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Merrill's 14th Annual Lincoln Lager Barleyfest is Saturday

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill's 14th Annual Lincoln Lager Barleyfest, presented by Dave's County Market, will be held this Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Held at the Smith Center (Merrill Area Recreation Complex), 1100 Marc Dr. in Merrill, this event is the perfect opportunity to sample more than 100 different micro-brewed beers and wines, and to raise money for a good cause to be used locally, as well.

"Many of the breweries will be familiar, from Merrill's very own Sawmill Brewing Company to Mosinee Brewing Company," said Dan Wendorf, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Merrill.

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MEC Fall Craft & Market Event is Oct. 1

A peek at some of the wares available at last year's Fall Craft & Market. Photo courtesy of the Merrill Enrichment Center.

Merrill Enrichment Center's Fall Craft & Market Event will be held at the Merrill Enrichment Center (MEC), 303 N. Sales St. in Merrill, on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Featuring 60+ vendor booths with a large variety of handmade jewelry, home décor, wood crafts, embroidered and quilted items, baked goods, soaps, lotions, seasonal and holiday decorations, and much

more. Arts, crafts, and homemade/home grown items will be available for purchase.

"Whether you're looking for a one-of-a-kind art piece, handmade fall crafts, or something unique to give during the holiday season, you'll find it here," said Vicki Gaedtke, Marketing/Program Coordinator of MEC. "Each year, our goal is to add new vendors to this event."

MEC's craft shop will be open and vendors will be set up throughout

the Expo and Steckling buildings, located on Merrill Festival Grounds.

Polka Dotted Pie, a Merrill favorite, will be in the kitchen serving food to hungry shoppers. Menu items include roast beef and chicken salad croissant sandwiches, chicken bacon ranch spinster wraps, baked mac and cheese, along with their signature cold brew and flavored iced teas.

"Many of our vendors live in

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Friends of Council Grounds State Park announce photo contest winners

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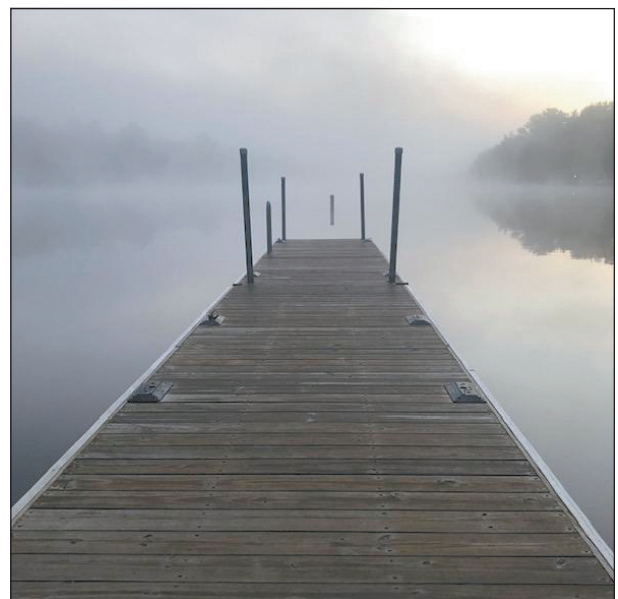
This year's Friends of Council Grounds State Park amateur photo contest drew 34 entries from visitors across the state of Wisconsin. Entries were narrowed to the top three images in each of the four categories: Landscape, Wildlife, Plants, and People Using the Park, and then the public was invited to vote, once per person, for their favorites via the Friends Facebook page and by email.

Voting has ended and the results are in. First through third places are being recognized in each category as follows:

Landscape

- First place:** Foggy Dawn on 9-11 - Kathy Yahr, Merrill
- Second place:** Sunset off the Pier - Joscelyn Callos, Merrill
- Third place:** Fall Road - Lynn Marrier, Merrill

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Foggy Dawn on 9-11. Kathy Yahr first place photo.

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Candlelight walk at Council Grounds

A fall Candlelight Walk at Council Grounds will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Council Grounds State Park (CGSP) north of Merrill.

The event will start and end at the beach picnic shelter. State Park vehicle admission stickers are required.

Carpooling is recommended due to limited parking at the beach and boat landing. A flashlight is also recommended.

A warming fire and light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of Council Grounds State Park. This event is sponsored by Council Grounds with support from the Friends group. A poster with winners of this year's photo contest will be on display, and Friends group members will be on hand to answer questions for those who would like to learn more about becoming a member of the group.



The entrance to Council Grounds State Park north of Merrill.

Laurie Nikolai-Svetlik photos



A walk through Council Grounds State Park is a great way to enjoy the autumn colors.

Community leaf raking event set for Saturday, Oct. 22

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A community leaf raking event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022. Often known locally as "Make A Difference Day," and held in conjunction

with National Make A Difference Day 2022, the Merrill area will celebrate their 27th annual Make A Difference Day by coming together to rake

leaves for residents in our community who could use a little help, perhaps due to age or physical limitations. Historically, Merrill volunteers have raked many yards and seen the firsthand impact of their kindness spread throughout the community.

National Make A Difference Day is a day set aside to recognize the powerful impact of individuals to make a difference in the lives of others—their friends, their neighbors, their community, their world—by doing something kind for someone else, with no expectation of receiving something in return. It is also a day set aside for this purpose so that individuals can come together in groups and as communities to work collectively to perform acts of help or

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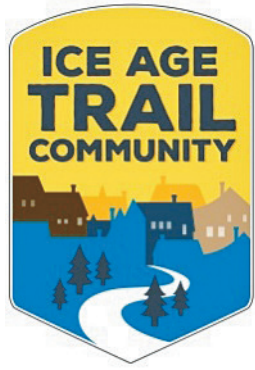


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Merrill becomes a designated Ice Age Trail Community

Fall Color Hike and community celebration set for Oct. 8



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Merrill is the 17th community in Wisconsin to be designated as an Ice Age Trail Community. As a Trail Community, the Ice Age Trail Alliance will promote Merrill as a destination to its audience, encouraging hikers to visit the community and businesses while in the area hiking.

“Commitment to this program represents agreement to build healthy and vibrant communities,” said Amy Lord, Outreach and Education manager for the Ice Age Trail Alliance. “It is a partnership

to cross promote one another and support the community and Ice Age Trail users.”

The Trail Community program helps communities leverage the Ice Age National Scenic Trail as an economic and social engine.

“We are very excited to welcome Merrill as an official Ice Age Trail Community,” said Mike Wollmer, Executive Director/CEO of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. “We are proud the community supports the Trail and look forward to increasing our impact on a local level.”

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is a 1,200-mile footpath contained entirely within Wisconsin. It traverses the state from St. Croix Falls in the west, to Sturgeon Bay in the east, going as far south as Janesville. One of 11 National Scenic Trails, the Ice Age Trail highlights the landscapes that were carved out by ancient glaciers,

which happen to be some of the most beautiful areas in the state. Approximately 60% of Wisconsin residents live within 20 miles of the Ice Age Trail.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is a non-profit, member and volunteer-based organization that has been working to conserve, create, maintain, and promote the Ice Age National Scenic Trail since 1958. Visit iceagetrail.org.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, Merrill will celebrate officially being designated as an Ice Age Trail Community. Hosted by the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) and the Northwoods Volunteer Chapter of the IATA, along with the City of Merrill and the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce, a celebration with light refreshments will take place at the Sawmill Brewing Company, 1110 E. 10th St. in Merrill, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. An official Chamber ribbon cutting will take place at 6:00 p.m.

Prior to the celebration at the Sawmill, the community is invited to join a guided hike along an approximately three-mile segment of the Ice Age Trail near Merrill during their Fall Colors Hike. That will be held the same day, Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Grandfather Falls Segment of the Trail beckons hikers to join guides that day, to gather and park at the Camp New Wood County Park parking area on Hwy. 107 and then traverse along the Wisconsin River enjoying the natural forest and rock formations and boulders. Hikers will be able to hear the roar of the river and can view the cascading water at Grandfather Falls Dam

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kindness and to see how much more powerful the impact is when many people participate.

“Helping others is one of the most meaningful and fulfilling activities in which we can become involved,” said Linda Becker, one of the organizers of this year’s Make A Difference Day community leaf raking event. “In fact, it has been shown that youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they value helping others.”

“It is also true that youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they have caring relationships with adults,” she said. “Participating in the community’s 27th annual Make A Difference Day, where youth and adults work together to better the lives of those that need a helping hand, is a great way to help build developmental assets with Merrill youth.”

Sponsored by Merrill Forward Together Healthy Community Initiative (MFTHCI) and the Optimists,

Make A Difference Day community leaf raking will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, with check-in from 8:30-8:45 a.m. at Prairie River Middle School. Raking projects will take place from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and a lunch for volunteers will be held afterward at the school. Advance registration is not necessary for individuals. Just show up with a rake and check in that day. “Groups, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to put a team together and call or email to register in advance,” Becker said.

Letters were recently sent to residents who had their yards raked in the past, with an enclosed postcard to return. However, if you had your yard raked in past years and did not receive one, and you would like your yard raked this year—or if you NEED help raking your yard this year and did not previously receive help—call Linda Becker no later than Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 715.218.1806 or email her at: MFTHCI.Merrill@gmail.com.

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The following young ladies have been named to the Merrill High School 2022 Homecoming Court. A Homecoming Queen will be selected from among this year’s Princesses. Back row L to R: Seniors Macey Jo Weix, Madi Drew, Olivia Troyer, and Addison Schmeltzer. Front row L to R: Junior Malaynie Dengel, Sophomore Molly White, and Freshman Kaela Clerveaux. Photo courtesy of Merrill High School.

**Look Who’s
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LeRoy Fisher on Oct. 3rd

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OBITUARIES



Randy L. Maschke (AKA Uncle Randy) age 63, of Merrill, passed away on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill, with his family around him. He was born February 24, 1959, to the late Anthony and Eleanor (Sager) Maschke in Merrill, WI.

Randy worked as a factory worker for R.O.W., Hurd, Weinbrenner, and Mitchell Metals. He enjoyed watching the Packers, Badgers, Brewers, NASCAR, and wrestling with

his great nephew Steven and his friends. He liked to joke around with people, and he enjoyed helping people out. He was always the first person outside to shovel or snow blow the sidewalks for his neighbors.

Randy is survived by his siblings, Beverly (John) Prentice of Merrill, Rose (Steve) Machiechok of Rhinelander, Clarence (Marilyn) Maschke of Merrill, Joe (Faye) Maschke of Three Lakes, and Linda (John) Gleason of Rhinelander; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, and great-great-nephews. He will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Eleanor (Sager) Maschke; and brother-in-law, Butch Hendricks.

Per Randy's request, there will be no formal service. There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Condolences may be sent to PO Box 323, Merrill, WI 54452. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

The family wishes to thank Compassus Hospice and Pine Crest Nursing Home for taking care of Randy and helping the family through this difficult time, and Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, for their assistance.



Cheryl 'Cher' Lynn Alderton, nee Hass-Runge, age 75, of Merrill, passed away on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, while under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services and surrounded by her family. She was born on April 20, 1947, to the late Clifford and Barbara (Berhow) Hass in Merrill. Cher attended and graduated from Merrill High School, with the Class of 1965 and went on to attend Luther College and graduated from UW-Stevens Point, majoring in Mathematics and Geography. She met and married the love of her life, Robert Runge on May 1, 1971, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Sadly, he preceded her in death. Cher then met Doug Alderton, and the two exchanged marriage vows on August 9, 1996, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. He survives.

Cher was an incredibly organized and detailed lady, which is why she did so well at her job for almost 40 years at the Wausau Insurance Company as a systems analyst and in audit review. She is remembered as very smart, creative, and thorough. Cher enjoyed sewing and knitting as well as making quilts and afghans for friends and family; she loved sharing her talent and gifts with everyone. In her younger years, she enjoyed traveling and would find adventures throughout the U.S., as well as going overseas to Ireland, Europe, and Russia, just to name a few. Cher also visited Mexico. She was an avid and dedicated sports fan, whether it was the Packers, Badgers, or the Brewers, she loved them all. Faith was an important part of her life, and she was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Cher would watch wild birds come and go and would take pictures and document them. She looked forward to playing cards and cribbage; her competitive side would come out! Cher also liked doing puzzles, reading books, and participated in multiple bowling leagues in Wausau, Merrill, and Antigo. Cher enjoyed her flower and vegetable gardens, especially her gladiolus. She will be sadly missed, but always remembered.

Cher is survived by her husband: Doug Alderton, daughter: Sara (Jeremy) Lee, with their children: Sasha, Anton and Ivan, brothers: Jerry (Jen) Hass, Rick (Kerry) Hass and Todd (Sandy) Hass, sister: Nancy Hass, stepdaughters: Donna Alderton and Tara (Darrin) Gremban, stepson: Douglas Alderton and step grandchildren: Greyson, Grant, Valerie, and Alexis. She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband: Robert Runge, infant son: Christopher and infant daughter: Rebecca.

The funeral service for Cher will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 11am at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the town of Corning. Pastor Joel Danner will officiate. Visitation will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, from 9am until the time of the service, also at the church. Burial will immediately follow the service and will take place in the Immanuel Lutheran Church cemetery. Family asks those that are attending the funeral to please wear casual sports attire in her memory.

The service will be recorded and posted under her obituary on the funeral home website for future viewing for those unable to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Cher's name may be directed to the Immanuel Lutheran Church for their organ fund, The MS Foundation (<https://nationalmssociety.org>) or the National Kidney Foundation (<https://www.kidney.org>).

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation shown to Cher and her family by the Pine Crest Nursing Home staff.

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.



Benjamin R. Kollock, aged 34, passed away September 12, 2022 after a courageous 8½ year battle with cancer with his devoted wife, Katie, by his side.

Ben was born May 8, 1988 to Michelle Lordson and Timothy Kollock. He attended SPASH and graduated from UWSP with Bachelor's Degrees in Urban Forestry and Forest Recreation. Ben was employed at AIG - TravelGuard in Stevens Point for the last 15 years. He married Katie

Baumann, on May 4, 2014 in Merrill, WI. Ben was a beloved staple in the local music community, playing in several notable area bands including Wrath of the Girth, and eventually organizing the annual Stevens Point music festival, Jam'n'July. Ben dedicated himself tirelessly to Stevens Point in many other ways including community activism and wildlife preservation. He spear-headed many local efforts to promote biodiversity, protect animal life, and decriminalize marijuana. Ben was also passionate about native plants which led him to open Northpoint Natives, a business that helped people plant native flowers, shrubs, and trees. Ben was also an active member of the Town of Hull Water Committee, and hoped to continue forwarding legislation to better his community for years to come.

Survivors include his wife Katie, mother Michelle Lordson, father Timothy Kollock, Brother Jessi (Amanda Wherritt) Lordson, grandparents Bob and Pat Kollock and Veronica "Sue" Hagan, father and mother-in-law Tony and Roxanne Bauman, brother-in-law Geoffrey Baumann, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022 in the Laird Room at the Dreyfus Center on the UWSP Campus. Doors will open at 1:00 PM with a remembrance service at 1:30 PM, followed by a gathering and visitation until 5:00 PM. Shuda Funeral Service is honored to be assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Green Circle Endowment Fund in Ben's name.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.shudafuneral.com.



Jennifer "Jen" Marie Burnett, age 37, of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She was born on December 9, 1984, to Joe and Tammy (McMillan) Burnett in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Throughout the years Jen taught English and helped to build homes for those in need in Costa Rica. She was the sports manager for the Merrill High School boys' football, baseball, and basketball teams.

She was also a soccer coach for the kid's league. Jen was an avid jewelry maker, who loved the stars, glow sticks and fixing things. She was also a beautician, excelling in school.

She was a kindhearted loving mother, daughter, aunt, granddaughter and friend and will be dearly missed.

Jennifer is survived by her children: Avery and Charlie Urbas, and their father Cody Urbas, parents: Tammy and Joe Burnett, grandmothers: Helen Toschner and Millie Wagner, sister: Callie (Dave) Olson, niece, and nephews: Michael Burnett, Hunter Olson, Meredith Olson, and Hayden Olson, many aunts, uncles, and many many friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandpa's: Robert McMillan, William Toschner, and Jim Burnett, great grandparents: Henry and Edna Kritz, and Howard and Virginia McMillan, and best friends: Jo Jo and Kayla.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 7, 2022, at 5:00 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill. A visitation will be held on Friday, October 7, 2022, from 3:00 pm until the time of service also at the church.

Memorials in Jennifer's name may be directed to the family at GoFundMe.com "Jennifer Burnett Organized by Joe Burnett".

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.

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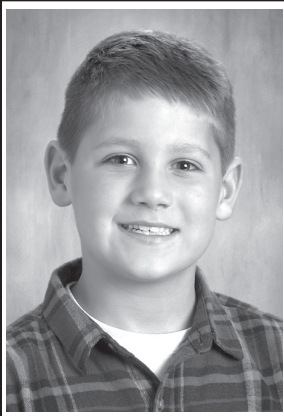
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OBITUARIES



Ian Thomas Skaar

On the evening of Saturday, September 17, 2022, a precious and loved 8-year-old boy left this world to be with Jesus. Ian Thomas Skaar passed away at the Aspirus Merrill Hospital as a result of an automobile collision. Ian was born on April 28, 2014, to Thomas and Leah (Tengler) Skaar in Wausau. He lived a happy life on the family farm in Gleason. Ian was a 3rd grade student at St. John. He was a happy boy that spent as much time as he could in the dirt and on anything with wheels! Ian was driving tractor since he was 4 years old, and soon upgraded to a cab tractor with wagons. His parents remember Ian as an energetic, loving kid with a love for the outdoors, enjoying bike rides with friends or playing his Nintendo. He loved playing with his remote-control cars and was very good with the farm chores and loved doing them, a future farmer for sure! Ian was a cuddler, was silly and funny, very smart, and great at memorizing numbers. Julia, his sister, remembers Ian as a sweet brother and liked to play outside with him and work on Lego projects. Ian loved knee boarding, downhill skiing, swimming, and jumping off the highest high dive at the Bierman Aquatic Center. He was on the Merrill Wrestling and Baseball teams and looked forward to hanging out with his friends at games and practice. Ian also liked to watch stock car racing and loved animals, especially his fish and his guinea pig, "Fleektika". Where there would be a four-wheeler, minibike, a tractor, or any piece of equipment, you could find Ian there. He was a member of the Prairie River Eagles 4-H Club, as well as a member of Children's Church at Luther Memorial Church in Gleason. Ian has left a mark in the hearts and minds of his friends and family, memories of him will never fade, his love, energy and innocence will live on.

Ian leaves behind his mom and dad: Thomas and Leah (Tengler) Skaar, his big sister: Julia, maternal grandma: Lynn Jacob, maternal grandpa: Steve (Kim) Tengler, paternal grandma: Cynthia (Dave) Lambrecht, paternal grandpa: John (Boni Biermier) Skaar, many aunts, uncles, and cousins, as well as good friends, classmates, and teammates.

The funeral service for Ian will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 11:00 am at St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill. Pastor Greg Laska and Rev. David Szeto will officiate. A visitation will be held on Friday, September 30, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home, and again on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 9:00 am until the time of the service, at the church. Burial will take place at the Gleason Cemetery after the luncheon at the church.

There will be an opportunity for the public to paint a memorial rock in memory of Ian at the funeral home Friday evening. You may take the rock with you or leave it at the funeral home to be given to the family after the service.

The service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend, and then will be posted as a recording for future viewing. This can be found under his obituary on the funeral home website.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a future memorial fund in loving memory of Ian.

The family of Ian cannot express the amount of appreciation and gratitude they have towards the many people who have been showing their love and support for them, in so many ways. Thank you.

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.



Jeannette "Jean" Gennrich

age 101, of Markesan, formerly of Princeton, passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2022, at the Markesan Resident Home in Markesan. She was born on December 20, 1920, in Goodland, Indiana, a daughter of Lewis and Idona (Cordill) Romine.

On March 29, 1942, Jeannette married Robert Gennrich, who was from Gleason, WI, at the Church of God in Oregon, IL. After graduating from high school, Jeannette became a Licensed Practical Nurse. Throughout her working years she cared for many patients at the Berlin Hospital, Sunnyview Nursing Home in Princeton and at the Wautoma Hospital.

Jeannette was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church of Princeton. She loved gardening, knitting, sewing, playing cards, especially bridge and was an avid reader.

Those Jeannette leaves behind to cherish her memory include her 2 daughters, Mary Jo Markham of Salem, VA, Carol Gennrich of Princeton, WI; her son, R. Paul (Barbara) Gennrich II of Beaverton, OR; 3 grandchildren, Robert Paul Gennrich III of Beaverton, OR, Dr. Suzanne (Chip) Turner of Atlanta, GA, Chris (Dana) Ferree of Salem, VA; step-daughter, Amy (Travis) Markham of TN; step-grandchildren, Oliver and Henry Markham; many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Idona Romine; husband, Robert Gennrich; 2 brothers, Dan Romine and Otis Romine; 2 sisters, June Hickox and Joanne Davis.

A memorial service for Jeannette Gennrich will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m., at Calvary Lutheran Church, 202 S. Farmer St., in Princeton. Pastor Robert Busse will officiate. Please visit our website www.wachholzandsons.com to send a condolence or to share a memory of Jeannette with her family. Wachholz and Sons Funeral Home Sunset Cremation Center in Princeton Serving the Family, 920-295-6631

Legals 7700

BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: Sep 19, 2022
/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.

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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: September 20, 2022
Electronically signed by Robert R. Russell, Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANNY M. THOMAS

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Special Administration (Formal Administration)
Case No. 2022 PR 33

A Petition for Appointment of a Special Administrator was filed.

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THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth 08/07/1969 and date of death 05/07/2022 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 411 N. Prospect Street, Merrill, WI 54452.

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The petition be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Branch 2, before Robert R. Russell, Court Official, on 11/09/2022 at 9:00 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. Notice by publication is required. Publication of this notice is to any interested persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable: Devin Thomas, Dyllin Thomas and Dalie Thomas.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Please check with person named below for exact time and date.
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BY THE COURT:
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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 30, 2022.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Dan C. Koblitz,
Attorney & Counselor at Law
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BY THE COURT:
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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.
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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
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DATE: September 21, 2022
The City Plan Commission Public Hearing meeting that was to be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 6:00P.M. has been CANCELLED.

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,

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the decedent's estate is December 30, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

Robert W. Zimmerman,
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
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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.
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
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS R. BERNDT
DOD: 10/23/21
Notice and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN47

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 4/18/1959, and date of death 10/23/21, was domiciled in King County, State of Washington, with a mailing address of 2908 S. 216th Street, Seatac, WA 98198.

3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office, before Becky Byer, Probate Registrar, on October 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 6, 2023.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Please check with person named below for exact time and date.
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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.
James Wedemeyer
204 N. Van Rensselaer St.
Merrill, WI 54452
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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

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3. All interested persons waived notice.
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5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
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Evelyn M. Sommi, 86,

Wausau, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

She was born Evelyn Mae Zeitelhack, September 4, 1936, in Beloit, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Leo and Frances Zeitelhack of Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

After high school, Evelyn entered Lincoln County Teachers College where she met the love of her life, Roger W. Sommi. It was love at first sight and Evie and Roger were married on

June 11, 1956. Together, they set down roots in the Merrill and Wausau areas, where they raised three children.

Evie found that her true calling was nursing. In 1972, she graduated with an Associates Degree (with honors) in nursing from Northcentral Technical Institute. She worked as a nurse in various hospital and nursing home positions. She was Director of Nursing at Pinecrest Nursing Home in Merrill and Marywood Convalescent Center in Wausau.

In retirement, Evie worked for Rib Mountain Greenhouse, where she was able to pursue her lifelong passion of gardening. She loved to get her hands into the soil and had a special gift to make beautiful things grow. She designed and created beautiful jewelry she would give to family and friends. She also enjoyed watching wildlife of all kinds--especially birds that visit her many feeders. She was an avid sports fan and cheered her favorite Wisconsin teams - the Milwaukee Brewers, Milwaukee Bucks, Wisconsin Badgers, and the Green Bay Packers.

Evie also lived a life of service. She was an active member of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church where she baked cookies and lemon bars, ushered and sang in the church choir. She also volunteered at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

During their retirement, Evie and Roger became snowbirds. They traveled to Gulf Shores, Alabama and were members of the Wisconsin Snowbirds Club. They loved to travel and spent time exploring the United States. They especially enjoyed the western US and Alaska.

Evelyn is preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Frances Zeitelhack and sister Colleen. Evie is survived by her husband, Roger; her children, Debra L. Duncan, Roger W. Sommi Jr. (Ellen) and Sheri L. Kreager (Steve); her fur child, Murphy, as well as her grandchildren, Nathan Sommi, David Sommi, Kaitlyn Boyce (Brandon) and Christopher Kreager and her great-granddaughter, Sophia Evelyn Boyce. She is also survived by her two siblings, Carol Ketter (Jack) and Darrel Zeitelhack. Evie was more than just a great wife and mom, and will be lovingly remembered and missed by family and dear friends.

A celebration of Evelyn's life was held. Internment was held at Restlawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lincoln County or Marathon County Humane Societies, St. John's Episcopal Church, The Neighbor's Place or a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank the staff of Rennes Health & Rehab Center, Aspirus Hospice and Aspirus Palliative Care for their compassion in caring for Evie.

You may leave messages and condolences for her family at brainardfuneral.com.

Central Wisconsin Polka Club Fall Dance

The Central Wisconsin Polka Club will hold their Fall Dance on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, at Schmidt's Ballroom, 7085 Cty. Rd. A, Wausau, with music from 2:00-6:00 p.m. performed by Jon Dietz & Twin Lakes Trio from Slinger, Wis. Admission is \$10. The Central Wisconsin Polka Club is a not-for-profit.

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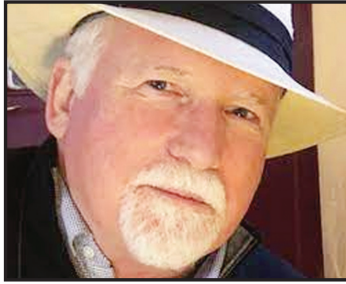
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

On "Magical Rings"

DEAR READER,

I was reminiscing on our veranda last week-end about when our daughters were in their youth and still living at home. Some notes I had written back then were stuffed in a memories box by Mary, my



spouse, and they surfaced during end-of-summer cleaning. These moments in time are shared as they were written, in the present tense.

'ring of speed,' which quickly transports us out of harms way. If we're looking for the evil wizard – we use the 'ring of seeing,' which detects anything. If giants are hunting us – we use the 'ring of invisibility,' which keeps us hidden from view, or the 'ring of COMPLETE invisibility,' which keeps our scents and breathing hidden as well.

"The bedtime hour at our house is, I'm sure, not unlike many other households in America, with parents and their children going through the rituals of preparing for sleep. This may include changing into nighttime garb, brushing teeth, washing faces and telling a 'good night' bedtime story.

"At our house, the story is a never ending saga of Mavis the flying elephant, and our heroes, not coincidentally, happen to be us. The two major participants of our three girls currently are Annie (age 10) and Katelyn (age 7) because Margaret our new teenager has moved on to other interests (though it should be noted that Maggie actively participated in the past).

"The story always includes our ability to use a number of 'magical rings' the children have collected over the years. Each ring has a made-up power, generally imagined just in time to confront the most immediate problem that evolves from our story.

"If goblins are after us – we use the

"Each story always ends with wonderful and creative resolutions to the adventures we shared and a quiet party among us complete with imaginary cake and ice cream. As they would drift off to sleep each night we would end with our versions of three original songs we all knew and loved, the last one always being 'The Man In The Moon.'"

Today, our daughters have all completed their degrees, married gentle-hearted boys, and moved away to live their own hopefully happily ever-afters. And while they moved away without any "magical rings" as Deus Ex Machinas to drop out of the sky and immediately solve the problems that arise in life, they do have "magical mindsets" to address them in the real world.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

Correction to 4-H Listening Session article

It has been brought to our attention that there was an error in the "4-H Listening Session Townhall with County Board Supervisor Friske" article on page 2 of the Sept. 22, 2022, edition of the Merrill Foto News.

Julie Allen, Lincoln County Board Supervisor for District 19, reached out to indicate that a quote from Mary Sosnovske seemed to refer to her, but she was not at the meeting. "I was not in attendance at that meeting and I am not in favor of cutting any UW-Extension programs," Allen clarified in an email to the Foto News.

The quote in the article from Sosnovske originally said: "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."

Mary Sosnovske has clarified that she intended to refer to Julie DePasse, not Julie Allen, so the quote should have correctly said:

"I was saddened that a lot of what Chair Friske and Ms. DePasse 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."



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WINNERS from page 1

Wildlife

- First place:** Eagle in Flight - Tina Diel, Merrill
- Second place:** Barred Owl - JoAnn Milewczyk, Merrill
- Third place:** Seven Swans a Swimming - Becky Zuelsdorff, Merrill

Plants

- First place:** Frosty Oak - Hillary Lau, Merrill
- Second place:** Spooky Tree - Joseph Frederick, Merrill
- Third place:** Fungi on Nurse Log - Audrey Huftel, Merrill

People Using the Park

- First place:** Grandpa and the Twins - Deb Hafenbredl, Milladore, Wis.
- Second place:** Krueger Pines Walk - Beth Bartelt, Merrill
- Third place:** Handicapped Fishing Pier - Denis Ashauer, Appleton, Wis.

All finalists are invited to participate in the Council Grounds State Park Candlelight Walk on Oct. 8, 2022, where prizes and 8x10" prints of the photos will be distributed.

"Please come and tell them how much you enjoyed their photos and enjoy a moonlit walk in the park," said Laurie Nikolai-Svetlik, a member of the Friends of Council Grounds State Park. [See separate article for details.]

"Thank you to all the people who took time to submit their photos and thanks to the Facebook followers of Friends of Council Grounds State Park for voting," Nikolai-Svetlik said.

The Friends group appreciates T.B. Scott Library for displaying the contest photos and the Merrill Chamber of Commerce, Merrill Foto News, The City Pages, 96.3 Merrill Bluejay Radio, 92.5 WJJQ Tomahawk Radio, and WJFW Channel 12 Rhinelander TV for their help in promoting this contest year after year, she added.



Eagle in Flight.

Tina Diel first place photo.



Frosty Oak.

Hillary Lau first place photo.



Grandpa and the Twins.

Deb Hafenbredl first place photo.

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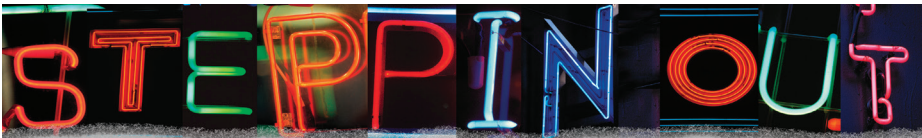


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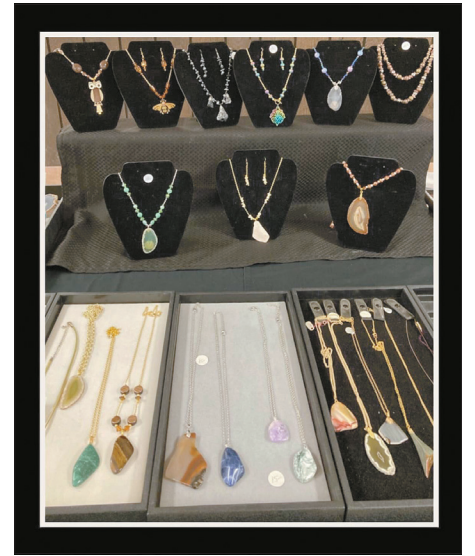
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Handcrafted jewelry is just one of the many treasures shoppers will find at the MEC Fall Craft & Market Event.

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BARLEYFEST

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"But there will be many opportunities to try drinks from lesser-known brewers like Half Moon Hill of Athens, which special-

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Tickets are \$35 at the door. Attendees must be at least 21 years old.

For out-of-town attendees, a Bed & Brew Package provides two Barleyfest tickets and one room at the AmericInn in Merrill. For more information and pricing, call the hotel at 715.536.7979.

The Lincoln Lager Barleyfest raises money for local charities and has donated more than \$35,000 since 2008 to charities such as the Lincoln County Humane Society, Merrill Food Pantry, Normal Park Improvements, Merrill Tornado Relief Fund, Merrill Historical Society, Merrill Park Endowment Fund, Merrill River Bend Trail, Merrill Noon Optimists, and others.

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HOMECOMING 2022

Homecoming Game 2022 Preview

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill's Homecoming celebration is a week filled with fun and festivities to crank up the school spirit. All of the dress-up days, the Powder Puff game between the Junior and Senior girls, the bonfire, and even the parade ... culminate in the ultimate opportunity to showcase Bluejay pride when students, family, and the community show up at Jay Stadium Saturday afternoon at the Homecoming football game.

This year's Homecoming game will be on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at Merrill High School's Jay Stadium, and the team is hoping the stands will be full of fans to cheer them on as they face off against the Hayward Hurricanes.

"The Hurricanes and Bluejays are both locked into a playoff hunt trying to reach four conference wins this season," said Jason

Wadzinski, Merrill Head Varsity Football Coach.

"Hayward is going to come out to Jay Stadium on Saturday spread out looking to throw the ball around. They have a very athletic group of perimeter players, and the Bluejays will have their hands full with their speed," he said.

"The Merrill Bluejays will rely on their rushing attack of Nate Brzozowski and Brian Ball, as well as the defensive leadership of Ryder Depies and Erik Mann."

Can the Bluejays do it to pull out a fourth conference win and a Homecoming game victory? Plan to be at the game to cheer them on and find out!

"As Head Coach of this football team, I want to invite everyone in this proud community to be loud and proud on Saturday," Wadzinski said. "Let's string together our second year in a row of a Homecoming victory!"



Homecoming Parade Cheer them on!



The Homecoming Parade will be held Sat. Oct. 1, 2022, starting at 11:30 a.m. The parade route starts at Normal Park and continues down 6th St. and then to Memorial Dr., ending at Merrill High School. Come on out,

line the sidewalks along the parade route, and get the Merrill Bluejays excited for their big Homecoming Football Game against the Hayward Hurricanes!

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The Merrill Bluejay logo celebrates 50th anniversary

(1972-2022)



TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The logo on the mezzanine at Jay Stadium has been repainted, just in time for its 50th Anniversary and for Merrill's Homecoming celebration, as well.

Did you know that the Merrill Area Public School (MAPS) District has had the Bluejay logo, with the bluejay head surrounded by 11 stars, for 50 years?

Lin English Kautza, daughter of Margaret Ann English, shared the story of how the Merrill Bluejay logo came to be, all those years ago, and what each part of the logo's design represents. Her mother designed the logo.

"In 1972, Margaret Ann English, an artist, was asked by Ira Rebella, then high school Head Football Coach, to work with him to come up with a logo, to be placed on the team helmets," Kautza said. "And, he also wanted the logo to be painted at center field at Jay Stadium."

"Mom and Skipper Schultz, an avid Bluejay Football fan, painted the logo (with a hand sprayer) on home game days for the Bluejay Football Season," she said. "This was the first time a logo had been painted on the field at Jay Stadium."

"One of our mom, Margaret Ann's, proudest moments was when my brother, Phil, ran out on the field for the first time, with her logo on the side of his helmet," Kautza said.

Today, the center of the football field proudly displays a permanent Merrill Bluejay logo and there is no need to spray the design on the field repeatedly.

The design of the logo itself bears closer inspection, as it is rich in meaning.

The Bluejay logo was designed to represent the major



The logo on the mezzanine by Jay Stadium.

Photo courtesy of Lin English Kautza.

sports in high school at the time, Kautza said.

"The 11 stars represent the 11 positions of the football players on the Football Team."

"The five points, the beak and the points on the head of the Bluejay, represent the five starters on the Basketball Team," she said.

"The round overall shape represents the baseball for the Baseball Team."

"The white background surrounded by the red stripe, symbolizes the wrestling mat for the Wrestling Team," Kautza said.

And last, "The red outline that the stars are on, represents the track for the Track Team," she said.

But that's not all. "The streak behind the eye of the Bluejay is red – a color of passion, toughness, and aggression – characteristic of a Bluejay bird," Kautza said.

The logo was designed to reflect the "multiple dimensions" of being "a Merrill Bluejay," she said.

The logo inlaid at the entrance mezzanine at Jay Stadium is a contribution of loyalty to MAPS and to its athletic programs going forward, Kautza added.

Whenever you see that original Merrill Bluejay logo, now you'll know the history behind it, a history that has officially been a part of MAPS for 50 years!

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50 years ago ... Homecoming 1972



Photo 1: 1972 Homecoming court, together at the Homecoming Dance. In center, Queen Katey Zortman.
Photo from 1972-1973 KEMO.

Photo 2: Homecoming Queen and Princesses ... Homecoming 1972. In center, Queen Katey Zortman.
Photo from 1972-1973 KEMO.

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Bluejay pride has been strong all through the years, and it's rarely displayed as strongly as when it comes to a Homecoming and Homecoming Football Game.

Through the years, it's been celebrated in many of the same ways, with special days leading up to the Saturday Homecoming Parade, Football Game, and then Dance. Queens and Kings, Princesses and Princes, a Bluejay mascot, some crazy dress-up days, floats in the Parade, cheerleaders and football players, and a community of support in Merrill. Smalltown life at its best.

A look at Merrill High School KEMO's from years past provides a peek at Homecoming through the years in Merrill.

Homecoming 1972 - 50 years ago

"SUCCESS. That was what our 1972 Homecoming was all about. The exciting victory by our Bluejays over Stevens Point with the score 34 to 22, climaxed a full week of unified preparations and anticipation," the Homecoming page in the 1972-1973 KEMO read. "The many hours of hard work on floats and assemblies, the selection of Queen Katey Zorman and her court, the special Homecoming Dance, and the pride reflected in every face at the game were all parts of the long-awaited fulfillment of a 12-year-old dream."

The dresses were long and loose, and so was the hair. Flowers and ruffles adorned some of the formal dresses, the Queen's crown was also adorned with flowers, and the bouquets were small. The guys wore suit coats. And the game and dance were a big deal. It was the early '70's, and life in Merrill was good.

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Homecoming 1997 - 25 years ago

The 1997 KEMO was full of Homecoming photos. Girls' hair was mostly long or shoulder length, updo's were pretty, shoulders were bare, dresses were form fitting, and wrist corsages were now the thing. The Queen was crowned with a sparkling tiarra. Guys' hair was short and neatly trimmed and shirts with ties were a great formal look.

School spirit was high. And the number five was a recurring theme, listing the following "Top Five Ways to ... Enjoy Homecoming Week!"

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2. Go Bluejays!
3. We don't mess around!
4. Rock the Raiders!

[That year's Homecoming rival.]

5. We'll get 'em next time!

25 years ago ... Homecoming 1997



Homecoming 1997: Last year's Homecoming Queen, Lana Lemon, crowns this year's Queen, Rebecca Oppenheim.

Photo from 1997-1998 KEMO.



Homecoming 1997: Brian Koehler congratulates Becca Oppenheim after she is crowned Queen at the Homecoming Assembly.

Photo from 1997-1998 KEMO.



Homecoming 1997: Ann Ertl proudly accepts the Spirit Award for the Senior class.

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Homecoming 1997: Spirit Squad with football players.

Photo from 1997-1998 KEMO.

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Homecoming 1997: The brass section is lined up to begin the Homecoming Parade. Photo from 1997-1998 KEMO.



Homecoming 1997: Kory Waid, Derek Christiansen, Ali Crevier, and Erin Peterson show pride in their class by wearing crazy socks. Photo from 1997-1998 KEMO.



Homecoming 1997: The Merrill Football Team gets funky at the Homecoming Assembly. Photo from 1997-1998 KEMO.



Homecoming 1997: The football players kneel to form a path for Coach Grey to run through at the Homecoming Assembly. Photo from 1997-1998 KEMO.

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Homecoming 2012 - 10 years ago

The hair was mostly long, the girls shoulders were bare, the dresses were sleek fitting, wrist corsages were still the thing, and the tiaras still sparkled. The Homecoming Dance was a time for some glitz and glamour. And the guys looked pretty good, too.

But don't let how they cleaned up fool you. Out on the football field, it was no holds barred. That was for the guys on the Merrill Varsity Football Team during the Homecoming Football Game. And it was ALSO for the girls out there on the field during the Senior girls vs. Junior girls Powderpuff Football Game!

Sadly, captioning photos in the KEMO had gone out of vogue that year. Lots of smaller photos, but not a lot of information to help re-live the glory days in these years to follow.

10 years ago ... Homecoming 2012



Photo 1: The ladies of the 2012 Homecoming court. [Sorry, no names listed in the KEMO.] Photo from 2012-2013 KEMO.



Photo 2: Homecoming 2012: Girls PowderPuff football game. (No caption provided in KEMO.) Photo from 2012-2013 KEMO.



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On Sept. 15, 2022, the City of Merrill held a League of Municipalities meeting on Funding Critical Local Services. From L to R, those in attendance were: Jerry Deschane, Executive Director of the League of Municipalities; Gail Sumi, League of Municipalities; Steve Hass, City of Merrill Mayor; and Toni Herkert, Government Affairs Director.

Photo courtesy of the City of Merrill.

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign supports 4-H

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill's new Tractor Supply Store will participate in a Paper Clover Campaign to raise funds for 4-H programming.

In a Sept. 14 press release, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) announced they have again teamed up with the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation for the Paper Clover Campaign. For every \$1 paper clover sold at a Wisconsin TSC during the campaign, 90 cents will go to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to be used for leadership activities, and the other 10 cents will support the National 4-H Council. The Fall 2022 campaign is set for Oct. 5-16.

The funds raised via this campaign are not in any way connected to UW-Extension funding from Lincoln County which is the subject of controversy currently.

"This year the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is actively encouraging clubs and 4-H members to work with TSC stores in their area to do an in-store promotion during the fall 2022 campaign, with the opportunity to earn a TSC gift card for their club," the press release said. More information about that and official rules are available at: <https://wis4hfoundation.org/tsc-paper-clover/>.

"The paper clover campaign is a great way for everyone to visit their



The Farmington Allstars 4-H Club in front of a Tractor Supply Store. Photo courtesy of Tractor Supply Company.

local Tractor Supply and support Wisconsin 4-H," said Brenda Scheider, Executive Director of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. "Those dollars add up quickly. Last year the TSC campaigns provided over \$20,000 to support leadership programming like the Fall Leadership Forum and the Wisconsin Leadership Council."

"These promotions are a great way to share the incredible opportunities that 4-H provides to our youth," Scheider said. "And we're grateful to Tractor Supply for their support of Wisconsin 4-H. Look for 4-Hers at your local stores and say hello."

Tractor Supply stores in communities across the country have long supported 4-H clubs. For more information about TSC, visit their website: www.tractor-supply.com.



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CLUES ACROSS
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8. Golf score
11. A superior grade of black tea
13. Wrath
14. Eating house
15. Delay leaving a place
16. People now inhabiting Myanmar
17. Canadian flyers
18. Walks back and forth
20. Frequently
21. Humans have two
22. Surrounds with armed forces
25. Made proper
30. Medical buildings
31. Patty Hearst's captors
32. Hits with a drop shot
33. Italy's PM 1919-20
38. Promotions
41. En __: incidentally
43. Queens baseball team
45. Commoner
47. Expenses in insurance world (abbr.)
49. Payroll firm
50. Broadway actress Daisy
55. Skipper butterflies
56. Hint
57. Daniel __, French composer
59. English children's author Blyton
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Patriotic women's group
63. The woman
64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN
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6. Makes money off of
7. Refined
8. Nocturnal S. American rodents
9. From a distance
10. Officials
12. It helps you see
14. Central Canadian indigenous person
19. Invests in little enterprises
23. They help in tough situations
24. Industrial port in Poland
25. Type of screen
26. Peyton's little brother
27. Alcoholic beverage

28. Newspapers need it
29. Herbal tea
34. Distinctive practice
35. Exercise system __-bo
36. Explosive
37. Belonging to a thing
39. Presidential candidates engage in them
40. Of the Swedes
41. Meadow-grass
42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
44. Hooray!
45. Greek city
46. One way to do it by example
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48. "Game of Thrones" actress Headey
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Park City Gardens selected the yard and gardens at N2659 E. Shore Dr. in Merrill, owned by Beth and Stephen Mikle, to be honored as the September 2022 Garden of the Month. The Mikles created their little piece of paradise with the help of their granddaughters, they say.

In 2011, Beth and Stephen purchased their property overlooking beautiful Lake Pesobic, thinking it would be their weekend getaway and a place for their family to meet and relax.

Beth said she started out with a small little shade garden facing the water, but each year found a little time to add a bit more. Then when they moved to Merrill full time in 2017, they really started making changes. Then it was "Let the gardening begin!"

Over the years she has added flower gardens surrounding the house, the garage, and along the street. In addition to flower gardens with many varieties of beautiful flowers, the Mikles have apple trees, yellow raspberries, and a huge vegetable garden on the other side of the street.

This summer has been a busy summer for the granddaughters, the Mikles said. They worked filling buckets of sudsy water with Japanese Beetles daily, a never-ending battle. The girls also enjoy the benefits of the fresh vegetables, berries, and apples, the Mikles say.

To view the beautiful gardens, area residents can drive past the property at N2659 E. Shore Dr., Merrill.



Beth Mikle, shown with her granddaughters, is honored as having the September 2022 Garden of the Month. Submitted photos.



Sections of white picket fence and mulch keep this flower garden tidy so the flowers and bushes have some separation and distinction.



The outbuildings on the property are surrounded by flowers.



Many of the flower beds are surrounded by neat concrete brick borders, creating a nice visual flow.



In photo: Tavin Heidemann received the "Best of Show Heifer" Award at the 2022 Lincoln County Fair. Bryce Bloch received the "Reserve Show Heifer" Award. Both awards were donated by Lincoln County Beef Producers in memory of Scott Heidemann. Lincoln County Beef Producers also awarded two agriculture-related scholarships in 2022, one going to Courtney Schneider and the other to Grace Koehler, both of Merrill. Submitted photo.

Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens

The Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens program was launched in 2013 by Christ United Methodist Church to help address the need for a mid-day meal for kids in the Merrill area during the summer weeks when school was not in session.

In 2014, other churches in the community joined in and the program expanded to cover each weekday during the summer weeks of June, July, and August.

This summer volunteers from Our Saviour's Lutheran, St. Stephens UCC, Christ UMC, Trinity Lutheran, and St. John's Lutheran churches served 4,875 bag lunches to the youth of the community. That exceeds any number of meals the program has ever provided in the past.

Over the years of operation, the program has adapted to various changes that have come up. Most notably, since COVID-19 happened more than two years ago, the meals became brown bag lunches that could be picked up and taken home for the children to eat.

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Lady Jays and Wausau East swimmers show support for kids impacted by childhood cancer

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

“Wausau East and Merrill joined forces to support those impacted by childhood cancer at their recent dual meet,” said Kristie Winter, Head Coach for the Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Team. “All swimmers wore a gold ribbon tattoo to show their support.”

“The swim meet was very exciting from start to finish,” she said. “The score bounced back and forth throughout the meet coming down to the final relay where East just outswam us.”

The Lady Jays traveled to Wausau East High School for a dual meet against the Lady Lumberjacks on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022.

While Wausau East took home the win,

it wasn't by much. Just two points decided the meet.

The Merrill Girls took first place in the following events:

Event 2. 200 Yard Medley Relay, with Megan Miles, Amber Winter, Addison Jirovec, and Bailee Sommer coming in with a time of 2:00.68.

Event 6. 200 Yard IM, with Amber Winter coming in at 2:24.36.

Event 12. 100 Yard Freestyle, with Bailee Sommer coming in at 1:00.28.

Event 14. 500 Yard Freestyle, with Olivia Pajdash coming in at 5:52.49.

Event 18. 100 Yard Backstroke, with Megan Miles coming in at 1:09.86.

Event 20. 100 Yard Breaststroke, with Amber Winter coming in at 1:10.94.

Box Score:
Merrill 84 @ Wausau East 86



2022 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedules

Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Sept. 29	Hayward (JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Sat. Oct. 1	Homecoming-Hayward (Varsity)	Home	1:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 6	Rhineland (JV2)	Home	5:30 pm

Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Mon. Oct. 3	D. C. Everest (JV2-Quad)	Away	4:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 6	D. C. Everest (JV, JV2, & JV3)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 6	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm

Tennis (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Sept. 29	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	9:00 pm
Mon. Oct. 3	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am

Boys Soccer (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Sept. 29	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Tues. Oct. 4	Multiple Schools-Pool (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 4	Multiple Schools-Pool (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 6	Multiple Schools-Pool (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 6	Multiple Schools-Pool (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm

Swimming (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Oct. 6	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm
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Cross Country Boys (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Sept. 29	Medford-Multiple (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Tues. Oct. 4	Northland Pines (Varsity)	Away	4:15 pm

Cross Country Girls (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Sept. 29	Medford-Multiple (Varsity)	Away	5:15 pm
Tues. Oct. 4	Northland Pines (Varsity)	Away	T. B. D.

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Celebrating the 52nd anniversary of Merrill's first State Wrestling Championship in 1970. Front L to R: Rick Reindl, Dale Lemon, Bob Opsahl, John Bosio, and Jack Casper. Back L to R: Mike Ravn, Tom Hass, Bob Gustin, Larry Schuman, and Jeff Kraft. Submitted photo.

Merrill High School Class of 1970 celebrates 52nd anniversary of Merrill's first State Wrestling Championship

The Merrill High School (MHS) Class of 1970 held their 52nd reunion recently at the Eagles Club. Over 100 people attended, including 6 teachers and their wives. Music and Choir Director, Bob Holquist, and his wife came from

North Carolina, and Barb Schaeffer traveled from Hawaii.

This was also the 52nd anniversary of Merrill's first State Wrestling Championship. Merrill has since won State Championships in 1992 and 1993, as well, but this was the anniversary of the very first win, with the odds stacked against them.

Fond memories of those exciting times were relived and seem to revolve around honoring the coaching staff. Mike Ravn remembers that none of the coaches had wrestling experience, although Coach Opsahl boxed in the Army. What they lacked in experience, they made up for in discipline and motivation. He remembers that the coaches ran laps with them, which helped build morale and chemistry with the wrestlers.

Coach said that no Merrill wrestler will be out conditioned. John Bosio felt that they knew they had a really good team and potential for individual champions. At that time, there were no classifications for size of schools, and Merrill was able to beat those with much larger programs.

Merrill took 10 wrestlers to state. Bob Gustin and Larry Schuman remember the crowds being against them. When they were booed, Coach Opsahl told them: "They save that for winners."

Larry Schuman was State Champion, Tom Hass took third, and Bob Gustin took fourth. All felt that Coach Opsahl and Assistant Coaches Jack Casper and Rick Reindl deserved the win, as well as all the guys on the practice teams who helped push them to be better.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lauren Cohrs, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. This is Lauren's third year playing Varsity Tennis for the Bluejays and only her fourth year playing tennis, as she started playing and learning the game as a member of the JV team her Freshman year. At school, Lauren is the President of National Honor Society and the PR rep for Junior Optimist Club; is a member of the Link Crew, Student Council, Raise Your Voice Club, LEAD Club, tri-M, and The Nest; and will be a part of the spring musical. Lauren works part time at the Kwik Trip on Pine Ridge Rd. She volunteers with her church, St. Francis Xavier, for Totus Tuus youth week in the summer, Friday fish fries, and other events and reads at mass. She also volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, helping organize and as a cashier, and at the Lincoln County Humane Society, with the Fill A Backpack Program, and is a Student Board Member of the Merrill Area Concert Association. "I have NO free time," Lauren said, laughing. But she does enjoy walking her yellow lab, Stella, and enjoys reading, hiking, and kayaking.

The daughter of Tammy and Kevin Cohrs of Merrill, Lauren has a 3.9 GPA and plans to attend UW-Madison after graduation, majoring in Biology to become a neo-natal specialist.

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Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team celebrates Senior Night, focuses on positives

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Thursday, September 22, 2022, Marshfield Girls came to Merrill for a match-up on the tennis courts, and the Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team celebrated their lone Senior. “We celebrated Senior night,” Merrill Girls Tennis Coach Brad Barton said. “Lauren [Cohrs] was the only Senior this year.”

“Lauren Cohrs fought ‘til the end in her close three-set loss tonight,” he said, speaking of the team’s one Senior player and her competitive play out on the court. Cohrs won one of her sets against Isabel Krueger of Marshfield but wasn’t able to put up the points for a win in the third set.

“Sarah Rell played like she did earlier this year,” Barton added. “It was nice to see her elevate her game.”

Singles results:

- No. 1 - Isabel Krueger, Marshfield defeated Lauren Cohrs, Merrill, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2;
 - No. 2 - Lucy Luedtke, Marshfield defeated Sarah Rell, Merrill, 7-5, 6-0, -;
 - No. 3 - Sonia Dissanayaka, Marshfield defeated Chloe Belant, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;
 - No. 4 - Payton Koran, Marshfield defeated Madisin Jacobs, Merrill, 6-0, 6-1, -;
- Merrill forfeited the three



Merrill's Sarah Rell playing a match in Marshfield on Sept 22.

Tammy Cohrs photo.

doubles matches due to not having doubles teams to play.

Box Score:
Marshfield 7 @ Merrill 0

Tuesday, Sept. 20, brought the DC Everest Girls Tennis Team to the Merrill courts, and Barton stressed the positive outcomes for the Merrill Girls from the match:

“Lauren Cohrs put up a valiant effort in a three-set loss,” he said. Cohrs started off strong with a win in her first set but ended up scoreless in the second, and then lost the face-off in the third to give DC Everest’s Nina Allen the win.

“Emily Frahm won our only match between all of Varsity and Junior Varsity,” the Coach added.

Despite scores that might suggest otherwise, the Merrill Girls Tennis Team is working its way up to something better. “It has been a good rebuilding year,” Barton said. “The girls are learning not only what it takes in sports to make it, but hopefully applying what they are learning in their everyday lives.”

Singles results:

- No. 1 - Nina Allen, DC Everest defeated Lauren Cohrs, Merrill, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2;
 - No. 2 - Kyra Loomans, DC Everest defeated Sarah Rell, Merrill, 6-1, 6-0, -;
 - No. 3 - Nya Harrington, DC Everest defeated Chloe Belant, Merrill, 6-2, 6-2, -;
 - No. 4 - Lola Harrington, DC Everest defeated Madisin Jacobs, Merrill, 6-4, 6-1, -;
- Merrill forfeited the three doubles matches due to not having doubles teams to play.

Box Score:
DC Everest 7 @ Merrill 0



On Friday, Sept. 16, the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Dispatch Center received a call of a gyrocopter in need of assistance on U.S. Highway 51, near County Hwy. S southeast of Tomahawk. A gyrocopter is a type of rotorcraft that uses an unpowered rotor in free autorotation to develop lift, with forward thrust provided independently by an engine-driven propeller. The pilot of the gyrocopter reported to the Sheriff’s Office

that the aircraft was experiencing low fuel problems, and out of precaution, he set the aircraft down along U.S. Hwy. 51. The pilot said that the gyrocopter was new, with only about 17 flight hours on it, and there seemed to be a discrepancy in the amount of fuel on board compared to what the gauge was showing. The gyrocopter used regular, unleaded fuel, so a deputy gave the pilot a ride to a nearby gas station, where he bought 10 gallons of fuel before continuing his flight. There were no injuries as a result of the incident, the Sheriff’s Office said.

Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office

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Another big change is the addition of the Merrill Community Food Pantry in providing some of the staple items for the lunches. Without the help that the Merrill Community Food Pantry provides, the churches would find it very difficult to continue to provide complete meals to the children and teens.

This year the program also received a very generous donation from Habitat for Humanity. In addition, Chips Hamburgers of Merrill donated items as needed.

The T.B. Scott Free Library also gave away books to youth as

they stopped in to pick up their meals this past summer.

The Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens extends a very big Thank You to all who were involved in making this program such a success this summer.

This program could not serve the children and youth of the Merrill community without the continued participation of the volunteers from the churches involved, as well as the very generous contributions of community partners like the Food Pantry and area businesses. All look forward to being able to serve the needs of the local kids again next summer.




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Nicklaus Family donates \$34,000 to Merrill Historical Society for digitizing project

Donation will provide community with access to digitized historical records

Ron and Kay Nicklaus and Todd and Camille Nicklaus recently donated \$34,000 to the Merrill Historical Society (MHS) to enable MHS to digitize files and provide the community with access to important historical records.

Currently, the MHS houses a collection of Merrill Foto News newspapers from the years 1969-1999 in paper format. In addition to making research time-consuming utilizing the paper copies, over time paper newspapers deteriorate, becoming fragile which makes it more difficult to preserve the history contained within the pages. Converting these newspapers to digital format will protect these important artifacts of Merrill history, make them more easily available to community members, and make it easier to search for information.

Ron Nicklaus, founder of River Valley State Bank, now IncredibleBank, along with his wife, Kay, said, "By digitizing these paper artifacts, we are helping bring our history to the next generation, allowing us to continue to learn from our past while protecting it for years to come."

"We're incredibly proud to be a part of this community and are happy to be a part of preserving its rich history," said Todd Nicklaus, who serves as IncredibleBank's Chairman of the Board.

In 1978, the Merrill Historical Society was established when a group of historically-inclined individuals banded together to manage and archive documents, directories, high school yearbooks, family histories, historical photos, and more, with the hope of keeping history in Merrill alive.

The services provided by the Merrill Historical Society include a museum containing both permanent and temporary exhibits, and document and photography archive research.

"The Society has made arrangements to work with Crowley Digital Preservation Solutions in Maryland to digitize the collection of bound Foto News papers given to us many years ago by the O'Day family," said Patricia Burg, Treasurer of the MHS. "The process will take two to three months to complete, but once finished, the papers should be searchable and ready to put online."

"We are still working on the vehicle to make them available," she said, "But we have several choices to go



From L to R: Ron Nicklaus, Ellen "Kay" Nicklaus, Todd Nicklaus, and Camille Nicklaus. Submitted photo.

with. The Nicklaus Family was very adamant that these be made available to the public as part of their donation."

Burg said previous conversations with Tim Schreiber, General Manager at the Merrill Foto News, suggest they may be expanding the searchable Merrill Foto News resource even more once the initial phase of the project is completed. "In talking with Tim Schreiber of the Foto News, there are subsequent issues from 2000 on that we would like to have available, as well," she said. "We hope to work with the Foto News to get this done so that all the issues will be available to the public."

"It is wonderful to have such community support for these important projects," said MHS President Bea Lebal.

To donate to the MHS, go to: merrillhistory.org/donate.

"In addition, the Society's archives include the bound volumes of the Daily Herald going back through the 1920's," Berg added. "These papers are deteriorating very quickly, and it would be wonderful to be able to preserve them and have access to these online, as well. We have a few more options to do them at a lower cost, as they have been microfilmed already, and that could be used to make the searchable copies."

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Genevieve "Jenny" (Schnelle) Maszk celebrated her 101st birthday with a pizza party with family and cookies for the staff at Pine Crest Nursing Home. Throughout the day, family members asked her what the secret to a long life was and her responses were: "The good Lord watched over me." "Ask Santa Claus." And "Eat a lot of candy!" Submitted photos.



Genevieve "Jenny" (Schnelle) Maszk turned 101 years young on Sept. 22, 2022. Here the birthday girl is holding her newest great, great granddaughter, Charlotte Genevieve Rose Schneider. They are 101 years apart!

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