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## Snowmobiler recovered from Somo Lake

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) reports the body of a snowmobiler was recovered from Somo Lake in the Town of Wilson on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at about 4:20 p.m. by rescuers from the Tomahawk Fire Department. The man was pronounced dead on the scene by Lincoln County Coroner Valerie Caylor.

Earlier that day, at 10:53 a.m., the LCSO received a report of a missing 71-year-old man who had not been heard from since Friday evening, Feb. 24. The caller reported Kevin Peterson was last seen near Somo Lake Resort in Tomahawk on his snowmobile.

The LCSO has confirmed the body of the man recovered from the water was that of Kevin Peterson, the snowmobiler who had been reported as missing. Leads led investigators to the lake where snowmobile tracks led to a section of open water.

According to the LCSO, the incident is still under investigation.

Tomahawk EMS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office (Dive Team) also assisted with the investigation and recovery.

## Son of Merrill High School alumni killed in action in Ukraine

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
 EDITOR

Andrew Peters, the son of John and Heather Peters, was killed in action in Ukraine on Feb. 16, 2023, while fighting on the front lines as a volunteer with the International Legion of Defence of Ukraine (also known as Ukraine's International Legion). He was 28 years old.

While CNN reported "heavy Russian shelling in the eastern Luhansk and Donetsk regions" and "brutal urban combat in the flashpoint city of Bakhmut" in the recent week, the exact location is unspecified for security reasons.

John and Heather originally received a call from a member of Andrew's unit last Tuesday, Feb. 21, to tell them Andrew was missing in action. Later that day, they received the news that they had recovered his body.

Andrew had been in touch with family and friends back in Wisconsin up until Feb. 11.

John Peters and Heather (Schug) Peters both graduated from Merrill High School, John in 1988 and Heather in 1989. The couple now resides in Marshfield, where they raised their two sons, following John's service in the U.S. Army (1988-



Andrew Peters, 28, of Marshfield, was killed in action in Ukraine, serving with the International Legion of Defence of Ukraine.

Submitted photo.

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Field Edventures instructor, Sandy Denton, on-site at Maple Grove Charter School is leading a lesson for second graders. Photo courtesy of Maple Grove Charter School.

## Maple Grove Charter School expands outdoor learning with grant funds

Maple Grove Charter School, a public K-5 school located in Hamburg, now a part of the Athens School District, was recently named as a recipient of the Wisconsin Charter Schools Program (WCSP) grant. The school will receive \$550,000 in funding

over the course of three academic years: 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25. The funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Education to support public charter schools like Maple Grove.

are the main focuses of the grant-funded programming. Through partnerships and curriculum, Maple Grove hopes to expand its existing maple syrup and chicken projects,

Agriscience and outdoor education

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# Beyond Books: Community ArtShare presents "Fish Out of Water" carvings

The T. B. Scott Free Library Beyond Books: Community ArtShare Program will feature an exhibit titled "Fish Out of Water," displaying carvings by Arnie Plamann, during the months of March and April 2023.

Arnie Plamann was born and raised in the Merrill area and then moved to Rhinelander, where he did a lot of fishing. He moved out of state for a time, but recently Arnie and his wife returned to live on the land where he was raised.

Arnie is a self-taught artist who first started carving little fish and toys for the neighborhood children. Painting his creations came later, he said, and he admits that the painting is the more challenging part to him, as it is difficult to get results that satisfy him.

On average, it takes Arnie one month to finish a piece. Basswood and oil paints are his preferred materials. Arnie uses multiple resources, including pictures of fish he has caught and reference books, in the creation of his art. He can only work for about two hours at a time before his body says it's time to get up and walk, he said.

Arnie's body of work has included a recreation of a fish from a picture, done by special request as a gift from a father to his son.

When asked how he became so good at his craft, Arnie responded: "The more you carve, the better you get."



**Left:** Fish wood carving on driftwood done by Arnie Plamann. **Right:** This fish carving done by Arnie Plamann is painted and mounted and extremely realistic. It's hard to believe the fish is made from wood. **Submitted photos.**



**Left:** The T. B. Scott Free Library Beyond Books: Community ArtShare Program will feature an exhibit titled "Fish Out of Water," displaying carvings by Arnie Plamann this March/April. **Right:** Two of Arnie Plamann's fish carvings, with painted details, mounted on a plaque.



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as well as start gardening curriculum. The school is partnering with Field Adventures to provide training on outdoor curriculum and with CESA 9 to provide professional development and coaching in reading/English Language Arts curriculum (EL).

Learning projects supported by grant funding include field trips to outdoor locations to study marine life and water quality and weekly outdoor learning that leverages Maple Grove's on-site school forest to help students study wildlife and vegetation. Grant funding also supported installation of maple sap pipeline and equipment in the school's maple forest, which will allow students to compare sap production of pipeline trees and traditionally tapped trees.

The school has already seen growth of 20 percent over last year's enrollment, with 91 learners enrolled currently. The school hopes to build on its rich history to become a hub for families around the region who are looking for outdoor learning opportunities for their children. Maple Grove is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year at <https://bit.ly/MGCS2023>. The school is holding an Open House at Maple Grove Charter School, 135594 Cty. Rd. L, Hamburg/Athens, on March 9, 2023, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and will offer tours, an art show, and refreshments.



Second graders Avery Kleinschmidt (front), Mason Severt (left), and Clay Sabatke (back) show off their discoveries during outdoor learning time at Maple Grove Charter School. **Photo courtesy of Maple Grove Charter School.**

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# Merrill Foundation, Inc. supports Merrill area Girls on the Run program

The Merrill Foundation, Inc. announced it is awarding \$1,000 to Girls on the Run North Central Wisconsin to help girls in the area participate in the Girls on the Run® program. The grant will support the organization's efforts to inspire and empower girls to be confident and healthy through the power of running.

Girls on the Run is a nonprofit organization that provides a physical activity-based youth development program for girls in third through eighth grades. The program teaches critical life skills such as confidence, connection, and character, while also incorporating running and other physical activities.

The Merrill Foundation's grant will help Girls on the Run North Central Wisconsin provide scholarships for girls who may not have the means to participate in the program. The funds will also support the organization's community 5K, which is scheduled for



Ashley LaRose, Executive Director of Girls on the Run North Central Wisconsin, accepts the Merrill Foundation check.

community," said Jeremy Cordova, President of the Merrill Foundation. "The Girls on the Run program is a wonderful opportunity for girls to develop life skills and physical fitness in a supportive and encouraging environment."

The Merrill Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt philanthropic organization created to support programs in the greater Merrill area. The Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including making distributions to local nonprofit organizations.

For more information about Girls on the Run North Central Wisconsin, including how to register for the Merrill 5K, visit their website at <https://www.gotrncwisconsin.org/>.

For more information about the Merrill Foundation, visit their website at <https://www.merrillfoundationwi.org>.

May 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. beginning at the Agra Pavilion, 100 S. Park Street in Merrill.

"We are thrilled to support Girls on the Run North Central Wisconsin and their efforts to empower girls in our

## MFD presents life-saving skills demonstration

In January, Buffalo Bills player Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest during an NFL game. A trainer using CPR and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) saved his life. Would you know what to do if you saw someone having a health crisis?

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 9:30-11:00 a.m., the Merrill Fire Department will be demonstrating

basic life-saving skills to Merrill citizens. A free program, open to the public and all ages, will be held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 300 Logan St., Merrill, across from Prairie River Middle School.

The presentation will cover the most recent changes in emergency basics, including new CPR guidelines, use of an AED, the Heimlich maneuver, and "Stop the Bleed," as

time allows. This demonstration is intended to provide information on how to react in an emergency and is not for certification purposes.

Information will be provided on how to become certified in CPR.

Teenagers, parents, mid-lifers, and seniors will benefit from knowing basic life-saving measures. Registration is not required.

## Cultivating happiness and laughter

Sharing laughter and fun can foster empathy, compassion, trust, and intimacy with others. Play doesn't have to include a specific activity; it can also be a state of mind. Developing a playful nature can help you loosen up in stressful situations, break the ice with strangers, make new friends, and form new business relationships. Playing with children and grandchildren sets a positive tone, helping them to feel good about themselves.

In the words of George Bernard Shaw, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." Play can boost your energy and vitality and even improve your resistance to disease, helping you function at your best.

A presentation entitled Intro to Laughter Club, which will focus on the

health benefits of laughter, will be held Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Grace United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 535 S. 3rd Ave. in Wausau. The public is invited to attend.

NAMI Education classes are the cornerstone of NAMI's mission. Without knowledge of mental health symptoms, one is completely unaware of what family members can do to help their loved one to receive the right treatment or find resources. The Family to Family eight-week class offers members a well-rounded curriculum of information to educate and support based on individual needs. Besides education, NAMI encourages those to advocate for the best medical treatment available.

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## Emergency weight restrictions in effect on Cty. Rd. U

Lincoln County Highway Commissioner, John Hanz, announced temporary emergency weight restrictions went into effect on Feb. 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for Cty. Rd. U between USH 8 and CTH A and are in effect until further notice. The weight restriction will be 18 ton maximum/6 ton per axle.

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# OBITUARIES



**Jacqueline H. Kuck**, age 93, of Grafton Wisconsin went to be with the Lord, and was reunited with her loving husband, Dale G. Kuck on Saturday, February 18, 2023, in Wauwatosa Wisconsin.

Jacqueline was born on September 16, 1929, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to Erwin and Lillie (DeGroot) Ramm. She married Rev. Dale Gene Kuck of New Knoxville, Ohio, on July 18, 1953, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, which started a 68 year long romance and adventure. They spent over 55 years enjoying the Merrill community, in which they raised a family and built their careers.

After graduation from Lakeland University in 1948, she taught biology, history, and reading. She enjoyed teaching and believed that reading opened the door to opportunities. She was also passionate about St. Stephen's United Church of Christ and the Merrill Food Pantry. Jackie would participate and support these organizations whenever the opportunity presented itself.

Jacqueline's life was centered around God, family, and friends. She made everyone feel special and went above and beyond to assist and serve others. She actively participated in numerous church and community organizations with the focus of enhancing the lives of others. She found comfort and enjoyment spending time at lake Pesobic, in Merrill with family and friends. For over 50 years, she had the privilege of ending her days watching beautiful sunsets.

Jacqueline also enjoyed traveling. Jacqueline and Dale traveled to 35 foreign counties, all 50 states and many Caribbean islands. When she reached 75 years of age, she started painting and found enjoyment and contentment in painting flowers and scenery.

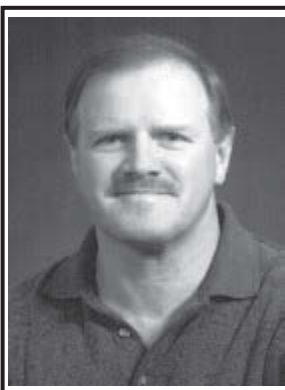
Jacqueline is survived by her two sons, Kevin (Kathy) Kuck of Sanibel, Florida, and Kraig (Sheila) Kuck of Port Washington, Wisconsin. She is also survived by five grandchildren (Justin, Kimberly, Kraig, Joshua, and Jordan), five great-grandchildren (Clara, Audrey, Luna, Sterling, and Stella) and one sister Jodell (Jack) Henning of Sheboygan Falls.

Jacqueline is preceded in death by her husband the Rev. Dale Kuck, parents, Erwin, and Lillie (DeGroot) Ramm; two sisters Aleeta Wernecke and Dona Heinig.

A funeral service for Jacqueline will be held on Friday, March 3, 2023, at 11:00 AM at St. Stephens United Church of Christ in Merrill. Pastor Mike Southcombe will officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 3, 2023, from 10:00 AM until the time the service, also at the church. Burial will follow in the Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

A memorial fund is being established for St. Stephen's United Church of Christ and the Merrill Community Food Pantry.

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](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



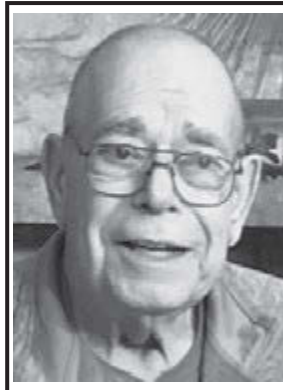
**Charles D. 'Chuck' Hall**, 64, of the Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County, passed away Monday, February 20, 2023.

Chuck was born September 30, 1958, in Merrill, son of the late Everett and Margaret (Myszka) Hall. Chuck graduated from Merrill High School in 1977. He graduated from UW-Stout with a bachelor's degree. Chuck worked for over thirty years at Wausau Coated Products in Wausau. He then took a position at Louisiana Pacific in Tomahawk and retired six years later. Chuck enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golfing. He also enjoyed riding his Harley, watching the Green Bay Packers, and collecting wildlife art prints.

Survivors include his sisters, Donna Michalski (Phil Huebler) of Tomahawk, Barbara (Gary) Zimmerman, Mary Tessmer, Jeanne Brock, Julie (Allan) Kanitz, all of Merrill, Cammy Westerdahl of River Falls, WI, and Yvonne (Will) Sorby of Merrill; brothers, Phillip Hall of Wausau, Daniel (Nancy) Hall, Patrick (Jean) Hall, John Hall, and Peter (Kim) Hall, all of Merrill; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Margaret Hall; siblings, Teresa Hall, Douglas Hall, and Tom (Dottie) Hall; sister-in-law, Julie Hall; brother-in-law, Mike Brock; and Phil's partner, Irene Blaskowski.

The memorial service for Chuck will be held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, March 4, 2023, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Father Mariadas Vallabhaneni will preside. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:00 A.M. Saturday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com)



**Ronald E. Spears** peacefully with his family by his side on February 8, 2023. Ron loved children. He never missed his grandchildren's school activities and was known to all as "Papa Ron."

He was an avid woodworker and always had a joke to share. Ron had a big heart and often joked that he was so good, he got two (after having received a heart transplant in 2000.) Ron was born in 1941 and lived in Merrill his entire life. He tended bar at Club Modern for 39 years and worked at Wire Products and Bell Tower in maintenance. He was also in the Navy.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Earl, and Margaret Spears, two brothers, Robert and Herbert, and son, Todd Spears. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, son Dean (Jean) Spears, daughter Tammy (Trevor) LaRene, and grandchildren Bennett and Ethan (Rebecca) LaRene and Tasha and Todd Spears.

The family would like to thank the staff at Aspirus Hospital, Edgewater Haven, and Promedica Hospice. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Heart Association or in support of organ donation. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Virginia A. 'Jinny' Krueger**, 79, of Merrill, passed away Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Aspirus Medford Hospital.

Jinny was born January 10, 1944, in Coloma, Wisconsin, daughter of the late Arden and Leona (Schrank) Kottke. Jinny married Danny E. Krueger on May 24, 1966. He preceded her in death on May 17, 2009. They moved to Merrill in May of 1988, she worked at Wire Products until her retirement.

Jinny was a huge Green Bay Packers and Elvis Presley fan. She absolutely loved taking care of her grand puppies and kitties and looked forward to visiting them every day. She also adored her kitty, Daisy. She loved Sewing, Reading and watching the Molly B Polka show every Saturday night. She loved to laugh and joke around, listen to the oldies and watch the old TV shows.

Jinny is survived by her daughter, Traci (Dennis) Fick of Merrill; her sister, Darlene Warp of Arkdale, Wisconsin; Danny's son, Danny M. Krueger of Bever Dam; nieces and nephews; and her very best friends, Earleen and Dennis Fox and MaryAnn Huber all of Merrill.

Jinny was preceded in death by her triplet sons, David, Brian and Michael; husband, Danny E. Krueger; parents, Arden and Leona Kottke; and sister, Marcella 'Sally' (Ben) Sayles.

A memorial service for Jinny will be held at 12:00 P.M., Noon, on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. The family will receive friends beginning at 11:00 A.M., Sunday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com)



**Robert (Bobby) Bennish**, passed away December 14, 2022 unexpectedly of a sudden illness in Tulsa Oklahoma at Tulsa Hillcrest Medical Facility. Born February 17, 1956 to Donna (Coyer) Bennish and Victor Bennish. Both of them preceded him in death.

Bob worked as a construction laborer, over the road truck driver, manager with Burger King and Parts Manager with Mesaba Airlines. For the last 15 years, he was living his dream travelling and camping throughout the western half of these United States.

Surviving him are Dustin Bennish (son) Mosinee, WI, Bobbi Rae Rothgarn (daughter) Wausau, WI, Cody (Carolay) Bennish (son), Seabrook TX and life long friend, Janelle Engelking-Bennish, Merrill, WI. He is survived by 5 grandchildren, Veronica, Alicesin, Evelyn, Junior and Sara. Bob is survived by his best friend and travel companion, Rat Terrier named Zelda who is now in residence with family. Along with numerous cousins and friends throughout Wisconsin and Michigan.

A private life celebration will be held in Summer.

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Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer  
Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY  
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition  
for Administration and Deadline for  
Filing Claims  
(Formal Administration)  
Case No. 2023-IN-07**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
MARGARET A. OESTREICH  
DOD: 11/02/2022

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

**THE COURT FINDS:**  
The decedent, with date of birth 12/02/1941 and date of death 11/02/2022 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2701 Glen Drive, Merrill, WI 54452

**THE COURT ORDERS:**  
1. The Petition be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Branch 1, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Hon. Galen Bayne-Allison, on 3-29-2023 at 8:30 a.m.

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

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is [Date] June 9, 2023.

3. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.

5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

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**HONOR ROLLS**

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic School announces 2022-2023 second quarter Honor Roll**

**HIGHEST HONORS 3.75 – 4.00:** Lilly Hoffman (4.0), Hannah Rell (4.0), Margaret Delp (4.0), Abigail Rell (4.0), Matthew Burkhardt, Emily Raymer, Jacob Shimel, Kaylana Vickery, Lauren Hoffman, Julia Fleischman **HIGH HONORS 3.50 – 3.749:** Michael Creel, Emmett Johnson, Addison Plautz, Daven Saeger **HONORS 3.25 – 3.499:** Louisa Fleischman, Elias Pakonen **HONOR ROLL 3.00 – 3.249:** Anthony Galella, Kayden Klement **HONORABLE MENTION 2.90-2.99:** Aidan Plautz

**St. John Lutheran School announces 2022-2023 second quarter Honor Roll**

**HIGHEST HONORS - 4.0:** Marshall Besaw, Addelyn Ineichen, Lola Klug, Evan Voigt **HIGH HONORS - 3.76 - 3.99:** Poppy Geisler, Ruby Hoffman, Adalyn Schooley, Siobhan Schuetze, Joanna Szeto **HONORS 3.5 - 3.75:** Brynlee Heidemann, Ella Humphrey, Logan Klug, Olivia Smith, Eva Storm, Madilynn VenRooy, Christian Voigt

**Trinity Lutheran School announces 2022-2023 second quarter Honor Roll**

**8TH GRADE:** Avery Brendemuehl, Grace Hoff (4.0), Lily Hoff, Abbie Krueger, Miley Krueger, Ivan Lee, Kinsey Literski, Isabella Scheffler, Remington Skic (4.0), Caleb Thompson **7TH GRADE:** Rachel Gustafson (4.0), Kendell Klug, Kylie Lutzke (4.0), Connor Riste **6TH GRADE:** Madee Barker, Willow Harmon, Kayla Klimek (4.0), Nate Nelson, Evelyn Reinhardt, Aubrey Renzelman, Jilli Severt, Emmie Steinagel

**Prairie River Middle School 2022-2023 Second Quarter Honor Roll**

**EIGHTH GRADE**  
**GOLD: 4.00:** Lily Berndt, Allyson Boquist, Paige Byer, Maycee Eisner, Abigail Gauerke, Josilynn Geiss, Erik Grunenwald, Mackenzie Herdt, Shanna Herdt, Claire Hintz, Izabella Klockow, Justice Kunze, Mya Meyer, Nathaniel Miller, Marielle Nass, Carlina Nebbergall, Evan Olson, Tyson Ott, Addison Pickard, Grace Reimann, Eryn Schmitz, Derek Schult, Peyton Smith, Isabella Stutting, Charlotte Van Der Nest, Grace Wegner, Laci Wirtala, Lauren Zuelsdorff  
**SILVER: 3.750-3.999:** Tatiana Anderson, Alexandra Carreto, Stuart Gehris, Reese Kaminski, Brody Klebenow, Mark Marvin, Jackson Millard, Elayna Olson, Greta Peterson, Deylah Schulz, Kayleigh Strey, Morgan Wienke, Emma Ziebell  
**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749:** Zachary Bacon, Natalee Clifford, Marvin Downs, Rory Gates, Peyton Hagenbucher, Davin Harder, Emily Hayes, Avery Hooock, Danika Kuehl, William Miernietz, Marissa Miles, Landon Mootz, McKenzie Plautz, Ryker Remington, Layla Schmidt, Kelcee Schoerner, Darren Sitte  
**SEVENTH GRADE**  
**GOLD: 4.00:** Azalea Blake, Brooklyn Clabots, Kaleb Cook, Brady Genisot, Caleb

Genrich, Sawyer Grubb, Megan Gustum, Marie Hagemeister, Lilee Haltinner, Kane Hanson, Avery Kolinski, Claire Kufahl, Mylie Kufahl, Isaac Lersch, Alexis Lonsdorf, Zander Meyer, Cecillia Priebe, Karlee Ravn, Chayse Reinichen, Kylie Roberge, Brianna Schmirler, Declin Schotz, Adriana Schram, Broc Suchocki, Mikenna Vandeweerd, Madeline Voigt, Cameron Wszalek, Benjamin Zastrow  
**SILVER: 3.750-3.999:** Brooklyn Bellin, Peyton Brown, Austin Doering, Shane Gibson, Kallen Henson, Haley Hooock, Marihanna Hulce, Connor Josiger, Finlee Lange-Peronto, Ava Latzig, Jacey Lyon, Emmanuel Ollmann, Eliza Rogers, Jackson Roggenbuck, Alina Savagian-Demoss, Avalynn Schult, Nikolajs Schulz, Fletcher Talerico, Tanner Vanvuren, Emma Wendt, Anna Whited  
**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749:** Madisyn Anderson, Lilly Bong, Karmen Brietzke, Jennavecia Conrad, Norah Elliott, Alexis Fehr, Cecilia Gerbig, Payton Guite, Lexie Hass, MyKenzie Hinz, Kylee Hoffman, Noelle Iverson, Annabelle Lee, Jacoby Loren-Nelson, Jameson Morgan, Alicia Schneider, Cadence Seliger, Dylan Weber, Shelby Yates

**SIXTH GRADE**

**GOLD: 4.00:** Alle Bergh, Ella Bergh, Bethany Crockford, Colton Fox, Autumn Genisot, Jaedyn Goetsch, Carson Hanrahan, Jase Huston, Kassandra Johnson, Andrew Josiger, Mara Kautzer, Willett Knospe, Julio Martinez-Santiago, Mathew Mueller, Abigail Parks, Korbet Ravn, Draven Sangster, Michael Schreiber, Cadence Stutting, Luke Wegner, Owen Zerbe  
**SILVER: 3.750-3.999:** William Chula, Keira Clerveaux, Aaron Collinsworth, Alexandria Derizzo, Lydia Faber, Moses Gates, Madilynn Geiss, Jameson Gerdes, Jacob Hanson, Payge Osness, Kelsey Pankow  
**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749:** Ella Burrow, Mia Hanson, Cody Henson, Kyla Hoffman, Evelyn Johnson, Allie Kohnhorst, Lexus Kosmicki, Aubrey Krombholz, Demitri Ly, Joslyn Rettinger, Aili Sayles, Caylinn Van Der Nest, Robert Woller, Nicole Zeinert

**FIFTH GRADE**

**GOLD: 4.00:** Emma Daley, Preston Hannemann, Oliver Kahr, Delyla Maudrie, Cameron McCaskill, Connor Savagian-Demoss, Aiden Schultz, Cooper Schwartzman, Hunter Staskiewicz, Cameron Thom, Claire Ziebell  
**SILVER: 3.750-3.999:** Caelyn Belant, Darren Breunig, Iva Brownell, Sylvia Durbin, Ronin Emblar, Parker Hannemann, Allie Isaacson, Emma Myers, Kiana Oxborrow, Lexi Renken, Atreya Stone, Brayden Wiederhoef  
**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749:** Makaya Allen, Chloe Carstensen, James Cordova, Ian Eggebrecht, Mason Fuchs, Aaron Haltinner, Connor Hancock, Conner Holdridge, Mykayla Kuhn, Trenton Lapsenberg, Mackenzie Matthias, Liam McCullough, Addilyn Mulrooney, Payten Nelessen, Ethan Schenzel, Carter Schmidt, Claire Schroder, Kolbie Shimel, Hank Skomars, Makayla Talerico, Ashton Thom, Colton Vanlieshout

**Merrill High School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll 2022-2023**

**GRADE 9**  
**HIGHEST HONORS (4.0)** Kaylynn Allen, Keeley Benedict, Adison Clark, Olivia Collinsworth, James Crockford, Avery Frisch, Raphael Gerbig, Benjamin Gruett, Sarah Hagemeister, Robert Hoffman, Mariah Hulce, Brenna Jirovec, Farije Kiskoski, Hannah Klinger, Korina Kraegenbrink, Lilyann Kufahl, Jenna Malluege, Haakon Murphy, Violet Radtke, Roman Rampart, Jazlin Severt, Colton Smith, Parker Wagenaar, Cooper Wendorf.  
**HIGH HONORS (3.75-3.99)** Adalyn Blake, Colton Burrows, Kaela Clerveaux, Addelyn Elliott, Liberty Fuchs, Chloe Hipke, Theodore

Johnson, Noah Klug, Alexis Kropp, Tia Morris, Jacob Mueller, Orion Pillai, Emily Winter.  
**HONORS (3.5-3.74)** Cairo Amador-Gonzalez, Olivia Barker, Liberty Berndt, Hannah Bostrom, Jackson Brown, Prestin Dashek, Caroline Durbin, Evan Elliott, Emily Frahm, Hazeley Gates, Ryleigh Golisch, Joshua Gustum, Addison Jirovec, Slater Kalenske, Aiden Kell, Cayson Kendall, Samara Kleinschmidt, Alex Koblitz, Isabella Kottke, Danica Lipke, Maria Malinowski, Brynlynn McCaskill, Kalyn Morris, Landon Neumann, Jennifer Proulx, Madison Robbins, Ava Scantlin, Preston Schuelke, Natalie Schult, Hazel Seliger, Jacob Stetz-Schleif, Kaprice Strey, Ronan Van DeWeerd, Keegan Waliczek.

**GRADE 10**

**HIGHEST HONORS (4.0)** Johanna Dahlke, Austin Depies, Elizabeth Herdt, Chase Klebenow, Caden Lemmer, Aiden Lonsdorf, Olivia Pajdash, Maya Paulus, Sarah Rell, Haley Rindt, Jake Schwandt, Mia Smith, Daniel Vaughn.  
**HIGH HONORS (3.75-3.99)** Max Black, Irene Blennert, Lily Dallman, Parker Klebenow, Maddox Lammerding, Takiyah Sell, Benjamin Thom.  
**HONORS (3.5-3.74)** Gus Chrudimsky, Margaret Cordova, Megan Cordova, Ava Detert, Mackenzie Ellenbecker, Kaiden Henrich, Janna Jacobson, Micah Plautz, Breleigh Raasch, Emma Rautiola, Jacob Schmeltzer, Bailee Sommer, Emil Weix, Amelia White, Ahna Wilde, Merin Yates.

**GRADE 11**

**HIGHEST HONORS (4.0)** Anna Bowe, Chase Brantner, Malaynie Dengel, Abigail Gutenberger, Anthony Hanse, Linzee Hixon, Avery Hoff, Allison Hooock, Regena Lahti, Chloe Malinowski, Erik Mann, McKenna Meyer, Sebastian Ollmann, CainaOrzech, Savannah Orzech, Madison Ott, Mia Ott, Michael Quong, SageSchoerner, Katelyn Schult, Darko Todorov, Kayli Wirtala, Gracie Wyma.  
**HIGH HONORS (3.75-3.99)** Carter Baade, Jaden Bush, Anna Florez, Emma Frazier, Lacey Frisch, Bobbi AnnGerbig, Austin Hotchkiss, Brooklyn Kraegenbrink, Chloe McRae, Alexis Ollhoff, Kaiden Ratzlaff, Alexis Rogers, Julia Shull, Nora Trojanowski, Sophie Wendorf, Alayna Wyland.  
**HONORS (3.5-3.74)** Christian Candler, Melvin Clausen, Gabriel Durbin, Olivia Dzwonkowski, Elexa Emmer, Waylon Falk, Emma Hoff, Emerson Iwen, Brody Lange, Bridger Lemmon, Nicholas Palecek, Amber Radtke, Samuel Reimann, Carson Schmitz, Dawson Schulz, Sommer Seefeldt, Kendel Semling, JalieSevert, Phillip Vogel, Adison Warren, Isabel Wendt, Anna Westfall, Macy Wienke.

**GRADE 12**

**HIGHEST HONORS (4.0)** Jolene Bentz, Lauren Cohrs, Olivia Cordova, Ryder Depies, Arin Dettmering, BreannonHerdt, Catherine Herdt, Carla Higgins, Erin Kreamsreiter, Catherine Moyer, Jaiden Pillai, Kalynn Podgorski, Alayna Pozorski, Isaiah Rell, Luke Rice, Zoey Sabatke, Alexandra Schulz, Drew Semling, Spencer Smith, Paige Spoehr, Jasmine Toppi, Olivia Troyer, Madison Van DerGeest, Amber Winter, Dafney Yates.  
**HIGH HONORS (3.75-3.99)** Brian Ball, Jaxson Banser, Mason Borchardt, Nathan Brzoznowski, Madelyn Drew, Tyler Fritcher, Tyson Glisch, Johnathon Handlin, Austin Mosher, Tayler Neal, Caleb Norton, Montana Patterson, Morgan Polacek, Trenton Pozorski, Addison Schmeltzer, Brendan Schultz, Ethan Stieber, Macey JoWeix, Croix Woller.  
**HONORS (3.5-3.74)** Erica Arneson, Lydia Burrows, Madison Crossman, Kyle Duley, Vincent Entenmann, Makalia Geiger, Summit Hoyt, Cassandra Kasten, Jordan Klug, Cassy Kreamsreiter, Jessica Leander, Megan Miles, Andrew Moses, Caitlynn Pehlike, Bradyn Pieper, Alana Polak, Truman Shull, Hunter Stadler, Adrianna Watts.

**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**The Vaulted Chamber**

Dear Reader,  
 Did you ever pick out all of the good parts of a movie? Similarly, have you ever looked at the good parts of your life, the parts you would relive if you could? And along with that, are there a few scenes you would like to leave behind?



Near the end of the round-up, there comes a time for everyone to relive those golden moments, even if there's nothing left but memories. Ghosts from the past revive briefly and shine for a few brilliant moments as they once were. In the vaulted chamber of memory, they transmute from what they were into what they were meant to be...all of the good of who we were, and who we still try to be today.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
 Publisher

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

**BIRTHS**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

Boy, Kaycee Patrick James, born to Danielle Kernosky and Eric Kernosky of Merrill.

**FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

Girl, Daisy Jo, born to Taylor Conway and Hunter Conway of Merrill.

**The Merrill Knights Of Columbus Ice Fishing Tournament Committee, Would Like To Thank All Donors And Participants In Regards To Our 2023 Ice Fishing Tournament. Thank You!**

**PET OF THE WEEK**  
  
 Aria here. I'm a sweet kitty but I need a home that is more on the quiet side. No kids and no other pets. I love to get attention from the staff at the shelter. My favorite place is napping in my hide-a-way box. I also love a warm lap and a sunny window where I can watch the birds. I can be very sweet but on my own terms. Isn't someone out there looking for a nap buddy? Come meet me today! My adoption fee includes my spay. I'm up to date on vaccinations and microchip.  
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**MERRILL FOTO NEWS**  
**Student of the Week**  
 This Week's Featured Student is **Gavin Gruling**  
 Son of **Mr. & Mrs. Alex and Dana Gruling**  
 Gavin is in 1st grade at Kate Goodrich Elementary School. He was nominated by Mrs. Zocher.

**What is your favorite subject in school? Why?**  
 I like math the best because I like working with numbers and I like to learn new things. Subtraction problems are my favorite problems to figure out.

**What is your favorite part of school? Why?**  
 I like knowledge and listening to the read alouds because I like to learn about new topics like the Earth and the planets.

**What would you like to do/become someday? Why?**  
 When I grow up I would like to travel to places where there are volcanoes. I maybe would like to be a geologist so I can find fossils and other things on the earth.

Gavin is a wonderful first grader who comes to school each day ready to learn, complete with a smile on his face! He is kind and respectful to everyone and works incredibly hard in all academic areas to always do his best. Gavin serves as a positive role model, not only in our classroom, but in all areas at Kate Goodrich.  
 -Mrs. Zocher

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**MAPS accepts January and February donations**

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the Jan. 25, 2023, Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Directors meeting:  
 Donation of \$6,600 from the Bierman Family Foundation for the purchase of bleachers at the PRMS Pool; donation of \$3,000 from the Merrill Aqua Jays Swim Team for the purchase of bleachers at the PRMS Pool; the following funds from Laura Lussier Lee and Eric Lee: \$1,000 for supporting programs at Pine River School for Young Learners, \$1,000 for supporting student programs at Kate Goodrich Elementary School, \$300 for helping students in need through Washington's Nest, and \$1,000 for supporting student programs at Washington Elementary School; cash from Merrill Aqua Jays valued at \$119 for the MHS Nest; money from Secret Santa valued at \$1,500 for purchasing gifts for students in need this holiday season at Prairie River Middle School; cash from the Tuesday Morning Bible Study valued at \$100 for blessing children in need through the Kate Goodrich "Nest"; a check from Ashley Miller valued at \$100 for the MHS Nest; a gift of money from an Anonymous Donor valued at \$1,000 for helping families in need at Prairie River Middle School; cash from St. John's PTO valued at \$80 for the MHS Nest; cash from Hillside Fellowship of Assemblies of God valued at \$2,120 for student needs at Washington Elementary School; a check from Park City Credit Union valued at \$65 for the MHS Nest as part of the profit-sharing from sales of debit cards; snow pants from St. Francis Church/Knights of Columbus valued at \$500 for use by students in the MAPS schools; and winter boots and snow pants from St. Vincent DePaul Outreach valued at \$2,300 for use by students in the MAPS schools.  
 The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the Feb. 15 MAPS Board meeting:  
 Donation of hats and mittens from Sandra Robare valued at \$50 for keeping students warm at Pine River School for Young Learners; a six-volume set of Norton Anthology of World Literature from an anonymous donor valued at \$200 for promoting good reading and introducing students to a variety of world literature; six trail cameras from the Friends of the Evjue/Merrill School Forest valued at \$398.97 for forest and wildlife monitoring; and, hand-sewn mittens from Merrill Enrichment Center volunteers valued at \$1,000 for children at Kate Goodrich and Washington Elementary Schools.



**PETERS** from page 1

1997, 1991 Persian Gulf War).

Andrew, also a Marshfield resident, joined the International Legion in late November 2022, after months of discernment following the Feb. 24, 2022, Russian invasion of Ukraine, in a major escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian War that had begun in 2014. Andrew said it was his calling, and he volunteered, joining many other veterans from the U.S. and other countries who felt personally moved to help the Ukrainian people and traveled there to fight, at their own initiative and personal expense. He arrived ready to fight with his own body armor and tactical gear. Andrew spoke both Russian and Ukrainian and was a skilled marksman.

Ukraine's International Legion was created by the Ukrainian government and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to recruit veteran soldiers to assist in the country's military defense and fight for global security.

"Andrew had a strong sense of what was right and wrong," John and Heather said in a prepared statement. "He felt the need to use his prior military combat skills to help the Ukrainian people fight and liberate their country."

According to Wikipedia, "The invasion has caused tens of thousands of deaths on both sides and instigated Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II."

Andrew is at least the 12th U.S. veteran to die in Ukraine in the fight for that country's freedom. His father wants Americans to know the war in Ukraine isn't just affecting the Ukrainians.

A 2012 graduate of Marshfield High School, Andrew joined the U.S. Army immediately after graduation, leaving for basic training just four days before his 18th birthday, and served as an infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division from 2012 to 2016, including a tour in Afghanistan in 2014, and was honorably discharged in 2016.

"Andrew was extremely close to his fellow soldiers and was well liked by everyone. We are all extremely



Andrew Peters, an animal lover, missed his pets and service dog that were back home and took joy in comforting some of the many homeless (and now stray) cats and dogs in war-torn Ukraine. **Submitted photo.**

proud of his bravery and selfless sacrifice," his parents said.

"He had a very close bond with his fellow legionnaires," John said.

John and Heather are working with the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv to bring Andrew's remains home.

The family is understandably devastated and has asked for privacy.

# Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM  
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

## Cocaine Bear

(Now playing in theatres)

★★★★☆

This film is rated R for gore, violence, and language.

Loosely based on a real incident that happened in 1985, *Cocaine Bear* tells the kind-of-true story about a black bear that came upon a bunch of cocaine and had at it. When I say loosely, I mean very loosely, so do not entertain the idea that much of the film is true.

That being said, this one is a hoot. It made me laugh, cringe, and shake my head. But be warned, it is gory and filled with foul language and brutal, though hysterical, deaths.

Three out of five stars for *Cocaine Bear* because it's just a fun, vapid film.

On a personal note: Everyone, this will be my last review. I have truly enjoyed being your guide to the cinema, but recently, it has come to my attention that not all that read my column enjoy my particular sense of humor, and my dear editor, Tina, has had to field some complaints, and that's not fair to her. She was forced into a position to ask me to be more cautious in my reviews, and after rewriting this review three times (the first one was hysterical, if I do say so myself), I concluded that to do so would be to no longer be who I am.

What many of you may not realize is that these reviews have been done on my time and my dime, and I was happy to do so, but as the man said, all good things must come to their eventual end.

Thank you all so very much for reading these, and thank you so much for the feedback, and thank you to Tina and the Foto News. I hope that perhaps one day they may return, but until that day, support your local theatre and paper. And maybe I will see you in that dark room where magic flickers upon the screen and we are transported together into a different world, even if just for a little while.

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Christopher Stamm



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LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK • MARCH 5, 2023 - MARCH 11, 2023

# Service and discipleship are focus of Lutheran Schools Week at Trinity

JOY MARQUARDT

A week of fellowship and fun awaits students at Trinity Lutheran School in Merrill as they prepare to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week March 5-11, 2023, with activities focusing on service and discipleship.

“Making Disciples for Life,” the theme for the week, based on Matthew 28:18-20, has been emphasized both in and out of the classroom throughout the school year.

“It’s a week to celebrate what we do here all year,” said Trinity Principal Kathy Yahr. “It gives us a chance to focus on our school’s purpose, which is sharing the love of Jesus.”

The week of activities kicks off Sunday, March 5, with an 8:00 a.m. worship service commemorating Lutheran Schools Week. Students in grades K-8 will sing “Go into the World” to correlate with the theme of discipleship. A student-organized bake sale will be held following the service to raise funds for playground improvements.

“A group of students came up with the idea for the bake sale to kick off Lutheran Schools Week and to raise money for the playground,” Yahr said. “I am very proud of them for taking the initiative.”

As a service project for the week, the entire school is collecting donations to purchase a kayak for Camp Luther in Three Lakes. During the year, students have chosen to send cards to veterans and invited them to the school, made blankets and pajamas for those in need, donated to the Lincoln County Human Society, and collected offerings for Lutheran World Relief, among other service projects.

Classroom activities for Lutheran Schools Week will explore the concepts of sharing the light of Jesus in your future career, how athletes and other famous people tell others about Jesus, and how to

share the love of Jesus with your fellow students. A Teacher Swap, exchanging teachers between the classes, concludes the week.

Special dress-up days will include a day to wear sports jerseys, dressing in blue for Spirit Day, Crazy Socks Day, and a Pajama Day, with each class writing a bedtime prayer. Anything But a Backpack Day challenges students to carry their books to class using nonconventional methods.

“This year for Lutheran Schools Week, we are doing a lot of classroom activities,” said fourth grade teacher Cinder Handlin, who serves on the planning committee. “I enjoy seeing the creativity of the students, and I love participating in the dress-up days.”

Throughout the school year, Handlin’s students have been learning about the topic of discipleship through classroom discussions, weekly chapel services, and by completing various service projects.

“We are trying to figure out how we can make disciples anywhere we go and how we can share the love of Jesus,” she said.

In her fifth year at Trinity, Handlin enjoys sharing her faith with her students and incorporates religion into all subjects on a daily basis.

“I try to incorporate our faith into everything as much as I can,” she said. “I think that just having faith is a good cornerstone or building block for every child. If they don’t have faith, it’s hard for them to go forward.”

Even though Trinity is a small school, students have the advantage of smaller class sizes and have an abundance of opportunities to be involved in sports, music, the arts, leadership organizations, and other extra-curricular activities. Elective courses range from outdoor cooking and baking classes to survival



First grade students at Trinity Lutheran School in Merrill with their grandparents in a special program to show appreciation for how important our grandparents are to us.

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skills and robotics. The school has a National Junior Honors Society, Student Leadership Team, and a yearbook run by students.

“We have many electives and a variety of them are STEM activities,” Yahr said. “Last quarter we had a group of students learn to D.J., and they created a sound system for our first school dance of the year. There are just all kinds of things they wouldn’t get to do otherwise. There’s just so much going on here.”

In addition to extra-curricular activities, all classes at Trinity take field trips during the school year. Each class has the opportunity to attend a production at the Grand Theater and visit Council Grounds State Park, the Merrill School Forest, Camp Luther, and Camp Forest Springs. They also have gone to places such as Grandpa’s Farm, taken sleigh rides, and traveled to

Minneapolis and Lambeau Field in Green Bay, among numerous other venues.

Field trips, additional classroom supplies, and improvements to the school are made possible, in part, by funds from the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) which raises money through events such as the Spring Flower Sale and the annual Spring Auction.

“We do really three main fundraisers each year,” said Beth Weinkauf, co-chair of the PTO. “In fall we partnered with Russ Davis Wholesale and sold fruit and cheese as a fundraiser, and we just wrapped up our Spring Flower Sale. The flowers will be delivered in time for Mother’s Day.”

The largest fundraiser of the year, the annual Spring Auction, is set for Saturday, April 15, 2023, with a dinner, raffles, and a

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Left: A sixth grade student leads chapel for the preschool and 4K students. Center: 101st Day of School – An annual first grade celebration of all things 101! Right: Celebration Bell – Students at Trinity celebrate accomplishments by ringing the large bell outside of the office.



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# Students share the love of Jesus at St. John during Lutheran Schools Week

BY JOY MARQUARDT

“Making Disciples for Life” is the theme of Lutheran Schools Week March 5-11, 2023, at St. John Lutheran School in Merrill, as students prepare to share the gospel of Jesus with their community, church, and school.

“Lutheran Schools Week is a celebration of what we do here as a church and school,” said St. John Principal Daren Catlin. “The kids are the future of our community and the future of our world. We want to make them disciples for life.”

Based on Matthew 28:18-20, students have been focusing on the theme of discipleship throughout the year and have planned special learning opportunities, service projects, worship, and other fun activities for the week.

“It’s kind of a broad theme,” Catlin said. “We’ve talked to the kids about the different disciples and how we can be disciples in our daily lives. All of the teachers use it in the classroom whenever they get a chance and weave it into their curriculum.”

A student-led worship service begins the week on Sunday, March 5, at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the church. A mid-week Lenten Service takes place at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, with the congregation.

As a highlight of the week, students are asked to bring a relative or friend to school to share breakfast and to dress like a hero they most admire.

“So each day we tried to pick a dress-

up theme that will match our discipleship theme,” said third grade teacher Leah Gipple. “One day they can bring in something or wear something that shows how they are a unique child of God. It could represent a hobby or special talent they have. On Family Day, they will be asked to dress like someone they most admire.”

In appreciation for their church and school, students will serve a luncheon to members of the St. John School Board, Church Council, Ladies Aid, and other volunteers who serve the church and school, as a thank you for all of their hard work and dedication. Students will wear special St. John apparel to celebrate their school spirit and pride in their school.

Other activities for the week will include a Cinema Day, with several classrooms being turned into a movie theater, complete with popcorn, games such as Bingo and Minute to Win It, and special treats.

The week concludes Friday, March 10, with a presentation of the Sky Dome Planetarium, sponsored by Mobile Ed Productions based in Redford, Mich. The 35’x14’ mobile unit offers a full planetarium show for the school. Groups of students will attend the planetarium show and a day of bowling at Les & Jim’s Lincoln Lanes on a rotating basis. Students are asked to wear white or neon for glow-in-the-dark bowling. A dance in the school gym wraps up the week’s activities.

“The students all have their favorite



You’ve been “socked” Christmas activity, sponsored by National Jr. Honor Society at St. John Lutheran School. Each classroom got a sock filled with fun treats, and students re-filled the sock with treats and notes throughout December and passed along to another student, “socking” them with Christmas kindness. Photos courtesy of St. John Lutheran School.

activity, and they all look forward to the dress-up days, but I think they just like being together and being able to laugh together and support each other as a group,” Gipple said.

Gipple notes that there are more than 1,800 Lutheran schools nationwide that are celebrating Lutheran Schools Week.

“It’s a time to give thanks for the impact our schools have on our society,” she said. “I just enjoy having the time to interact with my students outside of my classroom and being able to laugh together and build up relationships with them.”

Gipple begins each school day with religion class and incorporates her faith and love of God into all aspects of the school day.

“Everything comes back to God,” she said. “We are trying to instill that into our students. We want them to be disciples

and to remember, when we see things in the world, we have to stand up for what we believe in.”

As a parent of three children attending St. John and a graduate of the school, Darcy Dalsky serves as a member of the St. John School Board and is a member of the Mother’s Club.

“The faith-based education is so important,” she said. “It gives the kids a solid foundation for the rest of their lives.”

As a former student, Dalsky remembers her time at St. John and the celebration of Lutheran Schools Week.

“I think when I was a student, the activities were more just for the school,” she said. “There are more opportunities now for the students. The curriculum has evolved

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Left: St. John Lutheran School students donated 450 boxes of cereal to go to the Merrill Food Pantry. Boxes were set up as “dominoes” for the whole school to watch fall on the last day of collecting before being donated.



Third grade pj/silly day—classroom reward for accomplishing class goal.

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over the years, and the staff has done a good job of keeping things relevant and making sure the students are engaged."

Service to others is an important aspect of the school, and as a parent, Dalsky appreciates that those values are being practiced by the students.

"I think the service is more of an in-reach right now," Dalsky said. "The students will serve a lunch for the church and school, and I thought that was a pretty cool idea, just to have the students serve the meal and see them be so excited about it. My kids know how important it is for me to volunteer and how giving of my time is an important part of my life."

Dalsky has served on the Mother's Club for several years and assists with events such as the Cookie Walk, Holiday Mall, and Spring Carnival. The Mother's Club raises funds for field trips, teacher supplies, and improvements to the school and playground.

"I like being able to help the teachers and the school," Dalsky said. "My efforts are able to raise money, and it's a good feeling. In the broader picture, knowing that your kids are able to benefit is very rewarding."

The Mother's Club recently purchased T-shirts for all of the students to wear during Lutheran Schools Week and are sponsoring the after-school dance to wrap up the week.

"This is the second year we are doing the dance," Dalsky said. "It was a big hit last year, and it will be a nice opportunity to wrap up the week."

The annual Spring Carnival, which is open to the public, will be held Friday, May 5, 2023, in the school gym. The event includes games and prizes for the kids, raffle baskets, and a concession stand.

"The Spring Carnival is getting so big," Dalsky said. "Last year we did very well; we were just coming out of COVID. We are



Seventh grade confirmation class re-painting the church parking lot as part of growing their service to the community.

hoping for a good attendance again this year."

Dalsky especially likes the family atmosphere of the school, which is fostered through programs such as Chapel Families, which divides students into groups of mixed ages. Students sit with their Chapel Families once a month during chapel and do various service projects and other events together.

"The family environment of the school is important to me," Dalsky said. "One of the things I really like is that they have Chapel Families and they see kids in other grades and it helps foster that family environment."

St. John is now accepting enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year for pre-school through grade eight and is part of the Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program. For more information about the school or to schedule a tour, phone 715.536.7264.

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live and silent auction at the Merrill Town Hall. Proceeds from the event will be used to install new lights in the school gym.

"The community has been very supportive," Weinkauff said. "There's something at the auction for everyone. It takes a lot of work, but it's a fun event. It's a nice night out."

Auction items donated by the community, which vary from year to year, will include a golden ticket for early shopping at the Crooked Queen of Merrill, Green Bay Packer and Wisconsin Badger tickets, escorted fire truck and police car rides to school, special men's and women's raffle prizes, and a dessert auction.

The PTO also sponsors Popcorn Fridays, Reading Nights, Book Fairs, and teacher appreciation events during the school year.

A Trinity graduate, Weinkauff has a son enrolled in the school and has served on the PTO for more than five years.

"Things have changed since I was a student there, the world has evolved, but the fundamentals are still the same," she said. "The core values are still the same. The faith-based learning is very important. It sets a good foundation to go out into the world and have that Christ-centered faith."

Yahr, who is in her 20th year at Trinity, served 15 years as Principal and will be retiring at the end of the school year.

"There have been a lot of changes over the years," she said. "I've enjoyed the people, the students, and the faculty and staff and working with the church leadership, and just all of the above."

Trinity is currently taking enrollment for the 2023-2024 academic year and is a Wisconsin Parental School Choice Site. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, phone 715.536.7501.



After learning about hats from different countries at the Leigh Yawkey Museum, students made their own hats.



Preschool science class. Students are observing insects from around the world.



Second grade fort building challenge.

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Third grade students collected donations for Trinity's Open Hearts Food Pantry.

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**Belfiori awarded the Pointers Legacy Award**

Kelsie Belfiori, daughter of Dom and Julie Belfiori and MHS graduate, was recently awarded the Pointers Legacy Award during the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Volleyball Banquet. The award "recognizes someone with outstanding character and someone who is a role model in all areas of being a student-athlete." Her teammates spoke to her leadership abilities as team captain, as well as her confidence, skill, competitiveness, discipline, perseverance, character, devotion to her studies, and other qualities that make her much admired. Kelsie is pursuing a degree in Physical Education and will graduate in December 2023.

- Bailey Orzech, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences
- Tanaya Pillai, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences
- Amelia Skoviera, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences

**UW Oshkosh fall 2022 Dean's List, Honor Roll released**

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh officials have released the names of students added to the Dean's List and Honor Roll for the fall 2022 term.

The term GPA requirement for University Honor Roll is 3.3; the term GPA requirement for Dean's List is 3.75, and students must have a minimum of 12 credits with no individual grades below a "C" and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process is run.

- Two Merrill students were recognized:
- Taleigh Fox, Honor Roll
  - Taylor Korman, Dean's List

**Area students named to Dean's List at UW-River Falls**

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls released their fall semester Dean's List honoring students who are full-time undergraduates who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0, or midway between an "A" and "B" average.

Area students named to the Dean's List at UW-River Falls include:

- Evan Neigum, Athens, Animal Science
- Maleah Redmann, Athens, Animal Science
- Madison Gerbig, Gleason, Dairy Science
- Allison Schlegel, Gleason, Mathematics
- Brianna Maas, Irma, Animal Science and Animal Science
- Audrey Ladewig, Merrill, Health & Human Performance

**Area students named to Dean's List at Winona State University**

Winona State University announced the fall 2022 Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours for a grade) and achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.5. The following area students were named to the Winona State University Dean's List:

- Ella Halopka, Athens
- Jaida Heinz, Merrill

**UW-Green Bay announces academic honors**

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay announced the names of full-time undergraduate students earning 12 or more credits of graded coursework who received fall 2022 semester academic achievement recognition, including students attending all four UW-Green Bay campuses (Green Bay, Marinette, Manitowoc, Sheboygan). Students who earn a 4.0 grade point average, representing all "A" grades, receive highest honors; students who earn 3.99 to 3.75 grade point averages receive high honors; students who earn 3.74 to 3.50 grade point averages earn honors. Students from our area include:

- Aaron Hartmann, Athens, Semester Honors
- Claire Drew, Merrill, Semester Honors
- Mackenah Krause, Merrill, Semester Highest Honors

**Area students named to Dean's List at UW-Eau Claire**

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire announced the following area students were named to the fall 2022 Dean's List in recognition of outstanding academic performance:

- Kole Kaldunski, Athens, College of Business
- Cassandra Riehle, Athens, College of Arts and Sciences
- Kaitlyn Riehle, Athens, College of Business
- Michael Casper, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences
- Liberty Garber, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences
- Taylor Golding, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences
- Emma Jaeger, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences
- Jordyn Londerville, Merrill, College of Nursing and Health Sciences
- Christian Matson, Merrill, College of Education and Human Sciences
- Lydia McIntyre, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences
- Benjamin Myszka, Merrill, College of Arts and Sciences

**Area students named to Dean's List at UW-Milwaukee**

The following individuals from our area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Fall 2022 semester:

- Abraham Miller, Athens, Architecture Undergraduate
- Daniel Zoromski, Athens, Health Sciences Undergraduate
- Fletcher Ellenbecker, Merrill, Eng & Comp Sci Undergrad
- Benjamin Freyer, Merrill, School of the Arts-Undergrad
- Madison Malm, Merrill, Letters & Science Undergrad
- Adam Polak, Merrill, Pathway Advising

**Schultz of Merrill graduates midyear**

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh held their 58th midyear commencement on Dec. 17 at Kolf Sports Center to recognize the accomplishments of students from all three of its campuses (Fond du Lac, Fox Cities, and Oshkosh). More than 900 students earned bachelor's, associate, master's, and doctoral degrees and graduated midyear. Among those graduates was Molly Schultz of Merrill who earned her Master of Science in Education, Literacy.

**Young named to fall Deans' List at Nebraska**

Isaac Forrest Young of Merrill has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

Young, a Senior majoring in Actuarial Science, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Business.

**Leskela graduates from UW-Platteville**

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced diplomas to more than 500 students for the fall of 2022, among them Ryan Leskela of Merrill who graduated mid-year with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

**UW-Platteville announces Chancellor's List**

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages (GPA) for the fall 2022 semester. Kimberly Cummings of Gleason, who is studying Criminal Justice, Psychology, at UW-Platteville was among those honored and named to the Chancellor's List for her perfect 4.0 GPA.

**UW-Platteville announces Dean's List**

UW-Platteville also announced its Dean's List, honoring full-time students who earned high honors in the fall 2022 semester. College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture, and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List



# Ryder Depies takes second place at State Wrestling Tournament

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Ryder Depies, a Senior from Merrill High School, represented the Bluejays well at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament held at the Kohl Center, UW-Madison, from Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 23-25, 2023, taking second place in his 195 weight class.

“Ryder had a great week of practice, and he came into the tournament very focused and determined,” said Merrill Head Wrestling Coach Brian Suchocki. “That led to Ryder having a successful tournament.”

“On Thursday night, Ryder pinned both his opponents in the first period,” he said. “Going into the tournament, I felt confident that Ryder was going to do well. He came and executed his game plan. The State Tournament is exciting and can cause the unexpected. The experience Ryder gained last season helped him in this tournament.”

“We talked about wrestling his match, and that’s what he did,” Suchocki said.

“Winning those first two matches set Ryder up for the semi-finals on Friday night and guaranteed him a spot on the awards stand,” he said. “Friday night the Kohl Center was electric. Ryder dominated his opponent, Hunter Jibben, from start to finish. Ryder put so much pressure on Hunter that he was getting several stalling calls. Stalling basically means the wrestler isn’t doing enough in the match and they are avoiding trying to score. Ryder controlled the entire match and made the finals.”

“In the finals, we knew Ryder would have a tough match-up,” Suchocki said. “Ryder was ready and prepared for that, but unfortunately a State championship wasn’t meant to be.”

Ryder represented his family, community, school, and the Merrill Wrestling Program well, he said. “The coaching staff is

very proud of Ryder. His leadership and character will be missed next season.”

“The last time Merrill had a wrestler in the State finals was 2015 when Mason Reinhardt took the Championship,” Suchocki said. “Ryder was in fourth grade [at the time], and he told me he was at the State Championship. Now Ryder is inspiring his teammates and other young wrestlers.”

Other Merrill wrestlers and family and friends attended the State Tournament to back Ryder. “His teammates and other Merrill fans were an awesome support,” Suchocki said. “All of them were behind him, and it made the experience very special.”

Suchocki said he and all the coaching staff really appreciate the great support from the community and the school district. “I thought it was great that Ryder’s semi-final match was streamed following the girl’s basketball game in the Merrill Fieldhouse,” he said. “Merrill has a lot to be proud of with how our athletes represent us.”

## 2023 WIAA Individual State Results for Merrill: D1-195

Ryder Depies (46-2) placed second and scored 23.0 team points.

**Champ. Round 1** - Ryder Depies (Merrill) 46-2 won by fall over Nelson Luecke (Waukesha West) 30-12 (Fall 1:43)

**Quarterfinal** - Ryder Depies (Merrill) 46-2 won by fall over Makhi Rodgers (Brown Deer/Messmer/Shorew.) 38-13 (Fall 1:06)

**Semifinal** - Ryder Depies (Merrill) 46-2 won by major decision over Hunter Jibben (Oak Creek) 42-4 (MD 9-1)

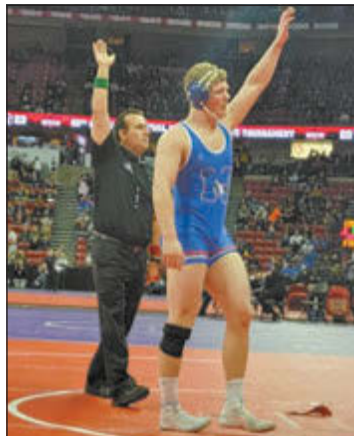
**1st Place Match** - Connor Mirasola (West Bend West) 53-2 won by fall over Ryder Depies (Merrill) 46-2 (Fall 0:32)



Ryder Depies took second place at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament. Photos courtesy of Merrill Wrestling Program.



Merrill Varsity Wrestling teammates, family, friends, and fans showed up at the Kohl Center to support Depies at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament.



Left: Ryder Depies wrestles his opponent in the quarter-finals. Right: Ryder Depies gets the victory in his semi-final match at the State Tournament.

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### Boys Basketball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

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### Girls Basketball (Varsity & JV)

Please see [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org) for playoff bracket & schedules.

## 2023 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedules

### Boys Track and Field (Varsity & JV)

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### Girls Track and Field (Varsity & JV)

Practice begins Monday, March 6th

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### Sixth grade boys punch their ticket to the State Tournament

On Feb. 4 and 5, 2023, the Merrill Sixth Grade Boys Travel Basketball Team took first place at the Wausau Noon Optimist Tournament. That win punched their ticket and got them invited to the 2023 Wisconsin Middle School Basketball State Championship in Waukesha on March 17-19. In photo, front row, from L to R: Brody Johnas, Landon Hattery, Shaban Kiskowski, and Jonathan Barnett. Back row, L to R: Coach Nicole Josiger, Cody Henson, Jamis Hanson, Andrew Josiger, and Coach Kevin Henson. Wil Detert is missing from the photo.



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honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

Students from our area recognized on the Dean's List included:

- Isaac Bixby, Gleason, Civil Engineering
• Kimberly Cummings, Gleason, Psychology
• Ryan Leskela, Merrill, Mechanical Engineering

Schulz makes Carthage College Dean's List

Carthage College in Kenosha has named Camryn Schulz of Merrill to the Dean's List for academic excellence during the Fall 2022 term.

Root earns Semester Honors at Edgewood College

Brian Root of Merrill has earned Semester Honors for the Fall 2022 semester at Edgewood College.

Local students graduate from UW-Eau Claire

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire awarded 613 degrees in December 2022. Of the degrees awarded, 609 were received by students attending the Eau Claire campus and 4 were received by students attending UW-Eau Claire - Barron County.

- Jordyn Londerville, Merrill, Nursing and Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
• Gwenyth Wheat, Merrill, Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, English

UW-La Crosse announces fall 2022 Dean's List

The following area students have been named to the Dean's List at the

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year, ending December 2022.

- Kellie Annala, Athens, Clinical Laboratory Science Major
• Seth Coker, Athens, Mathematics Education Major
• Kenadi Diedrich, Athens, Psychology Major
• Zandria Lukes, Athens, Psychology Major
• Haley Reed, Athens, Accountancy Major
• Grace Fleischman, Gleason, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science - Pre-professional Track
• Alec Vosburgh, Gleason, Music Education Major: Choral and General Music Emphasis
• Nicole Zoellner, Gleason, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science - Pre-professional Track
• Jayda Bushor, Merrill, Early Childhood through Middle Childhood Education Major
• Cody Depies, Merrill, Communication Studies Major: Media Studies Emphasis
• Andreou Goetsch, Merrill, Political Science Major
• Kaitlin Kalafice, Merrill, Psychology Major
• Dani Korman, Merrill, Psychology Major
• Danyelle Kottke, Merrill, Accountancy Major
• Aliyah Pillai, Merrill, Biochemistry Major with American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (ASBMB) Certification
• Lydia Schult, Merrill, Biology Major
• Logan White, Merrill, Marketing Major

UW-Stevens Point undergraduates honored for scholastic achievement

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 2,350 undergraduate students for attaining high grade point averages during the fall semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Full-time undergraduates who earned grade points of 3.90 to 4.0 (4.0 equals straight A) are given the highest honors designation. High honor citations go to those with grade point averages from 3.75 to 3.89, and honor recognition is accorded to those with grade point averages from 3.50 to 3.74.

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Area students who received honors include:

- Alex Bloch, Athens, High Honors
• Lydia Carlson, Athens, High Honors
• Sierra Eckardt, Athens, High Honors
• Cobie Ellenbecker, Athens, Highest Honors
• Jaclynn Gajewski, Athens, Highest Honors
• Andrew Hartmann, Athens, Highest Honors
• Brittany Lange, Athens, Highest Honors
• Mikaela Meier, Athens, Honors
• Emma Nowak, Athens, High Honors
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• Nikolas Zastrow, Merrill, Honors
• Taylor Zastrow, Merrill, High Honors
• John Ziesemer, Merrill, High Honors

UW-LaCrosse announces December 2022 graduates

Area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in December. The 58th Winter Commencement was held at the LaCrosse Center Sunday, Dec. 18, two two area students receiving degrees:

- Kenadi Diedrich, Athens, Bachelor of Science, Psychology Major
• Andreou Goetsch, Merrill, Bachelor of Science, Political Science Major; German Studies Major

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