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# Experience Merrill in fall: Ride in the Colorama Bike Tour

Experience a thrilling yet picturesque 10, 30, or 50-mile bike ride along the Wisconsin River and take in the beauty of Merrill's fall colors and changing of the leaves.

Merrill Parks & Recreation proudly presents its 39th annual Colorama Bike Tour on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022. The bike tour will begin at Kitchenette Park, 211 W. 1st St., Merrill. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., and the ride starts at 8:30 a.m.

"Colorama has become a destination event that draws cyclists from outside of our community to the area," said Dan Wendorf, Park and Recreation Director for the City of Merrill. "With more than 20 miles of public trails, Merrill offers an abundance of biking and hiking paths for outdoor enthusiasts to explore."

The cost to register is \$30 before Sept. 17, which includes a long-sleeved shirt. The cost to register after Sept. 17 is \$35. No shirts will be available for those registering after Sept. 17.

"Many years ago, glaciers left our region, creating our unique trail system that is unlike any other in Wisconsin," Wendorf said. "I hope visitors appreciate the beauty of our trails here and it leaves a lasting im-



Enjoy the splendor and beauty of changing colors in Merrill on the Colorama Bike Tour. Photo courtesy City of Merrill.

pression on what Merrill has to offer." Fall is the perfect time to explore Merrill's biking trails, with cooler temperatures making for less-sweaty rides, fewer bugs, and changing leaves providing a scenic backdrop.

Refreshments will be provided at rest stops along the Colorama Bike Tour. A light lunch will be served until 12:30 p.m. For more information and to register, visit the City of Merrill's website at: <https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us/>.

# Anti-Human Trafficking Conference

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The Holy Cross Sisters will be holding an Anti-Human Trafficking Conference on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northwoods Veterans Post/Pub 1638/VFW Hall, 601 Johnson St. in Merrill.

Designed to "Shine a Light" on Human Trafficking, the Sisters urge residents to "come and learn the signs so together we can end Human Trafficking in our city."

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. to allow visitors to check out the resource tables and other materials.

Speakers will begin at 6:15 p.m. with introductions, the lighting of a candle, and a brief prayer. Speakers include Sister Celine Goessl, who has spent years working with survivors of human trafficking and advocating for awareness to help end human trafficking; as well as Lisa McCormick, Bob Kulp, and Butch Fitzpatrick, who will each share about their experiential and research back-

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# August Garden of the Month

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Park City Gardens selected Esther Schulz to be honored as the August 2022 Garden of the Month. Esther lives at 806 E. Sixth St. in Merrill and Esther, with the help of her two sons, Kaspar and Niko, has spent endless hours creating and nurturing her beautiful gardens.

"A garden can add so much to the quality of your life," said Linda Huss of Park City Gardeners, who helps select the Garden of the Month. "It can be a place to relax, a place to read a good book, a place to entertain, and so much more. The selection this month provides all of that and then some."

Esther's garden is "a beautiful setting to entertain her friends, a setting to enjoy her morning coffee, and a place to sit back to relax to enjoy the beauty that surrounds her," Huss said.

Despite being located in Wisconsin where our four seasons limit the time for outdoor blossoms and blooms, for the Schulz family and Esther in particular, gardening is a year round endeavor. She begins



Esther Schulz and her sons, Niko and Kaspar, stand in their beautiful backyard garden at 806 E. Sixth St. in Merrill. Theirs was selected as the August 2022 Garden of the Month.

Submitted photo.

and nurtures many of her beautiful flowers and also vegetables from seeds she starts indoors.

"They begin growing many of these beautiful flowers during the winter months to ensure she is ready

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Esther regularly creates beautiful arrangements with cuttings from the wide varieties of flowers she grows in her gardens.

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# Lincoln County gives invasive species "the boot"

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Lincoln County Conservation and Lincoln County Forestry teamed up to spread awareness about terrestrial invasive species in Lincoln County Forests. Made possible by conservation funding, boot brush stations with informative signs were designed and placed at multiple popular recreation locations in Lincoln County. The stations encourage users to use the brush portion of the station to remove mud, dirt, and seed debris from

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One of the boot brush stations located near a trailhead for hikers to use to clean off their boots, both before and after hiking the trails to help minimize the spread of invasive species.

Photo courtesy of Lincoln County Conservation/Lincoln County Forestry.



The magnitude of the beautiful backyard garden Esther Schulz and her sons have created can only be seen from the rear of the home, so take a slow drive through the alley between East Sixth and Seventh streets in the 800 block. Submitted photo.

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The variety of foliage and flowers is amazing. Submitted photo.

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for her spring creations," Huss said. "In addition to the beautiful flowers, her efforts this year include an area to grow many of

those great vegetables we all enjoy during the summer months."

This summer season has presented a new challenge, as well, that many gardeners know all too well. "Kasper and Niko work tirelessly daily to fight off the Japanese beetles," Huss said Esther told her.

While the front garden at Esther's home at 806 E. Sixth St. is currently under construction, "the back garden is AMAZING," Huss said. Hidden from the street view behind her house, Esther has created a mini paradise for herself and her family. "To get the full view of her efforts and the variety of so many beautiful flowers and foliage, take a slow drive through the alley," Huss said. "You will immediately be taken in by the beauty and serenity she has created. It is breathtaking."

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# Frederick announces he will run against Callahan for 35th District Assembly seat

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

Todd Frederick of Merrill announced he will run as an Independent against incumbent Calvin Callahan for a seat on Wisconsin's State Assembly representing the 35th District. The 35th Assembly District includes all of Lincoln County, as well as western Langlade County and portions of Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.

Calvin was elected to serve as the 35th Assembly representative in the Nov. 2020 election and took office Jan. 4, 2021, for a two-year term ending Jan. 3, 2023.

Prior to that, Mary Felzkowski of Irma held that office, but she left the Assembly to run for and was elected to the State Senate for the 12th District of Wisconsin in the Nov. 2020 election.

Todd Frederick and his wife, Renea, have each previously run in this race, attempting to unseat incumbent Republican candidates, but were not successful in their bids for election to the Wisconsin State Assembly.

In 2002, Todd Frederick previously ran on the Democratic ticket against then incumbent Don Friske for the 35th District State Assembly seat; Friske won in that race.

In 2016, Frederick's wife, Renea



Todd Frederick. Submitted photo.

Frederick also ran for this same seat, also on the Democratic ticket, against then incumbent Mary Cjaza (now Felzkowski); Cjaza (Felzkowski) won in that race.

Now in 2022, Todd Frederick said his frustration with the current state of our politics has motivated him to enter the race again, this time as an Independent.

"I think we have all seen the split between us widen over the past decade with neither side willing to talk to the other, while nothing of real importance ever gets done," he said. "I have not felt

represented in Madison for an exceptionally long time, and I know of many others that feel the same. Worse yet, many of our younger generations feel it does not matter if they vote; they feel disenfranchised and that there is no future. Well, the best thing about our future is that it is not yet written. The future is what we make it, but it is important that you vote. That is what keeps Democracy strong. We can change the direction of our state with your help."

"I believe we all share the same important values: family, fairness, helping others when they are in need, honesty, hard work, good public education, freedom, and faith," Todd Frederick said. "I believe these are the core values we in the Northwoods all share, and they do not belong to just one party. These values are in short supply in Madison, and it is time they got restored."

A Merrill native, Todd said he learned his work ethic at the early age of nine helping his father on his milk routes picking up cans, and later bulk milk, from farms in Price, Oneida, and Lincoln Counties. He remembers getting up at 4:30 a.m. and not getting home until after 5:00 p.m. When not helping his father during the summer months, he would spend time on some of these same farms doing chores and making hay. His moth-

er worked just as hard in the home raising three children and working outside the home in retail, he said.

After graduating high school, Todd attended and graduated from NTC in Wausau, then worked 14 years as an engineering manager for a large company in Wausau, before starting his own business in Merrill in 1996 with his wife, Renea. That business, Fremarq Innovations, on Mill St. in Merrill, eventually grew to employ 50 people, and the company continues to flourish and is a dedicated supporter of the community, Todd said.

An entrepreneur, business owner, husband, father, and NTC graduate, he has chased the American dream in his own life. "We all have a right to chase the American dreams of owning a home, getting an affordable post high school degree, having a job or a career that provides a living wage, or starting a business," Todd said. "I have been blessed to have achieved all of these, and I want to help anyone who wants to achieve these same dreams. I believe these are the things that not only help people succeed but will also help our rural communities grow and flourish."

Todd Frederick will face off against Calvin Callahan on the Nov. 8, 2022, ballot.

## Town of Russell dedicates new Engine 4-23

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

On May 28, 2022, the Town of Russell Fire Department held a ceremony to dedicate their new fire truck Engine 4-23, in honor of Gary Prueser (last call Aug. 13, 1993). Prueser's fire number was 23, and he was just 25 years old when he died.

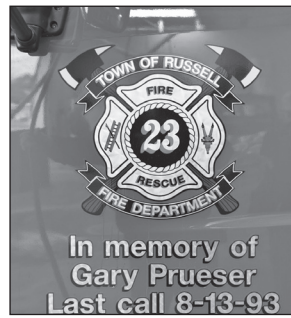
As a part of the ceremony, Lieutenant Cody Bergman took water from Engine 7 and Captain Marcel Rusch delivered

it to Engine 4-23. Engine 7 served faithfully for 26 years in the community. Chief Robert P. Kessel anointed Engine 4-23 with olive oil, asking for protection for all those who will work on this truck.

And members of the community and department performed the traditional "pushing in," pushing the new truck into the fire station. Firefighters Jeff Miller and Tina Shenk officiated at the dedication. Former Chiefs Scott Olund

and Dave Jackson were also in attendance.

The Freightliner chassis engine, which can hold 500 gallons of water and has a 1250 GPM pump, arrived in early April 2021. The first rollout of Engine/Rescue 4-23 was on June 5, 2021, operated by the Chief, but the Engine was not yet ready for service, and firefighters needed to have training on the new truck before it could be officially put into service and dedicated.



The new fire truck, Engine 4-23, is dedicated in memory of Gary Prueser, fire #23, last call Aug. 13, 1993.

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The Town of Russell Fire Department recently dedicated a new fire truck. Shown here, the Fire Department poses with the new addition, Engine 4-23. Michael J. Hoffman photo.

### Merrill Area United Way 75 years GIVE • ADVOCATE • VOLUNTEER

September 2022 – Foto News Article  
Merrill Area United Way  
Dee Olsen, Executive Director

We are on the cusp of fall with lower temperatures at night, shorter days, leaves starting to turn color. Plus, fall is the time of the Merrill Area United Way annual campaign. This year we want it to be especially good because it is our 75th Anniversary year. That gives us much to be proud of. Yet we are even more proud of the incredible services we have helped financially support for thousands of people. We do not have a running total of how many lives we have touched throughout the years, but we do know that we currently serve about 4,000 to 5,000 people a year through the twenty programs we support.

But we cannot have any impact without YOU. Your generous heart and financial support are what makes the difference. The donations for United Way come from individuals, families, retirees, fundraisers, employee campaigns and companies. The annual public appeal was just mailed to all households and businesses in Merrill and throughout Lincoln County. Our response rate is typically **less than 1%**. What you say! Right, "way to low." Can we count on you to do a little something this year? Every dollar helps and it all stays local. Our agencies and their programs serve people in the areas of education, health, and basic needs, which may include, avoiding eviction with rental assistance, food to feed the family, utility payments to avoid shutoffs, and much more.

United Way enjoyed being in the Labor Day Parade. As our 75th Anniversary celebration continues, we will host a Business After Hours and have our United Way Fun Day on October 15th. Details will be out via posters in the community; as well as posted on our website and the Chamber's website. This is a family-oriented, kid friendly event and we invite the community to join us in this community celebration. 75 Years is a milestone, and it only comes once. A challenge letter was mailed to businesses to support the campaign by pledging \$7,500, \$750, or even \$75. Employers could also organize employee campaigns within their company.

United Way's annual 2022-2023 campaign is underway and runs through mid-November. Be sure to watch for the United Way flyer in the mail this week. Ours is not "junk mail" so please look closely - it has a photo of the County Courthouse on it.

We only ask once a year for your donation. It is our annual appeal to the entire public with our direct mail piece to every household in the county. Please give generously and help your neighbors, family, and friends. If this is not a time you can give, remember United Way accepts donations year-round. United Way is determined to make a positive difference in the Merrill area. To donate send checks to Merrill Area United Way, P. O. Box 813, Merrill 54452. Our website is [www.merrillareainitedway.org](http://www.merrillareainitedway.org) where PayPal donations can now be made. For further information email us at [delores.olsen@merrillareainitedway.org](mailto:delores.olsen@merrillareainitedway.org); or call our part-time office at 715-536-2016.

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# OBITUARIES



**Stuart G. 'Sam' Burrows**, 94, died at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill, on Friday, September 9, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Sam was born March 28, 1928, son of the late Arthur Sr. and Dorothy (Shimek) Burrow, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He married Mildred 'Millie' Schleif on July 1, 1950, in Merrill. She survives. Sam worked at Northern Specialty in Merrill for 44 years. He also worked various jobs throughout his life and worked many side jobs with his brother, Ronnie, doing carpentry work to help support his large family. He retired at the age of 85.

Sam enjoyed putzing around outdoors, cutting firewood, and feeding the birds. He also liked working on woodworking projects. In later years, he enjoyed puzzles, word searches, and reading magazines. Sam was a dog lover and enjoyed taking his dogs for a walk or for a ride in the car. In his younger years, he liked snowmobiling and camping with family.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Mildred 'Millie'; his children, Keith (Cathy), Mary (Tom) Maluegge, Cindy (Bruce) Pankow, Tim (Judy), Jay (Rhonda), Jolene (Joe) Nowak, and Amy (Donny) Gehrke; daughter-in-law, Roxanne; 20 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; and 5 great great grandchildren. Sam is also survived by his siblings; Joyce 'Totsy' Kleinschmidt, Geraldine 'Jerry' Mahn, Honey Weber, Barbara Simpson, Bill Burrow, Ron (Malinda) Burrow, Sally (Paul) Robbins, and Tom Burrow. Sam was preceded in death by his sons, Randy and Greg; Greg's wife, Marvis and their son, Matthew; parents, Arthur Sr. and Dorothy Burrow; and siblings, Dorothy 'Sister', Arthur Jr. 'Buddy', Jackie, Molly, John, Patrick 'Nibby', and Donald 'Joe'; and several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

The funeral service for Sam will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, September 19, 2022, at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, Merrill. Rev. Michael Southcombe will officiate. Visitation will be from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill and after 10:00 A.M. Monday at church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Memorials in Sam's name may be made to St. Stephens United Church of Christ-Merrill, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or Shriners Hospitals.

Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com)



**Harriet Jeanne Boettcher**, age 83, formerly of Merrill, passed away on Sunday, September 4, 2022, at Our House in Wisconsin Rapids. She was born on February 20, 1939, to the late William and Leona (Hass) Degner in Merrill. Harriet attended and graduated from Merrill High School. She met the love of her life, James Allen Boettcher, and the two lovingly exchanged marriage vows on August 24, 1957, in Lindstrom, Minnesota. Sadly, James passed away on January 3, 2013.

Harriet was employed as a secretary for the City Engineer of Merrill. She enjoyed going camping with her family, as well as spending time at their lake cabin on Pelican Lake, a place she loved going to for peace and quiet. Family was first and foremost in Harriet's life and she cherished her time spent with them. She was very active in her community, whether it was volunteering at the blood bank or hospital gift shop, or actively participating and supporting the Merrill Lions Club and the Merrill Concert Association. Harriet also enjoyed being a part of the Red Hat Society and various bridge clubs. She was a lifelong member at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Harriet will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Harriet leaves behind her children: Gregory (Joan) Boettcher of Gold Canyon, AZ, Bradley (Amy) Boettcher of Wisconsin Rapids and Pamela (Daniel) Dahm of Tualatin, OR, grandchildren: Jaclyn (Chris) Moore, Stephan (Emily) Boettcher, Eric Boettcher, Jacob (Breona) Dahm, Peter (Dana) Boettcher, Jeremy (Jackie) Dahm and Cameron Dahm and 9 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: James and sister: Phyllis (Jerry) Kontney.

A memorial service for Harriet was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 11am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Pastor Adam Rodriguez officiated. Visitation was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, from 10am until the time of the service, also at the church. Inurnment at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Harriet's name may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, Wisconsin Chapter, Wausau Office at 505 South 24th Avenue, Suite 304, Wausau, WI 54401.

A special thank you to the staff at Our House in Wisconsin Rapids for their care and compassion shown towards Harriet and her family, as well as Promedica Hospice for their support in her final days.

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](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Norman Arthur Walter Heckendorf**, age 94, passed away on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, Wisconsin. He was born on July 12, 1928 to the late Max and Margaret (Schawrtz) Heckendorf in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Norman married Helen M. Launderville who preceded him in death November 22, 2004.

In Norman's earlier years, he enjoyed snowmobiling with his wife and brother Red and his wife Margie. He loved being in nature, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and feeding the birds. For 20 years, Norman had a tree farm and before retirement he worked as a real estate agent.

Music was a big part of Norman's life. He was a singer within the Barbershop Quartet for most of his life and also sang in the church choir at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ.

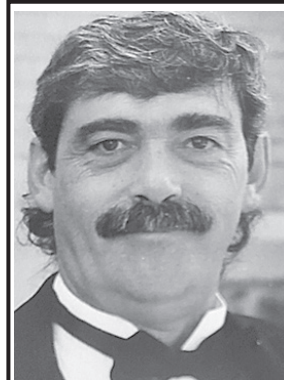
Norman is survived by his children: John (Susan) Heckendorf, Garth (Carrie) Heckendorf, and Karen (Scott) Nelson, grandchildren: Desirae (Chad) Reece, Danielle (Adam) Reich, Jeremy Heckendorf, Nicholas Nesbitt, Ashlee Nesbitt and Melissa (Joe) Curran, great grandchildren: Caden Reece, Cole Reece, and Spencer Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Helen, 8 brothers and sisters and grandson Matthew Nelson.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 10:30 am at Waid Funeral Home. A visitation will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 9:00 am until the time of service also at the funeral home. Interment at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

For those unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed and will be available for viewing under his obituary on the funeral home website.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the River Bend Trail in memory of Norman.

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](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Ronald 'Ron' Jack Moser**, age 67, of Merrill, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, September 4, 2022, at his home. Ron was born on February 7, 1955, to the late Joe and Margaret (Pagel) Moser in Merrill. He attended Merrill High School.

Ron worked as an automobile mechanic for the majority of his life, but also did maintenance and drove for the hospital and Geri Vans. In his younger years, Ron was well-known for being a drummer in many bands. He was a goofy, fun-loving man that adored his grandchildren. He could be found at any given time in the garage working on his vehicles or someone else's. He was very talented when it came to repairing vehicles and taking them apart. In his spare time, Ron enjoyed listening to the Beatles, spoiling his little dog Chico, and working on and collecting old Chevy's. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Ron is survived by his significant other of 29 years: Janet Teske of Merrill, daughters: Amy Honey of Eagle River and Sara Hall of Merrill, grandchildren: Mikala (Julio) Ocampo of Weston (with their children: Adrian and Julian) and Emma Wendt, as well as his spoiled fur-baby: Chico. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per family request, no formal service will be held, but a Celebration of Life for Ron will be held at a later date.

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## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JUNE 6, 2022

Girl, Nevaeh Ranae Ann Hartman, born to Hannah Hartman of Merrill.

### AUGUST 17, 2022

Girl, Hazel Lyn, born to Michaela Bloch and Coleton Bloch of Hamburg.

### AUGUST 22, 2022

Boy, Levi Bernhardt, born to Krista Bigelow and Caleb Bigelow of Weston.

### AUGUST 25, 2022

Girl, Celebi Isabella LeeAnn Philbrick, born to Taya Randall and Lee Philbrick of Merrill.

### AUGUST 23, 2022

Boy, Benjamin Allen, born to Quinn Markee and Marcus Markee of Harshaw.

### AUGUST 29, 2022

Girl, AnnMarie Lynn, born to Dominique Coey and Brandin Coey of Gleason.

### AUGUST 24, 2022

Boy, Kovu David, born to Tiama Bodette and Derek Bodette of Merrill.

Please send announcements, news briefs, photo submissions and letters to the editor to: [tscott@mmclocal.com](mailto:tscott@mmclocal.com)

## In Memoriams

In Loving Memory of **JOHN DOE**  
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# Archery Season begins Saturday

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds deer hunters that their first opportunity to pursue deer this fall is coming up with the opening of the archery and crossbow deer season on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022.

Hunters wanting to use both a vertical bow and a crossbow may do so by purchasing a \$3 upgrade to make their license valid for both weapons. Conservation Patron license holders may also use both weapons.

The DNR reminds hunters that bonus antlerless harvest authorizations are available in many Wisconsin counties, on a first-come, first-served basis. Bonus antlerless harvest authorizations may be filled using any weapon type during the appropriate season with the appropriate license but must be filled in the designated zone, unit, and land type (public or private). They are \$12 each for residents, \$20 each for non-residents, and \$5 for youth hunters under 12. To purchase, use the DNR's online licensing center, Go Wild, or visit a license sales location.

## GameReg

As a reminder, all harvested deer must be registered electronically by 5:00 p.m. the day after the deer is recovered using GameReg online, by phone, or at a participating registration station.

More information regarding electronic registration is available on the DNR registration webpage at: <https://https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/>.

## Hunter Safety

The DNR urges hunters to review these four rules of safety (TAB-K) before enjoying the archery and crossbow season:

- Treat every bow/crossbow as if it were loaded.
  - Always point the bow/crossbow in a safe direction.
  - Be certain of your target as well as what is before and beyond it.
  - Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
- When heading out to hunt during the archery or crossbow seasons, remember these additional safety tips:
- Crossbows have a safety. Immediately after cocking, always check to make sure that your bow is on safe.
  - Always use bolts/arrows recommended by the manufacturer and handle carefully.
  - Protect yourself and the arrow points with a covered arrow quiver.
  - The safest way to carry, transport, and raise or lower a crossbow from a stand is always to have the crossbow un-cocked.
  - The safest way to un-cock a crossbow is to fire a bolt into the ground or target.
  - Make sure that the limb tips are free of obstructions

## CONFERENCE *from page 1*

grounds as they relate to human trafficking.

Representatives from Shared Hope International, HAVEN, and the Women's Community in Wausau will be present. And Laura Kulp will be selling articles made by human trafficking survivors.

If you have ever wanted to know what human trafficking is, how prevalent it is in Wisconsin and our area, warning signs to look for, or if you have other questions about this topic, this event is the place to be.

For those unable to attend or interested in arranging a future presentation on this topic for their organization, on a smaller scale, contact Sister Celine to make arrangements. There is no charge for presentations. Sister Celine can be reached by phone at 715.457.5649 or by email at: [celinegoessl@gmail.com](mailto:celinegoessl@gmail.com).

Sister Celine describes human trafficking, specifically human sex and labor trafficking, as "the greatest and worst crime in the world today, fanned by the pandemic and now surpassing even drugs and the misuse of guns."

There will be a question and answer period at the end of the presentations.

## INVASIVE *from page 2*

their boots before entering and after leaving trail areas. "If shoes and equipment are not properly cleaned before and after each hike, they have the potential to transport invasive species to new areas and start new infestations," explained Conservation Program Manager Thomas Boisvert. "We hope that these stations will make it easier for the recreational enthusiasts in Lincoln County to help prevent the spread of invasive species."

In addition to the boot brushes, the stations provide identification guides to some of the most prevalent invasive species in Lincoln County Forests. "Prevention tools like boot brush stations placed at trailheads and other recreation access points are critical in our fight to stop invasive species," said Dean Bove, Administrator for Lincoln County Forestry. If you would like to take a closer look, please visit the new boot brush stations located at various trailheads along the Ice Age Trail in Lincoln County. For more information, please contact Thomas Boisvert at 715.539.1054.



Wisconsin Archery Deer Season kicks off this Saturday, Sept. 17, with the archery and crossbow opener.

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and that your fingers, hand, or arm are not in the string path at any time while the crossbow is cocked.

- Know your range for accuracy.
- Tree stand safety is also a key consideration throughout all the deer hunting seasons. Tree stand incidents are a leading cause of injury to hunters. Always wear a safety harness, use three points of contact when going into or out of the stand, and use a haul line to bring the unloaded bow or crossbow into the stand. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. For more information regarding tree stand safety, visit the DNR webpage.

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

# In Memoriam – Mary McHale Wood

Dear Reader,

This summer will mark the 20th anniversary of our sister Mary's death. There is much to say about the gifts Mary gave to the world. After graduating from St. Norbert College with a degree in English, she wrote for the now defunct Green Bay News-Chronicle. Later she lived and worked in San Juan, Puerto Rico as Editor of the Caribbean Business News. She also labored as an editor for Jack DeLano's final book published by the Smithsonian. Her final career position was working as a speechwriter for the then-governor and his wife in Puerto Rico's Office of the Governor.

Mary's creative endeavors were many and varied. She was a musician who wrote her own songs, and a graphic artist who created her own geometric, colorful stationary. She composed poetry, haikus and novels in both English and Spanish.

Mary lived a full yet relatively short life, dying at age 50 after juvenile-onset diabetes finally caught up with her. She accomplished a lot in the many facets her gemstone of a life offered. Sadly, her spiritual accomplishments beyond are not for us to see. Godspeed dear sister.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
PUBLISHER

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



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LINCOLN COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
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Deceased  
**Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2022 IN 40

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth May 11, 1958, and date of death August 19, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5831 County Road Z, Merrill, WI 54452.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 23, 2022.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
Robert W. Zimmerman,  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
John B. Romatoski

**Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2022 IN 41

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 4/27/1929, and date of death 5/2/2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1102 S. Center Ave, Merrill, WI 54452.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12/16/2022.

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Mary A. Romatoski

**Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2022 IN 42

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 8/18/1933, and date of death 10/7/2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1303 West Taylor St., Merrill, WI 54452.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12/16/2022.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ROGER J. STRELOW

**Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2022 IN 37

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
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2. The decedent, with date of birth

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January 1, 1939, and date of death June 27, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W119 Hildebrand Lake Road, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 2, 2022.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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LINCOLN COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
Peter T. Carlson

**Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2022 IN 38

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth August 13, 1963, and date of death January 26, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 809 N. Memorial Drive, Merrill, WI 54452.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 16, 2022.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
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305 S. 18th Avenue, Suite 200  
PO Box 1516

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Case Code 31003  
Case No. 22-SC-225**

To: MATHEW RAMPART  
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Dated at Milwaukee, WI this 12th day of September, 2022.

COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION  
Plaintiff

By: Joshua J. Brady, Attorney  
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## PROGRAM COORDINATOR/ COMMUNITY OUTREACH Price County Department of Health and Human Services

Price County is accepting applications for the position of **Program Coordinator/Community Outreach** within the Health and Human Services department. Work involves serving elderly population, children, youth, and families faced with child welfare and juvenile justice issues, mental health and/or substance abuse challenges as well as all community members of Price County. Position has extensive contact with the public, other professional service providers in the community and other employees in the department. Position functions are performed in an office, client home and community setting. Major job responsibilities of this position include developing, implementing, and evaluating programs for the diverse populations represented in Price County. This position will also be responsible for community program coordination which may include submitting necessary reports to the state, developing an annual plan including goals, tracking data, making public presentations, and managing a budget.

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A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at [www.co.price.wi.us](http://www.co.price.wi.us), by emailing a request to [hroffice@co.price.wi.us](mailto:hroffice@co.price.wi.us), or by calling 715-339-5131.

**A completed application must be received by the Price County Office of Administration no later than September 28, 2022.**

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## NOTICE MERRILL WATER UTILITY SYSTEM FLUSHING

In an effort to check and improve water quality, the Merrill Water Utility will be **flushing hydrants and the water system**, on a citywide basis, the week of **September 26, 2022 through September 29, 2022** in the following areas:

1. East of Center Avenue on Monday, **September 26, 2022.**
2. Center Avenue, west to Prairie River on Tuesday, **September 27, 2022.**
3. Prairie River, west to Wisconsin River on Wednesday, **September 28, 2022.**
4. West of the Wisconsin River (6<sup>th</sup> Ward) & South of Wisconsin River on Thursday, **September 29, 2022.**

You may notice discoloration during or following flushing. This should be eliminated shortly after you run water through your own service line. If problems persist, please call the Merrill Water Utility at 536-6561.

Gabe Steinagel  
Utilities Manager

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Some members of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Gleason were present for the Ground Breaking Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022. Shown, with shovels, L to R: Elder Al Nelson, LC-MS/LCEF officer Bill Jordan, LM Church Council President Rick Bergman, Pastor Greg Laska, Fundraising Coordinator Jan Tesch, and LM Church Council Secretary Holly Lange.

Submitted photo.

# Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Gleason breaks ground on new church

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

On Sept. 4, 2022, members of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Gleason gathered for a ceremonial groundbreaking at the site of their future new church.

According to notes provided by Ron Boehm, the church began on Sept. 30, 1900, nearly 122 years ago, when services were first held at the Axen School.

Then on May 13, 1906, members of the fledgling church signed a Constitution to organize as St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Gleason. In 1908, the church was recognized by the Missouri Synod, and on Dec. 12, 1912, a new church was dedicated.

Almost 110 years later, congregants are ready to build a new church.



Standing at the site of the new sanctuary for Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Gleason, from L to R: LC-MS/LCEF officer Bill Jordan, Church Council President Rick Bergman, and Church Council Secretary Holly Lange. Submitted photo.

In 1919 a parsonage was built, and in 1933, the current church building was remodeled, with the addition of a bell tower and a basement. In 1953, the church was again remodeled, and another addition was added to form a cruci-

form structure. Somewhere around 1962-63, other nearby churches closed and the congregations merged to form Luther Memorial Lutheran Church.

In 1993, new bathrooms, a new Fellowship Hall, a kitchen, and basement rooms were added to the existing building.

Now, the congregation has decided it's time for a new church building, and the work has officially begun.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### UW-Eau Claire awards 801 scholarships to incoming freshmen

Five hundred seventy-five incoming freshmen received scholarships from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for the 2022-23 academic year, with many students receiving multiple awards. Each award varies in amount and criteria. The following area students received scholarships:

- Cassandra Riehle, Athens, Chancellors Academic Excellence Scholarship, Freshman Honors Scholarship, and Materials Science and Engineering Excellence Scholarship
- Nicole Doering, Merrill, Pre-Professional Health Scholarship, Merrill High School
- Caitlyn Geiss, Merrill, Connie Bakker Native American Honor Scholarship and Diversity Scholars Award
- Sam Johns, Merrill, Welcome to Physics Scholarship
- Lydia McIntyre, Merrill, Freshman Honors Scholarship
- Bailey Orzech, Merrill, Mark of Excellence Scholarship
- Amelia Skoviera, Merrill, Freshman Honors Scholarship

### Aspinwall named to SNHU President's List

Taylor Aspinwall of Merrill was named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2022 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

### UW-Platteville announces spring 2022 graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to students from its three campuses for the spring of 2022 including its branch campuses in Richland Center and Baraboo. From our area, the following students graduated with degrees:

- Kenton Anderson, Athens, Criminal Justice
- Dylan Dorava, Merrill, Mechanical Engineering
- Drew Hoff, Merrill, Health and Human Performance

### Local students among graduates at UW-Eau Claire

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire awarded 1,400 degrees in May. Of the degrees awarded, 1,387 were received by students attending the Eau Claire campus and 13 were received by students attending UW-Eau Claire-Barron County.

Two Merrill students were among

those graduates:

- Marc LeDuc, Merrill, Business, Master of Business Administration, business administration
- Madisen Weix, Merrill, Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science, communication sciences and disorders

### Krueger honored for academic success during the 2022 spring semester

Casey Krueger of Merrill, a Senior attending the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, has been named to the 2022 spring semester Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

### UW-MADISON announces 2022 Spring graduates

About 7,700 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 13 and 14, 2022, including students from our area. There were two live ceremonies: one at the Kohl Center on May 13 for doctoral, MFA, and medical students; and one at Camp Randall on May 14 for undergraduate, law, and master's students.

Degree recipients from our area:

- Gabriella Janke, Athens, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Health Promotion and Health Equity, Health Promotion and Health Equity
- Tanner Wagner-Durr, Athens, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business: Finance, Investment and Banking and Business: Information Systems
- Grace Latzig, Gleason, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Lily Reimann, Merrill, College of Agricultural & Life Science, Bachelor of Science, Global Health
- Aidan Tautges, Merrill, College of Agricultural & Life Science, Bachelor of Science, Biology and Wildlife Ecology

### NTC announces Spring 2022 President's List for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is pleased to announce the President's List for outstanding academic achievement for the Spring 2022 term. The following students enrolled in a post-secondary program, earned a 3.75 grade point average or above and successfully completed a minimum of six credits during the fall term:

From Athens: Mya Becker, Chase Ellenbecker, Dawn Erickson, Sherry Gutknecht, Siarra Hart, Rebecka Hein, Amanda Nowak, Crystal Sebold, Heidi Verpoorten, Anna Wheatley

From Gleason: Cali Brown, Andrew Headings, Stephanie Landwehr, Betsy Rell

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Blue Jay 96.3 WJMT Radio recently announced the winners of their Blue Jay Blackout Bingo contest. WJMT awarded a grand prize of \$963.00 to Theresa Radloff of Merrill, a second place prize of \$96.30 to Nichole Garcia of Wausau, and a third place prize of \$9.63 to Deb Stadler-Gapko from Merrill. John Wais of Merrill also won a Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, overnight getaway. "The station thanks all the participants and sponsors of Blue Jay Blackout Bingo," said Steve Resnick of Bluejay 96.3 WJMT. **Submitted photo.**



Mums, mums, and more mums! Autumn is right around the corner, and pots of mums, in full bloom or about to blossom, are a sure sign that summer is drawing to a close. Local greenhouses, department stores, and even grocery stores have pots of mums for sale. Here, acres of mums provide a huge selection to choose from at Leid's Greenhouse and Garden Center on Hwy. A near Athens. **Tina L. Scott photo.**



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- Woodlands with more edge (where grass meets forest) will attract a greater diversity of songbirds
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I would encourage any interested woodland owner to apply for this annual workshop. More information can be found at: <https://forestandwildlifeecology.wisc.edu/coverts/>.

— Paul Thomas  
Merrill Township, Wis.

### To the Editor:

I had the opportunity to attend an excellent, three-day, Wisconsin Coverts Project workshop. "Coverts" is a woodland wildlife management program for private landowners, sponsored, among others, by the Division of Extension at UW-Madison. This annual workshop focuses on actions you can take to enhance your land's wildlife abundance and diversity by using sound ecological principles.

Any woodland owner or person responsible for managing a parcel of wooded land in Wisconsin or the Midwest is eligible to apply. There is no minimum acreage requirement. Costs, including lodging and meals, are paid for by the workshop sponsors.

In exchange for the free, three-day workshop and materials, participants agree to become COVERTS COOPERATORS, sharing what they have learned with their communities. The word "covert" is an English word that describes a dense thicket that provides shelter for wildlife.

A few, of the many, pearls of wisdom that I learned from attending this workshop are:

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

\*Letters must be 250 words or less. (There will be no exceptions to this. Any letter longer than 250 words will not be printed.)  
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\*In fairness to all, and due to space constraints, there is a limit of two letters per year from an individual writer. Additional letters may be submitted to our Paid Letters to the Editor column and will require payment in full prior to publication at the same rate as Political Letters to the Editor (see policy below).

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All letters submitted as an endorsement for a political candidate, referendum, or political agenda will carry the same guidelines as above; however, they will be charged \$40.00 per letter of up to 250 words in length. Longer political letters will be accepted but will be charged \$10.00 per additional 50 words. All political letters must be prepaid prior to printing. Letters to the Editor will not be accepted from candidates running for election or representatives of an organization endorsing their own referendum, as these are clearly advertisements and not opinion letters; those submissions will be referred to our Advertising Department to be run as paid ads.

### Pet of the Week



Milo is a sweet boy with a lot of puppy energy. He came to us as a stray and was very nervous. Since he has been in a foster home for a short time, he has come out of his shell. Milo seems to have some separation anxiety. A home with someone who is around more, has the energy to keep up with him and keep him busy is going to be perfect! He loves to go for walks and to play with his toys. He seems to be OK with other dogs, but would need to meet them first. Stop in and meet Milo soon!

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# Merrill Eagles #584 2022-23 Aerie officers

Merrill Eagles Aerie #584 recently elected their officers for 2022-23.



Front L to R: Carl Hantke (Vice President), Dave Sherfinski (President), Gabe Palmer (Past President), Scott Doerr (Secretary), Jerry Leopold (Conductor). Back L to R: Dennis Kniess (Chaplain), Brian Plautz (Trustee), Jay Schlueter (Trustee), Dennis Woller (Inside Guard), Ned Seubert (Treasurer), and Bob Grusnick (Trustee).

# Community Journalism: A way of life

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
MMC SENIOR EDITOR



Leonhardt

It's 3 a.m. and I can't sleep. I am thinking about the previous month and all of the revitalization and reorganization that has taken place.

I am now hard-wired to look at the 1,000-foot view of situations. I am taken back to our company editorial summit held in June. At one point, I looked around the room at the 20-some editorial staff. What I saw was a pretty even gender mix of hard-working humans ranging from 20-60. What did they have in common? Drive and dedication.

Community journalism is a way of life; it's not a punch-in-and-punch-out job. It is a total-immersion job, where you have to live in your job 24 hours, seven days a week. I am not saying that we are not allowed our time away, but you always need to be ready and you have to always be engaged.

I am taken back to Christmas Eve in 2018 and a fire in downtown Marshfield. It was below zero, and I was already under a blanket. Part of me really didn't want to go, as I was entranced in the beauty of Christmas and a warm house.

When I got to the scene of the fire, the firefighters were struggling - not only with extinguishing the fire, but the water was freezing under their feet. I was grateful for the opportunity to tell that story, as they were giving so much more than time that night.

For journalists, reporting news means sacrificing parts of your life for your work. We are lucky to have many of those people working by our side at Multi Media Channels.

Those that get into the community news media are not doing it for the paycheck; that is for those who aspire for larger markets. It's more about passion, for the community, for local issues, and for connecting the people of those communities.

That drive, however, gets so engrained that you can't turn it off. Those who have spent decades in the industry often find it difficult to retire.

When I think of my close circle, I see that clearly.

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From Merrill: Dylan Alft, Olivia Baumann, Jennifer Berreth, Konnor Beyer, Krystal Brendemuehl, Michael Brewer, Gracie Brown, Samantha Brown, Abigail Burgener, Kayla Burrow, Amy Canne, Amanda Clark, Sherryl Dallmann, Molly Duginski, Devin Frick, Toni Frick, Ellie Gerbig, Hailey Gerbig, Tyler Grieser, Savannah Guenther, Ryan Hagemeister, Joshua Hass, Dawson Heckendorf, Skylar Herdt, Eleanor Holzinger, Joseph Johns, Alexandra Johnson, Alex Kersting, Alexia Kleinschmidt, Hope Knuijt, Mackenah Krause, Abbigail Krueger, Justin Leggett, Patricia Luedtke, Anna Melder, Caleb Norton, Jennifer Podeweltz, Syrina Podeweltz, Mitchell Radtke, Cassie Raith, Jennifer Ratliff, Anna Rydeski, Sarah Schoerner, Amy Stoeckmann, Brandon Stolz, Benjamin Tabor, Lucca Tonelli, Kea Verville, Cody Weber, Misty Welch, Bryan White, Tammy Woller, Alexandra Young

## UW-Stevens Point announces Spring 2022 graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point conferred degrees on 1,100 graduates for the Spring 2022 semester, including the following degrees for area students.

- From Athens:
- Derek Czech, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration
  - Bradley Draxler, Bachelor of Science, Forestry - Mgmt, Magna Cum Laude
  - Evan Neigum, Associate of Arts and Sciences, Cum Laude
  - Taylor Schwab-Loos, Bachelor of

Science, Social Work

- Paige Sondelski, Bachelor of Science, Forestry - Forestry Mgmt
- Devon Winn, Bachelor of Science, Health Science - Pre-Physical Therapy

From Gleason:

- Luke Pflingsten, Bachelor of Science, Accounting, Cum Laude
- Deanta Saunders, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education, Cum Laude

From Merrill:

- Tyler Baade, Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry
- Rachel Bergmann, Associate of Arts and Sciences,
- Kade Bonnell, Bachelor of Science, Biology, Magna Cum Laude
- Leah Finucan, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration
- Adam Laehn, Bachelor of Science, Soil and Waste Resources - Soil Science, Magna Cum Laude
- Logan OConnell, Associate of Arts and Sciences,
- Matthew Raguse, Bachelor of Science, Data Analytics
- Sierra Smith, Bachelor of Science, Sociology, Social Work, Magna Cum Laude

## Ashby named to Dean's List at Mount Mary University

Desiree M. Ashby of Gleason, who is studying English - Creative Writing and is an Antigo High School graduate was named to the Mount Mary University Spring 2022 Dean's List.

The Dean's List honors full-time students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or better while taking 12 or more credits during the recent semester. Part-time students are eligible for the Dean's List when they have earned a 3.6 GPA or better while

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## Concordia University Wisconsin releases Spring Honors List

Concordia University Wisconsin of Mequon, affiliated with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, announced the following area students were named to the Spring Honors List for the 2021-2022 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 GPA.

Area students named to the list were:

- Abigail Van Rixel, Athens, Junior, Early Childhood and Elementary
- Adelyn Smith, Gleason, Junior, Rehab-Sci-Regular
- Amaris Wiesneski, Merrill, Freshman, Justice and Public Policy
- Anna Wiesneski, Merrill, Senior, Elementary Education

## Schreiner named to Dean's List at UW-Superior

The University of Wisconsin-Superior has named Abigail Schreiner of Athens to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Summer 2022 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

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# Varsity Cross Country Girls take fifth place at Marathon Invitational meet

## Varsity Boys take 11th; Grunenwald takes third place overall for PRMS runners

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

On Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, the Merrill Varsity Cross Country Team traveled to the Nine Mile Recreation Area to compete at the Marathon Invitational meet.

"It was a very hot and humid day, so I was worried that it would be a tough race day for our students," said Alyssa Swan, Head Merrill High School Cross Country Coach.

"The Boys Team struggled to keep a good team score with a point value of 256, earning an 11th place team score," she said.

"Leading for the team was Elliott Hanson with a time of 20:42."

Following behind him for Merrill and making up the rest of the Varsity Boys Team, Ian Scheutze came in at 21:41, followed by Logan Knospe (23:16), Kaden Schwandt (23:33), Caleb Norton (23:52), Jacob Mueller (24:09.0), and Parker Klebenow (24:09.5).

"The Girls Team had a better day, teamwise, with a score of 135 and a 5th place team score overall," Swan said.

Breannon Herdt led the Merrill Girls with

a time of 26:02. Next in for Merrill was Alanna Rogers (27:56.4), followed by Danielle Schielke (27:56.9), Madison Crossman (28:01), Olivia Bares (28:58), Robin Schmidt (30:56), and Gracie VanVuren (31:03).

**PRMS Cross Country**  
"The Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) Cross Country team was also at the Marathon Invitational meet," Swan said. "The middle school team typically runs a two-mile race, while the high school team runs 3.1 miles (5k)."

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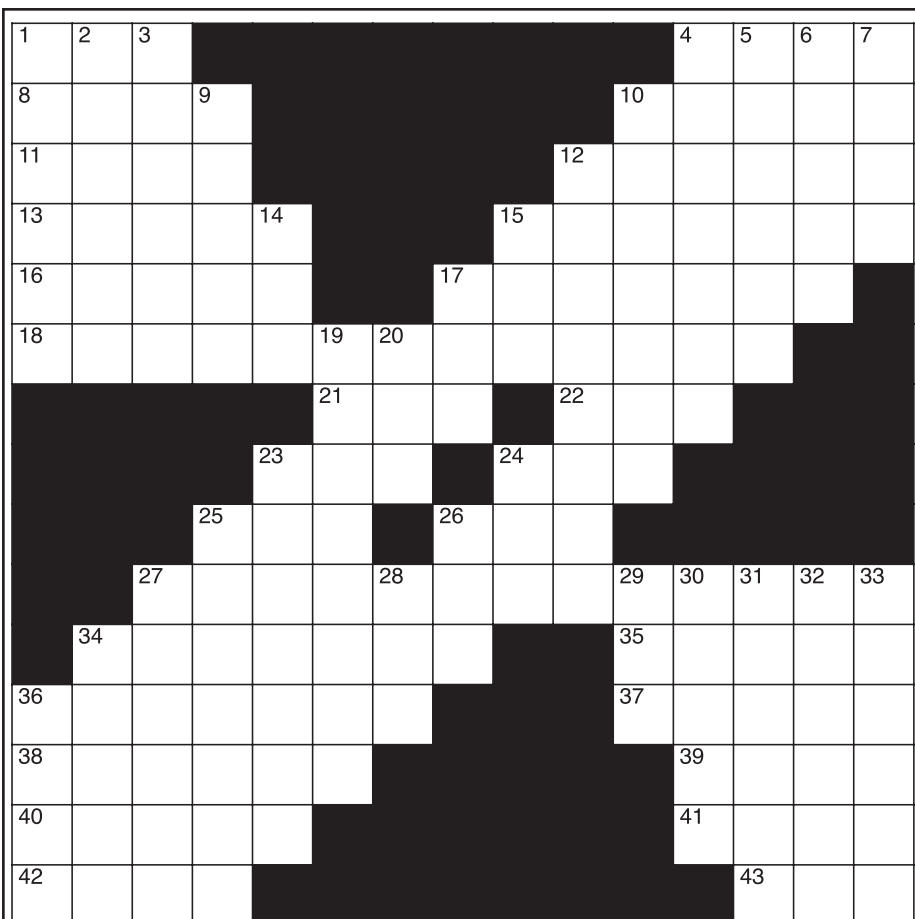
PRMS Boys Team, Erik Grunenwald came in with a time of 12:08 and earned a third place overall finish, she said. Next in for the PRMS Boys was Korbet Ravn (16:32), followed by Davin Harder (19:32), Callin Franzen (20:22), and Preston Schmidt (26:17).

Olivia Schmidt was first in for the PRMS Girls with a time of 15:02. Karlee Ravn came in at 16:12, followed by Charlotte VanDerNest (16:17), Evyn Schmitz (16:40), Darby Bonnell (17:03), Madlyn Hunter (17:06), Natalia Woller (18:39), Alexis Schneider (22:33), and Caylinn VanDerNest (23:41).



Merrill Cross Country runner.

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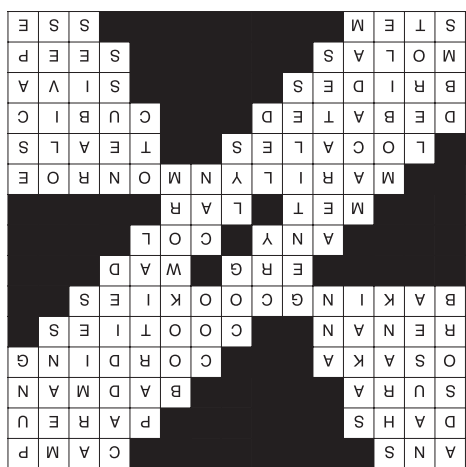
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- 4. Kids love it in summer
- 8. Dashes
- 10. Polynesian sarong
- 11. Chapter of the Koran
- 12. Evildoer
- 13. Japanese commercial city
- 15. A way of binding
- 16. Early Christianity French historian
- 17. Kids' term for bugs
- 18. Beloved family holiday activity
- 21. Work unit
- 22. Bundle
- 23. A number or amount not specified
- 24. Military official (abbr.)
- 25. Queens ballplayer
- 26. Type of gibbon
- 27. Norma Jean's stage name
- 34. Places
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Argued publicly
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. They star at weddings
- 39. Indian god associated with reproduction
- 40. Ocean sunfishes
- 41. Slowly leak through

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Accumulate on the surface of
- 2. Not a good feeling
- 3. Got smaller
- 4. Helped a golfer get around
- 5. Military forces
- 6. Partner to ways
- 7. Low, one-horse sleigh
- 9. Japanese seaport
- 10. Inclined to favor
- 12. Avid reader
- 14. Lead singer of Heart
- 15. Pigeon sound
- 17. Vital part
- 19. People who are not Jewish
- 20. Shed tears
- 23. Pokes holes in the ground
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- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
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- 34. Dormouse
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# Merrill Bluejays 2-2 overall, 1-1 in Conference play, celebrating a win in the War on 64!

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The Merrill Bluejay Varsity Football Team traveled to Antigo last Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, to take on the Antigo Red Robins in an age-old rivalry, long ago dubbed the "War on 64." The Bluejays were stoked to win this one, shutting out Antigo 36-0.

"It's nice to come out on top in the war on 64," said Jason Wadzinski, Merrill Head Varsity Football Coach. "Two years in a row is special, and to do it with another shutout this season is the icing on the cake."

#10 Brian Ball led the night's game play with 128 passing yards, completing 9 of 13 attempts, along with 47 rushing yards, while #25 Nathan Brzoznowski racked up 149 rushing yards and #3 Brayden Pieper totaled 64 receiving yards.

"Brian Ball, Nate Brzoznowski, and Bradyn Pieper had great games offensively, all adding points to the board," Wadzinski

said. "Defensively we totaled seven sacks in the game, three of which came from Junior Defensive End Brody Lange, and two from Senior Tanner Folz."

Merrill scored their first touchdown in the first quarter with a 32-yard pass but the kick was no good. Then in the second quarter the Bluejays added two touchdowns with two-point conversions, bringing the score to Merrill 22-Antigo 0 at halftime.

The Bluejays made another touchdown in the third quarter but failed to make the two-point conversion and then wrapped things up with a four-yard run resulting in a touchdown in the fourth quarter and successfully making the two-point conversion to put more icing on the cake to use the Coach's analogy. Final score: Bluejays 36-Red Robins 0.

**Box Score**  
Merrill 36 @ Antigo 0

At Medford the previous Friday, Sept. 2, the Bluejays lost to the

Raiders 0-43, a disappointing blow, losing in a shutout in their first Conference game of the season.

**Box Score**  
Merrill 0 @ Medford 43

The Bluejays are now 2-2 for overall games played so far this season, winning two and losing two, and 1-1 in Conference play, having lost the Sept. 2 Conference game at Medford and won the Sept. 9 Conference game at Antigo. Merrill is currently in fifth place out of eight teams in the Great Northern Conference and hoping to move up in the rankings if they can beat Lakeland Union High School this Friday night in their home game.

Are you ready for some hometown football? The Bluejays are ready to bring it and are hoping Merrill will be there to cheer them on to another victory.

"We're looking to break the .500 mark this week with Lakeland at home. Come out Friday night and make Jay Stadium loud!" Wadzinski said.

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# Lady Jays win dual against Wausau West and swim their way to first place in Lodi

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

## Girls win against Wausau West

The Merrill Girls Swim Team won their first Conference dual meet of the season against Wausau West on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, at the Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) pool.

"We won 8 out of 11 varsity events, but what was really impressive is we also took 2nd and/or 3rd in 9 events," said Kristie Winter, Head Coach for the Swim Team. "We showed a lot of depth for our young team."

"We had many personal best swims again tonight, which was great to see at this point of the season. The girls are tired and new best times is something to be proud of."

**Box Score:**

**Wausau West 69 @ Merrill 101**

## Merrill Girls take first place out of five swim teams

On Saturday, Sept. 10, the Merrill Girls traveled to Lodi for a Varsity Invitational Meet and finished in first place out of five teams, in front of Monroe/New Glarus, River Valley/Richland Center, Portage, and Lodi-Heights.

"Merrill's depth really showed again this weekend in Lodi," Winter said. "Our small but strong team brought home a win against several of the division 2 Madison teams we will hope to see later this year at State."

"It's always a mentally and physically challenging meet for our team. Getting up and leaving by 5:30 a.m. and then swimming against new teams brings a different kind of stress for the girls.

We really pulled together and everyone brought home the points they needed to," she said.

Merrill Girls took first place in the 200 Yard Medley Relay, with Megan Miles, Olivia Pajtash, Addison Jirovec, and Claire Jirovec teaming up to finish in 2:07.11 and racking up 40 points for the team.

Amber Winter took first place for Merrill in the Girls 200 Yard IM with a time of 2:22.30, bringing in another 20 points.

In the 50 Yard Freestyle, Bailee Sommer and Claire Jirovec took third and fourth places, with times of 27.22 and 28.55, respectively.

Bailee Sommer took second place in the 100 Yard Freestyle with a time of 59.73.

Olivia Pajtash came in third in the 500 Yard Freestyle with a time of 5:56.53.

Merrill's team of Bailee Sommer, Claire Jirovec, Olivia Pajtash, and Amber Winter came in second in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:51.98, garnering 34 points, and Merrill's team of Caitlynn Pehlke, Patricia Priebe, Caroline Durbin, and Emily Winter scored 30 points with their combined time of 2:03.75, coming in fourth.

In the 100 Yard Breaststroke, Amber Winter took first place with a time of 1:14.45 and earned 20 points, and Claire Jirovec came in second with a time of 1:22.43, earning 17 more points.

In the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay, Merrill's Bailee Sommer, Addison Jirovec, Megan Miles, and Amber Winter took second place, finishing at 4:11.95 and earning 34 points.



Merrill Varsity Girls Swim Team.

Submitted photo.

## 2022 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedules

| Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)      |                                  |      |         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|---------|
| Thurs. Sept. 15                      | Wausau East (JV2)                | Home | 5:30 pm |
| Fri. Sept. 16                        | Lakeland Union (Varsity)         | Home | 7:00 pm |
| Mon. Sept. 19                        | Lakeland Union (JV)              | Away | 5:30 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 22                      | Marshfield (JV2)                 | Away | 5:00 pm |
| Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)    |                                  |      |         |
| Thurs. Sept. 15                      | Wausau East (JV2)                | Away | 4:00 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 15                      | Wausau East (JV)                 | Away | 5:30 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 15                      | Wausau East (Varsity)            | Away | 7:00 pm |
| Sat. Sept. 17                        | Stevens Point (Varsity)          | Away | 9:00 am |
| Sat. Sept. 17                        | Multiple Schools (JV2)           | Home | 9:00 am |
| Mon. Sept. 19                        | Stevens Point (JV)               | Away | 5:00 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 22                      | Stevens Point (JV & JV2)         | Home | 5:30 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 22                      | Stevens Point (Varsity)          | Home | 7:00 pm |
| Tennis (Varsity and JV)              |                                  |      |         |
| Thurs. Sept. 15                      | WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV) | Away | 4:00 pm |
| Tues. Sept. 20                       | D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)     | Home | 4:00 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 22                      | Marshfield (Varsity & JV)        | Home | 4:00 pm |
| Boys Soccer (Varsity, JV, and JV2)   |                                  |      |         |
| Thurs. Sept. 15                      | Stevens Point (JV)               | Away | 5:00 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 15                      | Stevens Point (Varsity)          | Away | 7:00 pm |
| Sat. Sept. 17                        | Kaukauna (Varsity)               | Away | 9:00 am |
| Tues. Sept. 20                       | WI Rapids Lincoln (JV)           | Home | 5:00 pm |
| Tues. Sept. 20                       | WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)      | Home | 7:00 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 22                      | Three Lakes (Varsity)            | Away | 5:00 pm |
| Swimming (Varsity and JV)            |                                  |      |         |
| Thurs. Sept. 15                      | Wausau East (Varsity & JV)       | Away | 5:30 pm |
| Cross Country Boys (Varsity and JV)  |                                  |      |         |
| Sat. Sept. 17                        | Wausau East (Varsity & JV)       | Away | 8:30 am |
| Tues. Sept. 20                       | Multiple-Gartzke (Varsity)       | Away | 4:30 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 22                      | D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)     | Away | 5:15 pm |
| Cross Country Girls (Varsity and JV) |                                  |      |         |
| Sat. Sept. 17                        | Wausau East (Varsity & JV)       | Away | 8:30 am |
| Tues. Sept. 20                       | Multiple-Gartzke (Varsity)       | Away | 4:30 pm |
| Thurs. Sept. 22                      | D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)     | Away | 4:30 pm |

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# Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team fighting an uphill battle

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team is fighting an uphill battle this season. With five girls making up the Varsity squad (Lauren Cohrs, Sarah Rell, Chloe Belant, Madisin Jacobs, and Kaytlyn Hulke), and the decision to forego creating Varsity doubles teams until the girls develop stronger skills for that format—which is a solid long-term strategy for the development of the team—the Varsity girls would need to win very single one of their singles matches to pull out a 4-3 team win. (Because the three doubles matches are always forfeited, that shows up as losses for Merrill and three wins for the opposing team.) That's a lot of pressure.

Despite the odds being stacked against them, the Lady Jays are out there on

the court serving up their best and giving it their all.

This week the Varsity Girls traveled to play Wausau East on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022. East took the win, but the Merrill girls didn't back down from the competition.

Match results in singles were:

No. 1 - Lola Berumen, Wausau East beat Lauren Cohrs, Merrill 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 - Abbey Olson, Wausau East beat Sarah Rell, Merrill 6-1, 6-0

No. 3 - Stella Glaser, Wausau East beat Madisin Jacobs, Merrill 6-0, 6-0

No. 4 - Alaina Berres, Wausau East beat Emily Frahm, Merrill 6-1, 6-0

Merrill forfeited all three doubles matches.

Head Girls Volleyball Coach Brad Barton had encouraging words for the girls, focusing on their progress. "Lauren Cohrs and Sarah Rell continue their reliable play," he said. "Sarah has improved

so much from last year."

"Madisin Jacobs has some of the best angled shots on the team," Barton added. And "Emily has great promise being only a Freshman."

Merrill fell to a team record 1-11, he said.

**Box Score**

**Merrill 0 @ Wausau East**

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Chloe McRae**, a Junior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Chloe is on the Merrill Bluejays Varsity Volleyball Team, and this is her second year playing Varsity. She started playing volleyball in the fourth grade at Washington Elementary School, then played for the Junior Jays at Prairie River School (PRMS), and played on the JV 2 Volleyball team at MHS in her Freshman year. Chloe now also helps coach the Merrill Junior Jays Volleyball Team at PRMS.

At school, Chloe is a part of the LINK Crew and belongs to the National Honor Society. She also works part time in the office with her mom at Lincoln Wood Products.

In her spare time, Chloe likes to hang out with her friends, go swimming and tubing, hang out at the pool, and go 4-wheeling. She also taught herself to play the piano this year and really enjoys playing and practicing.

The daughter of Lisa and Chris McRae of Merrill, Chloe has a 4.0 GPA. She is still exploring her interests and trying to decide what she wants to do after high school graduation.



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# Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball Team 1-1 in Conference play

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

On Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, the Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball Team had their second Conference match, their home opener, and parent night. "Going into it, we knew it would be a big night for us playing against Marshfield," Assistant Coach Kasie Holt said.

"The first set we came out playing shaky and conservative. We missed a couple of crucial serves and struggled to get a good pass to our setters to run our offense."

"However, in the second set we started putting up some big blocks to slow down Marshfield's hitters and we were reading their defense better to get some kills," she said. "When we were on, we were on, and you could feel the energy in the fieldhouse."

"The crowd was awesome and our student section really showed up!" Holt said.

"Marshfield is a good team,



Avery Hoff digging the ball.

Katie Hanson photo, KtKPhotography.

with a seasoned outside that we struggled to defend."

"In the end, the scoreboard showed a loss for us," Holt said, "but the girls played hard, gave it their all, and celebrated every point - that is something to be proud of. "We learned a lot and we will be ready for when we get to play them again near the end of our season," she added.

**Box Score:**  
**Marshfield @ Merrill - 3-0**  
**25-11; 25-22; 25-18**

The Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball Team traveled to Wisconsin Rapids on Friday, Sept. 2, 2022. "Tonight was our first Conference match. We were on the road at Wisconsin Rapids, and we came out winning 3-0," Merrill Varsity Girls Head Volleyball Coach Kristi Krug said.

"It was a good win for us to start the Conference season."

"Even though it was a win, the game still showed us things that we need to work on, like communication," Krug said. "In the beginning, we started off a little slow with our passing, but by the end, I felt like we were able to run our offense pretty efficiently."

"Our serving was aggressive and consistent as we served with 92% accuracy. Jalie Severt led us serving with three aces."

"We were also able to score a lot of points on serve receive by being able to run our offense," Krug said. "Middle hitter, Chloe McRae, was our leading scorer with 10 kills, and close behind her was our other middle hitter, Elexa Emmer, with 7 kills."

"Overall, I was happy with the way we played. We've seen recently in other matches that we don't play to our full potential, but we stepped it up tonight and did just that."

**Box Score:**  
**Merrill @ Wisconsin Rapids - 3-0**  
**25-14; 25-12; 25-18**

## JOURNALISM from page 13

Thom Gerretsen spent decades in both newspaper and radio work. He still reports in his retirement. Now, he just does it from the confines and flexibility of his Facebook page.

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