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# Plant Garden Center to open May 12

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
 EDITOR

Plant Garden Center, located at 1003 S. Center Ave. in Merrill, will open to the public for retail sales at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023. They will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until they are sold out for the season.

[Long-time residents of Merrill will remember the location as the home of the former Club Modern restaurant and bar which was located on the property from the 1930's until they closed in 2012/2013 and the building was demolished in 2016.]

Area residents have been waiting and watching since excavation work and building of the new greenhouses on the property first began last July to learn what is happening with the property and the new business. In the midst of the chaos

of getting ready to open, owner Hollie Stoerzer, took a few minutes to talk about her new business, Plant Garden Center.

"We are primarily a wholesale grower," Stoerzer said.

Stoerzer said she grows flowers and plants for wholesale customers—such as other greenhouses and retail outlets and landscapers.

Initially she had planned that all of her business for 2023 would be wholesale, she said, with retail sales to begin in 2024. So the vast majority of the plants currently in the greenhouses are already sold and are in the process of being delivered to her wholesale customers.

However, due to growing more inventory than originally planned, she is able to open this Friday to offer some vegetables, herbs, flowers, and hanging plants to the public in 2023, a year earlier than planned. So 2023



A temporary electronic billboard on Center Ave. in Merrill announces this Friday's opening of the Plant Garden Center for retail sales.  
 Tina L. Scott photo.

will be a year with about 80% of her plants being grown and sold wholesale, with about 20% being available for retail sale beginning this Friday.

That change in plans has made things all the more chaotic and busy this spring, however, and she wants new retail

customers to know it won't always be this way. Next year she will be able to segregate her plantings a bit better, separating which greenhouses will be exclusively open to

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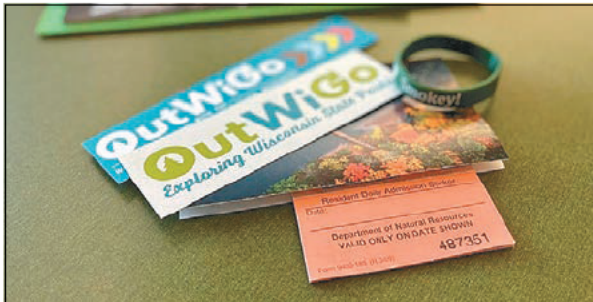
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"The DNR is continually looking for innovative opportunities to bring more people to state parks and forests, and to ensure everyone in Wisconsin has access to our incredible natural resources," said Steve Schmelzer, Director of the DNR Bureau of Parks and Recreation. "By partnering with Wisconsin's library system, we can reach households who may not be as familiar with the wide array of opportunities Wisconsin's state parks and forests have to offer."

The program, Check Out Wisconsin's State Parks At Your Library, is a collaborative effort between the DNR, Wisconsin Library Association's Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, and the C.D. Besadny Conservation Fund

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Youth Apprenticeship Student Stars. From L to R in front: Sierra Moore, Taylor Jacobson, Austin Mosher, Tanner Hannemann, and Catherine Moyer. L to R in back: Sawyer Marnholtz, Jordan Klug, Gage Lassa, Alayna Pozorski, and Angelina Esparza. Missing from photo: Nathan Brzoznowski and Truman Shull.  
 Submitted photo.

## MHS Youth Apprenticeship banquet honors Student Stars for excellence

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
 EDITOR

The Merrill High School (MHS) Youth Apprenticeship Program held their annual banquet on May 4, 2023, at the Eagles Club in Merrill.

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) students, employers, and the families and friends of YA students gathered together to celebrate another successful year and honor Student Stars who demonstrated "excellence in developing career readiness skills at their worksite" said Linda Murray, YA Coordinator at MHS.

This year 83 students participated in the school's YA program.

Of those 83, 12 students were honored as Student Stars at the banquet. Those students, along with the businesses where they worked, were recognized at the banquet:

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the public for retail sales. This year there will be some plantings marked as already sold amidst the flowers available for retail purchase.

Because she is primarily

a wholesale grower, however, retail sales for the available plants when she opens on Friday will be made in quantities of full flats or half flats, mix and match the plants, and

not as individual plants, Stoerzer said. So buyers should be prepared to buy in bulk. A full flat is 18 plants and a half flat is 9 plants, she said.

**How this new business came to be**

Stoerzer worked for many years providing lawn care services, she said, but she was ready for a change, and she had always dreamed of owning a business like this. When she got the opportunity to buy out an existing grower, Avalon Farms of Marathon, the timing was perfect and the idea for this new business was born. Avalon Farms owners, Randy and Kathy Jaeger, have helped Stoerzer make the transition as part of her buying out their growing business.

Stoerzer purchased the land in May 2022, began excavation work in July, and construction of the greenhouses and retail store started in September. It's been a whirlwind of activity, a lot to learn in a short timeframe, and a lot of chaos, especially recently, Stoerzer said. In addition to getting ready to open for retail customers, she and her team of employees have been caring for all of the plants and making daily deliveries of plants to their wholesale customers.

And Stoerzer has been hands-on every step of the way in building this

business. "I personally checked and tightened every screw and nut in those greenhouses," she said, referring to the five large greenhouses on the property. "Then I applied the silver tape," she said. She wanted to take every precaution to ensure she wouldn't end up with holes or cuts in the greenhouse plastic when it was stretched over the framework.

In the retail store building, Stoerzer said she helped measure and cut the rough cut lumber that covers the interior walls, creating a cozy rustic atmosphere within. She also helped prepare the corrugated tin on the lower walls that she sourced from Rice Antiques in Wausau before they went out of business. She has a vision for the interior of the retail store building, but that will come in time, she said. This is just the beginning of what she has in mind.

When asked how long it took to complete the building process on the property, Stoerzer said, "Oh, it's not finished. That won't be for another few years."

This is just the start, she explained.

Stoerzer plans to erect a large warehouse on the property yet, and she plans to add patio areas in front of the retail store and possibly around some of the greenhouses.



Hollie Stoerzer, owner of Plant Garden Center, holds a flat of geraniums amidst a greenhouse full of flowers, herbs, and vegetables. Annuals and perennials, she has a huge selection and plans to add many more varieties in 2024.

Tina L. Scott photo.

Then she will introduce additional product lines, to include statuary and other outdoor and gardening features and decor. "Think of it like Stoney Creek in Minocqua," she said, "but on a smaller scale. It will be similar."

This year's representation is just a little peek at what the business will be for 2024 and in the years to come, Stoerzer said. And admittedly, she added, it will be a bit disorganized

this year, as they've done a lot in a very short time, with challenges along the way.

This spring's weather was one such challenge, Stoerzer said. "Two months of overcast skies has been very challenging for growing."

Stoerzer said she has been working at the Plant Garden Center every day for months and months, putting in 13-hour days.

When asked why she chose Merrill as the location for her new business, Stoerzer was quick to respond that the location was just perfect for her vision. "I live just five minutes from here," she said. Stoerzer has lived in the Town of Pine River for the last 12 years.

The adjoining properties on either side are zoned commercial, so that enables her to maximize her use of the property, as well, she said. There are a lot of positives.

When she later learned she was eligible to apply for some grants the City of Merrill offered for business development, after she had already purchased the property and begun development, that was an added perk to building in Merrill, Stoerzer said. The \$30,000 grant from the City of Merrill was definitely a benefit. Grant funds are distributed at various stages as construction is completed, she explained. Stoerzer has received \$20,000 of the grant funds so far and will receive the remaining \$10,000 after the completion of the warehouse.

Stoerzer is excited about the Plant Garden Center and becoming a part of the Merrill business community.

Side note: Avalon Farms provided the hanging flower baskets for the City of Merrill's hanging flower basket project, so this year Stoerzer grew the flowers for the hanging flower baskets to go on the light poles in the business districts in Merrill. Stoerzer is hopeful residents will enjoy this year's blossoms and she can continue to grow flowers for Merrill right here within the city limits for many years to come.

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# United Way of Wisconsin partners with Bright by Text to provide free childhood resources to parents and caregivers

On April 3, 2023, the United Way of Wisconsin announced it has teamed up with Bright by Text, a national parent texting program, to put expert tips, games, and child development information directly into the hands of parents and caregivers.

"The United Way of Wisconsin is thrilled to expand the use of Bright by Text across Wisconsin," said President and CEO Charlene Mouille. "This tool will help parents and caregivers be more intentional with their time with children. We are excited to work with state and community partners to reach all families in Wisconsin."

The texting service includes topics like brain development, games and activities, health and wellness, STEM, safety, and more. Bright by Text partners with experts like PBS, Vroom, Sesame Street, CDC, and others to develop content for families with children aged prenatal to age eight.

In addition to expert content, Bright by Text includes messages about

information and resources specific to Wisconsin communities like digital library resources, food pantries, and preschool open enrollment periods. Community organizations across Wisconsin will collaborate with local United Ways to submit information about services and resources available to families and children.

Bright by Text helps parents and caregivers make the most of time at home with their children by illustrating fun and easy activities, providing positive parenting tips and resources, and even sharing video content to guide a child's development. The program is proven to build nurturing caregiver-child relationships and positively impact a child's healthy development and school readiness.

Chelsea Powell shared her perspective as both a Wisconsin parent using Bright by Text and Deputy Director at Higher Expectations and said, "I got a text recently about how toddlers can have very strong emotions that

can be difficult to manage, with a link to learn more about how to work with my toddler on their emotions—which is super helpful!" Parents and caregivers can feel assured that they are receiving important local announcements and information in Wisconsin thanks to the United Way of Wisconsin and its partners. Bright by Text is a free resource available to all families.

To sign up, parents and caregivers with children under age eight can text the word BADGER to 274448. They will receive two to four text messages per week, and each message includes a link to a landing page with more detail, short modeling videos, and links to related resources. Families may sign up multiple children and will receive text messages specific to each child.

The United Way of Wisconsin (UWWi) is a statewide organization providing member support services to the local and independent United Ways in Wisconsin. Through UWWi member support

services, local United Ways in Wisconsin have the capacity to build stronger communities individually and collectively. For more information, go to [unitedwaywi.org](http://unitedwaywi.org) or call 608.246.8272.

## May Critic's Choice Movie Event

The T. B. Scott Free Library will present their May Critic's Choice Movie Event on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., complete with freshly popped popcorn and refreshments available on site.

The film selected is a stirring depiction of the life of Jesse Owens leading up to and culminating at the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany. It is an inspirational film about family, society, and the "fastest man alive."

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# OBITUARIES



**Sally B. Leistikow**, 87, of Merrill, passed away Monday, May 1, 2023, at Bell Tower Residence, Merrill. Sally was born July 23, 1935, in Merrill, daughter of the late Marvin and Mildred (Speas) Ingersoll. She married Gerald 'Jerry' Leistikow on January 7, 1956, at St. John Lutheran Church, Merrill. Sally was a lifelong member of the church and was baptized, confirmed and married there. She had also attended St. John Lutheran School.

In 1961, Sally and Jerry relocated their family to Fort Lewis Military Base in Washington when Jerry was called to serve in the National Guard during the Berlin Crisis. Thankfully, they only spent a year away from the Merrill area and returned home as soon as they could. Sally worked at Krambo's Grocery, Dave's Red Owl/County Market. She worked primarily as a cashier and in her retirement years she did personal shopping at the store.

Sally enjoyed sewing and baking. Camping with her family and friends was always a highlight. She loved living on the Wisconsin River where watching the wildlife and tending to her plants and flowers gave her joy. Sally and Jerry sought many opportunities to travel. They had been to Tennessee, Florida, Colorado, Arizona, California, and Alaska. Their trips also included Germany and Switzerland. Sally lived a life of care and connection. Her everyday life exemplified her core values of faith, family and friendship, leaving behind a lasting legacy of love.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Jerry Leistikow of Merrill; children, Vicki (John Kilgust) Leistikow of Merrill, Randy (Ann Bohun-Leistikow) Leistikow of Barron, WI, and Shari (Brian) Samuelson of Merrill; four grandchildren, Kally (Eric) Jehn of Weston, Brianna (T.J.) Morris of Scott AFB, IL, Krista Leistikow (Logan Wardean) of Eau Claire, and Ryan Leistikow of Mankato, MN; five great-grandchildren, Boone, Ryker, Ember, Marceline, and Jeremiah; sister, Cynthia (Mark) Leubner of Superior; sister-in-law, Lavera Hildebrand of Merrill; and brothers-in-law, Stanley Rothmeyer of Merrill and Clarence Leistikow Jr. of Merrill. Sally was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Mildred Ingersoll; sister, Sandra Rothmeyer; and brother, James Ingersoll; and sisters-in-law, Dawn Leistikow, Geraldine (Lyndon) Oelke, and Verna (Edlor) Kleinschmidt.

The funeral service for Sally were held at 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church, Merrill. The Rev. David Szeto officiated. Interment took place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation began at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com)



**Lucille H. Koschmann**, age 98, died on April 14, 2023 at home.

She was born September 5, 1924 to the late Henry and Emelia Vonderheid in Merrill, WI. Lucille grew up in Merrill and was a child of the Depression Era. She attended the local Merrill schools and went on to attend Lincoln County Normal Teacher College in Merrill.

Married John Koschmann 1948 in Merrill, WI and she later moved to Stevens Point.

Lucille began her career as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse. She decided to dedicate her life to family and became a housewife. She was a dedicated volunteer at St. Paul Lutheran School, Head Start teacher and foster parent.

She was a founding member of the PALS Club (Promote A Lutheran School). As a result of their efforts St. Paul Lutheran School opened its doors in 1955. The school, with 16 students, was located in the church basement. She proudly attended every 1st day of school church service. Lucille was also an active member of YAHs (Young at Heart) at her church.

Lucille will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who was an active and faithful member of St Paul Lutheran Church and School. In her spare time, she enjoyed camping at national, state and county parks, writing short memory stories about her life, sharing Bible stories and gospel messages at nursing homes. She loved to brighten everyone's day by simply offering a complement; she always had something nice to say.

Lucille leaves a legacy of service to: God, her church and her family.

Survivors include her children, Alan (Marcia) Koschmann, Ann (William) Stecky, Jacquelynn (Alejandro) Gasca, and James; 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces & nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Koschmann; infant son; and brother.

A Funeral Service to commemorate and celebrate her life was held 11:00 a. m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at St Paul Lutheran Church. A time of Visitation preceded at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 a. m. until the time of service. Traditional burial will be held in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery in Merrill, WI.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations to St. Paul Lutheran School. Online condolences may be made at: [www.bostonfuneralhome.net](http://www.bostonfuneralhome.net).

Family would like to thank Pastor Hulke, Pastor Baumann, Pastor Weden and Compassus Hospice for their care.



**Allen F. Buch**, 80, of Merrill, passed away Friday, May 5, 2023, at his home under the care of his family and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services.

Allen was born June 24, 1942, in Merrill, son of the late William and Ella (Moeck) Buch. He married Phyllis Arlie Nass on September 28, 1961, at the former St. John Lutheran Church, Town of Scott, Lincoln County. She survives. Allen worked at Goetsch's Welding for forty years. He also worked construction with Harry Borchardt, bartended at Schmidt's Ballroom, and worked at Lakeside Trucking. For several years, he worked for Lange Auction. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, working in the woods with Knute, and taking the occasional casino trip. He served his country in the Army National Guard during the Berlin Crisis and was stationed in Washington. He was a member of AMVETS. Allen was a longtime member of Faith Lutheran Church, Village of Maine.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Buch of Merrill; children, Chris Buch (Karen) of Merrill, Amy (Charlie) Krenz of Wausau, and Audrey Voigt of Merrill; granddaughters, Nicole (Benjamin) Krenz and Ashley Krenz (Gary); great grandchildren, Preston Krenz, Lydia Krenz, and Baby Girl Krenz on the way; three brothers, Ralph (Phyl) Buch of Merrill, Jerome (Judy) Buch of Irma, and Jeff (Sandy) Buch of Merrill; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Jaeger of Merrill and Bonnie Radtke of Merrill; and many nieces and nephews. Allen was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ella Buch; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Max and Ella Nass.

The funeral service for Allen will be held at 12:00 P.M., Noon, Monday, May 15, 2023, at Faith Lutheran Church, Village of Maine. Rev. Donald Love and Rev. Allen Behnke will co-officiate. The burial will take place in Faith Lutheran Cemetery-West, Town of Scott, Lincoln County. Graveside military rites will be conducted by V.F.W. Post 1638, Merrill. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:00 A.M., on Monday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

A special thanks to all the hospice nurses who came to the home to care for Allen.

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

**August 'Augie' H. Stark**, age 82, of the town of Rock Falls. Passed away on Monday, May 1, 2023 at his home. No services to be held. 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).



**Bonita McClure**, 76, of Merrill, passed away on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at her home, under the care of Compassus Hospice and her family.

Bonita was born June 20, 1946, in Greenville, South Carolina, daughter of the late Samuel and Ruth (Johnson) Harvell Greene.

After graduating from Bradley Central High School, Cleveland, Tennessee, she landed her first job as office manager for a construction company. Other work experience included secretary in the Church of God World Missions Department; sales associate for JC Penney; Hardee's, where she worked her way up to assistant manager; and most recently cemetery office manager at Woodlawn Memorial Park and Funeral Home.

In the fall of 1967, Bonita met David McClure. After a whirlwind romance they were married on June 15, 1968. Bonita and David lived in many locations due to David's work in the ministry. In their 55 years of marriage, they spent time living in Tennessee, the Republic of Panama, Hawaii, Wisconsin, South Carolina, and Florida. As a pastor's wife, she served in many positions of local church ministry.

Bonita was a devoted wife and mother; she loved her husband and son unconditionally. She was a wonderful homemaker and skilled seamstress, making suits for David and other complicated pieces. Her other interests included reading, gardening, travel, and ancestry research of her family.

Bonita is survived by her husband, David McClure of Merrill; son, Philip McClure of Colby; sister, Becky (Jerry) Weir of Knoxville, Tennessee; and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Ruth Harvell Greene; and brother, Basil 'Chuck' Harvell.

The memorial service and inurnment will take place at 11:30 A.M., Saturday, May 20, 2023, in Serenity Mausoleum at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Greenville, South Carolina. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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



**Diane Sanders**, 70 of Merrill passed away peacefully surrounded by her children at UW Madison on May 5, 2023.

Born in Wausau, she married, moved, and lived in several states. Diane retired from Wal-Mart after 33 years and was working at Mitchell Metals. Diane was a member of St. Paul's UCC, Wausau. There she helped with about a dozen different annual events and fundraisers. In addition to church, she was very active in the community; CMN, Relay for Life (Hope Heroes) and Haven to name a few. She was selfless. Always helping others. Diane was loved by many people. She had people all over the county who considered her their "Mom" and "Grandma."

Daughter of Arnold and Margaret (Wendt) Czerwinski; Wife of Charles D. Sanders (deceased). Survived by her brothers Dale and Dean (Susie) Czerwinski of Merrill, WI. Children: Tracy (Joe) Greco of Port St. Lucie, FL; Crystal Sanders (Jeremy Schneider) of Merrill, WI; Charles A. Sanders of Columbus, MS; Mark (Paige) Sanders of Gleason, WI. Grandchildren: Stormi, Brandon, Justin, Andrew, William, Prestin, Elijah, Adaline and Great-grandchild Lily.

A memorial in Diane's honor will be held Sat., May 13, 2023 from 10AM-2PM at 1-900 Bar, 2501 W. Main St., Merrill. Donations can be made to Diane Sanders go fund me page via FB.

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**Wisconsin Retirement System informational meeting**  
 An informational meeting for all soon-to- retire public employees will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the T.B. Scott Free Library, 106 W. First St. in Merrill. The meeting will focus on the Wisconsin Retirement System, and spouses are also welcome to attend.  
 The meeting is hosted by the Wisconsin Retired Educators Association.

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OBITUARIES



Lloyd H. Buck, Jr., 65, of Merrill, passed away Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Lloyd was born June 23, 1957, in Merrill, son of Ruth (Schulz) Buck and the late Lloyd H. Buck, Sr. He graduated from Merrill High School and furthered his education at UW - Madison in the Farm & Industry Short Course program.

Equipment Mechanics from Fox Valley Technical College and spent his career in the industry. He enjoyed working on the family farm and volunteering in the community, and loved the outdoors, where he hunted, made maple syrup and spent time in the woods.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Laurie (Radloff) Buck; children, Rachel (Dan) Reising and Matthew Buck; and one grandchild; mother, Ruth Buck; sisters, Lynn (Tim) Seidler and Mavis (Scott) Bonke; brother, David (Cheryl) Buck; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Lloyd's life will take place in June. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests you plant a tree in memory of Lloyd or make a donation to a religious organization or charity of your choice

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from the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin.

"Our library provides a number of resources beyond books through our Library of Things for everyone of all ages and backgrounds, so adding access to our state park system for our patrons is a natural fit. We are excited to participate, and we hope to see this program flourish in our community. Anyone with questions about the program should stop by the library," said Library Director Laurie Ollhoff.

Along with the day pass, the cardholder will checkout with their library card a binder of informational resources including state park system materials, a Wisconsin Explorer Activity Sheet, stickers, accessibility information, and more. The goal of the program is to expand access to the Wisconsin state park system to new park visitors. T.B. Scott Free Library paid for and received 40 passes, each with a one-time use. Only two passes will be available for check out each week, on a first come, first served basis. The Wisconsin State Park daily passes are not eligible to be put on hold. If the library experiences an increased demand for the passes, the library will consider purchasing additional park passes and seek financial support for subsequent purchases, as the funding for the passes comes from the library's programming general fund budget, which is limited.

The DNR plans to continue the program in 2024, based on participant feedback and funding. Each pass includes a welcome letter with a survey link so the DNR can gather information about who used the passes and how they enjoyed their park experience. Participants who complete the survey after using the pass will be eligible to win one

of ten 2024 annual state park and forest vehicle admission stickers paid for by the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks.

Stop in at the T.B. Scott Free Library to learn how to get a library card. It's absolutely free.

TOWN OF RUSSELL TOWN RESIDENT CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 20, 2023 - 8am to 11am
Town of Russell Grader Shed-Bayer Street
Gleason, Wisconsin

For complete list of items that will be accepted see the Postings at the Russell Fire Station or on our website at www.townofrussellwi.com

The town will pay 1/2 of any fees due. Residents will need to Pay their share the day of and be prepared to show proof of Residence.

Questions - Call Jason @ 715-351-0661

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NOTICE MERRILL WATER UTILITY SYSTEM FLUSHING

In an effort to check and improve water quality, the Merrill Water Utility will be flushing hydrants and the water system, on a citywide basis, the week of May 22, 2023 through May 25, 2023 in the following areas:

- 1. East of Center Avenue on Monday, May 22, 2023.
2. Center Avenue, west to Prairie River on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.
3. Prairie River, west to Wisconsin River on Wednesday, May 24, 2023.
4. West of the Wisconsin River (6th Ward) & South of Wisconsin River on Thursday, May 25, 2023.

You may notice discoloration during or following flushing. This should be eliminated shortly after you run water through your own service line. If problems persist, please call the Merrill Water Utility at 536 6561.

Gabe Steinagel
Utilities Manager

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LEGAL NOTICES

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DATE SIGNED May 2, 2023
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
KATHLEEN M. DEAU
DOD: 09/14/2022
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2023 N 22

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

- 1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/15/1959 and date of death 09/14/2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 102 East Fourth Street, Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 25, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
Mary M. John
Eaton Law, LLP
513 Grant St., Wausau, WI 54403
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LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS
CITY OF MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024 LICENSE PERIOD

- CLASS B COMBINATION LICENSE
-All Aboard LLC
All Aboard 315 E. 2nd Street
Marion L. Clark, Agent
-M & C Entertainment LLC
Ballyhoo's 124 N. Prospect Street
Cheryl Fick, Agent
-B's Nest LLC
B's Nest 1404 W. Main Street
Duane Yorde, Agent
-Bubba's Pub
Bubba's Pub 405 Grand Avenue
Brian Kummerow, Agent
-Casa-Amigos Mexican Restaurant LLC
Casa-Amigos Mexican Restaurant
2410 State Rd 107
Yareldi Gutierrez, Agent
-Caylors Trophy Bar, LLC
Caylors Trophy Bar 808 E. Main Street
Michael J Caylor, Agent
-Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 584
Fraternal Order of Eagles 1205 N. Lake Street
Scott Doerr, Agent
-Humphrey's Gin Mill
Humphrey's Gin Mill 500 W Main Street
Jason Humphrey, Agent
-Kort LLC
Gesundheit 1300 E. Main Street
Ardis K. Kort, Agent
-JWM-CO LLC
Jimbo's 1007 E. Main St
James Merkel
-Hinz, Calvin L.
Kathy & Cal's Club 64 2405 W. Main Street
-Lincoln Lanes, Inc.
Lincoln Lanes 1208 N. Center Ave.
Mark M. Bares, Agent
-Texas Recreational Center, Inc.
Merrill Public Golf Course 1604 O'Day Street
Michael Malinowski, Agent
-Plautz's Pub LLC
Plautz's Pub 310 E. 2nd Street
David R Plautz, Agent
-Merrill Social & Sick Benefit Society
S & S Bar 418 Grand Avenue
Amanda Plautz, Agent
-Jesperson, Flori A.
Salvo's Restaurant 201 E. 2nd Street
-Carkelsy, Inc
Pine Ridge Convenience 3350 E. Main Street (NEW CLASS)
Gary L. Schwartz, Agent Store
-Sawmill Brewing Co Inc
Sawmill Brewing Co. 1110 E 10th Street
Zach Kubichek, Agent
-Schmitt-Manecke-Donner VFW Post 1638
VFW Post 1638 601 Johnson Street

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John Rathke, Agent
CLASS A COMBINATION LICENSE

- Hometown Grocer, Inc
Dave's County Market 300 E. 1st Street
Steve Burkhardt, Agent
-Dolgencorp, LLC
Dollar General Store 710 E 2nd Street
Crystal Lemke, Agent #21051
-Aplegreen Midwest LLC
Express Lane #2328 702 N. Center Avenue
Sheri R Myers, Agent
-Indianhead Oil Co LLC
Holiday Stationstore #482 1312 W Main Street (NEW CLASS)
Mary Hofele, Agent
-Krist Oil Company
Krist Food Mart #88 105 S. Center Avenue
Kevin Erickson, Agent
-Kwik Trip, Inc.
Kwik Trip #386 2311 E. Main Street
Heather Elizabeth Ohlmann, Agent
-Kwik Trip, Inc
Kwik Trip #241 300 S. Pine Ridge Ave
Angela Rae Brose, Agent
-Lotter II LLC Lotter's Merrill Mobil 1201 Grand Avenue
Frank Lotter, Agent
-Merrill Shell LLC
Merrill Shell 604 S. Center Avenue
Melissa J Wagner, Agent
-Wal-Mart Stores East, LP
Walmart #1366 505 S. Pine Ridge Avenue
Esther Novak, Agent

CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE

- Northwoods Maple Farm, LLC
Northwoods Maple & More 811 E. 1st Street
Rebecca Renken, Agent

CLASS B BEER LICENSE

- Arbuda WI, LLC
Cobblestone Inn & Suite 3209 E Main Street
Niyat Chaudhari, Agent
-Riverside Athletic Club, Inc.
Riverside Athletic Club 500 S Center Ave
Brandon Wilde, Agent
CLASS A BEER LICENSE
-Pier 2 Citgo LLC
Pier 2 Cenex 504 E 2nd Street
Jennifer Gremler, Agent
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LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS
TOWN OF RUSSELL, LINCOLN COUNTY
JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024 LICENSE PERIOD

- CLASS B COMBINATION LICENSE:
-GLEASON BOWLING CENTER
N5353 STATE HWY 17, GLEASON WI 54435
Todd Schram, Agent
-GLEASON COMMUNITY CLUB, INC
N5335 BAYER ST, GLEASON WI 54435
Jason Raasch, Agent
-MA'S PLACE
N5375 STATE HWY 17, GLEASON WI 54435
Barbara L. Nickels, Agent
-Gleason Area Lions Club
W613 COUNTY RD C, GLEASON WI 54435
Charles McCrory, Agent
CLASS B BEER:
-Rattlin' Bog
W1859 CAMP DOER NG RD, GLEASON WI 54435
Thomas Doering, Agent
CLASS A BEER and CLASS A LIQUOR off-premise consumption:
-COUNTRY GALS, LLC
N5342 STATE HWY 17, GLEASON WI 54435
Kathy Krizanowski, Agent
-REMINGTON O L COMPANY
N5362 STATE HWY 17, GLEASON WI 54435
Dean Sorano, Agent
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY

Publication Notice
Harassment Injunction Hearing
Case No. 23CV49
Petitioner: Sara Fermin
-VS-
Respondent: Jose Fermin
A harassment temporary restraining order was issued on 04/26/2023 against Jose Fermin.
A hearing on the petition to grant a

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harassment injunction will be held on 05/19/2023 at 03:30 PM, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, in room 1, before Judge Bayne-Allison, Court Official.

TO THE RESPONDENT
If you fail to appear at the hearing, the relief requested will be granted.
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NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW TOWN OF SCOTT, LINCOLN COUNTY, WI

Notice is given that the Board of Review for the Town of Scott, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on May 25, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Scott Town Hall, N563 Lake Road, Merrill, WI.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

- 1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property.
2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board.
3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.
5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Scott has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court.\* The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. stats.
7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.
8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 5th day of May, 2023.

By: Bonny Graap, Town of Scott Interim Clerk

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

A Painting is worth a thousand...



DEAR READER,

During his 93 years on earth, Picasso completed about 13,000 paintings. Picasso used many media types in his art, including sculpture, drawing, printmaking, and ceramics, but most often he painted. In his earlier days, he painted landscapes, capturing a universal beauty emanating from a magical place that only he could see.



Not long ago I stood staring at one of his landscapes, and I couldn't help but notice a lone figure, a miniature man standing in complete solitude, as if he was buried in the surrounding beauty. I wondered if the painter had seen someone walking by and hastily drew him as he passed. Had he brought one of the local townspeople to that spot and paid him to be there? Or had he placed himself in his painting, as a marker of the desolate human condition?

When I reflected on this work of art, I wondered what he wanted us to see in this particular painting. Was the man mostly invisible, or was he meant to be discovered by the viewer? Were some to walk away with an image of quietude while others with an image of loneliness? Who can say? Picasso is dead, and so are all of the great Cubist painters of his time.

Perhaps when one looks at a work of art, the gift of the artist is that the viewer can fuse their take on its beauty with that which they brought of their own when they first gazed upon its creation.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

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:

Pine Crest Letter

We who sign this letter are Lincoln County residents. We believe this county has a moral obligation and the financial resources to keep Pine Crest Nursing Home in good operating condition, that Pine Crest should not be sold, shut down, or demolished.

As of this writing, 80% of Pine Crest residents are on Medicaid, which is the least generous of payer sources. That is to say, the vast majority of Pine Crest residents are poor. And since most privately-owned nursing facilities limit their Medicaid admissions to 10-20%, it's obvious that Pine Crest, like other publicly owned nursing homes, is a refuge for the most vulnerable among us. Their care depends on public support. Responsibility for that care belongs to us.

The Lincoln County Board would have citizens believe that there is inadequate money available to save Pine Crest, that the lack of funds is strictly a county problem. There are, as of this writing, roughly \$5 million

of ARPA funds in County possession. (ARPA stands for American Rescue Plan Act, and the \$5 million was allocated to the County by the federal government.) In addition, the County is in a position, with its 100,000 acres of County forest, to sell carbon credits for at least \$5 million. That money may not be immediately available, but any agreement would be legally contractual. The current County Board has not explored or acted on that offer.

It's true that the state legislature, over the last 15 years, more or less, has squeezed county revenues to the point of great stress (from highway maintenance to the nursing home), even as the legislature has roughly \$7 billion—not million, billion, which is 7,000 million—as a "rainy day fund" that it has been unwilling to share with local governments.

The Marathon County Board met on April 25 and passed a resolution asking the state legislature to assist in the funding of both Marathon County's Mount View and Lincoln County's Pine Crest, and that resolution is to be on the agenda of the Lincoln County Board when it convenes on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. It is rational to anticipate a unanimous yes vote on that resolution.

In addition, various agencies of the federal government have all manner of grant programs available to local governing bodies. We recognize that researching those programs and submitting grant proposals takes time, and that an already barebones

county administration is stretched for time. This is a catch-22, but a county with pressing need cannot afford to allow beneficial programs to slip away—or the money associated with those programs—for lack of creative initiative or political vision.

Keeping our most vulnerable people in good health, with high-quality care, is our collective moral responsibility. The County can afford it. We can't afford not to afford it, for what that would say about our lack of compassion. Not caring until you need care might be better than never caring. But caring now is better for everyone concerned.

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PRMS March Youth Optimist
The Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) March Youth Optimist of the Month is Grace Reimann. Mrs. Marcie Hanson nominated Grace saying, "Grace is a quiet, hard-working student."
"From the moment I met Grace, she has been a standout," Mrs. Hanson said. "She always approaches life with a smile on her face. Grace is a positive role model, willing to help other students, and is a great team player."
"She participates in both basketball and volleyball as a middle schooler, all while remaining on the school Honor Roll."
Positive, hard working, and helpful, Grace is the daughter of Marla and Ray Reimann of Merrill.
MHS March Youth Optimist
The Merrill High School (MHS) March Youth Optimist of the Month is Aidan Blystone. Aidan was nominated by Mrs. Olivia Dachel who said, "Aidan is an outstanding leader, serving as Vice President of DECA, setting himself apart from his peers due to his consistent demonstration of good character and ethics, mature nature and behavior, professional dress, strong communication skills, and consistent dependability. During all meetings and activities, Aidan has been the voice of reason, organization, and positive leadership in the Computer Science Honor Society and DECA."
"Aidan frequently speaks up as an advocate for personal leadership and strong character to increase engagement and performance levels with club members and other students," she said. "Aidan frequently is the first to volunteer for service activities and is often the last volunteer to leave, overseeing tasks to completion and closing or clean-up efforts."
"He goes out of his way to encourage others to feel they belong," Mrs. Dachel said. "He seeks opportunities for improvement and enthusiastically embraces new learning opportunities. He truly is a college and career-ready Bluejay."
At school, Aidan is active in the Gaming Club (Co-leader), DECA (Vice-President), CSHS, Robotics Club, Aquaculture CHALLENGE, and Solve for Tomorrow.
Outside of school, Aidan is involved with Boy Scouts (various leadership roles, Senior Patrol Leader), Park City Gardeners (the City roundabout), and Food For Kids.
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# 5 Myths and facts about food and weight loss

Dieting is defined as restricting oneself to small amounts or special kinds of food to lose weight. It is a common practice in the United States, with an estimated 45 million Americans going on a diet every year.

According to a Center for Disease Control study, almost 50 percent of Americans, regardless of weight status, think they should lose weight. Body dissatisfaction makes people incredibly vulnerable to messaging about diets and weight loss.

A person's health choices can be heavily influenced by social media, which can play a big part in dieting, including the psychological aspect of how we view food and health.

"Social media too often implies that weight loss leads to improved happiness and leaves out other important factors. Because of social media's fast-paced and flashy style, users are hyper-focused on quick and easy weight loss solutions that tend to overlook viewers' wellbeing, long-term weight maintenance, and actual nutrition," said Ashley Chrisinger, Aspirus Registered Dietitian. "The direction of weight loss messaging on social media is chaotic and conflicting and ultimately leaves people feeling defeated and hopeless."

Diet culture emphasizes fad or quick diets that claim fast weight loss results and health improvements. Diet trends may offer food-specific fad diets that rely on the myth that some foods have special properties that can cause weight loss or gain.

"What rarely gets mentioned are the unsexy strategies: finding enjoyable ways to be more active, getting in control of emotional eating, learning to prepare your own meals, and enjoy more veggies," said Chrisinger. "It's not new or trendy, but it is the most sustainable strategy for most people."

Although society has normalized dieting, it is still a harmful and risky practice. People can develop eating disorders, depression, nutrient deficiencies, alter their gut microbiome, and suppress their immune function focusing on weight loss in an unhealthy manner.

For those interested in losing weight, it's important to remember that everyone's body is different, making everyone's diet and nutrition plan unique. Misinformation regarding health and nutrition is everywhere, especially on social media.

Here are five debunked myths about food and weight loss to remember, according to the National Institutes of Health and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion:

### Myth #1: Carbs make you gain weight.

**Fact:** Carbs, or carbohydrates, are an important food group that helps your body create energy to support bodily function and physical activity. Carbohydrates are an essential part of a healthy diet.

**Tip:** Keep complex carbs, such as whole wheat bread, beans, and fruits, on the menu. These foods have a lot of nutritional value. Simple carbs found in foods such as cookies and candy, on the other hand, lack vitamins, minerals, and fiber. It's best to limit these foods.

### Myth #2: Doing regular juice fasts/detox/cleanse helps rid the body of toxins.

**Fact:** Fast/detox/cleanse are unnecessary and don't remove toxins in the body. They can even have serious side effects such as fainting, weakness, dehydration, dangerous electrolyte imbalances, and kidney problems.

**Tip:** As long as we are hydrated, the body can rely on organs like the liver and kidneys to remove toxins from food, alcohol, and medication.

### Myth #3: Late night snacking causes weight gain.

**Fact:** Eating at night will not make you gain weight. Weight gain is not determined by what time you eat, but rather by how much and what types of food are consumed throughout the whole day.

**Tip:** If you're hungry after dinner time, choose healthy foods and be mindful of portion sizes.

### Myth #4: You should aim for 1,200 calories a day to lose weight.

**Fact:** A 1,200-calorie diet is much too low for most people and can result in negative side effects like dizziness, extreme hunger, nausea, micronutrient deficiencies, fatigue, and headaches. Everyone's body is different and needs a different number of calories to function.

**Tip:** Calorie needs vary based on age, sex, height, weight, and level of physical activity. Talk with a registered dietitian to determine what's best for your body.

### Myth #5: All sugar is bad.

**Fact:** Sugar is a type of carb which provides energy to the body and fuels the brain. However, like most foods, too much can be harmful to the body. Maintaining a healthy weight is most effective when individuals eat balanced meals, incorporating foods from all food groups, including sugar.

**Tip:** It's OK to eat sugar and sweet foods, especially when you're fueling intense physical activity! Just have them in moderation.

Diet culture and nutrition myths are everywhere, which is why it is important to question what you read and educate yourself so that you can develop a nutritious and sustainable eating pattern that works for your individual needs.

If you are seeking help with your diet, talk with your primary care provider. They can connect you with a registered dietitian in your area.



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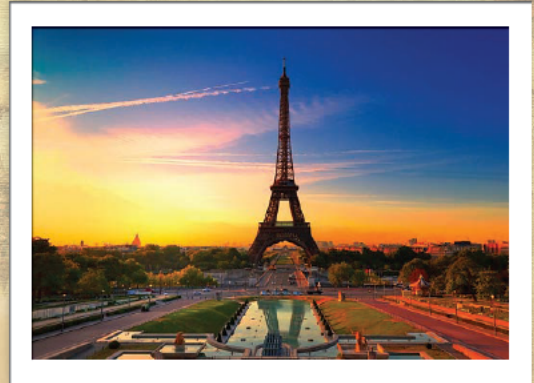


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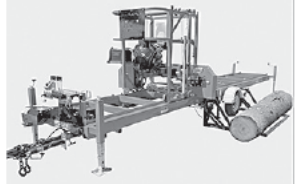
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# MHS Varsity Track and Field: Girls take first overall at Otto Bacher

## Boys and Girls teams are racking up first, second, and third place finishes

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

### WVC Girls True Team 2023

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, the Girls Varsity Track Team traveled to DC Everest Stiehm Stadium to compete against teams from Marshfield, Stevens Point, Wausau East, Wausau West, and Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln.

"The Merrill Bluejays Girls Track Team once again demonstrated their athletic excellence ... with Madison Crossman and the 4x400-meter relay team leading the charge," said Alec Oestreich, Head Varsity Track and Field Coach.

"In an awe-inspiring performance, Madison Crossman secured a second-place finish in the 100-meter race, setting a new school record, and also outpaced her competition in the 300-meter event, claiming the top spot," he said. "Crossman's remarkable speed and determination have made her a key figure in the Bluejays' success this season."

"The Bluejays also showcased their collaborative strength in the relay events, with the 4x400-meter relay team earning a commendable second-place finish," he said. "The team's

performance underscores their tenacity and the exceptional coaching they have received throughout the season."

"As the Merrill Bluejays Girls Track Team continues to participate in high-level competitions, their performances serve as an inspiration for their teammates and the entire community," Oestreich said. "Their achievements at the WVC Girls True Team 2023 Championship are a testament to their perseverance and hard work, and they will surely strive to maintain this momentum in future events."

### Otto Bacher Invitational

On Friday, May 5, 10 area teams traveled to Merrill to compete in the Otto Bacher Invitational Girls and Boys Track Meet, and the Merrill Girls came out on top with a first place finish. Merrill Boys finished in sixth place.

Including Merrill, 11 teams competed: Antigo, Crandon, Lakeland Union High School, Medford, Merrill, Mosinee, Newman Catholic School, Northland Pines, Three Lakes, Tomahawk, and Wausau East.

"The Merrill Bluejays Girls and Boys Track Teams displayed their athletic prowess at the prestigious Otto Bacher Invitational,"

Oestreich said. "Out of 11 participating teams, the Girls squad took home the first-place trophy, while the Boys Team secured a respectable sixth-place finish."

"The Girls Varsity Team had several outstanding performances, propelling them to the top of the podium," he said. "Madison Crossman, a star for the Bluejays, dominated the competition by winning the Girls 200-meter and 400-meter races. Meanwhile, Norah Schmidt showcased her



Jalie Severt got a little down and dirty competing in her events at the May 5 meet.



The Merrill Boys and Girls Varsity Track Teams at the Otto Bacher Invitational meet.

Jason Wadzinski photos.



Students decorated "the rocks" near Jay Stadium at Merrill High School for the annual Otto Bacher Invitational Track and Field Meet held in Merrill.



Isaiah Rell, a member of the Boys Varsity Track and Field Team, was a bit of a celebrity at the May 5 meet.

endurance by taking first place in the Girls 800-meter event."

"In relay events, the Bluejays displayed exceptional teamwork and

coordination," Oestreich said. "The Girls 4x400-meter relay team and the 4x800-meter relay team both earned second-place finishes." ?? names

"Merrill also boasted exceptional field event achievements," he said. "Jalie Severt earned second place in the pole vault, while Elexa Emmer secured the second spot in

the discus and third place in the shot put."

Several Merrill guys made significant achievements for the Merrill Boys Varsity Track Team, as well.

"Brian Ball put up a strong performance by taking third place in the 200-meter race," Oestreich said.

"The Boys 4x800-meter relay team also showcased their potential, coming in third," he said.

In other events, "Jace Olson contributed to the team's success by claiming third place in the long jump," Oestreich said.

"The Merrill Bluejays Track Team will undoubtedly look to continue their momentum as they prepare for upcoming competitions," he said. "Their impressive performance at the Otto Bacher Invitational serves as a testament to the dedication and hard work put in by both the athletes and the coaching staff."

## Merrill Varsity Baseball Team hits the field with four games last week and go 2-2

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

It was a busy week for the Merrill Varsity Baseball Team with four games in just five days last week.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, was a home game hosting Wausau East, and despite the cold temps, the Merrill Boys took the win in a big way with a score of 14-1.

"Conditions for the game on Tuesday night were less than ideal," said Shawn Schultz, Merrill Varsity Baseball Head Coach. "We played a game on a Friday in April and the temperature was about 80 degrees down in Marshfield. I don't think it was 80 if you added the temps from Tuesday and Saturday together."

"Sam Reimann had a great night on the mound," he said. "He took a no hitter into the 5th inning—the game was shortened due to the 10-run rule—and did a great job on a night where it is tough to be consistent with the low temps and 20-30 mph winds."

"He forced them into a lot of weak contact and got some great support from our offense," Schultz said. "We had a big nine-run second inning, which is kind of nice for a change. Offensively, we are starting to perform more consistently, and that makes it so much easier to get on the mound and go after the opposition."

"Nathan Brzoznowski had three hits, including a double and drove in four. Isaak Clapper, Bradyn Pieper, and Sam Reimann each had two hits and drove in two runs apiece," he said.

**Box Score**  
Wausau East 1 @ Merrill 14

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SEASON UPDATE:

# Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team playing hard despite challenges

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team has been up against challenges this season. From inclement weather and scheduling changes to tough opponents determined to win, they've been playing hard and battling for their hard-earned wins despite some tough losses, especially early on.

On April 6, 2023, the Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team kicked off their season with a non-conference home game against Wisconsin Rapids Assumption and ended the evening with a loss.

**Box Score: Wisconsin Rapids Assumption 7 @ Merrill 1**

Again on April 11 the Bluejays suffered a loss at their away conference game at Stevens Point.

**Box Score: Merrill 5 @ Stevens Point 15**

On April 14, the Merrill Girls lost a home tournament game against Reedsburg. Notable players in the game: Olivia Pierce (2H, 1 RBI) stood out on the hitting side, with Addy Schmeltzer (2 BB, 13 K) pitching.

**Box Score: Reedsburg 9 @ Merrill 3**

On April 14, the Merrill Varsity Girls also finally got a win, this time at their away non-conference game against Antigo. Sophie Wendorf (3H, 2 singles, and a triple) made her mark, as did Lexi Ollhoff (1 H, triple, 2RBI), and Katie Heckendorf (1 H, in park home run, 1RBI) who made a home run. Addy Schmeltzer (0 BB, 6 K) was on the mound. "This win was HUGE for us, in terms of seeding later in the year, as well as being kind of stung from our last game against Antigo last year where we ran out of daylight in freezing temps; this was a great redemption for us," said Alison Krohn, Varsity Softball Coach. "Several big hits in multiple innings kept us consistent throughout the game, and our energy was great."

**Box Score: Merrill 7 @ Antigo 4**

On April 15 the Merrill Varsity Softball Team got another win at their away non-conference game against Columbus Catholic (Marshfield).

"Dani Schielke got her first start" on the mound this game. "She pitched one time through their order," Krohn said. Then "Addy Schmeltzer (1BB, 6K) came in and pitched the remaining four innings."

Sophie Wendorf (4H, 1 RBI) was a heavy hitter, Emma Frazier (2H, 4RBI) stood out, and Olivia Pierce (2H, 1 in the park home run, 3 RBI) made a home run.

"Our bats really came alive for this one,"

Krohn said. "We had many girls step up into roles and get hits in tight situations. We saw what our potential is for hitting and when we play pretty good defense." And, she said, they had zero errors.

**Box Score: Merrill 14 @ Columbus Catholic (Marshfield) 4**

On April 21, the Merrill Girls scored their third win at their away conference game against Wausau West. "The weather was really cold and snowy, but our girls had grit," said Merrill Varsity Softball Coach. "Every time West scored, we answered back and ultimately ended up on the winning side." Krohn said. "We had players step up all around and it was a great conference win for us." Maddie Drew (2 BB, 1 H, 3 RBI) and Katie Heckendorf (2 BB, 1 H, 2 RBI) both stood out with their stats. Addy Schmeltzer and Mady Graap split the pitching for the game.

**Box Score: Merrill 10 @ Wausau West 8**

On April 27, the Merrill Varsity Softball Team lost their home conference game against Marshfield.

**Box Score: Marshfield 15 @ Merrill 5**

On May 1, the Merrill Varsity Softball Team suffered another defeat, losing their away conference game against Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln.

**Box Score: Merrill 5 @ Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln 15**

May 2 marked another loss for the girls in a home conference game against Stevens Point. It was a "terrible loss to SPASH," Krohn said. "We didn't play like ourselves." Sophie Wendorf pitched a little more than three innings and Addy Schmeltzer pitched the remainder. Schmeltzer also got two of the six runs for Merrill.

The evening wasn't a total wash, though, as it was Senior night on the field for the Merrill Girls. "We did honor our Seniors, Erica Arneson, Maddie Drew, Macey Weix, and Addy Schmeltzer," she said.

**Box Score: Stevens Point 20 @ Merrill 6**

On May 4, Merrill lost their away conference game against Wausau East.

**Box Score: Merrill 3 @ Wausau East 6**

But May 8 was a day for excitement and celebration when the Merrill Varsity Girls Softball Team came away with a home game conference win against DC Everest at the MARC, ending a bit of a losing streak. Addy Schmeltzer pitched most of the game, and Coach Krohn described it as a "huge conference win."



Lexi Ollhoff stealing home to win the game for Merrill in the bottom of the seventh inning on a pass ball. April Wirtala photo.

"It came down to the bottom of the seventh," she said. "We were back and forth all game, and held steady. We played good defense and chipped away at their lead little by little, all for it to come down to the last

possible half inning."

"It was so fun and the girls really needed this win!" Krohn said.

**Box Score: DC Everest 4 @ Merrill 5**

## 2023 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

Boys Baseball (Varsity, JV and JV2)			
Thurs. May 11	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 p.m.
Fri. May 12	Rhineland (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 p.m.
Sat. May 6	Wauwaukee (Varsity & JV)	Away	11:00 a.m.
Tues. May 16	D. C. Everest (JV2)	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tues. May 16	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 p.m.
Thurs. May 18	D. C. Everest (JV2)	Home	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 18	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 p.m.
Thurs. May 18	D. C. Everest (JV2)	Home	5:00 p.m.

Girls Softball (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. May 11	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 18	Regional's Begin (Varsity)	Away	T. B. D.

Boys Golf (Varsity, JV and JV2)			
Thurs. May 11	Crane Meadow (JV)	Away	3:00 p.m.
Fri. May 12	Trapp River (Varsity)	Away	2:00 p.m.
Sat. May 13	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	9:00 a.m.
Mon. May 15	Stevens Point Country Club (Varsity)	Away	2:00 p.m.

Girls Soccer (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 11	Marshfield (Varsity)	Home	7:00 p.m.
Fri. May 12	Three Lakes (Varsity)	Away	6:00 p.m.
Tues. May 16	Pool Play (JV)	Away	5:00 p.m.
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Thurs. May 18	Pool Play (JV)	Away	5:00 p.m.
Thurs. May 18	Pool Play (Varsity)	Away	7:00 p.m.

Boys Track & Field (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 11	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. May 11	Stevens Point (JV)	Away	4:00 p.m.
Tues. May 16	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	3:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 18	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 p.m.

Girls Track & Field (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 11	Multiple Schools (JV)	Home	4:00 p.m.
Tues. May 16	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	3:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 18	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 p.m.

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Merrill Senior Girls on the Varsity Softball Team were honored at Senior Night on May 2. From L to R: Erica Arneson, Maddie Drew, Macey Weix, and Addy Schmeltzer. Submitted photo.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Louis Blum**, a Senior at Merrill Adult Diploma Academy (MADA), has been named Athlete of the Week. He has attended MADA since 2021 at the beginning of his Junior year. Louis shoots on the Bluejay Varsity Trap Team and has been shooting trap for the team since the eighth grade. He also shoots on the Summer Trap League.

Louis has volunteered his time helping at MADA when they are doing maintenance projects and for graduation last year. He belongs to Our Saviours Lutheran Church and used to be involved in the Youth Group there. He also works at NAPA Auto Parts in Merrill at the front counter, making deliveries, stocking, etc.

In his free time, Louis enjoys fishing, bow hunting for deer, working on cars with his buddies, and hanging out with his English mastiff, Buster.

The son of Jennifer Blum of Merrill, Louis plans to work at Mosinee Paper Mill in the Maintenance Dept. following graduation from MADA this year.

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**Louis Blum**

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On Thursday, May 4, Merrill traveled to Wausau East "and the game started where we left off on Tuesday," Schultz said. "Merrill scored two in the top of the first with four consecutive hitters reaching base and with Connor Cortright and Tyson Glisch picking up RBI."

"East came back with a run in the bottom of the second, but Merrill answered back in the top of the third with a two Sam Reimann double. Sam stole third and then scored on a throwing error by the catcher. Merrill scored one more in the top of the fourth with a Carter Baade ground out driving in a run. The bottom of the fourth proved costly with a couple of plays giving East three runs to tie it up at four."

"In the sixth, East scored the go-ahead run on a leadoff double followed by a base hit," Schultz said. "Tyson Glisch came in to relieve Brady Kanitz with no further damage. Brady Kanitz pitched 5 1/3 innings with 4 BB and 3 K. We started out the game hitting the ball well, but their pitcher made some adjustments and we couldn't get anything going after the fourth."

**Box Score**  
Merrill 4 @ Wausau East 5

Saturday, May 6, the Bluejays traveled to Waunakee where they played two games. Game one was up against Eau Claire Memorial.

"They had been playing better, having just beat their crosstown rival Eau Claire North twice this week," Schultz said.

"Dawson Schulz started on the mound and pitched great. He went the distance giving up a single run in the top of the third," he said.

"In the bottom half of the inning, after two quick outs, EJ Weix drew a walk to get things started. Bradyn Pieper followed with a line drive base hit to left."

"Sam Reimann came through with a booming two-run double to left center to plate two," Schultz said. "And the pitchers and defense held everyone scoreless the rest of the way."

"Our defense did a great job on another windy day with a lot of fly balls," he said. "Nothing in the air was easy, but they made all of the plays."

"In the top of the seventh, Memorial had led off with single to right. Schulz got the next two batters and had Memorial down to their last strike before grazing their two hitter with a pitch. That set up runners on first and second with their #3 hitter at the plate. Earlier in the game, he drove a home run through the wind and hit a liner to left center for a double, but Schulz got him to pop it up to center field where the wind pushed the shallow fly a bit and Carter Baade made a great sliding catch to seal the win."

It was definitely an exciting way to end the game.

**Box Score**  
Merrill 2 @ Eau Claire Memorial 1

Game two put Merrill up against Onalaska.

"Isaak Clapper started on the mound and pitched four strong innings, giving up just two in the bottom of the third on a couple of hits and some miscues on defense," Schultz said.

"Merrill was scoreless until the top of the sixth when Braiden Voigt led off with a line drive to right. Baade moved him up to second with a ground ball, and Voigt then stole third base."

**Pet of the Week**



**Solomon** came to LCHS as a stray, so we don't know a whole lot about him. He is a big, sweet boy who loves to roll around and get scratches. He wants a nice home to relax and watch the birds, or cuddle up in someone's lap. **Solomon** doesn't seem to mind other cats as long as they don't bug him. We aren't sure how he is with dogs. He is a very calm cat and would be great in a quieter home. **Solomon's** adoption fee will include his neuter, vaccinations, and microchip.

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"Bradyn Pieper came through with a line drive to left to get Merrill on the board at 2-1," Schultz said.

"Tyson Glisch pitched a scoreless fifth and sixth to set up the last chance for the Bluejays," he said. "We got a guy on with a BB by Glisch but came up just short trying to tie it up."

**Onalaska took home the victory on this one.**  
Merrill 1 @ Onalaska 2

"For the season, that puts us at 2-6 in the Wisconsin Valley Conference and 4 - 9 overall, with games this week on Tuesday and Thursday with Wausau West and a Friday non-conference game with Rhinelander," Schultz said. This week's Thursday and Friday games will be at Merrill's Athletic Park, and Friday night is Senior night, so come out to support the Merrill Baseball Varsity Team and celebrate the Seniors.

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