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# Death of two Merrill teens still under investigation

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The death of two Merrill teens who went missing on Sunday, April 16, 2023, and whose bodies were found in the Oneida County Forest on Monday, April 17, is still under investigation. Press releases issued by both Oneida County and Lincoln County Sheriff's Offices on Tuesday confirmed the deaths of Aiden Grefe, age 17, and Dakota Brown, age 16, and in a press conference Tuesday, Oneida County Captain Terri Hook said she would not go into detail but exposure was likely a factor in their deaths.

"Obviously, everybody knows what the weather was like this weekend, it went from being really warm

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Andy and Michelle Geiss with family.

Submitted photo.

# Geiss Meat Service takes homes 17 awards from WAMP

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Geiss Meat Service of Merrill attended the Wisconsin Association of Meat Producers (WAMP) Conference in Madison April 12-16, 2023. They attend annually and participate in the Wisconsin Specialty Meat Championships, the largest cured meat product show in the United States, which gives WAMP members the opportunity to have their products

judged and rated. This show makes it possible for participants to compare their product with other processors in the state.

This year Geiss Meat Service brought home 17 awards and 2 honorable mentions:

- R.W. Bray Award of Excellence-Best of Show - Commercial Ham (this is the big trophy)
- Grand Champion-Kielbasa
- Grand Champion-Pineapple Pizza Brat

- Grand Champion-Bone-In Ham
- Grand Champion-Peppercorn Bologna
- Reserve Grand Champion-Beef Strip
- Reserve Grand Champion-Chili Cheese Wieners
- Champion-Braunschweiger
- Champion-Beef & Pork Bacon
- Champion-Old World Sausage
- Reserve Champion-Smoked

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# Lincoln County Board discusses options for Pine Crest, approves raise for Correctional Officers and Sergeants

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met the morning of April 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Highlights from the meeting included an in depth discussion of the various options presented in the Ad Hoc Committee on Pine Crest report, appointment of a new Director of Emergency Management, approval of \$1.00 per hour raise for most Lincoln County Correctional Officers and Sergeants, and acceptance of \$100,000 of funding from the American Rescue Plan.

## Pine Crest options and alternatives discussed

Board Chair Don Friske presented the list of options and alternatives found in the Ad Hoc Committee's report (NOTE: the full Report of Nursing Home Review and Possible Alternatives is available on the Lincoln County website) and opened the floor for discussion and questions, and each option was discussed in considerable detail. While no formal action took place regarding any of the options, in-depth discussions led the Board to effectively remove some of the options from further consideration.

The three over-riding options presented in the Ad Hoc Committee's report were that:

1. Lincoln County continues to operate Pine Crest as a county-owned nursing home;
2. Lincoln County ceases operating Pine Crest as a county-owned nursing home; or
3. They hold referenda to allow the voters of Lincoln County to decide whether Lincoln County should continue to operate, fund and/or maintain Pine Crest Nursing Home.

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# Immanuel Lutheran Church in Corning celebrates new organ



Removing the old organ from the balcony and lifting the new organ up to the balcony to be set in its place required the use of a lift and men from the congregation at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Corning. **Submitted photo.**

Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Town of Corning on Leafy Grove Rd. is celebrating the installation of a new organ, which was completed on Dec. 5 and 6, 2022, and immediately used in worship at the Dec. 7 Advent service. They then held a concert to showcase the new Rodgers Inspire 2-Manual organ in early February with Val Bartlein, the owner of Classic Church

Organs and himself a well-known concert organist, playing to demonstrate the capabilities of the new instrument. Singers from the Immanuel Lutheran Church Choir participated in the concert, which included creative arrangements of hymns, historical organ favorites, and a few surprises.

The concert was attended by an enthusiastic audience of music lovers from across the state. "I enjoyed hearing the capabilities of the new organ demonstrated in beautiful pieces," said Katie Globig of Oconomowoc, who attended with her children. "Timpani, bagpipes, a full string orchestra, all from the organ—it was amazing. I have a much greater appreciation for the role of the organ in worship."

The new organ is a big deal to the congregation for a number of reasons. First, this new digital organ has capabilities that far exceed those of older instruments, such as the older analog organ that had been purchased by the congregation in 1986, more than 35 years ago.

An Organ Search Committee was formed in 2021 under the direction of then Church President, Len Francoeur. "We visited many churches with Val to hear the variety of organ options available to us," he said. "So when we finally settled on the Inspire 233, we knew we were getting an organ that would give us beautiful and uplifting music for many years to come."

The congregation voted to purchase the organ and an upgraded sound system at their July 2022 meeting. Work on the new system then began in September with the installation of

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**Jim Pekol Band**  
APRIL 30TH AT 8:00AM & 10:30AM

We look forward to praising God with the Jim Pekol Band as they lead our congregation in worship with polka music on Sunday, April 30th at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

The Jim Pekol Band was formed in 1979 when most of the members were teenagers, and made up of accordion, piano and drums. After a few years the piano was replaced by a banjo, and this combination remains to this day, with Jim on accordion, Marilyn Pekol on banjo and piano, and a variety of drummers - currently their son Bob. The Pekol Band played for weddings, public dances and polkafeasts, and now is very popular for Oktoberfests and church services. From 1986-1996 members of the band, either individually or collectively were called upon to play with Frank Yankovic when he was in the Wisconsin/Minnesota/Upper Michigan area. Many of the lyrics they use for the polka service were written by Gladys Woller from Tomahawk, and the combination of songs they use are unique for each church.

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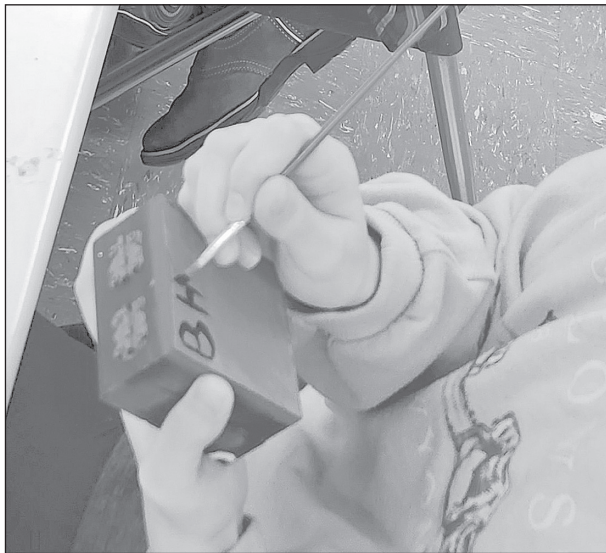


Students began working with a small wooden treasure trinket box. Photos courtesy of T.B. Scott Free Library.

## May ArtShare Exhibit “Treasured Book Boxes”

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The T.B. Scott Free Library Beyond Books: Community ArtShare Exhibit for the month of May 2023 is called “Treasured Book Boxes” and will feature the artwork of fifth and sixth grade students from St. John Lutheran School in Merrill. Bill Pittman donated the wooden trinket boxes to the library’s Youth Services Department to be used for an art-related project. Students then decorated the boxes to represent their favorite books, choosing scenes and book covers to paint to convey the stories that mean the most to them. The exhibit runs the month



Students then painted and decorated their boxes to represent their favorite book.

of May and is located on the second floor of the T.B. Scott Free Library in the Carnegie Wing.

## Merrill Lions donate to Merrill Park & Rec

The Merrill Lion’s Club recently presented the Merrill Parks & Recreation Department with a check for \$7,000 to help defray the City’s costs for installing security cameras at Stange and Kitchenette Parks. The Merrill Parks & Recreation Department received funding through the 2023 budgetary process to install security cameras at Kitchenette and Stange Parks this year to try to decrease the growing amount of vandalism over the past few years.



L to R: David Heckmann, Dan Wendorf, and Jack Casper. Submitted photo.

“We are very thankful for the generous donation from the Merrill Lion’s Club,” said Dan Wendorf, Parks & Recreation Director, “We are very fortunate to have such

wonderful and supportive community partners. This donation will not only help offset the cost of the project, but will help us

protect our beautiful parks and amenities for everyone to continue to enjoy here in the City of Parks.”

## Verhasselt is named Lincoln County Director of Emergency Management

Tyler Verhasselt has been appointed to the position of Lincoln County Director of Emergency Management.

Verhasselt brings more than 15 years of experience serving in the United States Air Force, including 6 combat deployments overseas, and as a Police Officer in southwest Wisconsin to the role. Most recently, he served as Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Joint Security Operations Center in the Middle East where he spearheaded a joint task force with special operations from US Air Force Central Command (AFCENT) to provide a quick reaction force and air to ground support during the 2020 Iranian Crisis. His



Verhasselt

actions received recognition from US Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) who awarded him the SSgt. Todd “TJ” Loblacio Award for Excellence and his second US Air Force Commendation Medal. In addition to Verhasselt’s military and law enforcement experience, he brings many years of higher education with an Associate and Bachelor in Criminal Justice and, notably, a Masters in Management—Public Administration.

His passion for public service and his profound experience in emergency management and crisis response, indicate he will be a valuable asset to Lincoln County.

## Lincoln County adopts Vision Statement and Branding

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

At the April 18, 2023, Lincoln County Board meeting, County Supervisors also unanimously approved the adoption of the following Vision Statement and Branding:

### Lincoln County Vision Statement

Lincoln County will preserve the unique characteristics and resources that make it an exceptional place to live, work, and play; we will work together, holding ourselves and each other accountable, to weave the fabric of community and provide opportunity to our citizens.

### Branding

Lincoln County – Where the Northwoods Start and the Adventure Begins

This marks the first time Lincoln County has had a developed and articulated Vision

Statement and Branding.

On Jan. 31, 2023, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors and other community members participated in a facilitated process during which they developed the Lincoln County Visions Statement to help them “develop a future desired state.” The Administrative and Legislative Committee then met on March 21 to discuss the recommended statement and made a few minor changes to develop the final wording.

Articulating a Vision Statement for Lincoln County definitively will help the Board “guide the decision making process to best allocate resources in a manner that aligns with operations of the County with that vision” the resolution said.

The branding statement, or tagline, for Lincoln County helps direct future strategic planning and marketing of Lincoln County, the resolution said.

said it made them a bit nervous watching that big investment be cranked up on the lift and going up into the air.

Now the congregation is enjoying beautiful music and uplifting musical effects and sounds formerly unheard of in their sanctuary from a single instrument. The investment can now produce the musical rendition of an entire orchestra from a single instrument.

The public is invited to attend worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church during a regular service to hear the new organ for themselves.

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dedicated electrical circuits, audio wiring, lots and lots of cable, and sound speakers. The church also added studio-grade microphones for the choir.

Secondly, it was a big deal because the removal of the old organ and installation of the new organ was a tricky thing. A group of men from the congregation guided the old organ onto a mechanical lift and then eased it over the balcony railing and down to the ground floor. The new organ went up into the balcony the same way, and viewers

## In The Lite Electric nominated for Greater Wausau Chamber Small Business of the Year

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

In The Lite Electric of Merrill was nominated and then selected to be a finalist in the Greater Wausau Chamber’s 2023 Small Business of the Year award in the Business to Consumer category. The winners in each category were announced at an awards ceremony on April 13, 2023, and while In The Lite Electric didn’t take the win in their category, they were honored to be recognized by their peers with the nomination and finalist selection.

“We are truly honored and would like to thank everyone who has supported

us over the years,” the owners said. “A special shoutout to all of our employees and clients for making In The Lite what it is today.”

Additionally, In the Lite Electric recently shared the following **Spring Safety Tips**:

- Ladders—even those made of wood— that come into contact with a power line can prove fatal. Keep all ladders at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines.
- Unplug outdoor tools and appliances when not in use.
- Water and electricity do not mix. Avoid damp conditions—including wet grass—when using electricity.



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# OBITUARIES



**Aiden David Paul Grefe**, a sweet and gentle soul known by many names; son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend passed away on April 17, 2023. He was born on February 10, 2006 to Rachel Lynn (Graham) Grefe and Jeffrey Paul Grefe at St. Claire's Hospital in Weston, Wisconsin. Aiden attended Merrill High School as an 11th grade student.

Aiden would do anything for the ones that he loved. He was extremely compassionate for

other people, including his family that he loved with every bit of his heart. He was his little brothers "right hand man" from day one. He was also known for the joy he brought to his younger cousins; "he was never afraid to play like a kid." Aiden had a great love for the outdoors, whether it be snowboarding, skateboarding, shooting hoops or hanging out. He also had a great work ethic and worked at McDonalds and more recently at Hardee's in town.

If Aiden touched your heart, know that you hold a piece of him there forever.

Aiden is survived by his mother, Rachel (Nick Weisenfeld) Grefe, father: Jeff Grefe, siblings: Molly Moon and Evan Grefe, maternal grandparents: Tammy Kottke, Bruce (Mary) Graham, and Colleen Graham, paternal grandparents: Dave (Julie) Grefe, aunts and uncles: Dan (Sara) Graham, Sally Graham, Bryanna (Darian) Scheer, Bruce Q. (Felicia) Graham, Amber (Kevin) Progar, Pat Adams, Josh (Sheena) Grefe, Monica (Rob) Allen, and Becky Grefe, his closest cousin: Tanner Graham and many other cousins, great aunts, great uncles, and second cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Lyod (Marian) Kottke and Bruce (Patricia) Graham, great uncles: Wade Kottke, Keith Kottke, and Dale Kottke, cousin: Titus Kottke, and baby Kalepp.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 11:00 am at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes Banquet Hall, 1208 N Center Ave., Merrill, WI 54452. A visitation will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 8:00 am until the time of service also at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes Banquet Hall.

For those unable to attend the memorial service in person, it will be live streamed, beginning at 11:00 am, and will later be posted as a recording for future viewing. It can be found under his obituary on the funeral home website.

In loving memory of Aiden, donations may be made to a future memorial fund in Aiden's name.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at [www.waidfuneral.com](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Dakota Grace Brown**, 16, of Merrill, passed away Monday, April 17, 2023.

Dakota was born October 10, 2006, in Stevens Point, daughter of Lynnea Brown and Chad Brown. Dakota was a sophomore at Merrill High School. She recently started working as a dietary aide at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill. Her goal after high school was to travel and explore the world.

Dakota absolutely loved her family and friends. She adored her brothers and loved taking care of her two dogs and three cats. Dakota always thought about everyone and made sure they were okay. She told everyone she loved them and had the biggest heart. Dakota's favorite hobby was tending to her plants at home. She also enjoyed music and fashion.

Survivors include her mother, Lynnea Brown (Caleb Peckham) of Merrill; father, Chad (Riley) Brown of Fox Lake, WI; brothers, Jay Brown and Peyton Brown both of Merrill; half-siblings, Remington, Oliver, Milo, Hudson, Kingston, and Jasmine; maternal grandfather, Curtis (Anita) Brown of Rockville, MD; maternal grandmother, Ann Bledsoe of Rome, WI; paternal grandfather, Rick (Bonnie) Brown of Shawano; paternal grandmother, Michele (Cameron) Sims of Fox Lake, WI; Caleb's parents, Richard (Barb) Peckham of Wisconsin Rapids and Goldie (George) Peckham of Gleason; and many close friends. Dakota was preceded in death by her maternal step-grandfather, John Bledsoe.

A celebration of life will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill.

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



**Joann Eugenia Anderson**  
March 18, 1941 -  
April 20, 2023

Joann Eugenia Anderson, age 82, of Merrill, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 20, 2023, on the "Patio of Paradise" in North Miami, Florida. Joann was born March 18, 1941, in Chicago, the oldest of five children (baby brother passed away at 2 years old). She graduated from Good Counsel High School in Chicago, in 1959, and attended Wright Junior College in Chicago. On November 7,

1959, she married her high school sweetheart, her one and only, Arthur A. Anderson, whom she met while roller skating at the Hub Roller Rink.

Joann was a loving wife and devoted mother of nine children. She stayed at home while raising her kids to be faithful, respectful, and kind. "Just try your best," "Be Good and Have Fun," "Treat others the way you want to be treated", and "Call me late, but don't call me late for dinner" were just a few sayings you would hear Joann say. Joann took pride in being a Certified Nursing Assistant and Restorative Aide for 26 years at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, Wisconsin. Patients would always migrate toward her because of her positive energy and constant smiles. Everyone who was blessed to know Joann knows how much she cared for others because she lived her faith in our Lord Jesus Christ each and every day. You walked away from Joann wanting to be a better person. Joann was a long time active member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Merrill. She was a proud member of the church choir, attended her bible study groups, and participated in many church events. Joann's greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends. Joann was known for being hospitable welcoming everyone into her home. She loved to prepare meals for others to enjoy. Joann spent her last four years being cared for by her daughter Michelle - her very own angel on earth. Michelle poured her heart and soul into making sure that her mom lived each moment as healthy and happy as possible.

Joann was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur A. Anderson, her parents, Stanley S. Martin and Carolyn (Duginski) Martin, brother, Stanley (Sonny) Steven Martin, sister-in-law, Krystyna Martin, and brother-in-law, Donald Stahl. Joann is survived by her sister, Mickey Stahl, her brother, Thomas F. Martin, nine children: Michelle Anderson, North Miami, Florida, Suzanne (Tim) Devine, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Laura Anderson, Folsom, California, Christine (Lee) Lau, Merrill, Wisconsin, Nadine (Dan) Kannel, Plum City, Michael (Veronica) Anderson, Merrill, Paulette (Scott) Severt, Merrill, Edward (Janelle) Anderson, Ferryville, and Steven (Heather) Anderson, Winneconne, 23 grandchildren: Mitchell (Jeanne), Mallory Dorn (Alex), McKenzie Schmitt (Chris), and Max Devine, Brittany Bell (Tommy) and Austin Malm, Emily and Sam Lau, Brandon, Shelby Wells (Josh), and Jazmin Kannel, Bruce and Gunnar Anderson, Pankaj and Harsha Kumar, Cole (Makenzie) Severt and Sierra Bell (Jesiah), Brooke, Sage, and Drake Anderson, and Margaret, Jed, and Luella Anderson, ten great grandchildren: Thomas and Julia Devine, Murphy Dorn, Joelle and Cooper Schmitt, Forest and Giana Bell, Oliver Wells, Eliza Severt, Nora Bell and many other loved family members and friends.

Viewing will be from 9:00-10:45 am on Friday, April 28th, at Waid Funeral Home with the funeral Mass of Christian Burial to follow at St. Francis Catholic Church in Merrill, Wisconsin. Father Maria Vallabhaneni will officiate. The burial will follow the Mass at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at [www.waidfuneral.com](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Henrietta "Etta" Schultz**, 93, was born in Wausau, Wisconsin to Harold Elson and Theophilia 'Theo' Golla Elson on December 3, 1929 and passed away peacefully on Monday, April 17, 2023 at home with her family by her side.

Etta was met at heaven's door by her maker, her husband Wib, her parents, her daughter, Connie Tessmer, her grandson, Garrett Schultz, and siblings Delores Jonas, Myra Schuster, Phyllis Corda, LaVern Elson, and Mary Elson. She is survived by her brother Russell Elson of Tucson, AZ, as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great

grandchildren.

Etta attended Wausau Senior High School. She was the founder of Al-Anon in the Wausau area. She was employed at H.C. Pranges, North Central Technical College as an instructor for DUI classes, Lincoln Hills, The Best Western, and Westwood Conference Center. In her younger years she and Wib enjoyed traveling the state for square dancing conventions. Etta was an avid seamstress, sewing for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was also very talented at knitting and crocheting. She made 76 afghan blankets over the years for family members. She was also an excellent cook and baker; making family meals for the holidays was one of her many joys.

Etta was married to Wilbur "Wib" Schultz on June 15, 1946 in Wausau after meeting at a dance at the Labor Temple. They enjoyed 64 years together raising their children, Connie (Duane) Tessmer, Barbara Herrington, Randy (Marge) Schultz, Terry (Jeannine) Schultz, Sue Duranceau, Mary Schultz, Chris (Deonn) Schultz and Sandra Adamski.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for Etta and Wib together at Restlawn Memorial Cemetery in Wausau with military funeral honors for Wib.

The siblings would like to thank their sister Barbara for taking such great care of their mom for the past 12 years and their sister Sue for assisting the last several years. This allowed Etta to remain in her home as she wanted to up until the time of her passing. Barb's care and devotion made Etta's last years the best they could be...

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at [www.waidfuneral.com](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Robert "Big Bob" Everett**,

age 70, of the Town of Merrill, WI, passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at his home. Bob was born on May 11, 1952, in Maryland to the late Dudley and Lois (Neubauer) Everett. He grew up in Beloit and moved to Maryland when he was 16. Bob was a 1970 graduate of the Aberdeen High School in Maryland.

Bob worked as a union glazier for many years. He enjoyed snowmobiling, four wheeling, riding his Harley, and his beloved dogs, especially his most recent dog, "Buddy". Bob loved getting together with friends weekly at Rock Island Resort in Merrill where he could drink Budweisers and shoot the breeze. He was an avid Nascar fan and a huge Terry Labonte fan before his retirement.

Survivors include his son, Jeff (Steph Helvey); his siblings, Jeff Paul, Sherri Beeman, Kevin Everett, Deb Everett, and Robin Crane; his grandchildren, Taylor (Scott Steckbauer) Everett, and Morgan Sefton; and his great-grandchildren, Sage, Corbin, Elund, and Ember. Bob is further survived by his dog, Buddy. He was preceded in death by his father, Dudley Everett; his mother, Lois Paul; his stepfather, Walter Paul; his stepmother, Barbara Everett; and his brother, Shane Everett.

Per Big Bob's request, a celebration of life will be held at a later date at Rock Island Resort and will be announced at that time. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Bob's obituary and leave online condolences at [generationsfuneral.com](http://generationsfuneral.com).

Bob's family would like to thank the following who assisted at his home when he passed away: the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, and Best Friends Animal Care Center.

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# OBITUARIES



**Dawn Eilene Evenson**  
June 15, 1963 - April 7, 2023  
Dawn Eilene Evenson (59 years old) passed away on April 7, 2023 at the University of Minnesota hospital. She was a living miracle in so many ways, was loved by all who knew her, and is finally at peace.

Born June 15, 1963 in Merrill, WI she was the loving daughter of MaryAnn (Marth) and Harold Woller. She worked as an accountant and bookkeeper for Lincoln County, Riverside and First Presbyterian church, and Faith Lutheran Church. She was a lifelong member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Dawn had a passion for rummage sale-ing, loved spending time with her great-nephews and great nieces, with family and friends, and at the lake in Chetek.

She was preceded in death by her mother, MaryAnn. She is survived by her loving husband, Andrew and son Jason (Ali), of Merrill, WI; father Harold (Phyllis), siblings Donna (Brian), Allen; nieces Nicole (Jonathan) and Erin (Bret); brother-in-law Scott, sister-in-law Karen, niece Darby, nephews Patrick and Tucker; and her adorable great-nieces and nephews.

A service will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 11am; visitation at 10am. There will be a private family gathering to follow. Memorials are preferred to the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 2500 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Donations may be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/258ftvrv>.

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**Merrill Area Public Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting March 15, 2023 - Minutes**  
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Board Room. Board members present: Gremler, Krueger, Osness, Proulx, and Blake. Board members absent: Liberty, Volpe, Woller and Yingling. Others Present: Superintendent Murray, MAPS Administrators, Rell and Rudie; 6 people from the staff and public and Recorder Woller. MOTION by Proulx, second by Krueger to approve the 2023-2024 Federal Head Start Grant. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Osness to approve the Head Start Cost Allocation Plan for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Krueger, second by Gremler to approve the Head Start 2023-2024 T/T/A plan. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Krueger to approve the purchase of an additional camera server. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Krueger, second by Osness to approve the donations 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. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to approval of the WIAA Boys Hockey Cooperative Team Renewal for 2023-2024; as well as, the WIAA Girls Hockey Cooperative Team Renewal for 2023-2024. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Osness, second by Proulx to approve the purchase of chromebooks in the amount of \$1,082,947.50 to be purchased with ESSER funds for grades 3-12. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Osness to approve the purchase of iPads in the amount of \$224,372.50 to be purchased with ESSER funds for grades K-2. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Krueger, second by Proulx to approve the CESA 9 2023-2024 shared service contract as presented with a projected cost of \$252,943. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Osness, second by Proulx to approve the grant/donation from an anonymous donor through the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin for mental health navigation services at MAPS. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Krueger, second by Proulx to approve the agreement with the Lincoln County UW Extension office for Mental Health Navigation services for one year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Gremler to approve the compensation plan adjustments for a 2% increase for any staff that exceed the last step of the plan, adjust contract days to 210 for all Elementary and Middle School Principals and Associate Principals, and removal of professional advancement language for Support Staff. Motion carried. MOTION by Proulx, second by Osness to approve the attached personnel report, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Krueger to approve consent agenda items a through c, which includes minutes of the February 15, 2023, and March 6, 2023, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,028,321.13; and, donations totaling \$5,570. Motion carried with Osness abstaining from the February 15, 2023 minutes. Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1) (f) except where par. (b) applies; and, 118.125. The purpose of the closed session is for the consideration of (and possible action regarding) applications for participation in the Early College Credit and Start College Now programs; and, to consider and act upon parental requests for student opt out of state assessments, including the potential for a closed session(s) to review the specifics applicable to the affected student(s) if the discussion of such in open session would be likely to have an adverse effect upon the reputation of such student(s) pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats. Any such closed session(s) shall be immediately followed by reconvening in open session for further consideration and, ultimately, action upon the parental requests. MOTION by Proulx, second by Krueger to adjourn into executive

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session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. MOTION by Krueger, second by Osness to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to approve Student A and Student B to opt out of state assessments. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Osness to approve the 2 Early College Credit courses and the 2 Start College Now courses as presented in closed session. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Krueger, second by Osness to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Kendra Osness Board Clerk KO/tlw (The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting [www.mapsedu.org](http://www.mapsedu.org), or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.) Published April 27, 2023  
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**Merrill Area Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting April 12, 2023 - Minutes**  
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 6:34 p.m. in the Board of Education room. Board members present: Blake, Liberty, Osness, Proulx, Volpe and Woller. Board members absent: Gremler, Krueger and Yingling. Others present: MAPS Administrators and Recorder Fuchs. Blake announced an executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Sections 19.85(1)(a); (f) except where par. (b) applies; and, 118.125. The purpose of the closed session is the following: conduct two (2) student expulsion hearings, deliberate, and act regarding the same. President Kevin Blake asked for a contemplated motion to go into closed session. MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe. Motion carried on a roll call vote. MOTION by Woller, second by Volpe to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Kendra Osness Board Clerk KO/sf (The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting [www.mapsedu.org](http://www.mapsedu.org), or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.) Published April 27, 2023  
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**Merrill Area Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting March 29, 2023 - Minutes**  
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: Gremler, Krueger, Osness, Proulx, Volpe, Woller, Yingling, and Blake. Board members absent: Liberty. Others present: Superintendent Murray, MAPS administrators, people from the staff and public and Recorder Woller. There was a presentation on the current status of the district facilities study and discussion regarding the findings to date. MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Kendra Osness Board Clerk KO/tlw (The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting [www.mapsedu.org](http://www.mapsedu.org), or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.) Published April 27, 2023  
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**Merrill Area Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting March 30, 2023 - Minutes**  
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: Gremler, Krueger, Osness, Proulx, Volpe, Woller, Yingling, and Blake. Board members absent: Liberty. Others present: Superintendent Murray, Dr. Strike, and Recorder Woller. Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Sections 19.85(1)(c); and, (f) except where par. (b) applies. The purpose of the closed session is to consider and discuss specific positions and staff members in regards to preliminary consideration of non-renewal of teaching staff. MOTION

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by Volpe, second by Proulx to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. MOTION by Volpe, second by Proulx to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Kendra Osness Board Clerk KO/tlw (The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting [www.mapsedu.org](http://www.mapsedu.org), or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.) Published April 27, 2023  
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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
WALLWORTH COUNTY  
TRACY REIFF  
7611 East County Road A  
Janesville, WI 53546,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
BUCK JUMPERS HUNTING CLUB,  
INC.,  
An administratively dissolved Wisconsin corporation,  
Defendant.  
Case No.: 2023CV0212  
**PUBLICATION SUMMONS**  
To: **Buck Jumpers Hunting Club, Inc., An Administratively dissolved Wisconsin corporation**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within forty (40) days after (date of publication) you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 730 Wisconsin Avenue, Racine, WI 53403, and to Devine Hahn, S.C. plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 840 Lake Avenue, Suite 300, Racine, Wisconsin 53403. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the

complaint 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 April 4, 2023.  
**By: DEVINE HAHN, S.C.**  
Anne D. Cohen, Bar No. 1101542  
Attorneys for Plaintiff, Tracy Reiff  
Mailing Address:  
840 Lake Avenue, Suite 300  
Racine, WI53403  
(262) 632-7541  
(262) 364-2088 (fax)  
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**NOTICE**  
**Springbrook Cemetery Association Annual Meeting**  
May 5, 2023  
7 PM  
Pine River Town Hall



# LEGALS

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**CITY OF MERRILL**  
1004 EAST FIRST STREET  
MERRILL, WI 54452  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing to be held by and before the City Plan Commission of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, commencing at **6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 2, 2023**, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the following proposed matter, to wit:  
1.) Brian Lee, 100 N Polk Street, requesting rezoning from Public to Business under M.M.C. Sec. 113.428 for 100 N Polk Street in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Legally described in pin# 251- 3106-141-0050. Anyone having any questions regarding the hearing should contact Zoning Administrator, Darin Pagel at 536-4880. Dated: April 10, 2023  
**CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN**  
By: Lori Anderson-Malm  
City Clerk  
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**DATE SIGNED: April 18, 2023**  
Electronically Signed by Kelly Schremp  
Clerk of Court

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MARATHON COUNTY**  
Wisconsin Auto Finance Inc. dba CNAC of Wausau VS. MICHAELA MURPHY  
**Amended Summons and Complaint Small Claims**  
Case No. 2023SC000528  
Sm Claim, Claim Under \$ limit 31001  
Plaintiff: Wisconsin Auto Finance Inc. dba CNAC of Wausau 2600 N 20th Ave Wausau WI 54401  
Defendant: MICHAELA MURPHY 604 1/2 N STATE ST Merrill, WI 54452  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-261-1300 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**SUMMONS To the defendant(s):**  
You are being sued as described on the attached complaint. If you wish to dispute this matter: You must appear at the time and place stated.

If you do not appear or answer, the Plaintiff may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff is asking.

**When to Appear/File an Answer:**  
Date: 5/17/2023  
Time: 10:00 am

**Place to Appear/File an Answer:**  
Marathon Co Courthouse-Wausau Courtroom A

**Frederick August Schopp** passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family on December 28th, 2022. He was 90.

The memorial service for Fred will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Town of Corning. The Rev. Joel Danner will officiate. Visitation will begin at 9:30 A.M. Saturday at the church. Burial of Fred's cremated remains will take place in the church cemetery. Following the burial, a lunch will be held at Schult's Country Inn. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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

**Together we will be hosting a Benefit May 21<sup>st</sup> at the VFW Pub 1638 in Merrill to raise money for the families of Aiden Grefe and Dakota Brown.**

**There will be basket raffles, 52 card raffle, t-shirts and much more to check out! Delicious food by Mergets Mouthwatering Mayham.**

100% of the proceeds from this benefit will be split between the two families. There will be a donation box at the event the day of and a box for cards for the family to take home forever.



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice City of Merrill Code of Ordinances Section 14-36(b) declares lawns, grass and noxious weeds on non-agricultural lots or parcels of land which exceed eight inches of length affect public health and safety.

Code of Ordinances Section 14-34 defines noxious weeds and further delineates the duties of the owner or occupant of the property to remove the noxious weeds.

All property owners, or occupants are responsible for keeping their property areas, including boulevards, mowed and trimmed.

Failure to do so will result in mowing and trimming by the City and an assessment of costs which may result in an assessment on the property tax roll.

A copy of the Lawn Regulation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Section 26-56 of the Code of Ordinances states that "No person shall deposit any refuse, leaves or grass clippings in any gutter along any public street, road, alley or highway."

Section 32-94 states that "It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, or cause to be deposited, dumped, sorted, scattered or left any rubbish, stone, wire, earth, ashes, cinders, sawdust, hay, glass, manure, filth, paper, snow, ice, dirt, grass, leaves, construction waste, garbage or other offensive or noxious material in any public street, sidewalk, alley, or upon any public property."

Dated this 17th of April 2023

**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**RONALD R LIBERTY**  
STREET AND WEED COMMISSIONER  
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# Slam the Scam: Just hang up, don't text back, delete the email

TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The fourth annual Slam the Scam Day was recognized on March 9, 2023, but every day should be Slam the Scam Day. What does Slam the Scam mean? In short, it means just hang up the phone. If you receive calls that you suspect may be fraudulent or scams, hang up, and if you get repeated and persistent calls, talk to your phone provider about apps or programs that could pre-screen incoming phone numbers to help reduce or eliminate scam calls. For instance, T-Mobile has a Scam Shield app to block or reduce scam calls and enable users to report scam calls and texts.

Scammers are getting smarter, using every means necessary to scam unsuspecting people, and often target the elderly or particular groups of people.

In addition to phone calls, these days scams can also come in the form of unsolicited text messages. Robotexts (texts auto-generated) are one of the latest methods. Scammers are even reaching out to people via social media and instant messages. And, of course, scams also still come via unsolicited emails.

The best scammers typically use one of these tactics: they play on your generosity, they use fear (i.e., threaten you with arrest, disconnection of services, or that your computer will crash, or suggesting one of your loved ones is in jail or something else bad happened to them, or they are giving you something that sounds way too good to be true ("Congratulations, you've won ...") ... for just a payment of ... In every case, they want either your personal information or your money in one form or another (cash, debit card numbers, wire transfer, for you to buy gift cards or pre-paid debit cards) or both.

And in all cases, scammers make the circumstances urgent. They want you to act fast, right now, before you lose this opportunity or before something bad happens to you or someone you love, etc. Really, they want you to act fast before you think about the situation or investigate further and realize they are a fraud, that this is a scam, that you are being played, and that they are trying to take your money. Scammers are incredible imposters and awesome actors. Most sound very legit. Don't fall for it.

## Key signs of a scam, according to the Social Security Administration

A press release from the Social Security Administration provides the following basic signs of a scam to help identify and stop fraudulent activity.

Remember:

- Scammers **pretend** to be from an agency or organization you know to gain your trust.
- Scammers say there is a **problem** or a prize.
- Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately.
- Scammers tell you to **pay** in a **specific** way.

## Common scams

Common scams include:

- Free vacations and prizes ("You've won ...")
  - Phishing scams (Asking for your personal information)
  - Loan scams
  - Job scams (see separate article: "How to spot a job scam" in this edition)
  - Phony debt collectors
  - Fake charities
  - Medical alert/scams targeting seniors
  - Warrant threats
  - Threatening calls from the IRS
  - Phony technical support calls
  - Lottery scams
  - Family members or friends in peril and/or scammers pretending to be your family members or friends urgently needing money
  - Bank fraud calls
  - Amazon impersonators
  - Insurance and health care scams
  - Website password requests
  - Fake customer requests
  - Other urgent requests
- This list isn't all-inclusive. Scammers are constantly

figuring out new ways to get people to give them their money and/or personal information. That, of course, leads to identity theft and potentially even greater financial losses.

First, know this: If you owe money to Social Security, the agency will mail you a letter with payment options and appeal rights. You should never pay a government fee or fine using retail gift cards, cash, internet currency, wire transfers, or pre-paid debit cards. If something changes with Medicare, they will also contact you by mail.

Likewise, if you owe money to a creditor, whether that is a utility company, medical facility, credit card company, or anyone else, as long as that entity has your correct mailing address, you will receive mail notification of those debts *unless* you have opted out of paper statements. (If in doubt, call to find out and ask for paper statements again.)

And you will only receive text messages or emails from legitimate businesses or creditors if you have opted in to receive texts or emails from a particular agency, bank, or creditor.

## More details on scam tactics

Some of the most widely-known scam call, text, and email tactics include:

1. Telling you that your auto warranty is almost up (when you don't even have an auto warranty).
2. Saying there is a problem with the delivery of your package. (If you're expecting a package, reach out to the

merchant directly to inquire.)

3. Calls, texts, or emails requiring payment by mailing cash, wire transfer, internet currency, pre-paid debit cards, or retail gift card payments to fix problems or avoid arrest.

4. Contacting you to say there is a problem with your Social Security Number and asking you to call back to clear up the problem and/or to "verify" your Social Security Number.

5. Messages saying you've been approved for a loan you didn't apply for.

6. Calls or messages indicating someone tried to charge something to your credit or debit card. (While fraud detection agencies are legit, it is best to call your bank or credit card company directly if these types of calls sound at all suspicious or if the caller is asking for anything other than confirmation of whether or not you made a specific purchase to a specific merchant in a specific amount on a specific date and if that was really you, and the caller should provide that information to you, not the other way around. If in doubt, hang up and call your bank or card company directly using the number on the back of your credit or debit card.)

7. Calls, texts, or emails from the Social Security Administration (SSA). The SSA communicates via mail, not phone, text, or email unless they are calling you

See SCAM page 13

# How to spot a job scam - no matter how sophisticated

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Wisconsin warns applying for a job online can be risky business these days, and since many employers (even local ones) now work with third-party job sites, it's important to know what to watch for.

If you are applying to jobs online, constantly research before accepting an interview or employment offer. Job scammers have gotten very sophisticated, convincingly claiming to represent real employers, requiring interviews, and even providing phony job offer letters. These cunning new twists on traditional job scams have increased in BBB's Scam Tracker. In fact, according to BBB's latest Scam Tracker Risk Report, employment scams climbed to the second most risky scam type - after online purchases.

## How this scam works

• You apply online through a reputable, third-party job-seeking site. A few days or weeks later, you get a text message or email asking if you are still interested in the position or a similar one at the same company. Since you made your contact information available to your potential employer when applying, the message doesn't strike you as unusual.

• If you reply to the message, the scammer will invite you to interview for the job. This is when red flags start to appear. Instead of doing a traditional interview, the "employer" asks you to download a messaging app and answer a few

questions via text. Then, you're offered the position on the spot, with great pay and benefits. Your new "employer" may even send you a convincing offer letter. After your "job offer," the phony employer asks you to complete a form with your personal and banking information, claiming they need it for direct deposit. In other cases, the scammer may ask you to set up a home office, either with your funds or money they'll send you in a (fake) check.

• If you send money or share your personal details, it will now be in the hands of scammers. You're unlikely to get your money back, and your shared personal information puts you at risk of identity theft.

## How to avoid similar scams:

• Research the person who contacted you. If you suspect the person contacting you could be a scammer, look them up. A quick online search should reveal if they work for the company they claim to represent.

• Do more research on the company. You may have done this before you applied for the position. Still, if you get a surprise offer to interview, it's worth doing more research to learn more about their hiring process, home office requirements, salaries, and benefits packages. If these don't align with your offer, you could be dealing with a scammer.

• Don't fall for jobs that seem too good to be true. They probably are. If you are offered a job - without a

formal interview - that has excellent pay and benefits, it's likely a scam.

## For more information, go to BBB.org.

Read more about employment scams in BBB's 2022 Scam Tracker Risk Report on the BBB.org website. Learn to spot the signs of a scam by reviewing the BBB Tip: Employment Scams available online and read more about job scams in their job scam study.

Also, if you've been the victim of a scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker. By reporting your experience, you can help others avoid falling for the same scam.

For more information or further inquiries, contact the Wisconsin BBB at [www.bbb.org/wisconsin](http://www.bbb.org/wisconsin), 414.847.6000 or 1.800.273.1002. Consumers also can find more information about how to protect themselves from scams by following the Wisconsin BBB on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

*For more than 100 years, the Better Business Bureau has been helping people find businesses, brands, and charities they can trust. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, all available for free at BBB.org. There are local, independent BBBs across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB Serving Wisconsin which was founded in 1939 and serves the state of Wisconsin.*

## Thank You

Barry and I would like to give our thanks to all that helped us make Barry's benefit a success.

First and foremost, our granddaughter Braylin, our family, friends, neighbors, and Merrill's local businesses.

A Special thanks to Eagles Club staff, cooks, waiters, bartenders, Ladies Auxiliary and volunteers, and anyone we could have misses.

The money we received will all be going towards medical bills.

God Bless You All

Barry & Sharon Burrow  
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**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**Everything**

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be better and easier? What would they say? then the gift.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

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

And the next question is, would you grant their wish? That is the true test of love: The offer of giving, and

**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:

I grew up eating home-cooked meals from the basic food groups. The word "organic" never came up. At the same time, they were spraying DDT on playgrounds and other public places for mosquitoes. We never questioned the danger to all living things, including us. Today chemicals are still used routinely to eradicate "unwanted" species for our agendas, poisoning native species and the very pollinators that turn our plants to produce, drain into our lakes and groundwater, and kill beneficial organisms that keep soil loose and alive. No wonder we are pouring more and more chemicals every year into an artificial future.

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Eating and growing organically makes

sense, not just for your own health, but as preventative medicine and a sustainable future for all.

- Rita Wiechman, Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Publisher Patrick Wood's 3/30/23 letter, "God: A Cautionary Tale":

When God created the world, it was good. But God gave mankind a free will. Humans had the choice to either obey or disobey God. At the moment Eve and Adam chose to disobey God, by eating the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, sin entered the world. We agree with the publisher that humans messed up the perfect world God created. But God wasn't surprised. He knew mankind would sin and He had a plan in place to free us from that sin. God promised to send a Savior who would crush sin and death forever. Every one of us has also sinned, in our thoughts, words, or actions. Our sin deserves death and separation from our Holy God forever. We could never do enough good to outweigh our sin. All of our righteousness is like filthy rags before a Holy God. But God loved the world so much, that He sent His only Son into the world. This Son, Jesus, lived a perfect life, died in our place, and rose again. Because of Jesus, there is still good in the world. And because of Jesus, each of us has the opportunity to one day enter a place where sin, and its consequences, are no more. Heaven is open to anyone who places trust in Jesus alone. That's God's grace.

Genesis 1, 3; Romans 3:23, 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Isaiah 64:6, John 3:16; Revelation 21:4.

- Chris and Angela Aldrich, Merrill, Wis.

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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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# Check out State Park passes at the library

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the expansion of "Check Out Wisconsin State Parks At Your Library." The program provides library cardholders the opportunity to check out day passes to state parks, forests, and recreation areas, such as Council Grounds State Park.

Starting Monday, May 1, 2023, more than 160 libraries across Wisconsin will make nearly 6,300 day passes available. The passes are valid for free single day admission for one vehicle at any state park, forest, or recreation area where admission is required.

The initial program offered 1,000 day passes to 20 libraries across Wisconsin.

"We had a great response to our pilot program over the winter, and we are confident this summer and fall opportunity will be just as successful," said Steve Schmelzer, Parks and Recreation Management Bureau Director. "Through this program, Wisconsinites will be able to visit our state park properties this summer without the barrier of a fee. Come explore Wisconsin's special outside places this summer!"

Check Out Wisconsin State Parks At Your Library is a collaborative effort between the DNR, Wisconsin Library Association's Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries, and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The cost of day passes at 84 libraries was underwritten by the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks, a grant from the C.D.



State park daily admission passes will soon be available for check out at more than 160 libraries across Wisconsin.

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Badger Brat

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Most of these items can be found in Geiss Meat Service's new retail store at W4490 Pope Rd. in Merrill. Their new retail store opened on Labor Day 2022 in the rotunda building when entering the Geiss/Little Florida Trailer park area and provides much more space to offer more products to consumers.

A grand opening for the new retail store is planned for June.

"We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our employees for all of their hard work and dedication," Andy and Michelle Geiss said.

## LCHS March donors

The Lincoln County Humane Society would like to thank everyone who donated in March:

Meghan Stevenson; Dean Barker; Peggy Bauman; Darlene Raunio; Cecil Ballou; Keri Martin; Tomahawk Farmer's Market Corp; Frontstream; Dale Casperson; Beverly Cornelius; David Freed; Candice Jacobson; Kristin Sobieszczyk; Julie Guzinski; Mark & Janet Abell; Nadine

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**Student of the Week**

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Willow is in 4th grade at St. John Lutheran School. She was nominated by Mrs. Ruthann Breitwisch.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?  
My favorite subject is art, because I like to use my creativity.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?  
My favorite part of school is talking and playing with my friends at recess.

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The Merrill Wrestling Booster Club would like to thank the Merrill community for their continued support of Merrill wrestling - whether it's purchasing the club coupon cards and Escape tickets or cheering the wrestlers on at home dual meets and tournaments - we appreciate you!

We would especially like to thank the individuals and businesses that have supported the Club's largest fundraiser, the Escape, with their donations and everyone who purchases Escape tickets and attends the event.

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# Marshfield Clinic Health System ends masking requirement

On April 14, 2023, the Marshfield Clinic Health System announced they would no longer require patients and staff to wear masks under most circumstances, effective April 17.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced it is planning for the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 to expire May 11, their release said.

The Health System continually monitors state and regional COVID-19 trends, including rates of hospitalizations and community transmission, to

determine if policies can be adjusted. In mid-March, the Health System lifted all visitor restrictions and removed COVID-19 testing requirements on hospital admissions and preoperative surgical cases.

"Patient, visitor and employee safety is our number one priority for those entering and working in our facilities, and every COVID-19 guideline we put in place during the pandemic was for their protection," said Dr. Samantha Klebe, Chief Medical Officer, Marshfield Clinic Health

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## SCAM from page 6

back regarding a matter you initiated or unless they are authenticating your online account. They don't ask for your information.

8. Calls or messages indicating your benefits will be increased for a fee or payment (Social Security or any kind of benefits).

9. Calls claiming to be from Medicare asking you to "verify" or provide your Medicare number, saying Medicare is issuing new cards, claiming your Medicare coverage is about to be canceled, saying you can receive early access to special vaccines or you have an appointment for free genetic testing, telling you that you qualify for free medical supplies, saying you're eligible for a refund, or telling you that you're pre-approved for a cheaper or better plan.

10. Calls or messages saying your computer is infected and will crash and they will help you fix it and asking you to download a software or share your computer screen with them. (They do this to get into your computer and hack into your personal information.)

11. Calls, texts, or emails asking for your website or computer passwords.

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- Here are some tips to help avoid getting scammed:
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  4. Don't respond to unsolicited text messages from people you don't know.
  5. Never give out your passwords or PIN numbers.
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  7. Never make payments by wire transfer, internet

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8. Calls that demand immediate payment are suspect. If you know you are behind on a bill, hang up the call. Find a legitimate number on your billing statement to call to make payment and call that number to pay the amount due to ensure you are really dealing with your creditor and not some scammer. If the caller threatens arrest, you know for sure it's a scam.

9. Ignore text messages about matters unfamiliar to you such as those telling you there is a problem delivering an order. (If you placed an order with a merchant, call that merchant directly to see if there is a problem or call the legitimate number for the delivery service to inquire.)

10. If you receive a call or text indicating someone tried to charge something you didn't authorize to your credit or debit card, hang up and call your bank or credit card company directly. Don't give out any of your personal information or credit or debit card information unless you initiate the call.

11. Don't respond to unsolicited emails, offers, or claims. Again, look up an authorized phone number or email for the agency the email claims to represent and reach out to see if the email is legit before responding. See all of the above tips, as well. (i.e., don't purchase gift cards for anyone asking you to do so in an email, don't provide your credit or debit card information via email, and don't respond to any supposed creditor with payment information this way)(See #6 and 7 above)

12. Any call, text, or message that references you getting arrested is a scam. That's not how the legal system works.

13. Never give out your personal information or Social Security number to someone you don't know for a reason you didn't initiate.

14. Never share personal information via text or email, and never give out personal information to someone who is calling you. (See #8, 9, 10, and 11 above).

If you suspect you have been the victim of a scam, report it to your local police or sheriff's department and also the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC is the main agency that collects scam reports. Report the scam to the FTC online at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/> or by phone at **1.877.382.4357 (9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. ET)**

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## MASKING *from page 13*

System. "Given the current trends showing lower rates in hospitalizations and community transmission, we believe we're in a position to adjust some of those guidelines while maintaining a high level of safety and precaution"

People may still choose to wear masks, and the Health System will support their choice to wear one and staff will wear a mask if requested. Departments that serve immunocompromised or specialty patients will return to pre-COVID policy and procedures for masking. Departments and medical procedures that wear masks as part of its normal practice, such as during surgeries, will continue to do so. Masks are encouraged for patients with symptoms consistent with a COVID-19 infection, a COVID-19 exposure, or other infectious respiratory illnesses.

The Health System will continue to monitor COVID-19 activity to determine if guidelines need to be put back in place, the release said.

## DEATHS *from page 1*

to really cold and they got caught in it," she said. She added that at this time there doesn't seem to be any foul play involved.

"You can see that this is a very vast forest and without these resources it would have been even more difficult that it was [to find them]," Hook said Tuesday, indicating on a map the area where the teens were found and thanking all those who helped in the search.

"We know where they started and then we believe we had some other information that was kind of leading us in different directions, and that's why we had such a vast area to search," she said. "You can see, some of these are trails and some are logging roads, so there is a lot of area out there. And they're young people and can walk well."

The circumstances surrounding the deaths of the two teenagers remains an active investigation.

Lincoln County Coroner Valerie Caylor confirmed forensic autopsies were conducted on April 18 at UW Madison Hospital. "I am awaiting the formal results of those examinations," she said. "Toxicology samples, which is a standard post mortem investigation tool, have been sent off to our independent lab for analysis; consistently it takes several weeks for those results. In the meantime, I continue to meet with Sheriff's investigators in order to aid them as needed."

"Once toxicology and formal results have been received, I will meet with investigators, families, and then a formal statement will be released to the media," Caylor said.

Additional counselors have been available to assist students at both Merrill High School, where Aiden and Dakota attended, and Prairie River Middle School, where siblings of the teens attend.

Funeral services were held this past Monday, April 24, in the Merrill High School Auditorium for Aiden Grefe, and on Tuesday, April 25, for Dakota Brown at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home.

More information will be shared as it becomes available.

## DONORS *from page 8*

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## PINE CREST *from page 1*

Under the first option whereby Lincoln County would continue to operate Pine Crest as a county-owned nursing home, four alternatives for effectively doing so were examined: generate additional revenues, decrease expenses, pursue new management arrangement for operating Pine Crest, or demolish the existing Pine Crest facility and rebuild a new facility of appropriate size.

The Committee's seven different ideas for generating additional revenue were discussed at length. The options for renting rooms in unused wings to Pine Crest employees for living quarters and creating an assisted living wing would require some considerable renovations and expense and a cost/benefit analysis would need to be conducted to determine the viability of those options, Board members agreed. It was also a concern that, since Pine Crest is currently experiencing staffing issues that limits the number of residents, this staffing issue would also limit use as an assisted living facility. Staffing is a big concern.

The option to add a daycare for Pine Crest employees or community daycare was effectively removed from consideration, as the logistics would be a big challenge and Bill Bialecki said there are a number of other community projects underway hoping to address that challenge. It was also noted Trinity's existing child care facility needs additional employees, so staffing would be an issue, as well.

The option to create a space for foster care needs was also effectively dismissed because the Department of Health Services (DHS) would not likely approve the use in proximity to nursing home use.

Adding dialysis treatment capabilities would require some adaptation of the space and partnering with an agency to provide that service, but could work.

Adding additional dementia treatment capabilities could be feasible. While a new wall and door would need to be added, Pine Crest currently has 20 beds in the existing dementia unit, and there is always a wait list, so there is a need for this.

One option was to ask North Central Health Care (NCHC), which currently manages Pine Crest, to explore additional means to increase the current census and address staffing shortages. The Board asked NCHC to put together a list of what they are doing currently for their review.

A final option to increase revenue by means of adjusting the County tax levy to cover the cost of Pine Crest debt service was discussed but Board members agreed they did not like this option because it would increase the cost to tax payers without their input and they don't want to go that route.

Six options for decreasing expenses for operating and/or maintaining Pine Crest were presented in the Ad Hoc Committee's report, and several of those were also discussed in detail. It was agreed establishing a replacement reserve fund to pay for major maintenance/repair needs made logical sense.

The option to sell or lease parts of the Pine Crest building for other uses was ruled out since any use in that close of proximity to a nursing home facility must be compatible with licensing.

Downsizing the facility permanently or demolishing currently unused wings to decrease maintenance and operations costs also didn't seem feasible to the Board since they would still be left with the same debt on the building, so those options were effectively eliminated.

None of the Board members favored pursuing a new management arrangement for operating Pine Crest at this time, as they have been pleased with how NCHC is managing the facility.

Relocating Pine Crest to another existing facility didn't seem feasible or beneficial to Board members.

Likewise, demolishing the facility entirely and building a new, smaller facility was eliminated because again, the County would still be left with the existing debt.

The Board then turned to discussing the various options under the option of ceasing to operate Pine Crest as a county-owned nursing home. As previously discussed, the Board didn't feel demolishing the building was a viable option. However, selling the Pine Crest facility with the stipulation that it must continue to be operated as a nursing home was a viable option to at least consider, Board members agreed. They said the highest and best use of the facility is as a nursing home, and this meets a need in the community. There appears to be little value in it as an empty building based on what they've seen in other communities, so they wouldn't favor that. But a nursing home facility the size of Pine Crest is marketable, Board members have been told. They may wish to get an appraisal on the facility in the future and have additional discussions with the appropriate parties to consider this option further.

Another option in the report was to sell the Pine Crest and Social Services facilities together, in light of their close proximity to one another on the property. The Board discussed that, should an appropriate buyer for the nursing

home be found who wishes to do that and then lease the Social Services facilities back to the County, that might be an option to consider, as well.

The final option to hold referenda to allow the voters of Lincoln County to decide whether Lincoln County should continue to operate, fund, and/or maintain Pine Crest Nursing Home is definitely still one the Board is considering, as well. As they weigh all the options, however, Board members stressed that they would consider the results of such a referendum to be a clear and definitive direction from the voters, which they would then follow, so they would want to ensure they've done their homework and provided voters all of the detail and facts necessary to inform their vote if they pursue this option.

Board Supervisor and State Representative Calvin Callahan mentioned that he and State Senator Mary Felzkowski plan to introduce a budget motion to direct DHS to pay nursing homes their supplemental payment for 2022 from the budget surplus by Sept. 30, 2023, to address the unexpected shortage now facing Lincoln County (as previously reported). He is hopeful that will move forward to make Lincoln County and other nursing homes in the state whole for 2022.

Chair Friske asked Supervisors to come to next month's Board meeting prepared to tell which option(s) they favor for moving forward and why and said he hopes they will be able to move closer to making actual decisions on the future of Pine Crest at that time.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, John Greenwood, Mike Ravn, and Kevin Stevenson all spoke in support of the Board's approach to addressing the Pine Crest matter and said they appreciated the Town Hall meetings and how those meetings were conducted to seek input from Lincoln County residents.

### Resolutions passed without issue

The County Board approved the appointment of Tyler Verhasselt as the new Director of Emergency Management as a part-time exempt employee by a unanimous voice vote.

They also unanimously (voice vote) approved a resolution to accept \$100,000 of Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) funding (\$50,000 in 2022 and \$50,000 in 2023) from the American Rescue Plan, to be used to offset current expenditures in the general fund.

### Sheriff's Office Corrections Division wage adjustment resolution

A resolution to address a staffing crisis at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) in the Corrections Division (having lost 25% of their experienced personnel in the last year), citing low wage and fringes compared to other agencies and private sector as their reason for leaving, approved a pay incentive request by the LCSO to address the issue by reducing the number of Correctional Officers and Corrections Sergeants from the current authorized and budgeted 21 to 20 and then using the dollars saved from the elimination of one Correctional Officer position to move both Correctional Officers and Corrections Sergeants up two steps on the current pay scale, not to exceed the maximum step on the grade, was carried by a voice vote (one nay vote, the rest in favor). Prior to the vote, Sheriff Ken Schneider indicated he did not support the passage of the resolution because his staff did not support it. He said his original intent was to give everyone on his staff a \$1.50 per hour increase, but the current resolution provided a \$1.00 per hour raise for most, but not all, of his staff. During discussion, the Board suggested there might be other options, such as a one-time bonus, to help compensate those staff members who do not receive an increase in their hourly wage under this resolution but this resolution would at least address some of the concerns and help recruit employees at this time and Schneider could propose that to the Board in the future.

### Resolution to fully fund UW-Extension

While there was a resolution to fully fund the UW-Extension on the Agenda for the meeting, brought forth by Supervisor Julie Allen and co-sponsored by Supervisors Mike Loka, Greta Rusch, and Brian Hafeman, Chair Friske ruled the resolution was improperly brought before the Board, citing it was substantially similar to resolutions already discussed, debated, and deliberated. Allen made a motion to appeal the Chair's ruling, seconded by Hafeman. A roll call vote on whether Friske's ruling should stand was taken. A majority of those present at the time voted in favor of the Chair's ruling (12-4 with Supervisors Rusch, Hafeman, Loka, and Allen dissenting), so this resolution was not discussed.

### Resolution for Advisory Referendum on Pine Crest

A resolution for an advisory referendum to determine a course of action for the County Board to pursue concerning the future of Pine Crest Nursing Home authored by Supervisor Elizabeth McCrank (who was not present) and co-sponsored by Supervisor Allen was not discussed. A motion to lay over the resolution to next month was unanimously approved.

# Art contest open to Wisconsin public school students

**WEA Member Benefits' eighth annual student art contest focuses on "All things Wisconsin"**



"All things Wisconsin" is the theme of the eighth annual student art contest sponsored by WEA Member Benefits and the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc.

Students enrolled in grades K-12 in a Wisconsin public school are invited to submit pieces that show what comes to mind when they think about Wisconsin. This could mean art capturing our different seasons, things to do, places to see, the little things that make our state special, people of Wisconsin, etc.

Monetary prizes from the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc., will be awarded to 11 student winners, with 1 student artist receiving the "Loeymae Lange Best in Class" award. The "Best in Class" award is named in memory of Loeymae Lange, a former art teacher at Cooper Elementary School in Burlington, Wis. Her brother, Dr. Paul Lange, and his wife, June, continue to honor Loeymae's legacy by establishing an endowment gift to the WEA Member

Benefits Foundation, Inc. to honor her love for the arts and all she did to inspire students. Her legacy will live on through this generous gift in the form of monetary prizes for art contest winners.

"Wisconsin has so many wonderful people, places, things, and moments, and we are excited to see it captured through students' perspectives and artistic expressions," said David Kijek, WEA Member Benefits President and CEO. "It's wonderful to be able to recognize and reward talented students and teachers in Wisconsin, and we thank the Langes for the additional financial support to be able to do so. We hope other individuals will join in donating to the Foundation to help fund future opportunities for budding artists."

The deadline to enter the 2023 student art contest is Friday, May 5, 2023. Finalists will be announced in May. More information about the art contest, including contest rules, eligibility, and art submission information is available at [weabenefits.com/studentartcontest](http://weabenefits.com/studentartcontest).

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Marshall Besaw  
Poppy Geisler  
Adalyn Schooley  
Siobhan Schuetze

**Honors - 3.5-3.75**  
Claire Charbarneau  
Jude Charbarneau  
Izabella Erickson  
Brynlee Heidemann  
Lola Klug  
Macie Lange  
Delana Podeweltz  
Eva Storm  
Joanna Szeto  
Samuel Szeto  
Madilynn VenRooy  
Christian Voigt

**Prairie River Middle School 2022-2023 third quarter Honor Roll**

**Eighth Grade**  
**GOLD: 4.00** Lily Berndt, Paige Byer, Maycee Eisner, Emilie English, Abigail Gauerke, Erik Grunenwald, Mackenzie Herdt, Shanna Herdt, Claire Hintz, Brody Klebenow, Justice Kunze, Mya Meyer, Nathaniel Miller, Marielle Nass, Evan Olson, Tyson Ott, Greta Peterson, Addison Pickard, Grace Reimann, Eryn Schmitz, Peyton Smith, Kayleigh Strey, Isabella Stutting, Charlotte Van Der Nest, Grace Wegner, Lauren Zuelsdorff

**SILVER: 3.750-3.999**  
Tatiana Anderson, Zachary Bacon, Allyson Boquist, Marvin Downs, Rory Gates, Stuart Gehris, Arianna Gray, Peyton Hagenbucher, Xavier Hanke, Davin Harder, Reese Kaminski, Izabella Klockow, Mark Marvin, Mason Meyer, William Miemietz, Vanessa Pintor, Grant Polak, Layla

Schmidt, Derek Schult, Laci Wirtala  
**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749**  
Blerian Alimi, Landan Blaubach, Alexandra Carreto, Natalee Clifford, Josilynn Geiss, Jayden Graap, Emily Hayes, Avery Hoock, Madison Kersten, Trenton Klimek, Danika Kuehl, Marissa Miles, Carlina Nebbergall, Jackson Pierce, Ryker Remington, Colton Ruplinger, Deylah Schulz, Matthew Wiederhoeft, Morgan Wienke, Emma Ziebell

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## MAPS accepts April donations

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the April 19, 2023, Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Directors meeting:

Donation of funds from the Aspirus Merrill Hospital valued at \$6,500 for SEL committee review of curriculum and to participate and conduct trainings, review appropriate lessons for each grade level to personalize lessons for students, and communicate with building level staff about implementation of the curriculum; a check from Church Mutual valued at \$250 for the Kate Goodrich PBIS Program; a check from Central Carpet and Flooring valued at \$50 for the Kate Goodrich PBIS Program; funds from Diane Belter and James Prete valued at \$200 for The Nest at the high school in memory of Steve Willis, Merrill graduate; funds from the Merrill Area United Way valued at \$1,000 for The Nest at Kate Goodrich, Washington, PRMS, and MHS; 10 KEMOs from Scott Streich valued at approximately \$200 for MAPS in memory of Bud Taylor; funds from Los Mezcales valued at \$500 for the MHS Travel Club Classical Adventure, 2023, and to help defray the cost of student participants' trip; the following donations from the Merrill Aqua Jay Swim Team: a backstroke starting device, valued at \$900; backstroke flags, valued at \$649; a timing cable backbone, valued at \$1,120; hand paddles, valued at \$357; and, foot fins, valued at \$663; funds from Richard and Sharon Schmidt valued at \$200 for Merrill High School lunch accounts; funds from the Optimist Club of Merrill valued at \$1,000 for MHS Teen Mental Health First Aid curriculum; and, funds from Aspirus Merrill Hospital valued at \$2,000 for providing programs for MHS students identified with substance-related needs by pupil services, administration, and school resource officer.

## 2023 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

<b>Boys Baseball (Varsity, JV and JV2)</b>			
Thurs. April 27	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. April 27	Stevens Point (JV2)	Away	4:30 p.m.
Sat. April 29	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	11:00 a.m.
Tues. May 2	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 p.m.
Tues. May 2	Wausau East (JV2)	Away	5:00 p.m.
Thurs. May 4	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 p.m.
Thurs. May 4	Wausau East (JV2)	Home	5:00 p.m.
<b>Girls Softball (Varsity and JV)</b>			
Thurs. April 28	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 p.m.
Mon. May 1	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 p.m.
Tues. May 2	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 4	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 p.m.
<b>Boys Golf (Varsity, JV and JV2)</b>			
Fri. April 28	Ridges Golf Course (Varsity)	Away	2:00 p.m.
Mon. May 1	Wausau Country Club (Varsity)	Away	2:00 p.m.
<b>Girls Soccer (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Thurs. April 27	D. C. Everest (JV)	Away	5:00 p.m.
Thurs. April 27	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Away	7:00 p.m.
Tues. May 2	Crandon (Varsity)	Home	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. May 4	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 4	Wausau East (JV)	Away	5:00 p.m.
<b>Boys Track &amp; Field (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Tues. May 2	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	3:30 p.m.
<b>Girls Track &amp; Field (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Tues., May 2	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Away	3:30 p.m.

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Elexa Emmer**, a Junior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Elexa has been on the MHS Varsity Track Team since she was a Freshman and competes in shot put and discus. She has played on the MHS Varsity Volleyball Team since she was a Freshman and played volleyball from third through eighth grades at Trinity Lutheran School. Outside of school, she also plays Club Volleyball and pickleball, and she is very excited about the new pickleball courts coming to Merrill.

At school, Elexa is involved in National Honor Society, Junior Optimists, Raise Your Voice, LEAD, and Link Crew, and her favorite classes are organic chemistry and anatomy and physiology. Elexa volunteers at Hillside Church, leading their hospitality ministry and coffee team. She also volunteers helping the elderly in the community.

In her free time, Elexa likes baking, especially cupcakes; reading; playing games with family; and deer hunting and bass fishing.

The daughter of Chad and Carla Emmer of Merrill, Elexa has a 3.9 GPA. She is planning to go to college to become a wildlife biologist.



**Elexa Emmer**

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**Seventh Grade**

**GOLD: 4.00** Brooklyn Clabots, Kaleb Cook, Brady Genisot, Shane Gibson, Sawyer Grubb, Megan Gustum, Marie Hagemeister, Lilee Haltinner, Kane Hanson, Orion Hill, Haley Hooch, Connor Josiger, Claire Kufahl, Mylie Kufahl, Finlee Lange-Peronto, Annabelle Lee, Isaac Lersch, Alexis Lonsdorf, Karlee Ravn, Chayse Reinichen, Kylie Roberge, Olivia Schmidt, Brianna Schmirler, Decklin Schotz, Broc Suchocki, Mikenna Vandeweerd, Emma Wendt, Cameron Wszalek

**SILVER: 3.750-3.999** Brooklyn Bellin, Azalea Blake, Lilly Bong, Peyton Brown, Caleb Gennrich, Cecilia Gerbig, Kallen Henson, Kylee Hoffman, Ava Latzig,

Denver McCaskill, Eliza Rogers, Alina Savagian-Demoss, Fletcher Talerico, Madeline Voigt, Anna Whited, Benjamin Zastrow  
**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749** Madisyn Anderson, Ian Asinas, Alana Brendemuehl, Karmen Brietzke, Austin Doering, Alexis Fehr, Annabella Foust, Tiberius Giese, Marihanna Hulce, Noelle Iverson, Christian Kinningham, Avery Kolinski, Jacey Lyon, Zander Meyer, Jameson Morgan, Jackson Roggenbuck, Alicia Schneider, Nikolajs Schulz, Tayla Stieber, Tanner Vanvuren

**Sixth Grade**

**GOLD: 4.00** Alle Bergh, Ella Bergh, Darby Bonnell, Brianna Boyd, Keira Clerveaux, Alexandria Derizzo, Colton Fox, Madilynn Geiss, Autumn Genisot, Jameson Gerdes, Jaedyn Goetsch, Cody Henson, Jase Huston,

Kassandra Johnson, Andrew Josiger, Mara Kautzer, Willett Knospe, Julio Martinez-Santiago, Mathew Mueller, Khloe Olson, Payge Osness, Abigail Parks, Korbet Ravn, Draven Sangster, Aili Sayles, Kinzie Stevenson, Cadence Stutting, Luke Wegner

**SILVER: 3.750-3.999** Ella Burrow, William Chula, Aaron Collinsworth, Bethany Croxford, Moses Gates, Mia Hanson, Kyla Hoffman, Demitri Ly, Easton Romatoski, Michael Schreiber, Nicole Zeine

**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749** Caleigh Berlik, Mason Bowman, Henry Chrudimsky, Lydia Faber, Jacob Hanson, Allie Kohnhorst, Aubrey Krombolz, Leo Lazare, Kelsey Pankow, Raiyna Perez, Brielle Wozniczka

**Fifth Grade**

**GOLD: 4.00** Issac Bushar, Emma Daley, Parker Hannemann,

Preston Hannemann, Oliver Kahr, Delyla Maudrie, Addilyn Mulrooney, Cooper Schwartzman, Hunter Staskiewicz

**SILVER: 3.750-3.999** Caelyn Belant, Darren Breunig, Iva Brownell, Sylvia Durbin, Slater Fredericks, Payten Nelessen, Alexander Neumann, Lexi Renken, Connor Savagian-Demoss, Carter Schmidt, Aiden Schultz, Hank Skomars, Makayla Talerico, Cameron Thom, Brayden Wiederhoeft, Kyle Yingling, Claire Ziebell

**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749** Hailey Boyd, Leighton Burrows, Alayna Galarza, Aaron Haltinner, Allie Isaacson, Trenton Lapsenberg, Emma Myers, Brookelynn Roehl, Avery Roggenbuck, Ethan Schenzel, Claire Schroder, Kolbie Shimel, Ashton Thom, Taylor Timm, Colton Vanlieshout, Braxton Wozniczka



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**ZERO TURNS:** Ariens Zoom 2352, 52" Deck, Turbo bagger & Snow blade; Cub Cadet Z-Force LX54, '17, 232 hours, 54" Deck; Cub Cadet ZTX5 48, '21, 369 hours; Dixie Chopper XFG3300, 905 hours, 60" deck; Dixon ZTR44, 22 HP, 44"; Ferris IS2100, 19' 432 Hours, 52" Deck; Ferris IS2100, '20, 46 Hours, 52" deck; Ferris IS2100, '20, 110 Hours, 61" Deck; Ferris IS600, '16, 104 Hours 48" deck; Ferris IS600, '14, 334 Hours; Ferris IS700, '17, 435 Hours; Gravely ZTXL52, '17, 210 Hours; John Deere F1145, front mower, 1993 hours, diesel, 72" deck; John Deere F1145, front mower, 1787 Hours, diesel, 72" deck; John Deere F680, Bagger, John Deere Z525E, '20, 67 Hours, 54" Deck; John Deere Z665, '11, 605 Hours, 54" deck; John Deere Z930M, '18, 982 Hours, 60" deck with turbo Bagger; New Holland MC35, 2956 Hours, cab, 72" deck, 72" blade; Simplicity Champion, 817 Hours, 50" deck, bad trans; Simplicity Consumer, 44" deck, turbo bagger, needs work; Toro 322 Groundmaster, 72" deck; Ferris IS1500, 330 Hours, 48" deck; Dixie Chopper Xcaliber, 33 HP Generac Eng; John Deere Z960M, '16 1811 Hours; John Deere Z960M, '20, 809 Hours; Ferris ISKAV23 Pro Cut Z, 947 Hours, 61" Deck; Cub Cadet RZT L42, '18 42" Deck; Simplicity ZT2000, '14, 46" deck; Scag Tiger Cub, 804 Hours 48" Deck; Simplicity Contender XT, '19, 4 Hours; John Deere 1435 II, 26 HP Yanmar Diesel, cab with heat, 72" deck; John Deere Z710, '10, "non runner"

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