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Should Lincoln County consider selling Pine Crest Nursing Home? Should the County keep the nursing home and increase taxes to pay for Pine Crest expenses? There are lots of opinions. We want to hear YOURS and to get a better feel for what EVERYONE in Lincoln County is thinking on this topic. Take the survey to share your opinion and let your voice be heard.
Tina L. Scott photo.

Community survey on Pine Crest Nursing Home

Take the survey to weigh in with your thoughts

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

While the Lincoln County Board has, at this time, declined to initiate a referendum on the topic of Pine Crest Nursing Home, we get a LOT of reader mail and interest in this topic, so the Merrill Foto News and Tomahawk Leader are conducting a community survey to help gauge the opinions of Lincoln County residents on this topic and will report the findings in upcoming articles.

ONLY Lincoln County, Wisconsin, residents are eligible to complete this survey. Limit one survey per person.

This survey will CONCLUDE at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023.

To complete the survey and weigh in with your thoughts on the topic, go to: <https://forms.gle/uF6C9TmTwUz7WJcB7>

Friends of Council Grounds State Park announce 2023 photo contest winners

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Friends of Council Grounds State Park (FoCGSP) recently announced the winners of this year's annual amateur photo contest, featuring images taken at Council Grounds State Park.

The 2023 contest received 35 entries from residents of Wisconsin, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Illinois. The Friends group narrowed the pool of entries to their favorite three images in each of four categories: Landscape, Wildlife, Plants, and People Using the Park, and then invited the public to vote for their favorites, via Facebook or email.

"After adding together votes by 'likes' and comments on our Facebook page, along with emailed votes, then removing the duplicates, I would like to thank people for following the voting rules; there were very few duplicates!" said Laurie Svetlik, a member of FoCGSP.

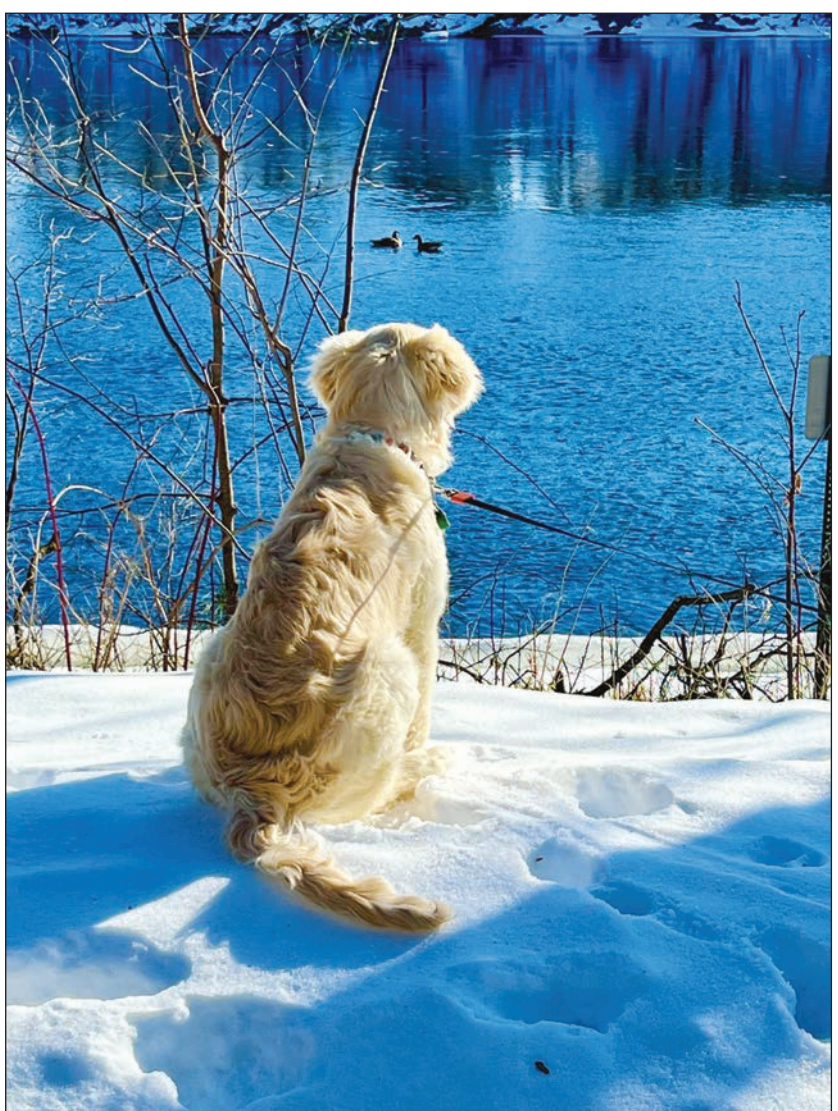
This year's contest winners, by category, are as follows:

Wildlife

- First place: Watching the Ducks - Lynn Marrier, Merrill
- Second place: Wood Turtle - JoAnn Milewczyk, Merrill
- Third place: Fawn's First Summer - David Forsythe, Kronenwetter

Landscape

- First place: Filtered Sunlight - Tammy Carey, Appleton



Wildlife category winning photo: Watching the Ducks. Winning photographer: Lynn Marrier, Merrill.

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Vote to decide the "Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin"

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce (WMC) has been holding a "Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin" contest annually since 2016. The contest is designed to showcase Wisconsin manufacturers and the manufacturing industry and all the "cool things" they are producing in the state. It is also an opportunity to bring attention to all the jobs and career opportunities available in the manufacturing industry, which contributes more than \$68 billion to the state's economy. One in six people in Wisconsin are employed in the manufacturing industry.

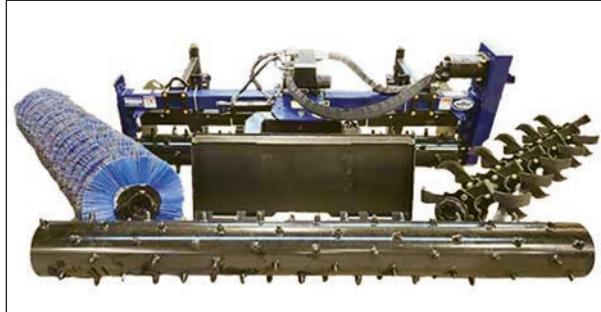
Voting is now open for the 2023 contest, and two Merrill manufacturers have products in the running.

Thorogood safety toe work boots

Weinbrenner Shoe Company/Thorogood entered their American Heritage 6" tobacco safety toe work boot into the competition. "Combining safety, comfort, and great looks, the Thorogood® American Heritage 6" tobacco safety toe work boot will keep you going all



Thorogood's American Heritage 6" tobacco safety toe work boot manufactured by Thorogood/Weinbrenner Shoe Company are in the running to be named "2023 Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin."



The MTW RTS power rake manufactured by Merrill Tool and Water Jet in Merrill is 1 of 115 "Made in Wisconsin" products vying for the title of "2023 Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin."

MAXWear Wedge™ outsole keeps you from slipping on wet or muddy surfaces. The American Heritage series is one of the most popular—and it's not hard to see why. You'll look and feel great both on and off the clock while the slip-resistant outsole and steel toe protection give you the security you need."

MTW RTS power rakes manufactured by Merrill Tool and Water Jet

"MTW attachments 3-in-1 rotary tool system is a power box rake that pairs with skid steers and tractors," the description of their product reads. "The idea of the conventional power box rake is to level, surface, recondition, grade, and rake in settings such as lawns, fields, golf courses, and driveways. When manufacturing of the MTW rake began in 2016, it was found to be a tough sell since the landscaping season is limited by the snow and ice of the winter months. In 2020, MTW went to work to find a way to quickly change out the rotor to give added value to the unit through interchangeability, and give the attachment more 'year around' applications

day long," the description of their product reads. "Made with stylish, tobacco oil-tanned leather, these moc toe boots allow your feet to breathe, and the

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People Using the Park first place photo: Northern Lights Silhouette. Winning photographer: Chuck Wensel of Merrill.

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Second place: Sit For a While - Beth Bartelt, Merrill
Third place: Lacy Winter Pines - Jerry Marrier, Merrill

Plants

First place: Sparkling Grasses - Jodi Turner, Merrill
Second place: Ghostly Indian Pipe - Tina Kulvete, Merrill
Third place: Giant Oak - Sarah Scheunemann, Stevens Point

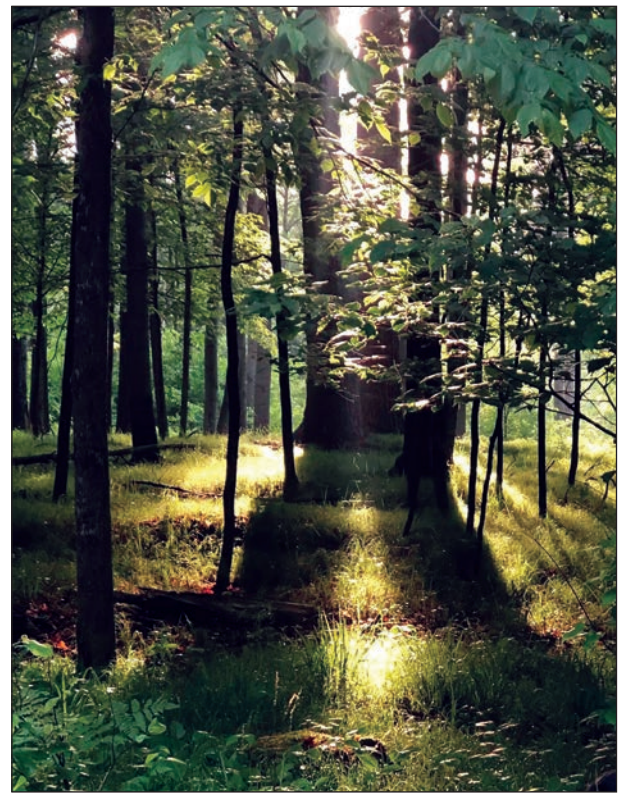


Landscapes category first place photo: Filtered Sunlight. Winning photographer: Tammy Carey, Appleton.

People Using the Park

First place: Northern Lights Silhouette - Chuck Wensel, Merrill
Second place: Night Light Hike - Robin Ehrenberg, South Elgin, Ill.

Third place: Sunset Cruise - Wayne Simon, Merrill
Weather permitting, we will be holding a fall candlelight walk near the end of October...



Plants category first place photo: Sparkling Grasses. Winning photographer: Jodi Turner, Merrill

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store advertisement for a Nifty Thrifty Sale on Friday, September 29th, offering 50% off everything in the store.

Prairie Pines advertisement listing prices for Concord Grapes, Fall Mums, Pumpkins, Fresh Produce, and Honeycrisp Cider.

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by offering a tiller rotor and a broom rotor. More rotors, such as flail and rock rake, are being designed for potential future release.

Many central and northcentral Wisconsin entries

In total, 115 products made in Wisconsin are featured in this year's contest, made throughout the state. Central and northcentral Wisconsin manufacturers are well represented...

Tomahawk, tin can end-peel and stick valved ends made by Roastar in Wausau, vacuum trucks produced by Imperial Industries in Rothschild...

In 2022, more than 150,000 votes were cast for roughly 150 products that had been nominated to determine the 'Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin'...

1.1 million votes were cast over the last eight years of the contest.

Past winners included a wide variety of products: the Milwaukee Eight Engine manufactured by Harley-Davidson, Milwaukee [2016]; the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle produced by Oshkosh Corporation in Oshkosh [2017]; Sea Salt Caramel Pecan Kringle made by Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe in De Pere [2018]; Big Boy All-Weather Rifles made by Henry Repeating Arms in Rice Lake [2019]; Mobile Autonomous Robotic Carts (MARC) manufactured by Mul Technologies in Mequon [2020]; the 140 Ton Navy Crane manufactured by Broadwind Heavy Fabrications, Manitowoc [2021]; and the Electric Fire Truck made by Pierce Manufacturing, based in Appleton [2022].

selected by popular vote then compete in what WMC has dubbed 'Manufacturing Madness,' a bracket-style tournament ultimately culminating with one winner. That winner, which officially becomes 'The 2023 Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin' will then be announced at WMC's Business Day in Madison event on Oct. 19.

October is Manufacturing Month in Wisconsin, so the timing is designed to coincide with that.

'We're excited to see which of these 100+ products will be named the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin,' said WMC's Vice President of Communications & Marketing Nick Novak. 'Not only do these companies make products that are used all over the world-and even in outer space-they provide rewarding careers and support their local communities.'

Now go vote

Manufacturers, employees, and consumers are all eligible to vote and can vote once per day, per device, until Sept. 26, 2023, at 5 p.m.

To vote, go to: madeinwis.com.

How it works

'After products are nominated, they compete in a popular vote that sets the field for Manufacturing Madness,' the contest guidelines read. This round of voting will determine the top 16 products that will move forward to the next level of the competition.

The top 16 products

We Raise Sunken Concrete advertisement for Able Concrete Raising Inc., offering free estimates and contact information.

Wick Buildings advertisement for Quality and Value, featuring a large building image and contact information for Willie Kimmons.

City of Merrill Leaf Collection advertisement with rules for leaf disposal, including curbside collection and yard waste site options.

Merrill Foto News advertisement for local news, events, and business advertising, including contact information.

Freudenthal Mfg. advertisement for various products including picnic table frames, culverts, and mailbox stands.



Displays (in background) documented the Holy Cross Sisters coming to Merrill, making it their home, and their contributions, which are many, throughout the years. Submitted photo.



On Sunday, September 17, 2023, the Holy Cross Sisters in Merrill celebrated 100 years of their history in the community, with food, music, and lots of visiting with members of the community. Submitted photo.

September is National Preparedness Month

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Merrill Area United Way 75 years

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Merrill Area United Way
Dee Olsen, Executive Director

IT'S UNITED WAY FALL CAMPAIGN TIME!

Last week every mailbox in Lincoln County, except the City of Tomahawk, should have received the Annual Appeal to provide funding through Merrill Area United Way. We only do this request once a year, making it very important for us to financially support the 20 agencies/programs that "make a huge difference" in the lives of many people. This is your opportunity to make a real difference to help people.

Also, this past week we held the Annual Appreciation Picnic for our funded agency representatives to formally recognize the wonderful work they do. The conversations were enlightening as we heard about the extreme cases/clients our agencies are working with to find solutions for some very difficult circumstances. The conversations certainly underscore some very dire needs as well as the significance of "Living United," and "working united." Our agencies collaborated and pooled their resources to find resolutions and get to the deep root of helping people.

Bottom line, what this means, United Way needs to have a very successful fall campaign for the upcoming 2024 year to sustain this incredible level of work.

United Way's goal is \$230,000 for this fall campaign. With that money we will make allocations for critical services that would not otherwise be available here in the Merrill area.

YOU are part of the WE!!! But we cannot have any impact without YOU. Your generous heart and financial support are what makes the difference. The donations for United Way come from individuals, families, retirees, fundraisers, employee campaigns and companies. The annual public appeal was just mailed to all households and businesses in Merrill and throughout Lincoln County. The agencies programs serve people in the areas of education, health, and basic needs, which may include, avoiding eviction with rental assistance, food to feed the family, utility payments to avoid shut offs, and so much more.

We only ask once a year for your donation. Can we count on you to do a little something this year? Every dollar helps and it all stays local. Please give generously and help your neighbors, family, and friends. If this is not a time for you to give, remember United Way accepts donations year-round. Mail donations to Merrill Area United Way, at P. O. Box 813, Merrill 54452. Our website is www.merrillareaunitedway.org where Pay Pal donations can now be made. For more information email us at delores.olsen@merrillareaunitedway.org; or call our part-time office at 715-536-2016.

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OBITUARIES



Tina Duframe, 68, of Merrill, passed away Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Our House Senior Living, Wausau. Tina was born July 14, 1955, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, daughter of the late Edward and Constance (Jankowsky) Duframe. She grew up in Milwaukee and was involved in cheerleading and track in high school. After she graduated from high school, Tina worked at Chi Chi's Mexican Restaurant in Milwaukee as a cocktail waitress. After Tina

moved to Merrill, she worked for Merrill Manufacturing and Hurd Millwork. Tina graduated from the dental assistant program in Wausau. She shot pool years ago for the former Al and Nita's Bar. Tina enjoyed traveling with her friends and took several trips including trips to Arizona and Hawaii. She had an extensive frog collection, collecting various stuffed animals and knickknacks. Tina enjoyed the company of her dogs.

Tina is survived by her brother, Steven Duframe of Merrill; former sister-in-law and caregiver, Kim Haavig of Merrill; nieces, Anaiah (Clint) Heckt of Swanville, Minnesota and Neal Haimerl (Gale) of Richland Center, Wisconsin; nephew, Austin Duframe of Merrill; great nieces and great nephews, Isaiah, Ayden, Kylie, Jamie, Jimmy, Leah, and Riley; and two great-great nephews, Tate and Tilian. Tina was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Connie Duframe; and several aunts and uncles.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



David W. Seehafer, 82, of Merrill, passed away Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill.

David was born April 28, 1941, in Merrill, son of the late Edward and Wilma (Calder) Seehafer. He married Judith Anderson in May of 1961. She survives. David enjoyed going to the casino, watching the Packers, fishing, hunting, and feeding the squirrels.

David is survived by his wife, Judith Seehafer; children, Wanda (David) Hooper, Wayne Seehafer, and Holly Burgener; grandchildren, David (Jeannie) Hooper Jr., Jessica (Derek) Miller, Jennifer (Tony) Garcia, Schylur Seehafer, Tanner Larkee, and Journey Burgener; sister, Carol (Gerald) Duwe; and brother, Dennis Seehafer. David was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Wilma Seehafer; daughter, Hiedi Larkee; and sister, Joyce Knospe.

Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Jack J. Zimmerman, 95, of Merrill, passed away Sunday, September 17, 2023, at Benedictine Living Community, Wausau.

Jack was born May 22, 1928, in Merrill, son of the late Arnold and Margaret (Savaske) Zimmerman. He married Vera (Kruse) Peck in 1961 and she preceded him in death in 1989. He then married Helen (Erickson) Olsen in 2006 and she preceded him in death in 2016. Jack worked as a maintenance custodian for M.A.P.S

for 25 years, until his retirement in 1990. Jack enjoyed playing cards, especially sheephead and cribbage. In the 1960's, Jack built a cabin with his father on the south fork of the Flambeau River in Fifield. In his younger years he enjoyed spending his time there hunting and fishing. He especially loved spending time with his family, friends and watching his youngest great-grandkids.

Jack is survived by his son, Todd (Cheryl) Zimmerman of Merrill; stepson, Howard (Christine) Peck of Merrill; stepdaughter-in-law, Janice Peck of Merrill; grandchildren, Brooke (Andrew) Foss, Kelley (Abiodun) Maflasire, Bradley (Lisa) Peck, Sarah Koskey, Tasha (Troy) Schmidt, and Ryan (Kelli) Peck; great-grandchildren, Jaxon Foss, Chloe Foss, Trevor (Megan) Peck, Molly Peck, Tyler (Anna) Koskey, Christian Schmidt, Ava Schmidt, and Brady Peck; sisters, Dorothy McGuirk of Fifield and Susan Thompson of Arkansas; and brothers, Chuck (Karla) Zimmerman of Merrill and Ralph 'Buck' (Judy) Zimmerman of Merrill. Jack was preceded in death by his wives, Vera Zimmerman and Helen Zimmerman; parents, Arnold and Margaret Savaske; stepson, Roger Peck; grandsons, Russell (Stacy) Peck and Peter Koskey; great-grandson, Christopher Koskey; sisters, Barbara Evertt, Phyllis (Richard) Cole, Shirley (Donald) Anderson, and Marjorie (Harold) Meyer; brothers-in-law, James McGuirk and Tom Thompson; and sister-in-law, Eilean (Clarence) Gross.

A memorial service for Jack will be held at 12:00 P.M., Noon, on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill. The Rev. David Szeto will officiate. Visitation will begin at 10:00 A.M. at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



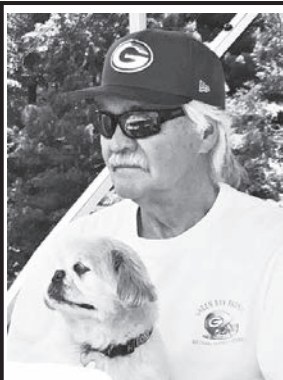
Andrew C. Zogg, 91, of Merrill, passed away Monday, September 18, 2023, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill.

Andy was born July 28, 1932, in the Town of Hamburg, Marathon County, son of the late Florian and Bertha (Wittwer) Zogg. Andy enlisted in the United States Navy on October 20, 1955, and was honorably discharged on October 15, 1959. He worked at the former Ward Paper Company in Merrill for 25 years. Andy lived for many years on the Wisconsin River in the Mathews Road area of Lincoln County. After he retired, he moved to Silver City, Michigan and lived on the Big Iron River. He lived there for 25 years and then moved to Port St. Joe, Florida. He spent four years in Florida and moved back to Merrill in 2017. His neighbors from Mathews Road in Merrill were like family to Andy. When they moved to Michigan, so did Andy. When they moved to Florida, so did Andy.

Andy enjoyed hunting, kayaking, fishing, and using his boat on Lake Superior. He enjoyed flowers and gardening, spending time outdoors, and the change of seasons. He also enjoyed photography and music.

Survivors include his brother, Paul Zogg of Avon, Montana; brothers-in-law, Ervin Steen of Rib Lake and Eugene Stahel of Wausau; nieces and nephews, Holly Zogg-Fuller of Montana, Debbie Byrd of Rib Lake, Brian Steen of Rib Lake, Lynn Wegner of Merrill, Cindy Steen of Dorchester, Laurie Wegner of Merrill, Evan Woller of Merrill, Marlon Woller of Merrill, Vicki Lipka of Merrill, Donica Byrns of Merrill, Alina Limberg of Merrill, Steve Stahel of Tomahawk, and Sheila Klug of Merrill; and many great nieces and great nephews. Andy was preceded in death by his parents, Florian and Bertha Zogg; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Stahel, Alice Steen, Joyce (Leroy) Woller, Elizabeth 'Betty' (Victor) Lipka; nieces, Lynette Zogg and Sherri Pfaff; and nephew, Brad Zogg.

The memorial service for Andy will be held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, September 23, 2023, at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, Merrill. Rev. Michael Southcombe will officiate. The family will receive friends at church on Saturday beginning at 10:00 A.M. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Dale Vance Mitchell, having just celebrated his 72nd birthday, passed away on Friday, September 15, 2023, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born on September 7, 1951, to the late Gordon and Arlette (Krauklis) Mitchell in Wausau, WI. Dale graduated from Merrill High School before going on to further his education at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, and earned his Master's Degree in business administration from UW-Oshkosh. His career was

spent working in administration and management for the family company, Mitchell Metal Products in Merrill, before retiring around 2009 as president of the company.

Dale met the love of his life and best friend, Susan Gutsche, while they attended Wheaton College together. Shortly thereafter, the two exchanged vows on July 28, 1973, in St. Paul, MN and recently, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family. Their relationship was one to be admired, as their love and friendship only continued to grow and deepen with each passing year.

Dale was a kind man; an incredible husband, father, grandfather and brother. He adored his grandchildren and enjoyed watching them participate in all of their many activities. He was selfless and loving, a man of strong faith and was the rock of the Mitchell family. Dale will be missed beyond measure, but the memories of him will always remain. His steadfast presence in the Mitchell family can never be replaced.

Dale found joy in taking motorcycle trips with his wife and college friends, especially to Deals Gap and Tail of the Dragon in Tennessee and North Carolina. The friendships that Dale maintained throughout his lifetime were truly enviable and held a special place in his heart. To know Dale was to love him, and once a friend, forever a friend. From weekly gatherings with his coffee group, to regular visits and phone calls with his friends, they were a constant source of happiness and fulfillment in his life. Now in heaven, he can finally rejoice the friends he lost and looked forward to meeting once again.

Dale was always busy helping anyone and everyone he could, constantly looking for the next project to work on or assist with. In his downtime, he relished the peace and quiet of his home on Seven Island Lake, in the town of Harrison, and relaxed watching Nascar, car shows and Wisconsin sports teams. Dale soaked in the natural beauty surrounding his home, watching the eagles soar and listening to the loons on the lake.

Dale leaves behind his wife: Susan Mitchell, son: Clint Mitchell, daughters: Krista Mitchell and Kaitlin (Ransey Osness) Mitchell, beloved grandchildren: Eli, Keira, Kaela, DeAirus and Marquez Clerveaux and Izzy Osness and sister: Shirley Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandchild: Jacques Clerveaux and his best buddy: Buster.

The funeral service for Dale will be held on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Highland Community Church in Merrill. Pastors Jeff Hinds and Dan Schields will co-officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 22, from 9 a.m. until the time of the service, also at the church. Burial at Snow Hill Cemetery in the town of Scott will immediately follow the service.

Family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Wheat and Nurse Eva from the Aspirus Merrill Clinic for their compassion and care and to Pastor Dan Schields for his guidance and support during this time.

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.

MERRILL AREA BIRTHS

AUGUST 22, 2023

Boy, Kohen Kash, born to Allison Atkinson and Nate Atkinson of Merrill.

AUGUST 28, 2023

Girl, Mabel Marie, born to Sara Beck and Philip Beck of Ringle.

AUGUST 29, 2023

Boy, Charlie Mark, born to Melissa Fetting and Timothy Fetting of Wausau.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

Boy, Westley Jackson, born to Callie Olson and David Olson of Merrill.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Boy, Carson River, born to Laurie McCanna of Mosinee.

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Superintendent's Corner ...

The school year is off to a great start, and everyone has settled into their routines quite nicely. I would like to recognize and thank all of the custodians throughout the district for doing such a wonderful job of getting our facilities cleaned and ready to go over the summer!

Here are a few quick hitting topics that you might be interested in:

Facilities Study. Over the summer a number of community focus groups were held to help us determine, not only the future of the vacant Jefferson Elementary School, but to help us make the best use of all of our best buildings. Out of that work came some recommendations that

we now need community input on. In October, a survey will be sent to all residents of the district to gather input on facilities plans, operations referendums, etc. Please watch for this survey and take some time to complete it as your input is very important to our school district.

PFAS at Pine River. Most of you have likely heard, but there have been PFAS levels discovered in the well at Pine River that exceed the Health Department's acceptable levels. We have been



working closely with both the DNR and the DHS to explore long-term solutions to this issue. In the meantime, we have taken a number of proactive measures to ensure that our students and staff have safe drinking water out there. At this time, this issue is more of an inconvenience than anything, but we hope that feasible long-term solutions can be found.

The MHS Building Construction House. Every year people ask me why MHS no longer builds a house as part of

the building construction class. The answer is that our students do still build a house every year. However, through an ongoing partnership with the Merrill Housing Authority, our students now build the house on-site (as opposed to building it on the footings behind MHS and moving it to a site). The current MHS house is being built on Francis St. The previous builds can be found at the NE corner of Mill and 4th Streets and on the far end of W. Grand Ave.

Have a great autumn, everyone, and please join us for the MHS Homecoming festivities on October 7th!

Shannon Murray
Superintendent

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Are We The Hope Or The Despair?

Dear Reader,

As parents, we want to give our children a happy childhood. We want them to be introduced to the world in a beautiful and truthful way. In fact, one of the greatest gifts that parents can give their children is a happy childhood.

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PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher



DHS offering free online program aimed at combating state's caregiver shortage

FOR THE MERRILL FOTO NEWS

WISCONSIN - The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recently launched a free online program that aims to combat the state's shortage of caregivers.

The program is part of a DHS initiative to "train 10,000 people as certified direct care professionals (CDCPs)," according to a release from DHS.

"The self-paced curriculum includes direct care topics, such as safety, ethics, and communication," DHS stated. "Most candidates will be able to complete the free program, developed in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, in about 30 hours, and then must pass an online exam to earn certification."

CDCPs provide personal care and supportive home care to older adults and people with disabilities. This includes daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming, eating, mobility, toileting, transferring, and range of motion exercises. They can also provide supportive home care duties, such as supervision and monitoring, general household tasks, running errands, or accompanying the client on outings.

DHS said it used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds designated to advance home and community-based services (HCBS) to launch *www.*



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WisCaregiverCDCP.com, which is an expansion of the established WisCaregiver Careers certified nurse aide (CNA) program (*www.wiscaregivercna.com/*).

"Under that effort, 9,000 people signed up to begin a journey to become a CNA," DHS stated.

In addition to caregiving training, the program includes WisCaregiver Connections (*www.wiscaregivercdcpc.com/agencyreg/*), a "robust platform to support engagement with this workforce."

"Eligible employers can post job openings and automatically match with job seekers, while CDCPs can explore open positions and find the right fit," DHS said. "WisCaregiver Connections allows free, easy access and interaction between CDCPs and employers across the state."

As an added incentive, caregivers who successfully complete the program and get a job with an eligible home and community-based services employer can earn a \$250.00 hiring bonus, according to DHS.

Those who work for at least six months can earn another \$250.00 as a retention bonus. Current employees of eligible providers can earn the same certification and stay-on and retention bonuses if they become a CDCP, at no

cost to their employer.

"We are dedicated to supporting our most vulnerable Wisconsinites in living their best lives," said DHS Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge. "Through our CDCP initiative, we will grow and strengthen skilled professionals in our workforce who can provide quality care to our older adults and people with disabilities. Wisconsin has long been a leader in innovative approaches to address community-based long-term care for adults, and this program is a prime example."

"There is a shortage of caregivers not only in Wisconsin, but nationwide," said Curtis Cunningham, an Assistant Administrator with the DHS Division of Medicaid Services. "The only way to find more is to promote this fulfilling career by providing standardized training and certification that helps people learn, grow, and advance, and our new CDCP program does just that."

DHS is now recruiting students who are interested in pursuing a rewarding health care career. HCBS providers are encouraged to sign up on WisCaregiver Connections. Interested candidates and employers can visit *www.WisCaregiverCDCP.com* to learn more and get started.

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PRSYL families were notified of this development,

and the subsequent plan, electronically and by mail which included additional information regarding PFAS, etc.

In his communication to families, PRSYL Director Ryan Martinovici shared, “We realize that the voluntary changes outlined above will create inconveniences for our students and staff at PRSYL. However, the health and

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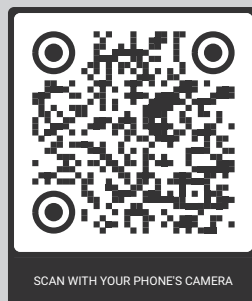
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The Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Team is celebrating a great start to their season.

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Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball players are setting themselves up for success

BY **TINA L. SCOTT**
 EDITOR

On Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, the Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Team traveled to Marshfield for a match.

"This was our first Conference game on the road," Head Varsity Volleyball Coach Kasie Holt said. "Marshfield is sitting at the top of our Conference right now. Marshfield has a solid team, and we knew going into it that it was going to be a tough match."

"Although the scores don't reflect a win, it was still a successful night in my eyes," she said. "I thought for the most part we played calm and

confident and we had the lead several times."

"Marshfield has a very strong offense, but so do we," Holt said. "We finished the night with Chloe McRae having 8 kills, McKenna Meyer with 6, and Lex Emmer with 7. Emma Hoff also served up 4 aces, which gave us a solid lead in the third set. The next time we see Marshfield will be our last home game of the regular season. I feel that we learned a lot from that match and that when play them for a second time at home, with our amazing fans surrounding us, we will come out with a win."

Box Score
Merrill 0 @ Marshfield 3
20-25, 19-25, 16-25

Saturday, Sept. 9, Merrill played host to the Girls Varsity Invitational meet, with teams from Athens, Chippewa Falls, Edgar, Medford, Stanley-Boyd, Tomahawk, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood all coming to play.

"We struggled to gain momentum, ending the day with a 2-3 record," Holt said.

"I think we were all disappointed with how the day went, but we were ready to put the work in this week at practice so that we could give a strong showing against Wausau East."

On Thursday, Sept. 14, the

Merrill Varsity Volleyball Team played host to the girls from Wausau East. The Lady Jays had a great evening of play, ending the night with a score of 3-1 and an exciting win.

"We switched a few things in our lineup, and that showed the first set when we lost 19-25," Holt said. "We weren't communicating at all and were scrambling for every ball."

"However, the girls calmed down and ended up completely dominating the rest of the match. We were winning by a lot at times, but it always felt close because our energy was so

high," she said. "We were having fun and celebrating every point."

"I'm proud that we were able to keep our play at that high level," Holt said. "Our defense really picked up after the first set, with Avery Hoff having 12 digs, Jalie Severt with 10, and Maddy Ott with 15. Because our defense was on, our setters were able to utilize our middles, Lex Emmer and Chloe McRae, both finishing the night with 12 and 13 kills respectively."

Box Score
Wausau East 1 @ Merrill 3
19-25, 25-12, 25-11, 25-12

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Merrill Boys Varsity Football

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Last Friday night, Merrill's Varsity Football Team traveled to Lakeland Union High School for an away game and came home feeling a bit defeated.

"The first win of the season has still eluded our young team," said Merrill Head Varsity Football Coach Jason Wadzinski. "Lakeland played a nice game Friday night and

our boys battled, but we couldn't string enough positive things together to get any traction."

The 35-0 score was a tough way to end the evening, but three Merrill players are being recognized as the top players of the game. #3 Jacob Schmeltzer completed the game with 75 passing yards, #20 Callum Wheeler got in 39 rushing yards, and #2 EJ Weix had 32 receiving

yards.

The Merrill Varsity Football Team has a home game scheduled for this Friday night. "This week will be our Tackle Cancer Night at Jay Stadium with Ashland coming to town," Wadzinski said. "Please consider coming over and cheering loud and proud for a nice night of football and a good cause."

Box Score:
Merrill 0 @ Lakeland 35



Merrill Varsity Boys Soccer Team had a great Saturday at the Tournament in Antigo. Submitted photo.

Merrill Boys Varsity Soccer: Antigo Tournament champions

The Merrill Bluejay Boys Varsity Soccer Team traveled to Antigo for a quad Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, and came home with the Tournament Championship plaque.

Scoring three big wins with a total of nine points to their opponents' collective one point in three games, Keko Schuetze posted two shutouts, and the Bluejays were named Antigo High School Soccer Tournament champions. Nice work, Bluejays!

Box Scores:
Antigo 1 @ Merrill 3
Nekoosa 0 @ Merrill 2
Gresham 0 @ Merrill 4

The Merrill Varsity Soccer Team won all three of their matches and were named 2023 Antigo High School Soccer Tournament Champions. Submitted photo.



Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team holds their Senior Night

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Sept. 14, 2023, the Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team played against the girls from Wisconsin Rapids.

"Tonight was Senior Night for Lauren 'Gracie' Belsky, Chloe Belant, and Allie Hunter," Merrill Girls Varsity Head Tennis Coach Brad Barton said. "The kids wrote and delivered speeches for each of them, as this was their last home meet of their career."

"Merrill played well considering all the things they were juggling today," he said. "Our team is 1-12-1 so far this year, but I could not be prouder of the girls."

"Lauren Belsky has one

of the better records on the team with three wins," Barton said. "Chloe Belant also has three wins. Allie Hunter has also come a long ways, as this is only her second year playing tennis (Wrestling being her primary sport)."

Singles:

No. 1-Hayley Jensen, Wisconsin Rapids def. Lauren Belsky, Merrill, 6-1, 6-0, -;

No. 2-Sydney Holberg, Wisconsin Rapids def. Emily Frahm, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

No. 3-Chloe Trzebiatowski, Wisconsin Rapids def. Kaytlyn Hulke, Merrill, 6-2, 6-0, -;

No. 4-Layla Wesolek, Wisconsin Rapids def. Rose Dornbrack, Merrill, 6-2, 6-1

, -;

Doubles:

No. 1-Abbey Gust, Wisconsin Rapids-Teagann Bondioli, Wisconsin Rapids def. Chloe Belant, Merrill-Sarah Rell, Merrill, 6-0, 6-1, -;

No. 2-Julia Krueger, Wisconsin Rapids-Jenna Wentland, Wisconsin Rapids def. Jenna Maluege, Merrill-Korina Kraegenbrink, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

No. 3-Annabelle Ross, Wisconsin Rapids-Sierra Dillingham, Wisconsin Rapids def. Parker Wagenaar, Merrill-Johanna Dahlke, Merrill, 6-0, 6-0, -;

Box Score:
Wisconsin Rapids 7 @ Merrill 0

2023 FALL MERRILL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Boys Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Thurs. Sept. 21	Marshfield (JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Fri. Sept. 22	Ashland (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Mon. Sept. 25	Ashland (JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 28	Hayward (JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Girls Tennis (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. Sept. 21	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 23	Wausau West (JV)	Away	9:00 am
Thurs. Sept. 28	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Girls Swimming (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. Sept. 28	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:30 pm
Girls Cross Country (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. Sept. 21	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Tues. Sept. 26	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:45 pm
Thurs. Sept. 28	Medford (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Boys Cross Country (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. Sept. 21	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Tues. Sept. 26	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:45 pm
Thurs. Sept. 28	Medford (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Girls Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Thurs. Sept. 21	Stevens Point (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 21	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 23	Bloomer (JV)	Away	9:00 am
Tues. Sept. 26	Eau Claire North (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Tues. Sept. 26	Eau Claire North (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Boys Soccer (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. Sept. 21	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 21	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 28	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm

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Lady Jays and Lady Lumberjacks compete in the pool

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Team competed against Wausau East at the Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) pool on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023. While the Lady Lumberjacks won the meet, the Lady Jays also made a good showing.

Kristie Winter, Head Coach for the Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Team, shared the results:

The Merrill Girls took first place in the following events:

Event 2. 200 Yard Medley Relay, with Addison Jirovec, Olivia Pajtach, Marissa Mils, and Claire Jirovec coming in with a time of 2:02.71.

Event 4. 200 Yard Freestyle, with Marissa Miles coming in at 2:11.18.

Event 6. 200 Yard IM, with Olivia Pajtach coming in at 2:30.98.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lauren "Gracie" Belsky, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Gracie first began playing tennis as a Freshman and started out playing Doubles for the Merrill Tennis Team. As a Sophomore, she moved up to Varsity, and then as a Junior, she switched to playing Singles for the Varsity team. This year, she is also playing Varsity Singles and getting noticed.

At MHS, Gracie belongs to Raise Your Voice club, sings with the Clara Lux Choir, and has been performing with the Theatre Jays. As a Freshman, she performed in Little Shop of Horrors, as a Sophomore in Grease, last year in both High School Musical and Fiddler on the Roof, and she plans to participate in this year's musical, as well.

In her free time, Gracie enjoys listening to music of all kinds, skateboarding, shopping, doing her nails, and spending time out in nature, including going for walks and hikes.

The daughter of Wanda and Brian Belsky of Merrill, Gracie has a 1.7 GPA and, after graduation, plans to attend UW-Stout to major in Early Elementary Education and minor in music. She hopes to teach second or third grade and also teach music to younger children.

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Merrill Varsity Cross Country wins against Antigo

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Sept. 12, 2023, the Merrill Varsity Cross Country Team traveled to compete in the Gartzke Flowage Invitational.

"This is a tough course that challenges our athletes due to the amount of hills," Head Varsity Cross Country Coach Alyssa Swan said.

"But our athletes crushed it!" "Typically, we see an increase of about 2-3 minutes in our athletes' race time due to the tough conditions of this course," she said. "Even though it was tough, we won this dual against Antigo! Three of our boys placed in the top five and three of our girls placed in the top five."

Merrill Boys who made

it into the top five finishers included: Erick Grunenwald in third place (21:30); Jacob Mueller in fourth place (22:14), and Anton Countryman in fifth place. (22:55). For the Merrill guys, Parker Klebenow (22:56) came in immediately after him, followed by Brady Eggerbrecht (24:16), Treg Knspe (26:13), and Jonathon

Myszka (27:16).

In the Girls competition, Merrill's Norah Schimidt came in second place (25:01); Charlotte Van Der Nest came in third place (25:19); and Danielle Schielke came in fifth place (28:54). Next in line for the Merrill Girls were Robin Schmidt (30:58) and Brooklynn Kragenbrink (30:59).



The Merrill Varsity Cross Country Team ... They might run individually, but they've got Bluejay team spirit!

Submitted photo.



"We've got this!" Some of the runners on the Merrill Girls Varsity Cross Country Team show off their muscles and a little bit of attitude. Submitted photo.



Merrill Boys Cross Country Team members at the Gartzke Flowage sign. Submitted photo.

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Event 10. 100 Yard Butterfly, with Addison Jirovec coming in at 1:06.70.
Event 18. 100 Yard Backstroke, with Addison

Jirovec coming in at 1:07.66.
Event 20. 100 Yard Breaststroke, with Olivia Pajtash coming in at 1:18.17.

Box Score:
Merrill 84 @ Wausau East 86

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- Always keep three points of contact while climbing into and out of the tree stand. This means always keeping two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand in contact with the stand or ground.

- Always use a haul line to raise and lower unloaded firearms or bow into and out of the stand. Hunters can also use the haul for other things like a heavy backpack.



To avoid accidents and ensure a safe outing, always be mindful of the basic rules of tree stand safety before and during every hunt.

Photo courtesy of the Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports.

- Use a lifeline when climbing up and down; this keeps wearers connected from when they leave the ground to when they get back down.

- Before heading out, tell someone where you'll be hunting and when you expect to return.

- Carry a cell phone to call for help if anyone becomes injured after a fall.

Beyond following these basic rules, hunters should always select a substantial and solid tree that can support their weight and is free from any dead limbs above them. Hunters should also inspect their equipment before each use, ensuring all lines are intact, their harness fits, and that the harness is absent of snags and tears.

Additionally, hunters should thoroughly inspect their stand for missing components or broken features before climbing.

Hunters can also participate in the Tree Stand Manufacturers Association Safety Course at huntercourse.com/treestandafety/. This free and interactive course

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To learn more about tree stand safety rules and best practices, visit the DNR's webpage at: dnr.wisconsin.gov/education/OutdoorSkills/TreestandSafety

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Campus News

Area students recognized with academic honors at UW-Green Bay

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay announced the names of undergraduate students receiving semester honors for Spring 2023 semester academic achievement. Students who earn a 4.0 GPA receive highest honors. High honors go to students earning 3.99 to 3.75 GPAs. Honors are given to students earning 3.74 to 3.50 GPAs. All were full-time students in the spring term, earning 12 or more credits of graded coursework, attending one of the four UW-Green Bay campuses (Green Bay, Marinette, Manitowoc, Sheboygan). Area students recognized with academic honors are:

- Aaron Hartmann, Athens, Semester High Honors
- Claire Drew, Merrill, Semester High Honors
- Mackenah Krause, Merrill, Semester Highest Honors
- Courtney Leist, Merrill, Semester Honors
- Rebeka Long, Merrill, Semester Honors
- Jack Zamzow, Merrill, Semester High Honors

Beyer graduates from UW-Whitewater

Haley Beyer of Merrill graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and was awarded a degree in School Psychology-Education Specialist at the 2023 spring commencement ceremonies held May 13, 2023.

Schmidt named to Dean's List at Notre Dame

Elizabeth G. Schmidt of Merrill was named to the Spring 2023 semester Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame, recognizing her for outstanding scholarship during her first year of studies.

Students who achieve Dean's Honors at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

Local students graduate from University of Wisconsin-Stout

The following students from the area graduated in December 2022 from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis.

- Isaac Meyer, Irma, BS Manufacturing Engineering; BS Mechanical Engineering
- Dalie Thomas, Merrill, BS Health, Wellness and Fitness

UW-Madison announces 2023 spring graduates

A total of 8,625 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 12-13, 2023, including the following students from our area:

- Collin Ellenbecker, Athens, School of Med & Public Health, Doctor of Medicine, Medicine
- Eve Akey, Merrill, College of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Life Sciences Communication, Graduated with Distinction
- Kathryn Ball, Merrill, School of Education, Bachelor of Science-Education, Elementary

Education, Special Education, Graduated with Distinction

• Rianna Dowds, Merrill, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders

• Sara Gliniecki, Merrill, College of Letters and Science, Master of Arts-Library and Information Studies, Library and Information Studies

• Vincent Johns, Merrill, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

• Rylee Mrachek, Merrill, College of Agricultural & Life Sci, Bachelor of Science, Global Health

• Erik Pfantz, Merrill, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science-Journalism, Journalism

• Nora Trapp, Merrill, School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business: Marketing, Business: Risk Management and Insurance

Concordia University Wisconsin releases Spring Honors List

MEQUON, Wis. - Concordia University Wisconsin officials have released the Spring Honors List for the 2022-23 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 GPA and complete at least 12 undergraduate credits.

Area students named to the list were:

- Abigail Van Rixel, Senior, Athens, Early Childhood and Elementary
- Elizabeth Van Rixel, Freshman, Athens, Rehab-Sci-Regular

• Amaris Wiesneski, Sophomore, Merrill, Justice and Public Policy

Local students among graduates at UW-Eau Claire

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire awarded 42 degrees in May. Local students who received degrees and their fields of study are:

• Brooke Kottke, Athens, Nursing and Health Sciences, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nursing

• Rylee Folz, Merrill, Business, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing

• Taylor Golding, Merrill, Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Political Science

• Christian Matson, Merrill, Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Rehabilitation Science

• Alicia Ollhoff, Merrill, Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Public Health

• Sophia Priebe, Merrill, Education and Human Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science

UW-La Crosse announces May 2023 graduates

The following area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May:

• Seth Coker, Athens, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Education Major

• Adam Detert, Athens, Bachelor of Science, Biochemistry Major with American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (ASBMB) Certification

• Dominic Leistikow, Athens, Bachelor of Science, Mathematics Major

• Kasey Kalafice, Merrill, Bachelor of Science, Finance Major

Aspinwall named to SNHU Summer 2023 President's List

Taylor Aspinwall of Merrill has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Summer 2023 President's List. The summer term runs from May to August.



The Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS) wants to thank Bryce L and Audrey L who had a lemonade stand over the 4th of July to support LCHS and donated all these needed animal supplies. Submitted photo.



One of the Lincoln County Humane Society's (LCHS) foster kittens, Nessa, went to one of the agency's amazing foster homes where she had a medical emergency. Luckily, the foster family acted fast and Nessa was taken quickly to emergency vet and is on her way to recovery. Mikayla T., the foster family's daughter, raised some money for the shelter to help with Nessa's medical bills! Mikayla is pictured with her other fosters from the same group, Willa and Rousey. Both Willa and Rousey are now ready to find their forever families and are at the shelter waiting to be adopted. "Thank you for your support, Mikayla!" shelter staff said. Submitted photo.

New ambulance equipment coming, thanks to the Bierman Family Foundation

Lincoln County Ambulance Service (EMS) announced they will receive \$421,000 from the Bierman Family Foundation to replace aging ambulance equipment. The funds will be used to purchase



Photo courtesy of Merrill Fire Department.

five cardiac monitors, five chest compression devices, and three powered stair chairs. This essential lifesaving equipment is not cheap. Similar to fire service equipment, ambulance equipment must meet specific national and state standards for acceptable use in the field.

Three of the five cardiac monitors will be state of the art with ultrasound capability which is a new option for EMS providers. Pricing for the equipment replacement also included warranties and preventive

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

Regarding the possible sale of the Lincoln County nursing home, I am including from an 8/24/2023 City Pages article the following paragraph:

“Marathon County faced a similar dilemma when it considered whether or not to keep its nursing home in the face of mounting financial troubles. The county hired Clifton Allen Larson, which evaluated the nursing home and its finances and gave recommendations in order to turn around the facility’s finances. North Central Health Care staff implemented those strategies and soon the home was operating in the black.”

I have sent a copy of this Letter to the Editor to Don Friske, Lincoln County Board Chairman. I am asking Mr. Friske to contact Clifton Allen Larson to see if he would be willing to look at our nursing home finances to see if he thinks they could be similarly turned around.

– Bill Ritter
Merrill, Wis.

To the Editor:

Lincoln County Citizens,

Listening to the Pine Crest discussion during the August County Board meeting was painful. My concerns are the few options being considered and the short timeframe for the decision. Political biases and predetermined solutions are clouding our judgment. There are more options available.

Let’s look at the Pine Crest asset and see it for what it is. It’s a large building, with great location and infrastructure, operating below capacity. This should be an opportunity instead of a burden. Let’s use the space to its full capacity, alongside elderly care, and help meet additional County needs:

- Housing
- Daycare
- Labor

Using a multipurpose approach to the Pine Crest Complex, including quality elderly care, will make it viable. It will be a benefit for the County. Income generated with this approach could be spent on infrastructure. If not, it could be used as a property tax credit.

More options need to be evaluated before Pine Crest is sold. It is less expensive to repurpose a building than build new. There may be grant money available to address affordable housing and daycare, due to the major need

throughout the country. Why not try to bring grant money into Lincoln County to help fulfill our needs?

We need to reevaluate the sale and listen to citizens’ input. Selling is the easy answer, but there are other options. Let’s consider other options. Let’s work together and find solutions that will most benefit the people of Lincoln County.

– Brian Hanson
Town of Harrison, Wis.

To the Editor:

PINE CREST?

Please read the 158-page report (dated March 21, 2023) by the Ad-Hoc Committee on Pine Crest on the Lincoln County Board website! The Ad-Hoc committee did a very complete, investigative report on Pine Crest. The layout of the Pine Crest campus shows the situation, with closed halls, number of beds, etc. Some facts:

Many of you have not read this report; if you had, you’d know that Clifton, Larson, Allen Wealth Advisors did perform a study on Pine Crest.

NCHC also manages the Marathon County-owned nursing home, Mount View. Judy Woller was on the Lincoln County Board when Resolution 2021-11-50 was passed unanimously to reduce number of bed licenses at Pine Crest.

Further, \$85 per \$100,000 of valuation equates to \$170.00 per tax bill, per year, for a \$200,000 valuation.

Many actions were taken by County Board since 2015 in attempts to bring Pine Crest operations into the black. It doesn’t have to make a profit; it just needs to break even. In conclusion, eight years later, it is in worse condition now in 2023 than it was in 2015.

Further, our habits have changed as stated in the 2021 survey. When we cannot live alone any longer, we do not feel Pine Crest is the place for us. We look at in-home care, senior living apartment with help from ADRC, meals on wheels, assisted living, possibly hospice care (which is NOT offered at Pine Crest). Yes, one can go on Medicaid and continue to live at assisted living.

– Leona Vander Sanden
Gleason, Wis.

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And I feel a sense of comfort
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My memories of you will stay
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PET OF THE WEEK



Bernard has found his way to the shelter after his owner passed away. He is about 4 years old. He is extremely shy so far here at the shelter but we are told he is sweet and very friendly. With some time and patience he will be wonderful pet! He is up to date on vaccinations, fixed and microchipped.

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The Fraternal Order of Eagles recently donated \$1,000 to HAVEN (Domestic Abuse Services) of Lincoln County from the Eagles Children's Fund. Shown presenting the donation: Eagles Past State President, Scott Doerr (left) and #584 President Ken Kriehn. Receiving the donation (in the middle) is Julie Schultz, Executive Director of HAVEN. **Submitted photo.**



Savannah Severt from Pine Crest Nursing Home is pictured with donations for the Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS). During their Employee Celebration Week, Pine Crest staff brought in supplies they then donated to the LCHS for the pets at the shelter. **Submitted photo.**

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maintenance agreements to keep future costs down.

Lincoln County is the sole provider of ambulance service throughout the entire county, including

the Merrill and Tomahawk communities. For

paramedic ambulance coverage in the southern 2/3 of the county, Lincoln County contracts with the Merrill Fire Department to provide ambulance

service. In the northern 1/3 of the county, Lincoln County contracts with the MedEvac/Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital. Both ambulance providers offer 24/7/365 protection and combined, handle

approximately 3,200 calls for service annually.

Lincoln County EMS and both ambulance service providers are very grateful for the ongoing support of public safety from the Bierman

Family Foundation. This financial support ensures that paramedics have the best possible equipment in the field to save lives while keeping capital replacement costs to a minimum.

MMC acquires Peshtigo Times

GREEN BAY – Multi Media Channels (MMC) (the owner of the Merrill Foto News and other newspapers throughout Wisconsin) has acquired the Peshtigo Times and Times Saver.

“We are excited to assume Chuck Gardon’s stewardship of these publications,” said MMC CEO Patrick Wood. “We intend to strengthen and enrich the community by continuing to provide strong reporting on local news and sports and powerful advertising options for retailers and employers. It is our intention to sustain Chuck’s family legacy through the years to come by maintaining, and if possible exceeding, the high standards of journalistic integrity and customer service they set during their tenure.”

The Peshtigo Times can be traced back to 1867, when it was known as the Peshtigo Herald and was the first weekly newspaper in Peshtigo. The Herald was succeeded by the Peshtigo Argus, which was then renamed the Peshtigo Times in 1894. The publication was purchased by Leo J. Pesch Sr. in 1929, whose family continued operations through the next two generations.

“I want to thank all of our loyal readers, advertisers, and particularly our employees since 1929 who have helped us to this point,” Gardon said.

“I am pleased to be turning over this newspaper to the Wood family, which has roots in Marinette County and has built a reputation for printing accurate and unbiased information while building its network of respected local newspapers in various parts of Wisconsin.”

MMC began its work in community newspaper publishing in Denmark, Wisconsin, in 1953. Under the leadership of its founder, Frank Wood, the business expanded into other markets. Today, the company remains in the Wood family, owned and operated by both family members and employees, publishing 33 weekly and four monthly print publications and 27 digital channels that serve the central, northern, and eastern regions of Wisconsin.

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