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## City of Merrill launches redesigned website

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

On Monday, June 5, 2023, the City of Merrill announced the launch of the City's newly redesigned website: <https://ci.merrill.wi.us/>



Over the last year, Chantel Kuczmarzski, the Communications Consultant hired by the City of Merrill last June, has been working with the Marketing & Communications Committee to help "attract and retain talent" to the Merrill community to fill many job openings at Merrill area businesses.

"The Marketing and Communications Committee is focusing on digital marketing," as a key component of this effort, Kuczmarzski said.

"We know that our target audience is online and using social media. Offering a modern and highly functional

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## Color Fun Run



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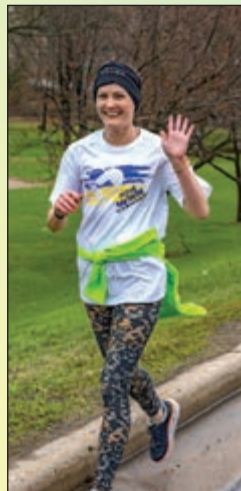
Joseph Frederick photos.



Poof! A celebration of blue and yellow for Ukraine. Katy Bailey, the Youth Director at Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Merrill, organized the May 6, 2023, Color Fun Run in Merrill to provide support to Ukraine and Eastern Europe during this time of war and crisis for so many people there.



The aftermath of being "dusted" with Color Fun Run chalk.



A participant in the recent Color Fun Run waves as she passes by.



A runner participating in the May 6, 2023, Color Fun Run for Ukraine in Merrill.



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## BVA graduates 53 students in Class of 2023

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

On Friday, May 19, 2023, Bridges Virtual Academy (BVA), a virtual charter school organized within the Merrill Area Public School (MAPS) District, held a graduation ceremony for their Class of 2023 graduates in the Merrill High School (MHS) Auditorium. The BVA serves students in grades K4-12 and this year celebrated the graduation of 53 students from around the state of Wisconsin, their largest graduating class to date. Thirty-two of those students were in Merrill to accept their diplomas.

Congratulations to BVA Class of 2023 graduates: Roan Keeley (McFarland), Elaina Meyer (Whitewater), Adrianna Vander Geest (Merrill), Seanna Wickman (Muskego), Macai Matiash (Oshkosh), Cephas Aberg (Waupaca), Jada Arcand (Algoma), Jonathan Beatty (Schofield), Lillia Bell (Merrill), Grace Berg (Merrill), Abria Carlson (Madison),

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Bridges Virtual Academy (BVA) graduates who attended commencement exercises in Merrill in person ... Class of 2023. Submitted photos.



BVA Class of 2023 graduates throw their caps in the air to celebrate.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Seeds of Impact

Dear Reader,

Recently my three daughters held a birthday celebration for me. Prior to the event, they asked all invited to send in a message regarding their insights, perceptions, and role in my life. A book of all the missives was compiled, sprinkled with photographs of many extraordinary families and friends I rode the trails with. It was a magnificently crafted treasure trove of memories.

When reading the messages, what struck me most was how I had affected their lives. So many events and engagements had been lost in my memory since I've pretty much always pushed forward. Their thoughtfully shared reminiscences conveyed to me words and actions that had a profound and lasting effect on their odyssey.

I was reminded of the unknowable impact we all have in our engagements with others. Planned or inadvertent, advice and counsel and the marshaling of available resources can help a person get a leg up on the ladder. Even a positive comment and smile, or a simple question of how one's day is going, can ripple through another person's interactions to still more people on the journey. These seeds are worth planting in the precious days allotted to us.

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MAPS to host Facilities Planning Focus Group sessions

Merrill Area Public School (MAPS) District is inviting community members, staff, and parents to attend a series of Facilities Planning Focus Group sessions. The purpose of these conversations is to gather community input regarding long-term operational and facilities planning, the future of the vacant Jefferson Elementary School building, and potential referenda.

The information gathered during these conversations would lead to the development of a community-wide survey, which would be distributed by School Perceptions to MAPS community members in Fall of 2023. Results from this survey will be used by the Board of Education to determine support for potential referenda.

The dates for the upcoming facilities planning community focus group sessions are:

- Tuesday, June 13, 2023 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Prairie River Middle School
• Tuesday, June 27, 2023 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Jefferson Elementary School
• Tuesday, July 11, 2023 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Washington Elementary School

Participants are encouraged to attend all sessions if possible, as each will build on the previous session's work.

The District welcomes all district residents to attend to provide input and participate in this important work. To RSVP, please call the District Office at 715.536.4581 or email tammy.woller@mapsedu.org.

Merrill Area Public Schools has operational and facility needs throughout the district, and is asking the community to provide feedback on how and when to address these needs. By gathering a group of thoughtful citizens at the Focus Group sessions, the District seeks to gain valuable insight and meaningful input prior to a district-wide survey.



The Jefferson Elementary School building and grounds. Tina L. Scott photo.

Topics that will be discussed at the Facilities Planning Focus Group sessions include:

- The existing state of our school buildings and how classroom space is utilized
• Operational challenges the district is currently facing
• Proposed plan(s) that address our most immediate needs
• Estimated cost(s) of those plan(s) and direct impact to your taxes
• How you can share information in the community throughout the process
• Types of referenda and laws around both types
More information is available at https://www.mapsedu.org/.

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Sofia Castanho-Bollinger (Brookfield), Ethan Clint (Mosinee), Gabriella Dennert (Mukwonago), Kaitlyn Engel (Evansville), Mason Evans (Merrill), Sawyer Ewert (Germantown), Kaitlyn Frank (Jackson), Julianna Gonzales (Caledonia), Callan Groth (Merrill), Zacheriah Haag (Sobieski), Faith Hagemeister (Merrill), Maiah Hamre (Stevens Point), Noah Healy (Oak Creek), Shinean Her (West Allis), Videlin Hinke (Merrill), Syrena Hjelmgren (Racine), Samuel Hua (Kenosha), Peyton Kloehn (Clintonville), Kody Koelsch (Merrill), Dominic

Kolodzinski (North Prairie), Nikki Krizan (Stanley), Hannah Klug (Janesville), Kaitlyn Krug (Janesville), Sophia Lemay (East Troy), Anne-Marie Long (Appleton), John Lynch (Eau Claire), Aoife Marinan (De Pere), Caleb Mickelberg (North Prairie), Samuel Nasett (Marshall), Joshua Petsche (Neenah), Steven Pfarr (Clinton), Chesney Potter (Oconto), Grace Rangle (Pine River), Melanie Recore (Wautoma), Adeline Rowe (Minocqua), Ruth Sawyer (Milwaukee), Connor Smith (New Berlin), Angelina Steger (Brookfield), Heather Waddell (Muskego), Caleb Worley (Waukesha), and Jacob Zuelke (Green Bay). One student requested anonymity.

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Ann Jaroski, the traveling art teacher for our area's homeschooled children, has selected pieces created by some of the children, ages 4 to 18 years old, for the display. The exhibit will include both two- and three-dimensional art pieces. This exhibit is for the month of June only and is located in the Carnegie Wing on the second floor of the T.B. Scott Free Library on E. First St. in Merrill.

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# NCHC Merrill Center services temporarily relocated to Lincoln County Service Center

Effective Monday, June 5, 2023, all North Central Health Care (NCHC) Merrill Center operations, including Outpatient Mental Health and Community Treatment, were temporarily relocated to the Lincoln County Service Center, one block to the north at 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill, in the Lower Level Room 166. Visitors should use the Lower Level parking area to access the building.

Outpatient Mental Health and Community Treatment Services will be delivered from this location for approximately two weeks while the air conditioning unit at

the Merrill Center is being repaired. All clients are being contacted directly regarding their appointment location change. NCHC staff will continue to provide Outpatient and Community Treatment Services from this temporary location. Signage will be posted to assist with navigation to the Lincoln County Service Center.

The staff at NCHC Merrill Center apologizes for any inconvenience during this unexpected outage. For any questions regarding appointments, please call the NCHC Merrill Center at 715.536.9482.



## Sealcoating E. Main St. in Merrill delayed by one week

The dates for the sealcoating project for E. Main St./Hwy. 64 in Merrill have been delayed by one week. Previously, the Merrill Street Department, along with Struck and Irwin Paving, announced the project would take place June 5 and 6, 2023; however, this work will now be completed on June 12 and 13, again, weather permitting.

The project involves sealcoating E. Main St. from Stuyvesant St. to Memorial Dr. Traffic will remain open during the work; however, vehicles traveling eastbound on Hwy. 64 will be detoured down S. Center Ave. to E. Main St. at the roundabout. Traffic will also be reduced to one lane in each direction during the work.

Residents living along this project will be asked to use adjacent side streets and alleys for the duration of the project.

The lane shifts and detour will be put up on Monday, June 12, at 6:00 a.m. and will be taken down on Wednesday, June 14, at 8:00 a.m. Contact the Merrill Street Department at 715.536.4222 with any questions.



East Main Street in Merrill will be resealed beginning next week. Orange cones mark the route where the resealing will take place. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

## North Central Conservancy Trust Seeks National Accreditation: Public Comment Period Open

North Central Conservancy Trust (NCCT) announced it is applying for national accreditation through the Land Trust Alliance. A public comment period is now open.

Established in 1994, NCCT is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to conserve the natural heritage of Central Wisconsin through the protection of land. NCCT works with landowners to develop conservation easements that protect and preserve the ecological values of their properties. The organization operates in an eight-county service area that includes Lincoln, Taylor, Clark, Marathon, Wood, Portage, Adams, and Waushara Counties, and is based in Stevens Point.

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs.

This is NCCT's first attempt at becoming accredited, though it has been a goal for the organization for a long time. There are currently more than 450 accredited land trusts across the United States.

"We are very excited to have embarked on the journey towards becoming a nationally accredited land trust," said Chris Radford, Executive Director of NCCT. "This has been an organizational priority for NCCT, and the Board of Directors has directed resources to make this vision a reality. The rigorous accreditation process has already shown incredible value in ensuring our organization is living up to the highest standards of excellence while instilling confidence and trust with our members, donors, partners, and landowners."

NCCT and the Commission invite public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how NCCT complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices).

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org), or email your comment to [info@landtrustaccreditation.org](mailto:info@landtrustaccreditation.org).

org. Comments may also be mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments, 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments on NCCT's application will be accepted until July 21, 2023. To learn more about NCCT, visit [www.ncctwi.org](http://www.ncctwi.org) or call 715-344-1910.

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# OBITUARIES

**Donna Mae Van Slate** died on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at Hospice House in Wausau, Wisconsin. She was born in Black Brook, Wisconsin, on August 10, 1931, to the late Ed Rosen and Kay (Newville) Rosen a/k/a Carla Cortright, a/k/a Kay Madenwaldt. In 1940 at the age of 10, she moved to Merrill to live with her mother and step-father, William Cortright. She attended Merrill High School graduating in 1949. She went on to study accounting at North Central Technical Institute. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

In 1950, Donna married George Layman (deceased) and they became the parents of Scott D. Layman. In 1964 she married again to Woodrow Van Slate (deceased.).

Donna worked for The Wisconsin Window Unit when she first started working. Then she worked in the audit department for Employers Mutual, Wausau, Wisconsin. Donna retired from the Ward Paper Company after 25 years of service, where she served as Assistant to the Comptroller and as the Senior Accountant for International Paper, Merrill division.

She was preceded in death by her mother Kay Cortright-Madenwaldt, father: Ed Rosen, step-father: William Cortright, step-father: Ambrose Madenwaldt, sisters: Joyce Johnston, and Colleen Renkens, brother: William Rosen, son: Scott Layman and husbands: George Layman and Woodrow Van Slate.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law Brenda Layman, granddaughter: Gretta Layman, grandson: Cory Layman and great-grandson Soren Layman all of Chippewa Falls, WI and four half siblings.

Donna hopes to be remembered as a compassionate friend, a caring listener with a touch of humor striving to keep a positive outlook on life. Donna was blessed in life by a number of good friends.

A funeral liturgy was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 11:00 am at Waid Funeral Home. Father Maria Vallabhanenia officiated. A visitation was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 from 9:00 am until the time of service also at the funeral home. Entombment at Merrill Memorial Park 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).



**Grace Masin**, born September 4, 1928, in Chicago, IL, previous resident of Gleason, WI and recent resident of Stonebridge Apartments in Merrill, WI, passed away peacefully May 23, 2023, at Marshfield Medical Center as the result of a fall.

Grace was small in stature but big in love for her family and friends. She loved a good laugh, a big sale and socializing with friends and family whenever possible. She liked playing cards, rummage sales,

bingo and trips to the casino.

Grace is predeceased by her husband, Charles Masin, daughter, Mary Ann Jaeger, sister Berniece Guill-Davis, brother Robert Drzymala, step-grandson, Brian Jaeger and great granddaughter, Stephanie Bronson. Also awaiting Grace in heaven was her good friends, Patricia Truckey and Lillian Kouba.

Surviving Grace are nieces Leslie Guill-Marx, Sharon (William) Guill-Clark, Steven Guill, Gary (Julie) Guill, Gloria Ann (Matt) Roman and Lyn (Lee) Scott-Mayer, who was also Grace's god daughter; son-in-law Ron (Rose) Jaeger, sons Charles (Linda Almond) Masin and Douglas (Lori) Masin. Grandchildren are Dawn (Allan) Lemke, Joseph Gleason, Chuck Masin, Cory (Melanie) Masin, Willow and Logan Masin, Dustin (Jessica) Masin and Andrew (Alisha) Masin. Step-grandchildren are Kevin (Tara) Jaeger, Bruce (Heidi) Jaeger, Craig (RaDell) Jaeger, Jim Jaeger, Jamie (Daniel) Jaeger, Peggy (Joan) Jaeger, Paul (Holly) Jaeger and Ezra and Ethan Lowman. Great grandchildren are Dawn's boys, who Grace lived with for many years and helped raise, Mark, David and Kyle Lemke. Joey has two surviving natural children, Samantha and Sean Gleason, and Brandy and Stephanie Heden whom he lived with and helped raise for many years. Cory and his wife are the parents of Madison, Allison and Jameson Masin.

Also surviving Grace are many step-great grandchildren and great great grandchildren along with other relatives, and special friends, particularly her childhood friend, Dorothy Schriener of Illinois. She, had many friends from her last two apartment buildings, especially Judy Doerr, who made her recent months joyful and possible through her sense of humor and caring friendship.

Grace had the strongest bond with her granddaughter, Dawn. Close to each other Dawn's whole life, the pair were inseparable in recent years. Dawn was her cook, housekeeper, chauffeur, caregiver and companion. It was only because of Dawn's loving care that Grace was able to remain in her apartment till the end, which was Grace's fervent wish. The family can never express to Dawn how important her time, tender care and patience with Grace has meant to the rest of the family. She was not only Grace's greatest gift, but the rest of the family's as well.

Special to Grace was her step-great granddaughter, Lauren (Lemke) Perry. It was with tremendous joy Grace was able to attend Lauren's much anticipated wedding to Carson Perry just weeks before her passing.

In the last days Grace was hospitalized at Marshfield Medical Center. The staff there was wonderful! We especially want to thank and praise the staff of the surgical ICU and Chaplain Renata Hinrichs. They made the UNbearable somehow bearable.

Grace was much loved and will be missed deeply. So many people have said they will never forget her. No one who knew her ever could forget her. She was one special lady.

We thank our Savior, Jesus Christ, that because of His sacrifice we know Grace is reunited with her daughter, Mary, and many friends and family who passed before her whom she had been missing. By the grace of God, the rest of us left behind have the hope of reuniting with Grace one day for eternity.

Cremation and arrangements are being conducted by the Mid-Wisconsin Cremation Society through the John J. Buettgen Funeral Home in Schofield, Wisconsin. At Grace's request, there will be no funeral but a Celebration of Life at a date to be determined.



**Jack Leroy Burkam**, age 91, of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Care Partners in Weston, Wisconsin. He was born on April 18, 1932 to the late Virgil H. and Florence O. (Taylor) Burkam in Merrill, Wisconsin. He married Margie Ann Bergman on July 5, 1956 in Merrill after dating for 5 months. She precedes him in death after 65 years of marriage.

In October 1952, Jack enlisted in the US Army. He was honorably discharged in March 1953. Most of Jack's life he worked as a machine operator for Wausau Paper Mills for 31 1/2 years.

Jack was very involved with church activities. He also enjoyed volunteering with 4H and Little League Baseball. He is a top blood donor, donating 22 gallons of blood in his lifetime. Because he always loved flying, Jack got his solo license. He was also ordained as a pastor. He enjoyed R.C. model airplanes, repairing small gasoline engines, snowmobiling, watching the Packers and playing the ukulele. Most of all Jack loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Jack could have you in tears of laughter some days and he will be very sadly missed by his family and friends.

Jack is survived by his children: Zeb Burkam and Star (Ron) Scherzer, grandchildren: Megan Mangel, Toni (Ben) Frick, Mathew (Taylor) Scherzer, Paul Brandon (Kyla) Scherzer, Richard (Amber) Burkam, and Dylan Burkam, great-grandchildren: Skylar and Keyton Frick, Emma and Ava Mangel, Riley and Raegan Scherzer, Braelynn and Emrick Burkam, and Christian Kinningham, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, grandsons: Henry Mangel and TJ Schrezer, great-grandson: Payton Frick, sister: Judy Burkam, infant sister: Thelma Burkam, and brother: Donald Burkam.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home. Cremation to take place, with an inurnment at a later date at Merrill Memorial Park 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).



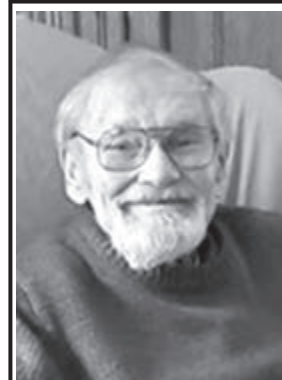
**Lorna E. Woller**, 91, of Minocqua, passed away Sunday, May 28, 2023, at Country Terrace of Wisconsin, Minocqua.

Lorna was born July 30, 1931, daughter of the late Walter and Anna (Hoff) Steidtman. She married Lilas Woller on May 5, 1951, at the former Zion Lutheran Church, Town of Maine, Marathon County. He preceded her in death on June 27, 2013. Lorna was a homemaker.

Lorna is survived by her son, Wayne (Holly) Woller of Talkeetna, Alaska; granddaughters, Denell Woller of Talent, Oregon, and Virginia Woller of Seattle, Washington; and sister, Florence (Allan) Lemke. Lorna was preceded in death by her husband, Lilas Woller; parents, Walter and Anna Steidtman; sisters, Esther Steidtman, and Adeline Tessendorf; and brothers, Ernst Steidtman, Harold Steidtman, Walter Steidtman, William Steidtman, and Fritz Steidtman.

A graveside service for Lorna will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Maple Grove Cemetery, Town of Maine, Marathon County. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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



**James Albert Lewis**, 94, of Merrill, passed away from heart related illness, on June 2nd. He was surrounded by loved ones at his home near Merrill.

Jim was born on Feb. 28th, 1929 to James Knauff Lewis and Alice Louise (Kidder) Lewis in Minneapolis, MN. He attended Breck School for his high school years and the University of Minnesota where he received his Master's degree in

Speech Therapy. After two years in the Army, he worked in San Antonio as a radio expert. He returned home to Minneapolis, and pursued a career in Speech Therapy. He was eventually contacted by the Marathon County schools to be a Speech Therapist for the District. After many of the old schoolhouses were consolidated into larger schools, he worked in Merrill for the rest of his career. He was known to incorporate his ukulele into his speech therapy sessions.

He retired to his beautiful farm to enjoy the seasons and the many birds. He loved to share the land with friends and family. Friends were very important to him and he spent many happy times with his weekly coffee group, his astronomy club (Stars R Us), the Society of Friends (Quakers) and others. He lived to teach others about his passions. His family was also top of his list and he enjoyed their visits.

Jim is survived by his wife, Janice Adair Lewis (Femling) - Merrill, his son James F. Lewis - Wausau, daughter Linda Hamp (Lewis) - Lansdale, PA, son John R. Lewis - Caledonia, WI, Grandchildren, Joel A. Lewis (Melissa Engels-Lewis) - Wausau, Kat Thomas (Lewis) - Union Grove, WI, Jennifer Hamp - New York, NY, Joseph Hamp (Claire Hamp [Hansen]) - Akron, Ohio, and Kevin Hamp - Lansdale, PA. He has 5 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Paul M. Lewis. Services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 709 N 6th Street, Wausau on Monday, June 12, 2023, with Visitation from 3:00 pm until the time of service at 5:00 pm.

John J. Buettgen Funeral Home is assisting family at this time. Online condolences may be expressed at [HonorOne.com](http://HonorOne.com)

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# OBITUARIES



**Jay Ellen Brown**, age 96, of Merrill, passed away on Sunday, May 28, 2023, at Bell Tower Residence, while under the care of her family and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services. She was born on September 14, 1926 to the late Dr. Otto and Emma (Edbauer) Sievert in Merrill. Jay Ellen was very proud that her father was the namesake for Ott's Park when it was developed in the 1950's. Jay Ellen graduated from Merrill High School. She married

Linden Jaeger in 1948, who sadly passed away in a car accident in 1969. She then married James Brown in 1991, who preceded her in death in 2017.

Jay Ellen worked for Lincoln County Bank for over 20 years and also for Lokemoen Optical, as well as being a homemaker and housewife. She loved shopping, playing Bridge and traveling. Jay Ellen was a strong-willed, patriotic lady who enjoyed socializing with everyone she met. At Bell Tower Residence Jay Ellen enjoyed playing Bingo and would join in activities and exercises every chance she had. She supported the Shriners Hospital for Children and was a member at Christ Methodist Church in Merrill. Jay Ellen's feisty spirit and love for her family and friends will be sadly missed.

Jay Ellen is survived by her son: Jon (Susan) Jaeger of Merrill and grandson: Mitchell Jaeger. She was preceded in death by her parents and both husbands, Linden Jaeger and James Brown.

Per Jay Ellen's request, no services will be held. Burial of her cremated remains will take place at a later date at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of your choice. 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).



**Emily Susan Boneck**, 99, formerly of Tomahawk, passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Pine Crest Special Care, holding hands with family.

She was born February 16, 1924 in Bruno, Saskatchewan, Canada to Walter and Clara (Schmirler) Kundo. Emily was united in marriage to Walter W. "Bud" Boneck on February 27, 1943 who she met while working at Marathon Battery. He preceded her in death on December 3, 2003.

After many moves, from Wausau to Milwaukee to Pompano Beach-Eau Gallie, Florida, then back to Wisconsin, they settled in the Nokomis area and were members of St. Mary's of Tomahawk. There they made many friends and watched their family grow along the way.

Emily loved having company over and had the best smile to all. She especially loved her two fur babies, TedE and Oscar, who survive.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Coppock-Werner and son-in-law, Kip Werner; grandchildren, Marty (Judy) Coppock, Todd (Vicki) Boneck, Jared Schultz, Chris (Jennifer) Coppock, Duane (Donna) Boneck, Angela Coppock-Wanta (Jason), Shannon (Dawn) Boneck, and Steve (Nikki) Schultz; step-grandsons, Paul (Michelle) Werner and Scott (LaRieu) Werner; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; devoted niece, Beverly; and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Adria (Bob) Schultz; infant son, Dennis; very recently a son, Larry (Judy Meyers) Boneck; granddaughter, Michelle (Armstrong) Schultz; siblings, Adeline Pophal Schubring, Floyd Kundo, Marie (Harry) Trittin, Frank (Leona) Kundo, Mildred (Leonard) Miller, and Nettie Schepp-Trittin (Ervin).

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2023 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1104 South Ninth Avenue, Wausau, with Rev. Samuel Martin and Deacon David Bablick presiding. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Wausau. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.petersonkraemer.com](http://www.petersonkraemer.com).

Mom had so many wonderful caretakers at Pine Crest Nursing Home - Thank you to all. Her favorite song to her visitors, "I love you a bushel and a peck and a hug around your neck!" And she would call out, "Auch der lieber!" A German phrase meaning, "my God - Heavens" to show her joy.

**James "Jim" A. Daley**, age 80, of the town of Rocks Falls, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at the Marshfield Medical Center - Weston. A full obituary will be posted later. Service information is as follows: A Celebration of Life for Jim will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, from 1pm-3pm at Waid Funeral Home. 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).



**Karren L. Seliger**, 89, Wausau, passed away on Monday, May 29, 2023 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital under hospice care.

She was born December 14, 1933, in Wausau, daughter of the late Laurence and Gertrude (Baumann) Holzem. She graduated high school in Wausau in 1952. On July 6, 1953 Karren married Mark, he preceded her in death on July 5, 2001.

Mark and Karren started their married life on a small dairy farm on highway 29 near

Marathon City. Karren also worked at Marathon Electric. In 1963 they moved to the "farm" in Hamburg where they continued with dairy and hobby farming. They were blessed with many great neighbors in Hamburg. A few years after Mark's passing, Karren moved to Wausau. She loved attending church at Holy Name and riding the city bus to go shopping and to the library.

Karren and her husband Mark took flying lessons and they each soloed a plane. She acquired a soil testing license and took classes toward an accounting degree at North Central Technical School in Wausau.

She enjoyed reading and spent a lot of time at the library. She also enjoyed gardening, especially tending to her roses. She enjoyed canning, wine making, and also enjoyed a great game of Sheephead.

Karren enjoyed traveling with family, sewing quilts and blankets, and embroidering pillowcases and dish towels. Many of her lap quilts were donated to nursing homes and through Saint Catherine Council at Holy Name. Most of all she looked forward to the many family gatherings either at the syrup shack or for the holidays which were always spent together as a big family.

Karren's life brought her many blessings--her children: the late Mark Jr., infant son John, Lisa (Randy) Stack, David Seliger, Daniel Seliger, Michael (Sandy) Seliger, the late Susan Boles; Ann Seliger, Andrew (Sue) Seliger, James (Ellen) Seliger, Matthew (Jen) Seliger, Sara (Bill) Schroeder, Kara (Keith) Seliger. Grandchildren: Daniel Jr., Danielle, Olivia, Paige, Miki, Messeana, A.J. (Alysia), Rick (Jamie), Amber (John), Brandi (Alex), Amber (Brian), Luke (Megan), Peter (Selena), Faith (Mason), Hazel, Taylor (Will), Thomas, Laura (Hobby), Jacob (Mary), Emily (Caleb), Sophia, Edison, and Ethan. 19 great-grandchildren and two more on the way, brother, Ken (Carol) Holzem, and sister, Marlene Konopacki.

Karren was also preceded in death by siblings Roger, Richard, Robert, Lawrence, Mary, and Joane.

The Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 1104 South Ninth Avenue, Wausau, with Rev. Samuel Martin presiding. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will take place at a later date in St. Mary's Cemetery, Marathon. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.petersonkraemer.com](http://www.petersonkraemer.com).

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services and the Aspirus Palliative Care Unit for the care that Karren received.



**Robert 'Bob' R. Pike**, age 73, born and raised in Merrill, WI, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the Aspirus Merrill Hospital. Bob was born on November 8, 1949 to the late Rudolph and Ione (Marshall) Pike in Merrill, WI. He attended and graduated from Merrill High School with the class of 1967. Bob met and married the love of his life, Mary Kunkel. They were united in marriage on October 5, 1968 in Merrill, WI. She survives.

Bob did many things in his life, starting off in the plumbing and heating business with his dad, then going to school to become a Journeyman in plumbing and eventually working in maintenance and custodial work for the Merrill Area Public Schools. Bob enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and going to the shack to cook for the guys and visit. He enjoyed being outside mowing his lawn and working in his gardens as well. Bob loved puzzles, and even had a "puzzle friend", Carol Fischer! He also enjoyed playing cribbage, cards, baseball and horseshoes, as well as watching games shows on the television. On nice evenings, he would take a drive and shine for deer. Bob also made the best venison jerky and maple syrup. He loved his sweets and always had ice cream close by! He was a jokester and was always teasing or playing pranks on his family and friends. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and would look forward to hosting parties at the house. Bob will be sadly missed, but good memories of him will always be with his loved ones.

Bob leaves behind his wife: Mary Pike, son: Todd (Terri) Pike, daughter: Sandi (Dean) Heller, grandsons: Trevor (Taylor) Pike, Troy Pike and Tad Pike, siblings: Sharon Hagedorn, Dennis (Roxy) Pike, Jerry (Cindy) Pike, Susie Pike (with friend Roger) and Diane (Jeff) Wyland, along with his grandpups: Ivy and Daisy Mae. He is further survived by numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brothers-in-law: Eugene Hagedorn, Roger (Nancy) Kunkel, Robert Kunkel and sister-in-law: Carol (Roger) Krause.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will take place at a later date.

Bob's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the emergency personnel responding to the scene, as well as the staff at the Aspirus Merrill Hospital. Your kindness and efforts were appreciated.

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).

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## WEBSITE from page 1

website is a key component to a more effective public communications program and overall digital marketing campaign," she said.

Attracting new employees to the area is one reason for the redesigned website, but it's not the only goal behind the initiative.

The new website is also designed to help attract visitors and potential new residents to the City, Merrill Mayor Steve Hass said. And, the new design is also more user-friendly for Merrill residents who are looking for information.

"The new site is easy to navigate and offers information with fewer clicks," Hass said.

"A clean, easy-to-use layout," provides citizens, potential visitors to the community, those who might be looking to relocate to Merrill, and those considering starting a business in Merrill all with the resources they need, including information and links focused on City government, departments, meetings, services, the Merrill community, and more.

The redesign "highlights Merrill's brand image of living a simple, fulfilling lifestyle and features all the diverse, year-round activities Merrill has to offer," Kuczarski said. She added that using lots of images provided by contributors from the local community make the new website design more authentic and unique.

"Thank you to those who submitted photos to us," she said. "The images help bring the website to life and showcase Merrill's outdoor recreation."

"Merrill has so much to offer and this website celebrates that," Kuczarski said.

"Every feature of the new website is mobile-responsive, meaning residents can easily access the City's information and resources from any device—smartphones, tablets, or computers," she said.

"I am very excited to see this finally get completed," Hass said. "Thank you to everyone who was part of this process."

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3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 29, 2023.
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## NOTICE

City of Merrill residents interested in public works improvements of water main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, bituminous paving, curb, gutter and sidewalk, for construction in 2024, shall file a petition in the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office at Merrill City Hall, by August 1, 2023. Petition forms are available in the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office. Project information is available by contacting Rod Akey, Public Works Director/City Engineer, (715) 536-5594.

By Order of Board of Public Works  
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# Construction project begins in Merrill

Construction started in the City of Merrill on Monday, June 5, 2023, according to the City of Merrill Public Works Department.

The M2021-01 Utility and Road Reconstruction Project will include Chippewa St. (from Grand Ave. to W. Seventh St.) and N. State St. (from W. Tenth St. - W. St. Paul St.). Traffic will be limited to local traffic only. There will be days when access will be limited.

The project is scheduled to be completed by the middle of July.

Garbage will be picked up on the regular schedule.

# Celebrate America's Dairyland during June Dairy Month

**BY SECRETARY RANDY ROMANSKI**  
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (DATCP)

June Dairy Month is a special time in Wisconsin. As summer starts, we celebrate the many hardworking Wisconsin farmers and processors who make our state a leading source for quality dairy products across the U.S. and worldwide.

Wisconsin's dairy industry gives us much to be proud of and to be grateful for, both during June Dairy Month and all year long. Rooted in a history older than the state itself, dairy has played a pivotal role in Wisconsin's past and continues to remain vital today, contributing to both our economy and to our way of life, from Bayfield down to Beloit and from Hudson to Bailey's Harbor. The industry will remain integral to our future, thanks to farmers and processors across the state, and consumers across the world.

There are thousands of dairy farms in Wisconsin which account for nearly a quarter of all dairy farms in the U.S. It is the dedicated individuals who work on these farms, haul milk, process dairy, and sell the finished products, who contribute to our state's \$45.6 billion annual dairy economy. They have also helped to make Wisconsin the number one state in the nation in total cheese production, with 25 percent of all cheese in the U.S. being made right here in the state.

We can also be proud that Wisconsin's dairy products are well-known and appreciated far beyond our own borders. Later this month, DATCP staff and I will travel to the United Kingdom for a weeklong agricultural trade mission. During that time, we will facilitate buyer meetings, make store visits, attend marketing briefings, and meet with government officials to market and promote Wisconsin agricultural products to various industry and economic development organizations in the UK. This work



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is supported by the Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports, and I am hopeful that this effort will increase connections with buyers across the Atlantic Ocean, helping to create additional business opportunities for Wisconsin's agricultural producers and processors.

This June, I encourage all of you to support our state's dairy industry by choosing Wisconsin-made milk, butter, yogurt, ice cream, and cheese. You can also attend one of the many June Dairy Breakfasts happening around America's Dairyland throughout the month. These events allow attendees to visit and learn about local farms while enjoying a delicious breakfast made with fresh Wisconsin dairy. To find a farm hosting one of these events near you, visit <https://www.wisconsinidairy.org/national-dairy-month/Dairy-Breakfasts>.

To learn more about how DATCP works to serve and support Wisconsin's thriving dairy industry year-round, visit [datcp.wi.gov](http://datcp.wi.gov). As I raise a glass of ice-cold milk, I wish everyone across Wisconsin a happy June Dairy Month!

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**MAY 1, 2023**

Boy, Elijah Matthew, born to Kimberly Quinenes and Elance Simmons of Weston.

**MAY 15, 2023**

Boy, Robert Lucas John, born to Tricia Evans and Douglas Evans of Gleason.

**MAY 16, 2023**

Boy, Weston Lee, born to Brittany Graap and Dustin Graap of Merrill.

**MAY 23, 2023**

Boy, Elijah Todd, born to Caitlyn Hieronimus and Zachary Hieronimus of Wausau.

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## Access to Foto News office affected June 12 and 13

**BY TINA L. SCOTT**  
EDITOR

The City of Merrill has contracted with Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc., to resurface a portion of E. Main Street in front of the new Foto News office location at 2011 E. Main St. That work has been delayed by one week and is now planned for Monday, June 12, 2023, and Tuesday, June 13, weather permitting.

The resurfacing work will take place on E. Main Street from Stuyvesant St. to S. Memorial Dr. and may go into the side streets a little bit. The limits of the work area have been marked with white spray painted arrows on the street. Travel along E. Main St. won't be closed in its entirety—at least one lane of travel in each direction should remain open at all times.

However, the work requires segments of E. Main St. to be closed for a time, and access into and out of the Foto News parking lot will be affected by the work. Please plan to approach the business address from River St. and to park on Cooper St. as space is available, to access our office.

## In Loving Remembrance of Steve C. Strasman

**He passed into the arms of God on June 7, 2022.**

**Steve was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, and a man of many talents.**

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**Lana, Steve J. & Family,**

**Jon & Family**

**PRMS April Youth Optimist**

The Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) April Youth Optimist of the Month is **Emilie English**.

"Emilie comes to school eager to learn," said Mrs. Jean Nelessen in her nomination of Emilie. "She is kind and respectful to those around her and helps other students to be successful. Emilie pursues her learning, asks questions, and does her best. It is a joy to have Emilie as a student."

At school, Emilie participates in volleyball and is on the Honor Roll. Outside of school she is also involved in quad racing, softball, and soccer.

In her free time, Emilie enjoys drawing and painting. She is an active volunteer at her church, St. John Lutheran Church, and also at the Haunted Sawmill.

The daughter of Rachel Lane of Merrill, Emilie is hard working and easy to get along with.

**MHS April Youth Optimist**

The Merrill High School (MHS) April Youth Optimist of the Month is **Dafney Yates**. She was nominated by Mr. Doug Iwen.

"I have known Dafney for the past two years but knew of her for many years prior due to her involvement in our local 4-H clubs," Mr. Iwen said. "I had the pleasure of teaching Dafney in my Sophomore US History class."

"Many people are optimistic, however, many of those same people are not involved in sharing that optimism with others. Dafney grew up on a farm and understands what hard work is and all of the time and responsibilities that are needed to run a farm," he said. "Dafney isn't involved in many things just to be a member and look good on a resume, she plays a large and active role in those activities."

"Dafney stands out because she possesses a number of characteristics that most leaders have, such as a fantastic personality, demonstrating integrity in all situations, displaying honesty at all times, and being mature beyond her years and extremely hard-working, as well as being very personable and most notably, having a positive attitude through it all," Mr. Iwen said.

During high school, Dafney has participated in the National Honors Society, FFA, Varsity Merrill Marching Jays (Drum Major), 4th Alternate Trumpet for WSMA State Honors Band, Gold Medal for State Trumpet Solo, Tri-M Honors Society (Treasurer), Link Crew, Highest Honors Honor Roll, Varsity Track and Field, Student Council, Junior Optimist, and Raise Your Voice.

Outside of school, she is active with 4-H and her church youth group.

The daughter of Melissa and Jim Yates, Dafney plans to attend college to major in education or psychology.

**Dafney Yates**

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# Share the road with motorcycles to prevent crashes, injuries

## June Law of the Month: Motorcycle safety

As Wisconsin's summer weather settles in, motorcycle season is in full gear, which means drivers will be sharing the road with smaller vehicles through fall.

The Wisconsin State Patrol's June Law of the Month reminds vehicle drivers and motorcyclists to share the road to keep all travelers safe.

There are roughly 2,000 motorcycle crashes every year in Wisconsin, involving hundreds of injuries and dozens of fatalities.

"When we share the road, we also share the responsibility to make every trip as safe as possible for all road users," Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Vehicle drivers and motorcyclists need to be aware of each other on the roads and look twice before changing lanes or making turns."

Motorcyclists are 27 times more likely to die in a crash than other motorists, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

### Driving near motorcycles

Motorcycles are smaller than the average vehicle, so they can be harder to see on the roads and it's easy to misjudge their speed and distance. Drivers are asked to use caution when traveling near motorcycles.

Drivers are encouraged to:

- Look twice for motorcycles; many crashes happen when drivers pull out from a stop sign, turn left, or change lanes
- Keep a safe following distance from a motorcycle; they have a shorter stopping distance so if a motorcycle needs to stop suddenly, you need more room to avoid a collision
- Avoid distractions and drive sober

### Riding safely

Sharing the road is a two-way street, so motorcyclists need to do their part to be visible and follow the same rules of the road as other vehicles. Safe riding practices help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on the roads.



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Riders are encouraged to:

- Avoid distractions and ride sober
- Know and observe all traffic laws, including obeying the speed limit
- Ride defensively and don't take risks
- Scan the road ahead carefully, especially on curves, looking for gravel and sand
- Do not share a lane with another vehicle; staggered riding is suggested for multiple motorcycles

Protective, high visibility clothing and safety gear is recommended and helmets are strongly encouraged to prevent serious injury in a crash. Helmets are required by state law for riders un-

der 18. In Wisconsin, 69% of motorcyclists who died in crashes were not wearing a helmet (2018-2021).

### Training and education

Training and education are key to prevent motorcycle crashes and injuries. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's partners provide rider courses to help motorcyclists earn their motorcycle license and improve rider skills. A motorcycle license is required to ride in Wisconsin.

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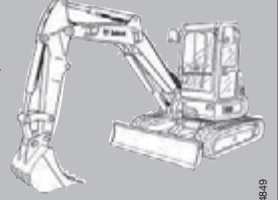
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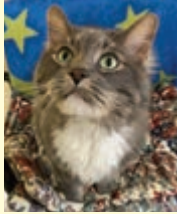
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## Come get dirty at Bubba's Bog Bash June 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> in Tomahawk.

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Come enjoy camping, live music, and a vending show all weekend long at Bubba's Campground, 2777 Olson Rd. For more information go to [www.tomahawkfallride.com](http://www.tomahawkfallride.com).



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### To the Editor:

The Merrill VFW Post 1638 and Auxiliary recently conducted its Annual Buddy Poppy Drive. We distributed Buddy Poppies near the Park City Credit Union/First Street Coffee sign and County Market entrances throughout the week preceding Memorial Day. In this time of ever rising expenses, we were awestruck by the generosity of the people that live in the Merrill and surrounding areas. Please know that every dollar or handful of change goes toward supporting veterans in need. We, as members of the VFW or Auxiliary, donate

our time for this fund drive.

Everyone that donated, thanked us—they said it to us, but the meaning was: *Thank you Veteran, for your service and sacrifice on our behalf.* Please know that respect and love came along with every dollar. It was rewarding for us to hear about veteran experiences or memories of veterans no longer with us and it's heartwarming to see everyone wearing their poppies throughout the week.

Please know that the services made possible through these donations are available to ALL veterans, active service members or their families, when needed—not just those who are members of the VFW. A big thank you goes out to the Merrill and surrounding communities for your generosity. See you next year!

– Denni Radloff, Jill Schmundk, and Kathy Palazzo  
– Buddy Poppy Drive Co-Chairs Merrill, Wis.

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## Make your summer barbecues a success

FOR THE MERRILL FOTO NEWS

With summer unofficially underway, the backyard grill comes into focus as the kitchen stove fades into the background. Barbecues are the centerpieces of many summer celebrations, and it may have been awhile since the grill was fired up, so anyone can use a little refresher course in barbecue etiquette. Here are some tips for making the most of summer parties.

### Ready the grill

If your grill has lain dormant for several months, it's wise to inspect and thoroughly clean it in advance of your cookout day. Insects like spiders may have built homes inside, and grease and grime may be lingering from last year. Ensure the grill is in top form before cooking for guests.

### Keep food safety in mind

A study from the U.S. Department of Agriculture found more than half of study participants don't try to wash their hands when preparing food. Wash hands thoroughly to ensure guests do not get sick at the barbecue. Keep food refrigerated until it is ready to be cooked or served. Use a food thermometer to cook to the required



With Memorial Day behind us, the beginning of cook out season is underway. Ladies and gentlemen... start your grills!

internal temperature to make sure bacteria is destroyed. Do not use the same utensils that touched raw meat to remove cooked food from the grill.

### Arrange for shade

It can get quite warm outdoors for many areas of the country. Therefore, prepare a spot where guests can escape the sun. If you don't have enough table umbrellas, consider light netting or canopies for shade. Shift them as needed as the sun moves across the sky.

See BARBECUES page 15

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**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Hanig graduates from Minnesota State University**

Minnesota State University, Mankato, awarded 2,494 degrees to 2,247 students at the end of the spring 2023 semester. Commencement ceremonies were held Friday, May 5, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. for the College of Business and at 6:00 p.m. for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and on Saturday, May 6, at 9:00 a.m. for the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, at 12:00 p.m. for the College of Education, and at 2:00 p.m. for the College of Allied Health and Nursing.

All ceremonies were held in Taylor Center's Bresnan Arena on the Minnesota State Mankato campus.

From our area, Hugh Hanig of Merrill earned a BS in Aviation and graduated Cum Laude.

**Area students named to Dean's List at St. Norbert College**

Two area students were named to the 2023 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College:

- Alexis Aguilar Hernandez, Athens
- Elizabeth Hartson, Merrill

A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

**Bickerton named to SNHU President's List**

Mary Bickerton of Merrill was named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2023 President's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-

point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

**Area students graduate from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**

More than 3,100 students graduated with degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Sunday, May 21, 2023, in Milwaukee.

From Merrill, the following students were awarded degrees during the commencement ceremony:

- Madison Baumgart, School of Education, Master of Science
- Brandon Clausen, Sheldon B. Lubar College of Business, Master of Science
- Alexis Slagoski, College of Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science
- Emily Weix, Peck School of the Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts

**Merrill students named to Winona State University Dean's List**

Winona State University announced the Dean's List for spring semester 2023.

The following Merrill students were named to the Dean's List:

- Jaida Heinz
- Morgan Schaefer

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours for a grade) and achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

**Critic's Choice Free Movie Event for June 2023**

The T.B. Scott Library is celebrating dads this month with their Critic's Choice Movie Event for June. This month's feature is about a single dad who does his best to raise his daughter in this comedy-drama based on the memoir, *Two Kisses for Maddy: A Memoir of Loss and Love*, by Matthew Logelin.

Kevin Hart stars as Matt, who quickly learns just how much he doesn't know about being a father.

The June Critic's Choice Free Movie Event will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Bring a friend, eat some popcorn, and enjoy the movie!

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**Garage Sale** 156859 Alamo Rd. Merrill. Off Cty W between Merrill/Wausau. June 9 & 10, 8AM-5PM, Household, Furniture, Patio chairs, Puzzles, Fabric, Sewing, Decor, 31 Bags, Scrubs XL-2XL, Toddler bed, Exercise machine, Brand New Items in the box, Misc. Low Prices to sell. Questions? 715-536-8930 After 5PM.

**Geason:** Friday, 6/9-Saturday, 6/10, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Multi family sale little bit of everything indoor, outdoor. Watch for signs. If it rains will be indoors still. W1384 1st Ave

**Rummage Sales This Week 7200**  
**Garage Sale:** 1103 Michler Crest, Merrill. Huge Family Sale. Thursday, June 8, Friday June 9, Saturday June 10, 8-4:30. Name Brand Women's, Men's, Children's Clothing, Shoes, Boots, Handbags, Jewelry, Toys, Electric Stove, Bar Stools, Furniture, Radial Arm Saw, Tools, Area Rugs, Ice Auger, New Boat Seats, Tons of Household items, Wall Decor, Bedding, DVD's, CD's, Video Games, Huge Collection Packers and Bucks Sports cards incl. rookies and autos.

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HONOR ROLLS

Merrill High School fourth quarter Honor Roll 2022-2023

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HIGH HONORS (3.75-3.99) Olivia Barker, Kaela Clerveaux, Olivia Collinsworth, Avery Frisch, Hazeley Gates, Benjamin Gruett, Sarah Hagemester, Addison Jirovec, Brenna Jirovec, Noah Klug, Alex Koblit, Alexis Kropp, Tia Morris, Haakon Murphy, Landon Neumann, Jacob Stetz-Schleif, Emily Winter.

HONORS (3.5-3.74) Liberty Berndt, Adalyn Blake, Hannah Bostrom, Colton Burrows, James Crockford, Prestin Dashek, Evan Elliott, Emily Frahm, Liberty Fuchs, Ryleigh Golisch, Joshua Gustum, Samara Kleinschmidt, Aiden Koebe, Danica Lipke, Hunter Opper, Madison Robbins, Wyatt Stieber, Ronan Van De Weerd, Keegan Waliczek.

GRADE 10

HIGHEST HONORS (4.0) Max Black, Johanna Dahlke, Lily Dallman, Austin Depies, Elizabeth Herdt, Parker Klebenow, Maddox Lammerding, Caden Lemmer, Aiden Lonsdorf, Olivia Pajdash, Maya Paulus, Sarah Rell, Haley Rindt, Jake Schwandt, Mia Smith, Benjamin Thom, Daniel Vaughn.

HIGH HONORS (3.75-3.99) Gus Chrudimsky, Haylea Drabek, Chase Klebenow, Micah Plautz, Sebastian Trevino, Ahna Wilde.

HONORS (3.5-3.74) Colin Apprill, Blake Asinas, Irene Blennert, Megan Cordova, Ava Detert, Mackenzie Ellenbecker, Jax Hanson, Kaiden Henrich, Anna Hintz, Aidan Houghton, Katelyn Klimek, Dylan Kraegenbrink, Noah Moore, Breleigh Raasch, Emma Rautiola, Jacob Schmeltzer, Takiyah Sell, Bailee Sommer, Emil Weix, Amelia White, Merin Yates.

GRADE 11

HIGHEST HONORS (4.00) Anna Bowe, Chase Brantner, Malaynie Dengel, Anna Florez, Abigail Gutenberger,

Linzee Hixon, Avery Hoff, Allison Hoock, Brooklyn Kraegenbrink, Chloe Malinowski, Erik Mann, McKenna Meyer, Sebastian Ollmann, Caina Orzech, Savannah Orzech, Madison Ott, Mia Ott, Michael Quong, Katelyn Schult, Darko Todorov, Sophie Wendorf, Kayli Wirtala, Alayna Wyland, Gracie Wyma.

HIGH HONORS (3.75-3.99) Olivia Dzwonkowski, Emerson Iwen, Regena Lahti, Chloe McRae, Nicholas Palecek, Kaiden Ratzlaff, Sage Schoerner, Jalie Severt, Ginni Townsend, Nora Trojanowski, Anna Westfall.

HONORS (3.5-3.74) Lydia Ashbrenner, Chloe Belant, Jaden Bush, Ayden Cantrell, Melvin Clausen, Leah Crockford, Gabriel Durbin, Lacey Frisch, Anthony Hanse, Emma Hoff, Austin Hotchkiss, Allison Hunter, William Klein, Brody Lange, Bridger Lemmon, Olivia Pierce, Andrew Proulx Jr, Amber Radtke, Alexis Rogers, Brooke Rudie, Carson Schmitz, Isabel Wendt, Macy Wienke.

GRADE 12

HIGHEST HONORS (4.00) Erica Arneson, Jaxson Banser, Branden Brandenburg, Lydia Burrows, Olivia Cordova, Ryder Depies, Breannon Herdt, Catherine Herdt, Carla Higgins, Cassy Kreamsreiter, Evan Marczak, Catherine Moyer, Montana Patterson, Jaiden Pillai, Alayna Pozorski, Trenton Pozorski, Isaiiah Rell, Zoey Sabatke, Spencer Smith, Ethan Stieber, Olivia Troyer, Maverick Wimmer, Amber Winter, Dafney Yates.

HIGH HONORS (3.75-3.99) Lauren Cohrs, Madison Crossman, Arin Dettmering, Madelyn Drew, Samuel Holzinger, Summit Hoyt, Lexie Karau, Caleb Norton, Rose Schafer, Addison Schmeltzer, Brendan Schultz, Alexandra Schulz, Drew Semling, Hunter Stadler.

HONORS (3.5-3.74) Aaron Alloway, Brian Ball, Mason Borchardt, Makalia Geiger, Johnathon Handlin, Nichole Hanson, Harley Hixon, Erin Kreamsreiter, Melaina Lemke, Troy Mootz, Caitlynn Pehlke, Alana Polak, Erin Schafer, Paige Spoehr, Madison Van DerGeest, Croix Woller.

Prairie River Middle School 2022-2023 fourth quarter Honor Roll

EIGHTH GRADE

GOLD: 4.00: Lily Berndt, Allyson Boquist, Paige Byer, Maycee Eisner, Rory Gates, Abigail Gauerke, Stuart Gehris, Josilynn Geiss, Erik Grunenwald, Peyton Hagenbucher, Xavier Hanke, Mackenzie Herdt, Shanna Herdt, Claire Hintz, Reese Kaminski, Brody Klebenow, Izabella Klockow, Justice Kunze, Mya Meyer, Marielle Nass, Elayna Olson, Tyson Ott, Greta Peterson, Addison Pickard, Jackson Pierce,

Grant Polak, Grace Reimann, Layla Schmidt, Eryn Schmitz, Derek Schult, Peyton Smith, Kayleigh Strey, Isabella Stutting, Charlotte Van Der Nest, Grace Wegner, Morgan Wienke, Laci Wirtala, Lauren Zuelsdorff

SILVER: 3.750-3.999:

Jayden Graap, Trenton Klimek, Mason Meyer, Carlina Nebbergall, Vanessa Pintor, Ryker Remington, Colton Ruplinger

BRONZE: 3.50-3.749:

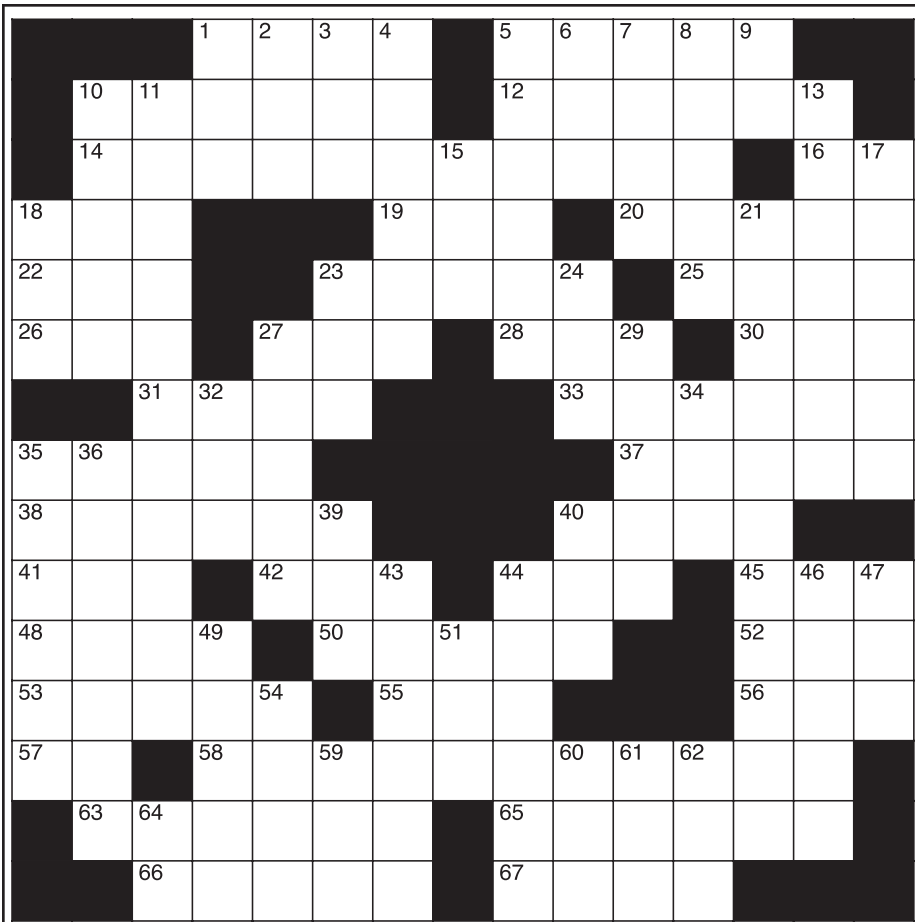
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Alexandra Carreto, Marvin Downs, Emilie English, Arianna Gray, Emily Hayes, Avery Hoock, Juniper Kocinski, Danika Kuehl, Mark Marvin, Delilah McDaniel, William Miemietz, Jesse Morin, Evan Olson, Alyssa Schneider, Deylah Schulz, Avery Voermans

SEVENTH GRADE

GOLD: 4.00: Azalea Blake, Brady Genisot, Marie Hagemester,

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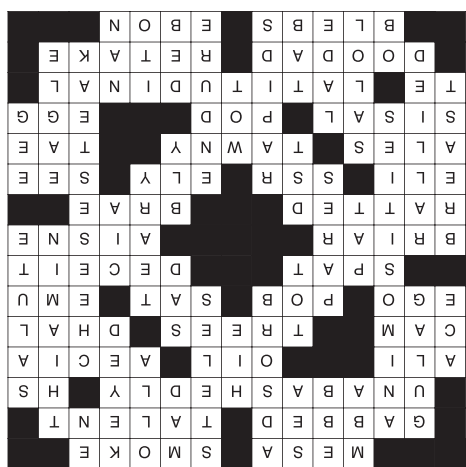
- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
5. Where there's \_\_, there's fire
10. Talked incessantly
12. Skill
14. Without shame
16. Where teens spend their days (abbr.)
18. Boxing's GOAT
19. Used to anoint
20. Cluster cups
22. Footballer Newton
23. They make up a forest
25. Split pulses
26. Self
27. Post-office box
28. Test for high schoolers
30. Large, flightless bird
31. Expecterated
33. Falsehood
35. Prickly, scrambling shrub
37. French river
38. Told on
40. Hillside
41. Peyton's little brother
42. Soviet Socialist Republic
44. Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire
45. Witness
48. Brews
50. Yellowish-brown
52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
53. Mexican agave
55. A type of "cast"
56. Encourage
57. Atomic #52
58. Relating to position north of south of equator
63. Gadget whose name you forget

- 65. Another recording
66. Small blisters
67. Dark brown or black

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- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
2. " \_\_ and flow"
3. A very large body of water
4. Accumulate on the surface of
5. Central cores of the stem
6. Angry
7. Ceramic jar
8. Scraped a car
9. \_\_ route
10. Soviet labor camp system
11. Strong hostilities
13. Vitamin of the B complex
15. Go quickly
17. Toast
18. A team's best pitcher
21. A Philly culinary specialty
23. Small child
24. Unhappy

- 27. Trims away
29. Characterized by crying eyes
32. Soft touch
34. American spy organization
35. A person's chest
36. Came from behind to win
39. Fall back
40. Nellie \_\_, journalist
43. Great places to kayak
44. Suffer patiently
46. Majestic bird
47. Electroencephalograph
49. Organic compound used as an antiseptic
51. Objects connected to the web (abbr.)
54. Ship as cargo
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**HONOR ROLLS**

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

<b>SIXTH GRADE</b>	Miley Krueger
Willow Harmon	Ivan Lee
Kayla Klimek *	Kinsey Literski
Aubrey Renzellmann	Isabella Scheffler
Jillian Severt	Remington Skic
Emmie Steinagel	Caleb Thompson
<b>SEVENTH GRADE</b>	<b>EIGHTH GRADE</b>
Rachel Gustafson	<b>ADMINISTRATOR'S HONOR ROLL</b>
Liam Huggins	{{Students who achieved honor roll status for all 16 quarters of middle school (grades 5-8)}
Kendell Klug*	Avery Brendemuehl
Otto Lee	Grace Hoff
Kylie Lutzke	Lily Hoff
Connor Riste	Abbie Krueger
<b>EIGHTH GRADE</b>	Miley Krueger
Avery Brendemuehl	Remington Skic
Grace Hoff *	
Lily Hoff *	
Abbie Krueger *	

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

**HIGHEST HONORS (4.0):** Poppy Geisler, Ruby Hoffman, Ella Humphrey, Addelyn Ineichen, Lola Klug, Siobhan Schuetze, Christian Voigt, Evan Voigt  
**HIGH HONORS (3.76-3.99):** Marshall Besaw, Izabella Erickson, Malayna Kufahl, Eva Storm, Joanna Szeto, Samuel Szeto, Madilynn VenRooy  
**HONORS (3.5 - 3.75):** Eli Boehm-Wendt, Mason Carpentier, Claire Charbarneau, Brynlee Heidemann, Layla Jacobson, Logan Klug, Delana Podeweltz, Adalyn Schooley, Olivia Smith, Carson Wallace, Brinnley Williams

**HONORS from page 14**

Kylee Hoffman, Noelle Iverson, Connor Josiger, Claire Kufahl, Alexis Lonsdorf, Zander Meyer, Izabella Nelson, Karlee Ravn, Jackson Roggenbuck, Brianna Schmirler, Cameron Wszalek, Benjamin Zastrow  
**SILVER: 3.750-3.999:** Brooklyn Bellin, Lilly Bong, Karmen Brietzke, Brooklyn Clabots, Kaleb Cook, Caleb Gennrich, Cecilia Gerbig, Shane Gibson, Megan Gustum, Mykenzie Hinz, Haley Hooch, Addisyn Krause, Mylie Kufahl, Jacey Lyon, Jameson Morgan, Kylie Roberge, Nikolajs Schulz, Tayla Stieber, Broc Suchocki, Fletcher Talerico, Mikenna Vandeweerd, Madeline Voigt, Shelby Yates  
**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749:** Madisyn Anderson, James Barker, Alana Brendemuehl, Peyton Brown, Alexander Bushar, Austin Doering, Alexis Fehr, Payton Guite, Lilee Haltinner, Kane Hanson, Lexie Hass, Kallen Henson, Makayla Hill, Orion Hill, Marihanna Hulce, Finlee Lange-Peronto, Ava Latzig, Annabelle Lee, Denver McCaskill, Emmanuel Ollmann, Eliza Rogers, Alina Savagian-Demoss, Jordan Scheuermann, Levi Schmidt, Alicia Schneider, Adriana Schram, Sawyer Schug, Avalynn Schult, Otto Waldburger, Emma Wendt, Anna Whited, Vanessa Wolfe, Natalia Woller

**SIXTH GRADE**  
**GOLD: 4.00:** Alle Bergh, Ella Bergh, Darby Bonnell, Keira Clerveaux, Alexandria Derizzo, Colton Fox, Madilynn Geiss, Autumn Genisot, Jameson Gerdes, Jaedyn Goetsch, Kassandra Johnson, Andrew Josiger, Mara Kautzer, Willett Knospe, Payge Osness, Abigail Parks, Korbet Ravn, Draven Sangster, Aili Sayles, Michael Schreiber, Luke Wegner  
**SILVER: 3.750-3.999:** Calleigh Berlik, Ella Burrow, William Chula, Aaron Collinsworth, Bethany Crockford, Jacob Hanson, Cody Henson, Kinzie Stevenson, Cadence Stutting  
**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749:** Tanner Carpentier, Lydia Faber, Moses Gates, Emersyn Graap, Kyla Hoffman, Allie Kohnhorst, Aubrey Krombholz, Joslyn Rettinger, Easton Romatoski, Brielle Wozniczka, Nicole Zeinert

**FIFTH GRADE**  
**GOLD: 4.00:** Sylvia Durbin, Slater Fredericks, Parker Hannemann, Preston Hannemann, Oliver Kahr, Delyla Maudrie, Addilyn Mulrooney, Emma Myers, Payten Nelessen, Alexander Neumann, Connor Savagian-Demoss, Cameron Thom, Brayden Wiederhoeft, Claire Ziebell  
**SILVER: 3.750-3.999:** Iva Brownell, Chloe Carstensen, Emma Daley, Libby Erickson, Mason Fuchs, Aaron Haltinner, BreElla Hoffman, Trenton Lapsenberg, Mackenzie Matthias, Ethan Schenzel, Carter Schmidt, Kaspar Schulz, Makayla Talerico, Ashton Thom  
**BRONZE: 3.50-3.749:** Willow Bathke, Hailey Boyd, Leighton Burrows, Laila Cook, Alayna Galarza, Conner Holdridge, Allie Isaacson, Liam McCullough, Vincent Morgan, Kiana Oxborrow, Brookelyn Roehl, Tegan Schreiner, Aiden Schultz, Jackson Seliger, Kolbie Shimel, Hank Skomars

**Moment in the sun: Area students take top spots at 27th annual WPS Solar Olympics**

**FOR THE MERRILL FOTO NEWS**

OSHKOSH — Solar skills, strategies and smarts powered area high school students to the top of the podium at Wisconsin Public Service's (WPS) 27th annual Solar Olympics competition. Students from more than a dozen high schools from across northeast and north central Wisconsin took part in the event at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Students put their science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) skills to the test in 13 separate solar-themed events—creating devices or items such as renewable race cars, clean energy cookers and sun-splashed artwork.

In true Olympic tradition, the top three finishers in each event received gold, silver, and bronze medals at an awards ceremony.

**Event winners:**

- Solar Advertising Campaign: Marathon High School
- Solar Art Challenge: Marinette High School, Marathon High School, Ashwaubenon High School (combined entry)
- Solar Building Design: Northland Lutheran High School
- Solar Car Design: Marinette High School
- Solar Car Race: Marathon High School
- Solar Cooker: Valders High School
- Solar Essay: Marathon High School
- Solar Jeopardy (individual winner): Cal Heiden, Wausau West High School
- Solar Jeopardy (team winner): Valders High School
- Solar Photography: Valders High School
- Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Innovation: Three Lakes High School



- Solar Sculpture: Marathon High School
- Solar T-shirt Design: Tomahawk High School
- Solar Water Heater: Valders High School

In the team competition, Valders High School took top honors, while Marathon High School and Marinette High School finished second and third, respectively.

**Solar Olympics supports student learning**

Now in its 27th year, Solar Olympics gives high school students a fun, hands-on opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of an important source of clean energy. This unique educational event has grown from three schools in 1997 to include schools across northeast and north central Wisconsin.

WPS offers Solar Olympics to schools that participate in its SolarWise for Schools program. The program's lessons and interactive projects help students learn about solar power and renewable energy. WPS also has helped 56 high schools install solar energy systems through the SolarWise for Schools program.

**Advancing clean energy in Wisconsin**

WPS offers Solar Olympics and its SolarWise for Schools program as part of its commitment to a bright, sustainable future for the customers and communities it serves. The company provides solar energy throughout the year from Wisconsin's first large-scale solar parks and the first large-scale solar facility in the state's Northwoods region. It also has announced plans to acquire portions of additional solar parks in Wisconsin in the coming years.

**Participating teams**

- Ashwaubenon High School
- Pembine High School
- Chilton High School
- St. Thomas Aquinas Academy (Marinette)
- Lakeland Union High School
- Three Lakes High School
- Marathon High School
- Tomahawk High School
- Marinette High School
- Valders High School
- Mishicot High School
- Wausau West High School
- Northland Lutheran High School
- West De Pere High School

**BARBECUES from page 8**

**Develop a signature rub**

Set your food apart with unique flavors. Create a summer food rub using the herbs and spices you prefer. Make a big batch to use throughout the grilling season.

**Don't leave food sitting**

The USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service advises that food should not be left out for more than two hours, or one hour if the temperature is above 90 F. Keep buffet-style food covered so that insects do not land on the items and run the risk of contamination. Promptly move leftovers indoors if you plan on keeping them.

**Offer a variety of beverages**

It's important to stay hydrated when the weather is warm. Stock the cooler with plenty of water, juices, iced teas, and the like. If you plan to serve alcoholic beverages, keep them separate from the non-alcoholic items so that children do not have access.

**Make it a pot luck**

If you will be hosting, reduce some of the work by having the main foods available and ask guests to bring the sides and beverages. This will defray the costs and relieve some of the pressure.

Summer time barbecues can be successful with some planning and simple safety measures.

**PROPERTY from page 13**

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office was able to recover all of the stolen property, along with additional stolen property that totaled over \$120,000.

"Lincoln County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Detectives from Sacramento Police Department for their prompt sharing of information during the search which was vital to the recovery of the stolen property," the LCSO said in a May 31 press release.

Names are not being released at this time, as this is still an active joint investigation, the release said.

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# Merrill Varsity Baseball Team wraps up their season

## Boys get a win in final regular season game, a win to start the playoffs, but a loss in the second playoff game

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On Monday, May 22, 2023, the Merrill Bluejays Varsity Baseball team finished their regular season with a win over Antigo at Merrill's Athletic Park.

"Tyson Glisch got the start on the mound and, after a quick first inning, Antigo picked up a pair of runs on a two RBI double," Merrill Varsity Baseball Coach Shawn Schultz said. "Merrill answered back in the bottom of the second when Brady Kanitz doubled and Braiden Voigt followed with a base hit. Nate Brzoznowski singled in Kanitz for the first run, and Dawson Schulz came up with a base hit to score the second run."

"Antigo came back with two more in the top of the third to make it 4-2."

"It stayed that way until the bottom of the fifth when Schulz walked and Sam Reimann was hit by a pitch," Schultz said. "Lucas Reist came up with a line drive base hit to left that scored Schulz to make it 4-3."

"Antigo scored a run in the top of the sixth to make it 5-3," he said. "But Kanitz led off the bottom of the sixth with a big homerun to right center field."

"Walks to Bradyn Pieper and Brzoznowski and a couple of wild pitches scored another run, making it 5-5."

"Schulz followed that with a bunt to put runners at first and third with one out," Schultz said. "A ground out to the pitcher

allowed Antigo to cut down the runner at the plate. A two-out walk loaded the bases, setting things up for Lucas Reist. Reist came up with a huge base hit to right to give Merrill the lead 6-5."

"Schulz, who had come on to relieve Glisch in the fourth, finished the game by getting a ground out to end the game after consecutive singles had put runners on first and second."

"It was a nice way to end the regular season with contributions by lots of different players," Schultz said. "It set us up well going into the playoffs."

**Box Score: Antigo 5 @ Merrill 6**

Thursday, May 25, marked the start of the WIAA playoffs for Merrill. They kicked that off with another win, this time against Lakeland, also at Merrill's Athletic Park.

"Lakeland jumped out to the early 1-0 lead on a wild pitch strikeout and a wild pitch that allowed the runner to get to third base with one out," Schultz said. "An RBI ground out scored him from third."

"Merrill got one back in the bottom when Sam Reimann singled with two outs, advanced to second on a walk, and scored on an error by the Lakeland right fielder," he said.

"In the bottom of the second, Nathan Brzoznowski put Merrill up 2-1 with his fifth homerun of the spring," Schultz said. "Lakeland answered back with four consecutive hits in the top of the third to



Students in grades 3-4 who attended the 2023 Bluejay Baseball Camp in Merrill.

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take a 3-2 lead, but it was all Merrill after that."

"A Pieper walk, followed by a Reimann single, put two on for Merrill. A couple of wild pitches scored Pieper, and an RBI ground out by Clapper put the Bluejays on top for good. Up 4-3, a Brzoznowski walk followed by an EJ Weix RBI double scored another in the fourth," Schultz said.

"In the fifth, Braiden Voigt got a big pinch-hit single that started a five-run fifth to seal things," he said. "Reist, Brzoznowski, and Carter Baade all had hits in the inning."

"It was another great team win with solid defense and great pitching," Schultz said. "Other than the four hits in the third, Lakeland didn't string any together. Kanitz had 12 K's in five innings, and Clapper came in to finish in the sixth and had 2 K as well. Offensively, Reimann and Brzoznowski each had two hits and Brzoznowski picked up four more RBI."

**Box Score: Lakeland 3 @ Merrill 10**

On Tuesday, May 30, the Merrill Bluejays traveled to face #1 seed Mosinee. "Mosinee is a real solid team, but we have continued to improve and are ready to take the next step," Schultz said prior to the game.

Unfortunately, a loss against Mosinee ended the season for the Bluejays and Mosinee advanced to the next level.

"Mosinee jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first with a two-run HR and RBI triples," Schultz said afterward. "Merrill got one back in the top of the second with a long homerun by Brady Kanitz."

"Tyson Glisch came on in relief to get out of the first and did a good job keeping Merrill in the game," he said.

"In the top of the third, Sam Reimann led off with a double and Lucas Reist scored him with an RBI single. In the bottom of the third, Glisch got the leadoff man out. Mosinee managed to get runners on first and second, but Glisch came back to strike out their leadoff hitter. Then in a pivotal at bat, Lemanski worked a walk which led to a three-run double to give Mosinee a 9-2 lead," Schultz said.

"Merrill got two more runners on in the fifth with a Cortright base hit and a walk but couldn't score. Mosinee finished things

off with four runs in the bottom of the fifth."

"They are a good hitting team and took advantage of a couple of opportunities to score some runs," Schultz said. "We had runners on all game but just couldn't come up with the big hit, and that proved to be the difference in the game."

"It was a tough way to end the season, but we had a great group of guys that battled to the end of every game," he said. "We were always in the game and gave ourselves a chance."

"Now we have to take the next step forward and find ways to finish those games off-come up with the big play on defense and the big hit on offense," Schultz said.

**Box Score: Merrill 2 @ Mosinee 13**

### All Conference

On Wednesday night, May 31, the Wisconsin Valley Conference coaches voted on the 2023 All Conference team. Merrill had three representatives.

Sam Reimann was named unanimous First Team All Conference. "He batted .412, sixth best in conference, with 3 doubles, 2 HR, which led the conference, and 5 RBI. He also played a great shortstop," Schultz said.

Nathan Brzoznowski was named second Team All Conference. "He batted .348 with 1 2B, 2HR, also leading the conference, and 10 RBI, which was good for third most in the conference," Schultz said.

"Brady Kanitz was a tough luck 1-4 in Conference but had 25 K in 28.33 innings and pitched to 1.98 ERA," he said. "Brady earned Honorable Mention Pitcher in an excellent pitching conference this spring."

"Congratulations to all three who earned those well-deserved accolades with a lot of hard work and the help of their teammates," Schultz said.

### Annual Bluejay Baseball Camp

Merrill also held their annual Bluejay Baseball Camp from Tuesday, May 30, through Thursday, June 1. "We had 56 players from grades 3-8 come in and work on their baseball skills and have a lot of fun," Schultz said. "We hope to develop the skills that will make them successful baseball players now and in the future."



Students in grades 7-8 who attended the 2023 Bluejay Baseball Camp in Merrill.

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## 2023 Merrill Summer Baseball Schedule

### Babe Ruth 7th Grade (Blue)

Thurs. June 8	Wausau MBE Wealth	Home	6:00 p.m.
Tues. June 13	Mosinee	MARC	6:00 p.m.

### Babe Ruth 8th Grade (White)

Wed. June 14	Athletic Park	Home	6:00 p.m.
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### Babe Ruth 8th Grade (Red)

No Scheduled Events For This Week.

### Junior Legion

Thurs. June 8	D. C. Everest (DH)	Away	5:30 p.m.
Mon. June 12	Wausau	Away	5:00 p.m.
Tues. June 13	Plover (DH)	Away	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. June 15	Marshfield	Home	5:00 p.m.

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Thurs. June 8	Antigo	Away	7:00 p.m.
Fri. June 9	D. C. Everest	Home	7:00 p.m.
Mon. June 12	Wausau	Away	8:00 p.m.
Tues. June 13	Plover	Home	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. June 15	Marshfield	Home	8:00 p.m.

### Merrill Rangers

Sun. June 11	Everest	Home	1:30 p.m.
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Students in grades 5-6 who attended the 2023 Bluejay Baseball Camp in Merrill.

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