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Since 2001, Peggy and the late Dennis Griffin have been “Honoring families and creating traditions” at Willow Springs Garden, located about 11 miles south of Merrill just west of Hwy. K. Dennis thought it was also important to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice of local veterans and tried to incorporate that into public events at Willow Springs. He also had a dream of converting the northwest corner of the property into a veteran’s tribute, and he shared his vision with members of the Mar-Lin VFW Post 10203 in Hamburg.

Dennis had the location, a beautiful carved stone as a water feature, and an idea of how he wanted it to look. However, he was not sure how to incorporate

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Crooked Queen seasonal markets give new meaning to going out back to the shed

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TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

There was a day when going out back to the shed didn't have a positive connotation. But these days a trip to the shed can mean shopping, fun, and the thrill of the find.

Two area ladies reinvented what it means to visit the back shed in the Town of Pine River when they decided to open a gift shop in the outbuildings on a family farm.

Nina Skic and Missy Cayley opened the Crooked Queen, as they named their business, in 2014, at



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Christmas Spirit Giving Trees

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Christmas Spirit Lincoln County United Giving Tree Program has kicked off for the season, intent on helping brighten the faces of area children and relieve some of the holiday pressure from parents and families having a tough time this year. They're hoping area residents can help them to provide a joyful Christmas for area children by selecting a children's tag from a participating Christmas Spirit tree and shopping for some of the gifts that child wants and/or the items that child needs this holiday season. Tags should be checked out appropriately where trees are being hosted, and gifts



Be an angel and get into the "Christmas Spirit" by helping purchase gifts and needed items for area children.

Tina L. Scott photo.

should be purchased and returned by the date noted at that tree host. Gifts should be bagged and the tag affixed to the bag of gifts when they are returned, but gifts should not be wrapped.

Participants can shop for gifts for a child individually or can join together with others to share the spirit of the season.

Trees with gift tags are being hosted this year at these locations in Merrill: Church Mutual, Johnson's Gifts, Merrill Enrichment Center, Park City Credit Union (on Pine Ridge Ave.), Clark's Cup N' Cone & Cheese Shop, Marshfield Clinic, Our Savior's Church, Saint Stephens UCC, Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Saint John

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Merrill area annual craft shows are this Saturday

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Fall craft fair weekend in Merrill is upon us. Though we've had a mild autumn, the Merrill area annual craft shows, and this week's cold snap, are here to remind us that the holidays are right around the corner.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, craft lovers can explore five different locations where they can shop and get into the holiday mood. "The five different locations will showcase hundreds of different crafters, vendors, boutiques, and small businesses," said Laura Bares, one of the organizers of the annual event. "Shoppers



Last year's craft show at Les & Jim's had crafters and vendors offering a wide variety of items, from woodworking to crochet, jewelry to painted items, and much more. This year's craft shows promise a wide variety, as well.



Shoppers at one of last year's craft shows browse the booths of crafts, baked goods, and more. **Submitted photos.**

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will find unique, one-of-a-kind items like jewelry, handcrafted items, crafts, home decor, clothing, books, raffle baskets, holiday decorations, baked goods, candies, gift items, and more." In addition, food is available for sale at most locations, she said.

Craft show locations

- Eagles Club, 1205 Lake St. - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - A variety of crafters will feature handcrafted items for sale.
- Les & Jim's, 1208 N Center Ave. - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Crafters will showcase tables full of talent for shoppers to browse and purchase.
- New Testament Church, N2519 Co. Rd. K - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Vendors will share their wares and shoppers can get a head start on holiday shopping.
- St. Francis Xavier Church & School, 1708 E. 10th St. - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - In addition to crafts, homemade candies and cookies will be available for purchase. And new this year: A "Children's Santa Shop" is the place where children can shop gifts for the parents and family members. Volunteers will assist the children. Eighty percent of the items are \$5 and under, and a gift bag will be included.
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Dustin Bonack, Street Superintendent

- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - The Merrill Boys Basketball Team is hosting their fifth Merrill Hoops Craft Fair. In addition to crafts and handmade items, the event offers lunch items and desserts. And vendors appreciate a unique aspect of this craft show: "Basketball players help the vendors bring all their crafts into the fieldhouse in the morning and again help them load them up into their vehicles at the end of the show," said Julie Mootz, one of the organizers. "We've received many compliments over the years about how helpful and respectful our players have been. As our vendors are setting up, they are greeted with complementary hot coffee and doughnuts. When it comes to lunchtime, we offer a variety of homemade soups, sandwiches, and desserts. Our players deliver menus and take orders from vendors wishing to purchase lunch and then deliver it right to their booth. Our feedback each year from our vendors has been very positive. They are impressed with how involved our players are and how smoothly the process goes."

"Each year we look forward to serving our Merrill and surrounding communities by putting on a great show!" she added.

For more information about this weekend's area craft shows, including a city map, go to the "Merrill Craft & Vendor Events" Facebook page.

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Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Church, and Bible Presbyterian Church. These Tomahawk locations are also hosting trees this year: Park City Credit Union, Standard Merchantile, Community Thrift Shop, Honeycomb, and The Rock Church.



"As the holidays approach, the stress of trying to make things 'nice' for many families can be a real issue," Christmas Spirit organizers say. "Please consider helping bring smiles to the faces of the children involved in this program." "Whatever it may be, we thank you for giving depth and meaning to a 'Merry Christmas' for area children." Those unable to shop for a child may mail monetary donations to: Christmas Spirit, P.O. Box 912, Merrill, WI 54452.

Christmas Spirit tags hang on a tree where community members can select them and purchase gifts and needed items for an area child. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

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Merrill Area Concert Association presents Empire Wild in concert

The Merrill Area Concert Association (MACA) will present Empire Wild in concert at the Merrill High School Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The group features Ken Kubota and Mitch Lyon on cello and Holly Bean on piano and vocals. All classically trained, the three musicians fuse the sounds of pop, folk, Broadway, and more into their song writing and performances. Based in New York City, Empire Wild has brought their signature mix of original music, inventive covers, and twists on classical music to audiences across the country.

Attendance at all MACA events is open to members only, but anyone can become a member. Purchasing a season membership supports the association's ongoing mission to provide live performances by professional musicians for the entertainment and betterment of the Merrill area community. A reciprocity agreement enables MACA members to also attend concerts



Empire Wild.

Brandon Ilaw photo.

through neighboring associations in Medford and Antigo at no additional cost. For the 2022-2023 concert year, MACA season memberships are \$45 per adult and \$18 per student (age 18 and younger), and a family mem-

bership (which includes two adults and school-age children) is \$105. Call Diane at 715.722.3401 to join or email MerrillConcerts@gmail.com. For more information, visit: www.merrillconcerts.org.

Merrill puts new logo on hold, seeks public input

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Over recent months, the City of Merrill has been exploring ways to attract new people to the Merrill area to help fill the ever-present need for more employees for many area businesses and to grow the Merrill community in positive ways. Along with efforts to provide additional housing and daycare options to help facilitate that process, the City also began exploring marketing efforts and how the City of Merrill is perceived.

A Marketing & Communications Committee was formed. A Communications Consultant was hired. And new branding efforts were explored, along with a possible new logo for the City of Merrill. Church Mutual marketing representatives volunteered their time to assist in the development of the new logo, a new tagline, some advertisements, and more, at no cost to the City or to Merrill taxpayers.

A small survey of attendees at an early fall event at the Merrill Enrichment Center suggested the new logo might be well received by the community, so the City Council approved the logo, and efforts to begin rolling that new logo out to the community began. The Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors saw the proposal, and Chantel Kuczmariski, the City's Communications Consultant, posted the proposed new logo and tagline on the City's website and Facebook page, and then presented it to local



A look at the proposed new City of Merrill logo and tagline. A public forum will be held on Nov. 17.

business owners at the recent 2022 Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet.

After those initial communication efforts, some wholeheartedly embraced the new look, tagline, and concept, while others questioned the purpose, the expense, and the look and concept overall.

As a result, the City Council has placed the proposed new logo on hold

and is seeking public input as to how and whether to proceed.

"We heard you! Your voice matters to us. At this time, we've put a pause on the City's new logo and tagline," a message on the City of Merrill website reads.

The City Council wants to hear from residents about the matter.

A public forum is scheduled to be held in the City

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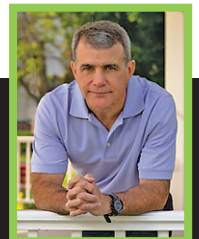
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Year of the Smuggler is about Finucan's investigation into the death of his brother, Shawn, and the local and international events that took place leading up to the incident.



Jim Finucan

This book is available on Amazon, at Janke Book Store in Wausau and Finucan will be at the Merrill Historical Society on Saturday, November 12th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for a book signing as part of the Merrill Poker Run.

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OBITUARIES



Bonnie J. Pophal, 90, of Merrill, passed away Monday, October 31, 2022, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill. Bonnie was born August 24, 1932, in Merrill, daughter of the late Ernest and Bertha (Lokemoen) Krueger. She married Harold Pophal on July 29, 1950, in Merrill. He preceded her in death on December 14, 2008. Bonnie and Harold dairy farmed in the Town of Pine River, Lincoln County for 41 years. Bonnie enjoyed reading, word searches, baking, cooking, and camping. She belonged to the Valley Bummers camping group for 17 years and the Birthday Club.

Survivors include her daughters, Patti (Gary) Stickler of Merrill and Peggy (Robert) Bauman of Merrill; son, Alan (Paulet) Pophal of Merrill; two grandchildren, Holly Pophal (Daniel Crowell) of Tomahawk and Brian (Trish) Pophal of Merrill; two great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Bannigan and Lorna Bannigan; and sister-in-law, Anna 'Ann' Krueger of Merrill. Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Pophal; parents, Ernest Krueger Sr. and Bertha Krueger; siblings, Helen Juedes, Grace Bruns, Betty Jane Rutkowski, Robert Krueger, and Ernest Krueger Jr.

The funeral service for Bonnie was held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Steve Tiffany officiated. Burial took place in Springbrook Cemetery, Town of Pine River. Visitation began at 10:00 A.M. Saturday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Dorothy Ann Bellin, 95, Wausau, formerly of Merrill, passed away on Friday, October 28, 2022 at Wausau Manor, under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services.

Dorothy, daughter of Wesley and Anna (Hehling) Turbin was born on December 31, 1926 in Merrill, Wisconsin in the family home on Douglas Street. After graduation from Merrill High School in 1945, Dorothy departed for Washington DC and worked for the Navy Department. She then moved to Chicago, IL and was a key punch operator for the U.S. Government.

Upon returning to Merrill, Dorothy was employed at Weinbrenner Shoe Company. She met her future husband, John Bellin, a returning WWII veteran, at the Gold Arrow Bowling Alley. They were married May 15, 1948 at St. Stephen's Church in Merrill.

Dorothy's hobbies over the years included, hunting and fishing with John, drawing, reading, playing bingo, jigsaw puzzles and bowling. She belonged to the 600 club at Les and Jim's Lincoln Lanes in Merrill. She was also an avid Packer, Badger and Brewers fan.

Dorothy is survived by daughters, Gay (Randall) Stencil, Wausau and Cynthia (Jerome) King, Wichita, Kansas; four grandchildren, Angela Peacy, Port Washington, Renea Stencil, Wausau, Laura (Nathan) Schneider, Kansas and David (Morgan) King, Kansas; four great-grandchildren, Jacob Peacy, Ethan Schneider and Caroline and Madison King; and nieces, nephews and cousins further survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Lloyd (Anita Sigurd) Turbin; sister, Betty (Walter) Wolff; and numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, 1302 Sixth Street, Wausau. Private burial followed at Merrill Memorial Park.

Memorials may be directed to the family for a fund being established in Dorothy's memory. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com



Harold 'Punk' Fox, Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Uncle, Cousin, Friend. When he died on November 3, 2022, Harold Warner 'Punk' Fox answered to all those names.

Born on April 5, 1933, near Doering to Charles and Rose (Dignin) Fox, Punk was a 1951 graduate of Merrill High School. He served in the United States Army in Korea. He played baseball for the championship team in Doering. He was life-long member of Wildwood Chapel.

In 1957, Punk went to a dance at the Lakeview Ballroom, saw Marlene VanHaren sitting alone on a bench and asked her to dance. In his words, "We've been dancing ever since." He married his only girlfriend on October 19, 1957, in Pine City, MN.

They settled on a small farm in the Town of Schley, raising beef cattle and kids. When the weather was good, Punk, Marlene and the kids could be found nearly every evening, after supper, playing baseball in the front yard.

In addition to farming, Punk worked road construction for many years and was a self-employed woodsman. He also worked for the Lincoln County Forestry Department, retiring in 1995.

Punk was happiest outdoors and loved fishing, hunting, and teaching the kids how to field grounders and fly balls. There were lots of games played, songs sung, and time spent with neighbors. He loved puzzles of all kinds and showing his kids and grandkids "the way the city folks ride."

Punk is survived by Marlene, his wife of 65 years, and a family of 51, including his six children: Kari (Bob) Gregory, Allen (Pam) Fox, Karla (Dennis) Yorde, Beth Humphrey (Jim Konyn), Lynn (Jamie) Kleven, and Susan (Randy) Kolka. Twelve grandchildren: Kellie Phelps, Jessica Heidemann, Calie Ninneman, Danno Hoff, Katie Thurman, Jake Yorde, Matt Bahlow, Erin Ingersoll, Pete Johnson, Erik Johnson, Ashley Kolka-Lee, Ryan Kolka, their spouses, and 16 8/9 great grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother-in-law, Otto Tryczak, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Punk was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws Lawrence and Grace VanHaren, siblings and their spouses: Gerry (Jim) Tomasek, Don (Mary) Fox, Sam (Shirley) Fox, Marge (Ralph) Boes, and Joyce Tryczak, nieces and nephews, as well as grandson Dave Hoff, who will forever share November 3rd with Grandpa.

The graveside memorial service will take place at 11:30 A.M., Monday, November 14, 2022, at Forest View Cemetery, Town of Vilas, Langlade County. Rev. Carolyn Saunders and Pastor Mike Zahn will co-officiate. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

The family suggests memorials in Punk's name be directed to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

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Cheryl Baumann-Hornischer sadly passed away on Monday, October 17th at the age of 59 in her sleep after a battle with MS.

Cheri was born on March 17th, 1963. She grew up and lived most of her life in Merrill, WI. After leaving for a while and living in Vail, CO in her early 20s, Cheri settled back in her hometown of Merrill where she raised her three children.

Cheri had a passion for traveling. This was evident by her past ownership of a travel agency, taking her family on many trips, and helping her children plan trips of their own. Some of her favorite places to travel to included New York City and anywhere in Colorado. She also loved watching football with her son, especially the Denver Broncos. As time went on, she enjoyed watching her son coach his high school football team and she would make it to most of his games.

Cheri was a sweet, goofy, loving, individual who loved her three children unconditionally and supported them in everything they aspired to be. They, along with her grandson, were her happiness and joy in the world.

Cheri is preceded in death by her father John Baumann, grandmother Dorothy Baumann, grandfather Leslie Baumann, and Aunt Mary Wojan.

Cheri is survived by her mother Anora Busch, brothers: Robert (Julie) Baumann and Timothy Baumann; her ex-husband Mike Hornischer; her children: Alyssa Swan (Kyle Swan), Adam Yirkovsky, and Shania Hornischer; her grandson, Eddison Swan; and her nephews John (Kayley) Baumann and Michael (Courtney) Baumann.

A family only funeral service will be held Saturday, November 12th at Saint Francis Xavier Cemetery in Merrill, WI. There will be a Celebration of Life to follow at the Sylvan Hill Shelter in Wausau, WI at 12:30pm-4:30pm for anyone who would like to join the family in celebration of Cheri.

In lieu of flowers, donations to a Multiple Sclerosis charity, or any charity of your choosing, under Cheri's name, is appreciated.

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Linda L. Zastrow, of Merrill, passed away Friday, November 4, 2022, at UW Hospital and Clinics in Madison.

Linda was born June 30, 1948, in Merrill, daughter of the late Elmer and Jeanette (Yonke) Lee. She married Dale W. Zastrow on August 12, 1967, at St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill. He survives. Linda graduated from Merrill High School in 1966. She also graduated from Milwaukee College of Cosmetology in 1967. Linda worked part-time as a hairstylist all her life. She also worked as a cook at St. John Lutheran School in Watertown from 1983 until 1996. Linda enjoyed cooking, sewing, dancing, camping, and traveling. She also really enjoyed the years she lived in Arizona.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Dale Zastrow of Merrill; son, Dean (Lynn) Zastrow of Presque Isle, WI; sister, Connie (Hugh) Lenox of Cambridge; nephew and niece, Jason (Megan) Londerville of Cambridge and Elizabeth Richter of Fort Atkinson; great nephews and great niece, Jameson, Evadne, and Dresden Richter; brother-in-law, Lane (Karen) Zastrow of Merrill; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Jeanette Lee; brother, Gary Lee; grandparents, Ervin and Esther Yonke and Archie and Elizabeth Lee; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lloyd and Elaine Zastrow; and sister-in-law, Rita Campanile.

A private funeral service will be held. Entombment will take place in Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

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OBITUARIES



Harry F. Dahm, 98, of Merrill, passed away Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at Aspirus Merrill Hospital.

Harry was born October 3, 1924, in Merrill, son of the late Harry O. and Esther (Ollhoff) Dahm. Harry enlisted in the United States Air Force on April 10, 1943 and served during World War II. He started basic training at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and then spent time in Greensboro, North Carolina, Clemson University South Carolina, Providence, Rhode Island, and Denver, Colorado for administrative school. He was sent on the USS Monterey to Australia and then spent time in New Guinea and Morotai-East Indies for one year where he saw combat as a Buck Sergeant. He then finished his service in Manila, The Philippines. Harry was in the Philippines at the Clark Air Force Base for five months where he was granted a brand-new Jeep to complete his duties. In January of 1945, he was sent back to the United States. Harry attained the rank of Staff Sergeant by the time of his discharge. Harry served two years, nine months and fifteen days in the United States Air Force. He was honorably discharged on January 24, 1946.

He married Dorothy M. Raasch on September 24, 1949. She preceded him in death on June 5, 2015. Harry was one of the first board members at Park City Credit Union in Merrill. He managed the credit union from his office for the first year. Harry worked as a bookkeeper at Lincoln Hills from 1969 until his retirement in 1987. He had also worked as the general manager of Midland Cooperative for many years. Harry was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Merrill, where he served on the Finance Committee and served as an usher. Harry was a member of the Silver "M" Club in Merrill. In 2016, he was presented with a Diamond "M". Harry had received his first Merrill High School football varsity letter in 1941. Harry was also a member of the Barber Shoppers. He delivered Meal on Wheels for over a decade. Harry enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, and hunting.

Harry is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Steven Dahm (Dr. Laurie Wolf-Dahm) of Merrill; three grandchildren, Jennifer Dahm of Madison, Dr. James Dahm (Dr. Krista Nelson) of Chicago, and Ryan Dahm of Geneva, Switzerland; two sisters, Carol Finanger and Marlene (Bill) Krueger both of Merrill; and several nieces and nephews. Harry was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Dahm; parents, Harry O. and Esther Dahm; siblings, LeRoy (Elaine) Dahm, Annette (George) Scott, James Dahm, and Harriet (Gerald) Henrich; and brother-in-law, David Finanger.

A celebration of Harry's life will be held at a later date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

The family requests memorials in Harry's name be made to the River Bend Trail or the Merrill Area Community Foundation.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Lorraine "Laurie" (Laak Harkner) Kuohujoki, 75, of Merrill, passed away on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Pine Crest Nursing Home. She was born on January 22, 1947, in Lincoln County and was the daughter of Florence (Laabs) and Wilbur Laak. Lorraine graduated from Merrill High School in 1965 and was a member of St. Stephens United Church of Christ. Lorraine was a kind, loving mother and grandmother. She was a hard worker and enjoyed her job

until the age of 63. Over the years, Lorraine was committed to her work at several companies, including Weinbrenner, Wire Products, Semco, and Hurd Millwork. She most loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, family, and her beloved dogs. She was a talented artist, and her creativity also shone through in her love of decorating, as she looked forward to decorating the house for the holidays each year. Lorraine loved animals, nature, reading the Harry Potter series, and sketching, as well as baking for her children and grandchildren.

Lorraine is survived by her children: Todd (Debbie) Harkner of Merrill; Tania (Brandon) Yackle of Downers Grove, Illinois; Troy Harkner of Merrill; and Matthew Kuohujoki of Marshfield. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Ruth Laak, of Wausau; nieces: Kim Laak and Beth (Zach) Brown; grandchildren: DaNika (Alvin Xiong) Harkner, Trey Harkner, Justin Harkner, Kaitlin Yackle, and Lindsey Yackle; and great grandchildren: Paeton, ZaKariah, and AvRican. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur and Florence Laak, and her brother, Reverend James Laak.

A private service will be held at the Merrill Cemetery. The family would like to thank Pine Crest West staff and Aspirus Hospice Nurses for the compassionate care they provided our mother. May She Rest In Peace.



Sharon Marie Shouse

On November 3rd, 2022, our beloved Mother, Nanna, Aunt, and friend, Sharon Marie Shouse passed away peacefully at her home in Merrill, WI at the age of 69.

Sharon was born in Louisville, KY and for the majority of her life, she was a hard-working wife, mother, and grandmother. Sharon did whatever was needed for her family, the many foster children that she and her husband Mark cared for, as well as, anyone that needed a caring and loving environment. Everyone that visited Nanna never left hungry or without a tender hug. Sharon's proudest achievement in life was being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her daughter Sabrina, son-in-law Jon, grandchildren, Alexis (Jonathon), Kristofer, and Anna, great-granddaughter LynnMarie, and other family and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Mark and brother Steve Lentini.



Margaret Oestreich, age 80, died on November 2, 2022 surrounded by family and under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services at Bell Tower Residence in Merrill.

Margaret was born on December 2, 1941 in Merrill to C.L. "Bud" and Jean (Walsh) Caylor. She attended St. Francis Catholic School and Our Lady of the Holy Cross High School before transferring to Merrill High School in her junior year. She graduated from Merrill High School with the class of 1959 and attended Lincoln County Teachers College in Merrill. She began her teaching career in 1961 at age 19, teaching in her early years as an educator at St. Therese School in Rothschild and the Tomahawk School District. In the mid 1960's she was hired as a teacher at St. Robert's school in Merrill by the late Fr. Leo Krynski. During this time, she attended the University of Wisconsin - Marathon County and University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point where she earned a bachelor's degree in education. Margaret also loved playing softball during this time, and enjoyed the fun and friendships from those days.

Also during this time, she met the love of her life, Myron H. Oestreich. They were married on June 1, 1968 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Merrill by Fr. Philip Stack. During the next 51 years, Margaret and Myron had countless adventures and misadventures, with some still having the statute of limitations in force so they can't be cited. Over the years, Margaret and Myron enjoyed many fishing trips to Canada and sharing those stories upon their return. In 1977, they welcomed their son, Myron J. Oestreich. In 1999 and 2009 they welcomed their grandchildren Myron J. Oestreich, Jr., and Isabella. Myron passed away on August 10, 2019, and Margaret buried Myron with his wedding ring on to "remind the ladies in heaven that he's spoken for."

In 2012, Margaret retired from teaching for the third and final time. During her teaching career she taught in Tomahawk, Rothschild and Merrill, initially teaching elementary school and moving on to English and Language Arts at the middle school level - even earning Teacher of the Year through the Merrill Area Public School District. One of her favorite stories from her teaching career was talking about when she, Bob Gruling and Eldridge Curtis created the legend of Boom Decker Becker at the Merrill School Forest in an attempt to keep the kids staying in their bunks at night. That legend was spun in the 1970's and has withstood the test of time to become a part of local folklore. After her teaching career wound down, she spent her retirement caring for Myron and volunteering her time at the Merrill Food Pantry and the Blood Bank. Margaret's faith was always very important to her, and over the years she and Myron served as volunteers in various roles at St. Francis Church - in earlier years with the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and then with the St. Francis Snack Shack at the Lincoln County Fair. Margaret always looked forward to her outings with the "lunch bunch" comprised of classmates of hers that would have lunch at various restaurants around the Merrill area at least once a month.

Humor, Pepsi, trivia and crossword puzzles were big parts of Margaret's life and personality. She was always very quick with a pun or one-liner, and could write elaborate pieces of prose that would leave a person scratching their head and laughing at the same time.

Margaret is survived by her son Myron (Rhea) of Wautoma, grandchildren Myron Jr. of Merrill and Isabella of Rushville, IN, sister Mary (Eldred) Kufahl of Merrill and brother Peter (Colleen) Caylor of Fairfax Station, Virginia as well as many nieces, nephews and sister-in-laws, Donna M. Caylor of Irma and Carol Caylor of Merrill.

Along with Myron and her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters T.W. "Bill" (Darlene) Caylor, Kathryn Sensenbrenner, Michael "Loopy" (Kathleen) Caylor, Tim "Shorty" Caylor and Dan "Hank" Caylor. Margaret's legacy also lives on through the countless lives she touched during her career as a teacher.

Friends may call for visitation at the Bell Tower Assisi Hall on Friday, November 11 from 4-7 p.m. Please use the entry on the north side of Bell Tower. A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church in Merrill at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 12. Father Mariadas Valabhaneni will preside with Deacon Jim Arndt. Please use the north west handicap entrance door #2 to enter the church. This is due to the holiday bazaar taking place. Burial will follow mass at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Bell Tower Residence, Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services, Marshfield Clinic and Aspirus Health for the care provided for Margaret through the years.

Memorials may be given in Margaret's name to St. Francis Catholic School in Merrill.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory of Tomahawk is assisting the family. View Margaret's obituary and leave online condolences at generationsfuneral.com



Tom J. Dittmer, 67, of 2167 County Road Y, Tomahawk passed away at his home on Saturday, October 29, 2022 following a long battle with cancer.

Tom was born February 20, 1955 in Elmhurst, Illinois to Theodore and Angelina (Decker) Dittmer. He was married to Shirley Legan on September 11, 1996 in Tomahawk. Ditt spent 40 years working at Owens-Illinois/PCA paper mill and retired in 2015. In his younger years he was a speed skater, moto cross racer, and was a Junior World Champion Snowmobile Racer. He enjoyed life to the fullest and was an avid reader, packer fan, and loved just sitting outside. He and Shirley both enjoyed traveling. Tom loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley. Children, Jessica (Eric Greil) Dittmer of Tomahawk, Jason Flint of Washington, Carrie Flint and Kristen Flint, both of Tomahawk. He is further survived by four grandchildren (Darius Hubbard, Sequoia Smedbron, Kiona Smedron, and Justinian Flint). Also surviving are his Step mother, Bernice Dittmer of Illinois, a brother, Theodore Dittmer of Washington, and his ex-wife, Pam Timm of Tomahawk. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Ron and Rich.

A Memorial Service for Tom Dittmer will be held on Saturday, November 12th, 2:00 p.m. at Krueger Family Funeral Home. Pastor Ross Nelson will officiate. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday from noon until the time of services at 2:00 p.m. Memorials are appreciated to Mayo Clinic Cancer Research.

Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation services is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Girl, Katelyn Rose, born to Dani Lilek and Nick Lilek of Tomahawk

OCTOBER 2, 2022.

Boy, Callahan Joe, born to Kaylee Heitz and Christopher Heitz of Plover.

OCTOBER 10, 2022

Boy, Sebastian Braidan, born to Samantha Slowiak and Brandon Slowiak of Wausau.

OCTOBER 11, 2022

Boy, Lucus Robert, born to Esther Trostle and Eric Hoffman, Sr., of Tomahawk.

Girl, Hadley Ann, born to Kelsey Hirte and Dakote Hirte of Merrill.

Boy, Abel Victor, born to Cana Kohn and Adam Kohn of Ringle.

OCTOBER 14, 2022

Girl, Violet Renee, born to Katie VanDerGeest and Joe VanDerGeest of Weston.

OCTOBER 16, 2022

Boy, Hudson Jeffrey, born to Alyssa Moran and Jeremiah Moran of Merrill.

OCTOBER 18, 2022

Boy, Beckett Michael, born to Megan Dahlquist and Matthew Dahlquist of Wauau.

OCTOBER 19, 2022

Girl, Charli Jean, born to Morgan Gille and Brendan Gille of Athens.

OCTOBER 20, 2022

Boy, Waylon Randall, born to Alyssa Springer and Ryan Springer of Wausau.

OCTOBER 24, 2022

Boy, Jameson David Joseph, born to Kristina Smith and Richard Smith of Merrill.

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these ideas into a tribute that would accurately honor local veterans, and sadly, he died on Sept. 5, 2021, after battling idiopathic liver disease, before the idea could become reality.

The Mar-Lin VFW Post 10203 took Dennis's vision and are working to bring it to fruition. This Veterans Day, Willow Springs Garden and Mar-Lin VFW Post 10203 will hold a dedication ceremony at 11:00 a.m. at the tribute located near the historic Round Barn on the property.

The pads for benches, benches, water feature, and nine flag poles have been installed, and the initial phases of the project have been completed and funded by Willow Springs and Mar-Lin VFW Post 10203. But the tribute isn't finished, and additional funds are needed to complete electrical, lighting, landscaping, and the water feature, and for labor and future maintenance. Businesses/corporations, families, and individuals can sponsor a particular branch of the Veterans Memorial on a "first-come" basis, and as of Oct. 31, the Army, Navy, Marines, and Space Force branches were available for sponsorship.

Donations will be accepted in any amount. However, to sponsor a bench, service flag, or flag pole and receive a recognition plaque, minimum donations of \$2,000 are requested. Donations are tax deductible. Contact Jon Weiler at 715.350.1437 or cwjon.weiler@gmail.com or mail a check payable to the Mar-Lin VFW Post 10203 to: Willow Springs Veterans Memorial, c/o Mar-Lin VFW Post 10203, 138783 Cty Hwy L, Hamburg, WI 54411.

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Hall Council Chambers, 1004 E. First St. in Merrill City Hall, on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

City officials and members of the Marketing & Communications Committee will share the City's vision behind the marketing and rebranding process and will answer the most frequently asked questions.

Residents are welcome to respectfully share their comments at the podium, with a three-minute time limit at the podium to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legals 7700

BY THE COURT
DATE SIGNED: October 25, 2022
 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
 Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 John W. Peters
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
 Case No. 2022 IN 48
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-17-47, and date of death 6-2-22, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W4872 Spruce Road, Merrill, WI 54452.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 24, 2023.
 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
 Jesse Peters
 102 Kelvington Dr.
 Sun Prairie, WI 53590
 920-296-7696
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 Case No. 20CV24
 Code No. 30404
Foreclosure of Mortgage
 Dollar Amount Greater Than \$10,000.00

WISCONSIN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
ROUDY R. ARNDT and UNKNOWN SPOUSE
 of Roudy R. Arndt; and
TARA LYN STAHNKE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE of Tara Lyn Stahnke; and
WISCONSIN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on March 25, 2020, in the amount of \$183,350.34, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: November 30, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
TERMS: 1. 10% down in cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.
 2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
 3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax, costs of recording and all costs of sale within 10 days of confirmation of sheriff's sale.
PLACE: Main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI
DESCRIPTION:
 Parcel 1:
 The North One-half (N1/2) of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4 NE 1/4), Section One (1), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Four (4) East, Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin; AND
 Parcel 2:
 The North One-half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4), Section One (1), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Four (4) East, Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: N2481 Wegner

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City of Merrill Public Forum

The City of Merrill is hosting a public forum at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 to share information and answer questions about the City's new logo and rebranding process. The public forum will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street, in Merrill, WI. There will be a 3-minute time limit at the podium to make sure everyone has an opportunity to speak.
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TOWN OF SCOTT MERRILL, WISCONSIN

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
 Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Scott Town Hall, N563 Lake Road, Merrill, a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023 Budget for the Town of Scott will be held. The proposed budget will be posted at the Scott Town Hall and available for inspection upon request.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS
 Notice is further given that on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, immediately following the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2023 Budget, a special meeting of the electors called pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes by the town board will be held to approve the 2022 town tax levy to be collected in 2023 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

NOTICE OF NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING
 The regular monthly meeting of the Scott Town Board will commence immediately following the conclusion of the above two meetings. The 2023 Budget will be discussed and adopted at this meeting.
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Road, Town of Corning
TAX KEY NO.: 006-3104-011-9995 and 006-3104-011-9993
 Ken Schneider
 Sheriff of Lincoln County, WI
O'DESS AND ASSOCIATES, S.C.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 1414 Underwood Avenue, Suite 403
 Wauwatosa, WI 53213
 (414) 727-1591
O'Dess and Associates, S.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 If you have previously received a Chapter 7 Discharge in Bankruptcy, this correspondence should not be construed as an attempt to collect a debt.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
 Case No. 22CV109
 Case Code: 30404, 30301 and 30303
Mortgage Foreclosure,
Money Judgment
 over \$10,000.00 and Replevin
BMO HARRIS BANK N.A.
f/k/a HARRIS N.A., successor by merger to
M&I MARSHALL & ILSLEY BANK
 790 North Water Street
 Milwaukee, WI 53202
 Plaintiff,
 v.
JESSE ZUELSDORFF a/k/a
JESSE L. ZUELSDORFF
 N1121 Mill Road
 Merrill, WI 54452
JANE DOE SPOUSE, unknown spouse of
JESSE ZUELSDORFF a/k/a
JESSE L. ZUELSDORFF
 N1121 Mill Road
 Merrill, WI 54452
FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF AMERICA, PCA
 c/o CT Corporation System
 301 South Bedford Street, Suite 1
 Madison, WI 53703
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE SERVICES
 n/k/a RIVER COUNTRY CO-OP
 1080 West River Street
 Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
AND
DNF ASSOC. LLC a/k/a
DNF ASSOCIATES LLC, Cogeneity Global Inc.
 c/o Dane County Title Company, Inc.
 901 South Whitney Way
 Madison, WI 53711
 Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO:
JESSE ZUELSDORFF a/k/a
JESSE L. ZUELSDORFF
 N1121 Mill Road
 Merrill, WI 54452
 and
 607 Cottage Street
 Merrill, WI 54452
And
JANE DOE SPOUSE, unknown spouse of
JESSE ZUELSDORFF a/k/a
JESSE L. ZUELSDORFF
 N1121 Mill Road
 Merrill, WI 54452
 and
 607 Cottage Street
 Merrill, WI 54452
 You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint and Amended Complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
 Within Forty (40) days after **October 27, 2022** you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 Summons
 Case No. 2022CV000108
 Judge Galen Bayne-Allison
Foreclosure of Mortgage: 30404
Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3
 55 Beattie Place, Suite 110
 Greenville, SC 29601
 Plaintiff,
 v.
 Dawn M. Lemke
 N1805 Hill View Road
 Merrill, WI 54452
 Dawn M. Lemke
 601 E. 7th Street
 Merrill, WI 54452-1418
 Good Samaritan Health Center of Merrill WI, Inc.
 601 S. Center Avenue
 Merrill, WI 54452
 Defendants.
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
 To each person named above as a defendant:
 You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
 Within 40 days after October 27, 2022 you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Lincoln County Courthouse 1110 E Main St., Merrill, WI 54452-2579, and to Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C., plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 200, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
 If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
 Dated: October 24, 2022.
 Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 200
 Burr Ridge, IL 60527
 (414) 775-7700
 pleadings@il.cslegal.com
 50-22-00755
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
 Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 Electronically signed by:
 Shawn R. Hillmann
 WI State Bar No. 1037005
 Emily Thoms
 WI State Bar No. 1075844
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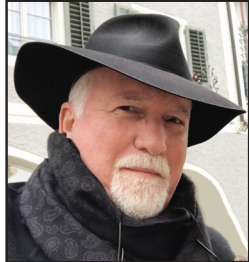
Complaint and Amended Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is:
CLERK OF COURTS
 Lincoln County Courthouse
 1110 East Main Street
 Merrill, WI 54452
 and to plaintiff's attorney, whose address is:
KRAWCZYK, DUGINSKI & ROHR, S.C.
 16535 West Bluemound Road,
 Suite 310
 Brookfield, WI 53005
 You may have an attorney help or represent you.
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 Dated this 24th day of October, 2022.
KRAWCZYK, DUGINSKI & ROHR, S.C.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 Electronically signed by:
 By: /s/ Matthew J. Krawczyk
 Matthew J. Krawczyk
 State Bar No. 1064349

P.O. ADDRESS:
KRAWCZYK, DUGINSKI & ROHR, S.C.
 16535 West Bluemound Road,
 Suite 310
 Brookfield, WI 53005
 Phone: (262) 827-5800
 Fax: (262) 827-5809
 Email: matt@kdrlawyers.com
KRAWCZYK, DUGINSKI & ROHR, S.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OF THE UNDERLYING DEBT, THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD YOU PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE DEBT.
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 Dawn M. Lemke
 601 E. 7th Street
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Veterans Day



DEAR READER,
 Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, honors those who served in America's Armed Forces. Most Americans have family members and/or friends that have served or are currently serving.

Airborne Badge and Ranger Tab. Veterans Day honors all those who served or are serving in the US military; Memorial Day honors those who gave their lives for their country.

Our father Frank Wood was a war correspondent in WWII for the US Army. Our brother Dan Wood served in the US Navy. Our cousin Bill Wood served in the Army, including a tour of active duty in Iraq and later stints working with NATO in Europe. He retired earlier this year as a Lieutenant Colonel and with the widely respected

We can all spend 2 minutes of silence in observance of their service at 1:11pm Central Standard Time on Veterans Day. This is a small but meaningful gesture recognizing all these warriors did and do and the sacrifices they have made and continue to make on behalf of America.

PATRICK J. WOOD
 PUBLISHER
 Author of "Dear Reader" and "Tapestry of Love and Loss"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome letters to the Editor, a chance for members of the community to comment on issues of concern to them. All letters must be original, not duplications of letters addressed to public officials or written by others. The views and opinions expressed are those of the letter writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication, its publishers, Editor, or staff.

tration and management of Pine Crest is solely at the discretion of NCHC" from Cate Wylie, who represents the County Board with NCHC, as a core principle. Pine Crest will fail if Lincoln County fails to work as a FULL partner with NCHC. This requires that Lincoln County provides strong guidance and input on the operation, and NCHC provides input on capital improvements and maintenance.

TO THE EDITOR:
 On Sept. 9 the Finance & Insurance Committee [Lincoln County Board] was notified that North Central Health Care (NCHC) would be requesting an additional \$1.2 million in the fiscal year 2023 to cover losses at Pine Crest Nursing Home. Due to the grace of God, this will not be needed, as Medicaid increases will cover this, but it does not solve the larger issues faced by Pine Crest.

Neither party utilizes its greatest resource—staff of Pine Crest. Ten to 15 staff attend the Ad Hoc meetings, but no one asks their input on how to improve Pine Crest operations.

A County Ad Hoc Committee was formed to address Pine Crest issues, but has adapted the statement "the adminis-

TOGETHER, the County and NCHC need to approach the staff (current and past) for solutions. I don't feel positive that Pine Crest will exist in two years. The buildings need major investments of cash, staffing is short, and the two major parties don't seem to work as "FULL PARTNERS."

— Kevin Stevenson
 Merrill, Wis.

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A&L Committee to "review structure" of Lincoln County board in cost-saving effort

BY JALEN MAKI
 TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County committee tasked with policy and oversight for the County's Administrative Coordinator, Office of Corporation Counsel, and the Computer Services Department is set to take a look at how the County's Board of

Supervisors is organized in an effort to cut down on costs.

A resolution passed during the Board's meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, directs the Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee to "review the structure of the County Board to look for cost saving efficiencies."

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Lincoln County Administrative Coordinator, District 5 Supervisor resign

BY JALEN MAKI
 TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – Lincoln County Administrative Coordinator Cate Wylie and District 5 Supervisor Nathan Peterson have resigned from their respective posts.

Wylie, who has been in her post with Lincoln County for about two years, accepted the Administrative Coordinator position in Green Lake County. Plans regarding Wylie's replacement were not discussed during the meeting. Peterson resigned for "personal reasons," Friske said.

Lincoln County Board Chair Don Friske announced the resignations during the Board's meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022.

The vacant District 5 Supervisor position will be posted on the County's website, with applicants anticipated before the Board's meeting next month.



Merrill Area Chamber announces Businesses of the Year at Annual Banquet

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

One of the highlights of the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) Banquet held on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, was the recognition of community Businesses of the Year, selected and voted on, in each respective category, by their peers.

“Each year our business community can nominate their fellow businesses to receive ‘Business of the Year,’” said Clyde Nelson, Executive Director of the MACC. “From there the nominees are voted on again, by the businesses of Merrill. It was a very close ballot, but the businesses that pulled ahead were well deserving and do great things for our community.”

The nominees are ... And the award goes to ...

The nominees for 2022 Large Business of the Year were: Agra Industries, Aspirus Health, Bell Tower Residence, FreMarq Innovations Inc., Northcentral Technical College, Park City Credit Union, S.C. Swiderski, and Sierra Pacific Windows.



And the award for 2022 Large Business of the Year goes to: FreMarq Innovations Inc. (Todd and Renea Frederick, owners; son, Tyloer pictured with Renea).

The nominees for 2022 Mid-size Business of the Year were: Breaman Merrill Ford, Dave’s County Market, Merrill Tool and Waterjet, Mitchell Metal Products, Reindl Printing, and Tractor Supply Company.



And the award for 2022 Mid-size Business of the Year goes to: Breaman Merrill Ford (David Breaman, Joseph Breaman Jr., and Ed Wayda).

The nominees for 2022 Small Business of the Year were: AmericInn, Anytime Fitness, Crossbridge Community Bank, Culver’s, Health In Motion, Kindhearted Home Care LLC, Los Mezcales, Merrill Area Housing Authority, Richard Mamer CPA, and Urban Construction Company.



And the award for 2022 Small Business of the Year goes to: Culver’s of Merrill (Joe and Lori Wakefield, owners; daughter, Sadie, pictured with Lori).

The nominees for 2022 Hometown Business of the Year were: Bein’ Crafty, Chip’s Hamburgers, Edward Jones – Kevin Cohrs, Geiss Meat Service, Merrill Foto News, Pine Ridge Convenience Stores, Polka-Dotted Pie, Riverside Athletic Club, Sunrise Broadcasting LLC, and The Chiropractic Wellness Center.

And the award for 2022 Hometown Business of the Year goes to: Polka-Dotted Pie (Jen Schlaefter and Wendy Woller).

The nominees for 2022 Non-profit Business of the Year were: Gleason Community Club, Lincoln County Rodeo Association, Merrill Area Community Home (MAC



Home), Merrill Ice Draggers, Merrill Noon Optimist Club, Parkside Pre-school, Pine River Volunteer Fire



Department, and St. John Lutheran School and Church. And the award for 2022 Non-profit Business of the Year goes to: Lincoln County Rodeo Association (President Bryan Bloch, Vice President Bryan Moodie, and Board Member George Henrich).

Congratulations to all the nominees and this year’s winners!

New Legacy Award recognizes Church Mutual as a “rock” of the Merrill community

This year the Chamber also introduced a special new award: the Legacy Award.



The recipient of the 2022 Legacy Award was Church Mutual Insurance Company (Molly Lyon, Commercial Processing Supervisor; Angela Bailey, Assistant Vice President – Human Resources; Scott Steele, Vice President – Chief Marketing Officer; Rich Poirier, President and CEO; Mike Smith, Senior Vice President – Secretary and General Counsel; Tracy Schmeltzer, Assistant Vice President – Camps, Agency and Groups; and Breigh Voigt, Assistant Vice President – Commercial Operations).

“Church Mutual has played a huge role in our community, contributing to many different aspects to better our community,” Nelson said. “They have been around for 125 years and plan to be around for many years to come. When the opportunity to award them a Legacy Award came into light, we knew that Church Mutual was a clear choice for the initial Legacy Award.”

Made of slate, the plaque signifies that Church Mutual has been a rock for the Merrill community for 125 years, Nelson said. Appropriately, the award is engraved slate and was created by the FAB Lab at Merrill High School.

“This is an incredible honor,” Church Mutual President and CEO Rich Poirier said. “Our legacy, rooted right here in Merrill, is something we believe is important and integral to our success. Church Mutual has an unwavering and strong commitment to Merrill.”

Founded in Merrill in 1897, Church Mutual is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2022. The company has grown to become the largest insurer of religious institutions in the U.S., as well as a premier insurer of non-profits, schools, camps, and senior living facilities. Starting as Wisconsin Church Mutual Fire Insurance Association, with a single employee in an office above a drug store in downtown Merrill, Church Mutual has grown to employ approximately 1,100 people—some 700 locally and 400 others located throughout the U.S.—with company assets (as of the end of 2021) at \$2.4 billion.

Chamber Ambassador of the Year

Chamber Ambassadors are volunteers from member organizations throughout the community who help with Chamber activities, advocate for the Merrill Chamber,

come to ribbon cuttings to celebrate milestones with area businesses and organizations, and in other ways help the Chamber and the community.

This year, Dawn Smith, who is employed with the Merrill Area Park and Recreation Department, was selected as the Chamber Ambassador of the Year.

Record attendance made for fun

“We had a lot of fun at our Annual Celebration ... at Les & Jim’s Lincoln Lanes!” the Chamber announced via social media after the event. “We had great food, great conversation, great speakers, great entertainment, by Laffin Magic, and our yearly Chamber Awards.”

“Attendance was the highest we have ever seen,” Nelson said. “We are doing great things at the Chamber, and I think the community is realizing that. We continue to discuss ways we can better our membership and give back to our community.”

The Chamber also thanked their sponsors, noting they “couldn’t have done this without them!” This year’s Chamber Banquet Gold Sponsors were: AmericInn Lodge & Suites-Merrill, Aspirus Health, Breaman Merrill Ford, Church Mutual Insurance Company, Courtside Furniture, FreMarq Innovations, IncredibleBank, Nicolet Bank, Northern Wire LLC, Park City Credit Union, Polka-Dotted Pie, Sawmill Brewing Company, Westside Market, and Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo. Silver Sponsors were: Bell Tower Residence, Brickners Park City, Culver’s, Merrill Ice Drags, and Sierra Pacific Windows. Bronze Sponsors were: Associated Bank, North Central Health Care, and Dimond Bros.

Board member changes

Board members whose terms will expire at the end of 2022 were thanked and recognized, and two new members were welcomed to the Board of Directors, at the Banquet as well. Dennis Krueger of Lincoln

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Lincoln is a very bright boy. He loves making friends and playing sports of any kind. He is always willing to share as he is very considerate. His positive attitude has a wonderful affect in his classroom.

- Pastor Paul Hohman

Supervisors approve 2023 Lincoln County budget

Slash in Extension funding made official; tax levy up slightly; mill rates down

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, during its special meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, voted to approve the 2023 County budget.

The budget includes \$45,000.00 in funding for the County's UW-Extension program next year, marking a roughly \$128,000.00 (approximately 74%) reduction in funding from the approximately \$173,000.00 it received in 2022.

The Extension had sought roughly \$208,000.00 in County funding for 2023.

The approval of the spending plan caps several months of uncertainty and concern surrounding the Extension and the programs and services it facilitates, including 4-H.

In an effort to deal with a \$1.2 million budget deficit for 2023, the Lincoln

County Finance and Insurance Committee earlier this year proposed completely eliminating the County's portion of funding for UW-Extension. Funding the County's Extension office has been a joint effort for about a hundred years, with Extension accounting for 55% of the monies and the County providing the remaining 45%.

The proposed elimination of Extension funding led to Lincoln County residents and representatives from Extension, County 4-H clubs, Kinship of Tomahawk, and other organizations utilizing public comment periods during several Board meetings to speak in favor of funding Extension and/or maintaining 4-H.

The Board reviewed the first balanced 2023 budget proposal, which included no Extension funding, in September.

In October, Supervisors unanimously approved an amendment allocating \$45,000.00 in Forestry

Department revenue to Extension in order to fund a 4-H Coordinator position, effectively maintaining the County's 4-H program for 2023. An amendment that sought to fully fund Extension with about \$200,000.00 in unassigned funds failed.

With the Board's approval of a budget that includes a massive slash in funding for Extension, the futures of many programs, services, and organizations are now uncertain.

A September letter from Extension to Board members said youth mental health awareness, alcohol and drug abuse education, and agricultural programming would feel an impact from a lack of Extension funding.

The Tomahawk and Merrill school districts, police departments, libraries, and Aspirus hospitals, as well as Kinship of Tomahawk, Tomahawk Main Street Inc., the Tomahawk Senior Center, HAVEN, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Merrill Chamber of Commerce, Parkside Preschool Center in Merrill, the Merrill Enrichment Center, Breitenmoser Farms, the Lincoln County Health Department, Lincoln County Social Services, the Lincoln County Land Conservation Department, and other organizations would also be affected, according to the letter.

Public hearing

Prior to the vote on the budget, the Board recessed into a public hearing.

Several members of the public utilized the opportunity to voice their support for Extension and the programs and services under its umbrella, although the Board was already set to vote on the spending plan that included a large reduction in Extension funding.

Among the speakers was Area Extension Director Art Lersch, who recognized the contributions of Extension staff "in support of Lincoln County communities."

Lersch said that, under the 2023 budget as it was proposed and ultimately approved, "many" members of the Extension staff "will no longer be serving these communities beginning in January."

Lersch thanked Positive Youth Development and Health and Well Being Educator Debbie Moellendorf, Agricultural Educator Scott Reuss, Community Development Educator Elizabeth McCrank, Administrative Assistant Becky Kludy, Financial Specialist Jeni Butron, and 4-H Educator Melissa Yates for their efforts during their time with Extension.

Lersch also thanked those who "have come to value Extension" for their support.

"Lincoln County Extension will no longer be the same," Lersch stated. "Many of the services you have come to expect and enjoy will no longer exist."

Lersch added that the remaining staff will "do what we can to ensure 4-H and FoodWise move forward."

Budget vote

After the public hearing, the Board voted 13-5 to approve the budget.

Voting in favor were District 2 Supervisor Lori Anderson-Malm, District 4 Supervisor Steve Osness Jr., District 6 Supervisor Norbert Ashbeck, District 8 Supervisor Laurie Thiel, District 9 Supervisor and Board Chair Don Friske, District 10 Supervisor and Board Vice-Chair Jesse Boyd, District 11 Supervisor Randy Detert, District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse, District 13 Supervisor Calvin Callahan, District 17 Supervisor George Brixius, District 18 Supervisor Ken Wickham, and District 20 Supervisor Angela Cummings.

Those opposed were District 3 Supervisor Elizabeth McCrank, District 7 Supervisor Greta Rusch, District 14 Supervisor Brian Hafeman, District 16 Supervisor Michael Loka, and District 19 Supervisor Julie Allen.

District 1 Supervisor William Bialecki abstained.

District 15 Supervisor Marty Lemke and District 21 Supervisor Eugene Simon were absent.

District 5 is currently vacant following the resignation of Supervisor Nathan Peterson.

Other budget notes: Wheel tax, tax levy, mill rates

The 2023 County budget will be the first in several years to not include revenue generated from the vehicle registration fee, also known as the "wheel tax."

An ordinance creating the \$20.00 vehicle registration fee was ap-

proved in Sept. 2017, and the fee went into effect on Jan. 1, 2018. The ordinance included a Dec. 31, 2018, sunset, but the fee was extended numerous times as a means of generating funds for the Lincoln County Highway Department's budget. The most recent extension came in April 2021, when the Board voted to maintain the wheel tax through 2022.

The roughly \$560,000.00 generated annually from the wheel tax was allocated to road maintenance, new construction, snow removal, and other Highway Department operations.

In July, the Board voted 14-3 to formally allow the wheel tax to sunset at the end of this year. The absence of wheel tax revenue ultimately contributed to the \$1.2 million budget deficit the Board was tasked with overcoming in the several months preceding the budget vote.

The 2023 tax levy will be \$15,113,054.00, an increase of about \$63,000.00 (0.42%) from the \$15,049,934.00 levied in 2022.

The County's equalized valuation will increase roughly \$345,000,000.00 (12.54%) from \$2,748,951,800.00 in 2022 to \$3,093,555,100.00 in 2023.

The increase in equalized valuation will lead to a decrease in mill rates next year. Mill rates in townships will be about roughly \$4.89 per \$1,000.00 in valuation, while city mill rates will be approximately \$4.66 per \$1,000.00 in valuation.

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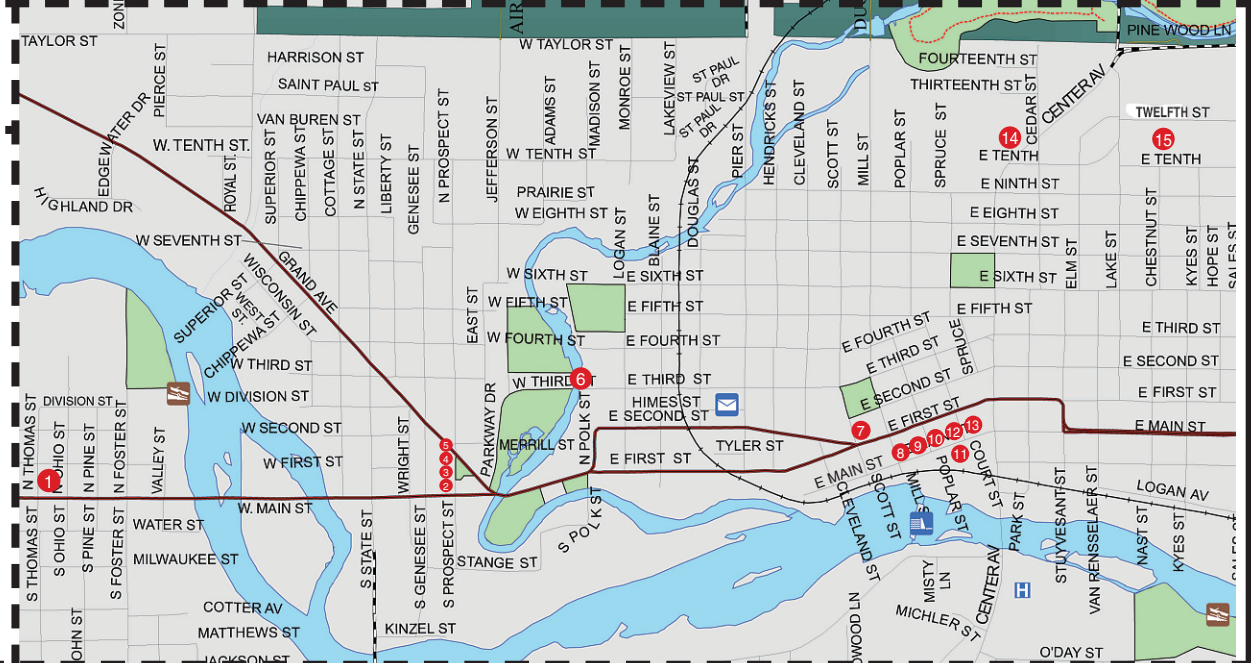


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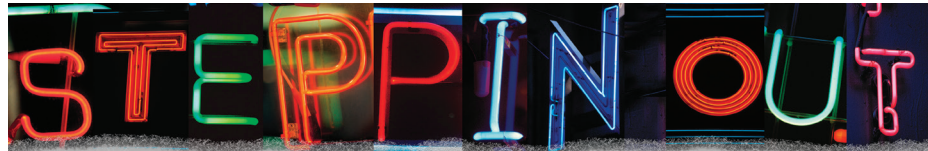
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GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

R.I.P.D. 2: Rise of the Damned

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Well, what to say about this one? I was given the opportunity to see *R.I.P.D. 2: Rise of the Damned* before it has been officially released. It is a sequel to the 2013 flop, *R.I.P.D.*, which starred the always-awesome Jeff Bridges.

Well, Jeff isn't back for the second outing and this one covers the early days of his character, Roy, as he joins the R.I.P.D. (Rest In Peace Division), a team of otherworldly police officers tasked with hunting down the evil souls that have escaped judgment and returned to earth.

While part one flopped like a fish out of water, it deserved a better fate. My wife, Mary, and I found it a very enjoyable film with some great lines.

One of the best gags in part one is the fact that the officers cannot die a second time, and they use this to great advantage. And watching Jeff Bridges grab Ryan Reynolds and throw him out a window and jump on his back and ride him down 20 stories



yelling "Relax body!" always makes me laugh.

Part two does capitalize a bit on one of the other gags from part one. Our heroes do not look like they used to look when seen by anyone other than fellow officers. In part one, Jeff Bridges looked like a supermodel, and Ryan Reynolds looked like an old Asian man in this one.

Part two does not have either Jeff Bridges or Ryan Reynolds, and the gags are not as funny, but it's not a bad film. It's just

... I guess the best way to say it is, it's not a bad way to kill two hours if you are bored.

Peppered with some woke nonsense, and some of the jokes do fall flat, it's still not bad and worth a watch.

Two out of five stars for this one, and it can be viewed streaming on Netflix as of Nov. 15. And if you missed it, find and check out *R.I.P.D. part one*, which is four out of five stars and available on streaming channels.

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REVIEW from page 6

The resolution points to the \$1.2 million deficit the board faced when crafting the 2023 County budget, noting that the Board has "required multiple departments, agencies, and programs to reduce their budget."
"Members of the County Board along with members of the pub-

lic have discussed the expense of the County Board with the County Board Chair," the resolution stated.

The review will be an Agenda item on the A&L Committee's regular meeting and will be "absorbed in the normal meeting's budget," according to the resolution.

Under the resolution, the Committee will conclude the review by its April 2023 meeting and will report to the full County Board "periodically as the process progresses."

CHAMBER from page 7

Wood Products and Zach Kubicek of Sawmill Brewing Company will conclude their terms at the end of December. "Mr. Kubicek and Mr. Krueger have been integral members of our Board of Directors, and we are grateful for their years of service and knowledge they have brought to our team and community," Nelson said.

"We have found great replacements for them on our Board, and we are excited to see where the next year brings us," he added.

Tony Kusserow of Courtside Furniture and Jessica Gipp of Ziebell Door Company were selected to replace Krueger and Kubicek beginning in January 2023.

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Residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior

light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (Nov. 7-13), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight. We encourage everyone to join us in displaying a green light for our veterans and to also reflect on how we, as a nation and at the county level, assist our military service personnel back into civilian life

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Visit naco.org/operationgreenlight or

<https://co.lincoln.wi.us/veterans-services> for more information and links to resources available to veterans.



The Merrill High School (MHS) Computer Science Honor Society (CSHS) recently held the induction ceremony for the 2022-2023 members. President Brendan Blystone and senior officers Spencer Smith and Kaiden Ratzlaff welcomed new members. CSHS encourages enthusiasm for computer science and promotes and recognizes academic excellence and service among high school computer science students. In photo: Amber Winter, Maya Paulus, Drew Semling, Madison Crossman, Spencer Smith, Ian Schuetze, Brendan Blystone, Aidan Blystone, Kaiden Ratzlaff, and Hunter Stadler. To learn more about CSHS or if you are a professional who would like to join or support the chapter through volunteering, field trips, employment opportunities, or guest speaking, contact CSHS Advisor, Mrs. Olivia Dachel, at MHS. MHS offers a career pathway in several computer science courses including Computer Science Discoveries, Coding Cafe, AP CS Principles, AP CS A - Java, and Youth Apprenticeships in Information Technology. Submitted photo.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Staff:

When preparing to publish the annual Protect and Serve special section, which was published in the Oct. 20, 2022, edition of the Merrill Foto News, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office inadvertently provided an outdated roster of Department staff. A complete current roster is being reprinted below. Thank you to all those at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office who serve and protect our community.

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The Black Squirrel Scurry, a City of Merrill Parks and Recreation Department activity, donated some of the proceeds from their July 2022 event to the following organizations pictured: \$750 to VFW Post 1638, \$75 to VFW Auxiliary for volunteering at the race, and \$75 to Boy Scout Troop 503 for pulling kayaks out of the river for racers. The late July triathlon has donated over \$6,000 to local organizations since it started in 2018. Pictured are representatives of all three organizations.

Submitted photo.



The Friends of the River Bend Trail received a \$750 donation, made possible from the proceeds of the Black Squirrel Scurry triathlon held this past July in the Merrill area. L to R: Sue Weith, Greg Hartwig, Greg Eichelkraut, John Krohn, Gary Bartz, Monte Smith, and Kelly O'Day.

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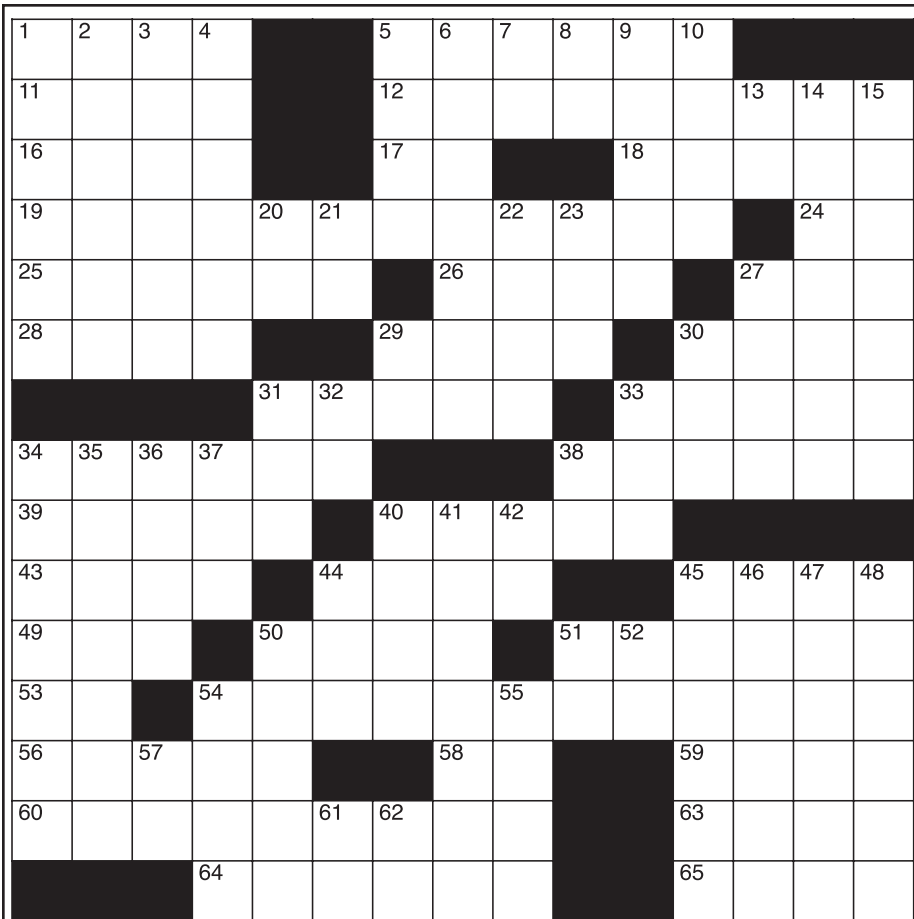
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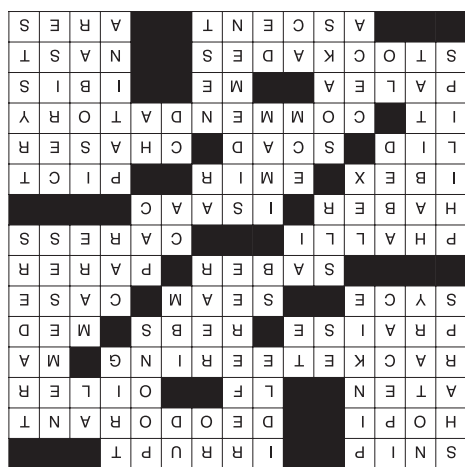
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Clip a small piece
5. Enter forcibly
11. Southwestern Native American tribe
12. Helps you smell better
16. Sun or solar disk
17. Low frequency
18. Former Houston football player
19. Federal crime
24. Home to Boston (abbr.)
25. Approval
26. Those who fight an establishment (abbr.)
27. ___ student, learns healing
28. Indian groomer of horses
29. Line where two pieces meet
30. One might be brief
31. Type of sword
33. Knife for fruits or vegetables
34. Stinkhorns
38. Stroke
39. Industrial process for producing ammonia
40. Sir ___ Newton
43. Wild goat
44. Muslim ruler
45. Scottish ancestor
49. Hat
50. Horse mackerel
51. Alcoholic accompaniment
53. Tech department
54. Manifesting approval
56. Upper bract of grass
58. Of I
59. Large wading bird
60. Military prisons
63. Famed American cartoonist
64. Rise
65. Greek God of war and courage

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sewing needles
2. Functionary
3. Induces vomiting
4. The finger farthest from the thumb
5. Not moving
6. Sports official
7. Water purification process (abbr.)
8. University of Dayton
9. Indo-Malaysian evergreens
10. High schoolers' math course
13. Yankovic is a weird one
14. Adversaries
15. Merchandisers
20. Radioactive metal (abbr.)
21. Atomic #52
22. The back
23. One-time computer giant
27. Female of a horse
29. Football's big game (abbr.)
30. Vehicle
31. Single Lens Reflex
32. It's becoming more prevalent
33. Political action committee
34. Makes lightbulbs
35. Natural home of an animal
36. In bed
37. Superman villain
38. The Golden State
40. One who leads prayers in a mosque
41. They accompany a leader
42. Atomic #18
44. Electronic countermeasures
45. The appearance of something
46. Connecting line on a map
47. Deep red color
48. Secret affairs
50. Drenches
51. Contains music
52. Expression of surprise
54. Intestinal pouches
55. Where birds are born
57. ___ and behold
61. Cools your home
62. The First State



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The 2022 J.O.H. Raffle, in memory of Johanna Osness Hoerstmann, was recently held at Caylor's Trophy Bar. Organized by Debbie Alvin and Marlene Graap, the raffle raised funds for the Lincoln County Humane Society where Johanna had been a very active volunteer who worked tirelessly to help homeless animals. Thank you to the area businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes or refreshments, to Andrew Caylor for donating DJ services, and especially to those who sold/purchased tickets. These combined efforts resulted in another successful event which raised \$5,238 for the animals at the shelter! The photo was taken at the Lincoln County Humane Society in the paw-shaped garden designed by Eagle Scout Nathan Brzoznowski, also in memory of Johanna. The memorial plaque reads "Because of her dream and dedication, this animal shelter was made possible." Pictured L to R: Debbie Alvin with Alvin, Johanna's sister Julie Osness Thorson with Ollie, and Marlene Graap with Brewer.



Linda Berlin photo.



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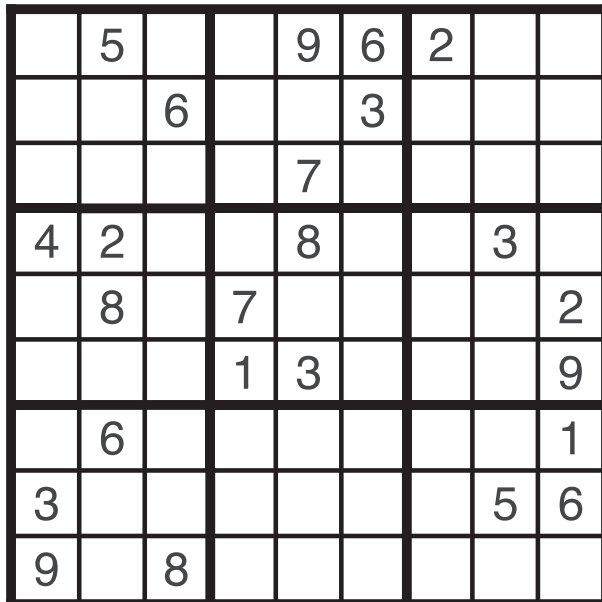
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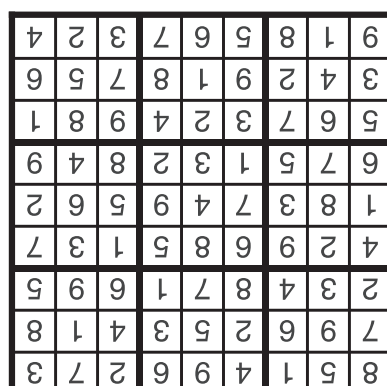
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A peek at a few items outside the buildings at the Crooked Queen. More to come by the weekend.

Tina L. Scott photos.

QUEEN
from page 1

the Skic farm, N1764 High Ridge Rd., Merrill, where Nina and her husband, Mark, reside and raised their family.

"We started with one shed and have since expanded to four," Skic said. The areas between the outbuildings are also display areas for items that are for sale. The four small buildings on property are the Grainery (or Grain Shed), the Chicken Coop, the Garage, and the Corn Shed. Seasonally, the Corn Crib is also sometimes full of decor.

It started because the

ladies had a barn full of older items they wanted to repurpose, they loved creating with repurposed items and then decorating with those items, and they'd always wanted to have a business like this, they said. They love the kind of stuff they sell, they love family, and they love the thrill of the hunt. So they created a business that combined all of those things. They decided they had nothing to lose, because if the stuff didn't sell, they'd keep it for themselves.

So with the full support of their husbands, Mark and John, they started their venture.

But "the stuff" did sell,

and these days there is a large crowd gathered ready to explore and discover treasures for their homes before they are even ready to open on their seasonal market days. They also now have a large crew of family members who help with parking, managing traffic, sales, packaging, carryouts, and more on their market days.

Market days are held for several days about once a quarter and merchandise appropriately changes



Left: All decked out for Christmas, the Crooked Queen has many unique items to deck homes for the holidays and decorate the Christmas tree, as well. **Right:** Many items at the Crooked Queen Christmas Market reflect a unique and eclectic decorating style suitable for any time of the year.

with the seasons. Private shopping days can also be arranged for those who want to shop with a small group of friends or those who don't like a crowd.

The Crooked Queen will be open this weekend for their Christmas Market 2022. Hours will be Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

But ... "If you cannot make it, no worries!" Skic and Cayley said. "We have plenty of inventory for the season."

And this year, they will be expanding their shopping days, as well.

"As always, we welcome weekday appointments or group shopping experiences (a one- or two-hour time block for shopping with friends ... jingle juice provided)," Cayley said.

There is a sign on the Grain Shed that says

"Gathering Place," and the Crooked Queen truly is a gathering place for like-minded ladies who enjoy shopping, upcycled and eclectic pieces, some shabby chic, a little rustic, some farmhouse decor, the thrill of the hunt (and the find), and maybe having a sip of "jingle juice" while they shop.

"People come out here for therapy," Skic said. "They like to come out just to get out of the house and hang out a little bit and forget about the problems at home and just kind of come out and have a glass of jingle juice and unwind and look around. It's a relaxing atmosphere."

As it stands, they get visitors and shoppers

from throughout the state of Wisconsin as well as Michigan and Minnesota, Skic and Cayley said, and their reach just continues to grow.

The farm and outbuildings on the top of a hill overlook a picturesque view in the Town of Pine River. And located just a few minutes East of Merrill's City limits, it's worth the short drive for a little fun exploration and maybe some retail therapy for those of us lucky enough to call ourselves local.

And for more on that jingle juice the ladies keep talking about, you're just going to have to make the trip and ask the Crooked Queens themselves.



Right: Just one of many little vignettes at the Crooked Queen, and every piece is available for purchase.

PET OF THE WEEK



This playful young guy is **Heston**. He is a bit shy, but he loves cheek and chin scratches and to curl up in a nice soft, warm bed. He seems to be a pretty laid-back guy, but he will be more playful and outgoing in a home environment. **Heston** was found as a stray and is now looking for his forever home. Come meet him today!

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Left: Kelly Brunett of Merrill shows off a 51" 38# musky he caught at Merrill native, Mike Anderson's Camp in Ear Falls, Ontario, Canada, in September 2022. Submitted photos.



Right: Chuck Sowieja of Merrill holds up a 55" 51# musky he caught at Merrill native, Mike Anderson's Camp in Ear Falls, Ontario, Canada, in September 2022. Chuck described it as the "catch of a lifetime!" Anderson is a 1986 graduate of Merrill High School. His fishing camp is on the English River 12 miles west of the town of Ear Falls and is called Anderson's Manitou Falls Camp, as the resort with cabins is just below the dam on the English River which creates the Manitou Falls.



State Senator Mary Felzkowski (Irma) is presented with the Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin "Building Wisconsin" award by Brian Pitlik of Pitlik and Wick in Eagle River. Senator Felzkowski was being honored for her support of getting more people into the skilled construction trades during the 2021-22 legislative session. The award is a red hard hat manufactured by Milwaukee Tool at its Mukwonago factory. Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin is a construction trade association representing nearly 1,000 construction companies. Submitted photo.

Prepare for cold weather by checking carbon monoxide detectors

Properly working home heating devices and carbon monoxide detectors save lives

As temperatures start to drop, the Lincoln County Health Department wants to remind residents to take action to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. "As folks seal up their homes for the colder months and fire up their furnaces, fireplaces, or wood burning stoves, it is wise to make sure their fuel burning appliances and carbon monoxide detectors are in good working order," said Michael Mandli, Environmental Health Specialist, Lincoln County Health Department.

On average, carbon monoxide poisoning sends about 500 Wisconsinites to the emergency room each year, according to data from the Wisconsin Environmental Public Health Tracking Program. These trips to the ER for carbon monoxide poisoning are preventable when

people are prepared. To protect yourself and your family from carbon monoxide, follow these safety tips:

- Make sure you have working carbon monoxide detectors. All single-family duplexes and homes in Wisconsin are required to have detectors on every level, including the basement. Carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Daylight Savings Time changing is a good time each year to replace the batteries in both of your detectors and push the "Test" button to be sure they're working properly. Replace your detector every five years or according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Have your furnace or wood-burning stove inspected annually. Hire a professional to make sure it is functionally sound and vents properly outside the home.
- Never run a gasoline or propane heater or a grill (gas or charcoal) inside your home or garage. Any heating system that burns fuel produces carbon monoxide. Use a battery-powered detector where you have fuel burning devices but no electric outlets, such as in tents, cabins, and RVs.

- Generators should be run at a safe distance (at least 20 feet) from the home. Never run a generator in the home or garage, or right next to windows or doors.
- Never run a car in an enclosed space. Even with a door or window open, carbon monoxide levels can still build up to an unsafe level.

Symptoms of overexposure to carbon monoxide include headache, fatigue, dizziness, shortness of breath, nausea, and confusion. At high levels, carbon monoxide can cause death within minutes. If you think you may be experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, or your detector sounds an alarm, head outside immediately for fresh air and call 911. Do not re-enter the building until it has been declared safe to do so.

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Merrill's Winter sets new school records, pool records, makes All Conference, and qualifies for State

Girls Varsity Swim Team is headed to State to cheer on Winter in individual events and Winter, Miles, Jirovec, and Sommer in 200 Yard Medley Relay

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Wisconsin Rapids Conference Meet

The Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Team traveled to Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, for a Varsity Conference Meet. The Lady Jays took third place overall in the Wisconsin Valley Conference (WVC) by 10 points, Head Coach Kristie Winter said.

"These girls came together tonight with amazing results!" she said. "Beating both Wausau East and Marshfield who had both just inched ahead of us during the dual meet season."

"Every single swimmer on the team had a part in this success!" Winter said. "So proud of this team and their FOCUS on each other."

Merrill had some great top swims at this event including Bailee Sommer, Megan Miles, Olivia Pajtash, and Amber

Winter who got All Conference Honorable Mention in the 400 Yard Relay; Senior Amber Winter who got 2nd Team All Conference in the 200 Yard IM with a time of 2:13.14; and Amber Winter who also got 1st Team All Conference and set a new school record in the 100 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:06.66.

Varsity Conference Meet Team Rankings

1. Stevens Point 559
2. DC Everest 455
3. Merrill 283
4. Marshfield 272
5. Wausau East 240
6. Wausau West 180
7. Wisconsin Rapids 163

WIAA Division 2 Sectionals

On Saturday, Nov. 5, Merrill hosted the WIAA Division 2 Sectional at Prairie River Middle School with 14 teams competing.

Merrill Girls took first through fourth place in each of the following events at the Sectional meet:

Event 2: 200 Yard Medley Relay – Second place: The team of Megan Miles, Amber Winter, Addison Jirovec, and Bailee Sommer with a time of 1:56.18.

Event 4: 200 Yard IM – First place: Amber Winter with a time of 2:14.17.

Event 8: 500 Yard Freestyle – Fourth place: Olivia Pajtash with a time of 5:42.15.

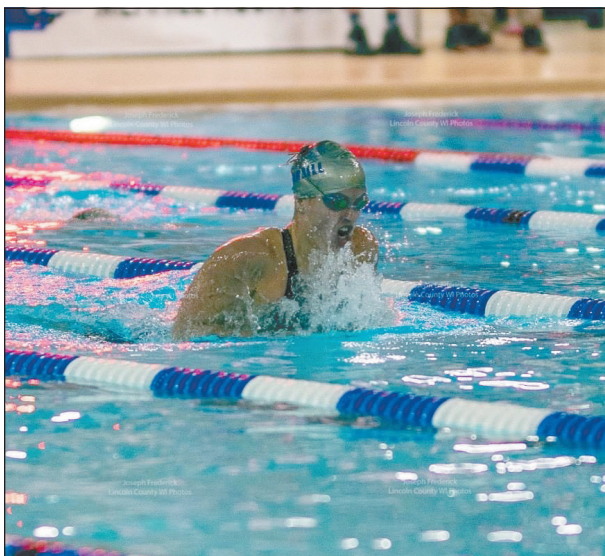
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Taking second place in the 200 Yard Medley, from bottom to top, Addison Jirovec, Amber Winter, Megan Miles, and Bailee Sommer. **Joseph Frederick photos.**



At the top of the podium, Amber Winter takes first place in the 200 Yard IM.



Amber Winter swimming the 100 Yard Breaststroke.

2022-2023 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedules

Boys Basketball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)
Practice begins Monday, November 14th.

Girls Basketball (Varsity & JV)

Fri. Nov. 11	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 15	Ashland (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Tues. Nov. 15	Ashland (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
Thurs. Nov. 17	Shawano (JV)	Away	5:45 pm
Thurs. Nov. 17	Shawano (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm

Boys Hockey (Varsity and JV)
Thurs. Nov. 17 Rhinelander (Varsity) Away 4:00 pm

Girls Hockey (Varsity and JV)
No Scheduled Events For This Week.

Boys Wrestling (Varsity and JV)
Practice begins Monday, November 14th.

Girls Wrestling (Varsity)
Practice begins Monday, November 14th.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK




Brody Lange, a Junior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Brody is a defensive end but also played as right tackle and a little bit of tight end for this year's playoff game. He started playing flag football in fifth grade, played at Prairie River Middle School, was on the JV 2 team for Freshman year, and was JV and backup for Varsity last year, so this is his first year actually playing on the Varsity Team.


In school, Brody plans to join LEAD this year, is taking an advanced graphics course, and next semester plans to take a sports med and sports management class. He is a huge Wisconsin Badgers fan, he said, and all of his projects in advanced graphics class have something to do with the Badgers.

This past summer Brody worked doing lawn work with a friend. In his free time, he works out at the high school and Anytime Fitness, plays basketball with friends, and likes to hunt (deer, small game, grouse, turkey) and fish, including ice fishing, and do many outdoor activities including four wheeling, riding dirt bike, and snowmobiling. He also likes to go out to eat, play video games, and just hang out with friends.

The son of Todd and Laura Lange of Merrill, Brody has a 3.5 GPA and hopes to attend either UW-Eau Claire or Madison where he can continue playing football and study sports medicine to become an athletic trainer.

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Brody Lange

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Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball Team wraps up season

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EDITOR

The Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball Team wrapped up their season with a loss to Mosinee at their final match on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022.

“We lost in three but all games were close,” said Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Head Coach Kris Krug. “Mosinee stole the first game from us,

as I felt that we came out strong at the beginning and had them trailing for most of the game.”

“Our passing was an issue all night, and we struggled to get the ball to our big hitters,” she said. “We needed a few calls to go our way and the outcome could’ve been very different.”

“I was proud of how we fought to the end and

didn’t give up,” Krug said. But ... “As we beat Mosinee at the beginning of the season, one can see how this was a disappointing loss for us,” she said.

Box Scores:
Mosinee @ Merrill - 3-0
25-22; 25-21; 26-24

On Saturday, Oct. 29, Merrill hosted the Division 4 Sectional games but were not players at the event.



Left: The Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team recognized Sarah Rell (on left) as Most Improved player and Lauren Cohrs (on right) as Most Valuable Player of the 2022 season. **Right:** Lauren Cohrs of the Merrill High School Varsity Tennis Team was awarded Honorable Mention from the WIAA at the end of the 2022 tennis season. **Submitted photos.**

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Event 10: 100 Yard Backstroke – Third place: Megan Miles with a time of 1:05.78.

Event 11: 100 Yard Breaststroke – First place: Amber Winter with a time of 1:06.03.

Event 12: 400 Yard Freestyle Relay – Fourth place: The team of Bailee Sommer, Megan Miles, Olivia Pajtash, and Amber Winter with a time of 3:59.66.

Division 2 Sectional Team Rankings

1. Rhinelander 337
2. Wausau East 241
3. Rice Lake 226
4. Medford 211
5. Merrill 209
6. Ladysmith Co-op 188
7. Wittenberg-Birnamwood 158
8. Tomahawk 136
9. Colby/Abbotsford 123
10. Black River Falls Co-op 108
11. Antigo 85
12. Menomonie 72
13. Mosinee 54
14. Lakeland Union 3



Submitted photo.

Merrill Girls are going to State

Having placed first in two events, Amber Winter advanced to State in the 200 Yard IM and the 100 Yard Breaststroke. Amber also set a new pool record with her time in the 200 Yard IM and set both a new pool record and a new school record with her time in the 100 Yard Breaststroke.

Actual finish times from all four Sectional events were used to determine other Swimmers going to State. “The next top 12 times from across the four Sectionals will fin-

ish out the field,” Winter said.

Based on those times, the team of Megan Miles, Amber Winter, Addison Jirovec, and Bailee Sommer also advanced to State to compete in the 200 Yard Medley Relay.

“This will be Amber’s fourth trip to State representing Merrill and Bailee’s second,” Winter said.

“I’m so excited we were able to qualify a relay for State,” she said. “We have such a young and hard working team this year. It will be great to get them down to Waukesha to see the excitement that State brings. The entire team will be traveling down to watch.”

The team leaves Merrill High School on Friday, Nov. 11, at 10:00 a.m. “with a Police and Fire Department escort if people would like to come and wish us well,” Winter added.

“The meet will be live streamed on the NFHS network. Swimming starts at 5:30 p.m.”

The WIAA State Girls Swimming and Diving Championships will be streamed live on the WIAA.TV portal of the NFHS Network. To view requires a subscription, and cost is \$11.99 per month. To subscribe, log-on to www.wiaa.tv and click on the subscription link. Archived streams of the events will be available on demand on the NFHS Network 72 hours after the tournament.



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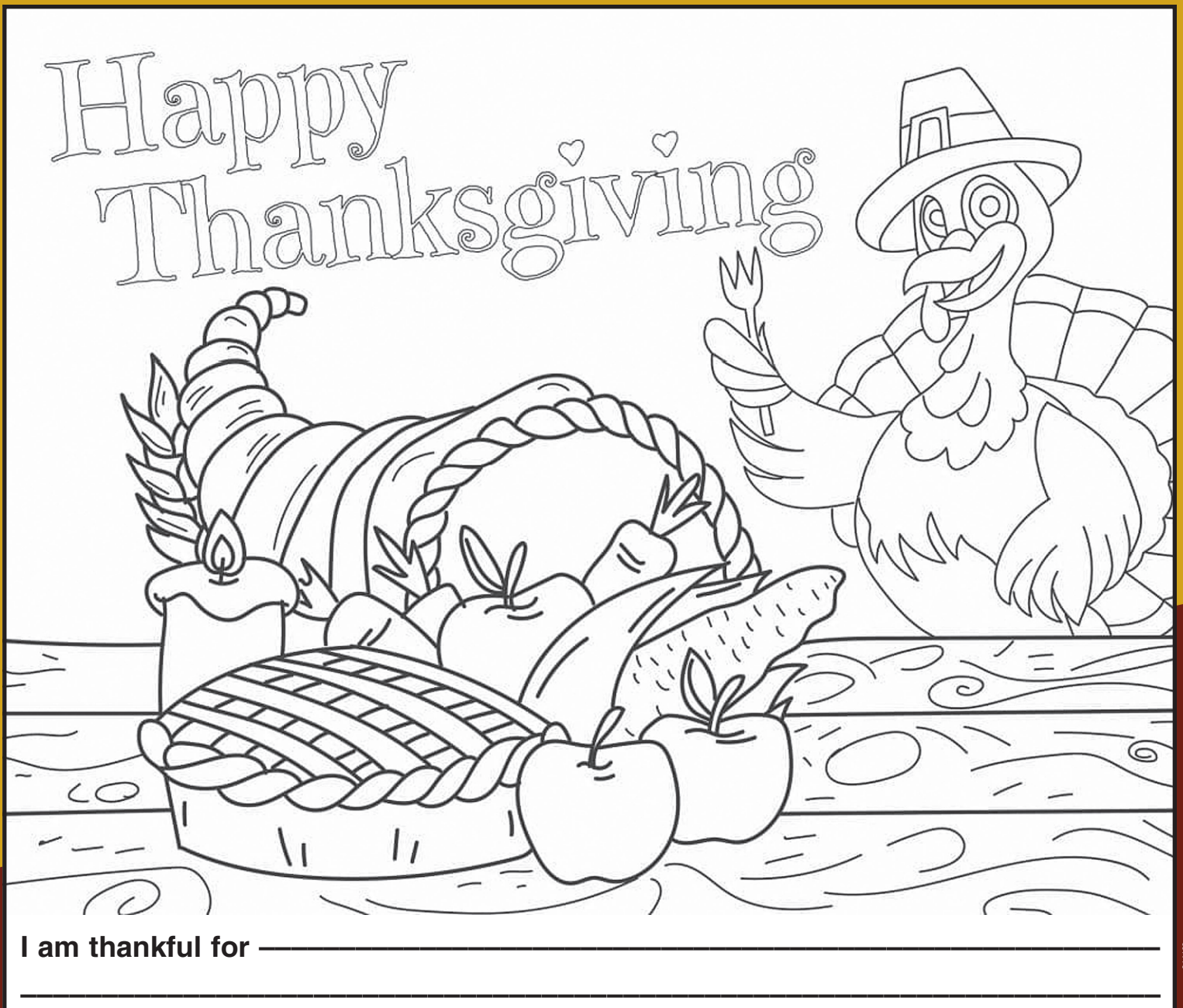
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