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EDITOR

The Pine River Volunteer Fire Department Fire House in the Town of Pine River was the place to be Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10, 2022. Children and parents gathered before 1:00 p.m., excited to see Santa arrive in a helicopter as the fire fighters had hoped. Alas, the weather didn't cooperate and the helicopter was grounded.

"Santa, along with the rest of us, was really sad he couldn't arrive by helicopter due to the weather; however, he really enjoyed his ride in the fire engine," organizers said. Indeed he did.

With sirens blaring, lights flashing, and Santa ringing the bell, Santa made

a grand entrance pulling into the Fire House yard for his third annual visit to see all the area children and was so excited to see the large crowd outside awaiting his arrival.

Volunteers had prepared treat goodie bags for the kids, cookies from the Polka Dotted Pie were delicious and went so fast, they ran out, and Northwoods Maple Store supplied sweet and delicious maple syrup suckers for the event. The kids enjoyed cocoa, and after the cookies ran out, volunteers made popcorn for an afternoon snack. And all the kids had a chance to win one of two bicycles—a pink and blue one for a lucky girl—and a green and black one for a lucky boy. "The parents of the

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Santa is mesmerized by the innocence of a newborn baby. While this little one won't remember the first visit with Mr. Claus, family will have pictures to remind them all of this special moment. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

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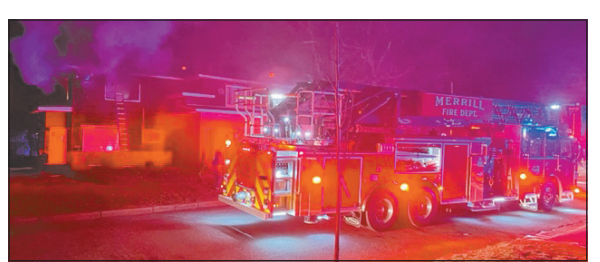
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An apartment on E. 8th St. in Merrill sustained heavy damage on Dec. 5, 2022. Merrill Fire Department responded to an initial report that a couch was on fire, resulting in the structure fire. **Photo courtesy of Merrill Fire Department.**

Fire heavily damages 8th Street apartment in Merrill

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EDITOR

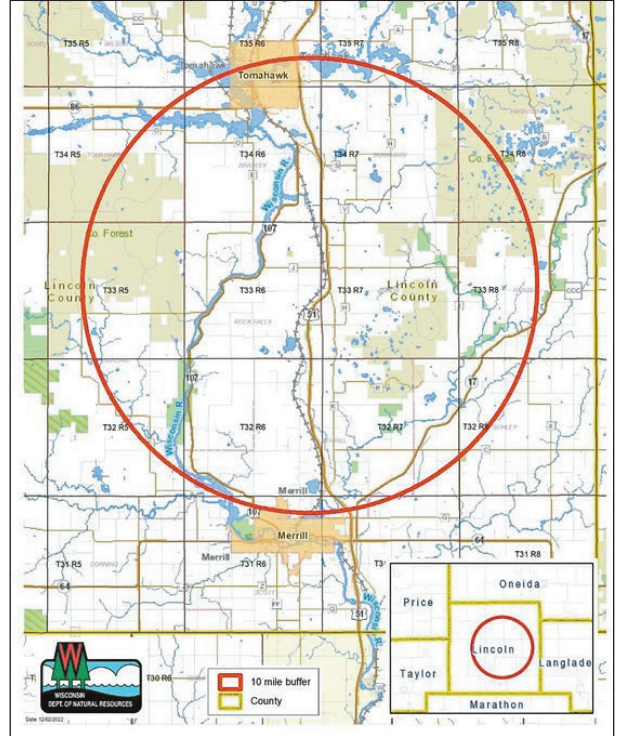
On Dec. 5, 2022, at 11:21 p.m., the Merrill Fire Department (MFD) was dispatched to an apartment at 1210 E. 8th St. in Merrill for a report of a structure fire, with the caller saying her couch was on fire.

Engine 61, Truck 63, and Medic 62 responded immediately with lights and sirens, according to a press release from the MFD. "While enroute, additional resources were requested, including a general alarm fire for off-duty Merrill firefighters, Tomahawk EMS to respond to the scene to evaluate the apartment occupant, Wisconsin Public Service for gas and electric, the City of Merrill Water Utility, Pine River Fire Department, Russell Fire Department, Wausau Fire Department, and Corning Fire Department. Fire units were also assisted on scene by the Merrill Police Department."

By the time the MFD arrived, the fire had advanced significantly with "heavy fire and smoke showing from the south west upper apartment," the MFD release said. "Units were initially advised to operate in a defensive mode."

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DNR confirms CWD in farm-raised deer in Lincoln County



New baiting and feeding ban started Dec. 12, 2022

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was recently notified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) that a farm-raised deer on a deer farm in Lincoln County tested positive for chronic

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2022 preliminary gun deer hunt harvest statistics

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EDITOR

On the heels of the 2022 gun deer hunting season in Wisconsin, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) released preliminary statistics related to the harvest, number of hunters, and safety during the season.

Preliminary license sales

As of 11:59 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022, sales for gun, bow, crossbow, sports, and patron licenses had reached 795,072. Of that total, 436,423 were for gun privileges only and 554,898 were for all gun privileges including gun, sports, and patron licenses. As of that timeframe, deer license sales were down 1.6% from the same time relative to the hunting season in 2021.

Of those license sales, 63% were purchased online and 37% were purchased in-person through transactions at DNR license agent locations. Records showed licenses were sold to hunters who reside in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, in addition to hunters from 21 different countries, all of whom came to deer hunt in Wisconsin, evidence that hunting increases visitors to the state.

Preliminary harvest numbers

Preliminary numbers as of 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27, showed hunters had registered 203,295 deer during the 2022 gun deer season, including 98,397 antlered and 104,898 antlerless deer. In Lincoln County, hunters registered 1,333 antlered deer in 2022 plus 816 antlerless deer, for a total harvest of 2,149. This compares to a harvest of 1,027 antlered deer and 546 antlerless deer for a total harvest of 1,573 in 2021. And further compares to a five-year average harvest (2017-2021) of 1,154 antlered deer per year plus 854 antlerless deer per year for total average harvests of 2,008 per year.

Lincoln County Hunters harvested 29.8% more antlered deer this year than in 2021, 49.5% more antlerless deer this year than in 2021, and overall, 36.6% more deer in 2022 than in 2021.

The rest of the Northern Forest Deer Management Zone (DMZ) (of which Lincoln County is a part) experienced an increase in harvests this year compared to last, but not as much of an increase. In the entire DMZ, there was a 21.2% increase in the antlered deer harvest, 16.4% increase in the antlerless deer harvest, and a 19.3% overall increase.

Comparing 2022 to the five-year period (2017-2021) just prior in Lincoln County, antlered deer harvests were up 15.5%, antlerless deer harvests were down 4.4%, but the total harvest this year was overall 7.0% higher than the average of the last five years.

In the Northern Forest DMZ, the total harvest numbers were 11.3% higher in 2022 than in the average of the prior five years.

In nearby Marathon County, hunters registered 3,545 antlered deer and 3,811 antlerless deer, for a total harvest of 7,356 deer during the 2022 season, up 17.3% overall from the 2021 harvest numbers and up 8.7% from the average harvest during the five-year period from 2017-2021.

Since archery season opened on Sept. 17, 2022, hunters had registered 301,540 total deer statewide.

Compared to 2021, the total firearm deer harvest statewide was up 14.4%, with the antlered harvest up 14.7% and antlerless harvest up 14.1%.

All four deer management zones showed harvest increases from 2021 for both antlered and antlerless harvests.

Opening weekend saw cold temperatures and snow throughout the state, with ideal conditions except for the strong winds on Saturday, Nov. 19, the DNR report indicated. During the weekdays, weather was good statewide, but warm weather later in the season melted snow, reducing deer and hunter activity.

Gun Deer Season hunting incidents

The DNR reported eight firearm-involved injuries and one fatality for the 2022 Wisconsin gun deer season.

The injuries occurred in Sauk, Marquette, Oneida, Iowa, Green Lake, Forest, and Jefferson Counties. Most of the incidents were either self-inflicted accidental injuries or as a result of the discharge of a weapon from someone else in the shooter's own hunting party.

The fatal incident occurred in Green Lake County, Seneca Township, on Nov. 20, 2022, shortly after 9:00 a.m., when an 11-year-old male was the victim of a gunshot wound to the chest, according to the DNR press release. A 41-year-old male shooter attempted to unload his firearm while the firearm was placed in the backseat of a vehicle, the release said. The firearm discharged, striking the victim. The victim was flown via Med Flight to a hospital, where he died. The shooter and victim were members of the same hunting party.

The average hunting incidents per year for the last 10 gun deer seasons (2013-2022) is 6.4. In addition, there were zero fatalities in 6 of those 10 years, the DNR reports.



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Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is **Areianna Beyer**
Daughter of **Scott & Dona Beyer**
Areianna is in 10th grade at New Testament Christian Academy. She was nominated by Mrs. Schneider.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
My favorite subject is social studies. I love to learn about History. 

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
My favorite part of school is lunchtime. My school has the best food. 

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
I love drama and being in plays. One day I would love to be an actress in a movie. 

Areianna is a wonderful student. She is always smiling. She has a heart to help younger children. She is a diligent worker and always strives to be her best in every aspect of school.
- Mrs. Schneider

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“Shop Small Wisconsin,” “Small Business Saturday,” and “Shop Local” campaigns focus on benefits of shopping at local small businesses

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

For the second consecutive year, Wisconsin Governor Evers made a “Shop Small Wisconsin” proclamation. This year, Nov. 26, 2022, through Dec. 31, 2022, is designated “Shop Small Wisconsin” across the state. This initiative encourages Wisconsinites to shop local and support Wisconsin’s Main Streets and small businesses during the holiday season.

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Secretary and CEO Missy Hughes recently toured a variety of small businesses at various locations in the state to support small, locally-owned businesses, and kicked off the campaign.

Saturday, Nov. 26, was “Small Business Saturday,” a nationwide day drawing attention to small business owners and urging consumers to shop at their local small businesses.

And the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce always advocates for residents to “Shop Local” whenever possible.

Small businesses benefit communities

All of these efforts remind shoppers that the long-term benefits to a community, as a result of shopping local and doing business with local companies, often far outweighs the short-term gratification of saving a couple of bucks by buying from the big-box stores or mega-sized online retailers.

Most small-town residents agree they enjoy visiting smaller businesses and shops, and that a thriving downtown business community with a lot of variety is important to them. When downtown businesses dwindle and residents are forced to drive to neighboring communities to shop, or when big-box stores or online retailers are the only option for shopping, they may grieve the loss of those small-town businesses with their personal touch and special connections, operated by their friends and neighbors, and the sense of community those small businesses provided.

With fewer options, the money saved by buying from big-box stores or online retailers can quickly get gobbled up by the cost of gas and shipping, the inconvenience of having to drive 20 minutes or more each way to shop, or waiting days or weeks for orders to arrive by mail, and the accompanying loss of their valuable time—which is certainly worth something, too. After all, time is the only commodity money can’t buy.

But the benefits of a

thriving local small business community extend far beyond convenience.

“Thriving communities need healthy, successful business districts,” Hughes said. “Locally owned businesses not only provide jobs and investments in our communities, but they also help build a sense of place.”

“These businesses reflect the personality of their communities and give us places to connect and celebrate during the holidays and all year round,” she said.

That sense of place is critical to attract newcomers to a community. Many of these small, locally-owned businesses—whether boutiques, galleries, restaurants, coffee shops, or other attractions—are the community’s gathering places and help define the community’s culture. They may also offer more unique products and services, which also help define that culture.

Towns, cities, and neighborhoods—just like people—have a personality. And Merrill, like many other communities, is competing for those newcomers—for residents to live, work, and play here. Merrill needs newcomers who will own properties (and pay property taxes) or rent existing housing, to fill the needs of area businesses for more workers in almost every job field, to fill our schools and combat declining enrollment numbers, to frequent local businesses, and to become active, engaged, and vibrant members of our small city. It’s all interconnected and interdependent.

Main Street Bounceback grants increase number of storefront businesses

Since they were first announced in April 2021, Main Street Bounceback Grants infused money into small businesses throughout the state of Wisconsin, including here in Merrill. At last count, more than 20 area businesses had received \$10,000 Main Street Bounceback Grants to help fill Merrill-area storefronts and vacant business properties, helping to infuse new life into the area business community, and there are 5 more in the works, according to William Bialecki, Director of the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation.

Across Wisconsin, entrepreneurs ready to take the leap into brick-and-mortar have benefited from the Main Street Bounceback Grant program. The \$100 million program offers \$10,000 grants to businesses and nonprofits that move into or expand into a currently vacant Wisconsin commercial property.

Originally announced in April 2021, the grant program has proven so popular that Governor Evers has twice added funding for the grants and extended the deadline for businesses to apply to Dec. 31. The grants are paid for by federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

For many entrepreneurs, this was an opportunity to turn a hobby into a business or a dream into reality, and an opportunity they just couldn’t pass up. “Nearly 7,200 storefronts in all 72 Wisconsin

counties are filled with vibrant and unique small businesses and non-profits this holiday season with the help of the Main Street Bounceback Grant,” a press release from the WEDC said.

According to a press release from Gov. Evers’ office in late Nov., “A recent analysis of state allocations under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) demonstrated that, as a share of federal aid received by states, Wisconsin is the top state in the country for aid directed to overall economic development and the top state in the country for aid directed to assist businesses.”

But while the Main Street Bounceback Grants provided the funding to get some new businesses going and out into vacant storefronts where they could be seen, many of those businesses now require the support of local customers to keep them actively engaged and growing. That happens when residents keep their business local, utilizing those businesses for the goods and services they require. Many of these businesses will also be working hard to expand their marketing efforts beyond the borders of Lincoln County and to develop new and sustainable markets for their products.

Holidays are crucial for local businesses

The holiday shopping season is a critical time for these and other local businesses, especially those involved in direct retail to consumer transactions, since the timeframe

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(Author Unknown)

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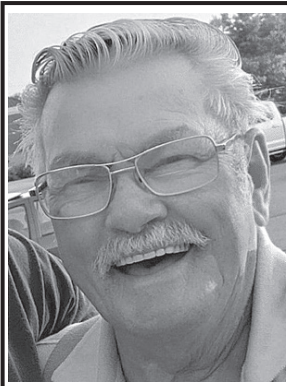
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Hello my name is Pauline Krueger. Are you saved? "If you declare with your mouth, Jesus is the Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Pauline G. Krueger, went peacefully to be with our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ on December 3, 2022, surrounded by family at Pine Crest Nursing Home. Born November 23, 1938, in Madison Wisconsin, to Elmer and Esther Legrey. Pauline graduated from Madison Central High school, attended the University of Wisconsin Madison and later worked at the UW Cancer Clinic. She met her beloved sweetheart and late husband Dr. LeRoy A. Krueger in Madison.

The Bible says to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone." (Mark 16:15) Pauline took that to heart and tried her best to show Christ's love to others. She spread the good news to many places, including overseas, and by handing out a Christian multi-lingual track titled "Life Begins" that she authored. As a result of these tracks and the Holy Spirit working in people's hearts there have been countless testimonials, going back to the 70's, of individuals and family members that have come to know the Lord Jesus as their personal savior. She had many people assist her in this ministry. Pauline helped start Merrill Bible Church, lead jail ministries in Lincoln and Marathon Counties, spoke at Christian Woman's Clubs, started Bible studies (including the Sunshine Group), and was active in Child Evangelist Fellowship and Stonecroft Ministries. She sponsored many people to attend Crescent Lake Bible Camp and Camp Forest Springs. Her life was about showing love and sacrificing for others rather than herself. Pauline especially loved children and those that were in need. Ultimately she would give to anyone around her.

Pauline's family included her husband LeRoy of 53 years; siblings Elmer (Marcia) Legrey, Lois Flad, Rhonda (Glenn) Collier; seven children the late Regi Goebel, Sophia (James) Stevens-Rustad, William Stevens, Matthew (Shari) Krueger, Mark Krueger, Michelle Krueger, Miriam Gustafson; seven grandchildren Kyle, Maria, Brandon, Micah, Kitara, Jacob, Gabi; and great granddaughter Natalia.

A Celebration of Pauline's life will be held on Saturday December 17, 2022, at Highland Church, 508 Eugene Street, Merrill, WI 54452. Visitation 10:00 am, Service 11:00 am. A meal will follow.



Willis "Willie" D. Erickson, 80, passed away Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Lilac Springs in Lake Mills.

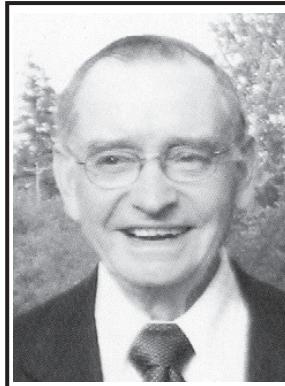
Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 16, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Hafemeister Funeral Home in Watertown. Family and friends may gather at Hafemeister Funeral Home from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial, with military honors, will take place at the Town of Farmington Cemetery. Hafemeister Funeral Home and Cremation Service is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.hafemeisterfh.com.

Willis "Willie" Dale Erickson was born November 15, 1942, in Tomahawk, son of August and Mercedes (nee Slater) Erickson. After high school, he served in the United States Army. Willie was employed at APV Crepaco as a field service welder for most of his career. He was a member of the Metal Workers Union, which merged with the Machinist Union, where he served as President. Willie was a member of the Grelton Conservation Club. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. In his younger years, he enjoyed hunting trips in Canada. Willie enjoyed gardening, wine-making, canning, and breadmaking. Willie loved building, repairing, and tinkering, whether it be at his house or the cabin he built, or to help a neighbor. He was able to pass on a lot of his skills to his kids and grandkids.

Willie is survived by children, Jane (Dan Rosinger) Erickson, Susan (Guy) Schraufnagel, Kristin (Troy) McDonald; grandchildren, James (Amanda) Baneck Jr., Andrea (Jon) Koput, Eric (Lindsay) Baneck, Sara (Ryan) Tienhaara, Aron (Janene) Vesper, Amanda (Evan) Miksovsky, and Liam McDonald; great-grandchildren, Wyler Koput, Mason Baneck, Chloe Baneck, Vaughn Koput, Emma Tienhaara, Archer Baneck, Jack Tienhaara, Brenna Baneck, Pearl Koput, and Tatum Baneck; brother, Neal (Molly) Erickson; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Willie is preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara in infancy; parents, August and Mercedes Erickson; great-grandchildren, Zachary Schmoldt and Madeline Koput; sister, Marilyn in infancy; brothers, Gerald (Maryann) Erickson and Roland (Yvonne) Erickson.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lilac Springs and Rainbow Hospice for the compassionate care they provided Willie and their family.



Vernon J. Bahr, age 89, of Wausau passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 under the care of Aspirus Hospice.

Vernon was born on July 11, 1933 to Arthur and Hilda (Zastrow) Bahr. He grew up in the Town of Stettin on his family's dairy farm. Vernon graduated from Wausau Senior High School and went on to take farming courses from NTC. Vernon was united in marriage to Marlene M. Schuett on October 5, 1957, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Town of Maine, where they remain active members.

Together, Vernon and Marlene took over the family farm, owning and operating it for 36 years until passing ownership down to their son, Shawn. At which time, he could still be found driving tractor or lending a helping hand in retirement. Vernon was also on the Board of Directors at Equity Stratford Livestock Marketing Cooperative for 20 years.

Although farming was a huge part of Vernon's life, he always thought life was a whole lot better with a fishing pole in hand checking out another bend in the river. Some of his favorite fishing memories were numerous trips to Canada and the Boundary Waters. Deer hunting was also a passion. He enjoyed the camaraderie with his family and neighbors along with the challenge of the sport. Anyone knowing Vernon will remember he always had stories and jokes to share.

Vernon is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Marlene Bahr, Wausau; two daughters, Jodene Kretschmer, Merrill, and Renell Bahr, Raleigh, NC, and one son, Shawn Bahr, Wausau; five grandchildren Heather (Brandon Johnson) Kretschmer, Merrill; Stephanie Kretschmer, Raleigh, NC; Phillip Kretschmer, Merrill; Devin and Caleigh Bahr Wausau; step-grandson Steven Erdmann, Merrill; one great-grandchild Reed Johnson; one great-step grandson James Ryan (JR) Erdmann; and sister, Alice Mootz, Merrill; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides his parents, Vernon was preceded in death by his son-in-law Richard Kretschmer and brother-in-law Franklin Mootz.

Funeral Services were held on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wausau

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MADISON—James T. Rogers, age 81, passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2022. He was born to Susan "Elizabeth" Milligan on October 3, 1941 in Denver, CO. Jim graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1966. He established law offices in Merrill and Tomahawk. Along with his successful career as a trial lawyer, Jim was also a world traveler, wine connoisseur, and gourmet chef. Jim is survived by his wife Margaret Shields; daughter Jennifer (Ken) Hofmaster; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his mother and good friends Tommy Karl and Harvey Woodward. Per Jim's wishes, no services will be held. "I did it my way!" Cress Funeral Service, 1310 Emerald Terrace, Sun Prairie, WI 53590. www.cressfuneralservice.com



Loretta M. Knoblock, age 89, of Oconomowoc, WI, and formerly of Merrill, WI, passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at Angels Grace Hospice in Oconomowoc, WI. Loretta was born in Knowlton, WI, on November 7, 1933, to the late Joseph and Mary (Wasniewski) Ceplina. She was married to Raymond Knoblock on August 21, 1950, at the Holy Name Church in Wausau, WI; he survives.

Loretta appreciated the beauty of the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hunting and loved playing bingo. Above all, she cherished time spent with her family and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her loving husband of over 72 years, Raymond Knoblock; her sons, John Knoblock and Todd (Rhonda) Knoblock; her daughters, Dorothy (Richard) Jacobson, Cindy Knoblock, and Linda Peterson; her sisters, Veronica Novitzke, Victoria Gwidt, Jackie (Bill) Zenner, and Joan (Tom) Falk. Loretta is further survived by her grandchildren, Jacinda, Jeremy, Jodie, Steven, Jake, Eli, Cody, Jesse, Shane, Robin, Heidi, and Stephanie, in addition to her 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Mary; her siblings, Frank Ceplina, Alois Ceplina, John Ceplina, Joseph Ceplina, Glenn Ceplina, Jacob Ceplina, and Francis Ceplina.

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

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between Thanksgiving and Christmas is peak time for retail sales. Holiday retail sales can make or break a business, making up a large percentage of their annual retail sales.

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ing the purpose of the gift. Then the gift recipient can pick the Merrill area house cleaning service, or gym, or stump grinder, or accountant, or stylist of their choice and use it toward that purpose. And hey, even if they don't like the proposed purpose of the gift, they can use it to buy coffee or baked goods or a snow shovel or a new outfit or whatever they wish at a Merrill area business.

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families, and those families make up our communities. In addition to supporting local businesses around the holidays, it's also critical that local small businesses, non-profits, and service businesses receive ongoing, year-round support, if they are to stay in business and make it to the next holiday season, help the local community thrive long-term, and build and sustain a healthy local economy.

From retail stores and artistry shops, to restaurants and coffee shops, to small manufacturers and

service businesses, small businesses employ nearly half of Wisconsin workers, according to Evers. And 2/3 of every \$1 spent at a small business stays in the community, he said. Those small businesses are more likely to hire locally, buy supplies locally, and give back to our communities through their support of local youth, school, and charitable events and organizations, as well.

These are some things to consider when holiday shopping or doing business any time of the year.

OBITUARIES

Kelly Weiler died 10-16-2022 at age 83, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill WI. He was born April 15, 1939, to Anton and Lydia Weiler at Ashland, Wisconsin. He started working part time as a mechanic at age 16 at various shops in Wausau and graduated from Wausau High School. He married Nancy J. Bettin on August 28, 1960. She died on November 1994 at Irma, Wisconsin. After moving to Clintonville, Kelly worked for the FWD Corporation helping to build fire trucks and sometimes drove them to their new firehouses as far away as New York and California. He and his wife owned and operated a go-cart racetrack and the Dock Bar on Cloverleaf Lake near Clintonville. He also worked as a maintenance person at Simmons Furniture in New London, Wisconsin. After moving to Irma, He and his brother, Dave, started Weiler Wood Products there. After they closed that business, he worked at Wire Products in Merrill, Wisconsin. Kelly is survived by his brother, Mark Wiler, his sister-in-law, Sally Bettin of Clintonville and many nieces and nephews. Besides being predeceased by his wife, Nancy, he is predeceased by his parents, his brother and sister-in-law, David and Florence Weiler, his sister-in-law, Carol Weiler and his brother-in-law, Dan Bettin. There will be no funeral service and burial will be at the Chat Cemetery at Irma, Wisconsin. Mid Wisconsin Cremation Society is assisting family at this time. Online condolences may be expressed at MWCS.WS

BIRTHS

- NOVEMBER 21, 2022 Boy, Parker Gene, born to Destiney Wampole and Damian Wampole of Athens.
NOVEMBER 23, 2022 Girl, Emery Jane, born to Amber Westfall and Riley Westfall of Marathon.
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 Boy, Jonathon Rhinehart, born to Heidi Schmolli and Joshua Schmolli of Deerbrook.
NOVEMBER 28, 2022 Boy, Jett Corey, born to Naomi Seefeld and Heath Seefeld of Mosinee.

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BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: 11/29/2022 /SHON, GALEN BAYNE-ALLISON CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BRI STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 22CV166 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF THEO JOHN KAHALEWAIKE By (Petitioner) ELLEN MAUREEN BUHRMANN

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: THEO JOHN KAHALEWAIKE To: THEO JOHN BUHRMANN Birth Certificate: THEO JOHN BUHRMANN IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Galen Bayne-Allison Place: Lincoln County Branch 1 Courtroom 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452 Date: January 18, 2023 Time: 8:45 AM If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin. Published: December 8, 15 & 22, 2022 WNAXLP

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: December 5, 2022 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF George Hanson deceased Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2022IN60

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/12/1952, and date of death 09/30/2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N4380 Kellys Lane, Merrill, WI 54452. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03/17/2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office. Ryan Hanson N2603 Snow Rd Merrill, WI 54452 920-948-3763 Published December 8, 15 & 22, 2022 WNAXLP

Notice is hereby given that the following application has been filed with the City Clerk, Merrill, Wisconsin:

Class B Beer Brandon Wilde, Agent Riverside Athletic Club, Inc. 500 S. Center Ave Merrill, WI 54452 License Period: 01/3/2023 - 6/30/2023 Lori Anderson-Malm City Clerk Published December 15, 2022 WNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE: The First Riverside Presbyterian Church in Merrill, WI is declared closed and the corporation

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dissolved effective August 28, 2022, by the action of its parent body: the Winnebago Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at its Stated Meeting on September 22, 2022. Any and all parties that have outstanding business related to the First Riverside Presbyterian Church or any unsatisfied claims for resolution are to notify the Winnebago Presbytery before December 21, 2022, at its corporate office located at: 181 E. North Water St., Neenah, WI 54956, Attn: Stated Clerk. (920)886-3598 Published Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2022 WNAXLP

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: January 5, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. TERMS: 1. 10% down in cash or certified funds at the time of sale;

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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:

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wasting disease (CWD). As a result of this new detection, a baiting and feeding ban went into effect starting Dec. 12, 2022, the DNR said in a press release issued on Dec. 8.

State law requires that the DNR enact a ban on feeding and baiting of deer in counties or portions of counties within a 10-mile radius of a farm-raised or free-roaming domestic or wild animal that tests positive for CWD. This recent detection will create a three-year baiting and feeding ban in Lincoln County.

More information regarding baiting and feeding regulations and CWD in Wisconsin is available on the baiting and feeding regulations webpage.

The DNR asks deer hunters in Lincoln County to help with efforts to identify where CWD occurs on the landscape. Those harvesting deer within 10 miles of the newly detected positive case are especially encouraged

to have their deer tested. The collection of CWD samples is essential for assessing the presence of CWD in the deer population across the state.

In addition to submitting samples for CWD testing, hunters are also encouraged to properly dispose of deer carcass waste by locating a designated dumpster, transfer station, or landfill location near them on the DNR website. Proper carcass disposal helps slow the spread of CWD by removing potentially infected deer carcasses from the landscape.

A map of CWD sampling and carcass disposal locations is available on the DNR website.

CWD is a fatal, infectious nervous system disease of deer, moose, elk, and reindeer/caribou. It belongs to the family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, or prion diseases. The DNR began monitoring the state's wild white-tailed deer population for CWD in 1999. The first positives were found in 2002.

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Following a building walk around and disconnection of gas on the west side of the building, "a single 1 3/4 inch handle line was deployed and put into service with tank water from Engine 61," the release said. "Water was applied through exterior windows on the south and west side of the structure to the involved apartment." "Firefighting operations transitioned to

an offensive mode after the fire was knocked down from the exterior of the structure. Additionally, a second 1 3/4 inch hand line was deployed and put into service."

MFD said the fire was successfully contained to the apartment of origin, but that apartment did sustain heavy damage.

"All Merrill Fire units were clear of the scene and back in service at approximately 03:00 AM. Approximately 3,000 gallons of water and 3 gal-

lons of foam were used to extinguish the fire."

"During salvage and overhaul a cat was located in an adjacent apartment and was reunited with its owner," the release said. However, a cat from the apartment where the fire originated was still missing at the time the press release was issued.

"The cause of the fire is still under investigation," the MFD said.

"This is the third structure fire in the MFD response area since Thanksgiving which means there are also three red bulbs on the department's fire prevention wreath," Merrill Fire Chief Josh Klug said. "The MFD participates in the annual Keep the Wreath Green campaign which promotes fire prevention, especially from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day."

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bike winners have been notified, and we know at least one of those bikes will be a surprise under the tree," organizers said.

The Third Annual Santa in the Fire House was a huge success. "The turnout was overwhelming," organizers said, "and we were so happy to interact with such wonderful families." Organizers said there were more families and kids than ever, and they made a conservative estimate that 175 children came to see Santa Claus this year.

Santa was delighted to interact with kids from just a few weeks old all the way to those who were a wee bit

older but still young at heart, and he posed for pictures with little ones and entire families. But finding out if the children had been good boys and girls and what they wanted for Christmas, answering their questions, and letting them ring his sleigh bells were the most important things on Santa's mind.

A steady stream of children came through the Fire House for most of the afternoon until 4:00 p.m., and some of the children had a chance to check out the inside of a fire engine, too. Pine River fire fighters hope visitors were able to make a day of it in Pine River by picking up or cutting their own Christmas tree from one of the many tree farms in the area.

"We cannot wait to see you all next year!" they said.

The Pine River Fire Department posted an update on their Facebook page on Monday, Dec. 12: "We took a call from Santa last night that he had returned safely to the North Pole after a great weekend meeting boys and girls such as yourself," the post said. "He wanted to pass on a special thanks to a young girl who came to see him at our fire station event on Saturday. Santa said he was thank-



A fire truck makes the perfect backdrop for photos of the little ones with Santa. Tina L. Scott photos.



Santa delights in spending time with little children and those who will always be young at heart no matter what their age.

ful you brought the milk and cookies when you met him. He ate them on the way back home and they really hit the spot until he was able to enjoy a warm meal with Mrs. Claus."

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Dustin Bonack
Street Superintendent
Published December 8 & 15, 2022

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Merrill Dance Team places at Little Chute competition

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Varsity Dance Team attended their first competition this past weekend in Little Chute at the Little Chute Holiday Invite on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022.

In D2 Hip Hop, the Merrill Dance Team placed fourth out of nine teams, competing against dance teams from Plymouth, New London, Port Washington, Tomah, Menominee, Lacrosse, Grafton, Logan, and Mosinee. Mosinee took first place honors.

In the D2 Duet category, Merrill's Molly White and Conor Sayles took first



Merrill Dance Team celebrates taking fourth and fifth place at the Little Chute Holiday Invite. Front L to R: Liberty Fuchs, Maddie Prentice, and Mylee Sykes. Back L to R: Reggie Lahti, Alex Schulz, Conor Sayles, Molly White, and Adison Clark. **Submitted photos.**



Conor Sayles and Molly White are all smiles after taking first place in the D2 Duet category at the dance competition in Little Chute last weekend.

place, out of seven duet teams competing. White and Sayles beat out duos from Catholic Memorial, West Salem, Notre Dame (they had two duet teams competing), Port Washington, and Grafton.

In D2 Jazz, the Merrill Varsity Dance Team placed 5th out of 11 teams, competing against New Berlin Eisenhower, Waupaca, Catholic Memorial, Port Washington, Tomah, Seymour, Notre Dame, Menominee, West Salem, and Mosinee. New Berlin Eisenhower took first place.

EMU Bluejacks Varsity Hockey takes three losses

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Game three of the East Merrill Newman United (EMU) Bluejacks Varsity Hockey season was Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at Marathon Park Ice Rink in Wausau. The Bluejacks played SPASH in their first conference game of the season, and it was a tough way to start off in-conference play. SPASH scored the lone goal of the first period and then went on to score three goals in the second and two goals in the third, with the Bluejacks remaining scoreless throughout. The Bluejacks made at least 13 attempts on goal, but SPASH's Goalie was able to prevent them from scoring. SPASH was aggressive in their play, but the Bluejacks' Goalie, Senior Jake Furrer, made a total of 77 saves in the game, helping to keep their goal numbers down.

"Although we didn't win it was a very, very good fight to the end," said Assistant Bluejacks Varsity Coach Greg Glovinski. "Jake Furrer ended up with 77 saves."

Box Score: SPASH 6 @ East Merrill Newman United 0

On Thursday, Dec. 8, the Bluejacks played Wausau West in a Tournament at the Greenheck Field House. West came out playing hard and racked up three goals in the first period. Bluejacks

Goalie Furrer fought back hard with 22 saves in that period to keep their goals down but those three slipped through, and the Bluejacks weren't able to get a goal in. In the second period, Wausau West again racked up another three goals, despite Furrer's hard push back, making 18 saves in the period. The Bluejacks offense still wasn't able to get on the board.

In the third period, the Bluejacks came in fierce and Bluejacks #18 Kaden Grusnick put one in the net, unassisted, at less than 30 seconds in, and Bluejacks' Goalie Furrer fought back against West, making another 18 saves and keeping West from scoring at all in the final period. But it wasn't enough.

"All in all the Bluejacks kind of had a slow start and couldn't catch up," Glovinski said. "We need to be able to play a complete game."

"Kaden Grusnick had the lone goal for EMU. Jake Furrer had 58 saves."

Box Score: East Merrill Newman United 1 @ Wausau West 6

Saturday, Dec. 10, found the Bluejacks at the Greenheck Fieldhouse Ice Arena playing against the DC Everest Varsity Hockey Team.

This one was a tight game with lots of defense on both sides. The Bluejacks

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Merrill Wrestlers edged out by Wausau West

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, the Merrill Varsity Wrestling Team hosted a dual with Wausau West. "Merrill was edged by Wausau West 39-28," Merrill Varsity Wrestling Coach Brian Suchocki said.

"Austin and Carson picked up third-period pins in the first two matches of the night," he said. "After a back-and-forth match, Austin wore down his opponent to get the pin."

"Carson jumped up a weight class and was able to wear down his opponent in the third period to get the win. Carson and Austin gave a great start."

"Ryder followed with a nice win," Suchocki said. "Ryder is one of our leaders and beat a solid opponent."

"Dusty, Jon, and Brett were all able to pick up decisions for us. It was exciting to see two Freshmen get their first varsity wins," he said. "Early in both Dusty's and Brett's matches, it was back and



Callum Wheeler's aggressive wrestling earned him a major decision in the dual against Wausau West. **Submitted photo.**

forth, but as they settled in, they took the upper hand. Dusty and Brett stayed aggressive throughout the match."

"Jon battled back and forth in his match, then finished strong coming out with a win."

"Callum received our only major decision of the night," Suchocki said. "Callum was aggressive throughout and dominated his opponent."

Individual Scores:

- 182: Austin Depies (Merrill) won over Evan Raboin (Wausau West) (Fall 5:21)
- 195: Carson Brooks (Merrill) won over Ty Anderson (Wausau West) (Fall 5:24)
- 220: Ryder Depies (Merrill) won over Cayden Kershaw (Wausau West) (Dec 6-0)
- 285: Noah Klug (Merrill) lost to Caleb Tuley (Wausau West) (Fall 3:53)
- 106: Dustin Schmirler (Merrill) won over Savannah Danielson (Wausau West) (Dec 15-8)
- 113: Allison Hunter (Merrill) lost to Henry Ruffi (Wausau West) (Fall 2:52)
- 120: Jon Hart (Merrill) over Xavier Sengkhammee (Wausau West) (Dec 8-6)
- 126: Joey Jensen (Merrill) lost to Christopher (Sam) Galang (Wausau West) (Fall 1:04)
- 132: Brett Suchocki (Merrill) over Alexander Voight (Wausau West) (Dec 10-4)
- 138: Brady Norton (Merrill) lost to Christian Galang

- (Wausau West) (Fall 1:49)
- 152: Callum Wheeler (Merrill) over Timothy Gospodarek (Wausau West) (MD 17-3)
- 160: Jace Olson (Merrill) lost to Henry Galang (Wausau West) (Fall 0:14)
- 170: Brian Ball (Merrill) lost to Connor Calmes (Wausau West) (Dec 2-1)

"I was pleased with our effort in the dual," Suchocki said. "We had a plan to give us a chance to win the dual. The wrestlers gave the fans in attendance an exciting dual. We are a young team, and we will continue to compete hard and improve throughout the season."

Box Score
Wausau West 39 @ Merrill 28

Merrill Girls Basketball struggles with shooting

PATIENCE PYAN AND TINA L. SCOTT

The Merrill Girls Basketball team traveled to Just A Game Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells on Dec. 3, 2022, for a non-conference game against Ellsworth Community High School. The Bluejays hung in there for the majority of the first half but never had the lead during the game. The Lady Jays struggled shooting wise, finishing with a 24.5 field goal % and only making 1 of 22 three-point shots attempted.

The girls defense continues to give us hope in tight games, as they forced 14 turnovers this game. Merrill was out rebounded 37-25.

On the positive side, the girls' free throw % continues to stand out, as they shot 100% from the line this game. The girls lost 61-33 but were led by Senior Addy Schmeltzer (8 pts, 3 reb, 1 ast) and Senior Prayla Pyan (6 pts, 2 reb, 1 blk) who were also two of the three girls who shot perfectly from the free throw line.

Box Score: Merrill 33 @ Ellsworth 61

On Dec. 6, the Lady Jays hosted the Marshfield Tigers at Merrill for their first conference game. The girls played a really solid first half, and the score was pretty close. Marshfield got into some foul trouble early on, and Merrill was in bonus with a decent amount of time left in the first half. The girls shot 17 free throws in the first half, which is definitely what kept them in it. Getting to the free throw line has been huge for the Merrill girls.



Alayna Pozorski (4 pts, 2 reb, 3 ast) tips pass while playing defense against Ellsworth and deflects the pass from the girl she was guarding. **Submitted photo.**

At halftime, the girls were only down by nine, keeping it very close. The Tigers came out of halftime firing, and their lead went from 9 to 20 very quickly due to turnovers (28) made by the Merrill girls. The Bluejays struggled shooting again, ending with a 22% field goal percentage.

The girls lost a tough one 66-35. Leaders on the court for Merrill were Mia Ott (12 pts, 6 reb, 3 stl), Alayna Pozorski (7 pts, 2 stl, 2 reb), and Addy Schmeltzer (6pts, and 2 reb).

Box Score: Marshfield 66 @ Merrill 35

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<u>Boys Basketball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)</u>			
Fri. Dec. 16	Wausau East (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Fri. Dec. 16	Wausau East (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
Tues. Dec. 20	Rhineland (JV & JV2)	Away	5:45 pm
Tues. Dec. 20	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm
<u>Girls Basketball (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Fri. Dec. 16	Wausau East (JV & JV2)	Away	5:45 pm
Fri. Dec. 16	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm
<u>Boys Hockey (Varsity and JV)</u>			
Thurs. Dec. 15	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 15	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Fri. Dec. 16	Tomahawk (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Fri. Dec. 16	Tomahawk (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tues. Dec. 20	Antigo (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 22	Northland Pines (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
<u>Girls Hockey (Varsity and JV)</u>			
Sat. Dec. 17	ECA Stars (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Sat. Dec. 17	ECA Stars (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
<u>Boys Wrestling (Varsity and JV)</u>			
Thurs. Dec. 15	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	6:00 pm
Sat. Dec. 17	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Sat. Dec. 17	Multiple Schools (JV)	Away	9:30 am
<u>Girls Wrestling (Varsity)</u>			
Thurs. Dec. 15	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 22	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	11:00 am

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defended their goal fiercely, with their Goalie Jake Furrer making 14 saves in the first period alone, but offensively just couldn't get a goal. The first period remained entirely scoreless for both teams, but finally, at 16:55 into the second period, Everest got one past Furrer to score. Furrer made seven other saves in the second period.

In the third period, Furrer made 16 saves, but Everest got another one past him to score at 4:07, and that was the end of scoring for the game. The rest was all defense on both sides.

Three Everest players had penalties for roughing, elbowing, and cross checking. The Bluejacks also had three penalties, with #3 Andrew Franken cited for interference in the first period and hooking in the third, and #12 Brody Trantow penalized for tripping in the second period.

The "Bluejacks could not find enough offense to get the job done," Glovinski said in summary about the game. "We are getting better and still looking for improvement."

Box Score
East Merrill Newman United 0 @ DC Everest 2

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Croix Woller, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Croix plays Forward for the Merrill Varsity Boys Basketball Team. This is his second year on Varsity, having played JV as a Sophomore and JV2 as a Freshman. He started playing basketball in the first or second grade, playing for the Little Dribblers in Merrill, and then played in fourth through seventh grades for Trinity Lutheran School, and in the eighth grade for Prairie River Middle School (PRMS). Croix also played his second year on the Merrill Varsity Football Team, having played on JV and JV2 as a Freshman and Sophomore. He started out playing flag football around fourth grade, then advanced to play tackle football for PRMS starting in sixth grade, followed by JV/JV2 as a Freshman and JV as a Sophomore.

At school, Croix enjoys his history and CAD classes. In his spare time, he likes lifting weights and playing basketball at Riverside Athletic, and spending time outdoors, fishing, ice fishing, deer (rifle) hunting, camping, and being with family and friends.

The son of Brad and Tammy Woller of Merrill, Croix has a 3.1 GPA and plans to attend college after high school graduation, but is undecided on his career goals.



Croix Woller

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