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Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club will be "Spinning Through the Hits" this weekend

Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club will present their annual show, "Spinning Through the Hits" this weekend, with performances on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 12, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Children age 3 and under admitted free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at the Merrill Chamber of Commerce or online at www.merrillskate.org. A live stream is also available for purchase.

The local skating club, established in 1995, is a non-profit with 66 members, 2 professional figure skating coaches—Lea Beckman and Montana Grabowsky; 1 junior coach—Madison Altman-Wendt; and 4 intern coaches—Chloe Belant, McKenna Meyer, Brooklyn Kraegenbrink, and Kambyl Mattke.

The annual performance will showcase the skating of local skaters ages 4 through 17.

Merrill Ice Reflections offers weekly lessons, held Wednesday evenings for Basic Skills and Sunday evenings for Advanced Skaters. Private coaching is also available to members.

19 Merrill area figure skaters compete at 2023 Badger State Winter Games

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

Nineteen Merrill area figure skaters from the Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club (Merrill Ice Reflections), a non-profit figure skating club in Merrill, traveled to the Mosinee Ice Arena to compete in the Badger State Winter Games on Jan. 26-29, 2023, and brought back a bunch of medals, including many for first, second, and third places.

Figure skating competitors from the Merrill area representing Merrill Ice Reflections ranged from 8 to 20 years old and included: Brooklyn Kraegenbrink, Korina Kraegenbrink, McKenna Meyer, Mya Meyer, Kelsey Rindt, Haley Rindt, Mariah Jacoby, Madison Altman-Wendt, Kambyl Mattke, Emily Freyer, Leah Freyer, Ruby Freyer, Ben Zastrow, Lizzy Hinz, Willow Bathke, Sophia Schmidt, Alexis Lonsdorf, Lilly Hoffman, and Caelyn Belant. Fourteen of the nineteen skaters placed first in at least one of their competitive programs. (See complete individual results on our website at: <https://merrillfotonews.com/2023/02/07/19-merrill-area-figure-skaters-compete-at-2023-badger-state-winter-games/>)

Many of the local competitors learned their skills on the ice locally as members of the Merrill Ice Reflections.

Merrill Ice Reflections provides individuals, children, and families an opportunity to learn and enjoy figure skating focused in "a positive environment to encourage growth and success."

"Skaters of all ages and abilities can learn and enjoy the sport of figure skating by working through the Learn to Skate Curriculum," Club representatives said. Learn to Skate USA® teaches kids lessons to sharpen



Ruby Freyer placed first in Beginner Spins at the Badger State Games in January. Perkins Media photo.

their focus and provide greater balance on and off the ice, they say. The challenges they conquer on their paths lead to "amazing, new worlds well beyond the world of skating" that "will happen right before their eyes," they say. And they encourage adults to give skating a try, too, saying, "It is never too late to Learn to Skate!"

Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club has been active since 1995 and offers skating classes, private coaching, and opportunities to showcase what students have learned

in their annual show (see article on left), as well as the chance to compete in area events like the Badger State Games.

Established in 1995 as a non-profit program in association with US Figure Skating, weekly lessons are held Wednesday evenings for Basic Skills and Sunday evenings for Advanced Skaters. Private coaching is also available to members.

For more information, go to: merrillskate.org or email: MIRFSC@gmail.com.

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Merrill Ice Drag racers start their season

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

The Merrill Ice Draggers started off their season a little late for 2023 due to warmer than normal temps and rain early in the year, but the racing season got off to a great start with racers on Saturday, Feb. 4. Record attendance and beautiful weather kicked off the 58th Annual Merrill Ice Drags, organizers said, and there was such high attendance they weren't able to get through all the classes before dark and are planning to schedule a make-up day.

For those who did get a chance to race, the results are in.

Race week one class results are:	11.0	8.5
2wd Rubber Tire	First place: Erin Dombek Second place: Harley Hixon	First place: Mandy Hernig Second place: Scott Stricklin
4x4 Rubber Tire	First place: Travis Smith Second place: Kyle Osimitz	First place: Bree Krueger Schmidt Second place: Shyana Finck
Easy Street II	First place: Mandy Hernig Second place: Scott Stricklin	First place: Ryan Blake Second place: Ryan Podeweltz
10.0	First place: Bree Krueger Schmidt Second place: Shyana Finck	First place: Ryan Blake Second place: Scott Szarowicz
Ultimate Street	First place: Austin Willis Second place: Dusty Nielsen	First place: Mandy Hernig Second place: Nick Heilerman
9.0	First place: Josh Graap Second place: Larry Krueger	First place: Ryan Blake Second place: Mike Bohman
Modified	First place: Ryan Blake Second place: Ryan Podeweltz	First place: Justin Peterson Second place: Scott Szarowicz



It took a while to get things going, but once racers hit the gas, it was over in a flash! Joseph Frederick photo.

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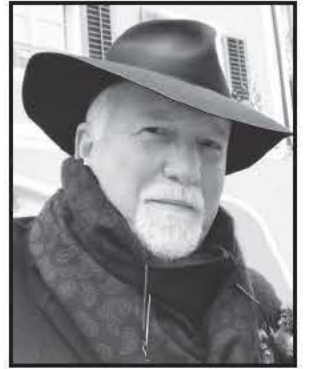
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There will be opportunity to meet the teachers, ask questions, pick up 4K Registration Packets, see the facility and do a craft.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Meaning To Our Lives



DEAR READER, At times, we may think about what gives meaning to our lives. Part of what we come up with are true friendships and religious beliefs. Both of these require personal sacrifices in order to nurture the friendships that come our way and explore the spirituality that surrounds us.

According to Saint Augustine, our love of others is the reflection of our love of God in whose image we are created. Thus they are inextricably intertwined.

A life without friends will feel insignificant and bereft of a higher ethereal calling. Is it worth all the investment when seeking a higher purpose beyond the pedestrian level of life? You decide.

PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher

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



Pet of the Week: Jake, a Pit/Dalmatian mix. Includes photo and contact info for Lincoln County Humane Society.

Happy Valentines Day Becky. You have been my Valentines since March 16th 1979 and you always will be. Love Dan

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Student of the Week: Laney Schmidt, Daughter of Jared Schmidt and Matthew & Laura Bahlow. Laney is in 4th grade at Trinity Lutheran School.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why? I like art best, because it's the easiest and I'm creative.

What is your favorite part of school? Why? I like it that everyone at Trinity gets to learn about God.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why? Some day I want to be a hairstylist. I think it would be fun.

Laney is one of the first people to offer help with classmates and adults when needed. She asks how to help classmates with assignments. She always says "Hello" or "Good Morning" when she encounters adults in the hall. Laney show Jesus love in everything she does.

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- 2. Personalized gifts**
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- 3. Chocolates**
The heart-shaped box of chocolates is still one of the most popular Valentine's gifts, and nearly 48% of consumers say chocolate is one of the top gifts they present to their sweetheart.
- 4. Flowers**
Flowers are also still one of the most romantic Valentine's Day gifts, according to 34% of consumers.
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Sidewalk snow and ice removal in the City of Merrill

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

As a reminder, if you live within the City of Merrill, Sec. 32-91 of the Code of Ordinances requires that anyone who owns, occupies, or is in charge of any land within the city that abuts any sidewalk must keep it clear of snow and ice. Snow and ice must be removed within 48 hours of when the snow stops falling and, if ice is such

that it can't be physically removed, it needs to be "sprinkled with material to accelerate melting or prevent slipping" (i.e., ice melt or sand). None of that snow and ice can be pushed, shoveled, or otherwise deposited onto a public street, alley, sidewalk, or public use land unless it directly abuts a premises, the ordinance says. Property owners will be notified to remove sidewalk snow and ice if they fail to do so, but if they don't after receiving that notice, then the City will take charge of the removal and charge the property owner a special assessment for doing so, at a much higher rate than typical snow and ice removal would normally cost. The reason? The Street Department isn't staffed or in the business of clearing sidewalks and driveways, so the intent is for property owners to take care of it on their own, in a timely manner.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

TO THE EDITOR:

Random Act of Kindness Week

Random Act of Kindness Week begins February 14. A simple action by a stranger can leave a lasting impact. Brighten someone's day by doing an unexpected act of kindness for them. It's free and feels good.

—Jan Leschke
Rhineland, Wis.

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<p>DECEMBER 27, 2022 Girl, Bobbie Vilias, born to Kari Cholewinski and Bobby Bowman of Wausau.</p> <p>JANUARY 12, 2023 Girl, Amelia Josephine Marie, born to Lacey James and Zion McKinney of Merrill.</p>	<p>Boy, Achilles Michael, born to Shandi Schalow and Kamaile Rice of Merrill.</p> <p>JANUARY 13, 2023 Boy, Blaize Allan Matthew, born to Sierra Dean and Cody Kaehne of Tomahawk.</p>	<p>JANUARY 15, 2023 Girl, EmmaLee Joann, born to Cassidy Smith and Justin Baker of Merrill.</p> <p>JANUARY 18, 2023 Girl, Olivia Rose, born to Jayden Vercauteren and Dylan Teeples of Merrill.</p>	<p>JANUARY 24, 2023 Girl, Vivian Grace, born to Cassandra Wendt and Dale Wendt of Schofield.</p>
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In addition, parents of children ages 2.9 years old to 5 years may request a developmental screening appointment if they have concerns regarding a child's gross or fine motor skills, communication, cognitive, or social-emotional needs.

Where: Athens Elementary School.

When: March 10th, 2023, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, by appointment.

How: Call Athens Elementary School at 715-257-7571 to sign up for a registration appointment and/or developmental screening appointment.



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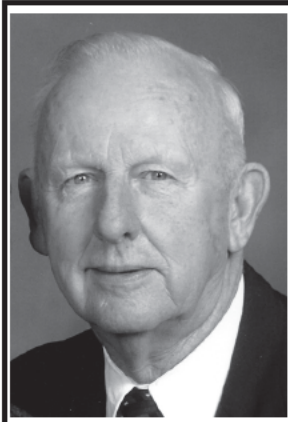
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OBITUARIES



David Jackson, 89, of Gleason, WI passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 29th with family by his side and under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services. David was born on January 18, 1934 to Floyd and Connie (Rajek) Jackson at his maternal grandparents' farm in Pine River. He grew up in Parrish WI, and in his boyhood enjoyed fishing, hunting, and hiking, activities he would enjoy all through his life. He graduated from Rhinelander High School in 1952 and took his first job at the Rhinelander paper mill. Dave served in the armed forces during the Korean War, stationed in Alaska.

He then took a job with the Wisconsin Conservation Department (later known as the DNR) working out of their Merrill office as a forestry technician, and spent the rest of his career there.

He married Edna Schielke in 1958, and together they raised two sons at their home on the Prairie River in Gleason, where they lived for many years. Dave taught his two sons from a young age the value of forestland and its careful management. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunter, fisherman and trapper, collecting many pelts and trophies along the way. He especially enjoyed snowshoeing during the winters.

At age 40 and while working full time, he took classes at Menard College in Merrill, and later commuted to the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, where he earned a degree in Forestry. He became a forester for the DNR, and later also served as deputy game warden.

Dave became involved in the Christmas tree business by cutting wild balsams with his good friend Ole Hanson. He developed his own tree farm over the years to include many acres of balsam and fraser fir, doing all the shearing first by himself, and in later years with his sons.

Dave was very involved in his community, serving on the Gleason Volunteer Fire Department-acting as chief for several years - and also served in the western states fighting forest fires. He was one of the founders and builders of the Harrison Hills Ski Area in the 1970's, and spent many happy hours working and skiing there. He was elected to the Lincoln County Board for a term as the Town of Russell supervisor, and was also active in Crimestoppers.

Dave will be remembered as a kind, gentle, positive, disciplined, thoughtful and loving father, husband, grandfather, and uncle and a loyal and caring friend. He passed along his deep love of nature and the outdoors to his family and his many friends. He was a lifelong member of the Merrill Christian Science Society.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, sister Carol Young, wife Edna, son Steven Jackson, in-laws Edward and Florence Schielke, and sisters-in-law Marjorie (Harold) Rajek and Mary (Joe) Heller.

He is survived by his son Dan Jackson (Mary Bauman), daughter-in-law Heidi Jackson, granddaughters Katie Jackson (Mike Suick) with great-grandson Jackson Frappy, and Molly (Rachel) Gillis with great-grandson Julian Gillis. He is further survived by brother in law Tom Young, nieces Mary Jo Rajek, Amy Hanneman, Julie Fries, Pam Young and nephew Scott Young.

His family wishes to thank the caregivers who so lovingly cared for him at home the last few years, especially Jean Riehle, Tammy Cohrs and Alan Bessette.

Per David's wishes, there will be a family celebration of life at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Arbor Day Foundation, or a veteran's charity of your choice.

Taylor Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Van Scott Nienow, 78, of Cottage Grove, MN, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Regions St. Paul Hospital with his daughters by his side after a courageous battle against cancer.

Van was born November 20, 1944 in Merrill, son of the late Ralph 'Flash' and Adeline 'Addy' (Krueger) Nienow. Owner of Van S. Nienow Ent. Inc Electrical Engineer & Expert Witness Consulting Firm.

Van was born and raised in Merrill, WI where he later married, moved to St. Paul, MN to pursue a career in Electrical Engineering and start his own family. He graduated from Merrill High School in 1962 and North Central Technical Institute of Wausau in 1966 with an Associate Degree in Industrial Technology with an Electrical major.

Much of Van's personal time was spent in the outdoors, canoeing & spending time with friends & family. His greatest accomplishment was his home he built from a one bedroom to a large, impressive home with an indoor and outdoor swimming pool. Along with the fancy amenities and gadgets he invented for his home. He was a mix of Beethoven, Van Gogh & Einstein. His passion for collecting, restoring and beautifully playing pipe organs, to his creative knowledge and mindset inventing, building and/or fixing almost anything and everything.

Family & Friends was his foundation of life and he valued the time he spent with them. Van took great pride in raising his three daughters and later in life was a loving grandparent.

Proceeded in death by parents Ralph "Flash" & Adeline (Krueger) Nienow. Siblings Lance & Kim Nienow. Survived by his daughters, Veronica (Juan) Salas of Eagan, MN, Valerie Krogerson of Woodbury, MN and Velinda (Derek) Anderson; four grandchildren, Kaylee, Joseph, Venecia, and Valentina; and siblings, Clark (Jan) Nienow of Appleton, and Nancy Nienow, Craig (Jeanne) Nienow, Brian (Sandy) Nienow, and Todd Nienow all of Merrill.

Public visitations will be held from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 3rd, 2023 at St. John Lutheran Church, Merrill, WI. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Pastor David Szeto will officiate. Burial will take place at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date.



Harriet S. Slaga, age 78, of Tomahawk, WI, passed away on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at UnityPoint Health - Meriter Hospital in Madison, WI, with family by her side. She was born on March 23, 1944, in Merrill, WI, to the late Harold L. Hanson and Viorene Hanson. She was a lifelong resident of Lincoln County where she was well known in both Merrill and Tomahawk. Harriet married Joseph J. Slaga of Tomahawk on September 24, 1960. She was a dedicated

wife and loving mother to four children (who all contributed to her grey hair).

Her career highlights included advertising at the Tomahawk Leader, owner and operator of the Merrill Courier, and owner of the Once Read Bookshop in Merrill. She also served on the Tomahawk School Board. Harriet was a sassy Swede who loved spending time at her cottage on Burrows Lake, which was her refuge.

She enjoyed pontoon rides, campfires with children and grandchildren, keeping tabs on the lake's loons, and swimming. A devoted Milwaukee Brewers fan, she often would listen to the games on the radio while sitting on the cottage deck where she could survey the tranquil lake activity (while cursing the Brewers if they were losing). Harriet also enjoyed playing Scrabble, Word with Friends, crossword puzzles, and chatting on the phone with her dear friends.

Harriet is survived by her husband, Joseph Slaga; her children, Lorrie (Chris) Schlender, of Merrill, Lynn Slaga, of Arvada, CO, Lisa (Mark) Walder, of Wittenberg, WI, and Peter (Patty) Slaga, of Camarillo, CA; her brother, Clark (Jackie) Hanson, of Fort Myers, FL; her grandchildren, Anna Schlender, of Chapel Hill, NC, Emily (Dustin) Bonack, of Merrill, Heinrich (Kayla) Walder, of Wausau, WI, and Audrey Slaga, Sarah Slaga, and Xavier Slaga, all of Camarillo, CA. Grandma "GiGi" was blessed with three great-grandchildren, Henry Bonack and Scarlett Bonack of Merrill, and Maverick Walder of Wausau. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents, Harold L. Hanson and Viorene Hanson; her brothers, Halvor Hanson, Carlton Hanson, and Peter Hanson; and her sister, Wanda Verbit.

A memorial service for Harriet will be held on Tuesday, February 7, at 2:00 PM, at Generations Funeral Home in Tomahawk. The family will receive friends for visitation from 1:00 PM until the time of services at 2:00 PM. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Harriet's obituary and leave online condolences at generationsfuneral.com.

The family will be scheduling an interment in the spring at Merrill Memorial Park in Merrill with the date to be determined.



Emily B. May, 86, of Merrill, formerly of Gleason, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2023, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill.

Emily was born March 18, 1936, in Merrill, daughter of the late Carl and Marie (Wittwer) Runge. She married Virgil May on December 21, 1963, on the U.S. Virgin Islands. He preceded her in death on February 15, 1998. Emily was a member of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Gleason. She enjoyed working on plastic canvas and puzzles, gardening, reading, and spending time with her family.

For many years, she babysat her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Thomas May (Penny Zoellner) of Gleason, Marie (Al) Wardall of Schofield, Barb (Ward) Gremler of Tomahawk, Arlene (Dick) Duginski of Merrill, and Charlene (Scotty) Presley of Danville, Virginia; and seven grandchildren, Aleya (Mark Lemmer) Wardall, Ryan (Elena) Wardall, Austin Presely, Aaron Presely, Daniel (Grace Frischmann) Duginski, McKenzie May, Olivia May and many nieces and nephews. Emily was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil May; parents, Carl and Marie Runge; and brothers, Robert (Cheryl) Runge and Charles (Raynette) Runge.

The funeral service for Emily will take place at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. Greg Laska officiated. Burial will take place at a later date in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation began at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, at the funeral home. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Lois A. Dupke, age 91, of Merrill, passed a way on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at her home while surrounded by her loving family and under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services. She was the only daughter of Ervin and Viroqua (Vockrodt) Dupke and was born on November 14, 1931 in Milwaukee, WI. Lois met Roger Dupke, and the two were united in marriage on October 19, 1950 in Denver, CO. Sadly, Roger preceded her in death. They were blessed with 58 years together.

Lois was a homemaker, housewife and mother. She enjoyed being able to be home with her children and to be active in their childhood. Lois loved singing and was active in her church choir at First Presbyterian Church in Merrill. She also served as a Sunday school teacher and was the president and treasurer of the Presbyterian Women's Group. Lois also volunteered her time with the church ladies aid. She was a loving woman that had a strong faith in her Lord. She will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Lois is survived by her children: James Dupke, Timothy (Jayne) Dupke, Diane (Kevin) Singleton and Thomas Dupke, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and son-in-law: John Schmoeckel. She was preceded in death by her parents: Ervin and Viroqua Dupke, husband: Roger Dupke and daughter: Christine Schmoeckel.

The memorial service for Lois will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 6pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill. Pastor Jess Wakefield will officiate. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 4pm until the time of the service, also at the funeral home. Inurnment at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery will take place the following day.

In lieu of flowers, family requests that donations in Lois' name be directed to the Ronald McDonald House Foundation.

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| OBITUARIES |



Helen E. Jopke age 100 passed away on February 1st 2023 at Our House Memory Care in Eau Claire after a 2 1/2 year struggle with Lewy Body Dementia. Helen was born in Eureka California on June 8th 1922 to Marjorie and Arthur Rutledge.

At the age of 4 Helens father Arthur died and Helen and her mother moved to Eau Claire to live with Marjorie's family. The Nelson Family lived in Shawtown all within a four block area.

Helen attended Mt. Washington School and the Eau Claire High School from which she graduated in 1939. During her high school years she met her future husband William F. Jopke. William was called to service (USA AIRFORCE) and while on leave Helen married Bill on April 10th, 1942. While Bill was serving in England she worked for Dr. Finucane and Dr. Buckley. After Bills return Helen helped in the family business, Eau Claire Rendering and the Jopke Bros. Mink Farm. After 50 years of residing in Shawtown, Bill and Helen moved to the south side of Eau Claire on Jensen Road in 1976. She lived there until entering Our House Memory Care.

Helen loved visits from anyone, especially her grandkids. She always had a treat or something to eat for them. She also loved to feed the squirrels in her back yard. Cardinals were another of her favorites she always thought they were a visitor from the past family.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and her husband William. She is survived by her children William (Rosalie) of Lake Hallie, David (Michele) of Surprise Arizona, Mary Elliott (Dave) of Eau Claire. Further survived by her Grandchildren Tom Jopke of Fort Meyers Florida, Theresa Jopke of Lake Hallie, Kelly Partlo (Jesse) of Augusta. Jennifer McGowan (Claude) of Luxemburg, Ann Jopke of Virginia, Step grandchildren Ryan Elliott of Eau Claire and Darrin of California. Helen had 13 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

A special thanks to all the people of Our House Memory Care in Eau Claire; they were very good to her she never had a bad word to say for the care she received.

The family would also like to give a big thank you to St. Croix Hospice.

In lieu of flowers we ask that you donate to The Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road S.W. Suite 205, Liburn, GA 30047.

Private family service will take place at a later date. Friends and family may offer condolences online at www.hulkefamilyfuneral.com.

Hulke Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 3209 Rudolph Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701 is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Miriam J. 'Mim' Marquardt, 88, of Merrill, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at her home.

Miriam was born March 12, 1934, daughter of the late William and Margaret (Utech) Marquardt. She worked at Weinbrenner Shoe Company for 45 years. Miriam loved sports, she was a great athlete, participating in bowling, softball, and golf. She rarely missed attending family members sporting events. Miriam enjoyed trips to the

casino and spending time with her nieces and nephews and other family members, especially at her cottage on Tug Lake. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Merrill.

Miriam is survived by nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Merle Teske, Duane Marquardt, Myron 'Mike' Marquardt, Lyle Marquardt, Rodney Marquardt, and Phillip Marquardt.

The family would like to thank Compassus Ascension at Home, Compassus Hospice Care, and Inclusa, especially Deb and Dawn, who were incredible.

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

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

Gerald Burgoyne, 81, passed away on February 3, 2023 at The Retreat of Buford under hospice care in the memory care unit.



Gerald was born on February 6, 1941 in Ringle Township, Wisconsin son of the late Ervin and Sadie (Bardon) Burgoyne. He attended and graduated from Wausau High School. Gerald proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1962 to 1968. In 1971 he married Kathleen (Kathy) Krueger and together they raised their three children. Gerald and his family lived in Wisconsin until 1985 when they moved to Georgia where he still resided. Gerald enjoyed camping, Nascar races, and spending time with his family. He worked for Sundial Plumbing until he retired.

Gerald is survived by his wife Kathy; daughters Jerri Sobriksky of Beaver Dam, WI, Becky Adams of Dacula, GA, and Sarah Burgoyne-Carl (Anthony Carl) of Highlands Ranch, CO; grandchildren Dale Sobriksky, Ryan Sobriksky, and Casey Sobriksky and Lillian Carl; siblings; Dale Burgoyne; sister-in-law Mattie Burgoyne (Norman).

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Suzanne Burgoyne, son-in-law William (Becky) Adams, brother Norman Burgoyne, and sister-in-law Jean (Dale) Burgoyne, and in-laws Harold and Florine Krueger. Services will be determined at a later date.



Joyce Elaine (Koehler) Woller from the Town of Berlin died January 28, 2023, at Bell Tower Residence.

Daughter of August and Verona (Prechel) Koehler. Joyce was born August 16, 1932, in the Town of Berlin. She was Baptized on September 17, 1932. Joyce and Elgard Woller were married on September 17, 1949. Elgard died on December 3, 1997.

Joyce is survived by two sisters, Marjorie Schwede (Charles) Town of Texas, Carol

Wasmundt of Harshaw. Five brothers: Eugene, Daniel (JoAnn), August (Sandra), Bert (Gail) and Elmer (Nancy) of all the Town of Texas. Two brothers in laws: Harold (Phyllis) Woller and Dennis (Sharon) Woller and one sister in law: Dorothy Woller all of Merrill. Also, Special friends Lee and Diane Pfaff of Merrill.

She was preceded in death by her parents August & Verona (Prechel) Koehler, husband Elgard Woller, sister Nancy Hussong, brothers Gilbert and Virgil Koehler. In laws Martin Woller & Dorothy (Woller) Sturm, Otto and Selma (Woller) Porath, Mary Woller and Walter Woller, Thomas Wasmundt and Donald Hussong.

Although she never had any children of her own, she babysat for many children of friends and relatives. Along with farming, Joyce and Elgard enjoyed bowling and following The Peter and Paul Wendinger Polka Band. Joyce also worked at Schult's County Inn and was one of the founders of Schult's famous fish fries. She loved playing cards with her card club friends.

Funeral services were held at Faith Lutheran Church, 15425 S. County Rd K, Merrill WI 54452 on Friday, February 3, 2023, at 11:00am. Rev. Donald Love officiated. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 2, 2023, from 4:00pm-7:00pm and again on Friday from 9:00am until the time of the service, all held at the church. Burial of her cremated remains will take place at a later date.

For those unable to be at the service, a recording of the service will be available for viewing and can be found under her obituary at www.waidfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Andrea Heller NP, The Staff at Bell Tower, Chaplin John, Her special friend Ruth, The Sisters of Holy Cross and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services.

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.



Earl E. Volz, 82, of Merrill, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Marshfield Medical Center - Weston.

Earl was born October 14, 1940, in Merrill, son of the late William and Loretta (Gaeu) Volz. When Earl was five years old, his mother passed away. Eventually his father, William, married Alma Krause and together William and Alma raised Earl. Earl graduated from Merrill High School in

1957. He enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard and served from 1957 until 1962. During the Berlin Crisis, he was stationed at Fort Lewis in Washington.

Earl married Joni Kleinschmidt on May 23, 1964, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill. Joni preceded him in death on February 16, 2021. Earl worked at Lincoln Wood Products for 47 years. He retired as a lead man. Earl enjoyed planting and tending to his large vegetable garden. He and Joni enjoyed bowling in many leagues and at tournaments. They also enjoyed taking casino trips together.

Survivors include his daughter, Stacy (Quince) Maly of Madison; daughter-in-law, Tabby (Scott) Check of Kronenwetter; grandsons, Alex Volz and Noah Volz both of Wausau, and Jack Maly of Madison; great grandson, Elliot; step-sister, Shirley Ziemke of Merrill; and sisters-in-law, Violet Volz of Marathon and Connie Kleinschmidt of Merrill. Earl was preceded in death by his wife, Joni Volz; son, Tim Volz; mother, Loretta Volz; father and step-mother, William and Alma Volz; brother, Ralph Volz; step-sister, Donna Mahn; and brother-in-law, Richard Kleinschmidt.

The funeral for Earl was held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, February 6, 2023, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. Scott Gustafson officiated. Burial took place in Faith Lutheran Cemetery - West, Town of Scott, Lincoln County. Visitation began at 9:00 A.M., Monday, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Gerald Ole Lokemoen, 1938 ~ 2023

Thank you heroes and angels providing loving care for over this past year so Jerry could live his life pain free and comfortable as possible.

Please send announcements, news briefs, photo submissions and letters to the editor to:
tscott@mmclocal.com

Park City Credit Union Blood Drive

Park City Credit Union is holding a Blood Drive in Merrill on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. To donate, reserve your appointment by calling Park City Credit Union at 715.536.8351 or go to: communityblood.org/donor. Log in, click "Donate Now," and enter sponsor code ME25. Advance registration is requested.

The Blood Drive will be held at the Merrill Park City Credit Union location at 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave.

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Annual Meeting
Calvary Trinity Perpetual Care Cemetery Association, Inc.
6:30 PM - Monday, 2/13/2023
Calvary Lutheran Church
N365 Cain Creek Road
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BY THE COURT

DATE SIGNED: 01/09/2023
/s/ HON. GALEN BAYNE-ALLISON
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR I
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
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.
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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

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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 January 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
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DATE SIGNED: February 2, 2023

Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIE JEANNE WRZESINSKI
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2023 IN 05

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth January 25, 1950 and date of death February 14, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N2662 Tesch Road, Merrill, WI 54452.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 27, 2023.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate.

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CITY OF MERRILL
Pine Ridge Plaza - Vacant Lot Development

The City of Merrill has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a vacant City-owned two acre site at the southeast corner of the Pine Ridge Plaza commercial area. RFP responses are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

The RFP is available on the City of Merrill website <https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us/> or from the Clerk-Treasurer Office (715) 536-5594.

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CITY OF MERRILL
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.

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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
Published February 2 & 9, 2023 WNAXLP

Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

80 For Brady

(Now playing in theatres)

★★★★☆

This film is rated PG-13 for language, drug use

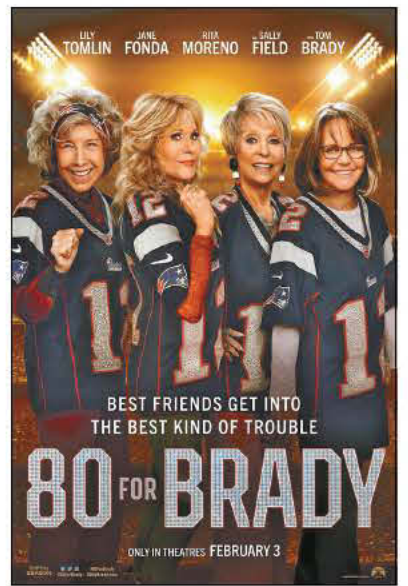
Greetings, my friends. This week was date night with my lovely wife, Mary, and we decided to see *80 For Brady*. Now I wanted to see *Knock at the Cabin* (review for that one to follow next), but you know the saying:

"Happy wife, happy life." So *80 For Brady* it was.

I am here to tell you that this film is simply delightful. I howled with laughter, and I mean good old-fashioned belly laughs at the antics of the main characters.

Basic premise: Four octogenarians get together every week to watch Tom Brady lead the Patriots and keep their friendship active. The reason why they do this is part of the main plot. Anyway, one day they get it into their heads that they should go to the Super Bowl, and that's where it gets really going.

From Sally Field eating hot wings to Rita Moreno eating marijuana-



placed gummies to Jane Fonda's erotic fiction about Ron Gronkowski and Lily Tomlin's obsession with Tom Brady, these four ladies get into some serious shenanigans, and we are along for the ride.

Loaded with some great cameos and a fantastic message about the nature of and importance of friendship, *80 For Brady* is absolutely worth the price of admission. So grab your spouse or significant other, or better yet, grab your mom, and head to the Cosmo for this one folks! It's wonderful.

Four out of five solid stars for *80 For Brady*. I loved it!

*Side note: For the record, there are two types of men in my age bracket—those that had a crush on Rita Moreno, and those that lie about not having a crush on Rita Moreno.



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PRMS December Youth Optimist
The Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) December Youth Optimist of the Month is Emma Ziebell. Mr. Jason Wadzinski nominated Emma, saying, "Emma Ziebell embodies what it means to be an Optimist."
"As a very involved member of the school community, Emma is an honor roll student and an award recipient of the Patriot Pen Essay competition. Emma also is an active member in Student Council as a visible and vocal leader in her 8th grade."
"Outside of school Emma has participated in a church mission trip and volunteered at the church coffee shop. Emma is also involved in extracurriculars at Brooke's School of Dance."
"Emma brightens up the middle school with her contagious personality and enthusiasm," Mr. Wadzinski said. "Middle school can be a tough world, but Emma faces it every day with an outgoing outlook on life. She has a tremendous amount of integrity for her age and has shown time and time again what it takes to be an Optimist."
Emma is the daughter of Kurt Ziebell and Jaci Perra, both of Merrill.
MHS December Youth Optimist
The Merrill High School (MHS) December Youth Optimist of the Month is Lauren Cohrs. "Lauren's smile, quiet self-assuredness, and contagious positivity make being her teacher and Link Crew advisor so easy and enjoyable," Mrs. Emily Bonack said in her nomination. "I can always count on her to be an optimistic, positive role model for the Freshmen that she mentors."
"Lauren's commitment to being a genuinely good and reflective young woman makes her a remarkably responsible and caring person. In this day and age, it can be difficult to find a teenager who cares more about the broader world and community that they are living in—not just their small friend circle or their 'likes' and 'views,'" she said.
"Lauren stands out because she shows, time and time again, that she is truly present in the 'real life' community in which she lives, through her caring, positivity with peers and teachers, and volunteerism," Mrs. Bonack said.
At MHS, Lauren has been involved in Junior Varsity and Varsity Tennis (Team Captain), Junior Optimist (PR Representative), Tri-M Music Honor Society, Theater Jays, Student Council, LEAD Club, Link Crew (A-Team), Raise Your Voice Club, National Honor Society (President), Class B Solo Ensemble, and as a NEST volunteer.
In the community, Lauren volunteers with the Merrill Area Concert Association, Special Olympics, Lincoln County Humane Society, St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, Merrill Food Pantry, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and St. Francis Church.
The daughter of Tammy and Kevin Cohrs, Lauren plans to become a neonatal specialist after high school graduation.
Optimist Clubs: "Bringing Out the Best in Kids"
Merrill Noon Optimists - Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at the Eagles Club, 1205 Lake St., Merrill
Adult volunteers join Optimist Clubs to conduct positive service projects in their communities aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. Their upbeat attitudes empower youth to be the best they can be. Optimists International, with 3,000+ clubs, conducts 65,000 service projects, serving more than six million youth annually. Locally, Merrill Noon Optimists serve 3,000+ area youth, contributing or organizing events and service projects in our Merrill community.
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City of Wautoma Public Works - General Laborer Position: The City of Wautoma, Wisconsin seeks a qualified individual for the position of Service Worker - Laborer in the Department of Public Works. High school graduate and required Commercial Driver's License (CDL); with air brakes endorsements or the ability to obtain within three months of hire required. Candidates with a CDL and some electrical, plowing, sewer construction or forestry work experience, along with any experience in local government preferred. Candidates must be capable of lifting up to 80 pounds, standing/walking or sitting for long periods of time and tolerate extreme weather conditions. Ideal candidate will possess strong public relations and interpersonal skills. Candidate shall be available 24/7 for call outs and shift work assignments. Hourly wage starts at \$20/hr. with an expected increase over \$23/hr. after successful completion of the probationary period and upon receiving ground water distribution certification. The city offers a highly generous benefits package, which includes low-deductible health care, city-funded HSA account, dental insurance, vision insurance and entrance into the Wisconsin Retirement System - the top-rated public pension in the nation. The application form is available at City Hall, 210 E. Main Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or requested by email to shelley-calder@cityofwautoma.com. Application deadline is Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Candidates may attach up to two letters of recommendation, but are not required to do so. Wautoma is an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. 920-787-4044, Extension 3

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Bluejays win one and lose one but Coach Pieper calls it a good week for Boys Varsity Basketball

TINA L. SCOTT

Northland Pines

On Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, the Merrill Varsity Basketball Team traveled to Northland Pines for a match-up between the Bluejays and the Eagles.

"Pines is one of the best teams in Division 3," said Troy Pieper, Merrill Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach. "They have a real shot to make it to State this year, and are one of the more complete teams in the area. It was a good test for us on the road, and while we didn't get the win, I am very happy with our effort on defense and executing what we wanted to execute on the defensive side of things."

"We took a different approach with them from others this year," he said. "We played them this summer, and they didn't have their PG Nolan Lurvey, and we beat them. So our plan was to do whatever we could to take Lurvey out of the equation, and we did just that. He's one of the best all-around players in the area and a 1,000-point scorer. We held him to 0 points, so we did exactly what we wanted to do."

"The plan on defense gave us the best chance to win," Pieper said. "Just two nights earlier, they put up 80 points and beat Wausau East 80-39, who we had beaten in overtime the week prior. So holding a team like Pines to just 56 points is what will give you a chance to upset them."

"The only issue is we had is this was by far our worst shooting game of the year," he said. "We managed just 36 points, and just 14 in the second half. We got good looks, we were patient on offense and made them play defense for long possessions; however, we just couldn't get the shots to fall."

"We shot our worst % of the year," Pieper said, "And it's unfortunate, because if we shot even close to our season averages, we probably could have pulled off the upset."

"But there will be nights when shots don't fall, and our defense did their best to keep us in the game for as long as they could," he said.

"It looks like a blowout loss; however, we were down just seven at the half, and the first half was a back-and-forth game until the final stretch of the half when they went on a little run. We talked about the first five minutes of the second half and how important that was, but Pines again went on another run to start the second half, and we just couldn't get a run of our own at any point."

High scorers for Merrill were #23 Tyson Glisch (14 pts. 1 FT, 3 3pt, 1 ast), #3 Bradyn Pieper (8 pts, 2 3pt, 1 ast), and #35 Troy Mootz (4 pts, 2 FT, 3 ast).

But on the defensive side, EJ Weix was the standout player of this game. "EJ Weix showed he can handle guarding the best players tonight," Pieper said. "I gave him the assignment to shutdown Lurvey, and he answered the calling and really dominated on the defensive end. It was fun to watch EJ accept and deliver on the challenge. He will have more of those opportunities down the stretch for sure."

Box Score
Merrill 36 @ Northland Pines 56

Elcho

On Friday, Feb. 3, the Merrill Bluejays played host to the Elcho Hornets, but this time the Bluejays made all the buzz with a quick bounceback after the prior night's loss.

"We've shown this year we can bounce back quickly after a loss," Pieper said. "We did it a couple weeks ago after a frustrating loss at Lakeland. We turned around the next night and won on the road at East. We did it a couple times this year after quick turnarounds. Tonight was no different."

"Thursday was a late night," he said. "We didn't get back to Merrill until after 11:00 p.m., so the team didn't get a great night's sleep, and we turned around playing an earlier-than-normal Friday night game at 6:00 p.m. All

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Author chat

Local author Jim Finucan made a \$1,000 donation to the Mac Home, from the sales of his latest memoir set in Merrill, Year of the Smuggler: A Memoir of 1984. Finucan's memoirs deal with the effects of homelessness and mental illness that he watched his dad deal with. Finucan will be at the T.B. Scott Library on Feb. 11, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. for the Author Chat program to discuss the book, answer questions, and sell copies of the book. The public is welcome to attend. His latest release is a follow-up to his earlier book, Wild Counselor: 1977- The Summer of the Hunt. Proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Mac Home. Pictured from L to R: Dee Olson (left), Jim Finucan, and Theresa Anthony, members of the Mac Home Board of Directors. Submitted photo.

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Stewardship Friends Grants approved for two Council Grounds State Park projects

On Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the approval of Stewardship funding for Friends Grants to 25 non-profit organizations for improvement at DNR properties across the state. Governor Evers' State Building Commission approved the funding, which includes 29 projects for a total of \$326,600 in Stewardship grants, leveraging \$371,500 in matching contributions and \$3.4 million in total project costs.

Two of those approved projects are local to Lincoln County and will take place at Council Grounds State Park near Merrill. The following projects were approved and will move forward in the grant award process:

- Friends of Council Grounds State Park - Brown Trail Loop Invasive Species Removal
- Friends of Council Grounds State Park - Develop Blue Trail Loop

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund was created in 1989 to preserve important natural communities, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. Within this program, a portion of Stewardship funds from the state's biennial budget is used to support important recreational projects and improvements at state properties. Many construction and property development projects at DNR's state parks, trails, forests, and other state lands are made possible with the Stewardship Program's annual funding.

Stewardship funds support several DNR-administered grant programs, including grants to DNR Friends Groups. Through the Stewardship Friends Grant Program, the DNR partners with Friends Groups and nonprofit conservation organizations to improve facilities, build new recreation projects, and restore habitat on state properties.

Each year, \$500,000 from the Stewardship Program is set aside for grants to Friends Groups and nonprofit conservation organizations. The DNR recognizes the important role Friends Groups play in meeting the development and restoration needs of state properties.

Learn more about the Stewardship grant and Friends Group programs at the Grants to Friends Groups and Friends Group webpages.

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Merrill Aqua Jays sign to swim at college



From L to R: Amber Winter, Caitlynn Pehlke, Megan Miles, and Aiden Denzer. Erin McKeen Photography. Photo courtesy of Merrill Aqua Jays Swim Team.

The Merrill Aqua Jays Swim Team (MAJST) hosted a college signing day for their Seniors who signed their declarations of intent to continue their swim careers at the college level. Four area swimmers, who have excelled as swimmers for the MAJST, signed to swim with four different colleges. Amber Winter, Caitlynn Pehlke, Megan Miles, and Aiden Denzer all plan to continue swimming while attending college at UW-Eau Claire, UW-Whitewater, UW-Oshkosh, and Monmouth Colleges, respectively.

Amber Winter, daughter of Chris and Kristie Winter, started swimming at seven years old. She qualified for every State swim meet since the age of nine. Amber has represented Team Wisconsin at multiple events, including USA Zone swimming and Midwest All Stars. She has also swum at the ISCA and NCSA National meets in Florida as an age group swimmer. As a Merrill High School (MHS) swimmer, she was named MVP all four years, is a four-time letter earner, and received multiple All Conference honors. In 2020, she finished in third place in the 100 breaststroke at the WIAA DII State Swim Meet, and in 2022, she was State Champion in the event, also earning a USA futures time standard. Amber will be attending and swimming for UW-Eau Claire in the fall.

Caitlynn Pehlke, daughter of Eric and

Jenni Pehlke, joined swim in sixth grade. She continued to improve each year, swimming on the middle school and high school teams, as well. She was a Captain on the MHS Swim Team during the 2022 season, a four-year letter earner, and has placed top 16 in Sectionals. Caitlynn will be attending and swimming for UW-Whitewater in the fall.

Megan Miles, daughter of Rick and Dani Miles, joined the Aqua Jays as a Freshman transferring from Tomahawk. She quickly became a strong swimmer for the team. She was a Sectional point earner and two-time letter earner on the MHS Swim Team. She was also part of the 200 Medley relay at WIAA DII State this year. Megan suffered an ACL tear last winter and worked hard to get back into competitive shape this past season. Megan will be attending and swimming for UW-Oshkosh in the fall.

Aiden Denzer, daughter of Chad and Cathy Bach, has swum with the Merrill Aqua Jays the past five seasons. As a high school swimmer, Aiden swam for Medford Area High School. She was a Team Captain, four-time letter earner, Sectional point earner, and qualified for the WIAA DII State Swim Meet in the 100 backstroke this past season, finishing 13th. Aiden will be attending and swimming for Monmouth College next year.

MAJST wishes all of these talented swimmers good luck in the future.

BASKETBALL

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that could add up to a flat performance with little energy; however, the guys came out ready and focused and jumped Elcho early."

"Sometimes games you are 'supposed' to win are the most dangerous, because that can, at times, make the players think we just have to show up and we will win," Pieper said. "I used the girls' game from Tuesday as an example of what will happen if you just show up and expect to win. So we came out ready and made sure Elcho knew tonight wasn't going to be an upset win for them."

"Bradyn (Pieper) (22 pts, 1 FT, 5 3pt, 3 ast, 1 stl) came out of the gate hot and jump-started things for us," he said. "He had 19 first-half points. Tyson Glisch (19 pts, 2 FT, 3 3pt, 1 stl) also had a very nice first half and got going early. We did a great job of making the extra pass against their zone, guys were getting great looks most of the night, we didn't force anything all night, and we took care of the ball, as we only had five turnovers for the night." Carter Baade (7 pts, 1 3pt, 2 FT, 6 ast, 1 stl)

was the third-highest scorer for the game.

"The best part of these types of games is everyone gets significant minutes," Pieper said. "I pulled our starters just a few minutes into the second half, so our bench got a lot of minutes. While some people may not look at that as important, I see it as a chance for me to evaluate players in live-game situations, and it gives them game experience, which is always helpful, and you never know when roles will change, so when we can have a night like tonight when everyone gets some good minutes, it's a positive."

Box Score
Elcho 38 @ Merrill 83

"It was a 1-1 week, but a good week," Pieper said. "I like how we played against Pines and really liked how we came out and set the tone and tempo against Elcho. Now we have a non-conference game vs Antigo on Monday and then back to conference play Thursday on the road at SPASH. It's getting to be that time of the year where you want to start clicking and get a little momentum started for playoffs. I like how we've played our last three games and am hoping to keep it rolling down the stretch."

2023 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedules

Boys Basketball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Feb. 9	Stevens Point (JV & JV2)	Away	5:45 pm
Thurs. Feb. 9	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm
Mon. Feb. 14	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV & JV2)	Away	5:45 pm
Mon. Feb. 14	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm

Girls Basketball (Varsity & JV)

Fri. Feb. 10	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Fri. Feb. 10	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
Thurs. Feb. 16	D. C. Everest (JV)	Away	5:45 pm
Thurs. Feb. 16	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm

Boys Hockey (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Feb. 9	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Sat. Feb. 11	Madison East (Varsity)	Away	T. B. D.

Girls Hockey (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Feb. 9	West De Pere (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 9	West De Pere (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Sat. Feb. 11	Cedarburg (JV)	Away	2:45 pm
Sat. Feb. 11	Cedarburg (Varsity)	Away	4:45 pm

Boys Wrestling (Varsity and JV)

Sat. Feb. 11	WIAA-Regional (Varsity)	Home	7:00 am
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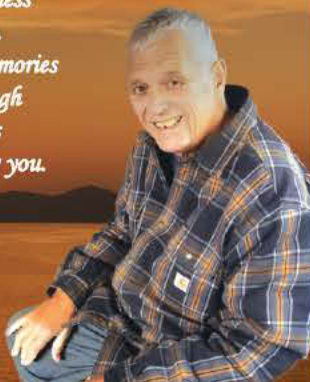
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Noah Klug, a Freshman at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Noah began wrestling in preschool with the Junior Jays wrestling program, wrestled for Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) after that, and is now a member of the Merrill Varsity Wrestling Team. He was just named 3rd Team All Conference. Noah also began playing t-ball in preschool and advanced through Little League and Babe Ruth and plans to play for the Merrill Baseball Team this spring. He expects he will start on JV. In addition, Noah plays football. He started with flag football in third grade, advanced to tackle football in the sixth grade, didn't play due to COVID in seventh grade, and then played for PRMS in eighth grade. He played JV2 Football this year but was called up with a few other Freshmen to play Varsity during the playoffs.

At school, Noah's favorite class is American History, he was recently nominated to the leadership group, and he is getting involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

In his free time, Noah enjoys deer and turkey hunting ("Between the two, turkey hunting is my favorite," he said.) and fishing and hanging out with friends. "I just purchased a boat this last summer, so trying to fish with my friends a little bit more over the summer," is a priority, he said. He also enjoys ice fishing and snowmobiling.

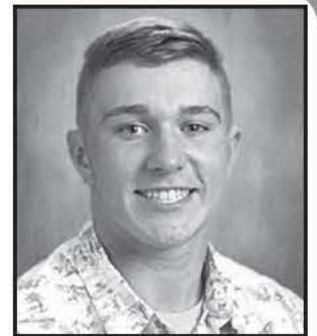
The son of Josh and Megan Klug of Merrill, Noah has a 3.8 GPA. When asked about plans after high school, he said he is "definitely considering being a firefighter just like my dad and just like my grandpa before him."

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Lady Jays lose out to the Lumberjacks

PATIENCE PYAN AND TINA L. SCOTT

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, the Merrill Varsity Girls Basketball Team hosted a conference match-up with the Wausau East Lumberjacks. The Lumberjacks came ready to play and started the game with a 13-3 run. The Bluejays scored inch by inch trying to get back in it, but couldn't stop them on defense, so the Lumberjacks' score kept going up just as fast. The Merrill Girls got the score within 5 points (Merrill 15 - Lumberjacks 20) late in the first half, but it fell apart again, the Lumberjacks went on another 11-2 run, and the first half ended with the Lumberjacks up, 30-21.

The second half of this game went the way many other games have gone in the second half for the Bluejays. It started slow with neither team scoring for a bit, then the scores went back and forth for a while with both teams taking turns scoring, but Wausau East still kept the lead the entire time. Then the Lumberjacks went on little runs, systematically pushing the Bluejays right out of the game.

Scoring for Merrill was led by Junior Mia Ott (10 pts, 9 reb, 1 stl), Senior Prayla Pyan (8 pts, 6 reb, 2 blk), and Junior Sophie Wendorf (6 pts, 5 reb, 1 ast).

Box Score
Wausau East 60 @ Merrill 40

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