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School choice in Wisconsin; open enrollment period to begin

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EDITOR

Last week, Jan. 22-28, 2023, was National School Choice Week. Wisconsin's private voucher program is the nation's oldest such program. In 1990, with bipartisan support from lawmakers, the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program began. After more than 20 successful years, in 2011, the Racine program was added, and just two years later, in 2013, the program began statewide.

Children spend roughly 1,000 years per academic year in school. Here in Wisconsin, parents can choose the education system that best supports their child and their family, along with their child's specific needs and goals. Such choices in Wisconsin include sending their children to traditional public schools in their district, to public charter schools or public magnet schools, to private schools, attending school via online academies, homeschooling, and utilizing learning pods.

In some cases, parents can also open enroll their child in a school in another district or in a different school within their district.

The inter-district open enrollment application period for the 2023-24 school year is about to begin and will run from Monday, Feb. 6 - April 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

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Thirteen volunteers from the Trail Ambassador Program, along with members of the Town of Russell Fire Department, Town of Russell First Responders, Merrill Fire Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) participated in the Jan. 14 search-and-rescue simulation and training in Harrison Hills. **Kathy Stoney photo.**

National Guard assists local agencies and Trail Ambassadors with search-and-rescue simulation in Harrison Hills

Black Hawk helicopter provides key support

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The Wisconsin ATV Association Trail Ambassador Program hosted a Harrison Hills Search-and-Rescue Simulation and Training session on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023. Staging for simulated search-and-rescue efforts took place at the Keith and Kathy Stoney residence on Axen Rd. off of Hwy. 17 near Gleason and began at 8:00 a.m. [Keith is the Vice President of the Harrison Hills ATV Club and is also a Trail Ambassador.]

Three instructors from the Trail Ambassador Program led the 10-hour training exercises: Adam R. Harden, Trail Ambassador Program Deputy Administrator who planned and coordinated the training, served as Lead Instructor. Randy Harden, Program Administrator, and Gregory Olson, Regional Coordinator, both served as Assistant Instructors.

Search-and-rescue simulation: Participants and objectives
Numerous area agencies were invited to participate in the Trail Ambassador Program training exercise, including the Town of Russell Fire Department (8 participants), Town of Russell First Responders (3 participants), Merrill Fire Department (2 participants,

basically on stand-by, according to Chief Josh Klug), Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Wisconsin Army National Guard, along with 13 volunteers from the Trail Ambassador Program, each of whom had a specific assigned role such as Incident Commander, Communications Officer, search and rescue, logistics, etc.

The training involved two simulated incidents taking place somewhere in the 100,000-acre forested Lincoln County Harrison Hills property, which includes more than 40 miles of ATV, UTV, and motorcycle trails, making it an ideal, expansive, and realistic location for the simulations.

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Wolf management in Wisconsin: Listening session and public comment opportunities

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EDITOR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced they will hold a virtual public listening session on their newly proposed wolf management plan on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Interested parties can view the proposed plan and see more information about the planning process in advance of the session at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/wolfmanagementplan>.

Anyone who wishes to provide or make comments during the live listening session must register in advance, by noon on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023. The link for registration is included in the above url.



Bev McConnell photo, courtesy of Metro Creative Graphics Inc.

Anyone can tune in to view the live feed of Tuesday's listening session on the DNR's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZAMpsiAPWoc>.

The listening session is a supplement to, and in addition to, the

public review and comment period on the proposed wolf management plan. That public review and comment period is open until Feb. 28, 2023. Comments can be submitted to the DNR for this purpose via their website using the Online Comment Tool, via email, and by regular mail. Email comments can be submitted to: DNRWildlifeSwitchboard@wisconsin.gov or comments can be mailed to: Wolf Management Plan Comments, 101 S. Webster St., PO Box 7921, Madison WI 53707-7921.

In 2021, \$179,344.06 was paid out in wolf damage payments across the state.

Reports listing the reported problems with wolves are available

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at the DNR website: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/wolf/maps.html>. Scroll down under the heading "Depredation Reports" and click on the report for the year desired. Note: Depredation is a fancy word for attack. Reports for confirmed and probable wolf depredations, verified wolf harassment or threats, unconfirmed depredation or complaints, and confirmed non-

wolf depredation or complaints are all presented, by year. As an example, confirmed/probable wolf depredation/attacks occurred in 2022 in 12 different counties in Wisconsin according to the reports, including one in Lincoln County (a Plott hunting dog), and documented attacks affected dairy calves, domestic dogs, hunting dogs, chickens, lambs, and beef calves and heifers, of various breeds. In addition, verified instances of wolf harassment or threats affecting human safety, pets, and livestock were documented in seven counties and involved threats of wolves close to residences, threats to domestic/pet dogs, and threats to cows, including dairy cattle, beef cattle,

and bison. Many other unconfirmed complaints were also filed, affecting some of the same, but also many additional, counties and also involved human safety, pets, livestock, horses, deer, and adult sheep, as well. A Feb. 10, 2022, federal court ruling resulted in gray wolves being listed as an endangered species in the lower 48 states (excluding the northern Rocky Mountains region). As such, wolves are federally protected. Harvest and lethal depredation control are prohibited. Translated? You can't shoot or kill a wolf. The DNR website said it will continue its robust wolf population monitoring program and the development of an updated wolf management plan. The goal is to maintain a healthy, secure wolf population in the state, while also partnering with the UWDA-Wildlife Services to address wolf conflicts.

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"In cold temperatures, the body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced, which can lead to cold-related illnesses such as hypothermia or frostbite," said Andrew Stoltze, MD, Aspirus Emergency Room Physician. "Being cold is uncomfortable at best, but it can also become dangerous."

Ready Wisconsin and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggest learning the signs of, and basic treatments for, these conditions:

Hypothermia is an unusually low body temperature.

Signs: Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, or drowsiness.

Actions: Hypothermia is a medical emergency. If you notice any of the above signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95° F, get medical attention immediately. If you are not able to get medical help right away, try to warm the person up. Go to a warm room. Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck,

head, and groin. Keep dry and wrapped up in warm blankets, including the head and neck.

Frostbite causes loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers, and toes.

Signs: Numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, firm or waxy skin.

Actions: Seek medical attention immediately. If a person shows signs of frostbite, but no signs of hypothermia, and immediate medical care is not available, go to a warm room. Soak in warm water. Use body heat to warm. Do not massage or use a heating pad.

According to CDC, anyone can suffer from cold-related health issues, but some people are at greater risk than others. They include older adults, young children, those who are sick, and those without adequate shelter. "Being prepared is your best defense against extremely cold weather," Dr. Stoltze said.

The Wisconsin Department of Health



Andrew Stoltze, MD, Aspirus Emergency Room physician. Photo courtesy of Aspirus.

Services (DHS) offers these seven tips to stay warm and prevent cold-related illnesses this winter:

1. Stay inside. When possible, stay indoors. If you must go outside, dress in loose-fitting layers and cover up as much of your body as you can. The more skin that's exposed, the faster you can get frostbite. Wear a hat, mittens, and boots, as well as a scarf to cover your mouth and face.

2. Create a home emergency kit. Stock up on items such as food and water, first aid kit,

cell phone and charger, flashlight and batteries, any necessary medications, weather radio, and extra clothes.

3. Winterize your car. Create a second emergency kit for your car, but with a few extra items. This kit should include blankets, snacks and water, a shovel, jumper cables, and sand. Always keep your gas tank at least half-full.

4. Communicate if you leave. If heading

See **FROSTBITE** page 6

Know the Signs and Symptoms
Frostbite and Hypothermia

Frostbite	Hypothermia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redness or pain in any skin area may be the first sign of frostbite • A white or grayish-yellow skin area • Skin that feels unusually firm or waxy • Numbness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shivering • Exhaustion • Confusion • Fumbling hands • Memory loss • Slurred speech • Drowsiness Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bright red, cold skin • Very low energy

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Nathan A. Leikip, 45, formerly of Sheridan, WY, died Monday, January 16, 2023, at his home in Overland Park, KS after a 19-year battle with PTSD and the physical pain from injuries he sustained during his tour of duty with the US Army in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Even though Nathan took his own life, he was a baptized child of God,

and is now in the arms of his Risen Savior and is free of pain. He is healthy, happy, and whole.

Nathan, whose name means "Gift of God", was born February 19, 1977, in Antigo, WI. He was adopted by his parents, Daniel J. Leikip (deceased) and Beth M. Leikip-Manthei in Merrill, WI, where he spent his early childhood. Following his father's death, his mother married Jay Manthei, and the family moved to Sheridan in 1992.

He graduated from Sheridan High School in 1995 and enlisted in the US Navy where he served aboard the submarine USS Rhode Island from 1996-2000. Following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, he was compelled to enlist in the US Army to serve our country again. While deployed in Iraq, he sustained injuries after an attack on his convoy in November 2003. He returned home and was honored by his hometown. After a short visit, he went back to Iraq. Two weeks later, in February 2004, the vehicle he was riding in hit an IED. Nathan sustained injuries from that attack; however, the other two soldiers in the vehicle were killed. He received two Purple Hearts and the Army Commendation Medal for Combat Valor. Despite his desire to return to Iraq and complete his mission, Nathan was honorably discharged in January 2005. Nathan passionately served our country and was a true patriot.

Upon discharge, he attended the police academy in Trinidad, CO, and became a sheriff's deputy for the Bayfield Colorado Marshal's Office until 2009. He held various jobs in Florida and again in Colorado, before relocating to Kansas City to be near family.

Nathan actively hunted, fished, and camped in the Big Horn Mountains and in Colorado. In Kansas, he enjoyed cruising around on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, restoring vintage vehicles with his brother-in-law, and horseback riding.

He is preceded in death by his father, his maternal grandparents Willis and Selda Weerts; paternal grandparents Raymond and Aurelia Leikip, as well as his step-brother, Jon Manthei. He is survived by his mother and stepfather both of Sheridan, his sister, Melissa Leikip-Madsen (Paul) of Leawood, Kan., and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Nathan was a man of honor and integrity. He was a loyal friend - always willing to help in times of need. Rough around the edges, he had a heart of gold and an amazing smile and laugh that brought joy to everyone he met. He will be deeply missed by many.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sheridan, and Nathan will be buried with full military honors. The date of the service will be announced in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Nathan's memory can be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, Disabled American Veterans and Martin Luther Grammar School, or Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sheridan.

On behalf of all the men and women who have served our country, the family encourages everyone to contact their congressmen and ask them to pursue better mental health assistance for our returning combat veterans.



Marion D. Simon, 89, of Merrill, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2023, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill.

Marion was born July 15, 1933, in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, daughter of the late Louis and Viola (Grawien) Langhoff. Although Marion did not graduate High School, many years later, she received her G.E.D. along with several of her sisters. She married Richard 'Dick' Simon on April 14, 1956. He preceded her in death on March 20, 2016. Marion was a daycare provider to her grandchildren, great grandchildren and several other local families. She had also worked as a cook at several restaurants in the Merrill area. Marion enjoyed embroidery, fishing, cooking, watching Little League games, gardening in her flower beds, and going for car rides. She loved sitting on her swing in her backyard and watching the birds in the bird bath. Marion was a Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packers fan.

Survivors include her five children, Larry (Phyllis) Simon, Susan Spoehr, Warren (Virginia) Simon, Robert Simon, and Lynette (Dale) Dittmar, all of Merrill; ten grandchildren, Andrew (Jessica) Simon, Christopher (Jenny) Simon, Ginger (Aaron) Osness, Travis (Stephanie) Spoehr, Jesse Spoehr, Trevor Spoehr, Suzanne (C.J.) Coleman, Stephen Simon, Brittany (Tyler) Grams, and Mitchell Dittmar; six great-grandchildren, Devon, Sophie, Easton, Katelyn, Parker, and Scout; two sisters, Shirley Borchardt of Merrill, and Clarice (Ervin) Boehm of Wausau; one brother, Louis Langhoff, Jr. of Oshkosh; two sisters-in-law, Louise Zahn of Shawano and Mardell Simon of Merrill; and many nieces and nephews.

Marion was preceded in death by her husband, Richard 'Dick' Simon; parents, Louis Sr. and Viola Langhoff; son-in-law, Mark Spoehr; great-granddaughter, Taylor Osness; siblings, Margery (William Klammer) Klammer-Buffinton, Vernetta (Milton) Kleinschmidt; Isabelle 'Issie' (Robert) Hoff, Jean (Lawrence) Bubolz, and Florence (David) Langhoff' and her in-laws, Geraldine Langhoff, LaVern Borchardt, Glen Buffinton, Stephen (Evelyn) Simon, Edward (Elaine) Simon, Margaret (Joe) Wildman, Clyde Zahn, Rosalie (Vinol) Bergman, and Herbert Simon.

The funeral service for Marion will be held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, February 4, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill. Rev. Greg Laska will officiate. Interment will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Friday, February 3, 2023, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill and after 10:00 A.M. Saturday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Patricia 'Pat' Ann Peeters, age 75, of Merrill, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 23, 2023, after undergoing a surgical procedure at the UW Madison Hospital. She was born on August 9, 1947 to the late Chester J. and Lucille M. (Stachura) Polebitski in Stevens Point, WI. Pat grew up in Eastside Floral, a business that her parents owned. This was the beginning of her love for flowers. Pat met the love of her life, her best friend, Larry Peeters. The two were united

in marriage on February 27, 1971, in Merrill. A union lasting nearly 52 years.

Pat was always an organized person so her job in various administrative assistant positions suited her well. She had last worked in the office at Wausau East High School and was there for 30 years.

Pat was an avid reader, had lots of books and would attend book exchanges whenever she could. Saying she was a very skilled quilter and basket maker was an understatement! She took it very seriously but was very talented and had a lot of fun with it! Pat especially looked forward to her time quilting with the ladies at Bell Tower, ultimately making hundreds of quilts. She also had a passion for basket weaving, she had rooms and areas specifically for all of her supplies. She has left her family with these priceless quilts and baskets, something that can be passed down from generation to generation. Pat enjoyed giving back to the community and organizations that helped others, and often did so in memory of her daughter, Becky. She was always very active in community events, including making and selling delicious popcorn at Gazebo Nights with Larry, and they would donate their proceeds to Relay for Life. Pat was a creative person that would make beautiful handmade cards with rubber stamps, she had a huge collection of rubber stampers. She had an eye for creating the perfect card for the perfect occasion. Pat and Larry enjoyed doing many things together, they were a great team. They enjoyed photography together, where they did weddings for over 30 years. Pat was an accomplished photographer and gifted at setting up photos. Pat and Larry also built their home together hand in hand, from the ground up. Pat will be missed by many, but the seeds she has sown in the hearts of her loved ones and friends will grow into beautiful memories.

Pat leaves behind her loving husband: Larry Peeters, daughter: Therese (Jeremy) Kufahl, grandsons: Kurtis and Tyler Kufahl, great grandson: Asher Kufahl, brother: Richard Polebitski and sister: Susan Hubeny, along with many nieces, nephews and good friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, daughter: Rebecca Peeters and brother: Jim Polebitski.

The funeral service for Pat will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 11am at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill. Deacon Jim Arndt will officiate. Visitation will be held that same day from 9am until the time of the service, also at the funeral home. A luncheon in the Lincoln Room at the funeral home will immediately follow the service. Burial of her cremated remains will take place at a later date.

Charities were near and dear to Pat's heart, so family requests that in lieu of flowers, to please direct donations in Pat's name to the Relay of Life, Bell Tower Residence, Merrill Food Pantry or St. Vincent De Paul.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.



Elizabeth (Betty) Jahns, 94 Passed on January 19th at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

Oldest daughter of Erwin and Esther Kniess. Longtime resident of Gleason. She met her husband Ed Jahns roller skating. They were married April 17th, 1948. They were married 57 years. Betty worked at Fromm Fur Farm, Weinbrenner Shoes, and Dave's Country Market. After retirement they sold produce at area farmers markets and flea markets.

Betty was known for her sewing crafts and embroidery of dish towels.

Betty had three girls (Donna (Phillip) Fecteau of Washington, Pat (Dale) Brown of Gleason, Chris (Kevin) LaBlanc of Washington).

Grandchildren (James (Chery) Fecteau, Jamie Grund of Merrill, Jennifer Brown (Chris Harder) of Gleason, Stephanie Brown (Rodney Olhman) of Merrill.

Great Grandchildren Christian Lee (Jaydin Eternicka) of Gleason, Kallie and Tanner Lee of Gleason, Julian and Devin Fecteau of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ed (Buddy) and her parents Erwin & Esther Kniess, Sister LaBelle Klug, Granddaughter Michelle Brown, In-laws Alvin & Arlette Gruetzmacher.

She was member of the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church of Gleason.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, June 24, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Gleason Lions Park on Bradley Street. The family would like to say a big THANK YOU to Pine Crest Rehab Unit and any others involved in her care. Thanks to Dr. Shackford you were all wonderful! Thank you too Paster Greg Laska.

Mid Wisconsin Cremation Society is assisting family at this time. Online Condolences may be expressed at MWCS.WS



Sandra A. "Sandy" Hass, 63, Wausau passed away peacefully on Friday, January 27, 2023 while under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services at her home.

She was born July 21, 1959 in Wausau, daughter of Florence (Mijal) Ziegel, Wausau and the late Gerald "Jerry" Ziegel who recently passed on January 4, 2023. On August 1, 1997 she married Todd Hass in Wausau. A year later, they were blessed with twins, Megan and Matthew. Sandy and Todd

were able to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this past summer in Bayfield.

For 45 years, Sandy worked in administration for Wausau Insurance Company, now known as UMR until her retirement. She was a proud member of the Spina Bifida Northern Wisconsin Support Group. Among her favorite pastimes, she enjoyed photography, scrapbooking, was an avid Wisconsin sports fan and enjoyed trips to Lake Michigan and Lake Superior.

Survivors include her husband, Todd Hass, Wausau, her children, Megan and Matthew, Wausau, her mother, Florence Ziegel, Wausau, her siblings, Jim (Dawn) Ziegel, Merrill, Jeff (Lori) Ziegel, Wausau, Donna (Jon) Martin, DePere, her brothers-in-law, Jerry (Jen) Hass, Madison and Rick (Kerry) Hass, Merrill, her sister-in-law, Nancy Hass, Merrill, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides her father, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ervin and Norma Ziegel Sr. and Walter and Julia Mijal, her Godparents, Jean Pierzchalski and Walter Niewolny, her mother and father-in-law, Clifford and Barbara Hass and her sister-in-law, Sherry Alderton.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 2023 at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Wausau. The Rev. Samuel Martin will preside. Burial will be at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery, Village of Maine. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services all at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Marathon County Humane Society. Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, Wausau is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com

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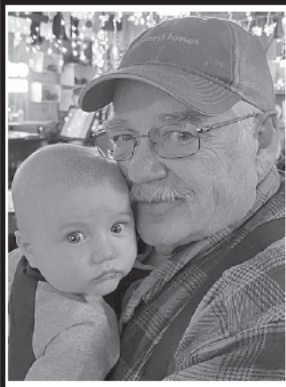
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| OBITUARIES |



Wayne E. Catlin, 72, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2023, after celebrating the victory of his grandson winning the F500 Snowmobile class in Eagle River, which he personally wrenched on the winning sled side by side with his son and grandsons.

Born on October 16, 1950, in Merrill, son of the late R. Neil Catlin and Mary (Kippenberg) Catlin of Gleason. He graduated from Merrill High in 1968. Wayne married, received his associate degree in farming, and had two children. After his farming career and a divorce, Wayne went on to the trucking industry in the 80's, eventually being an owner/operator. But that wasn't enough for him either. Wayne, AKA Hoggie, dreamed of, designed, built and opened, Hoggie Doggie's, in Woodruff WI in 1995. You would find him "PR'ing" in the parking lot or frying his famous ho-made fry's he was known for that his family and hunting crew choked down year after year to make that perfect fry. He later sold the business and married Ivy (Golownia) Will on August 16, 2008, at Luther Memorial Church in Gleason. They resided on his grandparent's homestead enjoying the peacefulness of watching the wildlife that surrounds their home. Wayne enjoyed the watching as he knew what was inside those woods waiting for him at deer season. Wayne enjoyed hunting, from being in groups to the latest years, hunting with his sons and grandsons, even giving the bug to his granddaughter. Wayne also passed along fishing, from ice to boat, fresh or salt water, didn't matter how hot or how cold, if he was in nature, he was ready to go, as his walls of trophy bucks and fish can vouch for him, even winning a couple of fishing tournaments.

Wayne and Ivy would also venture out on the Harley, from going out to Yellowstone for their honeymoon or just a day trip, finding the best food and drink around from the biggest to the smallest of towns. In his travels, Wayne always made new friends, or someone would always recognize him, or his recognizable laugh, that we can still hear today.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Ivy Catlin; daughter, Tammy Catlin; son, Todd Catlin (Amy Klinger) all of Gleason; step children, Mary Will and Aaron (Heather) Will, both from Mosinee; grandchildren, Justin (Abby) Onson, Zach (Caitlin) Onson, Markus (Kaylyn) Catlin, Cole Catlin, Johanne (AJ) Catlin, Vicki Catlin and Samantha Catlin; step grandchildren, Autumn Chrouser, Robyn Chrouser, Emerald Will, Samantha Will and Mason Oleson; and 9 great grandchildren. Along with honorary family, Dane Klinger and Reed Klinger both of Athens.

The funeral service for Wayne was held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 30, 2023, at St John Lutheran Church in Merrill. Rev. Greg Laska officiated. Visitation began at 9:00 A.M. on Monday at the church. Burial of Wayne's cremated remains will take place at a later date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Merrill, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Marilyn Grunenwald, 79, passed away peacefully at Aspirus Wausau Hospital on Monday January 23, 2023. She was born December 16, 1943, in Wausau, WI to the late Harold and Gloria (Hoff) Wiederhoeft.

On June 6th, 1964, she married the love of her life and helpmate Laverne Grunenwald, at St. Peter Lutheran church in Hamburg, WI.

Marilyn and Laverne traveled a lot in their younger years to much of the United States, Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada. She became a member of St John ELCA when they moved to their new house in the town of Maine in 1971. There Marilyn was active in the church as a Sunday school teacher, church council member and on many other committees. She was actively involved in card groups and enjoyed playing Sheephead. She has made many friends through the years and enjoyed spending time with them. Marilyn was an excellent cook and baker, especially cookies and bars which her grandchildren loved. She was very involved in Marathon County Homemakers Association for 25 years. She and Laverne really enjoyed going to and helping at the WI Valley fair.

Marilyn worked at Wausau Insurance/Nationwide/Liberty Mutual in audit review for 37 years and was a member of the Quarter Century Club. She was also a consultant with Liberty Mutual from Lewiston, Maine. Marilyn served as Treasurer of the Town of Maine for 16 years, enjoying her time spent with the many people who paid taxes in person.

Marilyn is survived by her husband Laverne and their two sons, Steven (Pam) Grunenwald, and Greg Grunenwald both of Wausau. She also has two Grandsons Cody and Logan Grunenwald both of Wausau. Sister Jean (John) Reed, Mosinee, WI and Robert (Terri) Wiederhoeft Weston, WI and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was also survived by in-laws Duane (Carol) Grunenwald, Jeanette (Al) Schmolze, Val Grunenwald, Phyllis (Clarence) Kostecki. Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents and her in laws Edward and Ruth Grunenwald, Lavine (Laurenz) Krause, Douglas and Lorraine Grunenwald, Floyd Grunenwald, Lloyd & Gladys Grunenwald, Wilber Grunenwald, Eugene and Mable Grunenwald, Vilas Stidinger.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday January 28th, 2023, at St John Ev Lutheran Church ELCA, 5304 44th Ave in the Village of Maine. Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until the time of service at the church on Saturday. Pastor Maggie Westaby will be officiating. Burial will be at St John Cemetery, Village of Maine at a later date. Helke Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be given at www.helke.com

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Street Paving Construction Project
The City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, will receive sealed bids for street asphaltic paving project. This project will consist of paving and curb and gutter on Webster Street between S Alexander Street and Eugene Street. Bids will be accepted until 2 pm, February 16th, 2023, at the City of Merrill city hall, at which time they will be opened, read aloud and placed on file for further action. Bids shall be returned to the City Clerk's Office located at 1004 E First Street, Merrill, WI 54452. Bid documents will be available Friday February 3rd, 2023. Plan documents can be downloaded for a \$50.00 non-refundable fee by inputting Quest Project # 8380728 (<http://www.questcdn.com/>). Paper copies will also be available from the City of Merrill Engineering Department for a \$70 non-refundable fee. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the owner and to waive any informalities in the bidding.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Street/Utility Construction Project
The City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, will receive sealed bids for a street and utility project. This project is located on O'day Street between Martin Street and Riverside Park. Bids will be accepted until 2 pm, February 16th, 2023, at the City of Merrill city hall, at which time they will be opened, read aloud and placed on file for further action. Bids shall be returned to the City Clerk's Office located at 1004 E First Street, Merrill, WI 54452. Bid documents will be available Friday February 3rd, 2023. Plan documents can be downloaded for a \$50.00 non-refundable fee by inputting Quest Project #8380734 (<http://www.questcdn.com/>). Paper copies will also be available from the City of Merrill Engineering Department for a \$70 non-refundable fee. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the owner and to waive any informalities in the bidding.
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Street/Utility Construction Project
The City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, will receive sealed bids for a street and utility project. This project is located on E Tenth Street between N Center Ave. and Lake Street. Bids will be accepted until 2 pm, February 16th, 2023, at the City of Merrill city hall, at which time they will be opened, read aloud and placed on file for further action. Bids shall be returned to the City Clerk's Office located at 1004 E First Street, Merrill, WI 54452. Bid documents will be available Friday February 3rd, 2023. Plan documents can be downloaded for a \$50.00 non-refundable fee by inputting Quest Project #8380730 (<http://www.questcdn.com/>). Paper copies will also be available from the City of Merrill Engineering Department for a \$70 non-refundable fee. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the owner and to waive any informalities in the bidding.
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BY THE COURT
DATE SIGNED: 01/09/2023
/s/ HON. GALEN BAYNE-ALLISON
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR I
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Merrill Public Works Department will accept bids for the following work at the Merrill City Clerk's Office, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452, until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday February 16, 2023. Project details may be obtained from the Street Superintendent at (715) 536-4222 or dustin.bonack@ci.merrill.wi.us.

Micro-surfacing of Various City Streets

The City of Merrill reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid they deem advantageous to the City of Merrill.

Dustin Bonack
Street Superintendent
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Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 23CV04

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Kristin Tate Woller
By (Petitioner) Kristin Tate Woller

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Kristin Tate Woller
To: Kristin Tate Tobin

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 Circuit Court-Branch 1 Courtroom
1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
Date: 02-22-2023
Time: 9:00am

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 doesn't 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 1/26/23, 2/2/23 & 2/9/23
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: January 18, 2023
Electronically signed by
Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2023 IN 02

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Bobbi R. A. Grund

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11-22-1959 and date of death 11-18-2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 309 Hendricks St., Merrill.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 5, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office
Adam Kopetzky
N2560 Hwy 107, Merrill, WI 54452
715-432-9545
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: January 26, 2023
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHN A. BENZINGER
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2023 IN 04

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth August 18, 1946 and date of death January 17, 2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 701 North Prospect Street, Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 19, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Mara A. Benzinger
709 Holbeck Street
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-630-9111

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Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
December 21, 2022 - Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:31 PM in the Board Room. Board members present: Gremler, Krueger, Liberty, Osness, Proulx, Yingling and Blake. Board members absent: Volpe, Woller. Others Present: Superintendent Murray, MAPS Administrators, Rell and Rudie; 7 people from the public and Recorder Woller.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the annual Self Assessment plan, process and timeline as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Proulx left the meeting at 5:47 p.m.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Krueger to approve the MAPS 4K Contract for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Osness to approve the BVA Governance Board enrollment limits for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Gremler, second by Osness to approve the MHS course description book for 2023-2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
Proulx returned at 6:21 p.m.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve contracting with the Lincoln County UW Extension office for Mental Health Navigation services for one year, not to exceed \$27,200. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Osness to approve the updated personnel report, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to approve consent agenda items a through c, which includes minutes of the November 16, 2022, and December 13, 2022, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$4,050,796.78; and, donations totaling \$9,462.08. Motion carried with Liberty abstaining from the November 16 and December 13 minutes; and, Proulx abstaining from the December 13 minutes.
Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(c); and, (f) except where par. (b) applies. The purpose of the closed session is to discuss administrators' and supervisors' evaluations. MOTION by Yingling, second by Liberty to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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MOTION by Proulx, second by Yingling to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Osness
Board Clerk
KO/tbw
(The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.)
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
January 11, 2023 - Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: Gremler, Krueger, Liberty, Osness, Volpe, Woller and Blake. Board members absent: Proulx and Yingling. Others present: Superintendent Murray, MAPS Administrators, ten people from the public, and Recorder Woller.
MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to approve Bray-Miron as our vendor for the facility needs assessment based upon the proposal presented. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Krueger, second by Liberty to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Osness
Board Clerk
KO/tbw
(The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.)
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Request for Proposals
Airport FBO Hangar for sale
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City of Merrill, Wisconsin 54452
All questions regarding the proposal shall be directed to and the proposal shall be submitted to: Rod Akey, Public Works Director/City Engineer 1004 East 1st Street Merrill, Wisconsin 54452
Telephone: (715) 536-5594
email: Rod.Akey@ci.merrill.wi.us
Documents are available from The Clerk/Treasurer's Office in City Hall or on the City's website.
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Breanna Cammack

Good job on your 4.0 at Wausau Tech.

Love you,
Grandma Jackie

EARLY IN PERSON VOTING NOTICE

Early voting for City of Merrill Residents for the February 21, 2023 Spring Primary will begin at City Hall (1004 East First Street) on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Voting hours are:

02/07 - 02/10	8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
02/13 - 02/16	8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
02/17	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

There is no early voting permitted on Monday, February 20th.

Lori L. Anderson-Malm
City Clerk
Published February 2nd, 2023
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In Memory of Mike Duginski

Senator Felzkowski and Rep. Callahan both vote to amend bail reform

Now the issue is up to voters and will be decided on the April ballot

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Wisconsin State Senate convened on Jan. 17 to vote on a constitutional amendment regarding bail reform, which will allow judges to consider public safety and the totality of the circumstances when setting bail conditions, a press release from Senator Mary Felzkowski's office said.

Senator Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) voted with the majority in favor of the resolution.

"Under our current Constitution, the only reason for which a judge may include monetary conditions

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LCSS offers free Strengthening Families for Caregivers Program

The Lincoln County Department of Social Services is offering a free eight-week program, Strengthening Families for Caregivers, beginning March 28, 2023. The workshop will focus on providing strategies for caregivers to build positive relationships with children who have experienced trauma. In addition to caregivers, the shared strategies are applicable for anyone who provides support to children, organizers say.

The program will use scenarios to guide discussion, provide tangible tools to use, and offer participants opportunities to build their skills. Participants will learn how trauma

affects children, how a child's trauma can affect caregivers, how to create a safe environment, and how to be an advocate for children who have experienced trauma. In addition, participants will learn how to help children develop connections, as well as understand and manage their feelings and behaviors. Each session of the program builds on the prior session. For those who miss a session, the presenters say they will help participants to get caught up.

"We BELIEVE in creating a safe environment for learning and will never ask participants to speak to their own trauma or their child's trauma,"

the presenters say. "We UNDERSTAND that the material we share can evoke strong feelings and emotions and COMMIT to allowing participants to take the space and time they need and WILL be available for participants after sessions if they need to process."

The program will take place in person on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center beginning on March 28 and concluding on May 16. To register and for additional information, contact Brenda Rasmussen at brenda.rasmussen@co.lincoln.wi.us or Kristine Shorey at kristine.shorey@co.lincoln.wi.us.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Resolutions for a Better World

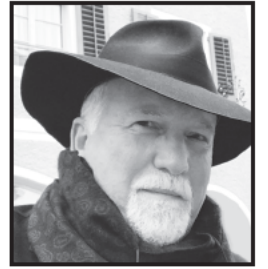
Dear Reader,

With the advent of a new year, we might want to make a few resolutions if they apply to us (and those in our lives) given all the infirmities currently in the world.

We ought to:

- ~ behave better toward each other in public and in private;
- ~ show a regard for truth and a responsible disregard for lies;
- ~ stop pandering to anger and our primal urges;
- ~ uplift the common good and deny power to those who would not;
- ~ seek peace and abhor violence (Isaac Asimov - "Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent.");
- ~ cherish our country's ideals of honor, integrity and compassion; and
- ~ look for solutions by listening and understanding differences and working out compromises.

We need to unite hope with the belief that we can be better; that we can act better; that we can construct a better world for us and the generations to follow.



PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

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out, especially on an outdoor excursion, tell relatives and friends where you are going and when you expect to return.

5. Check on your friends, family, and neighbors. It's critical to check on loved ones and neighbors during extreme cold, especially those who are elderly. Make sure they are stocked up with the supplies they need and taking measures to stay warm.

6. Do not ignore shivering. It's an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent shivering is a signal to return indoors.

7. Limit outdoor time for pets. Extreme cold is dangerous for animals too.

Anyone who is exposed to cold temperatures and recognizes any signs of cold-related illnesses should seek medical care as soon as possible. To find an Aspirus facility near you, visit <https://www.aspirus.org/find-a-location>.

2023 Merrill Baseball Registration Monday, February 6 • 5 - 7 pm at Les & Jim's Bowling Alley

Registration is for all players ages 6 - 15.

Coach Pitch (6 - 8)	\$50
Minor League (9-10)	\$60
Major League (11 - 12)	\$60
Babe Ruth (13 - 14)	\$90

Tryouts will be held on Sunday, March 12 at the Merrill High School Fieldhouse from 2 pm - 6 pm. You will be notified if your son needs to tryout this season.

There will be a \$20 late fee for registrations that take place after April 1. We are looking forward to a great season!

For more information, please go to merrillbaseball.com or to the Merrill Baseball Association Facebook page. You may also email questions to merrillbaseballassociation@gmail.com



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FFA MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Chloe Faber, a Freshman at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named FFA Member of the Month for January 2023. Chloe joined FFA this year, during her first year in high school. "I joined FFA because I love doing/ learning things that involve agriculture," Chloe said. "My grandpa and grandma have two horses," she said. "I like to ride them in the spring and summer whenever I get the chance!" In her free time, she also likes to hang out with friends and family outside of school. The daughter of Troy and Sara Faber of Hamburg, Chloe has a 3.0 GPA. "I plan on graduating high school and studying something in the agricultural career path," Chloe said.



Chloe Faber

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Debunking human trafficking myths and misconceptions

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. In recognition of this, Attorney General Josh Kaul and the Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (WAHTTF) are debunking myths about human trafficking, to help increase awareness of the problem.

"Human trafficking impacts communities across the state and country, and it's important for people to know the facts," said Attorney General Josh Kaul. "By sharing information about human trafficking, we hope to raise awareness about this appalling crime."

Myth: Human trafficking only occurs outside of the United States, primarily in developing countries.

Fact: All forms of human trafficking occur in the United States.

Myth: Traffickers typically target strangers.

Fact: Victims of human trafficking are most commonly trafficked by someone they know. This could include a romantic partner, family member, employer, or other acquaintance who engages in grooming tactics that include false promises and lies, gifts, basic needs, affection, and attention.

Myth: Victims of human trafficking only come from households with pre-existing economic and social challenges.

Fact: Anyone can be a victim of human trafficking. It is true that there are certain populations that are disproportionately at risk, including people affected by prior abuse or sexual violence, poverty, and unstable living situations or homelessness, as well as those systemically marginalized and underserved. However, the myth that it can only happen to certain groups is harmful.

Myth: All human trafficking involves sex.

Fact: Sex trafficking exists, but it is not the only type of human trafficking. Forced labor is another type of human trafficking; both involve exploitation of people. Victims are found in legitimate and illegitimate labor industries, including sweatshops, massage parlors, agriculture, restaurants, hotels, and domestic service.

Myth: People experiencing human trafficking are usually abducted, and physically held against their will so

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Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Plane

(Now playing in theatres)

★★★★☆

This film is rated R for language, violence, and peril

This week my movie review features a film called *Plane*, starring Gerard Butler, and folks, it's pretty darn good.

This is one of those that, if I say too much, will spoil the film, so bear with me as I struggle to give you some sort of understanding of this one.

So we have a flight, and that flight gets hit by lightning and has to make an emergency landing. On board are 14 people of various nationalities and 1 prisoner being transferred to the United States.

They all end up on some raggedy island in the South China Sea controlled by bad guys. Said bad guys see the plane and think, "Oh, goodie! Hostages. Hurray! We gonna get paid. Booya!"

Pilot and prisoner team up; bloodshed ensues.

Simple enough, I know, but it's actually a pretty entertaining film. It has a solid story line, and it's realistic.

No John McLean antics in this one. Just straight up fighting and action with real characters. No characters are over the top, and let me tell you true, it is TENSE. They really ratchet up the tension in this one, folks. It really is edge-of-your-seat stuff.

While the likelihood of this one ever winning any awards is slim to none, and it has no social commentary, it is a fantastic way to kill a couple of hours. I know for me, the film flew by, even with a 1-hour, 47-minute run time. It just cruised by, and that's a good thing.



Most definitely a popcorn flick, and this one is a hard R, so leave the kiddos at home. Three out of five stars for *Plane*.

ENROLLMENT from page 1

Any Wisconsin resident whose children are in 4K up to and including grade 12 may apply for open enrollment of their child(ren), that is, may apply for their child(ren) to attend public school in a school district other than the one in which they reside, but must complete an application to do so within this timeframe. Applications are available at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>.

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In most cases, if children are approved to attend school in a nonresident school district, parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from school at their own expense. Low-income parents may apply to the DPI for reimbursement of a portion of their transportation costs.

There is also an alternative open enrollment process. According to the office of State Assembly Representative Calvin Callahan, who represents the 35th District of Wisconsin, last year 71,489 students open-enrolled from one public school to attend another one.

Locally, for the 2021-2022 academic year, September 2021 count data indicated 816 students had open enrolled into the Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) district, including 752 students who had open enrolled into the MAPS in the Bridges Virtual Academy, while 162 students had open enrolled out of MAPS during that same data count period.

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Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is **Mason Graap**
Son of **Brianna Hedges**
Mason is in 3rd Grade at Washington Elementary School. He was nominated by Mrs. Schulz.

What is your favorite subject in school?
Why?
99 math is my favorite subject, because I'm really good at it and it's really fun to play. I'm already on level 16.

What is your favorite part of school?
Why?
Gym class is the best part of school because it's super fun. You get to be on teams sometimes, learn new fun things and be active.

What would you like to do/become someday?
Why?
Some day I want to be a professional gamer, because it is something I really enjoy and I know a lot about them. Plus, video games are the BEST!!

Mason has an amazing way of solving math facts in his head. Mason has been making progress in learning how to take on challenges. He has been able to communicate with trusted adults on how he is feeling and what he needs. He is a great friend to others and works incredibly hard in school to do his very best. He is going to do great things in this world.
- Mrs. Schulz

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The morning exercise involved searching for “lost” fishermen (volunteers pretending to be lost), and the afternoon exercise was to evacuate an injured trail rider (utilizing volunteers and a dummy) “trapped” under an overturned recreational vehicle and to evacuate the injured rider via helicopter.

The training had several specific objectives for all the participants:

- Navigate to distress calls via GPS and What3Words
- Effective communications between search and rescue teams, command, and air assets
- Locate, evaluate, and extricate simulated victims
- Evaluate specifics related to cold weather operations
- Demonstrate medical evacuation by helicopter in remote areas

“Two lost fishermen” morning rescue simulation

After a safety briefing with all parties, the group learned the Wisconsin Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter coming in from West Bend would not be able to participate in the first exercise as originally planned due to the weather. Low ceilings [the distance between ground level and the lowest cloud base] meant visibility was reduced and the Army National Guard has a 1,000-ft minimum ceiling requirement for training; as of 8:00 a.m. that day, the Merrill Airport was reporting only 400-ft ceilings. The air crew remained on stand-by, waiting and watching to see if the weather would improve for the afternoon simulation.

Meanwhile, the morning search-and-rescue training simulation proceeded without the much-anticipated helicopter. A real emergency situation doesn’t wait for the weather to clear, and neither did the crew assigned to search and rescue. “At 9:00 a.m., we used our dispatch software to alert our rescue and recovery teams of two lost fishermen that didn’t have cell phones,” Adam Harden said. The rescue simulation had begun. “Alpha team consisted of four personnel and two UTVs; Bravo team had six personnel and three road-legal 4-wheel-drive vehicles.”

“Communications between the teams and command were on the statewide interop frequency Fire Ground Black [as coordinated by Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM)]. We did have to utilize our backup Satellite radio system when some of the teams went out of range of VHF (Very High Frequency) radios,” he said. “One of the lessons learned about radios was how other vehicle equipment can interfere with radio communications.”

“Both teams completed their primary search without locating the victims, then went back for a more detailed search,” Adam Harden said. “Command fed them more information to narrow down the search area to simulate more information coming in from passerby reports.”

Then, “using a drone, Bravo team spotted the lost UTV near Bus Lake (not named by DNR though, it’s a small lake),” he said. “Drones for our rescue-and-recovery teams will be important moving forward.”

“Once the victims were found, they radioed into the command that they found them prior to driving down a very sketchy snow covered road,” Adam Harden said. “As we didn’t have a helicopter, command sent the Town of Russell Fire Department to the scene with their tracked UTV to assist. Our ambassador team enjoyed seeing the capabilities of the tracked UTV and learned a little about the operation of it.”

Black Hawk helicopter arrives

The weather cleared in time for the afternoon exercise, allowing the Black Hawk helicopter to fly into the area, so the next exercise could continue, this time with the benefit of the air support. Instructor Adam Harden adjusted the training exercise to provide the search-and-rescue teams with the valuable experience of working with and around a flying Black Hawk. He combined the two search-and-rescue teams for this exercise, and “Our brave soul victims once again headed out into the forest to get lost,” Adam Harden said.

“The ground teams headed out and, soon after, the helicopter arrived on scene,” he said. “There was a lot of coordination between the National Guard and myself on getting the helicopter there. The pilot sent me his search grids ahead of their departure from West Bend. That type of communication was great.”



Multiple area agencies participate in an exercise to evacuate a mock patient via helicopter. **Kathy Stoney photos.**



Area first responders participating in the training simulation transport a dummy “patient” to the helicopter for evacuation.

“When the helicopter arrived on scene, I cleared them to search area one. They found the lost victims within 10 minutes. From there, they worked with the ground teams via Fire Ground Black to direct them to the location of the victims (they were hidden pretty well). Teams gathered the GPS coordinates by opting to just move towards the hovering helicopter.”

“This type of quick response from an air asset is key to future search-and-rescue emergencies, as it drives the ‘call early’ part home,” he said. “Thus the benefit of the Air Coordination Group by WEM. One phone call is all that’s needed. While the Black Hawk couldn’t get there right away, once they did, they made quick work finding the victims.”

Helicopter hoist demo

“After the victims were found by the ground team, the helicopter returned to command and performed a hoist operation for the local fire department and ambulance service. All of this was coordinated via radios from the Trail Ambassador Program,” Adam Harden said.

The afternoon simulation involved evacuating an injured trail rider who had been trapped under an overturned recreational vehicle.

The Town of Russell Fire Department and Town of Russell First Responders were actively involved in the rescue simulation exercise. “We were utilized in part of the search for the lost, and our rescue utility vehicle was used to extract a patient,” said Mike Hoffman, Assistant Chief for the Town of Russell Fire Department. “We also assisted the Guard Medic in hoisting the patient to the Black Hawk.”

“The demo was fantastic,” Adam Harden said. “The medic (Sgt. Blaesing) was lowered from 75 feet and approached the fire department that had a waiting training dummy. They packaged up the dummy

and walked it over to the landing zone. The helicopter hoisted the dummy into the Black Hawk. They then landed and handed it back before departing the area.”

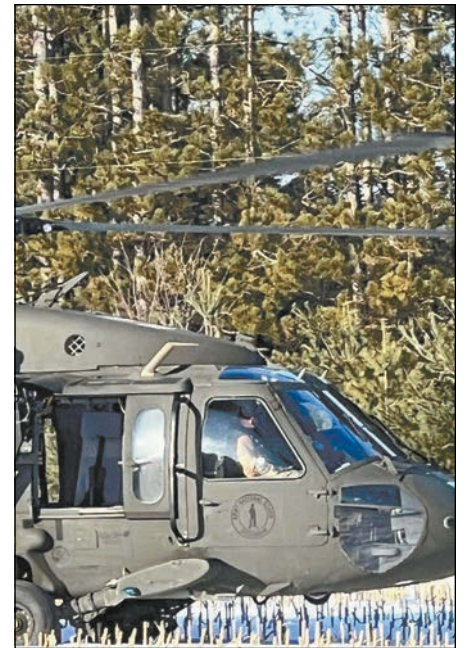
Participants from both the Merrill Fire Department and the Town of Russell Fire Department and First Responders helped with “packaging” the patient and getting the patient to the helicopter. The simulation helped ground rescue crews understand the wind and noise associated with such rescues, how to prepare a patient for hoist and air transport, how to offload a patient from a helicopter for ground transport, and how to keep the patient from spinning as they were hoisted up to the helicopter.

The delay in the helicopter’s arrival required some adjustments to the original plan for the day. “When the aircraft launched, we weren’t sure we could get a hoist demonstration in, but they made it work the best they could with the time available,” said Maj. Don Graham, commander of the West Bend, Wisconsin-based Army Aviation Support Facility #1. “The crew was calculating fuel while Sgt. Patrick Blaesing, the medic, worked with the EMS teams on the ground and stayed as long as they could before departing.”

Due to low fuel considerations, the hoist demo was somewhat rushed, he said. “The medic would have liked more time to talk through hand/arm signals, when to approach the aircraft to offload a patient, etc.”

However, “When the aircraft launched we weren’t sure we could get any demo in,” Maj. Graham said, “but they made it work the best they could with the time available.”

“The crew was calculating fuel while Sgt. Blaesing worked with the EMS teams on the ground and stayed as long as they could before departing. They picked up a headwind on the way back and opted to land at Oshkosh to refuel rather than dip into their reserve fuel.”



A Wisconsin Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter and air crew participate in a search-and-rescue simulation in Harrison Hills.



After being lowered from the Black Hawk helicopter, Sgt. Blaesing greets EMS personnel on the ground.

Valuable training and insight for all

Participants in the simulation learned a great deal. Adam Harden detailed how even the parts that didn’t go as originally planned, like the weather resulting in the helicopter being delayed, provided valuable insight.

“The weather, while somewhat unfortunate, presented a great real-world challenge for our crew to work through,” he said. “It probably further highlighted the value of air assets for a search also, since the helicopter was able to identify the targets so quickly vs. the morning exercise.”

“It’s always beneficial to work with other agencies in the state and our area for the common good of our communities,” Hoffman said. “Our department [Town of Russell Fire Department], in my time, has never worked with the National Guard in a search and rescue like this, but it is nice to know that the capabilities are available.”

Not only did local agencies that don’t often have the opportunity to work with a helicopter benefit from the exercise, but the Wisconsin National Guard provided feedback on what they learned, as well. “Detailed planning prior to the exercise paid off,” the National Guard reported. “The Trail Ambassadors had realistic scenarios that made the training relevant and challenging enough for our air crew.”

“Teams got a chance to work on air-ground communications and development of a common operating picture for coordinating search efforts,” Maj. Graham said. “Our air crew benefitted from the live ‘targets’ at the search location, which allowed them to use our forward-looking infrared system during the search.”

Forward-looking infrared is a thermal imaging camera that detects infrared radiation, normally from a heat source, and can display that information as video imagery.

“The weather delay gave our crew time to create a shareable KML file, which worked out well. I never gave them any grids apart from the Command Post. The ‘search areas’ they templated were their best guesses based on the initial details given about two ice fishermen going north from Axen Rd.

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Lady Jays come up short against the Wausau West Warriors

Merrill Girls Basketball Team struggles to get over the hump

PATIENCE PYAN AND TINA L. SCOTT

The Merrill Girls Basketball Team traveled to Wausau West on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, for a tough conference match-up.

The Wausau West Girls went on a 14-2 run to start the game off, but the Bluejays inched back to make it 10-14. Merrill hung around with the Warriors for the rest of the first half, with the score going back and forth. Merrill went down 13-19 late in the half but got it back to 18-19, then slipped a bit, going into halftime down 21-26.

The second half of the game started

slow for both teams, as many recent games have. Neither team scored for the first third of the second half, and then Merrill made a three-pointer, whittling down at Wausau's West lead to bring the score to 24-26.

West then took off on a 12-0 run and took control to bring their score up to 38-24.

The Bluejays countered with another little run of their own (8-0), as they tend to do many times during games.

However, the Bluejays couldn't get control of the Warriors and ended up losing the game.

Close games have been a struggle recently for the Lady Jays. They continue to hang in there but just can't get over the hump.

The Merrill Girls play Wausau East on Jan. 31 and a very good Crandon team on Feb. 2.

**Box Score
Merrill 38 @ Wausau West 51**

Merrill wrestlers suffer loss to Marshfield

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Wrestling Team played host to Marshfield on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, and this was a rough one. The Marshfield wrestlers were in great form for this dual and won all but three matches. Brady Norton, Ryder Depies, and Noah Klug won their matches for Merrill, but ultimately Marshfield took home the win.

"We wrestled a strong team with Marshfield," said Merrill Wrestling Head Coach Brian Suchocki. "They are currently ranked fourth in the state and are first in the conference."

"We were able to get three pins and had some other matches we competed well in," he said. "Noah started us out well getting a pin. Noah has been wrestling well. Being a Freshman at an upper weight is challenging. In many of his matches, he is giving some size, as well. The experience he is gaining through season is helping him improve."

"Brady Norton also had a nice pin," Suchocki said. "Brady is also getting better, and his wrestling is looking good. He is able to get his shots and goes right into his offense on top."

"Ryder finished the dual with a pin. It's been good to see his success," he said. "Each week he brings his best."

"Overall, it was a solid performance for us even though the score doesn't indicate that," Suchocki said. "Some of the matches

where the opponent was better we battled. When we don't have the upper hand in experience or ability, it is important to learn and get better from it. We are getting everyone back and hopefully it stays that way going into the post season."

Individual Merrill results:

- 106 Dustin Schmirler Merrill, lost to Jon Sternweis Marshfield, Major 10-2
- 113 Allison Hunter Merrill, lost to Ava Gardner Marshfield, Fall 4:39
- 126 Brett Suchocki Merrill, lost to Jace Kelnhofer Marshfield, 17-13
- 132 Brady Norton Merrill, won over Keenen Landwehr Marshfield, Fall 2:45
- 138 Callum Wheeler Merrill, lost to Brett Franklin Marshfield, Fall 1:42
- 145 Preston Schuelke Merrill, lost to Hoyt Blaskowski Marshfield, Fall 1:09
- 152 Hunter Opper Merrill, lost to Grayden Rode Marshfield, Fall 1:38
- 160 Gage Lassa Merrill, lost to Caleb Dennee Marshfield, TF 19-2 5:41
- 170 Brian Ball Merrill, lost to Garrett Willuweit Marshfield, Major 12-4
- 182 Austin Depies Merrill, lost to Mason Seidl Marshfield, Fall 4:38
- 195 Ryder Depies Merrill, won over Ethan Richardson Marshfield, Fall 2:42
- 220 Noah Klug Merrill, won over Bob Shearer Marshfield, Fall 3:01
- 285 Ian Dreikosen Merrill, lost to Adrian Kruger Marshfield, Fall 1:21

**Box Score
Marshfield 58 @ Merrill 18**

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they cannot leave their situation.

Fact: This may be the case for some survivors, but traffickers use other types of abuse and control that do not involve physically holding people against their will. Abductions are very rare, and traffickers use other tactics to groom their victims over time.

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WAHTTF is a statewide multidisciplinary task force comprised of federal, state, and tribal law enforcement and victim service providers dedicated to supporting survivors of human trafficking and ensuring justice is served by those who commit the crime.

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when considering bail is to ensure the accused returns to court," the release said. "This constitutional amendment will provide judges with the ability to consider the following when setting monetary bail conditions for persons accused of a violent crime: previous conviction of a violent crime, the probability that the accused will fail to appear in court, the need to protect members of the community from serious harm, the need to prevent the intimidation of witnesses, and the potential affirmative defenses of the accused."

"Wisconsin communities cannot prioritize public safety when the hands of our judges are tied," Sen. Felzkowski said. "Our state Constitution is a sacred document, and changes to it aren't taken lightly. But enough is enough - it's beyond time to give our courts the flexibility they need to set bail conditions that help keep the public safe."

In similar fashion, on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, the Wisconsin State Assembly convened in Madison and State Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) and his Assembly colleagues also voted to amend the Wisconsin State Constitution. "Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 2 would allow judges to consider all factors in a case when determining conditions for pretrial release for a defendant, including criminal history and threat level to the community," a press release from Rep. Callahan's office said.

"We have seen time and again instances where judges are restricted in their ability to consider the entirety of a situation when setting bail," said Rep. Callahan. "This amendment will help to protect our communities while also ensuring the right of defendants to reasonable bail. I hope to see the people of Wisconsin approve this important amendment."

"Homicide and other violent crime rates have spiked in Wisconsin in recent years, and many offenders were out on bail for another felony offense at the time," the release from Rep. Callahan's office said. "In Milwaukee County, 1 out of every 5 murder or attempted murder suspects was out on bail for another felony offense. SJR 2 will bring Wisconsin in line with the 48 other states that permit courts to consider 'dangerousness' in some way when setting bail."

Both chambers of the Wisconsin State Legislature have now approved this constitutional amendment in two consecutive legislative sessions.

Now the resolution to amend the Wisconsin State Constitution to effect this change will go to the voters for their approval in a statewide referendum on the ballot in the upcoming April 4, 2023, election.

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Once they shared that with the ground team, they could be directed to a search area, which was easier for them to identify than roads (the crew did have one of their iPads on road view and were also ready to take and translate GPS coordinates also if that's how things were communicated)," he said.

"By late morning, we decided two search periods with an hour-long refuel stop in between was no longer feasible and began figuring out how we could still accomplish an afternoon search and possibly the hoist demo," Maj. Graham said. "I communicated with Adam on training objectives and priorities so he could coordinate personnel on his end effectively and try to sync our actions."

"The decision on when to launch was something we were discussing constantly as weather began to trend in a favorable direction," he said. "Subtracting the travel time to Merrill and back to West Bend left the crew with only about 60-70 minutes of 'operational' fuel, so launching too early and having to sit somewhere burning gas would have negatively impacted the training. We eventually staged them towards Appleton, and I was in regular communication with them on what I was seeing on weather reporting to the north vs. what they were seeing from the cockpit. We were able to get them a path up pretty much as clouds were clearing out along the way."

Once to the rescue simulation area, "The crew was able to identify the targets using our FLIR (thermal imaging)," Maj. Graham said. "Live people were a definite plus for this."

Thermal imaging and air support key to rapid rescue

The rapid discovery of the simulated victims within 10 minutes utilizing the thermal imaging technology on board the Black Hawk, as opposed to the ground search conducted by search-and-rescue crews using all-terrain vehicles without the benefit of thermal imaging, highlighted the tremendous benefit of such air support, particularly when searching a large remote area like Harrison Hills.

"The exercise was prolonged without the air assets," Adam Harden said, "but was a very valuable training for our ground teams. This adjustment was a great chance for command and search-and-rescue teams to think on their feet, and provided for extra radio communications training due to additional movements needed for the search."

The afternoon scenario was a simulated roll-over accident involving a UTV placed slightly off the trail, making it more difficult for ground rescue teams to locate the victims. The ground teams advanced on the location of the roll-over by heading in the direction of the hovering Black Hawk helicopter and adjusting their GPS coordinates.

Lessons learned, feedback, and planning for future simulations

Despite weather delaying the arrival and participation of the Black Hawk, the search-and-rescue simulation was a success. The simulated victims were rescued and each participating agency came away with experiences and

knowledge that will prove beneficial for future simulations and in the event of real-life actual search-and-rescue missions.

"Air to ground communications were solid the entire time. Our crew was able to communicate with the ground crews while on station, and back to flight ops the entire time," Maj. Graham said. "I was able to relay things like ETA to Adam down to the minute to effectively use the time available."

"When we do this again and simulate a more complex scenario, building time for an aircraft to land at the Command Post and shut down would be good," he said. "That would allow the crew chief and medic to give ground personnel a thorough brief in a quieter environment."

This event was a "great training overall and a positive step towards a more complex scenario where multiple aircraft and agencies are operating simultaneously," Maj. Graham said.

"A consideration for the next search-and-rescue exercise might be a person who doesn't want to be found or at least isn't actively trying to be found (Autism/Dementia scenario) to make it more challenging," he suggested.

Other feedback provided to Lead Instructor Adam Harden from those involved in the simulation: More training is needed on tracking vehicles in snow, the radio communication was conducted very professionally with only a few reception problems, drones are very useful, and the victims had cold feet. They were not scared, but literally had cold feet, as there was plenty of snow on the ground.

All of the feedback will be useful for planning future training and search-and-rescue simulations.

The Trail Ambassador Program (trailambassador.com) is managed by the NOHVIS Group Inc., a Sheboygan based company. Their primary mission is to be the eyes and ears of land managers, law enforcement, and other recreation users on Wisconsin's ATV/UTV trails. Volunteers are key to the program, with many volunteers functioning in very specific ways, such as the search and rescue team (known as rescue and recovery) who invest extensive time and training/certifications into their role in the program and other volunteers that contribute with more of a focus on the ATV/UTV program in Wisconsin and promoting the trails for recreation. In 2022, program volunteers logged 703 hours of training and 3,727 hours in the field performing various tasks, including the rescue and recovery volunteers.

The Trail Ambassador Program is part of the Wisconsin Emergency Management's Air Coordination Group. This group, composed of WEM, Air Force, Wisconsin National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, State Patrol, Coast Guard, WIDrone Network, and WIDNR air assets, uses the Trail Ambassador Program as ground support. The Trail Ambassador Program has participated in multiple state-wide training exercises simulating search and rescue simulations in the past, including a multi-day event called Patriot 21 in 2021 working with agencies from around the country in Jackson County performing search-and-rescue missions and offering their volunteers as live "victims".



Middle School Conference Wrestling Tournament brings teams to Merrill

Merrill middle school wrestlers take fourth place

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Friday, Jan. 27, Merrill hosted the 25-team Middle School Conference Wrestling Tournament, the biggest middle school wrestling event of the year according to Wrestling Coach Brian Suchocki. Merrill took fourth place out of the 25 teams, and one Merrill wrestler, Remington Skic, took first place in his class.

"The middle school wrestlers have been working hard this season and even though this is a mid-season tournament, it gives the wrestlers a sense of being a team," Suchocki said. "To take fourth place and just be shy of third is a great accomplishment."

"The other great part about the tournament is that each wrestler, no matter ability or experience, was able to compete," he said.

Team Scores

1. Wisconsin Rapids 202.0
2. Marshfield 200.5
3. DC Everest 98.5
4. Merrill 96.0
5. Antigo 94.5
6. John Muir Blue 89.0
7. Wabeno/Laona 87.5
8. Amherst 86.0
9. Horace Mann 81.0
10. Auburndale 79.5
11. Stevens Point 69.5
12. Stratford 68.0
13. Mosinee 67.5
14. Marathon 62.0
15. Athens 54.0
15. Crandon 54.0
17. Medford 47.0
18. Tomahawk 44.0
19. Edgar 40.0
20. MHLT 26.0
21. James Williams Middle 21.0

22. Elcho 20.0
23. Tri County 11.0

Individual Middle School wrestlers results:

- 84 Emersyn Graap (9-5) placed 4th and scored 13.0 team points.
- 91 Ayden Adams (5-7) place is unknown and scored 2.0 team points.
- 98 Madlyn Hunter (7-6) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.
- 105 Broc Suchocki (9-4) place is unknown and scored 3.0 team points.
- 112 Lakeyn Adams (10-6) place is unknown and scored 8.0 team points.
- Prelim - Lakeyn Adams (Merrill) 10-6 won by fall over Kyu Yang (Tri County) 4-4 (Fall 0:56)
- 120 Remington Skic (12-2) placed 1st and scored 27.0 team points.
- 128 Kendell Klug (7-6) place is

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Remington Skic took third place in his class wrestling during the Middle School Tournament. Photo courtesy of Merrill Wrestling Program.



The Merrill Varsity Dance Team is steppin' to the beat and giving it their all when they perform. Erin White photo.

Merrill Varsity Dance Team places second at Regionals with Hip Hop routine

Dancers are headed to State this Saturday, holding Kids Camp next week

on Regionals at DC Everest High School this past weekend and placed second with their Hip Hop routine," Cassandra Lezotte, Varsity Dance Team Coach said. "This means they will qualify for State!"

State competition takes place this Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, in LaCrosse. The Merrill Varsity Dance Team is scheduled to perform at 12:37 p.m.

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

"The Merrill Varsity Dance Team took

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The Merrill Varsity Dance Team is bound for State competition this weekend. Photo courtesy of Merrill Varsity Dance Team.

2023 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedules

Boys Basketball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)			
Mon. Feb. 6	Antigo (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Mon. Feb. 6	Antigo (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
Thurs. Feb. 9	Stevens Point (JV & JV2)	Away	5:45 pm
Thurs. Feb. 9	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm
Girls Basketball (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. Feb. 2	Crandon (JV)	Home	5:45 pm
Thurs. Feb. 2	Crandon (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
Tues. Feb. 7	Stevens Point (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Tues. Feb. 7	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
Boys Hockey (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Feb. 2	Wausau West (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 2	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Fri. Feb. 3	Multiple-Michigan Tech (Varsity)	Away	7:00 am
Sat. Feb. 4	Multiple-Michigan Tech (Varsity)	Away	7:00 am
Tues. Feb. 7	Marshfield (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 7	Marshfield (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 9	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Girls Hockey (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Feb. 2	Chippewa Falls (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 2	Chippewa Falls (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Sat. Feb. 4	Superior (JV)	Away	12:00 pm
Sat. Feb. 4	Superior (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 7	Fond Du Lac (JV)	Away	6:00 pm
Tues. Feb. 7	Fond Du Lac (Varsity)	Away	8:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 9	West De Pere (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 9	West De Pere (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Boys Wrestling (Varsity and JV)			
Sat. Feb. 4	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	10:00 am
Girls Wrestling (Varsity)			
Sat. Feb. 4	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	10:00 am

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

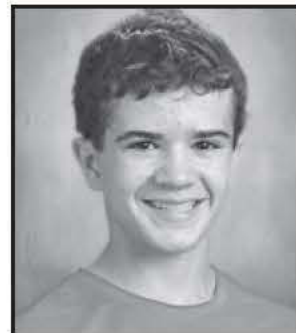
Dusty Schmirler, a Freshman at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Dusty started wrestling in kindergarten as a member of the Junior Jays and has been wrestling ever since. He wrestled for Prairie River Middle School when he attended school there and is now a member of the Merrill Varsity Wrestling Team, wrestling at 106 pounds.

At school, he recently joined the Fishing Club at MHS.

During the summertime, Dusty works at Grass Creek Greenhouses planting, watering plants, and carrying/transporting plants as needed.

In his free time, he likes to hunt (deer, bear, turkey) and fish (in the summer and ice fishing in the winter), work on old vehicles (he is currently working on a 1973 Chevy K10), and go 4-wheeling, both with friends and with family.

The son of Melissa and Joe Schmirler of Merrill, Dusty has a 3.3 GPA and has not yet decided on his career path following high school graduation.



Dusty Schmirler

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Awards will take place at 2:25 p.m. Locally, the Merrill Varsity Dance Team will perform the routine that earned them second place at the Merrill Girls

Varsity Basketball home game against the Crandon Girls in the Merrill High School (MHS) Fieldhouse on Thursday, Feb. 2. The game starts at 7:15 p.m., and the Dance Team will perform at halftime. Come to see their routine and cheer on the Merrill Girls Varsity Basketball Team.



Bring it on! The Merrill Varsity Dance Team shows off their spirit during their competition routine. Erin White photo.

Annual Kids Camp

The Merrill Varsity Dance team will hold their annual Kids Camp the following week, on Feb. 8, 9, and 10. Kids from preschool through 8th grade are welcome to attend. The cost is \$30 and advance registration is required, no later than Feb. 3. [To register, contact Coach Lezotte at 715.409.9419 or

Cassandra.schulz@mapsedu.org.]

The kids at Kids Camp will learn a routine from the Merrill Dance Team and then perform it during halftime at the Merrill Girls Varsity Basketball home game against Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln in the Merrill High School (MHS) Fieldhouse on Friday, Feb. 10, which begins at 7:15 p.m.

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- unknown and scored 0.0 team points.
- 136 Ty Schuett (8-7) placed 4th and scored 15.0 team points.
- 144 Will Miemietz (9-4) placed 4th and scored 13.0 team points.
- 152 Abram Norton (3-10) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.
- 160 Bennett Jacobson (3-11) placed 6th and scored 3.0 team points.
- 175 Mason Schenk (2-3) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.
- 285 Aidan Hardy (4-5) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.



Remington Skic wrestles a match during the recent Middle School Tournament at Merrill High School. Photo courtesy of Merrill Wrestling Program.

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