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Contest entries must depict a Merrill Christmas scene, past or present, and may be created using any of the following two-dimensional mediums: acrylic, pen and ink, watercolor or oil. Each contestant may submit one entry and that entry should be 12" X 18" in overall dimension. All submissions must be an original work of art.

Contest entries are due by Sept. 20, 2023. Judges will select one image which captures the essence and spirit of the Christmas season in Merrill. The winner will receive a \$150 Merrill Chamber gift certificate and have their artwork featured on the 2023 Christmas card and used in future promotions.

Submitted artwork becomes the property of the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce and may be used in various promotional displays.

For additional information on contest rules and guidelines or for an application, contact the Merrill Area



Chamber of Commerce at 715.536.9474 or stop by the Chamber office at 705 N. Center Ave. in Merrill. Information is also available at merrillchamber.org.

County Board rejects resolution seeking to put Pine Crest funding referendum on Spring Election ballots

BY JALEN MAKI
MMC STAFF

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors last week rejected a resolution that would have allowed voters to decide whether or not they want to financially support operations and maintenance at Pine Crest Nursing Home.

The resolution, which failed by a 13-9 vote during the Board's meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, sought to place a binding referendum on 2024 Spring Election ballots.

Under the proposed referendum, if it had made it onto ballots next April and been approved by voters, Lincoln County would have been allowed to exceed levy limits by \$3 million per year for 10 years to fund operations and maintenance at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

The referendum would have had a tax impact of \$85.14 per \$100,000.00 of

equalized value of private property, according to the resolution.

The rejection of the resolution comes about three months after the Board approved a resolution directing the County's Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee to begin the process of securing the services of a broker to put Pine Crest up for sale.

In June, the A&L Committee voted to recommend Marcus & Millichap as the broker to represent Lincoln County in the event the Board moves forward with selling the County-owned facility, which has experienced millions of dollars in financial losses in recent years.

Pine Crest did not appear on the County Board's July meeting agenda. The A&L Committee discussed Pine Crest and Marcus & Millichap contract negotiations in closed session, per Wisconsin statutes, on Wednesday, Aug. 2, but did not take any action after returning to open session.

The sale of Pine Crest was one of

several options presented to the Board by an Ad Hoc Committee that was established in June 2022 and tasked with coming up with actions Lincoln County could take regarding the facility's future.

In a May letter to Pine Crest residents, District 9 Supervisor and Board Chair Don Friske said the Board had narrowed its options down to either drafting a referendum question asking Lincoln County taxpayers to support Pine Crest operations and maintenance or exploring the sale of the facility to a privately-owned, skilled nursing home care provider.

With the proposed referendum resolution's failure, Pine Crest's future remains uncertain.

Public comment period

A large portion of last week's roughly two-and-a-half-hour meeting was focused on Pine Crest.

The meeting was well-attended by

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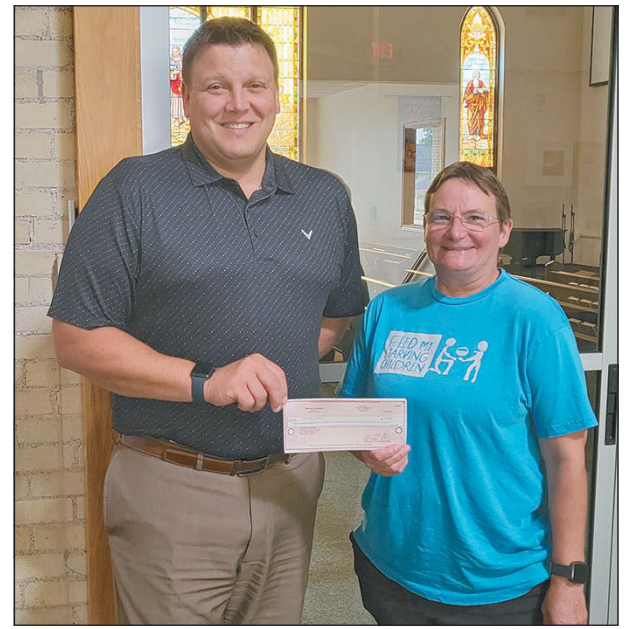
Merrill Foundation, Inc. supports Trinity Lutheran School Media Program

The Merrill Foundation, Inc. has awarded \$3,000 to Trinity Lutheran School Merrill.

The grant will support the school's *In the News* elective, where students learn about journalism and media of all types – incorporating television and radio broadcasting, writing articles, interviewing subjects, and formatting and editing their work. This program will instill foundational skills that extend to future careers beyond broadcast media, including teaching, engineering, law enforcement, civil service, politics, and more.

"We are very pleased to be able to support Trinity's elective educational program *In The News*. Perhaps the next social media sensation will get their start with this program here in Merrill," said Jeremy Cordova, President of the Merrill Foundation. "The funds will be used to update video production equipment and add new features, such as acoustic panels and ring lights."

The Merrill Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt philanthropic organization created to support programs in the greater Merrill area. The Foundation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including making distributions to local nonprofit organizations. For more information about the Merrill Foundation, visit their website at merrillfoundationwi.org.



Trinity Lutheran School receives the Merrill Foundation, Inc. donation for *In The News* elective. Submitted photo.

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OCHD campaign seeks to shine light on fentanyl abuse

FOR THE MERRILL FOTO NEWS

ONEIDA COUNTY – The Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) recently launched a campaign to raise awareness about the dangers related to fentanyl use.

In a release, OCHD said fentanyl overdose deaths are on the rise in Wisconsin. "In fact, synthetic opioids, primarily fentanyl, were identified in 73% of all drug overdose deaths in the last year," OCHD stated. "Oneida County is no exception. The county

has seen an increase in fentanyl-related harm." OCHD said partners of the Community, Outreach, Prevention and Education (COPE) Coalition want to grow community awareness around synthetic opioids.

"We all can play a role to support healthy communities, support recovery, reduce harm, and prevent deaths," OCHD stated.

Fentanyl is hard to detect and is much more potent than other opioids, according to OCHD.

"A tiny amount, as little as two grains of



salt, is enough to kill someone," OCHD said. "It is being made illegally and mixed with other drugs, including stimulants like methamphetamine." OCHD said fentanyl is also being pressed into counterfeit pills, noting that a person may think they are using one substance, but are instead using a substance mixed with fentanyl.

"Substance use is a complicated and evolving problem," OCHD stated. "Groups in Oneida County are already working on efforts to address the concerns locally, and we need the community's help to make an impact." "Knowing the facts about drugs and how they impact people and communities is the first step toward preventing and reducing substance use harm," said

Mary Rideout, Director of the Oneida County Department of Social Services. "Talking to your kids and loved ones about substance use helps keep them and our community healthy and safe."

OCHD highlighted several actions that can be taken to be part of the solution and help address this issue:

- Visit the Dose of Reality (www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/index.htm) website to learn more about fentanyl and harm reduction strategies.

- Talk to your loved ones. Real Talks Wisconsin (www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/real-talks/index.htm) can support you in learning how to have open, honest,

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Applications for tourism grants due by Sept. 1

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce announced that applications for tourism advertising grants are available now, and the deadline for submitting those applications is Sept. 1, 2023, at 12 noon.

The Chamber is the administrator of the tourism program for the City of Merrill. The Chamber and the Merrill Tourism Commission have established a program to encourage and promote the expansion of tourism in the Merrill area. Organizations interested in promoting tourism in the Merrill area may apply for assistance in marketing their event to attract visitors from outside our local areas, with the purpose to promote tourism and create paid overnight stays.

In addition to the application, applicants are required to disclose their advertising plan, organizational budget, and source of funding when completing the application to be considered for funding. Non-complete forms will not be considered for funding.

Applications can be picked-up at the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce, 705 North Center Ave. For more information, contact the Chamber at 715.536.9474.

Stanley named Wisconsin Newspaper Association President

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
MMC STAFF

GREEN BAY – Multi Media Channels (MMC) Local News Initiatives Advisor George Stanley has been named President of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA).

Stanley was elected as President at the WNA's annual meeting in March and was presented with the gavel at the WNA Board of Directors meeting on July 21, 2023, in Madison.

"Since before Wisconsin became a state, local newspapers have helped bind and build our communities. Through WNA, we're working together in these challenging times to sustain and support local news outlets that inform our democracy and nurture healthy, active community life. It's a great thing to be a part of," Stanley said.

In his role with MMC, Stanley works with the Pass it Forward internship program, as well as other company initiatives, to nurture a healthy community journalism environment in the state.

He is also the project manager for the State of Local News 2023, an effort of the Local News Initiative at Northwestern University, as well as a past President of the News Leaders Association.

Stanley stepped down as Editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Regional Editor for the USA TODAY Network



Pat Reilly, at left, of The Dodgeville Chronicle, passes the gavel to incoming WNA President George Stanley during the WNA Board of Directors meeting held July 21 in Madison.

Julia Hunter/WNA photo

in January 2023.

He led the Journal Sentinel newsroom as Editor since 2015 and Managing Editor since 1997.

The newspaper's work won national awards for reporting on health, business, education, justice, politics, sports, and the environment, including 10 Pulitzer finalists and three Pulitzer Prize winners.

Stanley has participated in several national programs aimed at finding a sound future for local news, including the Table Stakes News Transformation program run by the

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Your support is greatly appreciated!

Drovers play tonight; Copper Box finishes out season next week

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Drovers will be playing everything from country to rock and maybe even a few polkas at the free Thorogood Thursday/Gazebo Nights concert in Normal park this evening. Carl Jackson will kick things off as the opening act at 5 p.m., and The Drovers will begin at 6 p.m.

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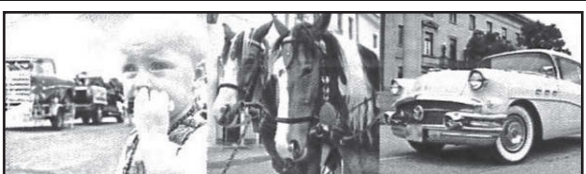
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Copper Box to close out the season

Mark your calendar to attend the final concert of the season next Thursday, Aug. 31. The Northwoods Bassist will open at 5 p.m., followed by a fan favorite.

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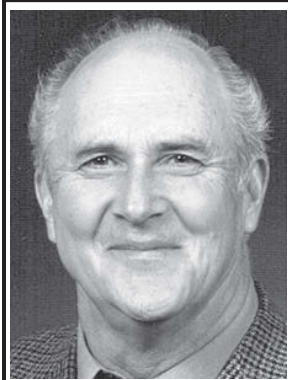
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OBITUARIES

Edward "Ed" Endres, 70, Kronenwetter, WI, passed on Saturday, August 19, 2023. He was born on March 7, 1953, son of the late Geneva (Schmidt) and John Endres, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Polly (Krause) Endres, of Kronenwetter. A Celebration of Ed's Life will take place on Saturday August 26th, 2023, at Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, 3400 Stewart Avenue, Wausau WI, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Edgar, WI. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com



Donald W. 'Don' Schmidt, 87, of Merrill, passed away Friday, August 18, 2023, at Marshfield Medical Center-Weston.

Don was born March 29, 1936, in Wausau, son of the late Wilbert H. and Margaret E. (Barthels) Schmidt. He married Joan Geiger June 30, 1956, they were happily married for 67 years. They met at a dance and enjoyed dancing for many years of their life. Don worked hard throughout his life, doing it all for his family. He was

employed by Marathon Electric (Regal Beloit) for 43 years, where he was a machine operator. He later worked on the prototype line which built new design motors from start to finish. Once a motor proved to be successful it was moved to mass production. He really enjoyed the challenge this job gave him. Don retired on May 1, 1998. In their early years of retirement, Don and Joan traveled the western portion of the United States and central and eastern Canada.

Don had many interests and talents ranging from genealogy, woodworking, fishing, hunting, logging, farming, ginseng farming, beekeeping, maple syrup production, and vegetable gardening. He was proud of building his and Joan's first house at the age of 23, with the help of his family. They spent 15 wonderful years in this home. Don and Joan then purchased the farm and moved to the country to better accommodate Don's outdoor interests and hobbies. He continued to work a full-time job throughout this entire process, teaching by example, a good work ethic for his children.

Don is survived by his wife of 67 years, Joan Schmidt; children, Lee (Lois) Schmidt and Karen (Barry) Schleif; and grandchildren, Jeremiah (Amy) Schmidt, Bonnie (Daniel) Krueger, Erica (Casey) Linnell, Laura (Matthias) Rabelo, Sara (Brandon) Seubert, and Christa Schleif. In the past 5 years Don and Joan were blessed with 10 great-grandchildren, Ava Schmidt, Lane Schmidt, Ruben Krueger, Breanna Krueger, Charlie Linnell, Corbin Linnell, Lincoln Linnell, Lena Rabelo, Naomi Rabelo, and Oliver Seubert. He is further survived by his sister, Carol Jablonski; brother, Carl (Arlyle) Schmidt; sisters-in-law, Janice Geiger, Marlene Behnke, Stefanie Geiger, Bonnie (Gilbert) Slivicke, Sue (Daniel) Fluegge, and Beth (Kent) Fluegge; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbert and Margaret Schmidt; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joseph and Catharin Geiger; infant son, David Schmidt; infant grandson, Matthew Schleif; brother, James Schmidt; sister-in-law, Gloria Kleman; brothers-in-law, Anthony Jablonski, Gerald Geiger, Dennis Geiger, Jerome Behnke, and Daniel Kleman.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M., Friday, August 25, 2023, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Merrill. Father Mariadas Vallabhaneni will preside. Burial will take place at Restlawn Memorial Park, Wausau. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Thursday, August 24, 2023, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Gregory Chad Bowen, passed away on August 11th, 2023 at the age of 58. Giving us comfort in our grief, his gift of organ donation will go on to impact the lives of three families who were in grief, waiting for their loved one to come home.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother: Phyllis Bowen and Glenn Bowen and his brother Dennis Bowen.

He is survived by his son; Matthew Bowen, and his daughters; Kaitlyn Frederick and Melissa Mills. His grandchildren; (Mills) Jack, Julia, James, Samuel, Maria, Cecilia, (Frederick) Blake, Grayson, Arianna. As well as his brothers and sisters; Dan Bowen, Linda Anderson and Sandra Drew.

A celebration of life will be held in October - please contact his son, Matthew Bowen, for details (608) 214-2827.



Warren Eldon Bartelt, 93, unexpectedly died August 16, 2023 at his home as a result of a heart attack while mowing lawn. He was born on March 14, 1930 to the late Edwin and Eleanora (Leistikow) Bartelt. On July 30, 1960 he married Cecilia Schreiner at St. Anthony's Catholic Church Athens, WI. Warren was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Merrill, WI. He was a man of few words, a good listener, firm when necessary, but never unkind.

In his younger years Warren was a woodsman along with being a truck driver hauling gravel and milk. In 1959 he began his cheese making career at Corn Belt Cheese Factory Hamburg, WI. He obtained his cheese making license becoming manager of Hamburg Cheese Hamburg, WI. From there he went to Wisconsin River Valley Cheese Wausau, WI which eventually became InoFood Corporation and then Kraft Rondele Foods, where he retired in 1992 as a Production/Personnel Manager.

Warren had a strong work ethic throughout his life continuing into retirement. He had a profound love for the outdoors, nature, and enjoyed spending time at the family cabin in New Wood. Warren took pride in maintaining and improving his surroundings. He remained active cutting wood, mowing lawn and he was a real handyman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Debra, brothers Orval and Melvin, in-laws Frank and Iris Schreiner, Gordon and Katherine Westfall, Clarence and first wife Nancy Schreiner, Edward Hein, Steven Brodziski and several nieces and nephews.

Along with his wife of 63 years he is survived by daughters: Tammy (Clark) Bushmeyer and Sara (Jeff) Chamberlin, son: John, sister: Avila (Gordon) Zinkowich, grandchildren: Jamie (Cory) Moser, Kristen Hurtis, Lane Bushmeyer, and William (Janelle) Bushmeyer, step-grandchild: Toni Hobbs, great-grandchildren: Alyssa, Jasmyn and Jordyn Moser, and Lorelei Hurtis, step-grandchild: Kyla Huser, in-laws: Marie Hein, Andrew (Luella) Schreiner, Darlene second wife of Clarence Schreiner, and Gloria Brodziski, many nieces and nephews, and many great nieces and nephews.

Per Warren's wishes, a celebration of life will be held at a later date for immediate family.

Donations in Warren's memory can be made to the Community Food Pantry-Merrill 503 S Center Ave Merrill, WI 54452.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the good Samaritan passerby, neighbors Patti and Brian Knetter and the Lincoln County Ambulance and Sheriff's Departments for their immediate response and compassion.

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.



Frieda L. Kleinschmidt, 89, of Merrill, passed away Friday, August 18, 2023, at her home.

Frieda was born January 16, 1934, in Woodlawn, New York, daughter of the late William and Lillian (Wiepert) Moritz. She married William A. Kleinschmidt in 1951, in Merrill. Together they had three wonderful children Dawn, Peggy, and Steven. He preceded her in death at a very young age. Frieda worked in the deli at John's Food King, John's IGA, and Drew's Piggly

Wiggly, where she met so many wonderful people. She loved her dog, flower gardening, and most importantly, spending time with her family who affectionately called her 'Grandma Sweetie'. Frieda was very proud of her grandson, Josh. She enjoyed her morning coffee with her friends at 'Mickey's' and will be greatly missed by many.

Frieda is survived by her children, Dawn Bruchey and Steven Kleinschmidt both of Merrill; grandson, Josh Trantow of Merrill; sisters, Rose Carrington of Florida and Mable Zortman of Stevens Point; and brother, Harry Moritz of Alabama. Frieda was preceded in death by her husband, William Kleinschmidt; parents, William and Lillian Moritz; daughter, Peggy Trantow; and sister, Georgie (Ardell) Bauman.

The family would like to thank Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services for their wonderful care of Frieda.

Taylor Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Ruth Ann Schult, 83, of Merrill, passed away Monday, August 14, 2023, at her home, one day after her 83rd birthday celebration, surrounded by her family.

Ruth was born August 11, 1940, in Medford, daughter of the late Walter and Francis (Rudolph) Faude. She married LaVern Schult March 15, 1974, in Medford. He preceded her in death in 1997. Ruth worked at the Merrill Bean Cannery, Lincoln Wood, and volunteered at St. Vinnie's. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Merrill. Ruth enjoyed playing sheephead, gardening, cooking, baking, and collecting salt and pepper shakers.

Ruth is survived by her children, Tami Schult (Marty Tessmer) of Racine, Scott Schult of Wausau, Stacy Schult of Green Bay, and Shawn (Molly) Schult of Merrill; grandchildren, Jammie, Jessica, Kristie, Lucas, Cody, Connor, Heather, Stephanie, Matt, and Josh; several great-grandchildren; sisters, Sandy Heier of Germantown and Joan Armbrust of Medford; and daughter-in-law, Jeanne Faude of Jackson; Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, LaVern Schult; parents, Walter and Francis Faude; son, Steve Faude; grandchildren, Jeremiah and Heidi Jo; and brothers, Elmer 'Pete' Faude, Ronald 'Butch' Faude, Duane 'Snuffy' Faude, and Raymond Faude.

The Mass of Christian Burial took place at 11:00 A.M., Friday, August 18, 2023, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Merrill. Father Mariadas Vallabhaneni presided. Burial took place in St. Francis Xavier Cemetery. Visitation was from 3:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill.

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American Press Institute, Lenfest Foundation, and Temple University.

Stanley helped found the O'Brien Public Service Fellowship program at Marquette University's journalism school, which is fully endowed by a \$10 million donation.

In this program, experienced journalists spend an academic year working on a major public service journalism project that they then bring back to their newsrooms.

"George brings with him a wealth of experience and ethical practices that will benefit the association and its membership. We are fortunate to have a man of his caliber to lead the association and continue to guide local journalism," said MMC CEO Patrick Wood.

Dave Wood, who serves as General Manager for several MMC publications, also serves on the WNA Board of Directors.

MMC is the publishing company for the Merrill Foto News and a number of other newspapers in Wisconsin focused on publishing hyper local news for their areas.

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Council Grounds Photo Contest needs your votes

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Members of the Friends of Council Grounds State Park (Friends) have narrowed the entries in their ninth annual amateur photography contest. The contest, which is open to images taken in Council Grounds State Park (CGSP), called for photos taken by amateur photographers to be entered in one of four categories: plants, wildlife, people using the park, and landscapes. The Friends group selected their top three photos in each of the categories, from 35 entries received and submitted by Wisconsin residents and residents of Minnesota, New Jersey, and Illinois. Now they need the public to vote for their favorites!

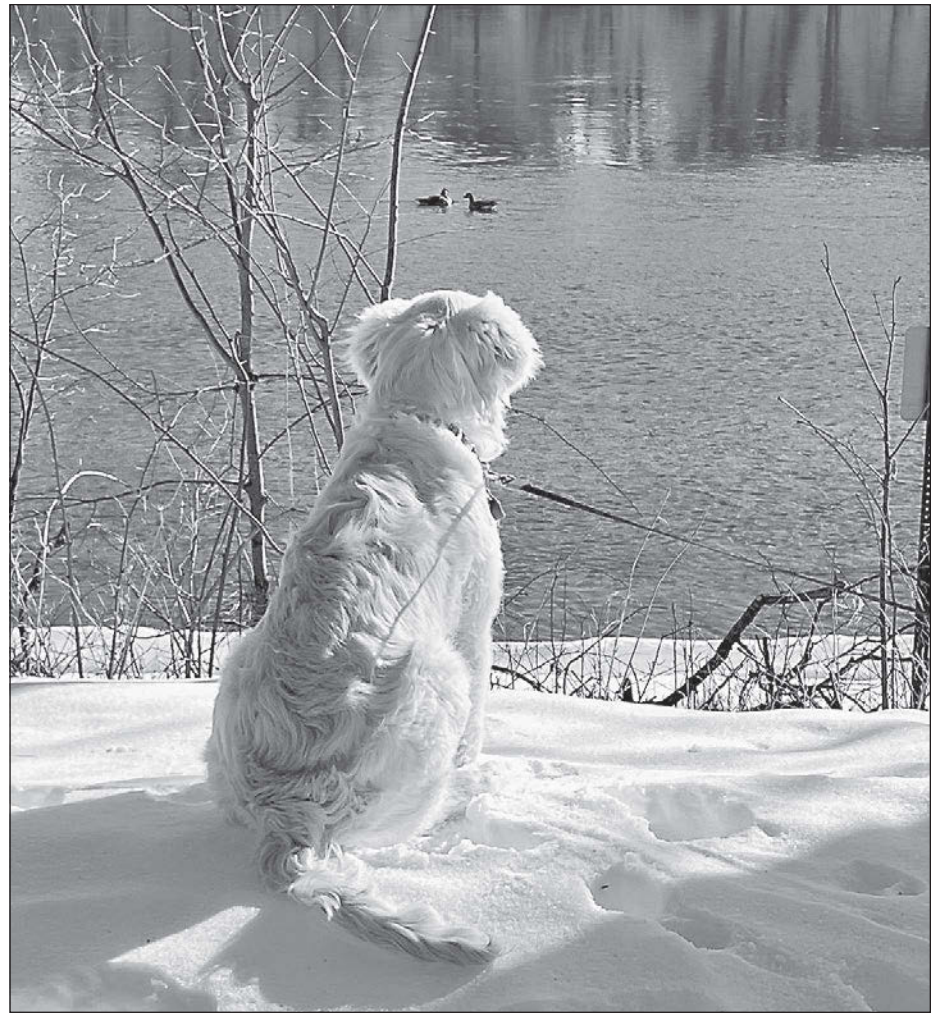
Voting will run from Aug. 15 to Aug. 31, 2023.

Photos are included with this article and may also be viewed in color at our Merrill Foto News website, at the CGSP office, the T.B.Scott Library in Merrill, or on the Friends of Council Grounds State Park Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064656583828>.

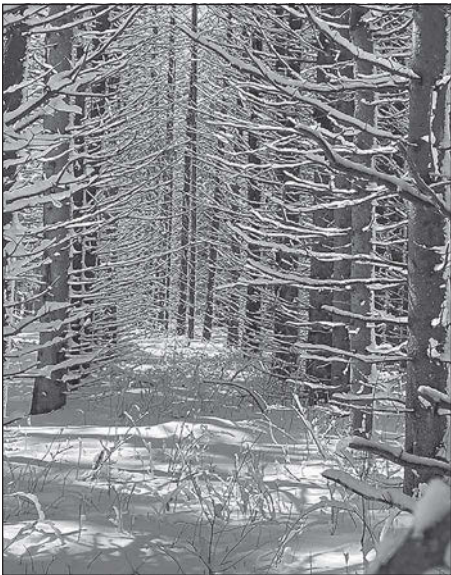
Only one vote per person per category, for a total of four votes please. Multiple votes in the same category will be discarded.

To submit your votes, email the name of your favorite image in each category to cgphotos@hotmail.com or go to the Friends Facebook page and vote by "liking" your favorite photo in each category, but remember to only "like" *one* photo in each category.

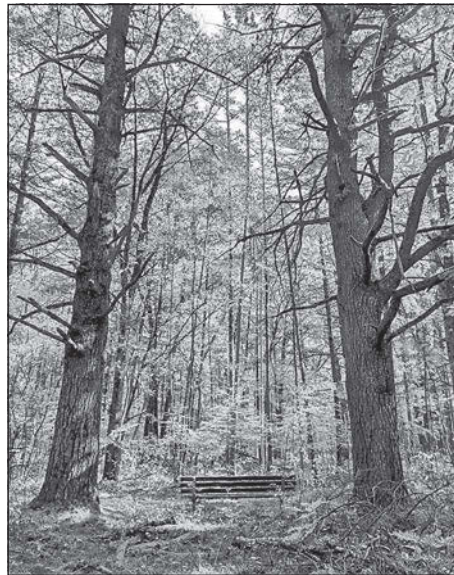
Winners will be announced in early September.



Wildlife category #1-Watching the ducks. Contest entry.



Landscapes category #2-Lacy winter pines. Contest entry.



Landscapes category #2-Sit for a while. Contest entry.



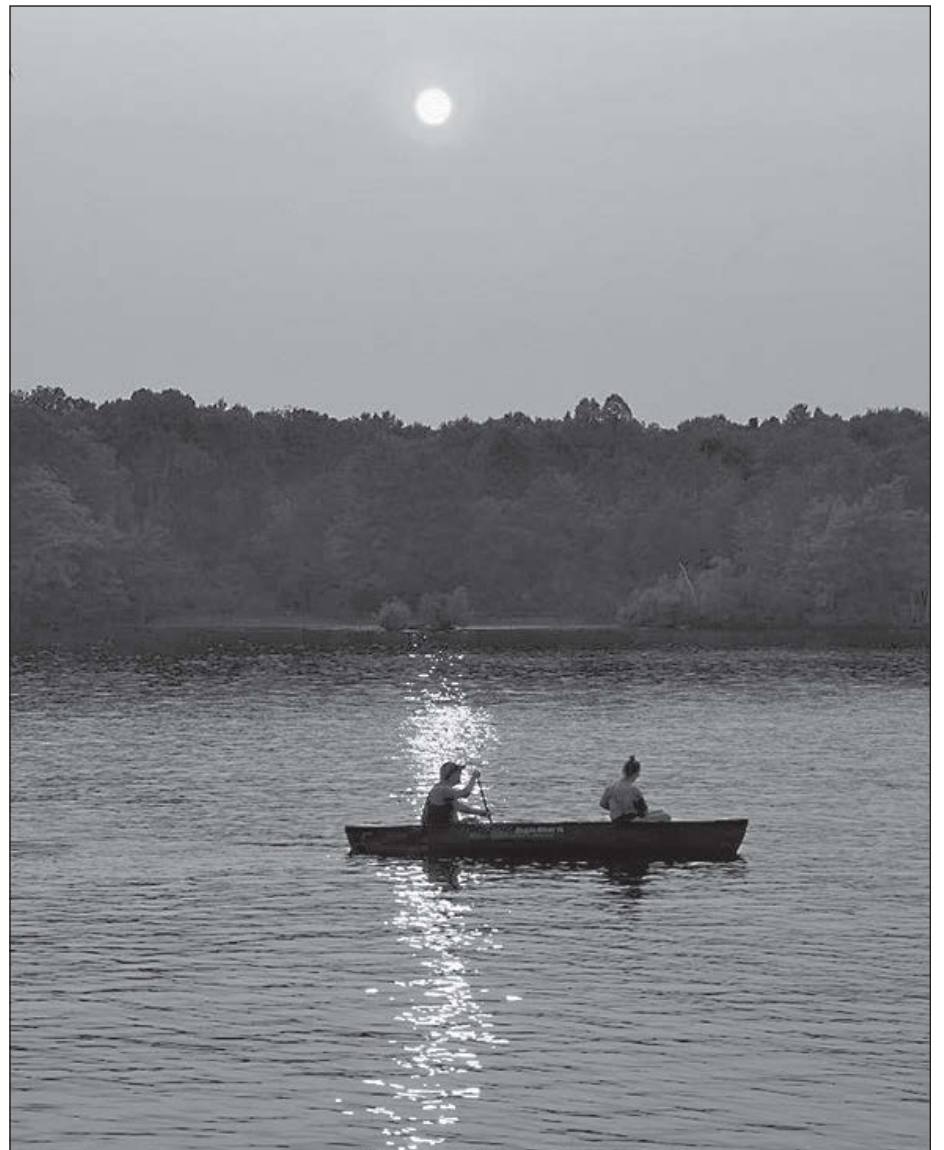
Wildlife category #2-Turtle close-up. Contest entry.



Wildlife category #3-First summer fawn. Contest entry.



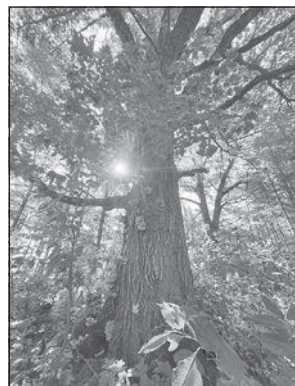
Landscapes category #3-Filtered sun. Contest entry.



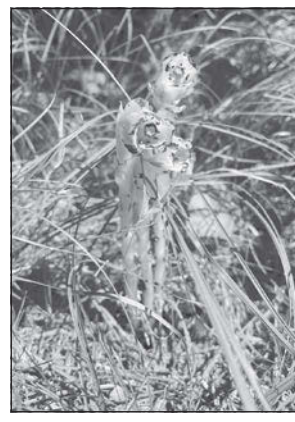
People using the park category #2-Sunset cruise. Contest entry.



Plants category #1-Sparkling grasses. Contest entry.



Plants category #2-Giant oak-Northwest trail. Contest entry.



Plants category #3-Ghost pipe. Contest entry.



People using the park category #1-Northern lights silhouette. Contest entry.



People using the park category #3-Night light hike. Contest entry.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

TO THE EDITOR:

Hey Guys,
The fair is over, but no Ferris wheel or merry-go-round? What's up with that? It's like a circus without a clown or a zoo without an elephant! I'm not much of a fair goer myself, but I do enjoy the lights of the Ferris wheel, especially at night, and the kiddos always enjoy a merry-go-round. In this crazy world we live in, please keep the simple things alive. Please bring them back next year. Thank you.

- Marsha Phelps
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

To the voters of Lincoln County: On Aug. 15, 2023, I attended the Lincoln County Board meeting. The primary topic of discussion was whether the fate of Pine Crest should be decided by the voters through a binding referendum, or whether the Board should go ahead and sell Pine Crest no matter what their constituents might want. Pine Crest has been a vital resource for Lincoln County residents for some 70 years. Through that time, Pine Crest has been a safe, well-staffed facility where we knew that our elders, or

we ourselves eventually, would receive good care. Our tax dollars have built Pine Crest and supported it for generations.

Now, the County Board has decided by a vote of 13-9 to have no referendum. A referendum might have decided to increase property taxes to keep Pine Crest County-owned, or it might have decided to sell Pine Crest anyway. The point is the voters should have had the chance to decide. However, the Board decided that the voters should not have a choice in what happens to this vital resource.

These are the Board members who said the voters don't get to decide: Steve Osness, Laurie Thiel, Don Friske, Jesse Boyd, Randy Detert, Julie DePasse, Calvin Callahan, Marty Lemke, Dana Miller, James Meunier, Ken Wickham, Angela Cummings, and Eugene Simon. Remember these names. These are the people who got rid of Pine Crest without asking your opinion, because what you think doesn't matter to them.

- Jean Perkins
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

What is more precious than gold? Clean, cold, safe water is. Trout Unlimited and its local chapters are charged with conserving, protecting, and restoring our cold-water resources.

Because of this, the Wisconsin River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited representing Lincoln, Marathon, Price, and Taylor counties, together with the Wisconsin State Council of Trout Unlimited, stand in opposition to open-

pit metallic sulfide mining. We strongly oppose the proposed mining by Green Light Wisconsin, LLC of the Bend deposit located in the Chequamegon National Forest in Taylor County and Reef deposit located in Marathon County.

Green Light Metals, a Canadian company, received a license on Feb. 17, 2022, to create Green Light Wisconsin LLC.

We oppose open-pit metallic sulfide mining because the process is inherently hazardous to the environment and especially to our clean water resources. https://www.friends-bwca.org/wp-content/uploads/Prove_It_First_Bill_Report_Emerman.docx.pdf

We oppose open-pit metallic sulfide mining in our area because the promised "local economic boom" created by mining has often proven to be a myth. After closure of metallic sulfide mines, local communities often bear the cost of environmental cleanup, lowered property values, and potential groundwater contamination.

We oppose open-pit metallic sulfide mining in our area because gold is not tied to critical or "green economy" minerals.

While we understand the necessity for proven, safe, responsible mining, open-pit metallic sulfide gold mining is simply too great a risk to take.

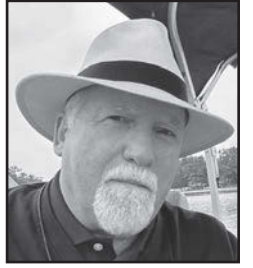
- John Meachen,
Board of Directors President
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

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DEAR READER,

There is a certain amount of joy in reuniting with a group of old friends to reminisce about cherished memories while also creating new ones together. We emphasize the value of friendship, the power of shared experiences, and the warmth of nostalgia.



There is an excitement of gathering with these familiar faces, recounting past adventures, and laughing over shared stories. These encounters, however frequent, provide a sense of comfort and belonging, as they bring back memories from earlier days, reminding everyone of the bonds with the passage of time and the changes that life brings. The connections formed with old friends remain enduring and special and enrich the bond further.

So, cherish your friendships, celebrate the past, and seize opportunities to make new memories with those who have been a part of your lives for a long time. It serves as a heartwarming reminder of the value of friendship and the joy of sharing moments with the people we care about.

PATRICK J. WOOD, Publisher

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- *In fairness to all, and due to space constraints, there is a limit of two letters per year from an individual writer. Additional letters may be submitted to our Paid Letters to the Editor column and will require payment in full prior to publication at the same rate as Political Letters to the Editor (see policy below).

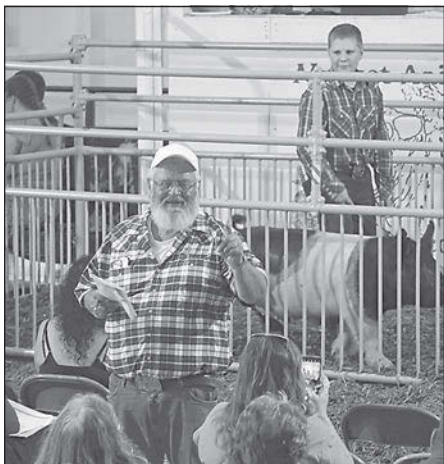
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Lincoln County Fair 2023



Trucks of all kinds, including this Jeep, were kicking up mud in the Mud Drags event in the Grand Stand on Sunday. Tina L. Scott photos.



Left: Many area youth work hard all year, raising sheep, pigs, and beef cattle to show at the fair and to sell at the annual Friday night market sale. After all that work, more than a few tears were shed when it was time to load the sold animals into the truck at the end of the fair. Right: Who can resist the carnival games and the chance to win a prize?



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Fill the Gazebo back for 10th year

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill's Fill the Gazebo event is back for the 10th year. The event, which began in 2013 as a means of addressing food insecurity in the area community, replaced the annual CROP Walk. The CROP Walk, while also addressing food insecurity, resulted in only 25 percent of those funds kept locally. Fill the Gazebo keeps 100 percent of the donations local. The food donations are divided between Merrill's three food pantries—the Community Food Pantry, Trinity's Open Hearts Food Pantry, and the New Testament His Hands Extended Food Pantry. In addition, other Merrill-area programs, including HAVEN, the MAC Home, St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Center, and the Food For Kids program, will also receive a portion of the proceeds.

This year's Fill the Gazebo event will

take place Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, from 9-11 a.m. in the gazebo at Normal Park.

Area residents are asked to bring non-perishable food donations, personal toiletries, paper products, and financial donations to the gazebo during this time for collection. Some churches and organizations may be collecting items in advance to bring to the greater, collective event.

New this year, the gazebo will be "filled" with information. Each of the above-mentioned non-profit organizations will be represented in the gazebo and provide visitors and donors with information about their mission and services.

In addition, everyone who comes to this year's event can sign up to be entered into a drawing for a handmade quilt.

For more information, call Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 715.536.5813 or Fill the Gazebo Committee Chairperson, Cheryl Buck, at 715.297.3424.



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ultimately edged them out for the win.

Singles:
 No. 1-Lauren Belsky, Merrill def. Lily Kovach-Erickson, Ashland, 6-1, 6-0, -;
 No. 2-Lainey Westlund, Ashland def. Kaytlyn Hulke, Merrill, 6-1, 6-2, -;
 No. 3-Jojo Burke, Ashland def. Rose Dornbrack, Merrill, 7-5, 6-3, -;
 No. 4-Hallyana Gohr, Ashland def. Johanna Dahlke, Merrill, 6-1, 6-0, -;

Doubles:
 No. 1-Mikayla Bigo, Ashland-Ali Vittone, Ashland def. Emily Frahm, Merrill-Chloe Belant, Merrill, 6-3, 7-5, -;
 No. 2-Jenna Malluege, Merrill-Korina Kraegenbrink, Merrill def. Hannah Houck, Ashland-Ellie Grahek, Ashland, 7-5, 6-2, -;
 No. 3-Parker Wagenaar, Merrill-Maycie Zastrow, Merrill def. forfeit 2 forfeit, Ashland-forfeit forfeit, Ashland, 6-2, 6-2, -;

Box Score: Merrill 3 @ Ashland 4

On Aug. 17, 2023, the Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team played their first official match of the season, taking on Lakeland on their home courts. However, this was a tough

team to open against and set the bar high for the season. Though Merrill lost to Lakeland, it let the ladies know what they were up against and reminded them they need to bring their best whenever they step out on the courts.

“Lakeland was as good as they were last year,” Barton said. “As a team we made too many errors that we normally do not make. We had really good shots from everyone tonight but the errors did us in the end.”

“Lauren Belsky looked good for her first match of the year at number one singles,” he said.

“I want to mention Addison Pickard and Claire Hintz also,” Barton said. “They played JV1 doubles, and they were as impressive as the Varsity team tonight. They lost 8-5 in an 8 game pro-set.”

Singles:
 No. 1-Sarah Barton, Lakeland def. Lauren Belsky, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;
 No. 2-Norah Strassburg, Lakeland def. Kaytlyn Hulke, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;
 No. 3-Elise Lamers, Lakeland def. Rose Dornbrack, Merrill, 6-1, 6-0, -;
 No. 4-Sam Bridgewater, Lakeland def. Johanna Dahlke, Merrill, 6-0, 6-1, -;

Doubles:
 No. 1-Savannah Barton, Lakeland-Kristina Ouimette, Lakeland def. Chloe Belant, Merrill-Emily Frahm, Merrill, 6-1, 6-0, -;
 No. 2-Charley Cleveland, Lakeland-Ali Timmerman, Lakeland def. Korina

Kraegenbrink, Merrill-Jenna Malluege, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

No. 3-Alyssa Erickson, Lakeland-Lila Biller, Lakeland def. Parker Wagenaar, Merrill-Maycie Zastrow, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

Box Score: Lakeland 7 @ Merrill 0

HORSE SHOW

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Pole bending: Grand Champion Danielle Schug; Reserve Grand Champion Ava Steinke

Barrels: Grand Champion Danielle Schug; Reserve Grand Champion Kia Karlen
Flag: Grand Champion Danielle Schug; Reserve Grand Champion Madisyn Anderson

Plug: Grand Champion Kia Karlen; Reserve Grand Champion Danielle Schug

LT special: Grand Champion Danielle Schug; Reserve Grand Champion Kia Karlen



Madilyn Klump received a blue ribbon for both driving and reinmanship, along with accolades from the judges for her performance. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

2023 FALL MERRILL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location	Time
Fri. Aug. 25	Boys Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Crandon (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31		Medford (JV2)	Away 5:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31	Girls Tennis (Varsity & JV)	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away 4:00 pm
Tues. Aug. 29	Girls Swimming (Varsity & JV)	Medford (Varsity)	Away 5:30 pm
Thurs. Aug. 24	Girls Cross Country (Varsity & JV)	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away 11:00 am
Tues. Aug. 29		Multiple Schools (Varsity)	9 Mile 4:30 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31		Multiple Schools (Varsity)	9 Mile T. B. D.
Thurs. Aug. 24	Boys Cross Country (Varsity & JV)	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away 10:00 am
Tues. Aug. 29		Multiple Schools (Varsity)	9 Mile 4:30 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31		Multiple Schools (Varsity)	9 Mile 4:30 pm
Thurs. Aug. 24	Girls Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Marshfield-Invite (JV2)	Away 4:00 pm
Fri. Aug. 25		Multi-Schools (Varsity)	Stout 8:30 am
Tues. Aug. 29		Antigo (JV & JV2)	Away 4:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31		WI Rapids Linc. (JV & JV2)	Home 5:30 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31		WI Rapids Linc. (Varsity)	Home 7:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 24	Boys Soccer (Varsity & JV)	Cedar Grove (Varsity)	Away 5:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 24		Mosinee (JV)	Away 5:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 24		Mosinee (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31		Stevens Point (JV)	Away 5:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 24		Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away 7:00 pm

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Herb Kohl Educational Foundation announced nominations

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principal, visit the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's news release website. The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation also announced online applications for the 2024 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Excellence Scholarship are open and can be submitted through the organization's website. A total of 100 Wisconsin students will be selected to receive \$10,000 scholarships from a pool of candidates. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is Nov. 7, 2023.

For more information on the student scholarships, go to dpi.wi.gov/news/releases/2023/herb-kohl-scholarship-application.

For more information on the award program and how to nominate a teacher or



Throwline #1 Pool Team took first place in Merrill's Wednesday Night Pool League this year, and last year, as well. Shown L-R are members of the winning team: Shirley Eggers, Laurie Chartier, Lexy Henkelman, Leah Henkelman, Tina Dengel, Debbie Mathis, Alli Henkelman, and Tricia Heller. **Submitted photo.**

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