-2023 Coaches Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the contract with American Asphalt to provide construction services for the Kate Goodrich parking lot updates. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the purchase of the Dodge Caravan from Wendorf Bus Service, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Osness to approve the attached personnel

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report, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Osness, second by Liberty to approve consent agenda items a through c, which includes minutes of the June 15, 2022, June 22, 2022, and July 18, 2022, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$5,627,456.06; and, donations totaling \$1,556.89. Motion carried with Volpe abstaining from the June 15, 2022, and June 22, 2022 minutes; and, Gremler abstaining from the June 22, 2022 minutes.
Blake called for a MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(c); (e); and, (f) except where par. (b) applies. The purpose of the closed session is to discuss waiving the liquidated damages of a leaving administrator. MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried on a roll call vote.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to reconvene into open session for the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Woller to transfer authority to determine the liquidated damages from the Board to the Superintendent, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Osness
Board Clerk
KO/tlw
(The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.)
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
Case No. 22-CV-87
Case Code: 30201
ACUIITY. 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
Involuntary Plaintiff,
v.
AMANDA KOSMICKI
W469 Woodduck Lane
Merrill, WI 54452,
Defendant.

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food and gas prices," she said, noting the changes in the economy are making things very challenging for many in our area.

"Since June, we have signed up 59 new clients," Goessel said.

To get a copy of the new guidelines, simply call the Merrill Community Food Pantry at 715.536.4505.

Volunteers needed and donations appreciated

As a result of the increased need and increased use of the Food Pantry, more volunteers are needed. "We presently have 50 volunteers but need more with this increase," she said. "Please contact us at the above phone number if you wish to volunteer once or twice a month."

Currently, the Food Pantry is meeting the need in the area, however, Goessel foresees challenges ahead.

"People in Merrill have been generous in donating food from their gardens, especially during the summer months," she said. Donations of produce and pantry staples are always appreciated.

"We often receive inquiries as to what staples are most needed," Goessel said. "At this time, we need rice, meat, noodles, cream soups, and fresh vegetables and fruits."

The Food Pantry is also grateful for monetary donations, because foods they used to be able to get for free or low-cost from Feeding America have now doubled in price.

"This does not have an immediate impact, because people in the past have been very generous with monetary contributions, but within the next year, it may become a concern," she said. "The generosity of the people of Merrill and surrounding area have made it possible for us to continue with the same service, even as we have to deal with substantial difficulties."

"The Post Office collections, the Boy/Girl Scout collections, and the Fill the Gazebo event have been a tremendous aid," Goessel said. "Through the local community, we have been able to serve those in need. Thank you for your generosity!"



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Council Grounds amateur photography contest judging under way

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Finalists were selected, and voting on the finalists has now begun, to determine the winners of the 2022 Council Grounds State Park Annual Amateur Photo Contest.

The public is invited to participate in the voting via the Friends of Council Grounds State Park Facebook page or by emailing votes to: cgphotos@hotmail.com.

Voters can only vote once and can vote for one photo in each of the four categories.

The categories are: Plants, Wildlife, People Using the Park, and Landscape.

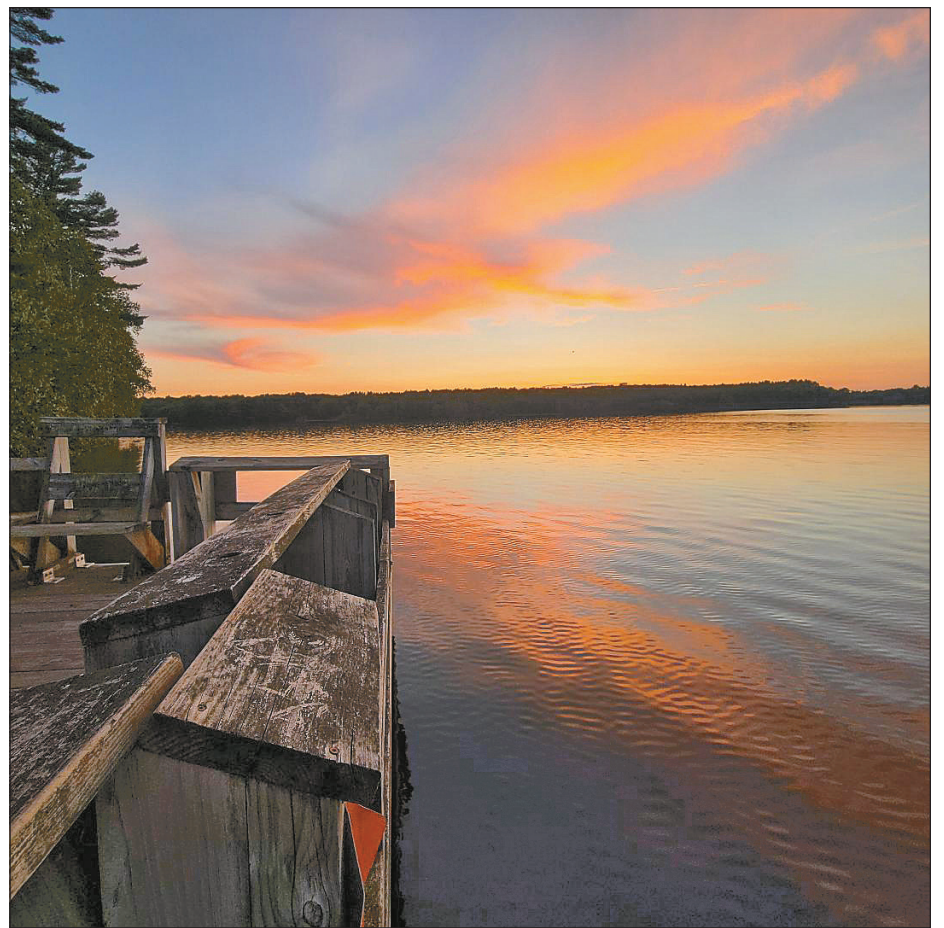
In total, 8 entries were received in the Plants category, 12 in the Wildlife category, 9 in the People Using the Park category, and 15 in the Landscape category, and of those entries, 3 finalists were selected in



Landscape entry 8: 9-11 sunrise.

each category by the Friends of Council Grounds State Park group. Entries came in from Merrill residents and from residents of eight other Wisconsin cities.

Voting runs through Sept. 15, 2022. To view the photos in person, they may also be viewed at the Council Grounds State



Landscape entry 12: Sunset off pier.



Wildlife entry 6: Seven swans a swimming.



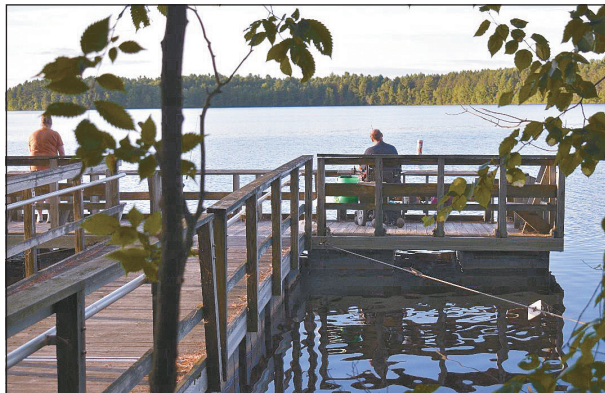
Wildlife entry 10: Eagle in flight.



Plants entry 4: Spooky tree.



Plants entry 7: Frosty oak tree.



People entry 8: Handicap fishing pier.



People entry 2: Grandpa and the twins.



People entry 6: Krueger Pines walk.



Landscape entry 10: Fall road.



Plants entry 8: Fungi on mossy log.



Wildlife entry 3: Barred owl.

Park office in Merrill or at the T.B. Scott Library in Merrill.

The first place winner in each category will receive a 2023 Wisconsin resident State Park vehicle admission sticker; second place winners will receive a gift certificate for merchandise from the Council

Grounds Park contact station store.

The Friends of Council Grounds State Park is a non-profit group and holds the contest annually for fun and to show their appreciation of the park and park visitors. There is no cost to enter the contest or to vote in the contest.

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Fall

(Now showing in theatres)

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This film is rated PG-13 – for language, adult themes, and peril

Ok, I want to start off with the fact that at no point in my life have I ever understood why some people enjoy climbing mountains or high structures. Life is good enough for me with my feet on the

ground, thank you very much.

When asked why they climb these things, I hear the same response: “Cause it’s there.” Ok, sure, if you say so, but remember, Mount Everest is littered with the frozen corpses of highly motivated people.

Fall opens up with three friends climbing some big old mountain free form, and of course, one falls and dies. His wife becomes despondent. (“Oh How could this happen, oh woe is me!”) It happened because he was a thousand feet up on a sheer rock wall—that’s how, you



dummy!
Fast forward a year when friend number three shows up with the great idea to climb a two-thousand-foot television tower in the remote New Mexico desert. Sure, it’s 70 years old. Sure, it’s rusted and dilapidated. Sure, they are going to tear it down. Sure, there are signs warning of DEATH posted all around it. Sounds like a super fun idea!!

Of course, things go wonky, and our intrepid climbers find themselves trapped on top of the tower and, of course, nobody thought that maybe telling someone where they were going was a good idea. Come on now, don’t be silly!

And from there hijinks ensue, love triangles come to light, vultures attack (yes, that happens) meth cooking rednecks have their moment, and I will not discuss the drone-nope, not gonna do it.

Fall should have been titled “This is why it’s a bad idea when cousins marry,” because our intrepid heroes are just that dumb.

Fall gets two out of five stars, because there are a couple of moments that make you tense up, and the visuals are pretty solid, but on the whole, this one is pretty dumb.

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Ojibwe Territory

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Long before the community now known as Merrill existed, the area now occupied by our city was native forested land. It was a beautiful wilderness of open skies, towering trees, and gentle hills, with the Wisconsin River and Prairie Rivers flowing through it.

Native Chippewa tribes, more correctly known as the Ojibwe, Ojibwa, Ojibway, or Anishnaabe people, traveled through and lived in the area.

A semi-nomadic people, they hunted, fished, and trapped, made maple sugar and syrup, harvested wild rice, and grew corn and squash where possible. They traveled by foot or by nearby waterways, including the Wisconsin and Prairie Rivers, in birch bark canoes.

They lived in wigwams and made their own snowshoes. During winter months, they fished through the ice.

Bands of this Algonquian-speaking North American Indian tribe occupied most of Wisconsin, along with Minnesota, Michigan, North Dakota, and parts of southern Canada.

Their earliest contact with white men is said to have been with French trappers and missionaries.

Father Menard

René Ménard, who was born in Paris, France, on March 2, 1605, was one such missionary. He became a Jesuit on Nov.

7, 1624, and arrived in Quebec, Canada, in early May, 1640. He traveled as a French Jesuit missionary explorer, along with fur traders and trading parties from native American tribes. In the course of his life, he worked among many native tribes and communities and learned many native American languages.

In 1660, at the age of 55, Father Menard was commissioned to establish a mission among the Ottawa in what is now northern Wisconsin. He and his party of Ottawa and fur traders endured great hardships paddling continuously as they traveled by water, carrying heavy loads and existing on small rations. Nonetheless, Menard persisted and is said to have baptized and taught the Christian faith to many.

In the spring of 1661, the story goes that he heard a band of Hurons was starving and he embarked on a mission to travel to minister to them, though he himself had only some dried meat and a bag of sturgeon. He traveled with a fur trader and walked and canoed down into what is believed to be present-day Taylor County. Then, at a rapids, about a day's journey from his destination, he became separated from his companion and disappeared.

A granite monument in honor of Father René Menard, located north of Merrill on Hwy. 107, indicates he disap-

See OJIBWE page 7



The Father (Père is French for Father) René Menard memorial is located alongside Hwy. 107 north of Merrill at the top of a steep hill in memory of the Jesuit priest who is believed to be one of the first Europeans in the Merrill area back in July 1661. Tina L. Scott photo.

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Leadership through the years

Jenny Bull Falls

In 1846, Andrew Warren bought land where the Wisconsin and Prairie Rivers come together. He built a small settlement to house his workers and built a dam and a sawmill. The area became known as Jenny Bull Falls, later just “Jenny,” and some maps even showed the settlement as “Virginia.”



Today the former Merrill City Hall still stands tall and proud in the center of the City of Merrill but is no longer used for government purposes. It is privately owned and has been renovated, restored, and converted into unique apartments that maintain as much of the original character of the building as possible.
Tina L. Scott photo.

There was no known formal organization or leadership initially, but it is logical that Andrew Warren was seen as a leader of that time, since he owned the area being developed and had assembled the crew of workmen.

In 1851, the Town of Jenny was officially formed, but a state map of Wisconsin from 1853 shows the name as “Virginia,” and not “Jenny.” As such, there was speculation that the town was named after an actual person, however, there are no records to substantiate this. When formed, three Town Supervisors were selected to oversee the Town’s business: W. Wilson, Chairman; John Cooper, Clerk; and Joe Snow, Side Supervisor.

The community, for about 20 years, was described as largely a stopping place for lumbermen, log drivers, and those in need of goods for the logging camps in the area that provided the logs for the sawmill. The community grew quietly and slowly.

In 1870, Thomas B. Scott (also known as T.B. Scott) purchased a share in Warren’s lumber mill and became a prominent man in the growing community.

Historical accounts suggest the railroad was extended to the community in 1879, which marked the beginning of more rapid expansion and growth of the community.

The City of Merrill

A resolution of the Wisconsin State Legislature in the winter session of 1880-1881 changed the name of the community to Merrill, named after Sherburn Sanborn Merrill, the general manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad, who was instrumental in bringing the railroad north to the community.

In 1883, the City of Merrill was incorporated, a Common Council was formed and began to meet, and Merrill named its first Mayor to represent the City.

The following is a historical list of Merrill’s Mayors, from the time the City was incorporated until the present.

- Thomas B. Scott (1883-1884)
- Elisha L. Bump (1885)
- Thomas P. Mathews (1886)
- Almon A. Helms (1887)
- J.N. Cotter (1888)
- Julius Thielman (1889, 1899, 1908-1909)
- L.N. Anson (1890-1891)
- Henry W. Wright (1892, 1901)
- Charles H. Badeau (1893)
- Harry H. Foster (1894)
- John R. Babcock (1895)
- Herman R. Fehland (1896)
- August H. Stange (1897-1898, 1900, 1901)
- Alfred H. Wright (1902-1903)
- John O’Day (1904-1905)
- George M. Anson (1906-1907)
- John Elsen (1910-1911)
- J.A. Emerich (1912-1913)
- F.J. Smith (1914-1918)
- D.B. Reinhart (1918-1924)
- A. R. Wittman (1924-1928, 1930-1932)
- Gordon B. Cotter (1928-1930, 1952-1960)
- W.H. Au Buchon (1932-1946)
- Fred Reger (1946-1948)
- Dr. Erling O. Ravn (1948-1950)
- Donald E. Semling (1950-1952)
- Ralph F.J. Voigt (1960-1978)
- Patrick N. Nugent (1978-1979)
- Ellsworth Plautz (1979)
- Richard F. Holt (1980-1988)
- Kenneth E. Sparr (1988-1992)
- Patricia Woller (1991, 1992-1998)
- Michael J. Caylor (1998-2002)
- Douglas C. Williams (2002-2010)
- Bill Bialecki (2010-2018)
- Derek Woellner (2018-2022)
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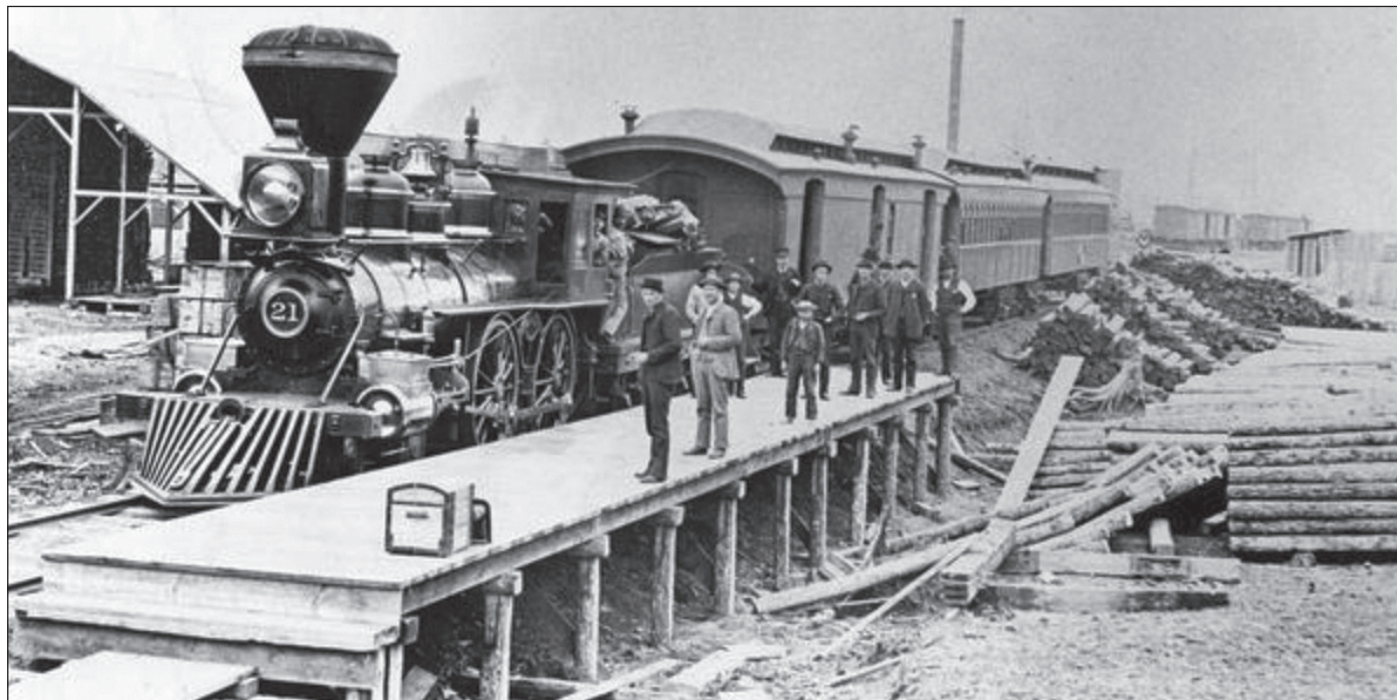
TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The beginnings of a community

The discovery of this area by lumber scouts was the beginning of the settlement that grew to become the community we know as Merrill today.

After Andrew Warren purchased land in 1846 and constructed his 500-foot-long by nine-foot-high dam, 175 years ago in 1947, and then his sawmill powered by the dam, other logging-based enterprises also came to the area. Businesses that supported the needs of area logging camps and businesses directly related to logging boomed. Warren constructed basic housing for his crew, and the community began to grow. Others came to the area and built more saw mills. Workers and families followed. Services and retail emerged to support the community.

Logging was the industry of the time, and this area had the resources to fuel



Passengers greet the arrival of the first passenger train to arrive in Merrill, Wisconsin, a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway train. There is a raised platform but no depot.

the industry and the growth of a new community.

The small fledgling community was initially called Jenny Bull, or Jenny Bull

Falls, consistent with the names of many communities along the Wisconsin River that ended with "Bull Falls." In 1851, the Town of Jenny was officially formed,

but a state map of Wisconsin from 1853 shows the name as "Virginia," and not "Jenny."

A story about an Indian princess

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named Jenny surfaced years later, suggesting that she was the origin of the town's name, but that story has been dismissed as quaint folklore, and some accounts say a newspaper reporter from Milwaukee concocted the story in 1892. There is other speculation about the source of the name, but there are no facts to determine the true origin of the name Jenny for the town.

Residents organized and voted to build a school. It was built behind what is now Kindhearted Home Care in Merrill's downtown area.

In 1874, Lincoln County was created and Jenny became the County seat.

According to the City of Merrill website, "The population of Lincoln County in 1875 was 895, with Lincoln County extending north to the Michigan border. In 1880, the population of Lincoln County had increased to 2,011, with 822 being residents of present day Merrill."

From just a few people and families in 1855, the community grew steadily, increasing after a permanent bridge was constructed across the Wisconsin River in 1871, and then grew drastically once the railroad reached the area in 1879.

T.B. Scott bought into Warren's original saw mill, and ultimately purchased it so that by 1880 it was owned entirely by T.B. Scott and became known as the T.B. Scott Lumber Co.

In 1881, the Village Board passed a Resolution to rename the town Merrill, after Sherburn Sanborn Merrill, who was the General Manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. The original plat survey of the corresponding area took place.

Also in 1881, the Wisconsin Telephone company began operation with twenty phones in service.

In 1883, the City of Merrill was incorporated, and T.B. Scott was named as the City's first Mayor.

"In 1885, Lincoln County was divided and the northern portion became Oneida County. Between 1880 and 1885 the population of Lincoln County more than doubled, as did the population of Merrill. By 1885 the population had risen to 7,000, approximately three thousand less than Merrill's population today," the City of Merrill website said.

New businesses and industries emerge

Around 1900, with the timber industry in decline, new industries and businesses began to emerge in Merrill. Many of those were byproducts of the lumber industry, utilizing the rich lumber resources nearby. New companies emerged to make windows and doors, and some of those companies are still in business today.

And over the years new businesses began in completely new industries—from insurance to manufacturers of metal parts and products to a shoe factory—many of which have deep roots in the Merrill community and have been active employers of residents for many years.

The growth of a City - public transportation.

The railroad accommodated transportation of passengers between cities.

Then in 1889, the Merrill Railway & Lighting Co was set up in Merrill, providing public transportation within the City limits. Merrill was one of the first cities in Wisconsin to start an electric trolley service.

In 1913, a trackless trolley was added, extending service to the Sixth Ward, to bring riders to the main trolley line.

Every 10 minutes, 16 hours a day, the trolley made a trip to transport residents. In 1915, Wisconsin Valley Electric purchased the company.

In 1921, electric trolleys were replaced with motorized buses, and in 1975, Merrill adopted a full service transit system and dubbed it the Merrill Go Round, which still operates today. The system operates on-demand, with curb to curb service, similar to a taxi service, which is unique and not a service offered by most city bus services, and a huge benefit to Merrill's citizens.

The railroad and passenger depot, once "a hub of social activity through the lumber industry's boom years and after" became a community youth center and was later dismantled to accommodate business growth in the community.



A view of the current dam on the Wisconsin River in Merrill near Merrill's downtown and River Bend Trail.

Tina L. Scott photo.

Merrill today

Today the City of Merrill is still the County seat of Lincoln County, with a population of nearly 10,000.

As the City grew, municipal services expanded to include police and fire departments, ambulance service, water and wastewater utilities, and garbage and recycling pickup, among many other services.

A variety of industries, commercial enterprises, and retail businesses now employ residents from Merrill and other nearby communities.

Long known as "The City of Parks," the City offers abundant recreational opportunities for youth and adults alike. The beautiful outdoor spaces provide playgrounds and ball fields, soccer fields and a water park, and ample spaces for picnics, sports, swimming, skateboarding, playing, kayaking, canoeing, walking, running, biking, disc golf, and just resting and socializing, with park pavilions for special events available for rental.

The River Bend Trail is a perfect example of a place to enjoy many of these things right within the City limits, or a little further out, all the way to nearby Council Grounds State Park where camping, hiking, walking, boating, swimming, and fishing, and in winter, ice fishing and the Ice Drags races are nearby.

The T.B. Scott Library in Merrill is an award-winning facility with a collection of books and resources comparable to libraries in much larger cities and extensive programming for youth and adults alike.

The Merrill Enrichment Center and several nursing and assisting living facilities in the community remind residents that Merrill is home to a diverse community and is a great place to work, play, and also to retire, with care right here in the community for those who need it. A hospital and multiple medical facilities in the community also address community needs, in addition to dental, optometry, podiatry, and mental health care.

Quaint coffee shops and restaurants, taverns, wineries, and breweries ... manufacturers of all kinds ... construction businesses and automotive repair ... car dealerships ... retail stores of all kinds ... schools ... churches ... hair stylists and barbers ... gyms and athletic facilities ... investment firms, banks, and credit unions ... gas stations and hotels ... and so much more. Merrill is growing.

Small town charm, Northwoods hospitality, and year-round events including free weekly outdoor concerts at Normal Park, a Farmer's Market, the outdoor pool and water park at the Merrill Area Recreation Center, indoor pools, the Lincoln County Fair, Barleyfest, Winterfest, the Labor Day Parade, Pro-Rodeo, free horse shows, ice-cream socials,

movie nights, snowmobiling, fishing (including ice fishing), snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, the Ice Drags auto racing, boating, kayaking, hiking, biking, camping, bird watching, a seasonal haunted house, horseback riding, antiquing, and so much more – it's all right here.

Residents and visitors can enjoy seeing wildlife including deer, bear, fox, raccoon, coyote, timber wolves, otter, beaver, muskrat, woodchucks, porcupines, skunks, bald eagles, Canadian geese, migrating swans, cranes, herons, turkeys, bald eagles, owls, ducks, bluejays, robins, cardinals, chickadees, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, and many more varieties of birds and animals too numerous to mention.

In addition to the Wisconsin River and Prairie River, there are many lakes and streams great for fishing—for panfish, crappies, bluegills, perch, trout, walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, and muskies.

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Housing is booming in Merrill, with apartment buildings and single family housing being constructed as this goes to print.

Opportunities abound in Merrill. For work. For living and growing. For recreation. Merrill has a little bit of everything for almost everyone. A quiet growing community of people who want it all—a place to raise a family, grow a career, and to retire; a place to learn and thrive; a place to work and make a good life for themselves; a place to enjoy the outdoors and recreation in their free time.

The people who are drawn to live and work and play in Merrill are here because there is so much to love. This community has come a long way ... from Timber to Today. Residents here are drawn to the area because they know there is "More to Life." And it's all right here.



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Visit the Merrill Historical Society & Cultural Center

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Historical Society History & Cultural Center, 100 E. Third St. in Merrill, has a special exhibit commemorating the community's 175th Anniversary

on display entitled "Celebrating 175 Years of Community Pride."

"We are celebrating Andrew Warren's building of the Merrill Dam in 1847 which brought people to the town and village of Jenny - 175 years ago," said Pat Burg, Merrill Historical Society Treasurer.

"We have an exhibit that will be up through mid-October celebrating the businesses and people who have contributed to Merrill and the Society over the years," she said.

"I think Merrill has a great deal of community pride, and that is what the

Historical Society is commemorating with this 175th Anniversary - remembering the foundation of Jenny and our transformation to Merrill which became a notable city," Burg said. "We have many great pioneers who came with their strength and initiative, and they had families who took up their roots here. There are many businesses who were founded over 100 years ago and are still regarded as valuable contributors to our economy. Reflect and take pride in who we are and who you are."

Filled with an array of historical photographs in this display showing the changes and growth in the community as it was developed, the Historical Society also has other exhibits and resources to explore. Local history buffs will enjoy all of the detailed information available and the Historical Society staff are always willing to help dig up information about a particular subject, place, or event of interest in the community's history.

Home school students and classroom visits to the museum and cultural center would enhance an appreciation of local history for youth, as well.

The Merrill Historical Society History & Cultural Center is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and visitors are also welcome to call in advance to set up a time to visit. They are happy to open if volunteers or staff are available, Burg said. Call 715.536.5652 or email: merrillpast@gmail.com for more information.



The Merrill Historical Society utilizes costumed characters to "bring history to life" in some of their events. Above is, a past photo from one of the "Nickel Tours" they periodically do, enabling citizens to come out and tour the area and learn more about the history of the Merrill community.



Eagles Before

The Merrill Eagles

Chartered in November of 1903. Eagles purchased 51/17 club in 1949. Was a log building. Eagles put siding on the outside but the logs remained on the inside. A kitchen was developed and we started serving fish fries. Steak night was once a month, and was very popular the 1st Tuesday of the month. Bingo was also held for many years. The Auxiliary was established in November of 1951. The Eagle's Carnival was held annually in the 1960's and early 70's. After estimates to renovate the existing building proved costly, it was decided to build a new one. Construction of the new building began in June of 2008. The new building opened for business in January of 2009. The Eagles continue to serve food Tuesday - Friday and has a large banquet hall for special events. The Rotary Club, Optimists, and Lions all meet at the Eagles club. Other groups also meet regularly, the Merrill Eagles has one of the larger memberships in the State. The Eagles have raised thousands of dollars with proceeds going locally, State, and Nation wide.

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peared while portaging around Bill Cross Rapids in the nearby Wisconsin River.

Catholic historical records say Menard's cassock and breviary were later found among the Dakotas, and a sign in Iron County, Michigan, near the Michigamme River, claims Father Menard died there on July 4, 1861.

It is likely Father Menard was one of the earliest white men to have traveled through or near the community now known as Merrill.

Earliest settlers, Beaulieux Rapids, lumber scouts

As America began expanding settlements further west, fur traders and lumber scouts ventured into previously unexplored territory.

Before Merrill was settled, it was forest. Virgin timber, ripe for the logging industry, covered the countryside.

Most Merrill residents know that prior to being Merrill, the community was known as the town or village of Jenny, and some even know it was referred to as Jenny Bull Falls, but most don't know that even prior to that, the area was known as Beaulieux Rapids, named after an early French trader, whose last name was known by various spellings [depending on the source] including the Americanized spelling of Bollier.

Various historical accounts dispute the date of that French trader's arrival, with one source citing 1831 or 1832, while another claims he arrived in 1818 and built a log cabin about a mile below what became the site of Jenny.

The area was also settled by John Hogan, who filed under a squatter's claim in 1843. Logging scouts came to the area and established a logging camp near what is now the foot of Center Ave.

Warren builds a dam

Articles in various newspapers indicate Hogan's claim was sold to Andrew Warren in 1846, who con-

structed a 500-foot-long and 9-foot-high dam across the Wisconsin River in 1847, and then constructed the area's first sawmill at what is now the foot of Mill Street, establishing a permanent community here. Thus, 1847 is heralded as the beginning of the settlement that would

come to be known as Merrill, Wisconsin.

That was 175 years ago. And so this 175th anniversary of the construction of the dam and the beginning of the settlement of this area is cause for recognition and celebration.



A close up of another mural in Merrill shares positive messages and brightens up the community.

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Tina L. Scott photos.



A close up view of a portion of another mural in downtown Merrill. This hidden gem is located behind the Crossbridge Community Bank parking lot and is visible and easily accessible from the River Bend Trail. The railroad was an integral part of Merrill's history and still serves the Merrill community.



A close up view of a portion of the mural located behind the Crossbridge Community Bank parking lot showcasing a view of Merrill's downtown, past and present combined, behind an electric trolley car. It's worth a short walk to check out the entire mural.



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Submitted photo.

MAPS accepts August donations

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the Aug. 17 Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Directors meeting: Funds from Mike Jirovec valued at \$200.00 to the Merrill Marching Band in memory of Sandra Kae Jirovec for the Merrill Marching Band Tournament of Roses parade travel expenses.

MAPS makes leadership changes throughout the district

When the new school year begins for students in the Merrill Area Public School District, odds are there will be new faces greeting them in most buildings and leadership positions throughout the District.

The changes began when new Superintendent Shannon Murray took over in July for retired Superintendent Dr. John Sample. Murray is no stranger to the District, having served as the Merrill High School (MHS) Principal for the previous 16 years. Murray's new role led to a bit of a domino effect around the District.



Shannon Murray, MAPS Superintendent of Schools. Katie Hanson photo.

Trisha Detert, recent Principal and Director of the Pine River School for Young Learners (PRYSL) will take Murray's spot at MHS. "We were fortunate to have very good candidate pools for each of our administrative positions this year, but throughout the process it was clear that Trisha was the right choice to lead MHS," Murray said.

Former Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) Principal Ryan Martinovici transferred to PRYSL to replace Mrs. Detert where, according to Murray, "Ryan's leadership, style, and eye for details will be a great asset to the PRYSL staff, students, and families."

A search committee was then formed to find a new Principal for PRMS to replace Martinovici, and Diane Goetsch was selected to lead there, moving forward. "Diane comes to us from the DC Everest School District where she has served as an Administrator for a num-

ber of years. Her unique blend of leadership experiences and skills, her style, and her connections to the Merrill community make her a great fit," Murray added. Goetsch will be joined by new PRMS Associate Principal, Matt Schult, who transferred from the same role at Kate Goodrich Elementary School. Former Kate Goodrich Elementary teacher, Heather Kahr, replaces Schult at Kate Goodrich as the Associate Principal there. Elsewhere in the District, Kelley Strike began this summer as the new Director of Business Services and replaced Edward Then, who accepted a position at Lakeland Union High School. According to Murray, "Kelley brings a wide variety of experiences to her new role that will be very valuable to our District. These skills, combined with her extensive network and resources, have already proven very helpful to MAPS." Strike comes to Merrill from Tigerton, where she served as the Superintendent of Schools for the past two years.

Lastly, long time Merrill teacher and coach, Scott Arneson, has replaced John Miller as the High School and Middle School Activities Director. "Scott is very well known in our community, in our conferences, and throughout the state. He brings a nice mix of District history and knowledge, combined with a fresh outlook and enthusiasm, to his position.

See **CHANGES** page 24

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The Merrill Police Department continues to investigate vandalism to numerous headstones at Merrill Memorial Park during the overnight period of July 27-28, 2018. Any tip may be crucial to identification of person(s) present.

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State Building Commission approved construction of new facilities at Council Grounds

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

In a press release on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, Gov. Tony Evers announced the State Building Commission, which is comprised of three State Senators, three State Representatives, and one citizen member, and chaired by Gov. Evers,

had approved \$306 million in projects across Wisconsin, to include a project in Lincoln County.

Construction of a new toilet and shower building and vault toilet facility at Council Grounds State Park was on the list of the Commission's highlighted and approved projects.

Wisconsin homes sell fast

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

According to a study by online bank Tangerine.ca using analyzed data from Zillow, which included the average "days to pending" and "days to close" numbers over the past four years, Wisconsin is in the top 10 states where homes are selling the fastest.

Wisconsin came in ninth place, with it taking approximately 77.38 days to completely sell a home from the time it was listed on the site. It took on average 51.83 "days to pending," referring to how long it took to get an offer, and then on average 25.55 days to closing.

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For pictures go to our facebook page at V&J Estate Sales and Service or Estatesales.org Sign up sheet out at 9am

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Estate Sales 7208

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8/26-8/28/22
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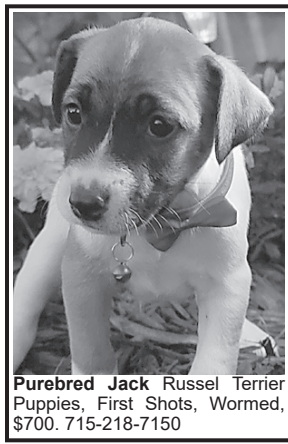
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Russ Sukow Memorial Golf Outing donates to Merrill Traveling Bowling Team

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Russ Sukow Memorial Golf Outing was held in June 2022 in honor of the late Russ Sukow who died in 2013. His brothers, Sid Sukow and Mort Sukow, ensure he is not forgotten by holding an annual golf outing in his memory, to have fun golfing with family and friends, and to donate the money they raise to a good cause locally. Specifically, they like to donate to a cause that somehow relates to Russ or to support a sport he once played.

This year the Russ Sukow Memorial Golf Outing raised \$500 and those proceeds were donated to the Merrill Traveling Bowling Team where they will be used primarily to cover entry fees and equipment, Bowling Coach Tyler Catlin said.

A photo with the Sukows presenting a check to Catlin and two youth bowlers, representing the Merrill Traveling Bowling Team, was taken by the Russ Sukow memorial on the Merrill Golf Course near hole #15, the hole where Russ
See DONATION page 24



Dylan Smith and Peyton Smith, representing the Merrill Bowling Team, and Bowling Coach Tyler Catlin accept a donation from Sid Sukow, Cecil Sukow [wife of the late Russ Sukow], and Mort Sukow by the Russ Sukow memorial on the Merrill Golf Course.
Tina L. Scott photo.

REPORTS

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

WRAP UP FOR THE PERIOD OF:
08/15/2022 – 08/21/2022

08/15/22 a deputy stopped a vehicle for speeding on USH 51 near Pope Rd. in the Town of Merrill. The driver, a 24-year-old South Holland, Ill., man, was cited for traveling 105 mph in a 65 mph zone.

08/16/2022 deputies were dispatched to an address on Merrill Town Hall Rd. in the Town of Merrill for a domestic dispute that was reported to be physical with injuries. Deputies arrived on scene to learn that the dispute was between a 52-year-old Merrill man and his 52-year-old wife. During the argument, it was reported that the male subject punched his wife in the face and slammed her head into the ground. As a result of this, the male was arrested and transported to the Lincoln County Jail where he was booked in for domestic battery and disorderly conduct. The female party did receive injuries as a result of the incident but refused medical treatment.

08/17/2022 a deputy was dispatched to the area of Neuwirth Rd. and Echo Lake Rd. in the Town of Russell for a car crash with no injuries. When the deputy arrived on scene, he spoke with a 32-year-old Three Lakes man who was working on trying to get the car out of the ditch and running. The deputy felt that the male was being untruthful in answering the deputy's questions. The deputy found that the male who was the driver was required to have an ignition interlock device installed in his car for previous OWI violations and he did not have one. As a result, the male was arrested for the violation and transported to the Lincoln County Jail.

08/17/2022 deputies were dispatched to the area of CTH Q and CTH Z in the Town of Scott for a reported minor car crash with injuries. It was reported that a vehicle traveling on CTH Q struck a turkey, destroying the vehicle's windshield. As a result, the driver, a 47-year-old Plover woman, received minor cuts. She did not require medical treatment.

08/17/2022 a deputy on patrol was traveling northbound on CTH A attempting to turn onto CTH

U in the Town of Bradley. As the deputy was slowing and stopping in traffic, another northbound vehicle struck the deputy's squad in the right rear corner, causing minor damage to the squad. No injuries were reported as a result of the crash. Tomahawk Police Dept. investigated the crash, as it involved a Sheriff's squad.

08/22/2022 a deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle on USH 51 and USH 8 in the Town of Bradley for a speeding violation. Upon making contact with the driver, a 21-year-old Clinton man, he was found to be under the influence of intoxicants. The driver was placed through a series of standard field sobriety tests and, as a result of those tests, was arrested for first offense OWI. Two of the vehicle's passengers were cited for seatbelt violations and one for underage alcohol.

08/20/22 dispatch received a call of a possible burglary in progress at an address on CTH CC in the Town of Wilson. The suspect, a 55-year-old Tomahawk man, was formerly in a relationship with one of the females in the house he was attempting to break into. Prior to deputies arriving on scene, the

suspect left the property. Deputies located the suspect a short time later and stopped him to continue the investigation. During the stop, the driver showed signs of impairment and was placed through a series of standard field sobriety tests. As a result of those tests, the driver was arrested for OWI first offense and probation violation.

08/21/22 a deputy on patrol located a vehicle parked on the side of the road on USH 51 near CTH K in the Town of Merrill. Upon investigating, the deputy found the driver and only occupant, a 55-year-old Merrill man, sleeping in the car. In talking with the deputy, the man first said he had been driving all day and was just tired, but then later admitted that he had too much to drink and pulled over. The man refused to do standard field sobriety tests and, as a result, was placed under arrest for a fifth offense of OWI which is a felony.

08/21/22 a deputy was dispatched to the Lincoln County Jail to investigate an incident where an inmate assaulted a correction officer. It was reported that an inmate in the jail, a 41-year-old Merrill man, had spit on a correc-

tions officer. Charges of disorderly conduct and prisoner throw/expel bodily substance will be requested against the inmate. The inmate is awaiting trial for a felony arrest from 2021 and since being in jail has been charged several times with spitting on staff.

08/21/22 the Sheriff's Office received at least 14 complaints of property damage in the areas along STH 107 in the Towns of Rock Falls and Bradley. There was also damage reported on CTH JJ in the Town of Rock Falls and on Pope Rd. in the Town of Merrill. The property being damaged ranged from mail boxes to street signs, and in some cases it looked as though the items were intentionally stuck by a car. The Sheriff's Office is looking for the public's help in identifying those responsible for the damage. If you know or have seen anything, please contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 715.536.6272.

During this week period there were seven reported car/deer crashes.

MERRILL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR PERIOD ENDING AUG. 21, 2022

EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	39
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1
Rescue or EMS standby	7
Standby for Tomahawks E.M.S.	1
Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1
Total Incidents This Week:	50
Total Incidents/ Calls for 2022:	1,407

MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

08-15-22 At 1:24 p.m. a caller reported someone stole medication that was mailed to him. Investigation is ongoing.

At 3:24 p.m. a business reported two males who were acting strangely in the business. The two men were taking photos of one another, and one appeared injured.

At 7:39 p.m. a store reported a female shoplifting in the store. An officer located the female, and she had concealed nearly \$160 worth of merchandise in her purse and pockets. She provided her cousin's name and information to the officer. A photo of the cousin was obtained from Vilas County Jail, and the photo did not match the thief. She admitted she had lied because she had a warrant. She was arrested for retail theft, inappropriate identification to avoid penalty, two counts of felony bail jumping, a Vilas County warrant, and a warrant through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

At 9:06 p.m. a caller reported a juvenile male was continuously ringing his doorbell and running to a park across the street before the caller answered the door. An officer spoke to the juvenile's mother who said she would address the issue with her son's behavior.

08-16-22 At 12:39 p.m. a caller reported someone entered three unlocked vehicles at their residence, stealing items from inside the vehicles. Investigation is ongoing.

At 2:45 p.m. a caller reported a fraud attempt. The caller received a phone call from someone claiming to be from Social Services. The caller provided bank account information to the scammer. Investigation is ongoing.

At 3:35 p.m. a caller reported finding a check on the ground.

The officer returned the check to the owner, who reported a family member had stolen her checks, including this one. The checks were found to be stolen from a county address, and the investigation was turned over to Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

At 6:20 p.m. a tavern reported an intoxicated male was causing issues and was escorted from the tavern, and there was concern he would attempt to drive. It was found the man had been refused further service due to his level of intoxication, and he was asked to leave. He became loud and vulgar and was escorted outside by a patron. The man had also reportedly pushed the owner. The man was cited for disorderly conduct and provided a ride home.

At 10:15 p.m. a caller reported her daughter and friend were walking home from a park and two males in a truck harassed them along the way.

08-17-2022

At 2:22 a.m. a vehicle was stopped and the driver was issued a citation for failing to yield.

At 4:19 a.m. officers were contact by an individual regarding a historical domestic. According to the male, he stated that a female living with him had hit him, pushed him, and then slapped him earlier in the morning before he got ready for work. When officers went to speak with the female, she refused to provide a statement. The female was then taken into custody for the incident.

08-18-2022

At 3:19 p.m. two scooters were reported as stolen from the Merrill Festival Grounds. The scooters were later located, and citations will be issued to the individuals found to have taken them.

08-19-22

At 1:50 a.m. a caller reported a male at a tavern fighting with other patrons. Upon arrival, two males were found physically fighting in the roadway. It was found one of the males was told to leave the tavern by the bartender. Another patron left and found the man outside the tavern, who then became confrontational toward him. The two began fighting. The instigator was arrested for battery, disorderly conduct, and bail jumping.

At 10:32 a.m. a caller reported someone accessed her checking account and it was overdrawn by several thousand dollars. Investigation is ongoing.

At 3:12 p.m. a caller reported someone accessed his cell phone account, adding new lines without his consent. Investigation is ongoing.

08-20-22

At 5:12 p.m. an officer investigated a minor crash in a parking lot.

At 11:02 p.m. a caller reported two youths he knew to be in high school were consuming beer in a beer tent at the fair. Contact was made with the juveniles, and they were cited for underage drinking and released to their parents.

08-21-22

At 3:15 a.m. officers responded to a 911 hang-up call. It was found an intoxicated male at the residence had thrown a fan across the room and shoved a female. The man was arrested for domestic disorderly conduct and probation violation.

At 10:31 a.m. a male reported a female was refusing to leave his residence. The female decided she would leave when officers arrived.

At 10:56 p.m. a caller requested assistance removing a bat from her apartment. An officer was able to capture the bat and released it back outdoors.

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Merrill Girls Tennis Team starts off busy singles season

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Aug. 22-Antigo and Wisconsin Rapids

The Antigo Red Robins played the Merrill Lady Jays at Merrill on the tennis courts on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022. Antigo took away the win with a final score Antigo 5 - Merrill 2.

Match results in singles were:

No. 1 - Sierra Oelke of Antigo defeated Lauren Cohrs of Merrill, 6-3, 6-2, -;

No. 2 - Sarah Rell of Merrill defeated Jacqueline Belling of Antigo, 6-2, 6-3, -;

No. 3 - Chloe Belant of Merrill defeated Hailey Warren of Antigo, 6-0, 6-0, -;

No. 4 - Lily Baumgardner of Antigo defeated Kaytlyn Hulke of Merrill, 3-6, 6-4, 10-6;

Antigo took the wins in the doubles matches as all three were forfeited by Merrill due to not having doubles teams in Merrill this year.

No. 1 - Molly Neufeld/Elena Bussiere of Antigo took the win due to Merrill forfeit, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 2 - Anna Vandeweerd/Hailey Burhop of Antigo took the win due to Merrill forfeit, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 3 - Evie Trabant-mckenna/Anna Heuss of Antigo took the win due to Merrill forfeit, 2-0, 2-0, -;

The Wisconsin Rapids girls were also at Merrill Aug. 22 for matches against the Merrill ladies. Rapids took the win of Wisconsin Rapids 6 - Merrill 1.

Singles match results were:

No. 1 - Lauren Cohrs of Merrill defeated Corinne Sazama of Wisconsin Rapids, 6-1, 6-2, -;

No. 2 - Jenna Wentland of Wisconsin Rapids defeated Sarah Rell of Merrill, 6-1, 6-1, -;

No. 3 - Hayley Jensen of Wisconsin Rapids defeated Chloe Belant of Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

No. 4 - Julia Krueger of Wisconsin Rapids defeated Kaytlyn Hulke of Merrill, 6-2, 6-1, -;

Doubles were a forfeit due to Merrill not having doubles teams.

No. 1 - Abbey Gust/Teagann Bondioli of Wisconsin Rapids took the win due to Merrill forfeit, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 2 - Aleeya Leach/Sawyer Holdberg of Wisconsin Rapids took the win due to Merrill forfeit, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 3 - Sydney Holberg/Chloe Trzebiatowski of Wisconsin Rapids took the win due to Merrill forfeit, 2-0, 2-0, -;

Aug. 19-Rhineland and Luther L. Wright

On Friday, Aug. 19, the Merrill Girls Tennis Team traveled to Rhineland where they played matches against both Rhineland and Luther L. Wright High School.

"We really elevated our play against Rhineland, but we fell short," said Brad Barton, Merrill High Girls Head Tennis Coach. "Rhineland consistently has a good team every year."

Final score against Rhineland was a defeat for Merrill: Rhineland 7 - Merrill 0.

Singles match results:

No. 1 - Tori Riopel of Rhineland defeated Lauren Cohrs of Merrill, 6-1, 6-1, -;

No. 2 - Kelsey Winter of Rhineland defeated Sarah Rell of Merrill, 6-1, 6-1, -;

No. 3 - Shayla Coppenger of Rhineland defeated Chloe Belant of Merrill, 6-0, 6-3, -;

No. 4 - Dawsyn Barkus of Rhineland defeated Kaytlyn Hulke of Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

Doubles forfeitures added three automatic points to Rhineland's score:



Lauren Cohrs serving vs Rhineland.

Brad Barton photos.



Sarah Rell delivering a powerful ground stroke in the recent game against Medford.

No. 1 - Paige Oleinik/Taylor Riopel of Rhineland defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 2 - Helena Wisner/Kayla Tessman of Rhineland defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 3 - Olivia Jones/Echo Gustafson of Rhineland defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

Merrill Girls took the win against Luther L. Wright High School. Final score: Merrill 4 - Luther L. Wright 2.

Singles match results:

No. 1 - Lauren Cohrs of Merrill defeated Anneka Anderson of Luther Wright, 6-3, 6-4, -;

No. 2 - Sarah Rell of Merrill defeated Jacinta Lauzon of Luther Wright, 6-1, 7-5, -;

No. 3 - Chloe Belant of Merrill defeated Hannah Castillo of Luther Wright, 6-1, 6-2, -;

No. 4 - Kaytlyn Hulke of Merrill defeated Hailey Johnson of Luther Wright, 6-0, 6-3, -;

Doubles were a forfeiture of two points: No. 1 - Lucia Lauzon/Sarah Lauzon, of Luther Wright defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 2 - Emily Kane/Lily Nolan-Couillard, of Luther Wright defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

Aug. 15-16-Wisconsin Rapids, DC Everest, Wausau Newman, Medford, and Menominee

The Merrill Girls Tennis Team played Wisconsin Rapids, DC Everest, and Wausau Newman Girls Tennis Teams on Thursday, Aug. 15 at the Wausau West multi-team two-day event. Newman Catholic took the win in with a score of Newman Catholic 7 - Merrill 0.

In singles matches:

No. 1 - Ava Sukanen of Newman Catholic defeated Lauren Cohrs of Merrill, 6-3, 6-3, -;

No. 2 - Destiny Lo of Newman Catholic defeated Sarah Rell of Merrill, 6-2, 6-0, -;

No. 3 - Molly Merrill of Newman Catholic defeated Chloe Belant of Merrill, 6-3, 6-0, -;

No. 4 - Olivia Fox of Newman Catholic defeated Kaytlyn Hulke of Merrill, 6-2, 7-5, -;

Merrill forfeited the doubles, with no doubles teams to compete.

No. 1 - Natalie Townsend/Fiona MacCarthy of Newman Catholic defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 2 - Ada Stenstrom/Naomi Stenstrom of Newman Catholic defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 3 - Reagan Herdrich/Addie Schmidt of Newman Catholic defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

Everest took the win against Merrill. Final score: DC EVEREST 7 - Merrill 0.

In singles matches:

No. 1 - Nina Allen of DC Everest defeated Lauren Cohrs of Merrill, 6-3, 6-1, -;

No. 2 - Kyra Loomans of DC Everest de-

feated Sarah Rell of Merrill, 6-1, 6-0, -;

No. 3 - Madison Sazama of DC Everest defeated Chloe Belant of Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

No. 4 - Makenna Kampmann of DC Everest defeated Kaytlyn Hulke of Merrill, 6-0, 6-1, -;

Merrill forfeited the doubles: No. 1 - Nya Harrington/Lola Harrington of DC Everest defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 2 - Madeline Bublik/Mila Bublik of DC Everest defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 3 - Kylie Koch/Sopie Ellis of DC Everest defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

Merrill one one of their games against Rapids. Final score: Wisconsin Rapids 6 - Merrill 1,

In singles matches: No. 1 - Lauren Cohrs of Merrill defeated Corinne Sazama of Wisconsin Rapids, 6-1, 6-2, -;

No. 2 - Jenna Wentland of Wisconsin Rapids defeated Sarah Rell of Merrill, 6-1, 6-2, -;

No. 3 - Hayley Jensen of Wisconsin Rapids defeated Chloe Belant of Merrill, 6-0, 6-2, -;

No. 4 - Julia Krueger of Wisconsin

Rapids defeated Kaytlyn Hulke of Merrill, 6-1, 6-2, -;

Merrill forfeited the doubles matches: No. 1 - Teagann Bondioli/Abbey Gust of Wisconsin Rapids defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 2 - Sawyer Holdberg/Aleeya Leach of Wisconsin Rapids defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 3 - Sierra Dillingham/Aleigh Weight of Wisconsin Rapids defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

Then on Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Merrill Girls played both Medford and Menominee Girls.

"Sarah [Rell] has improved so much this year. She played the match of the year so far against Medford today winning 6-2, 7-6 (5), Barton said. "Her ground strokes are very powerful this year and she never gives up on a point."

Final score in the Medford game: Medford 6 - Merrill 1.

In singles, the results were: No. 1 - Morgan Huegli of Medford defeated Lauren Cohrs of Merrill, 6-0, 6-2, -;

No. 2 - Sarah Rell of Merrill defeated Masaeda Krug of Medford, 6-2, 7-6 (5), -;

No. 3 - Makayla Motte of Medford defeated Chloe Belant of Merrill, 6-1, 6-1, -;

No. 4 - Audrey Ruesch of Medford defeated Kaytlyn Hulke of Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

Merrill forfeited in doubles matches, as follows: No. 1 - Myah Smith/Eryka Seidl of Medford defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 2 - Chloe Werner/Kierstyn Halopka of Medford defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 3 - Alyssa Brandner/Christine Czesinski of Medford defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

Menomonee took the win against Merrill, with final score: Menomonee 7 - Merrill 0.

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2022 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedules

Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)			
Fri. Aug. 26	Crandon (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Mon. Aug. 29	Mosinee (JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 1	Medford (JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)			
Thurs. Aug. 25	Marshfield (JV2)	Away	4:00 pm
Fri. Aug. 26	Multi. Schools-Whitewater (Varsity)	Away	7:00 am
Sat. Aug. 27	Multi. Schools-Whitewater (Varsity)	Away	7:00 am
Tues. Aug. 30	Antigo (JV & JV2)	Away	4:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 1	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 1	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Tennis (Varsity and JV)			
Mon. Aug. 29	Lakeland Union (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 1	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:00 pm
Boys Soccer (Varsity, JV, and JV2)			
Thurs. Aug. 25	Mosinee (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Sat. Aug. 27	Amherst (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am
Tues. Aug. 30	Cedar Grove-Belgium (Varsity)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 1	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Swimming (Varsity and JV)			
Tues. Aug. 30	Medford (Varsity)	Home	5:30 pm
Cross Country Boys (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Aug. 25	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am
Thurs. Sept. 1	Multi. Schools-Nine Mile (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Cross Country Girls (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Aug. 25	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am
Thurs. Sept. 1	Multi. Schools-Nine Mile (Varsity)	Away	5:05 pm

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Merrill 10U All Stars team had their first hit at the Little League State Tournament held at Doepke Park in Wausau beginning July 31, 2022. The boys were one of six teams in the state to make it to the tournament. They secured their place to attend the tournament by defeating Antigo, Rhinelander, Wausau Nationals, Wausau AL, and Appleton in the weeks prior. Pictured starting in the front row: Colton VanLieshout. Middle L to R: Teddy Kalinowski, Oliver Kahr, Jacob Caskey, Mason Fuchs, and Shaban Kiskoski. Back L to R: Cameron Thom, James Cordova, Cam Neuman, Taylor Timm, Ben Schmeltzer, Parker Simons, and Charles Graap. Not pictured are coaches: Tom Schmeltzer, Chris Simon, John VanLieshout, and Paul Timm. **Submitted photo.**

Bluejays kick off football season with a shutout game against Northland Pines

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The Merrill Bluejay Varsity Football Team opened their season last Friday night, Aug. 19, 2022, against Northland Pines up in Eagle River and kicked off the 2022 Varsity Football season in a big way!

“The Bluejays wasted no time jumping out to a 6-0 lead sparked by a 30-yard run from Nate Brzoznowski on the first play of the day,” Head Boys Varsity Football Coach Jason Wadzinski said. “Nate finished the day with 139 yards on the ground and 4 touchdowns.”

“Brian Ball was second on the team

in rushing with 79 yards on the day,” he said.

“The Bluejays finished the night with a 43-0 shutout over the Eagles. It’s the first time Merrill put up 40+ points in a game since 2017 and the first shutout the defense pitched since 2015,” Wadzinski said.

“The Bluejay offense finished with 358 yards on the ground, and the defense allowed a combined total of 6 yards of total offense,” he said. “It was a great way to start the season, and the fruits of the boys’ offseason labor are already beginning to shine through.”

Box Score

Merrill 43 @ Northland Pines 0

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Singles results:

No. 1 - Tali Swaenepoel of Menomonie defeated Lauren Cohrs of Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

No. 2 - Amy Liu of Menomonie defeated Sarah Rell of Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

No. 3 - Lauren Rudiger of Menomonie defeated Chloe Belant of Merrill, 6-1, 6-0, -;

No. 4 - Lauren Alexander of

Menomonie defeated Kaytlyn Hulke of Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

Doubles results:

No. 1 - Anna Wheeler/Jaycie Luzinski of Menomonie defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 2 - Isa Gamez/Lily Hastings of Menomonie defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

No. 3 - Hannah White/Sam Jacobsen of Menomonie defeated Merrill in a forfeited match, 2-0, 2-0, -;

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I am excited to see what Scott can accomplish in his new role,” Murray said.

While so many changes in leadership can appear intimidating on the surface, Murray is looking forward to the new

look. “As a new Superintendent, having an opportunity to select and shape your team is very important and exciting. I certainly have had that chance here this summer and believe we have the right people in the right places to do some really great things for our students. I like where we’re heading.”

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Sukow once made his local claim to fame when he tee’d off, shot out of bounds, re-tee’d his third shot, and then par’d the hole, getting the ball in the hole on the fourth shot from 400 yards to get a par on the hole, according to brother, Sid.

Catlin recalls that bowling was a sport Russ really enjoyed. “I bowled with Russ when I was first coming up into adult leagues,” he said, adding that he has also bowled with Mort.

As a youth, Catlin bowled for the Merrill Travel Bowling Team and now coaches the team, along with Scott Smith. He said the late Dan Adamec grew the program in a “huge” way and now he and Smith are continuing to grow the program to take it to the next level, and he is grateful for this donation to the bowling program.

Youth in our area start picking up speed in third and fourth grade already, and Merrill had four or five traveling teams the last couple of years.

“We do have one of the biggest programs in the area,” Catlin said. “We’ve taken it up a notch and try to compete every year for the State tournament. So we want to win.”

In the last couple of years, two high school bowlers from Merrill received college scholarships for bowling, and “Dylan Smith’s up and coming, and I’m going to presume he’s going to get a college offer, whether it’s Division 1 or Division 2,” he said.

Students as early as sixth grade—as young as 11 and 12 years old—can start earning scholarship money doing tournaments and getting noticed, Catlin added.

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