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One dead, three injured following four-motorcycle crash on County Hwy. A in Town of Bradley

BY JALEN MAKI
 TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

TOWN OF BRADLEY – One man was killed and three others were injured in a four-motorcycle crash in the Town of Bradley on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022.

According to a release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, a 911 call was received at approximately 10:00 a.m. reporting a crash involving multiple motorcycles with multiple injuries on County Rd. A. Upon arrival on the scene, deputies discovered four motorcycles to be involved with four people injured.

The Sheriff's Office said two motorcycles were traveling southbound and preparing to turn when two

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Judge Russell set bail at \$500,000 cash for Lahti and imposed additional restrictions should Lahti make bail and be released.

Tina L. Scott photos.

8-year-old Gleason boy dies in Hwy. 17 traffic accident

Merrill man arrested, charged with Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle with Prior Related Conviction

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

Tragedy struck a Gleason family on Saturday evening, Sept. 17, 2022, at 7:22 p.m. when the 2008 Chevrolet Silverado they were traveling in, northbound on State Hwy. 17 near Sunset Road in the Township of Merrill, was hit head-on by a 2017 Dodge Ram truck that crossed over into their lane.

Leah M. Skaar, 37, of Gleason, a passenger in the family's Silverado, was flown by Life-Link helicopter to Aspirus Wausau Hospital with critical injuries. As of Monday afternoon and following a Monday-afternoon surgery on her ankle, her condition had been upgraded to serious but stable, according to her husband, Tom.

Thomas J. Skaar, 42, of Merrill, the driver of the family vehicle, was transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital, along with his 9-year-old daughter, Julia,* with non-life threatening injuries. Both were treated and released.

The couple's eight-year-old son, Ian Skaar,* who had been seated in the back on the passenger side, was transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital with the intent to stabilize him and life flight him to a children's pediatric hospital, but Ian died of injuries sustained in the accident about an hour after arriving at the hospital.

The driver of the second vehicle, a Dodge Ram truck, 41-year-old John James Lahti of Merrill, sustained minor injuries, was treated at Aspirus Merrill Hospital, and was then arrested by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Lahti was charged with a felony count of Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle While Having Prior Intoxicated-Related Conviction and a misdemeanor charge of Cause Injury/Operate While Under the Influence. According to the Criminal Complaint, Lahti was previously convicted of Operating While Intoxicated, first offense, on



John James Lahti appeared by video conference from the Lincoln County Jail on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022.

February 24, 2004.

If convicted of the first charge, Lahti faces a fine of up to \$100,000 and up to 40 years in prison, or both, plus revocation of his operating privileges for five years. The penalties, if convicted of the misdemeanor charge, include a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$2,000 and not less than 30 days or more than 1 year in county jail.

The Criminal Complaint on record said an eye witness saw Lahti's vehicle cross the center line to come straight at the Skaar vehicle and said the driver of the Skaar vehicle took evasive action, trying to swerve into the other (oncoming) lane to avoid a crash with the oncoming truck. As a result, the front passenger side of both vehicles took the brunt of the impact. The Complaint said all airbags deployed and all of the passengers in the Skaar vehicle wore seatbelts.

The Complaint said Lahti displayed many signs of being impaired by alcohol use when questioned on site, but declined to participate in standard sobriety testing and at times failed to respond at all. Ultimately, he consented to a preliminary breath test there, registering .290 Breath Alcohol Concentration (BrAC) at 7:55 p.m., which put him at more than three times the legal limit at the time of the crash. A second test taken later registered .223 BrAC at 11:45 p.m. The legal limit in Wisconsin is .08 BrAC or Blood

Alcohol Content (BAC).

The Complaint also stated, "In John's vehicle, Law Enforcement located a 1 liter Korbel Brandy bottle that was slightly over half full. The cap was unsealed and the liquid inside was dark and appeared to be brandy. Law Enforcement unscrewed the cap and smelled the liquid inside and it appeared to be consistent with intoxicating beverages."

The Wisconsin State Patrol conducted a crash investigation and reconstruction. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln County Fire & EMS, and Town of Russell Fire Department and First Responders all assisted at the scene.

It was 3:18 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, when the area was finally cleared for traffic to resume in the area.

Lahti held on \$500,000 cash bond

John James Lahti made his initial appearance from the Lincoln County Jail via video conference before Judge Robert Russell in Lincoln County Court on Monday, Sept. 19, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

One entire half of the courtroom viewing area was packed with family and friends of the Skaar family, with some overflow into the other side of the room.

When Judge Russell asked if the victims in the case were present and wished to make a statement, Tom Skaar and his nine-year-old daughter, Julia, stepped forward. Seated at the microphone with Julia by his side, Tom spoke of the family's immense grief at the death of his eight-year-old son as a result of the defendant's decision to drive after drinking and his failure to control his vehicle. He said his wife will never have the mobility she once had. He also said he thought Lahti would have the means and motive to flee prior to standing trial and being held accountable for the actions that took his son's life. At his side, his daughter broke down, silently sobbing as he spoke.

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4-H Listening Session Townhall with County Board Supervisor Friske

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Lincoln County, Wis., residents were invited

to attend a 4-H Listening Session Townhall last Wednesday evening, Sept. 14, 2022, in the upstairs Board Room at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St. in Merrill.

The listening session was organized by UW-Extension employees after speaking with and at the request of Lincoln County Board Chairman Don Friske, according to the Extension. It was not a formal Lincoln County Board meeting or formal meeting of any Committee of the Lincoln County Board, but rather, an opportunity for County Board Chairman Friske to hear firsthand from constituents in regard to their concerns.

The meeting stemmed from concerns related to proposed cuts to the Lincoln County budget, a budget that still needs on be voted on by the entire Board. The Board had a meeting Sept. 20 during which a public comment session was planned, along with Board review of the budget. There was no indication the Board would be voting on the proposed budget cuts yet. By the time you read this in print, the meeting will have been held and we will report on the outcome of that in next week's edition.

But here is the back story: Recently, the Lincoln County Finance Committee, in an effort to create a sustainable 2023 budget, proposed eliminating (among other cost-cutting measures) the funding to the UW-Extension program. Many residents, after learning of the proposal, were upset.

The Lincoln County Finance Committee recommendation being put to the full County Board for consideration "would permanently eliminate 4-H in Lincoln County," Chad Lashua, President of the Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Association said. "This comes as quite a shock, as just last year the County increased the educator position from .5 to .8 of a full time position."

"This indicated to us in 4-H, that the County supported our programming and supported the



Youth 4-H members came forward to speak up for 4-H at the listening session with Lincoln County Board Chairman Don Friske. **Mary Sosnovske photo.**

youth in the County," he said. "Unfortunately, this was only a one-year investment."

"If 4-H in Lincoln County is discontinued, all 4-H programming will need to be disbanded by the end of this year," Lashua said.

Art Lersch, Area 3 Director at the UW-Extension office in Lincoln County, said that while the UW-Extension office administers the 4-H program in Lincoln County, it is not just the 4-H program in Lincoln County that is in jeopardy. There are many other area programs administered by the UW-Extension in Lincoln County.

Lersch made it clear that, should the Lincoln County Board cut funding of their \$208,000 contribution to the UW-Extension office from their 2023 budget, what is being proposed would essentially close down the Extension office in Lincoln County.

The Extension has been in Lincoln County for more than 100 years and the County has always supported it, he said. It has always been a joint effort, a partnership, with the University funding about 55% of the cost and Lincoln County funding about 45% of the cost. That amounts to roughly \$260,000 of funding from the University and \$208,000 from Lincoln County, Lersch said.

We've worked together on this, he said, and it is just not feasible for the Extension to maintain the funds to keep it functioning without the County's financial support. This has long been a partnership, and without one half of the partnership, the University wouldn't be able to fund it on their own.

With regard to 4-H specifically, "4-H programming has been in Lincoln County for over 100 years and has helped countless youth grow and develop into productive responsible adults," Lashua said. "This programming is not just animals and crafts, it is robotics, community service, leadership development, civic engagement, and mentoring, just to name a few. This past summer I was part of a 4-H Citizenship experience that took some Lincoln County and other Wisconsin youth to

Washington D.C., to learn about government and civic engagement. This was at no cost to Lincoln County, and still youth benefited from this opportunity. We met with both Senator Johnson's and Senator Baldwin's office to learn more of what was done on Capitol Hill and to allow our youth to ask questions and learn. This is not politically biased and allows everyone to see both sides. If the County forces 4-H in Lincoln County to disband, we lose those opportunities. The youth met other 4-H delegates from across the country. They shared ideas, shared our values, and learned from each other."

"Adult leaders are supported through multiple training programs provided to them at no cost by 4-H, covering topics including diversity, equity, and inclusion," he said. "There are also components that cover mental health and positive youth engagement. This programming is proven to be comprehensive and beneficial to not only new leaders, but as a refresher to those already involved with youth programming."

"The skills that youth develop in 4-H are priceless. No matter the interest that youth have, there is an avenue for them to pursue. It would be hard to find another youth program that is as inclusive, and not subject specific that allows all youth to work together, collaborate, and build leadership skills," Lashua said. "No matter what the project is, communication, leadership, and youth-to-youth mentorship are key components in 4-H, and are promoted throughout the youth experience."

"I have not found programming like this in other organizations and do not support the removal of this programming," he said. "We understand that there is a budget shortfall, but cutting support for our youth and future generations is more costly than the immediate cost to the budget. Other options are available and we hope they are considered."

At the meeting last Wednesday evening, a group of about 30 kids were in attendance, and about 20 young people involved in 4-H stepped up to speak on behalf of the program, urging the Lincoln County Board not

to approve the proposed 2023 which would eliminate all funding to the UW-Extension.

"I am grateful for the opportunity that Chairman Friske gave for the 4-H program to have a chance to voice their concerns," Mary Sosnovske said. "The statements that the 4-H members shared had most of the room fighting tears and giving applause."

"I don't think Chair Friske was aware that the 4-H program is run through USDA," she said. "They require a land grant university to facilitate 4-H in each county, thus UW-Extension must be funded in order to have a 4-H program in Lincoln County."

"The 4-H program does not receive funds from the County," Sosnovske explained. "Each Club is financially independent. The Extension agents and office staff are only partially funded through the County, over half comes through the State."

"I was saddened that a lot of what Chair Friske and Ms. Allen spoke about was cutting items to make up the budget deficit," she said. "Not much was said about how to create or bring in revenue."

"Overall, this is a frustrating situation," said Brittany Bloch, a parent in attendance who is concerned about the proposed cuts to the UW-Extension funding. "I understand the hardships the Board is facing with this budget, but cutting a department that serves so many in the community is not the answer."

"This closure would affect thousands of community members of all ages," she said. "Not only would we lose 4H (and likely the fair, seeing as the 4H projects comprise a large amount of the event), but we would also lose other vital programs such as FoodWise, Community Development, StrongBodies, and the Raise Your Voice Club. In a county that is facing astronomical numbers of children needing home placements, cutting youth programs focused on personal development seems to be backward thinking and will likely lead to a trickle down effect of grave proportions."

"Last night many good ideas were brought to the

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Al-Anon holds weekly meetings in Merrill

Al-Anon meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 7pm at Ascension Episcopal Church which is located on the corner of Third and Pier Streets in Merrill.

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Former owner of Skipper's Restaurant and Foto News Editor to release cookbook

Skipper's Family Restaurant Commemorative Cookbook - featuring 80 years of history and recipes is available to order now

When Rick Scott closed Skipper's Restaurant in 2017 because he couldn't find enough employees to keep the restaurant going, he became the keeper of the recipes.

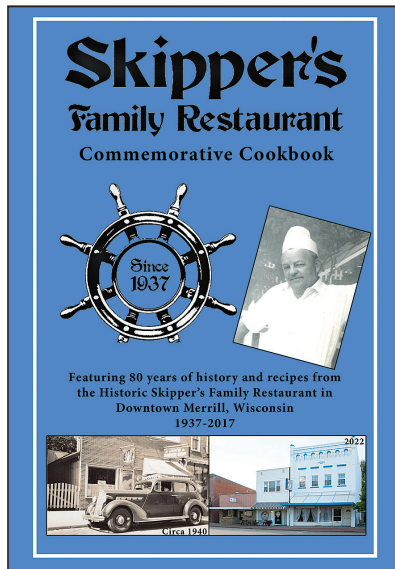
All of those recipes were developed over the 80 years Skipper's Restaurant was a fixture on East First St. in Merrill.

Rick couldn't see just letting them gather dust or, worse yet, being discarded someday, especially when over the years people had been asking him to share some of those recipes.

He reached out to Merrill Foto News Editor Tina L. Scott (same last name, but no relation) to collaborate on writing a cookbook to share those recipes with the public and also benefit the Lincoln County Humane Society, a local charity that has long been close to his heart.

Once the two began working on the project, Tina set out to also document the history of Skipper's Restaurant, from the time it was founded back in 1937 by siblings, Thomas F. "Skipper" Walters and Ann Walters, to the present day.

What developed is a rich history of the Walters family, from the time their parents first settled in Merrill's Sixth Ward prior to Skipper's birth, through the 42 years Skipper owned the restaurant, with some family genealogy, historical facts related to the properties inhabited by Skipper's Restaurant and the Walters family over the years, and a peek behind the scenes at various times during the Walters family's



lives and a glimpse of life in Merrill from days gone by, all included in the 200+ page book.

"Skipper was first generation American and the seventh child born to immigrants Charles T. Walters and Michalina (Kachmalek)," Tina said. "The family history is fascinating. It took a lot of research, but helping preserve the family's story became a wonderful way to honor the legacy of the restaurant's founders."

"And did you know Skipper's Restaurant wasn't always located at 812 E. First St.?"

"You can learn more about that, the family, the restaurant, and the recipes all in this book," Tina said.

With contributions from Polly Berndt, the daughter of Thomas F. "Skipper" and Lucille Walters, the book is half history and half recipes.

The cookbook portion is comprised of nearly 150 recipes, including the most-requested recipes for

Skipper's famous chicken dumpling soup, pancake batter, corn beef hash, sausage gravy, hollandaise sauce, and many more, and even includes some trade secrets, like how to make Skipper's "best fried eggs in town."

A limited quantity of the cookbook, titled *Skipper's Family Restaurant Commemorative Cookbook - featuring 80 years of history and recipes from the Historic Skipper's Family Restaurant in Downtown Merrill, Wisconsin 1937-2017*, will be printed and will be available in time for Christmas gift giving.

Those who wish to purchase a copy are urged to go to one of the participating Merrill businesses to reserve their copy prior to publication at the pre-publication price. The cookbooks can be ordered in advance for \$20 at VIP Office Supply, Merrill Foto News, Auntie Ray's Coffee House, Westside Market, Leroy's Hair Care Center, the Beacon Bar, and the Lincoln County Humane Society, but that pre-publication purchase price expires on Nov. 15, 2022, Rick said.

After that date, a limited number of cookbooks will be available for purchase at the cover price of \$25. Shipping and handling for any out-of-town orders is an additional \$5 per book.

Rick anticipates the books will be delivered to the various locations for pick-up of advance ordered books in early December, just in time for Christmas gifts for Merrill history buffs, former Merrill residents, and cookbook collectors.

Profits from the sale of the cookbook will be donated to the Lincoln County Humane Society.

Pet of the Week

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T.B. Scott Library to host Spoolman Author Chat

The T.B. Scott Library, 106 W. First St., in Merrill, will host an Author Chat with award-winning science author Scott Spoolman on Monday, Sept 26, 2022, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in their Community Room. Spoolman will present on: Wisconsin Waters: the Ancient History of Lakes, Rivers and Waterfalls. His talk will include stories from his recently published book by the same title. There is no charge for his presentation. Refreshments will be served.

Spoolman invites attendees to explore Wisconsin's many and varied waterways and to learn of how they came to be as they are today. From the placid Mississippi, to waterfalls crashing over hard rock ledges near Lake Superior, to life bursting forth in one of the world's largest freshwater marshes, these waterways each have a fascinating story to tell. He will include readings from the stories and from the travel guides that follow each story, helping readers to get out and explore each site on their own.

Books will be available for purchase and Spoolman is happy to sign copies of

the book after the presentation.

"The library relies extensively on local support for programs and logistical arrangements made in the background," said Laurie A. Ollhoff, Interim Library Director at the T.B. Scott Library. "The library is grateful to area residents and local businesses. In this instance, a thank you goes out to AmericInn for providing complimentary hotel accommodations for author Scott Spoolman. We couldn't do it without all of you."

Spoolman is a science writer who has focused on the environmental sciences, especially those stories of natural science and the environment related to Wisconsin and surrounding states. He grew up in northern Wisconsin and earned a master's degree from the University of Minnesota School of Journalism with an emphasis on science reporting. He has co-authored several editions of a series of environmental science textbooks. His recently published books are Wisconsin Waters: the Ancient History of Lakes, Rivers, and Waterfalls, the award-winning Wisconsin State Parks: Extraordinary Stories of Geology and Natural History, both published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press, and Wisconsin Rocks: A Guide to Geologic Sites in the Badger State, published by Mountain Press Publishing Co.

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other southbound motorcycles collided with them.

One operator, Michael J. Tyloch, 66, of Oshkosh, was found to be not breathing and was later pronounced dead at the scene. Tyloch was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, according to the Sheriff's Office.

A second operator was transported to

Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital for treatment, and a third operator was transported to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital and flown for further treatment by Life Link. The fourth operator was transported by private auto to the hospital for treatment.

The Wisconsin State Patrol responded for a crash reconstruction, and the crash remains under investigation, the Sheriff's Office said.

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Marshall T. Wiedeman, age 80, of Merrill, passed away on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at the Aspirus Merrill Hospital, while surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 8, 1941, to the late Lloyd and Dorothy (Nelson) Wiedeman in Rhinelander, WI. Marshall met the love of his life, Jean (a.k.a. Gloria) Niedzwiecki, and the two exchanged marriage vows on July 25, 1959, in Dubuque, IA. She survives.

Marshall was a painter by trade and did both interior and exterior painting. His family would frequently help, especially his wife, who painted with him for 25 years. He had his own business, Marshall Painting, and loved his work. Marshall would occasionally go fishing, but really enjoyed road trips with his family and spending a couple winters in Alabama with his wife. He was passionate about volunteering and would raise money for the local veterans. Family was first and foremost in his life, he looked forward to his time spent with them. Marshall is remembered as a funny man, who was always telling jokes, never met a stranger and had an amazing memory. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

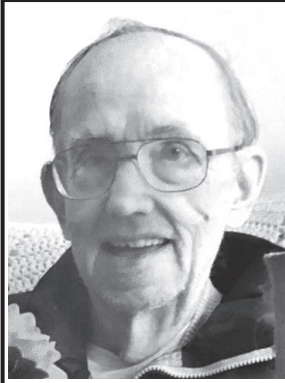
Marshall is survived by his wife: Jean (a.k.a. Gloria), children: Wayne Wiedeman, Merrystar Nemke, Cami Kramer, Marshall J. (Barbara) Wiedeman, Dennie (Ken) Wiedeman, Chris (Dennis) Opichka, Kitty Wiedeman and Alan Wiedeman, grandchildren: Joshua, Jeremy, Keith, Erik, Mark, Devin, Megan, Carmen, Samantha, Wendy and Jasper, great grandchildren: Davon, Madelynn, Olive and Owen, brothers: Clifford and Danny and sisters: Gloria, Eileen, Vera and Marty, along with his special fur-baby friend: Maestro.

Marshall was preceded in death by his parents: Joe and Dorothy Charbarneau & Lloyd and Jackie Wiedeman, infant daughter: Wendy Wiedeman, granddaughter: Sheri Kramer, brothers: Joe, Dennis, Paul, Ed and Doug, sisters: Evelyn and Carolyn, son-in-law: Tim Kramer and daughter-in-law: Renee Wiedeman.

Per family request, no formal services for Marshall will be held. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Donations in Marshall's name may be made to the Hands Foundation 1-715-229-4456 or Gospel TLC 1-715-572-4549.

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.



Ray Steiniger May 8, 1932 – September 10, 2022. West Allis - Age 90. Born into eternal life September 10, 2022. Preceded in death by his first wife, Angeline (nee Macek) Steiniger, his parents, Erwin & Marie Steiniger, and his sister, Fern (Robert) Specht. Loving husband of Vera Steiniger. Beloved father of Bobbie (Mark) Kowbel, Mary Trentadue, Buck Steiniger, and Vera's children, Karen (Greg) Sidoff, Jeff (Carmen) Weideman, and Sheryl Puerner. Proud grandpa of Nick Haman, James (Tiffanie) Trentadue, Krista (Adam) Kurutz, Erick (Danielle) Steiniger, Jamie Stearns, Jennifer Pagel, and David Sidoff. Blessed with 21 great-grandchildren. Further survived by other relatives and friends.

Ray proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He graduated from Michigan State. Long time owner of Tompkins Velvet Freeze in Racine, WI. He really enjoyed spending time in the woods on his property in Merrill, WI. Ray was an avid sports fan of Wisconsin teams, especially the Packers and Brewers.

Visitation at Emanuel United Church of Christ, 10627 W. Forest Home Ave., Hales Corners, WI 53130 on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 11 am to 1 pm. Funeral Service 1 pm. Interment to follow: Emanuel Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Wisconsin Woodland Owner's Association appreciated. Hartson Funeral Home is serving the family. Please visit the funeral home website to leave a condolence.



Scott L. Mahn, 72, of Merrill, passed away on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

Scott was born November 2, 1949, in Merrill, son of the late Lorton and Duane (Williquette) Mahn. He had worked at the former Bill's House of Guns and the Oconomowoc Canning Company. He also owned and operated the Trophy Bar in Merrill from 1985 until 2010. Scott served in the Vietnam War and was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. He enjoyed golfing, hunting for deer, squirrels, rabbits, and pheasants, and fishing in Wisconsin and Canada. Scott also enjoyed watching sports and movies, music, and electronics.

Survivors include his sister, Kristine (Gene) Eagan of Prairie du Sac; and multiple cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Lorton and Duane Mahn; and his grandparents.

The funeral service for Scott will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday September 23, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home in Merrill. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Entombment will be in Merrill Memorial Park Mausoleum with graveside military rites conducted by the Merrill V.F.W. Post 1638 Honor Guard. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



One entire side of the courtroom was packed with supporters for the Skaar family during the Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, initial appearance and bail hearing for John James Lahti, accused of Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle While Having Prior Intoxicated-Related Conviction in the Saturday evening traffic accident that killed eight-year-old Ian Skaar of Gleason.

Tina L. Scott photo.

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Attorney Kristopher R. Ellis appeared on behalf of the State of Wisconsin, urging the Judge to set cash bail for Lahti at \$500,000 and saying that in light of the penalties for the charges if convicted, that Lahti poses a strong flight risk.

Attorney Nicholas Smith appeared on behalf of Lahti, specially, for this initial appearance, and said Lahti has no prior criminal record, and asked the court to grant Lahti \$10,000 cash bail, saying he is not a flight risk, as he has a wife with a job in the community and children in the community and that such a high bail would be punitive which is premature, as Lahti has not yet been convicted of the charges he faces.

Ultimately, Judge Russell sided with the victims and Attorney Ellis and the State of Wisconsin due to the gravity of the matter. Russell set Lahti's bail at \$500,000 cash bond. Additionally, if Lahti is able to post the bond and is released, he is also ordered to have no contact with the victims or their family in any capacity or location, must maintain absolute sobriety, may not enter any place licensed to sell or serve alcohol, may not drive a motor vehicle, and may not leave the state of Wisconsin without the permission of the Court.

As with all pending court cases, the defendant in this case is presumed innocent until convicted of the charges against him.

A grieving family, a grieving community

The Skaar family, their church and school community at St. John Lutheran Church and School in Merrill, and their Gleason community where the family has a farm, are devastated. St. John's Lutheran School emailed parents on Sunday, advising a student at the school had died, and invited students and parents to a Monday morning prayer service held to pray for the surviving family members and help students and families cope with Ian's sudden death.

In a brief conversation with Ian and Julia's father, Tom Skaar, on Monday, Sept. 19, Tom extended thanks to everyone who has reached out in any way to help the family during this time of immense loss, pain, and grief. His wife, Leah, was still hospitalized after having undergone surgery on Monday.

"We appreciate the Town of Russell First Responders, the crew at the Merrill Fire Department, all the medical staff at Aspirus Merrill Hospital, the medical staff at Aspirus Wausau Hospital, the numerous good Samaritans that came to our aid at the scene, the Aspirus Medivac crew, the Life-Link helicopter crew, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol," Tom Skaar said late Monday afternoon.

"Thank you to the community members helping keep our family farm going during this very difficult time," he said.

"Please continue to pray for our family," Tom said. *Permission to publish juvenile names granted by parent.

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 /S/Robert R. Russell
CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
 Case No. 22-CV-137

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
 Sophie Lee Van Groll
 By (Petitioner) Kelsey Lee Metz
 By (Co-Petitioner) Shane Justin Van Groll

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above.
 From: Sophie Lee Van Groll
 To: Sophie Lee Metz
 Birth Certificate: Sophie Lee Van Groll

IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Honorable Robert R. Russell
 Place: Lincoln County Courthouse Branch 2
 1110 East Main St., Merrill, WI 54452
 Date: October 18, 2022
 Time: 11:10 AM

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (715) 536-0302 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.
 Published: 9/22/22, 9/29/22 & 10/6/22
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: September 2, 2022
 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
 Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY L. MILLS
 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,
 Hurtado Zimmerman S.C.
 227521 Harrier Ave., Suite D
 Wausau, WI 54401
 715-203-1401 /Bar Number 1017839
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: September 6, 2022
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 Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
 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.

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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.
 Dan C. Koblitz,
 Attorney & Counselor at Law
 2320 Parallel Lane
 Silver Spring, MD 20904
 301-960-5857 /Bar #1102710
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: September 6, 2022
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF 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.
 Dan C. Koblitz,
 Attorney & Counselor at Law
 2320 Parallel Lane
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CITY OF MERRILL
 1004 EAST FIRST STREET
 MERRILL, WI 54452

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing to be held by and before the City Plan Commission of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, commencing at **6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 4, 2022**, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the following proposed matter, to wit:

- 1.) Sphendi Alimi, requesting a zoning amendment per M.M.C. Sec. 113-430, from R-2 residential to R-3 residential for 3 lots on 13th Street described as Lots 1,2,3 of Certified Survey Map 1332, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Pin# 251-3106-122-0125
 Anyone having any questions regarding the hearing should contact Zoning Administrator, Darin Pagel at 536-4880.
 Dated: September 15, 2022
CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN
 By: Lori Anderson-Malm
 City Clerk
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DATE SIGNED: September 13, 2022
 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
 Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Ruth A. Jaeger

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
 Case No. 2022IN45

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth July 27, 1946, and date of death July 7, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N8540 Lighthouse Lane, Gleason, WI 54435.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 30, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
 Robert G. Blakely, Attorney at Law
 1122 Cranston Road, Suite 2
 Beloit, WI 53511
 (608) 365-4401 /Bar # 1015047
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OTTILIE CARLSON
 DOD 08/03/2022

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
 Case No. 22 IN 44

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/16/1930, and date of death 08/03/2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 305 N. Pine St., Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12/30/2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
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 Merrill, WI 54452
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NOTICE IN REPLEVIN STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
 Case Code 31003
 Case No. 22-SC-223

To: ROBERT HAWKINS

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Dated at Milwaukee, WI this 15th day of September, 2022.

COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
 Plaintiff

By: Joshua J. Brady, Attorney
 State Bar# 1041428
 839 N. Jefferson St., #200
 Milwaukee, WI 53202
 Tele: 414-271-9556
PO No.: 7779.55
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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
Monday, August 22, 2022

PRESENT: K. Batten, M. Grossman, J. Heideman, C. Martinson, H. Schweitzer, T. Wegner, and M. Wilz.

I. PUBLIC FORUM
 • Mike Hanson, N3537 Dawn Drive, New London: he stated that in order to provide stakeholder engagement, he suggested the items that he expressed at previous public forums for engagement and transparency; suggested to update Policy 171.2 for public comment

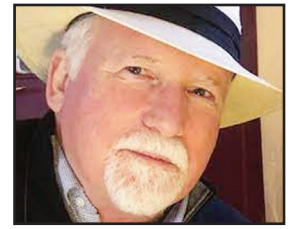
• Bill Krostue, N3529 Sunset Lane, New London: commented on School RSO Program, practices and judicial process

II. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
 The meeting was called to order at 6:20

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

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And then think of what happens when you spend your money online. I've said it before and I'll say it again - those dollars leave the community - forever. A dollar spent on Amazon is a dollar sent to Amazon's headquarters in Seattle. That dollar isn't going to come back here. It will go on to a seller and supplier somewhere else in the country, or somewhere outside the country. Meanwhile a store owner right here in the community has one less dollar to pay his employees, one less dollar to spend locally or donate to a local charity.

Support our local businesses to keep our community strong and vibrant. Give the local retailer a chance. It's as simple as that.

PATRICK J. WOOD
 PUBLISHER

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

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

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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 (6th Ward) & South of Wisconsin River on Thursday, **September 29, 2022.**

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Gabe Steinagel
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Chairman [Friske], but I worry they may have fallen on deaf ears," Bloch said.

"Our turnout for the 4-H program was great, with over 30 kids representing their clubs, plus numerous 4-H leaders, alumni, and concerned community members," she said.

"It was a very emotional night, but it showed what 4-H is all about. Kids of all ages, from Cloverbud to Seniors, spoke to the Chairman with strength and humility. You don't often see kids nowadays become this engaged and proactive, but this is what the 4-H program teaches youth - to be responsible, respectable, resounding members of their community."

"The need to have 4-H in our community, not just for us, but for every kid in the future is huge," said Kassie Schepp, a former Pine River resident, a 4-H Leader for the Pine River Pioneer Sunrise 4-H Club, and an alumni of Lincoln County 4-H.

"We raise leaders. These kids said it themselves [at the listening session] ... there's not much for them to do in this town, and not much to keep them around. Many of them involved in 4-H, are prime examples of the leaders we will have in the future. Many kids spoke with their heart and their passion. The hundred plus people in that room to speak of how great 4-H is, should mean something ..."

"Chairman Friske kept stating they aren't trying to take 4-H away, that was never the plan. But you need the UW-Extension in order to have 4-H."

"This community needs these programs," Schepp said. "Yes, 4-H is important, but so is every other aspect of the UW-Extension. After last week's finance meeting with a 4-1 vote, the Finance Committee voted to cut the whole UW-Extension budget out. Without the Extension, there will NOT be 4-H. If the County drops the budget for UW-Extension, we cannot have 4-H on its own. ... In order to have 4-H in Lincoln County, you MUST have a county 4-H educator. With the budget cut, this wouldn't happen and 4-H will disappear."

"It seems Chairman Friske, did not know that we need the UW-Extension to provide 4-H or any other program they run (strong bodies, raise your voice clubs, suicide prevention, food wise and so many others)," Schepp said. "The Board brought on this decision very fast, and tried to sneak away with what was happening to the budget, not leaving time for solutions."

Many County Board members had not been informed of the results from the Finance Committee meetings and their Sept. 9 4-1 vote to eliminate the UW-Extension, Schepp said. Many were also not advised about the 4-H listening session, she added.

"Why is it a secret to have the community be heard about what matters? These are people you vote on for the County, to handle your tax payer dollars. As they all received a raise, they are cutting pro-

grams that will affect multiple aspects of the whole Lincoln County community. They claim 4-H as a want, not a need. But what happens to all these kids when such a program is taken away?" Schepp said.

"Did you know all of the kids who advocated for 4-H [at the listening session] all learned their public speaking in 4-H?" she said.

"And some of those small children started showing steers at the young age of nine. Can you imagine a 9-year-old working with and handling a 1300+ pound steer? Well, they do."

"It takes hard work, dedication, team work, sportsmanship, and did I mention dedication? Not only for steers but for any project they learn through 4-H. A lot of the youth talked about the fair, because for them it is the highlight of the summer, and the highlight of the 4-H year."

"Yes. Lincoln County is not a 4-H fair anymore, but they still work hand in hand so the 4-H club exhibitors can exhibit their projects. Some projects, such as steers, start a whole year before the actual fair," Schepp said.

"As Brynlee Heidemann stated at the meeting, she loves to show and wants everyone to be able experience what she has been able to experience. Her mom, Jessica, brought up the fact that Brynlee's steer for next year, Carl, is already in the pasture being worked with for next fair year. To spend a whole year working on your project, marketing them towards businesses in our community, be financially dependent for that animal, and still learn something new every year you show is amazing," she said. "The skills these kids take away from that, you can't get anywhere else."

"The opportunities are countless, and the life skills are unmeasurable," Schepp said.

"The 4-H pledge states: I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

"We are here to serve our community, help the youth, and help everyone else," she said. "Our club has helped this community in multiple ways. We run food pantry drives, write valentines for veterans, sing carols to elderly at Pine Crest. We have cleaned the highway, raked leaves at Make a Difference Day, come together, and most of all we have volunteered our time to make the County Fair what it is today. We teach the future of agriculture through our projects, and most of all make fantastic leaders."

"And we are just one program," Schepp said. Losing the other programs the UW-Extension supports would also be damaging to the community, she said.

An email was sent to Lincoln County Chairman Don Friske requesting his comments on the meeting and the proposed action of the Board, but as of Tuesday when this issue was going to print, he had not responded.

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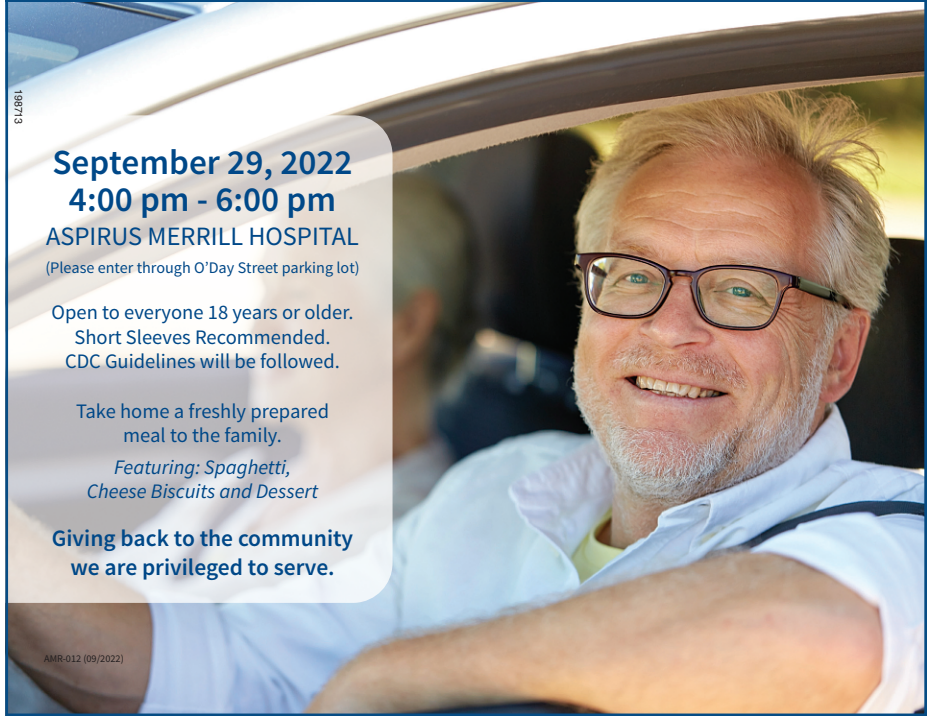
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BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Barbarian

(Now playing in theatres)

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This film is rated R –
for language, violence, and adult themes

Hi, everyone, sorry I missed you last week. Adulting got in the way of my movie reviewing, but fear not, I am back with a doozy for you.

Barbarian was my pick this week, and I have spent the last day and a half attempting to figure out exactly what I saw and how to review it for you.

My first reaction when exiting the cinema this past Saturday night was "What the *Bleep* did I just see?"

Here is the set-up: Single girl thinks it's a super idea to rent an AirBNB in the worst part of Detroit sight unseen because, well, of course. Girl arrives and there is someone else already there who also rented the house. Of course, no hotels anywhere have a room, so she is forced to stay with the stranger.

Fear not, all is well. Until the next day when our intrepid renter locks herself in the basement and discovers a hidden passage. What is one to do, you say? Well, of course, a single girl with no phone on her and no flashlight decides it's a super awesome idea to investigate the passage.

I swear, the people in these movies have serious cognitive issue when it comes to reasonable thinking.

Anyway, next we cut to an actor who finds out he is accused of sexual misconduct by his co-star. The actor, of course, is the owner of the house and retreats to Detroit to escape the media and, of course, ends up in the secret passage.

Foolishness ensues, serial killer from the 80's comes to light, creepy inbred people show up, and it just goes downhill from there.

I do not recommend this one, folks. *Barbarian* got two out of five stars because there were some pretty creepy moments, but I cannot get past the fact that people in



these movies are always just so freaking stupid. I mean, seriously, if I find a creepy hidden passage with what she sees in there, Dude, I would be out of there like Shaggy and Scooby chasing a Scooby snack! And who rents a place sight unseen in literally the worst area of Detroit? Have you been to Detroit lately? I have, and let me tell you, in some areas of that once-proud city, they are living in *Mad Max* times. Take a pass. Maybe, MAYBE, watch it on HBO or whatever channel this ends up on if you are bored and documentaries about underwater basket weaving are not available.

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WRAP UP FOR THE PERIOD OF: 09/10/2022 - 09/18/2022

09-14-22 a deputy was dispatched to the area of N1400 block of CTH W in the Town of Pine River for a report of a vehicle in the ditch. The driver, a 34-year-old Merrill man, had left the scene in another vehicle. A short time later, the driver turned himself in to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. He was placed through a series of standard field sobriety tests and, as a result of those tests, he was placed under arrest for second offense OWI, OAR, and two counts of bail jumping. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident.

09/15/2022 a deputy with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation on USH 51 at CTH J in the Town of Birch. The driver, a 51-year-old Merrill woman, was found to be under the influence of intoxicants. She was placed through a series of sobriety tests and, as a result of those tests, was arrested for a first offense of OWI. She was later released to a responsible party.

09/16/2022 deputies were dispatched to the area of CTH H and Leach Rd. in the Town of Skanawan for a motorcycle vs deer crash with injuries. A motor-

cycle being operated by a 47-year-old Tomahawk man was traveling on CTH H when he struck a deer that had run out in the road. The driver and his passenger received minor injuries in the crash.

09/16/2022 a deputy on patrol attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle that she observed traveling over 100 mph on STH 64 in the Town of Scott. While the deputy was attempting to stop the suspect vehicle, the driver, a 32-year-old Merrill man, turned into a private address of Grass Rd. and fled on foot from the deputy. Once additional officers arrived on scene, a search was conducted and a suspect was located and taken into custody. The incident remains under investigation.

09/18/2022 a deputy stopped a UTV on N. 4th St. and River St. in the City of Tomahawk for a speeding violation. Upon stopping the vehicle, the deputy discovered the driver, a 69-year-old Tomahawk man, was found to be under the influence of intoxicants. The driver was placed through a series of sobriety tests and, as a result of those tests, he was arrested for an offense of operating a UTV while OWI.

09/18/2022 deputies were dispatched to an address on CTH J in the Town of Russell for a battery that had been reported. Upon arrival, deputies learned that the suspect, a 22-year-old Gleason

man, showed up at the victim's house [a 41-year-old Gleason man] to confront him about an issue that had happened a couple years prior. The suspect then battered the victim, causing minor facial injuries, and then left the scene. When located, the suspect denied involvement in the incident. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Lincoln County Jail where he was booked in on a charge of battery. The victim declined medical treatment.

During this week period there were five car vs deer crashes reported. In addition, there were two fatal crashes in Lincoln County over the weekend. Please see separate news stories.

MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

09-12-22
At 9:53 a.m. a juvenile was located at the festival grounds. He reported his teacher told him to walk home because he was ill. This was found to be untrue and the juvenile was transported to school.

At 2:48 p.m. a theft of money was reported at an assisted living facility. Investigation is ongoing.

09-13-22
At 3:51 p.m. a theft complaint was reported, the male suspect was located and found to have outstanding warrants, and he was taken into custody.

At 5:49 p.m. a male party cursed at a female party in a local gas station and he was cited.

09-14-2022
At 6:53 p.m. a vehicle was stopped and the driver was issued a citation for failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign.

At 7:32 p.m. a vehicle was stopped and the driver was issued a citation for failing to yield the right of way from a stop sign.

09/15/2022
At 2:21 a.m. a vehicle was stopped for failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. Upon making contact with the driver, the driver was found to be under the influence of intoxicants and put through the roadside sobriety tests. Based on the officer's observations, the driver was taken into custody for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated.

At 8:17 a.m. a vehicle was reported as stolen. Investigation is ongoing.

At 12:45 p.m. a two-vehicle crash with injuries was reported. As a result of the crash, the road had to be shut down for a brief time and both vehicles had to be removed by tow truck. A crash report will later be completed for the crash.

09-16-22
At 8:00 a.m. a male came to the PD to report he had been the victim of a scam. He was contacted on Facebook messenger from someone telling him he could make easy money by purchasing gift cards and sending the codes to another person. The man sent several codes before determining this was a scam.

At 8:42 p.m. a male and female arrived at the jail to turn themselves in for active warrants. The male's warrant was confirmed and he was escorted into the jail. The female did not have a warrant at this time and was released.

09-17-22
At 7:35 a.m. an officer observed a male and female sleeping on the tonneau cover on the bed of a pickup in a driveway. The officer stopped to check their welfare and the female was found to have a warrant for her arrest. She was arrested for that warrant.

At 7:39 a.m. a caller reported someone struck his vehicle the previous day while he was at a store. The driver of the striking vehicle left the scene without reporting the crash. A crash report was completed.

At 9:42 p.m. a tavern reported an intoxicated male at the business threatening patrons and staff. It was found the man was making an employee uncomfortable with comments he was making and by following her around. Another employee refused to serve the man anymore drinks, given his behavior, and he threatened to strike her. That employee's son then interjected and the man then threatened him. The man was arrested for disorderly conduct. While in custody, the man became resistive with officers and he was subsequently charged with resisting an officer. The man made numerous threats to batter the officers and was additionally charged with battery or threats toward law enforcement.

At 10:42 p.m. a caller reported someone followed his daughter

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Photos courtesy of Tomahawk Leader.



September Critic's Choice Movie Event

The September Critic's Choice Movie Event at the T.B. Scott Library will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

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Merrill N1711 Corning Rd. Sept. 21-24, 7AM-6PM. Cheap (50¢-\$5) boy clothes 3 Month-5T, Jackets, Snow Pants, Boots, Shoes, worn and used by 1 child. Strollers, Crib Mattress, Playpen, Toys.

Rummage Sales This Week 7200

Rummage Sale Sept. 23-25 8:00-5:00 1 1/4 miles past KFC to W4273 Apartment Street. Women & Men Clothes L-3XL, Boy's Clothes 4T-14 Reg & Husky, Adult Costumes, Puzzles, Toys, X-mas items, Ladder, Table, Chairs and Lots More.

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Estate Sales 7208

Estate Sale by V&J Estate Sales 231107 Shenandoah Ridge Rd, Town of Wausau, WI. Sept. 24th and Sun. 25th Sat. 10-3 and Sun. 10-2

The estate of Yasha Dalheimer Furniture: several bedroom sets, full size mattresses with box springs and headboards, dressers, night stands, mcm side chairs, dining room table with eight chairs, three leaves. china cabinet, rocking chairs, sofa, desks, filing cabinet, recliner, shelf unit, pictures, mirrors, posters, albums, cds, coffee table, side tables, books, a lot of kitchenware, pots, pans, baking pans, stock pots, small appliances, canning items, jars, candle making supplies, some tools, lawn tools, mower, wood splitter, chipper vac, rear tine tiller, self propelled sickle mower, chain saw, kayaks.
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Auctions 7282

Pientka Auction Saturday, October 1st - 9:00AM Inspection Fri, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM & 8:00 AM day of auction Peddler's Collective, 1901 Post Rd Plover WI. 54467 Very nice variety of power tools & other misc.

Tools: Milwaukee sawzall, Skill bisque jointer, T.JL Router & table & other routers, Craftsman, Wen & Skill jig saws, Delta table saw 10", Delta tabletop belt sander, Gilson cement mixer, Speed master stencil gun, Milescraft router sign cutter, Craftsman scroll saw, Craftsman & Delta bench top belt sanders, Quincy air compressor, Wet stone grinder, table top grinder, miter saw, metal chop saw, Super-125 12" planer, B & D 3 1/4" planer, Chicago winch 12V, Chicago 440lb electric hoist, Regent halogen light, Chicago flush cut saw 3 3/8", Air framing nailer & nails, tile cutter, Chicago rotary hammer, Central countertop drill press, Chicago abrasive metal saw, A.O Smith welder, Dremel tabletop scroll saw, circular saws, cart around air compressor & more. **Items of Interest:** 100lb? anvil with H, John Deere lawn wagon & 42" pull behind combination aerator spreader & , Johnson 5 1/2hp outboard w/tank, Cabela ice shanty, Ice King & Jiffy ice augers, McCulloch pro 10-10 & PM610 chain saws, magnum d coys, regular decoys, Snow & Canadian field decoys, 5 coolers, Ideal wood torch made in Italy, wood table vise, propane heater, Viper & MTD rototillers, 2 ladder jacks, 4ft painters scaffolding, aluminum 12ft painters plank, approx. ladder stabilizer, 20 wood clamps, 8 bar clamps, 3- 6ft aluminum step ladders, antique ice saw, yard tools such as shovels, rakes, mall, splitter, Hi-Lift heavy duty hand jack, anvil w/H 100lbs?, Speed fastener .22 stud gun, welding helmets, many heavy duty electrical cords, many circular saw blades, boxes of hardware, oxygen & propane tank for torching, ladder stabilizer, large heavy duty vise, aluminum 6ft step ladders, wheel barrels, frame for cart w/tires, many boxes of hardware, neon open life sign & more.

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Merrill Varsity Girls battle Wausau East for the win

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill vs Wausau East

On Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, the Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball Team went to Wausau East for a battle between the Lady Jays and the Lady Lumberjacks that would last through five sets before the Jays emerged with the win.

The Wausau East Girls won the first two sets, but then the Merrill Girls started turning things around and went on to win the next three in a row with a fierce determination.

"Tonight Merrill Volleyball fought with every ounce we had," Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Head Coach Kris Krug said after the match-up. "Players stepped up in critical moments and players came off the bench without hesitation and took care of business."

"We were down 12-0 in set one, but managed to limp back to get ourselves in double digits," she said. That set went to Wausau East, 10-25.

"In set two we played better, but still couldn't get any rallies going," Krug said. That set also went to Wausau East, 22-25.

Then set three saw the Lady Jays turn the tide. Merrill Girls took over, taking that set 25-16.

Set four the Wausau East Girls were battling for the victory, but the Merrill Girls wouldn't let them have it. The Lady Jays took that one 25-19.

Now the heat was on. With each team having won two sets, the tie-breaking set was in play. And Merrill Girls were in it to win it.

"The entire night, the energy from Emerson Iwen boiled over and everyone started catching the fever," Krug said. "It was so exciting to see them fight for every point and not give up. We needed this win and confidence boost. For us to be down by two sets and come back and win it was the greatest feeling."

The Lady Jays did exactly that. They took the win for the night with a score of 16-14 in the last set and rode back to



Chloe McRae and teammates celebrating a point.

Katie Hanson, KtK Photography.

Merrill on a natural high, fueled by the adrenaline of a hard-won victory and an awesome come-back story.

Box Scores:
Merrill @ Wausau East - 3-2
10-25; 22-25; 25-16; 25-19; 16-14

Varsity Cross Country Guys and Girls take third and fourth places overall at Gartzke Flowage meet

Individually, Elliott Hanson pulls off a 10th place finish

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, the Merrill Cross Country Team had a meet at Gartzke Flowage in Antigo.

"The course is basically all uphill," Head MHS Cross Country Coach Alyssa Swan said, "but the weather was perfect for a run!"

"It's a tough course, where most athletes gain two minutes on their time, but we still had an athlete come home with a medal!"

As a team, the Boys Team took third place overall with a score of 75 points, Swan said. Elliott Hanson was the leader for the Merrill guys, and he took 10th place overall with a time of 22:31. Next in for Merrill was Ian Schuetze (22:31), Jacob Mueller (24:33), Brady Eggerbrecht (25:12), Treg Knospe (26:18), Anton Countryman (27:42), and Jonathon Myszka (27:45).

As a team, the Girls Team took fourth place overall with a score of 98 points. Alanna Rogers was the leader for the Merrill girls with a time of 27:59. Next in for Merrill was Madison Crossman (30:29), Olivia Bares (31:06), Brooklyn



Merrill High School Cross Country Team.

Photo courtesy of Merrill High School Cross Country Coach Alyssa Swan.

Kraegenbrink (31:06), Gracie Vanvuren (31:58), Irene Blennert (32:25), and Robin Schmidt (33:24).

Saturday, Sept. 10, Merrill runners headed to Stevens Point to compete in the Standing Rock Invitational. "The weather was drastically different from the previous meet [on Sept. 6], with a high of 64 degrees and constant rain," Swan said. "Perfect running weather."

"Many of our athletes got PRs (personal records) and competed well," she said.

The Merrill Boys were led by Kaden Schwandt who ran the race in 20:53, Swan said. "He was followed by Elliott Hanson (20:55) and Parker Klebenow (21:29)."

The Merrill Girls were led by newcomer Alanna Rogers with a time of 24:33, she said. "She was followed by Breannon Herdt (24:36), Danielle Schielke (26:11), Madison Crossman (26:25), Olivia Bares (26:39), and Irene Blennert (30:04)."

Tuesday, Sept. 6, found the team en route to Marshfield for a trip to the zoo, where it wasn't all about the animals. "The Merrill Cross Country team competed at the Marshfield Wildwood Zoo in the Marshfield 'Kodiak

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2022 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedules

Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Sept. 22	Marshfield (JV2)	Away	5:00 pm
Fri. Sept. 23	Ashland (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Mon. Sept. 26	Ashland (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 29	Hayward (JV2)	Away	5:30 pm

Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Sept. 22	Stevens Point (JV & JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 22	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 24	Bloomer-Multiple (JV2)	Away	9:00 am

Tennis (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Sept. 22	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 29	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	9:00 pm

Boys Soccer (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Sept. 22	Three Lakes (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. Sept. 27	D. C. Everest (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Tues. Sept. 27	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 29	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm

Swimming (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Sept. 29	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm
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Cross Country Boys (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Sept. 22	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:15 pm
Thurs. Sept. 29	Medford-Multiple (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm

Cross Country Girls (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Sept. 22	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 29	Medford-Multiple (Varsity)	Away	5:15 pm

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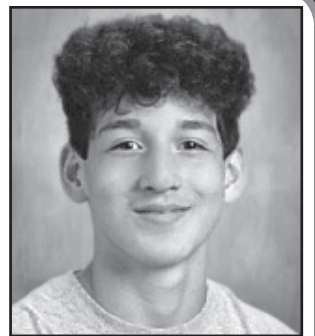
Sebastian Trevino, a Sophomore at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. This is Sebastian's first season playing on the Merrill Bluejays Varsity Soccer Team, and he has played Club Soccer for Marathon County United since 2018. Sebastian first started playing soccer in the summer program at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex (MARC) when he was in elementary school.

Sebastian also plays on the Merrill Bluejays Basketball Team. He began playing as a Freshman on the JV2 team and was moved up to the JV team where he will start this season in his Sophomore year.

At school, Sebastian is in DECA, and he would like to be a Link Crew leader when he is a Junior. "After school, I like to go to Riverside Athletic Club to work out in the weight room," he said.

Recently, Sebastian began a part-time job working at Helene's Hilltop Orchard for the season. In his free time, he likes to paintball, go bowling, and drive around and go out to eat with his friends. He also enjoys visiting his extended families in both Houston, Texas, and Managua, Nicaragua.

The son of Jamely and Gerardo Trevino of Merrill, Sebastian lives at home with his parents and one sister, Destiny, who is a Freshman this year. He has a 3.0 GPA and plans to attend college after high school to help pave the way for his future: "I want to become an entrepreneur," Sebastian said.



Sebastian Trevino

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Merrill Bluejays lose to Lakeland, looking for a win in Ashland

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Bluejay Varsity Football Team faced off against the Lakeland Union High School Thunderbirds from Minocqua at Jay Stadium last Friday night, Sept. 16, 2022.

Despite having the home field advantage and the support of Bluejay fans in the stands, the boys



In the battle of the #11's on the field, Merrill's #11 Logan Pagels fights to keep the ball from his Thunderbirds rival.

Angelina Frederick photo.



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took a heavy loss to Lakeland. The Bluejays are now down 2-3 for over-all games played this season and 1-2 in the Great Northern Conference. They will be looking for a win this

Friday night when they travel to Ashland to improve their record.

Box Score
Lakeland 44 @ Merrill 6



Emily Frahm getting ready to serve during a Sept. 15 match. Tammy Cohrs photo.

Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team fighting an uphill battle

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team continues to compete, focusing on developing the skills needed to form a solid Tennis Team for the future.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, Wisconsin Rapids came to Merrill for some competition on the courts. Rapids won the match, 7-9, but the Merrill Girls have their eyes on the long-term.

Head Merrill Girls Volleyball Coach Brad Barton said the girls continue to improve in ways that count. "Madisin Jacobs played a superb first set today," he said.

"Lauren Cohrs fought like a champion to almost come away with a win."

And "Emily Frahm looked very impressive in her Junior Varsity match. Emily has played some Varsity matches this year also," he said.



Madisin Jacobs, Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team, at a recent match.

Brad Barton photo.

Match results in singles:

- No. 1 - Corinne Sazama, Wisconsin Rapids beat Lauren Cohrs, Merrill, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3;
- No. 2 - Jenna Wentland, Wisconsin Rapids beat Sarah Rell, Merrill, 6-0, 6-2, -;
- No. 3 - Hayley Jensen, Wisconsin Rapids beat Chloe Belant, Merrill, 6-0, 6-1, -;
- No. 4 - Julia Krueger, Wisconsin Rapids beat Madisin Jacobs, Merrill, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0;

Box Score:
Wisconsin Rapids @ Merrill 7-0

Tuesday, Sept. 13, the Merrill Girls traveled to Stevens Point Area High School (SPASH) for a match. Despite a loss at the end of the day, the Merrill Girls showed improvements that will help Merrill in the long-term.

"Lauren Cohrs had her best match of the year," Barton said. "She played an athletic opponent who had a lot of different spins on her shots. She had good strategy against her but ultimately it was not enough. Her and Sarah Rell still have the best records on the team. Both of them are essential to helping this team grow for the coming seasons ahead."

Match results in singles:

- No. 1 - Tatum Thielman, Stevens Point beat Lauren Cohrs, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;
- No. 2 - Rylan Woytasik, Stevens Point beat Sarah Rell, Merrill, 6-0, 6-1, -;
- No. 3 - Addison Jandrain, Stevens Point beat Chloe Belant, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;
- No. 4 - Lily Meeks, Stevens Point beat Madisin Jacobs, Merrill, 6-0, 6-1, -;

Merrill forfeited the three doubles matches due to not having doubles teams to play.

Box Score:
Merrill 0 @ SPASH 7

Merrill Varsity Boys Soccer Team

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Varsity Boys Soccer Team (0-6-0) played Northland Lutheran (0-4-1) at Merrill on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, and emerged the victors of the match. Merrill made two goals in the first half. "The game started out at a fast pace, with Nathan Mattson scoring his first goal of the season on an assist from Sebastian Trevino," said Ryan Schroder, MHS Boys Soccer Head Coach. "The second goal came in the 19th minute when Clayton Evans took a pass from Sebastian Trevino just past the half line and beat all the defenders on the way to score his first of the season."

"Near the end of the first half, the Wildcats capitalized on a penalty kick, making the score 2-1 at halftime," he said.

At halftime, the Bluejay Varsity team welcomed the area youth soccer players on the field for Youth Soccer Night and took a quick photo.

"The second half started just as quickly as the first when Sebastian Trevino took a through ball from Vincent Keenan and finished for



Youth soccer players in attendance at the game were invited on the field at halftime during the Merrill Varsity Boys Soccer game on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, for a photo with the Varsity Team to celebrate Youth Soccer Night.

Photo courtesy of the Merrill Varsity Boys Soccer Team.

his first goal of the season in the 47th minute," Schroder said.

"The Jays and Wildcats would continue to battle until the final whistle with the Jays taking their first win of the season," he said. That made the Merrill victory all the sweeter.

Box Score:
Northland Lutheran 1 @ Merrill 3

On Saturday, Sept. 10, Merrill hosted the Boys Varsity Soccer Triangular at Jay Stadium. Teams from Antigo and New London came to play and New London took

home the win, winning their games against both Antigo and Merrill.

Merrill's Tyler Spade got one past the New London defense to score one in the net in their game against New London, but it wasn't quite enough, as New London made three goals for the win.

In Merrill's game against Antigo, the Red Robins scored two against the Bluejays for the win.

Box Scores:
Antigo 2 @ Merrill 0, New London 2 @ Antigo 0
New London 3 @ Merrill 1

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Challenge' Invitational," Swan said. "It was a warm and humid day."

In first for the Merrill Boys Team, Elliott Hanson came in with a time of 20:08. Next in for Merrill was Ian Schutze (21:04), followed by Logan Knospe (22:09), Caleb Norton (22:10), Kaden Schwandt (22:25), and Parker Klebenow (22:57).

The Merrill Girls Team was led by Breannon Herdt who came in with a time of 24:46. Next in for the Merrill Girls was Alanna Rogers (25:56), followed by Danielle Schielke (27:42), Madisin Crossman (28:06), Olivia Bares (28:11), and Robin Schmidt (30:16).