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In addition to the Supreme Court Justice election and statewide referendums, some local Townships and school boards will elect leadership in contested races

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

All Lincoln County ballots for the April 4, 2023, Spring General Election will feature an important contested race for the State of Wisconsin, that being the race for

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Wisconsin voters to elect new Supreme Court Justice on April 4



Daniel Kelly.



Janet Protasiewicz.

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Voters in Lincoln County and across the state will elect the next Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court when they vote on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

On their ballots, they will choose between two candidates:

- Liberal candidate Janet Protasiewicz, a circuit court judge in

Milwaukee County, and

- Conservative candidate Daniel Kelly, a former state Supreme Court Justice.

The outcome of this election is likely to have a huge impact on multiple key issues in Wisconsin, including the controversial issue of abortion-on-demand in the Badger State and whether residents should have the right to abort a baby all

the way through the ninth month of pregnancy, even though the pregnancy would be viable (meaning the baby could live without life support if it was born instead of aborted), as well as the rules for voting in the 2024 presidential election and how voting boundaries are set for upcoming elections; among others.

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Referendum questions on the April 4 ballot explained

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Voters in Wisconsin are also being asked to weigh in on three referendum questions on the Tuesday, April 4, 2023, ballot.

State Constitution referendum questions

The first two questions seek the approval of state residents to amend (change) section 8 (2) of article I of the Wisconsin State Constitution as it relates to conditions for release of those accused of a crime, prior to conviction, including bail.

The 2021 legislature in regular session considered the proposed amendment to the Constitution in 2021 Assembly Joint Resolution 107, which then became 2021 Enrolled Joint Resolution 6, and was agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses in the state.

They proposed that SECTION 1. Section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to read:

"[Article I] Section 8 (2) All persons, before conviction, shall be eligible for release under reasonable conditions designed to assure their appearance in court, protect members of the community from serious bodily harm as defined by the legislature by law, or prevent the intimidation of witnesses. Monetary conditions of release may be imposed at or after the initial appearance only upon a finding that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the conditions are necessary to assure appearance in court, or if the person is accused of a violent crime as defined by the legislature by law, only upon a finding that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the conditions are necessary based on the totality of the circumstances, taking into account whether the accused has a previous conviction for a violent crime as defined by the legislature by law, the probability that the accused

will fail to appear in court, the need to protect members of the community from serious harm as defined by the legislature by law, the need to prevent the intimidation of witnesses, and the potential affirmative defenses of the accused. The legislature may authorize, by law, courts to revoke a person's release for a violation of a condition of release."

As a result, in 2023, legislators in the State Senate (with the Assembly in agreement) put forth a resolution "That the foregoing proposed amendment to the Constitution be submitted to a vote of the people" at the April 2023 election and specified the exact language to be state on the ballot.

The two questions on the ballot related to the proposed amendment to the State Constitution read exactly as follows:

QUESTION 1: "Conditions of release before conviction. Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose on an accused person being released before conviction conditions that are designed to protect the community from serious harm?"

QUESTION 2: "Cash bail before conviction. Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose cash bail on a person accused of a violent crime based on the totality of the circumstances, including the accused's previous convictions for a violent crime, the probability that the accused will fail to appear, the need to protect the community from serious harm and prevent witness intimidation, and potential affirmative defenses?"

They issued the following explanatory statements.

1. Explanatory statement regarding Question 1:

Under the current Wisconsin Constitution (Wis. Const.), courts

may impose reasonable conditions on the release of a criminal defendant before trial for three purposes: (1) to secure the defendant's appearance in court; (2) to protect the community from "serious bodily harm;" and (3) to prevent intimidation of witnesses. Wis. Const. art. I, § 8(2).

Question 1 would change the language of the second factor from "serious bodily harm" to "serious harm as defined by the legislature by law." The question would thus change the type of harm to the community that a court could seek to protect against.

Because the term "serious harm" would be defined by the legislature by law, what it means could evolve over time depending on legislative enactments.

A "yes" vote on Question 1 would vote to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 8(2) to allow a circuit court to impose release conditions based on the purpose of avoiding "serious harm as defined by the legislature" rather than "serious bodily harm."

A "no" vote on Question 1 would vote not to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 8(2) to change the term "serious bodily harm" as a factor for determining the conditions of a defendant's pretrial release.

2. Explanatory statement regarding Question 2:

Question 2 would also change the language of Wis. Const. art. I, § 8(2), but in a different way from Question 1. Question 2 addresses the circuit court's ability to impose the specific condition of monetary bail.

Currently, the Wisconsin Constitution allows a court to impose a monetary bail requirement only if the court finds a reasonable basis to believe that bail is necessary in order to secure the defendant's appearance in court. Wis. Const. art. I, § 8(2).

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With ad hoc committee report complete, Supervisors to mull future of Pine Crest

BY JALEN MAKI
MMC STAFF

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors is expected to weigh numerous options regarding the future of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

Pine Crest, which has operated in Merrill for about 70 years and is owned by Lincoln County, has experienced financial losses in recent years, prompting the Board to form a committee to explore the nursing home's viability and the County's options moving forward.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the Board heard a summary of a report developed by the Pine Crest Ad Hoc Committee.

Formed in June 2022, the committee was tasked with reviewing the nursing home's current and potential future financial obligations, the use of the building and grounds, and the agreement between Lincoln County and North Central Health Care (NCHC). Lincoln County transferred management responsibilities to NCHC in 2019.

The committee was also directed to prepare a report on its findings and provide the Board with recommendations on areas for improvement regarding the County's overall position concerning Pine Crest.

The committee is made up of District 1 Supervisor William Bialecki, District 15 Supervisor Marty Lemke, District 18 Supervisor Ken Wickham, District 20 Supervisor Angela Cummings, and District 22 Supervisor Greg Hartwig.

Wickham, who serves as Chair of the committee, walked the Board through a summary of the nearly 170-page



Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill. Tina L. Scott photo.

report, released on Tuesday, March 21.

The first topic Wickham discussed was the past and present use of the Pine Crest building and grounds.

The original Pine Crest facility was constructed in the mid-1950s. In several phases over the following decades, the nursing home gradually moved to its current location on E. 6th St. in Merrill.

Wickham said that according to records, Pine Crest originally had 180 bed licenses. The Pine Crest Board of Trustees scaled that number down to 160 in 2019. Two years later, another reduction brought the number of bed licenses down to 120, where it stands today.

The nursing home is currently occupied by an average of 85 residents. Wickham said Pine Crest's occupancy has decreased in recent years, noting that the facility had as many as 150 to 160 residents prior to about six years ago.

Wickham also highlighted the County's financial obligations regarding Pine Crest.

Lincoln County is responsible for about \$1.5 million in recurring expenses that the County can plan and budget for each year. Among these costs are the roughly \$440,000 provided from the tax levy and the approximately \$300,000 in salaries and fringe benefits for maintenance staff assigned to Pine Crest.

Each year through 2038, Lincoln County is also responsible for \$630,000 for debt service owed for existing bonding on loans on Pine Crest, Wickham said, adding that

the current principal on Pine Crest is just over \$8 million, with about \$2 million interest.

When discussing non-recurring expenses, Wickham said Pine Crest is in need of "significant maintenance."

In 2019, Lincoln County contracted with a private consultant to conduct an assessment of the nursing home, which found that between \$8 million and \$11 million in maintenance will be necessary over the next 10 years. The facility's windows, HVAC systems, and parking lot are among the areas in need of work.

Another non-recurring expense Wickham made note of is the roughly \$1.2 million that NCHC requested from Lincoln County in February to cover losses at Pine Crest.

A Wednesday, March 22, release from NCHC said the losses were due to "the State of Wisconsin's changes in how Supplemental Payments are distributed, additional reductions in the Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) payments, as well as a substantial reduction in Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program (SP)."

NCHC Executive Director Gary Olsen said in the release that Pine Crest would have ended 2022 with a gain had those revenue payments from the State not been altered or reduced.

In a letter to Governor Tony Evers dated Friday, March 17, Board Chair Don Friske asked the governor to "direct the Department of Health Services to reallocate the Supplemental Payment or in some other way make (Lincoln County) whole for the 2022 and 2023 annual County budget cycles."

Challenges, alternative solutions

Wickham also pointed to several "challenges" Lincoln County faces regarding Pine Crest, as well as alternative solutions for the nursing home's future.

Among the challenges Wickham noted were costs for ongoing and needed maintenance at the 30-year old facility, a declining population at the nursing home, and staffing shortages within the healthcare industry.

Wickham also walked the Board through several potential actions the County could take moving forward.

Wickham noted that the committee does not endorse or recommend any of the alternatives, and "none of them are mutually exclusive to themselves."

"It really boils down to two alternatives—either Lincoln County continues to operate Pine Crest as a County-owned nursing home, or we don't," he stated.

Wickham touched on an array of options that could be on the table if Lincoln County chooses to continue its ownership of the facility, including exploring ways to cut costs and generate additional revenues, pursuing a management arrangement with an entity other than NCHC, and downsizing the facility.

In the event that Lincoln County were to cease its operation of Pine Crest, Wickham said the County could consider finding alternative uses for the facility or selling the property.

Wickham also suggested the option of holding a referendum to allow Lincoln County voters to decide whether or not the County should continue to operate

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Student of the Week

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Corbin is in 2nd grade at NTC Christian Academy. He was nominated by Mrs. Hohman.

What is your favorite subject in school?
Why?
Math is my favorite subject in school. I like to solve problems.

What is your favorite part of school?
Why?
I like when we go outside to get fresh air and play with friends.

What would you like to do/become someday?
Why?
I would like to become a school teacher because I think it would be fun.

Corbin is a very compassionate boy. He always puts everyone's needs before his own. He is also very diligent in making sure he gets all his work done each day.
~ Mrs. Hohman

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Merrill Lions donate to Friends of Council Grounds, establish matching funds drive for new kiosk on trail head

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Lions Club made a donation of \$1,000 in 2022 to the Friends of Council Grounds State Park (FoCGSP) as part of a matching funds plan to benefit the Park and its visitors.

The FoCGSP are seeking and accepting matching donations now through April 30, 2023, for this fund drive. Donations may be placed in the secure slot on the Park Visitor Center door at Council Grounds or mailed to Friends of Council Grounds State Park Inc., N1895 Council Grounds Dr., Merrill, WI 54452. Checks should be made payable to Friends of Council Grounds State Park Inc. Any donations over and above the amount needed to complete the purchase and installation of the sign will be used to enhance visitor enjoyment of the Park.

Donations to FoCGSP are tax deductible. Donors who need a receipt should



The new kiosk will look similar to this one.

include a note requesting a receipt with their donation.

In March, FoCGSP decided the funds from this fund drive will be used to purchase and install an informational kiosk at the trail head where the River Bend Trail meets the Brown Trail at the Park entrance. Maps and information

about Council Grounds will be placed on one side, and maps and information about Merrill and the River Bend Trail will be placed on the opposite side. The kiosk will be installed as soon as it can be delivered this spring.

For questions, email: cgfriendsinfo@gmail.com.

Boy Scouts of America Samoset Council Scouts for Food!

Samoset Council kicked off its annual Scouting for Food service project to help local families and children facing food insecurity when they canvassed neighborhoods last Saturday, leaving orange fliers on doors of homes with instructions on how to participate in their food collection.

This Saturday, April 1, 2023, the Scouts will return to homes and hopefully find a grocery bag filled with non-perishable food donations. The Scouts will take all of those donations to their local food pantries.

Samoset Council partners with 50+ food pantries in 13 counties. Last year, Scouts collected more than 42,000 pounds of food. Not only does this project help to fill a need in local communities, but it also teaches young boys and girls the importance of giving back to their community.

Scouts will be with adult leaders when



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picking up the donations, but please keep an eye out as you are driving, especially with the large snow piles remaining in our area.

T.B. Scott Free Library hosts Author Chat with Fullerton and The Real Writers Group meeting

Author, storyteller, speaker, and documentarian Pamela JA Fullerton will be the next T.B. Scott Free Library Author Chat guest on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room at the library in Merrill.

Prize-winning author and storyteller, Fullerton will read excerpts from her book, *Red Road Redemption*, a collection of short stories, and offer a nostalgic glimpse into the characters who lived alongside the iconic red granite roads of central Wisconsin. For more details, go to the author's website at: www.PJAFullerton.com.

Following the Author Chat, during

the Real Writer's Group meeting portion of the event, Associate Producer Fullerton will speak about her work on *Remembering Captain Scott Robinson Alwin*, a documentary film project about Alwin, a highly decorated Vietnam War helicopter pilot. For more information about the film, visit www.HonorintheAir.com.

The Author Chat and Real Writers Group meetings are hosted by the T.B. Scott Free Library to encourage and inspire creative association within the writing community in the area. Interested writers of all skill levels are welcome to attend, and refreshments will be served.

Lincoln County snowmobile trails closed March 22

Due to deteriorating trail conditions, all Lincoln County funded snowmobile and winter ATV trails (County Administrated Trails) were closed on March 22, 2023. Some trails had already been closed, but this closing now encompasses all trails.

Local snowmobile clubs remind riders to

stay off lakes and rivers unless an officially open trail has been clearly marked by a club. If a water body is not marked, it is considered unsafe.

For up to date Lincoln County trail conditions, log on to: www.co.lincoln.wi.us or call the Trail Hotline at 715.539.1033.



On Feb. 19, 2023, Merrill Eagles Club held a Pancake Breakfast Benefit for Rebecca Kleinschmidt (center) to assist her with ongoing medical expenses. Auxiliary representative Sue Heckendorf (left) and Aerie representative Bryan Plautz (right) present Rebecca with checks from the benefit. Submitted photo.

MMC purchases Kewaunee County Star News

GREEN BAY – Multi Media Channels (MMC), the parent company and owner of the Merrill Foto News, has added another newspaper to their family of publications. On March 27, 2023, MMC purchased the Kewaunee County Star-News from Gannett Co., Inc.

MMC CEO Patrick Wood said that the company plans to invest heavily in local news there, covering school and municipal events.

"Local is the most important part of what we do," he said. "We believe strongly that consistent, honest reporting of everything local in Kewaunee, Luxemburg, Casco, and Algoma will enrich the vibrancy of our region as well as making our governments

even stronger through open and honest accountability."

The publication will also be transitioned to U.S. Mail delivery, with a 10,000-copy circulation. The publication will operate out of the Green Bay Press Times office.

MMC began its work in community newspaper publishing in Denmark, Wis., in 1953. Under the leadership of its founder, Frank Wood, the business expanded into other markets. Today, the company remains in the Wood family, owned and operated by both family members and employees, publishing more than 30 print publications, including 22 weeklies and 17 digital channels that serve the central, northern, and eastern regions of Wisconsin.

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Pine Crest. A potential referendum could ask taxpayers for \$3 million to \$4 million per year to allow the County to continue its operation of the nursing home, Wickham estimated.

Next County Board meeting

Friske said with the committee's findings now provided to the Board and several options proposed, Supervisors can take

time prior to the Board's next meeting to review the report and formulate ideas regarding Pine Crest's future.

"I don't have any preconceived ideas on where this Board will go, but I am looking forward to a very lively discussion at our next County Board meeting," Friske said.

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors will be held at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, on Tuesday, April 18, at 9:00 a.m.

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Ron Muehlhausenof

The family of Ron Muehlhausenof Mequon, WI is saddened to announce Ron's passing on March 17, 2023 in The Villages FL, under the care of the Cornerstone Hospice House for his challenges with Parkinson's disease.

Ron was born July 12, 1941 in St Peter, MN to Warren and Lila (Sohm) Muehlhausen. He grew up on the family farm in Rush River, MN, attended country school, graduated from

LeSueur High School, attended college at St. Cloud State University and graduated from Mankato State in 1964 with a BS in Political Science.

Ron married Nancy (Easterlund) in 1963 in Le Sueur, MN. A summer job at age 16 with the Green Giant Company of Le Sueur, MN led Ron into a 25 year career raising, harvesting, canning and managing green bean production facilities in Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, with the majority of time in Beaver Dam Wisconsin.

This background led to a long association with Nicklaus Enterprises, Inc of Irma, Wisconsin again in green bean production. Ron then went back to Green Giant/Pillsbury in Minneapolis, Minnesota for 4 years before retiring from the green bean business.

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Ron is survived by his loving wife Nancy (Easterlund) Muehlhausen, his sons Matthew (Theresa), Mark and Michael (Jenny) Muehlhausen, 5 grandchildren as well as his brother Allan and Char (Horn) Muehlhausen along with many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother Eldred and sister-in-law Janell (nee Eastvold) Muehlhausen. A visitation will be held at the United Methodist Church in Le Sueur MN from 10:30 a.m. until Noon on Friday March 31, 2023. Family graveside services will held at Mound Cemetery following the visitation, there will be a lunch in the church Social Hall following the graveside service. www.koldenfuneralhome.com

Memorials preferred to Parkinson's Foundation (Parkinson.org) or the Michael J. Fox Foundation (Michaeljfox.org)



Rodney James "Butch" Greil died suddenly at his home in Merrill WI, following a short illness. Butch went to be with the Lord Tuesday March 14th 2023.

Butch was born July 16th 1958 to James and Betty Greil in Appleton WI. He lived in the Fox Valley area his younger years where he graduated from Fox Valley Lutheran High School in 1976.

Butch very much enjoyed the outdoors he was an avid hunter and fisherman, but his lifelong passion was music and singing, he played his trumpet and sang with the band "The Hummers" for many years. He was also a jokester, he loved a good joke or to tell a good ol' knee slapper. He had a great sense of humor.

Butch loved his family very much, he was preceded In death by his father James Greil. He is survived by his mother Betty Greil, daughter Angie Wilke, son Jesse Wolrabe, daughter Leah Greil and son Issac Greil, his sister Lori (Paul), his brother Mike and his wife Lisa, and his sister Connie and her husband Steve, and many niece's, nephew's and precious grandchildren.

His Celebration of Life will be held 1pm Sunday April 2nd 2023 at Road Lake Pub and Grill (previously - The Moose) N8796 County Road Tomahawk, WI.



Clarence S. Steger, 93, of Gleason, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill.

Clarence was born December 26, 1929, in the Town of Summit, Langlade County, son of the late Steven and Minnie (Kluball) Steger. He married Joan DeMesy on August 27, 1955. She preceded him in death on August 30, 2009. Clarence enlisted in the United States Army on February 21, 1951, and was honorably discharged on February 13, 1953. Clarence was able to take the Never Forgotten Honor Flight in 2010 with his daughter, Gail. He was a life member of VFW Post 1638, Merrill.

Clarence worked for many years as heavy machine operator at Musson Bros. out of Rhineland and was a member of Operating Engineers Local 139. Clarence was a longtime member of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Gleason. He was a charter member of the Gleason Lion's Club and was also a member of the Gleason Community Club. Clarence served several terms as the Town of Russell Town Supervisor.

Clarence enjoyed playing the tuba and was a member of the "Finn Power Band" and the "Binder Twine Band". He loved listening to polka music. Clarence was a great storyteller and poem writer and enjoyed playing cribbage and sheephead. He loved baseball. Clarence was a Little League coach and softball coach. He played slow-pitch and hardball for several county teams. He also enjoyed watching the Milwaukee Brewers.

Survivors include his daughters, Judy (Mark) Westberg of Wausau, Gail (Mark) Juhlke of Merrill, and Jodi Larocque of Spencer; daughter-in-law, LuAnn Steger of Gleason; grandchildren, Michele Steger, Sara Steger, Tasha (Jesse) Grabowski, Brad Juhlke, Kyle Juhlke, Ben (Anna) Kutil, Matthew (Bridget) Kutil, and DeAnne Larocque; great-grandchildren, Austin and Jordan Day, Brinley Grabowski, and Emma Kutil; sister, Lillian Novak of Deerbrook; brothers, Earl Steger of Antigo, John (Jean) Steger of Antigo, Dave (Sue) Steger of Antigo, and Edward (Kathy) Steger of Post Lake; sisters-in-law, Jean Thom of Gleason, Marilyn Shook of Defiance, OH, Katie (John) Ronis of Gleason, and Judy DeMesy of Merrill; brother-in-law, Dan Wedler of Rockford, IL; and many nieces and nephews. Clarence was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Steger; son, Steve Steger; parents, Steve and Minnie Steger; granddaughter, Courtney Juhlke; sons-in-law, Robert Kutil and Alan Larocque; sister, Phyllis (Kenneth) Bastle; sisters-in-law, Jackie Wedler and Bessie Steger; and brothers-in-law, Barney Thom, George Shook, Robert DeMesy, and Anton Novak.

The funeral service for Clarence will be held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, March 30, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill. Rev. Greg Laska will officiate. Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M. Thursday at the church. Burial will take place in Summit Cemetery, Langlade County at a later date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Lutheran Memorial Lutheran Church, Gleason or the Never Forgotten Honor Flight.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Kurt Frey Rushing Sr., passed away suddenly in flight to Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 22, 2023.

He was born on May 26, 1969 in Monroe, Louisiana. The son of the late Fred and Ruth (Chapman) Rushing of Mangham, Louisiana.

He married his wife Kelly Ziegelbauer on November 4, 1999 in Merrill, WI. They have three sons together. He attended Riverfield Academy in Rayville, LA class of '87.

Kurt was a loving and devoted husband and father. He gave anything and everything for his family. He was a good friend and would try and help anyone he could. He enjoyed playing and collecting guitars and vintage firearms. Kurt enjoyed going to the movies with his sons and he was a big fan of Sci-Fi. His favorite thing to do was just spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Kelly Rushing and their three sons; Kurt Jr., Christian and Ian, three brothers; Fred (Connie) Rushing III of Monroe, LA, Paul Rushing of Maryland and Eric (Angela) Rushing of Mangham, LA.

He was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Ruth Rushing.

A celebration of life will be held on Kurt's birthday with a time and place to be announced at a later time. Please check back for updates on the funeral home website.

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.



Richard "Bud" Erling Hanson

age 90, of Gleason, Wisconsin, passed away on Monday, March 20, 2023 at Tomahawk Health Services in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. He was born on June 15, 1932 to the late Oscar and Isabelle (Lemmer) Hanson in Merrill, Wisconsin. Bud was married to Catherine Johnson, the mother of his children, who survives on May 28, 1955.

And later married Loretta Pommerening on September 7, 1995 in Rhineland, Wisconsin.

From January 14, 1953 to November 24, 1954, Bud served in the US Army during the Korean War as a gunner and truck driver. During his time in the service, Bud was awarded the Korean Service Ribbon, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

Bud was a farmer, carpenter and a logger using a team of Belgian horses. He was a great storyteller, who loved hunting, picking berries, and old tractors. He enjoyed going to horse pulls, auctions and steam shows. A favorite pastime of his was driving his Jeep in the woods. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren taking them on adventures and telling stories.

Throughout his life, Bud helped many friends and family with horses, tree removals, fixing things, making firewood and roads. He was a friend and Uncle Buddy to many and will be missed dearly.

Bud is survived by his wife, Loretta Hanson, children: Richard "Mike" (Beth Ann) Hanson, Timothy (Cindy) Hanson, Daniel (Diane) Hanson, Jeffrey (Jill) Hanson, Julie (Scott) Olund, and Theresa (Scott) Swieczowski, step-son: Paul (Kim) Everson, grandchildren: Dustin (Kenneth), Chase (Elise), Matthew, Sarah, Carly (Josh), Michaela (Ethan), Nathan (Jeanne), Janelle (Curtis), Weston, Treed, Shelby (Keith), Tristan, Bryce, Faith, Troy (Elly), Jenah, and Aimee (Jon), step-grandchild: Ryan (Sarah), 13 great grandchildren with one on the way, sister: Patricia Hopper, sister-in-laws: Barbara Hanson (Ole) and Patricia Hanson (Oscar "Pinky") and former wife Catherine Ladwig.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Ole and Oscar "Pinky" Hanson, and sisters: Grace Barney, Betty Lemke, and Isabelle Chamberlain.

The family wishes to thank the VA home based primary care team, Aspirus Hospice and Tomahawk Health Services for all their care and compassion they showed Bud and his family.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 1:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home. A visitation will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023 from 11:00 am until the time of service also at the funeral home. Chaplain Michele Rein will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in memory of Bud to the Honor Flight, Veterans Administration and/or the Merrill Historical Society.

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.



Patricia Truckey, age 83, of Colby, WI, previously of Merrill, WI, passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at The Waterford in Colby, WI. She was born on March 17, 1940 to the late John and Alfreda (Rutkowski) Atkielski in Milwaukee, WI. Patricia attended high school through the 11th grade and went on to earn her GED. She met Robert Truckey and they lovingly exchanged marriage vows on March 19, 1957 in Milwaukee, WI. Sadly, Robert passed away in 2003.

Patricia was a school bus driver for over 40 years in the Gleason area, a job that she loved. She looked forward to seeing the kids and being their driver. She would host Bible studies at her home with friends, and loved making her Sunday dinners for her family. Patricia also loved traveling, especially her numerous trips to Disney! She was a strong woman that loved her family and will be missed dearly.

Patricia is survived by her children: Raymond (Carie) Truckey of Weston, WI, Hope Ziamik of New Berlin, WI, Belinda Kimbrough of Neenah, WI, Tina (fiancé, Jason Echterling) Kiefer of Kronenwetter, WI, Lon Truckey of Merrill, WI, Troy (Brenda) Atkielski of Green Bay, WI and Kim Steele of Wasila, AK, 15 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, sister: Toni Wingfield and sister-in-law: Linda Atkielski, along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Robert Truckey, brother: John Atkielski, sister: Eloise Atkielski and brother-in-law: Harvey Wingfield.

Per family request, no services will be held for Patricia. Family wishes to extend their appreciation to the staff at Inlusa, The Waterford and Promedica Hospice for their care and compassion shown to Patricia and her family.

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.

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Cheers to a wonderful life!
Jean Florence (Alft) Laehn was born on July 10, 1930, to Lyle and Iva (Verg) Alft at home in the Town of Fairbanks, Shawano County, Wisconsin, with her grandmother, Otilie Bonikowski Alft, attending as the midwife. She passed away at Homme Home in Wittenberg, Wisconsin, on March 26, 2023.

Jean attended St. James Lutheran School in Shawano, Wisconsin. In 1948, she graduated from Shawano High School. After high school, she became a dental assistant for Dr. Lorenz.

She married the love of her life, William "Cold Water Bill" Laehn on August 26, 1951, and they were blessed with six children. He preceded her in death in 2016.

While Bill served in the Korean War, Jean lived in San Diego, California, and Honolulu, Hawaii. After Bill's military service in the U.S. Navy on the USS Winston, Bill and Jean shared their early married life in Shawano, Wisconsin, and later moved to Merrill, Wisconsin. Upon retirement, they moved to "The Comet Hilton" on the Comet Creek in the Town of Germania near Tigerton, Wisconsin.

Jean enjoyed gardening and had a large vegetable garden for many years with her father, Lyle, canning the fruits of their labor. Jean was an accomplished cook, making many delicious meals for family and friends or taking a meal to someone in need. In addition, she enjoyed golfing, sewing, and playing bridge with friends. She knit and embroidered, making beautiful afghans, dish cloths, and towels. Jean was also a longtime member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, whose motto is "Life, Learning, and Friendship."

She is survived by six children: Kathryn (Russell) Krueger, Kennesaw, Georgia; William R. (Deborah) Laehn, Neillsville; David (Sandra) Laehn, Merrill; Mary (Richard) Akey, Merrill; Jeannine (Gregory) Geiger, Eau Claire; and Elizabeth (Thomas) Moris, Fountain City; grandchildren: Billi Jo (Nathan) Johnson, Kristen (Steven Vander Geest) Akey, Richard R. (Lisa) Akey, Melissa (Brian) Kilzer, Russell L. (Erin) Krueger, Jessica Krueger, Elizabeth (Lane) Reeves, Reid (Savanna Johnson) Geiger, Alyssa (Jesse) Bates, Grant Geiger, Bridger (Danuka) Moris, Tanner (Anna) Moris, and Adam Laehn; great grandchildren: Sydney Hutton, Oliver Krueger, Emerson Krueger, Nolan Krueger, Ella Johnson, Liv Firmstahl, Hailee Borowski, Hanna Falls, and Payton Geiger; sister: Fern Henke; brother-in-law: Gary Laehn; and sister-in-law: Joan Laehn. She is preceded in death by her husband, William; parents: Lyle and Iva; brother: DeLail Alft; sister: Carol Rotter; in-laws: Ardis Alft, Henry Henke, Robert Rotter, George and Shirley Schneider, and Gene and Carol Breitrick; and her son-in-law, Russell Krueger.

Services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Tigerton, Wisconsin, on April 1, 2023. The family will receive friends from 9:00 to 11:00 am, with the service starting at 11:00. A luncheon will follow.

The family would like to thank the nurses at Homme Home and those who took the time to visit Jean.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to a charity of your choice or the Tigerton Public Library.



Alice M. Steen, 84, of Rib Lake, died Thursday, March 23, 2023 at her home while under the care of Hope Hospice.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 1 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in the town of Greenwood, with Rev. Kenneth Bittorf officiating. Interment will follow at St. Peter Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m., Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated and may go to Hope Hospice or to St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Alice was born July 25, 1938 in Merrill to Florian and Bertha (Wittwer) Zogg. She graduated from Merrill High School in 1956.

On August 27, 1960, Alice married Ervin Steen. They resided in the town of Greenwood.

Alice worked as farmer, secretary, nursing home aide and a homemaker. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greenwood where she was active in the ladies aide and the choir. She enjoyed camping, collecting bells and brassware, gardening, going for walks, was a member of the Sweet Adelines Choir, and was a member of the Friday Night Dartball League for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Ervin of Rib Lake; daughter, Debbie (Roger) Byrd; son, Brian Steen, all of Rib Lake; siblings, Andrew Zogg of Merrill, Paul Zogg of Avon, MT; brother-in-law, Eugene (Donna Otto) Stahel of Wausau; sister-in-law, Irene Higgins of Medford; grandchildren, Steven Byrd, Gregory (April) Byrd, all of Medford; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; in-laws, Frank and Frieda Steen; sisters, Elizabeth (Victor) Lipka, Mary Ann Stahel, Joyce (Leroy) Woller; brother-in-law, Dick Higgins; nieces, Lynette Zogg and Sherri Pfaff; nephew, Bradley Zogg; and grandson, Michael Byrd.

Hemer-Pickerign Funeral & Cremation Services of Medford and Rib Lake is serving the family. Online condolences can be left at www.hemerfuneralservice.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

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BY THE COURT:
 DATE SIGNED: 3/3/23
 /S/Robert R. Russell
 CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 Petition for Name Change for Adult or Minor Child under 14
 Case No. 23-CV-33
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Elizabeth Marie Glitz

By (Petitioner) Claire Monica Barker

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: Elizabeth Marie Glitz

To: Elizabeth Marie Barker
 Birth Certificate: Elizabeth Marie Glitz
IT IS ORDERED:
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin;

Judge's Name: Honorable Robert Russell
 Place: Lincoln County Courthouse Branch 2
 1110 East Main St., Merrill, WI 54452
 Date: 4/18/23
 Time: 2:45 PM

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.
 Published: 3/16/23, 3/23/23 & 3/30/23
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BY THE COURT:
 DATE SIGNED: 3/3/23
 /S/Robert R. Russell
 CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 Petition for Name Change for Minor Child under 14
 Case No. 23-CV-32
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF James Nolan Glitz

By (Petitioner) Claire Monica Barker
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: James Nolan Glitz
 To: James Nolan Barker

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Birth Certificate: James Nolan Glitz
IT IS ORDERED:
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BY THE COURT:
 DATE SIGNED: March 7, 2023
 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
 Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES D. HALL
 AKA CHUCK HALL
 Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
 Case No. 2023 IN 11

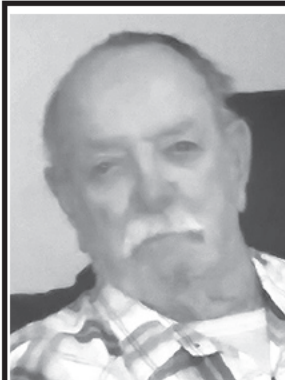
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/30/1958 and date of death 02/20/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W7472 Mathews Rd, Merrill, WI 54452.

3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 16, 2023.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
 Daniel Hall
 W7446 Mathews Rd,
 Merrill, WI 54452
 715-370-6767
 Published March 16, 23 & 30, 2023
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John (Jack) Paul Borgert, 92 of Merrill passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on March 16, 2023. He was born on November 24, 1930.

He entered the United States Airforce and proudly served his country. Jack loved to hunt, play ball, and drive around. He also played guitar for Finn Power. He had a joke every day for everyone.

He is survived by his daughters Debra Koepke of Merril, Jackie (Tom Pineapple) Mattos of Merrill, son Brian (Patty) of Merrill, grandkids Jennifer (Brian), Kimberly Kreie, Great Grandkids Alexandria (David), Dylan (Jade), Olivia (Cole), David, great great grandchild River.

He is preceded in death by his wonderful wife Loretta M. (Sherfinski) Borgert, his twin sister Joann, mother Mabel and father Bert Borgert, brothers, Ugene Learman, James (Thomas) Borgert, two sons at birth many nieces and nephews.

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TOWN OF ROCK FALLS NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK & MEETING OF BOARD REVIEW.

Open Book: pursuant to Sec. 70.45 Wis. Statutes the assessment role for 2021 will be open for examination.
 Open book will be held for interested property owners on Monday April 17, 2023 from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Town Hall in Rock Falls W5895 Rock Falls Dr Irma, WI 54442
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the town of Rock Falls in Lincoln County, WI shall meet on Monday, April 24th at the Town Hall in Irma, WI
 Scheduled time is 4:45pm thru 6:45pm
 Dated this **29th day of March, 2023**
 Diane Chambers, Clerk, Town of Rock Falls
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Published March 29, 2023 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOT

(April 4, 2023)

TO: Electors of the Merrill Area Common Public School District
 Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Merrill Area Common Public School District that a spring election will be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 2023, at which the offices named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS

(a) Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

(b)(i) At the spring election, where paper ballots or lever machines are used, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

When using a tactile ballot marking device (Vote-PAD) to mark a paper ballot, the voter shall obtain from the inspectors, the assistive device and any audio or dexterity aids if required. The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line.

(ii) Where optical scan voting is used, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line.

(c) The vote should not be cast in any other manner. If the elector spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initiated by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

(d)(i) After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall leave the booth, deposit the ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and shall leave the polling place promptly.

(ii) After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

(e) A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

(f) The following is a facsimile of the official ballot:

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY 2 ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the RIGHT of the name of the candidate for whom you desire to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the name in the blank space provided for that purpose.

School Board Members at Large Vote For Not More Than Three (3)

- Norbert Ashbeck
- Ronald Liberty
- Kevin J. Blake
- _____ (Write In)
- _____ (Write In)
- _____ (Write In)

MERRILL AREA COMMON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kendra Osness
 School Board Clerk

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present: Mayor Hass, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Unertl, Fire Chief Klug, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey, Library Director Ollhoff, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Police Chief Bennett, Transit Director Brummond, Street Superintendent Bonack and Utility Operations Manager Steingel. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel was excused. Others in attendance: Pastor Hohman, Sue Kunkel, Carol Willis, John Willis, Jamie Willis, Renea Frederick, Todd Frederick, Kyle Gulke, Eric Pfantz and

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Merrill Productions. II. Invocation by Pastor Paul Hohman - New Testament Church III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. IV. Roll Call was taken and the following alderperson's were in attendance: Paul Russell - First District Excused Michael "Gus" Caylor - Second District Present Rick Blake - Third District Present LaDonna Feranich - Fourth District Present Dick Lupton - Fifth District Present Mike Rick - Sixth District Present Mark Weix - Seventh District Present Steve Sabatke - Eighth District Present

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V. Public Comment-Eric Pfantz - 5331 Brody Drive, Madison - formerly from Merrill, spoke about the Housing policy for Merrill. He feels single family housing is ineffective. He stated this is a bad policy and does not increase population. He spoke about Madison and how they increase population density by building larger buildings. He also stated young people can't afford to purchase a home. Kyle Gulke - 1504 Jackson St - Spoke regarding the City Administrator position. He said the position is worth finding a way to fund the position. VI. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting -February 14, 2023

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Alderson Caylor made a motion to place the minutes from the February 14, 2023 Common Council meeting on file. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried. VII. Revenue & Expense Reports: Alderson Lupton made a motion to approve the February 2023 Revenue and Expense reports. Alderson Weix seconded. Alderson Feranich asked a question to the Finance Director regarding the projected shortfall of PILOT. Finance Director Unertl responded to the question. Following discussion the motion carried. VIII. Personnel & Finance: 1. Discuss and consider excluding access to closed sessions via remote and for the City Attorney and Administrators create a policy - Alderson Caylor made a motion to have the City Attorney and Administrators create a policy to exclude remote access for closed sessions. Alderson Sabatke seconded and the motion carried. IX. Health & Safety: 1. Consider a Temporary Class "B" picnic license for the Lincoln County Humane Society for an event on March 18, 2023 at the AGRA Pavilion. Alderson Rick made a motion to approve the temporary Class "B" picnic license for the Lincoln County Humane Society for March 18, 2023. Alderson Weix seconded and the motion carried. X. Board of Public Works: 1. Consider Struck & Irwin micro surfacing bid for 2023. Alderson Lupton made a motion to approve the bid from Struck & Irwin for micro surfacing. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried. 2. Consider the bids for the following projects: a. Webster Street paving bid - Northeast Asphalt Alderson Sabatke mentioned this did not pass Board of Public Works unanimously. Alderson Rick made a motion to approve the Webster Street paving bid for Northeast Asphalt. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. b. E. 10th Street reconstruction bid - Merrill Gravel and Construction Alderson Sabatke made a motion to send this back to the Board of Public Works to re-work for the \$45,000 difference. Alderson Caylor seconded for discussion. Discussion commenced with Mayor Hass, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey and council members. Finance Director Unertl mentioned all projects were TID funded. After discussion Alderson Caylor withdrew his second. Alderson Rick made a motion to approve the bid for E. 10th Street reconstruction to Merrill Gravel and Construction. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried on a 6-1 voice vote. Alderson Sabatke voted no. c. O'day Street reconstruction bid - Merrill Gravel and Construction Alderson Sabatke spoke about the large difference between the budget and the bids. PWDCE Akey responded to the question and concerns by Alderson Sabatke. FD Unertl mentioned this would be funded by TID 9 and other TID transfers. After discussion Alderson Rick made a motion to approve the bid for O'day Street reconstruction from Merrill Gravel and Construction. The motion carried on a 4-3 roll call vote. Alderson's Caylor, Feranich and Sabatke voted no. XI. Employee Recognition: Dane Mathwich - 15 years (Police Department) XII. Place Committee Reports on File: Alderson Blake made a motion to place the committee reports on file. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. XIII. Ordinances: City Attorney Hayden read the ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 16-1, 30-31 through 30-32, Solid Waste and Recycling. Alderson Caylor made a motion to suspend the rules and give the second and third readings by title only. Alderson Rick seconded. City Attorney Hayden gave the Ordinance the second and third readings by title only. Alderson Rick made a motion to accept the amended ordinance. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried on a 7-0 roll call vote. XIV. Resolutions: A Resolution honoring Steve P. Willis for his extended service and great contribution to the City of Merrill and extending condolences to his family WHEREAS, Steve Willis passed away suddenly on February 18, 2023; and, WHEREAS, Steve Willis has been a valued member of the Merrill Transit Commission since his appointment in April 2010; and WHEREAS, he was known for his love of travel, his technological capabilities, his musical talents, his generosity and positive manner and nature; and, WHEREAS, Steve Willis's cheerful manner, humor, wit and unwavering dedication to the Transit Commission will be greatly missed; and, WHEREAS, the Mayor, Common Council, officials and employees of the City of Merrill and its Transit Commission were saddened by the sudden death of Steve Willis; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 14th day of March, 2023, that the Common Council and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Steve P. Willis gave to the City of Merrill, commend him for those years of service, and extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of Steve Willis. City Attorney Hayden read the Resolution. Alderson Blake made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Steve P. Willis. Alderson Caylor seconded and the motion carried. XV. Mayor's Communications: Mayor Hass had the following communications: March 18 - Humane Society Fund Raiser at the AGRA Pavilion March 18 - a Lane Auction will be held at the Enrichment Center March 25 - National Medal of Honor Day April 1 - Kids Fest at the MARC April 4 - Build your own Peep House Cookie and Candy craft from 3:45pm -

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5:00pm April 6 - Career Fair at the Merrill Senior High School April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt at the MARC April 26 - Critic's Choice Movie - Green Book (2018) at 1:00pm - 3:30pm XVI. Adjournment: Alderson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM. The complete Ordinance is available on the City of Merrill website: https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us/ Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L Anderson-Malm - City Clerk Published March 30 2023

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DATE SIGNED: March 14, 2023

Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer

Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD O. LOKEMOEN Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2023 IN 14

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/22/1938 and date of death 1/28/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N2950 State Highway 107, Merrill, WI 54452. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 23, 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office. ATTORNEY Andrew W. Schmidt, SCHMIDT & SCHMIDT, S.C. PO Box 146, Wausau WI 54401 715-845-9621 Bar No. 1030985 Published 3/23/23, 3/30/23 & 4/6/23.

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PUBLICATION SUMMONS

CASE NO. 23-CV-28 HON. GALEN BAYNE-ALLISON

Money Judgment: 30301 The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00 Other Contracts: 30303 Wis.Stat. §810 Replevin

COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION PO BOX 107 ANTIGO, WI 54409 Plaintiff,

CIANNA R. FRICK 501 BLAINE ST. MERRILL, WI 54452

Defendant. THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,

To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 839 North Jefferson Street, Suite 200, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 9, 2023.

GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, S.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff /S/Electronically Signed Joshua J. Brady WI State Bar No. 1041428

P. O. Address: 839 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 200 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Telephone: (414) 271-5400 Published March 16, 23 & 30, 2023

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Notice of Spring Election and Sample Ballots (April 4, 2023)

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the School District of Rhinelander on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using a tactile ballot marking device (Vote-PAD) to mark a paper ballot, the voter shall obtain from the inspectors, the assistive device and any audio or dexterity aids if required. The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in casting his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

Spoiled Ballot

If the voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall leave the booth, deposit the ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Mary Peterson, Board of Education Clerk

The following is a facsimile of the official ballot:

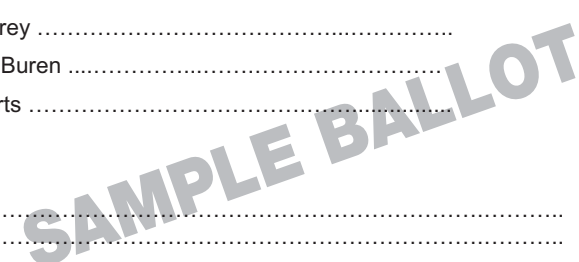
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY 2 ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR THE DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, make a cross (X) in the square at the RIGHT of the name of the person for whom you desire to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the name in the blank space provided for that purpose.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Vote For Not More Than Three. Includes Duane J. Frey, Merlin Van Buren, Mike Roberts.

Write-In: _____



PAID LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

TO THE EDITOR

The upcoming Supreme Court race is EXTREMELY important for Wisconsin! The job of the Supreme Court is to ensure the laws passed by the politicians are constitutional. The Constitution protects "we the people" from government overreach. It protects our liberties.

Currently, constitutional conservatives hold a 4-3 advantage on the court. Historically, liberal judges tend to disregard the Constitution and legislate from the bench. If the balance of the court flips liberal, our gun rights, hunting rights, school choice rights, as well as our freedom of religion, speech, and assembly will all be in jeopardy. Voter ID laws will be eliminated and the illegal drop boxes will be reinstated.

Our constitutional liberties are on the line. We need constitutional conservative Justice Daniel Kelly to maintain the 4-3 balance on the court. Please vote April 4 and encourage fellow freedom loving family and friends to do the same! This election is about much more than abortion rights. As our government becomes more and more corrupt and self-serving, our constitution becomes more and more crucial to protect our liberties and freedom.

- Karen Schooley, Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR

I've been a resident of Merrill for over 60 years and love Wisconsin. I see possible danger ahead! The purpose of this letter is to urge my friends and fellow readers to VOTE for Dan Kelly for the Supreme Court

in the April 4 election. Former justice Kelly believes that our Constitution is worth fighting for and that the rule of law is always worth defending. He is experienced and trust worthy, and he is NOT a judicial activist. This means that he will call the shots as he sees them in conformity with the law. He will vote to uphold the law, not to change it. That's up to the legislature, not the Supreme Court! Please vote April 4 and vote for Dan Kelly.

-Dieter H. Nickel, Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR

The Importance of Your Vote!

With just a touch of a pen, a liberal majority in our judicial government could snatch away our freedoms. The following are just a few of the rights that are threatened to be taken: our second amendment right of Castle Doctrine (the ability to defend ourselves and our families in our own homes), Conceal Carry protections (the choice to protect ourselves and families outside our homes), government intrusion to use public health emergencies to again shut down our churches, businesses and schools, Act 21 (which ended state bureaucrats creating laws without oversight), the REINS Act (which gives the Legislature power to stop costly regulations), the work requirements for welfare, the requirement to show your ID at the polling place, and even our parental rights to participate in our own child's education! No candidate is perfect but we must vote for the least liberal one. Please vote for Daniel Kelly for Supreme Court to preserve our freedoms, to maintain our constitutional rights, and to defend our right to life!

- Kathleen Gruetzmacher, Merrill, Wis.

The cost for Paid Letters to the Editor is \$40.00 per letter of up to 250 words, plus \$10.00 per additional 50 words, and must be prepaid prior to printing

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TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to all those in our community who contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Matching Fund Campaign.

We also wish to acknowledge our Corporate Sponsors: Connexus Credit Union, Holy Cross Sisters, incrediblebank, and Nicolet Bank for their generous support. Because of your contributions, the Outreach Program will be able to continue to respond to individuals and families who are desperately in need of assistance.

As you may have read, a COVID-based program to provide assistance to low income families recently expired. We believe we may experience a sharp increase in requests for help. As a result, we may again need to ask for your support if we are not able to meet increasing needs. You can be confident that we will use your gift wisely and that our community will be a better place as a result of your kindness. If you would like more information regarding our programing, please feel free to contact the Outreach Program at 715.539.2666.

- Tom Mueller

St. Vincent de Paul Conference Member
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

We assume everyone these days has internet access. After all, they are walking around with a cell phone, iPad, or some type of device. But have you ever asked about the quality of service they actually have? The majority of the counties across the Northwoods do not have high quality internet. Our email may work, and if we're lucky, we can use search engines, but no way is any type of zoom, telehealth, downloading, or live streaming working well.

Yes, we have heard that state and federal money is now available to solve this problem. And while the amounts sound impressive, I encourage you to dive deeper into what the true cost will be for affordable, reliable, quality internet. To truly provide adequate internet for the Northwoods, one-time funding is needed to implement high quality internet as a public utility. This

current incremental approach is wasting time and money as individual counties try to solve the issue. Now is the time for each of us to let the Joint Committee on Finance know they need to go beyond the Governor's proposed budget on this and provide appropriate one-time funding to implement internet as a public utility and get this done!

You can submit your thoughts to the Joint Finance Committee at budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov. Or attend the April 25 Joint Finance Committee budget hearing in Minocqua at Lakeland Union High School.

We need to all stay connected on this!

- Sue Dierksen
Gleason, Wis. (Harrison)

TO THE EDITOR:

I was shocked to learn Christopher Stamm's Guest Movie Review column will no longer be included in the Foto News.

His column was by far the most enjoyable to read. It surpassed any other article in the paper, in my opinion. I am not an avid movie-goer, but I know good writing when I read it, and his was excellent. I will surely miss his writing.

Removing Christopher Stamm's column quite possibly removes the joy of reading the paper.

- Tawn Lowell
Merrill, Wis.

Editor's Note: Christopher Stamm made the decision not to continue with his reviews at this time. The Foto News did not remove his column.

TO THE EDITOR:

Hello! I am a third-grade student in Northern Virginia. Our class is learning about the United States, and I will be teaching our school about the state of Wisconsin. In May, I will create a display for our State Fair that I hope will make you proud.

Although I have gathered facts about your state from books and websites, I think I can receive the best information from the people who live there. I am hoping you would be willing to send me some items to help me learn more about the best things in your state. You might consider sending items such as postcards, pictures, souvenirs, this newspaper, or any other unique items that would be useful or show your state pride. Here are a few questions:

• Why do you live in your state?/What

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

God: A Cautionary Tale

DEAR READER,

Pretend for a moment that you are God. You just created the universe. You finished the job by creating planet earth. You have a vision of how the universe and planet earth will develop. You know the universe will be fine because it runs on God-inspired engineering. But you also know things will get complicated because your plan includes the appearance, decisions, and actions of humans.

Fast forward - you're still God and now you're reviewing your handiwork. You're feeling... hmmm. The universe is running just as you planned, everything is revolving and turning the way as scheduled and designated. But when you check the progress on earth, you start to wonder. What the heck is going on?

A few want to control the majority of their fellows. That's not right. A few have amassed wealth far beyond their needs



while others are homeless and starving. That's not right either. And a few get upset to the point of violence and use machines and tools to kill others who stand in their way. That really, really is not right.

You're still God, so what would you do? Maybe let it all alone, knowing that the universe will keep spinning? Maybe not even lift a finger to intervene on earth, thinking that your creations will figure out how to love one another? Maybe have faith in them, in their ultimate goodness, and believe that their true nature will overcome the propensity to evil?

I'd like to think that He thinks that way - and that He's right.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

*Letters must be 250 words or less. (There will be no exceptions to this. Any letter longer than 250 words will not be printed.)
*The writer must include their full name, complete address, and a phone number where he/she can be easily reached for verification. Phone numbers and street addresses will not be published, but will be used for verification purposes, if necessary. Letters must be signed and the name, city, and state will be printed.
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*In fairness to all, and due to space constraints, there is a limit of two letters per year from an individual writer. Additional letters may be submitted to our Paid Letters to the Editor column and will require payment in full prior to publication at the same rate as Political Letters to the Editor (see policy below).

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All letters submitted as an endorsement for a political candidate, referendum, or political agenda will carry the same guidelines as above; however, they will be charged \$40.00 per letter of up to 250 words in length. Longer political letters will be accepted but will be charged \$10.00 per additional 50 words. All political letters must be prepaid prior to printing. Letters to the Editor will not be accepted from candidates running for election or representatives of an organization endorsing their own referendum, as these are clearly advertisements and not opinion letters; those submissions will be referred to our Advertising Department to be run as paid ads.

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EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	38
Good intent call, other	1
Total This Week:	40
Total Incidents/Calls for 2023:	490

MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

03-22-23
At 11:47 a.m. a male was arrested for a probation violation at the request of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

At 6:55 p.m. a caller reported a mother and daughter fighting with one another. It was found the daughter had become upset about the amount of food she received for dinner and an argument ensued. The daughter attempted to punch her mother but missed. The mother then attempted to hold the daughter down and the daughter bit her. The daughter then armed herself with a knife and threatened to kill her mother. The daughter was arrested for disorderly conduct while armed.

03-23-23
At 1:51 p.m. a male was arrested for a probation violation at the request of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

At 2:54 p.m. a Wausau resident reported a Merrill resident stole their identity through obtaining credit cards. Investigation continues.

At 4:55 p.m. a Merrill Detective and the K9 unit assisted Wausau PD with a search warrant in Wausau.

At 5:20 p.m. a caller reported a large chunk of ice fell from her apartment building, damaging her vehicle. She was told to contact her insurance company and the owner of the building to make a report.

At 9:18 p.m. an officer stopped a vehicle, as the registered owner was found to not have a valid driver's license. The driver was

found to have a warrant for his arrest and was arrested for that warrant.

03-24-23
At approximately 11:13 a.m. a traffic stop was conducted, as the operator of the motor vehicle was stopped for driving 48 in a 25 mph zone. The operator of the motor vehicle was taken into custody for operating while under the influence (1st) and cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of Marijuana.

At approximately 2:45 a.m. an officer was on routine patrol when he observed two male individuals run away after they saw his squad car. The officer followed the individuals, eventually catching one. The individual was found to be a juvenile. The juvenile was issued citations for underage drinking and possession of underage tobacco.

03-26-23
At approximately 1:29 a.m. officers were dispatched to an establishment on W. Main St. for a report of a fight in progress. Officers found that a patron had been asked to leave by the owner after causing issues in the establishment. The male subject refused to leave and, as the owner attempted to escort the male subject out, he proceeded to grab ahold of the owner's shirt, ripping it, resulting in the altercation. The male subject was taken into custody for disorderly conduct and bail jumping.

At 10:10 a.m. an officer took a report of a group of dogs at a residence attacking another dog, as the owners and dog walked past the residence on the sidewalk. The owner of the attacking dogs was cited for keeping a vicious animal.

At 2:32 p.m. an officer was dispatched to a driving complaint where several neighbors advised that another neighbor has been continually doing "burn outs" in the alleyway. The offending driver was also believed to have broken a vehicle window caused by the flying rocks and debris from his burn out(s). Contact was made with the suspect driver who admitted to the driving behavior. He will be cited for disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle. The investigation in regards to the broken window is still ongoing.

At 7:34 p.m. an officer conducting focused patrol in the 3500 block of E. Main St. observed a vehicle in the parking lot, parked

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the next Supreme Court Justice. That's a big one for the state, and all residents are encouraged to get out and vote this coming Tuesday.

Similarly, all ballots will give voters the opportunity to voice their opinions on the same three referendum questions.

Beyond that, this article will outline the races on the ballot in each Lincoln County municipality.

Municipalities with uncontested local races

In the City of Merrill, City of Tomahawk, the Town of Birch, the Town of Bradley, the Town of Harrison, the Town of Pine River, Town of Somo, Town of Tomahawk, and Town of Wilson, all of the candidates for the various LOCAL positions, including those running for the Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Education (BOE), and Tomahawk School District (TSD) BOE are running unopposed.

one is running against the listed candidate.

Town of Corning

In the Town of Corning, there is one contested race. Chad A. Kottke, Greg Kleinschmidt, Todd Luedtke, and Jon Weiler are all in the running to become Town Board Supervisors.

Town of Harding

In the Town of Harding, multiple races are contested. Michael R. Hornischer and Mike Ellsworth are both vying for the position of Town Board Chairperson.

Ward 1 in the Town of Harding is located in the TSD, Ward 2 is located in the MAPS District, and Ward 3 is located in the Rhinelander School District (RSD). Candidates for the School Board races in all three districts are running unopposed.

Town of King

In the Town of King, three candidates—Mark Martello, Andy Tomaszewski, and David Dyer—are vying for two open Town Board Supervisor positions.

Town of Merrill

In the Town of Merrill, two candidates—Michael Hass and Cutler Nowak—are running for Town Board Chairperson, and three candidates—Mathew Leder, Rick Neumann, and Darrel Dengel—are running for two Town Board Supervisor positions.

Town of Rock Falls

In the Town of Rock Falls, two candidates—Michael David and Van De Weerd—are running for the position of Town Board Chairperson. Three candidates—Bryon Gleisner, Kurt R. Niersel, and George W. Alery—are running for two Town Board Supervisor positions.

Town of Russell

Four candidates—Nathan Roggenbuck, Lori Studinski, Marty Sosnovske, and Ivan Dorgan—are running for two Town Board Supervisor positions in the Town of Russell.

Town of Schley

Two candidates—Timothy M. Klimek and Kelly Collins—are running for the position of Town Board Chairperson in the Town of Schley.

Town of Scott

In the Town of Scott, two candidates—Mike Woller and Ronald Lemmer—are running for the position of Town Board Chairperson. Four candidates—Mike Woller, Brett Woller, Randy Detert, and Gerald Engel—are running for two Town Board Supervisor positions.

Town of Skanawan

In the Town of Skanawan, rather than having competing candidates, only one candidate—Wally H. Horabik—is running, although there are two open Town Board Supervisor positions.

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Question 2 would expand the factors a circuit court may consider in imposing monetary bail. In cases where a defendant is accused of a "violent crime as defined by the legislature by law," Question 2 would allow a court to impose monetary bail based on circumstances in addition to securing the defendant's appearance in court.

A "yes" vote on Question 2 would vote to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 8(2) in cases where the defendant is accused of a violent crime to allow a court to utilize monetary bail for additional reasons in addition to securing the defendant's appearance in court.

A "no" vote on Question 2 would vote not to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 8(2) to expand the factors a court considers in imposing monetary bail.

Advisory referendum question

The third question on the ballot is an advisory referendum. That means the outcome of the vote on those questions is not binding, but legislators want to get a feel for what the voters of the state think on this topic/question.

The State Senate, with the agreement of the State Assembly, made a resolution to submit the following question, for advisory purposes only, to the voters of Wisconsin on the April 4 ballot.

QUESTION 3: "Shall able-bodied, childless adults be required to look for work in order to receive taxpayer-funded welfare benefits?"

They issued the following explanatory statement:

This is an advisory referendum and would not change Wisconsin law. Wisconsin and federal law currently define various programs available to those with financial need based on criteria such as age, familial status, and disability, among other criteria.

Two programs currently available to "able-bodied, childless adults" are Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus medical assistance program and the FoodShare program, also known as SNAP or food stamps. However, those programs are subject to certain federal requirements and restrictions that either would be inconsistent with the requirement about which the referendum asks or, in some cases, already include such a requirement.

BadgerCare Plus's medical assistance program is subject to federal Medicaid restrictions, and federal law does not allow for work-based requirements for such programs absent a federal waiver. See 42 U.S.C. §1396a(a)(10)(A). Currently, there is no federal waiver in force that would allow Wisconsin to impose work requirements on this program.

Wisconsin's FoodShare statute contains requirements that able-bodied, childless adults be employed or participate in an employment and training program, see Wis. Stat. § 49.79(9), but that requirement has been suspended by the federal government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A "yes" vote on Question 3, the advisory referendum, would make no change to Wisconsin law.

A "no" vote on Question 3, the advisory referendum, also would make no change to Wisconsin law.

- Do you have a state athletic team?
• What geographic features are unique to your state?
• What animals live there?

I need to gather all my information by the second week of May. You can mail items to the address below. I really appreciate your help!

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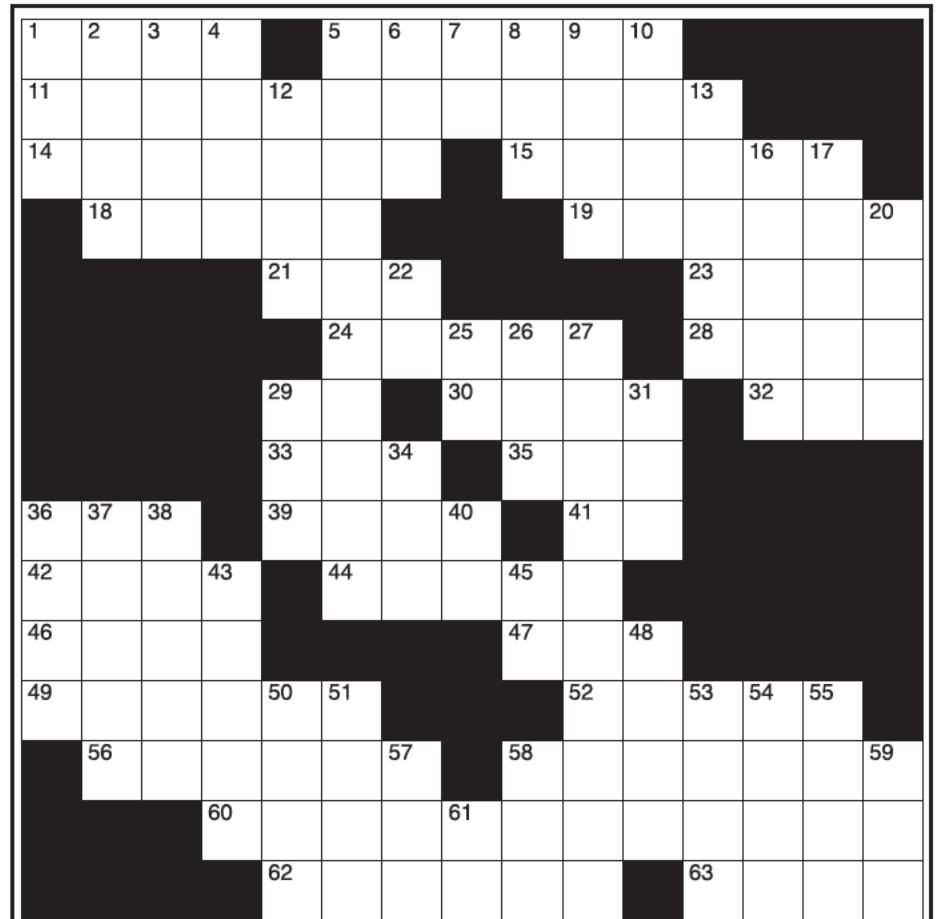
- first brought your family there?
• How do you make money?/What is your job?
• What does your state look like?
• What do people do for fun?
• What traditional food/recipes does your state have?
• What type of music is native to your state?

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toward the far back of the parking lot. The officers observed what appeared to be the occupants lighting something. Contact was made with the vehicle occupants, and the officer

detected the strong odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in officers locating several items of drug and drug paraphernalia. The male driver was found to have an open bond that prohibited the possession of

controlled substances. He was arrested for possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia, and bail jumping, and issued a citation for operating after suspension. A female passenger was cited for possession of THC.



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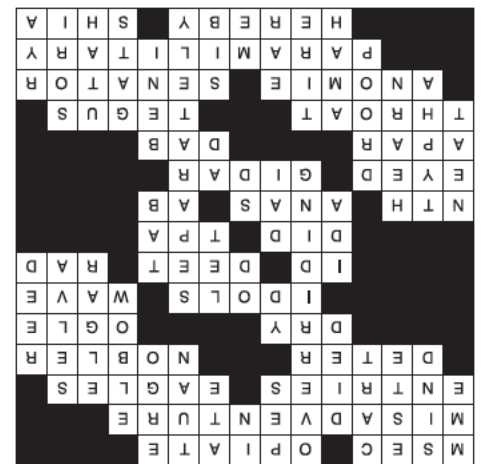
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- 1. Millisecond
5. Narcotic drug
11. Accident
14. Formal submissions
15. Popular 70s rock band
18. Discourage from doing
19. More socially elite
21. Arid
23. A way to look
24. Heroes
28. A surfer rides it
29. Potato state
30. Insect repellent
32. Cool!
33. Have already done
35. Collegiate women's fraternity
36. To the ___ degree
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood type
42. Looked over
44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
46. Species of armadillo
47. Touch softly
49. Part of your upper body
52. Large, stocky lizards
56. Lack of social or ethical standards
58. Congressman
60. Unofficial force
62. As a result of this utterance
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Woman (French)
2. Province of Pakistan
3. This (Spanish)
4. Transportation device
5. Greater in importance or priority
6. The human foot
7. Within
8. Consumed
9. Respectful Malaysian term
10. Therefore
12. Ceased to exist
13. Type of macaroni
16. English composer
17. Wooded tract
20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
22. 36 inches
25. Take too much (abbr.)
26. Allow
27. Individually

- 29. Journalist Tarbell
31. Bar bill
34. Hong Kong food stall: ___ pai dong
36. Not messy
37. Species that includes reed mace
38. Former MLB catcher Ed
40. Northern U.S. state
43. Wilt
45. Commercial
48. Bolivian river
50. Nursemaid
51. A car needs four
53. Guns (slang)
54. American state
55. Clusters of fern fronds
57. Body part
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden
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Monitor Notes "significant progress" at Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake

Operations of the schools are "the best it has been since the Monitor was appointed"

John Beard, Director of Communications for the Office of Public Affairs/Office of the Secretary at the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) in Madison, sent out the following press release on March 13, 2023:

The court-appointed Monitor for Lincoln Hills School/Copper Lake School (LHS/CLS) filed an encouraging report on conditions at the facilities today, which included increased classroom time for youth, the DOC doubling the number of consent decree provisions with which it is in substantial compliance, and continued positive atmosphere at the facilities.

"The Monitor did not encounter a single staff or youth that did not have a positive attitude. The overall operations of LHS/CLS are the best it has been since the Monitor was appointed," the Monitor noted in the report. "Staff and leadership's commitment to youth and to this reform effort is evident in every aspect of the operation."

Under the Evers Administration, DOC has for years been in either partial or substantial compliance with all 50 provisions of the consent decree stemming from a 2017 lawsuit against the previous administration related to unsafe conditions at the schools. The 16th Monitor's Report filed today shows DOC has doubled the number of provisions with which it is in substantial compliance, from 15 to 30, and remains in partial compliance with the other 20 provisions.

"In one four-year term under this Administration, our staff at the Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) has transformed the system of care at the schools, moving away

from past, punitive practices to a model based on evidence-based treatment of youth in our care," said DOC Secretary Kevin Carr. "Seeing such a big jump, to being in substantial compliance with 60% of the items in the consent decree, is affirmation of the work put in by our staff and a testament to the leadership in DJC. I'm very proud of the changes they've made at LHS/CLS."

This latest quarterly report from the Monitor included a list of facility improvements, including installation of video game rooms in the living units, installation of a new video phone system in the living units to help youth better communicate with their families, and the introduction of video production software in the schools' Music & Arts Initiative.

This Report also praised the Quality Assurance Program this Administration has put in place at LHS/CLS, which the Monitor states has far exceeded expectations and is second to none.

"DJC has a program that other jurisdictions should model. Critical information is readily available to the leadership which allows them to make proactive, data driven decisions that increases the safety of youth and staff," the Monitor reported.

Staffing remained a concern in this reporting period, which ran from November through January. In general, over the three-month period, youth spent more time in their rooms in November and December due to lower staffing levels, when the facilities were running at 50% of normal staffing levels on many days due to vacant positions and staff taking leave. However, as the Report notes, youth spent more time out of their rooms and received education in the school building more often in January. Also, since January 31, youth have received education in the school

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Orin Walker purchased supplies for the pets with his birthday money recently after turning 11 years old. He's done this for the last four years. The Lincoln County Humane Society wants to wish Orin a very happy birthday and thank him for his generosity.

Submitted photo.

Tiffany announces 2023 Merrill Service Academy Day

Congressman Tom Tiffany (Seventh District of Wis.) will hold his 2023 Merrill Service Academy Day on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Northwoods Veterans Post, 601 Johnson St. in Merrill, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

The program will familiarize students and parents who reside within Wisconsin's Seventh Congressional District with the application and nomination processes for applying to each of the U.S. service academies. The deadline to apply for a U.S. service academy nomination from Congressman Tiffany is Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Students will get the chance to hear the best practices of the nomination and application processes and have the opportunity to talk with members of Congressman Tiffany's staff and representatives from all five military branches representing their respective academies. Admission is free, and parents, teachers, and students at any grade level are welcome to attend.

"Applying for a service academy nomination can be a lengthy process," said Congressman Tiffany, "but my Service Academy Day is a great opportunity to get a head start on the process and speak directly to representatives from each service academy."

All high school students admitted to our nation's military service academies must first receive a nomination from at least one member of their state's Congressional Delegation, the Vice President, or the President of the United States. Accepted students receive a fully funded, four-year university education and a commission as a U.S. military officer upon graduation. High school students seeking Congressman Tiffany's service academy nomination should visit his website to access the application and learn more about the nomination process.

DNR asks public for help with frog and toad calling surveys

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking the public to participate in the annual Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey to help document frog and toad breeding calls throughout the state this spring and summer.

The Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey was formally launched in 1984 amid concerns about declining populations of several species of frogs. Since then, citizen scientists have helped DNR conservation biologists better define the distribution, status, and population trends of all 12 frog and toad species in Wisconsin.

"The DNR is once again looking for night-loving volunteers, who we lovingly call 'froggers,' to lend their ears to monitor and help conserve frogs and toads in all corners of Wisconsin," said Andrew Badje, the DNR conservation biologist who coordinates the DNR's Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey.

Volunteers can participate in three ways:

- **Traditional Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey** - This option requires volunteers to drive along a pre-set route for three nights of survey effort, once each in early spring, late spring, and early summer. Volunteers



An American toad sitting in a small pool of water. The DNR's Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey is the longest-running citizen science frog calling survey in North America.

Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR.

make 10 stops per night, listening for 5 minutes at each site, documenting the species heard calling, and the relative abundance of each species.

- **Mink Frog Survey** - Mink frogs are only found in northern Wisconsin and often call in the daytime. In June and July, volunteers are recruited to listen in the Northwoods, once during

the day and once at night, along routes targeting ideal mink frog breeding habitat.

- **Phenology Survey** - Volunteers for this survey help monitor when frogs and toads first start calling each spring. Phenology volunteers choose one wetland to monitor throughout the frog calling season, and record data as often as possible for five minutes per night.

Available 2023 survey routes and more information for this survey, dates for each survey (which vary, as some are dependent on the changing seasons), and additional details are on the website at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/HelpHerps.html>.

"Our froggers have also really become advocates for frogs and toads," Badje said. "They bring their children and grandchildren on fun nighttime frog-calling excursions and provide numerous frog and toad educational presentations at local libraries and nature centers. A few passionate 'uberfroggers' have even made surveys a part of their lives for 42 years running, longer than I've been alive."

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L to R: Wrestlers receiving awards were Allison Hunter—Outstanding Female Wrestler; Ryder Depies—Most Valuable Wrestler, Most Pins, Rod Genrich Most Takedowns, Most Team Points, Most Dedicated, and Legion Awards; Noah Klug—Most Improved Underclassman; Jon Hart—Most Improved Upperclassman; Ian Dreikosen—The Jered Severt Coaches Award (given to an upperclassman who displays best what it means to be a Merrill wrestler); and Brian Ball—Ogre Award (given to the wrestler who gets the most out of their ability). **Submitted photos.**

2023 Merrill High School Wrestling Banquet

On Monday Mar 6, 2023 The Merrill High School Wrestling Team had their 2023 end of season Legion banquet at the VFW. There were 100 attendees composed of wrestlers, managers, parents, Legion members, other family members, and other guests. "The banquet was a great way to end our season and recognize our student athletes," said Brian Suchocki, Merrill Varsity Head Wrestling Coach.



L to R: John Van Lishout (Legion), Ryder Depies, and Kurt Perra (Legion). Ryder Depies received the Legion award, awarded to the Senior who displays citizenship, leadership, sportsmanship, competitiveness, and brings value to the Wrestling Team.

MAPS accepts March donations

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the March 15, 2023, Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Directors meeting:

Donation of an 8' Tidd Tech Snow Roller (valued at \$2,529) and a 6' Tidd Tech Snow Groomer/Tracksetter (valued at \$10,962) from the Friends of the Evjue/Merrill School Forest; grant/donation from an anonymous donor through the Community Foundation of NorthCentral Wisconsin for mental health navigation services at MAPS valued at \$24,964.54; a check from the Law Office of Mary Sue Anderson LLC valued at \$2,000 for the Theatre Jays; multiple book series from Katie Hanson valued at \$250 for the PRMS Library for checkout options for PRMS students and staff; the following donations for the Kate Goodrich PBIS Program: a gift basket from Culver's valued at \$40; a check from Waid Funeral Home valued at \$100; a check from Taylor-Stine Funeral Home valued at \$50; a check from Wausau Tax and Accounting Inc. valued at \$100; a check from Toyota of Wausau valued \$100; a gift card from Dairy Queen of Merrill valued at \$20; a check from Air Quality Control valued at \$200; gift cards from Polito's Pizza valued at \$35; a check from Silverman Chiropractic valued at \$100; and, a check from The Pizza Shop valued at \$300; a check from Culver's of Merrill valued at \$750 for the MHS Girls Basketball fundraiser; a check from Culver's of Merrill valued at \$650 for the Bluejay Nest; cash from an anonymous donor valued at \$500 for the MHS Nest; the following donations for the PRMS 6th grade fundraiser: \$120 from the Family of Jameson Gerdes; \$25 from Lynn Roeder; \$20 from the Family of Aaron Collinsworth; and, \$10 from the Family of Evelyn Johnson; cash from an anonymous donor valued at \$200 to go towards student lunch accounts at PRMS; and funds from the Merrill Eagles Auxiliary valued at \$1,000 for the MHS Travel Club and to help defray the cost of student participants' trip.

2023 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

<u>Boys Baseball (Varsity, JV & JV2)</u>			
Tues. April 4	Medford (Varsity, JV & JV2)	Home	4:30 pm
<u>Girls Softball (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Tues. April 4	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 6	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
<u>Boys Golf (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Practice begins Monday, March 27 th			
First Invitational will be Tuesday, April 18 th .			
<u>Girls Soccer (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Thurs. April 6	Lakeland Union (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
<u>Boys Track and Field (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Thurs. April 6	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	4:00 pm
<u>Girls Track and Field (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Thurs. March 30	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	4:15 pm
Tues. April 4	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	4:00 pm
Thurs. April 6	Marshfield (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Krueger selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List

Casey Krueger of Merrill, a Senior at the College of Liberal Arts, was named to the 2022 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Hinner named to MSOE Dean's List for winter quarter 2023

Robert Hinner from Merrill was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Dean's List for the 2023 Winter Quarter. Hinner is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering. Undergraduate students who have earned

at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors."

Hall graduates from Northwood Technical College

Northwood Technical College congratulates Dakota Hall of Merrill, a Class of 2022 Fall graduate, who received his Technical Diploma as a Marine Repair Technician.

The College awarded associate degrees and one- and two-year technical diplomas in ceremonies held at all four campus locations. Northwood Technical College is a nationally top-ranked college and designated Silver 2022-23 Military Friendly(r) School with campuses in Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake, and Superior and outreach centers in Hayward, Ladysmith, and Balsam Lake, along with a Health Education Center in Shell Lake.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ian Dreikosen, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Ian started wrestling in kindergarten and has been wrestling ever since, culminating in wrestling on the Merrill Varsity Wrestling Team. At this year's Wrestling Banquet, Ian received the Jered Severt Coaches Award, which is given to an upperclassman who displays best what it means to be a Merrill wrestler. Ian also played football all four years in high school on the JV team, and he just went out for Track and Field. He had previously run Track and Field in middle school. He has also been shooting on the Merrill Trap Team the last three years.

Ian is active in Boy Scouts, 4-H, and FFA and is an Eagle Scout. He also volunteers at the Haunted Sawmill, helping with construction, acting, and helping younger actors, which he has done since he was in seventh grade. He belongs to St. Stephens UCC.

In his free time, Ian enjoys spending time with family and friends, fishing down by the river, riding bike, hiking, and doing other outdoor activities.

The son of Lee and Lynn Dreikosen of Merrill, Ian has a 3.2 GPA. After high school, he plans to attend NTC to go into carpentry or cabinet making.

Ian Dreikosen

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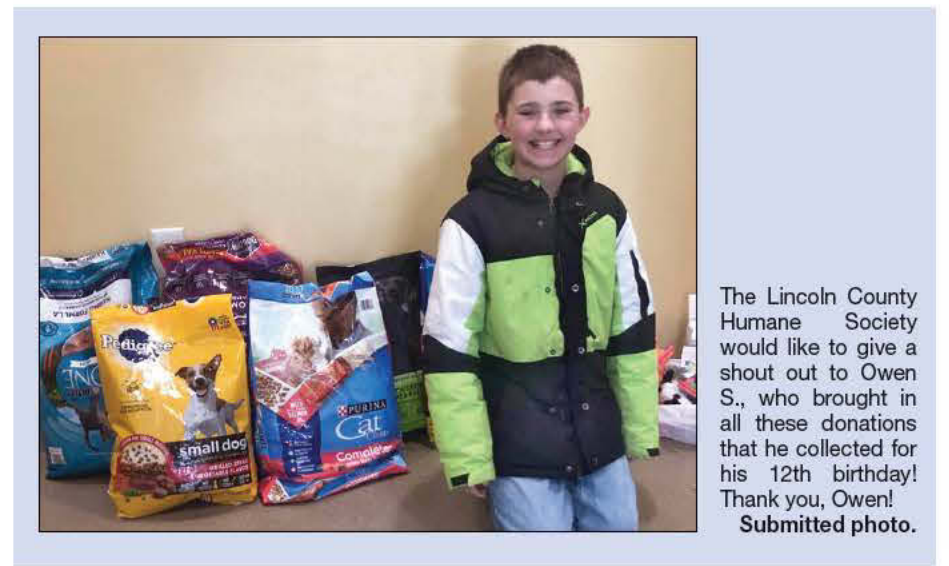
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Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey volunteers started collecting data in 1984, collectively spending more than 10,500 nights surveying 103,400 sites.

"Our volunteers are the beating heart of frog monitoring and conservation in Wisconsin," said Badje. "They are why this survey is the longest-running citizen science frog calling survey in North

America."

Volunteers are currently documenting the highest levels of American bullfrogs and Blanchard's cricket frogs since the survey began, an encouraging sign that proactive conservation measures for these two species are likely paying off. Volunteers are also contributing substantial knowledge into the unique calling patterns and distribution of mink frogs throughout the Northwoods.



The Lincoln County Humane Society would like to give a shout out to Owen S., who brought in all these donations that he collected for his 12th birthday! Thank you, Owen! Submitted photo.



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building every weekday, except for some youth placed in the high-risk Skills Development Programs due to disruptive or physically aggressive behavior.

DJC aims to have youth out of their rooms from at least 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day. However, on days with lower staffing levels, the schools have not always been able to meet that goal, keeping youth in their rooms in operational confinement as a necessary way to maintain safety during times of lower staffing levels. Over the last five full weeks, excluding the two high-risk Skills Development Program

units, the combined living units at the facility have received 94% of the goal of 12 hours of out-of-room time.

"The significant hiring in the youth counselor classifications and reduced population, should provide for more available staff which will result (and has resulted in the last couple of weeks) in youth spending more time out of their room, off units, and in the school area," the Monitor wrote in the report.

Complete reports from the Monitor can be found here on DOC's website at: <https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOC/JuvenileCorrections/Monitor%20Reports/MonitorReports.aspx>.

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Krueger of Merrill named one of four Women's Basketball Players on CSC Academic All-District Team

Courtney Krueger of Merrill was one

of four players named to the College Sports Communicators (former CoSIDA) Academic All-District Team. This is her first academic All-District honor. Krueger was a starter in all 25 games for the Pointers this season and averaged 6.5 points per game. She led the team with 31 steals and was second on the team with 49 assists.

To be nominated for this honor, a student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) at his/her current institution. Krueger is a Sophomore at UW-Stevens Point.



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