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Merrill High School's Class of 2024 was honored in a commencement ceremony in the Merrill High School Field House last Friday evening, May 24, 2024.

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A power pole on Sales St. in Merrill near the Bierman Building/Merrill Enrichment Center was snapped off in two places in the storm. Of note, the pole snapped off in two different directions. Just prior to the storm, clouds overhead were traveling in multiple directions, in contrast to the direction from which the storms were coming.

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Storm damage is limited in Merrill, worse southwest of our readership area

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for Marathon County at approximately 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening, May 21, 2024, soon followed by a tornado warning to include Lincoln County. Heavy thunderstorms with high winds and heavy rain rolled across the state, producing strong straight

line winds and some damage across our area. Damage in Merrill and the surrounding area was primarily limited to uprooted and snapped off trees, telephone poles, and signs. Many area residents lost power, with significant power outages in Merrill's Sixth Ward and other spotty areas of the city and surrounding area, including in the town of Pine River, both east and west of Merrill, and in the Gleason and Irma areas reported.

According to Wisconsin Public Service, "Tuesday evening's storms caused power outages that affected approximately 2,400 customers in the Merrill area."

About half of those affected had power restored by Wednesday afternoon, with the remaining customers getting power restored on Thursday.

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Memorial Day ceremony honors the fallen

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

A beautiful blue sky with warm temperatures and breezes made the perfect weather for the annual Memorial Day ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial in St. Francis Cemetery in Merrill on Monday, May 27, 2024. The ceremony was a combined program led by VFW Post 1638 and supported by members of the American Legion, DAV, AMVETS, Auxiliaries, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Knights of Columbus. In advance of the ceremony, VFW Post 1638 erected more

than 100 large flags around the cemetery and Veterans Memorial area and placed 1,820 flags within local cemeteries at the graves of known veterans who served in the U.S. military. Lincoln County is one of the few to proudly continue this practice.

A large crowd gathered to hear the Merrill City Band perform patriotic songs, watch the annual laying of the wreaths ceremony, and to honor fallen veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, by laying down their lives in service to their country. Every branch of

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In the foreground, Ricky Smith plays Taps on Melvin Talbot's historic bugle, while Ben Heninger echoes his notes in the background, playing Clifford Talbot's historic trumpet. This special rendition of Taps using the late gentlemen's instruments was a special tribute to fallen veterans and to the two gentlemen who played Taps at their funerals on these very instruments many years ago. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

L to R: Mike Talbot, John Rathke, and Corey Dornbrack. Mike Talbot officially entrusts his father's bugle and his uncle's trumpet to VFW Post 1638. The handoff takes place, fittingly, at the grave of Mike's father, Melvin Talbot. **Tina L. Scott photo.**



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the U.S. military service was honored.

Deacon Jim Arndt gave the opening and closing prayers, John Rathke led with opening remarks and led in the Pledge of Allegiance following the National Anthem, the ladies Auxiliary held the tolling of the bell ceremony, and Steve Sabatke spoke about the new display on the backside of the marble monument that lists the names of all 160 fallen Lincoln County soldiers from all wars with the exception of the Civil War [Lincoln County was at that time still a part of Marathon County].

This year's keynote speaker, U.S. Marine Kevin Hermening, shared about his time in captivity as one of the Iranian hostages where he was held prisoner for 440 days, along with 52 other American diplomats. His important message was one of thanks for the military personnel who trained to try to free the hostages and of gratitude and honor for the eight servicemen who lost their lives in a helicopter crash as part of that mission. He reflected on the parade and fanfare the hostages received upon their return to U.S. soil and how all of



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American flags large and small ... symbolic of the freedom our military died for in service to our country. **Joseph Frederick photo.**

our military service men and women should have received such a welcome, but most did not.

Michael Caylor shared the story of the Talbot trumpets and bugle (see last week's Merrill Foto News for the complete story), and, after the 21-gun salute, for the first time in many years, those same instruments played *Taps* in Merrill, ringing out their clear, haunting notes on the sounds of reverent silence at the cemetery. After the Memorial Day ceremony concluded, the instruments



The ceremonial laying of the wreaths. **Joseph Frederick photo.**

officially changed hands as Mike Talbot, the family's historian and keeper of the instruments, formally entrusted them to the keeping of VFW Post 1638 in Merrill. A display case will be built to showcase the instruments and their story and to honor the two men

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A downed tree in a yard on Adams St. in Merrill near Kate Goodrich School. Submitted photo.

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St. John Lutheran School was still without power early both Wednesday and Thursday mornings and had to cancel classes for both days, rescheduling their final day of school to Friday, May 23.

An EF-1 tornado was confirmed just outside of our readership area, northwest of Edgar, where the damage was more severe. Wind speeds of up to 90 miles per hour were reported. The tornado touched down along Wuertzburg Rd., northwest of Edgar, and traveled northeast, lifting about a mile northwest of Poniatowski. The tornado left behind a wake of destruction, including at

Merrill Street Department crews were out clearing streets of fallen trees, branches, and debris in the aftermath of Tuesday night's storm.

Joseph Frederick photo.



least one collapsed barn (most of the cattle were able to be rescued by the immediate efforts of family and neighbors with machinery and equipment), destroyed silos and sheds and outbuildings, and both snapped off and uprooted trees along the tornado's path. Power outages also affected this area.

The tornado near Edgar was one of five tornadoes reported in the state Tuesday night.

A downed tree on River Ave. in the Town of Scott. Ed Kemmery photo.

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Lincoln County board ousts Highway Commissioner John Hanz

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

In a meeting last week that was disrupted by and ultimately cut short due to severe weather, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors dismissed a department head from his position.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the Board voted 15-4 to terminate Lincoln County Highway Commissioner John Hanz.

The recommendation to oust Hanz came from the County's Highway Committee, which is made up of District 11 Supervisor Randy Detert, District 14 Supervisor Marguerite Lyskawa, District 15 Supervisor Marty Lemke, District 18 Supervisor Ken Wickham, and District 21 Supervisor Eugene Simon.

The Committee acts as the "policy and oversight committee for the Highway Department," according to the Lincoln County website.

The Board discussed the matter during a roughly hour-long closed session, per Wisconsin statutes.

Prior to the closed session, Andy Phillips, counsel for the Wisconsin Counties Association, provided procedural and legal information on behalf of the board.

Phillips said he was "brought in because of the nature of the relationship" among Hanz,

Corporation Counsel Karry Johnson, Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger, Board Chair and District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd, and the Board itself.

Phillips explained that because of the rarity of instances in which a County Board considers the dismissal of an official in a position such as Highway Commissioner, it is "always advisable" to have outside counsel assist in the potentially "legally tricky" process, as well as to help avoid appearances of potential favoritism, or lack of favoritism, due to the regular interactions of those involved.

Phillips said there would be a presentation during the closed session providing information relating to Hanz's "performance and conduct," and that Hanz would be allowed the opportunity to address the Board during the closed session. Hanz would then be excused, and the Board would deliberate on the matter of Hanz's potential dismissal.

Following deliberations, the Board would then reconvene into open session and take action on the Highway Committee's recommendation to terminate Hanz, Phillips said.

After Phillips fielded several questions from the Board regarding procedures and legality, the Board moved into closed session.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made to remove Hanz

from the position, but a tornado warning led to those in attendance moving to a safer location before a vote occurred. The Board reconvened about 30 minutes later, during which time, the vote to dismiss Hanz took place.

Voting in favor of removing Hanz were Boyd, District 1 Supervisor William Bialecki, District 2 Supervisor Lori Anderson-Malm, District 3 Supervisor Elizabeth McCrank, District 6 Supervisor Norbert Ashbeck, District 7 Supervisor Donald Dunphy, District 8 Supervisor Laurie Theil, District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse, District 14 Supervisor Marguerite Lyskawa, District 15 Supervisor Marty Lemke, District 16 Supervisor Dana Miller, District 17 Supervisor James Meunier, District 18 Supervisor Ken Wickham, District 20 Supervisor Angela Cummings, and District 22 Supervisor Greg Hartwig.

Voting in favor of reinstating Hanz were District 9 Supervisor Christine Vorpapel, District 13 Supervisor Alan Bishop, District 19 Supervisor Joseph Dorava, and District 21 Supervisor Eugene Simon.

Several minutes after the vote, a second tornado warning led to Boyd's adjournment of the meeting before it could be completed. The Board set a time to address the remaining agenda items during a meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center on Wednesday, May 29, at 6 p.m.

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Elena 'Lana' Trumbly, age 78, of Merrill, passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital with her family by her side.

Lana was born on April 5, 1946, in Germany, the daughter of the late Bruno and Elena (Sukauskaite) Racevicius. She married the late Roger Trumbly on January 21, 1970, in Illinois.

Lana and her identical twin sister, Dana (Donna), moved to the United States when they were four years old, where she attended Catholic schools. She worked at her father's toy store in Chicago while attending the Capri School of Beauty Culture, where she received her degree in Cosmetology.

In 1983, Lana, Roger, and their two children relocated to the Merrill area. In 1990, Lana and Roger began working with the local farmers market, selling their homegrown vegetables and flowers. Roger also ran his business, 'Roger's Flowers,' from their home on Hillside Drive in Merrill. Additionally, they sold night crawlers. Lana was a devoted Jehovah's Witness and cherished the fellowship at her Hall. She also enjoyed watching Jeopardy, black-and-white movies, playing board games with her grandchildren, and dining out with her family.


Lana is survived by her two sons, Sean Trumbly of Wausau and Dan Trumbly of Merrill; three grandchildren, Nicole (Jordan) Trumbly, Ryan (Brielle) Trumbly, and Brennon Trumbly; her beloved nieces and nephews; and her brother-in-law, Ray Dobson of Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Roger, and her identical twin sister Dana.



Ted J. Kiar, age 89, departed on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at Froedert Menomonee Falls Hospital. Ted was born in Tomahawk, Wisconsin on August 18, 1934. At his request, there will be no memorial service.

Ted was a retired teacher from Tomahawk and Merrill. The outdoors were something he adored. Ted found enjoyment in hunting and fishing, would often take walks in the woods where he would recognize birds with ease by sight and sound, and knew plants by sight and often took along family members. He moved to Milwaukee in 1999 to be closer to family. Enjoyed working at the Humane Society in Milwaukee.

Preceded in death by his parents and 10 siblings. Survivors include nieces and nephews as well as their families.



Nathaniel "Nate" John Allar, age 41, of the township of Harrison Hills, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. He was born on May 31, 1982 to Gerald and Tammy (Ellenbecker) Allar in Milwaukee, WI. Nate attended Waukesha North High School, where he played soccer and varsity football. He graduated in 2000. He went on to further his education, studying fine arts and digital media, and earned his bachelor's degree from UW-Milwaukee. In his younger years, Nate had so much fun working and making friends as a manager for Jimmy John's. He was an artist in every sense of the word, whether it was with charcoal, paint, photography or writing. He had a skill and eye for all types of art, photography and found object installation. He loved to sing and strum along with his favorite artists' music as well as playing his original songs on his guitar. Nate enjoyed finding uniqueness and beauty in God's creation, and he was able to bring that out in his work. He was also very handy when it came to helping his parents renovate and remodel their home on Long Lake in the Harrison Hills. Nate loved fishing and did so quite often on the lake, always going after that big bass and making sure to give his offering to the Blue Heron! He enjoyed performing on open mic nights at the Sawmill in Merrill, going by the name "Jack Pines (Speaks to the Sky)". The comradery with Travis, Justin and the guys meant a lot to him. Nate was a peaceful and happy person. He was a great brother, son, friend, and always "the fun uncle". He will be missed dearly, but memories of him remain forever in our hearts.

Nate is survived by his parents: Gerry & Tammy (Ellenbecker) Allar of Harrison Hills, sister: Mindy (Daryl) Kriefall of Port Washington, WI, with their children: Adeline and Dayne, brother: John (Katie) Allar of Menomonee Falls, WI, with their children: Ali and Davy, sister: Margo Allar of Wausau, WI, many aunts, uncles and cousins, along with his sidekick cat: "Shadow". He was preceded in death by maternal and paternal grandparents and an infant niece: Azure Allar.

A Celebration of Life for Nate will take place at Christ Church in Mequon, WI, 13460 North Port Washington Road, Mequon, WI, 53097, on Friday, May 31, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Visitation will start at 2:30 p.m. at the church. A light dinner and fish stories to be shared afterwards until 7:00 p.m.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the caring and attentive first responders that came to provide their assistance to Nate in his time of need, especially Andrew & Tim; you're appreciated more than you know; and Lt. Tom, Dep. Brad of the LCSD, and the City of Merrill EMS team.

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

Lincoln County Board Supervisor Vorpapel charged with OWI

BY TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

Lincoln County Board District 9 Supervisor Christine Vorpapel has been charged with Operating While Intoxicated, first offense, and Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle stemming from an incident on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

Shortly after 3 p.m. on May 18, the Lincoln County Dispatch Center received a call reporting an older woman was passed out in her vehicle on Deer Run Ave. just off Hwy. 64 east of Merrill in the Town of Pine River, but it looked like she was breathing. The caller also indicated it looked like there was alcohol on the seat near the driver. The reporting party said the woman's foot was on the brake, but the vehicle was still in drive, and the doors were locked, so they were parking a truck in front of the woman's vehicle.

A Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy arrived on scene just after 3:19 p.m. and was able to make contact with the driver. He noticed signs of impairment

and conducted standard field sobriety tests, including a breathalyzer test. The driver's preliminary breathalyzer test indicated a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .14. Anything over .08 is over the legal limit in Wisconsin.

The woman, identified as 69-year-old Christine J. Vorpapel, was arrested for first offense Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) and transported to Aspirus Merrill Hospital at approximately 3:40 p.m. where her blood was drawn to determine BAC at that time. Shortly afterward Vorpapel was released to her husband.

Vorpapel was issued a traffic citation for the offense, which lists a court appearance date of July 1. No appearance is required and Vorpapel is subject to a fine of \$1,037.50 for the offense.

On May 20, 2024, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office also issued and mailed a citation to Vorpapel for Possession of Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle. A July 1 court date was scheduled for this matter, as well. No appearance is required and Vorpapel is subject to a

fine of \$263.50 for this citation.

Vorpapel was recently elected to her position as Supervisor for Lincoln County District 9 in the April 2, 2024, election, beating out incumbent Don Friske by 45 votes. (Vorpapel won with 55.87% of the vote.)

Lincoln County Board Supervisor Jesse Boyd was asked if Lincoln County Board Supervisors are bound by any kind of conduct clause or how the incident might impact Vorpapel's role as a Supervisor. Boyd said reviewed State Statutes and local ordinances and released the following statement on behalf of the Board: "It is important for all elected officials to be good role models within our community. We are all elected to serve at the pleasure of the ones we represent. While the County Board does not condone drunk driving, it is a matter for the legal system, and at this time [we] do not have enough information to speak to any future action that the Board may seek."

Vorpapel is presumed innocent of all charges until proven guilty and/or a judgment of conviction is entered.



Mayor Steve Hass contacted the Fab Lab at Merrill High School and asked them to create this rendition of the new City of Merrill logo for installation at City Hall. The logo was installed in the Council Chambers on May 22, 2024. Nice work, Fab Lab students! Submitted photo.

LEGAL NOTICES

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AUTHENTICATED COPY
Date Filed 5-14-24
Tina M. Wild
Clerk of Circuit Court
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT,
LANGLADE COUNTY
Amended
Summons and Complaint
(Small Claims)
Case No. 2024SC000094
Claim for money (\$10,000 or less)
31001

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-627-6215 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Plaintiff:
Antigo Refrigeration & Heating Ltd,
2238 Neva Rd.
Antigo, WI 54409
vs.
To: Defendant(s):
Elizabeth Barabe
Bryant Behn
731 Maple Grove Rd.
Merrill, WI 54452

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

OR
You must file a written answer and provide a copy to the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney on or before the date and time stated.

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

When to Appear/File an Answer
Date: June 25, 2024
Time: 8:30 AM

Place to Appear/File an Answer
Langlade County Courthouse
800 Clermont Street
Antigo, WI 54409
Megan Schmidt, Deputy Clerk
Date Summons Issued: 5-14-24

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff's Demand:
The plaintiff states the following claim against the defendant(s):
The plaintiff demands judgment for:
Claim for Money \$8,402.84
I am the plaintiff.
/s/Linda Schulz
2238 Neva Rd., Antigo, WI 54409
715-627-2665
Date: 5/14/24
Published 5/23/24, 5/30/24 & 6/6/24
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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452-2586
NOTICE OF ACTION ON A
STREET VACATION

Notice is hereby given that a Resolution to vacate a portion of E 5th Street is to be acted upon by the Common Council

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of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, at the meeting of the Common Council commencing at 7:00 p.m., July 9, 2024, at City Hall, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the following proposed Vacation Resolution, to wit:

1. Vacating that portion of East 5th Street described as follows:
Located in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 12, Township 31N, Range 6E, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin: All of Fifth Street right of way lying between the East right of way of Court Street and the West right of way of Spruce Street.

The City of Merrill reserves an easement for construction and maintenance purposes related to utilities serving the public currently located in, on or around the vacated area.

2. This Notice of action is being taken pursuant to a recommendation of the Board of Public Works on May 1, 2024 and the City Plan Commission on May 6, 2024.
Any questions, please call City Engineer Roderick Akey, PE, at 715-536-5594.
Dated: May 6, 2024
CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN
BY: Lori Anderson-Malm
City Clerk
Published May 16, 23 & 30, 2024
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DATE SIGNED: May 20, 2024

Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Elmer B. Pond
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24-IN-21

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 - 2. The decedent, with date of birth November 5, 1947 and date of death December 12, 2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 10688 Tomptabo Rd., Merrill, WI 54435.
 - 3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office, before Becky Byer, Probate Registrar, on June 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
 - 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 13, 2024.
 - 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
 - 6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
- If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled

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court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
ATTORNEY Robert W. Zimmerman, Hurtado Zimmerman SC 227521 Harrier Ave., Suite D, Wausau, WI 54401
715-203-1401
Bar No. 1017839
Published May 30, June 6 & 13, 2024
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LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS
CITY OF MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025
LICENSE PERIOD

CLASS B COMBINATION LICENSE
B's Nest LLC
Duane Yorde, Agent
B's Nest
1404 W. Main Street
Caylors Trophy Bar, LLC
Michael J Caylor, Agent
Caylors Trophy Bar
808 E. Main Street
Kim's Wisconsin LLC
Qemal Alimi, Agent
New Pine Ridge Restaurant
1302 N. Center Ave
Merrill Social & Sick Benefit Society,
James Helman, Agent
S & S Bar
418 Grand Avenue
Sawmill Brewing Co Inc
Zach Kubichek, Agent
Sawmill Brewing Co.
1110 E 10th Street

CLASS A COMBINATION LICENSE
Dolgencorp, LLC
Crystal Lemke, Agent
Dollar General Store #21051
710 E 2nd Street
Indianhead Oil Co LLC
Mary Hofele, Agent
Holiday Stationstore #482
1312 W Main Street

CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSE (0)
CLASS B BEER LICENSE
Merrill Hockey, Inc.
Liz Rominski, Agent
Merrill Hockey
1100 Marc Drive
Submitted - City Clerk
Lori Anderson-Malm
Published May 30, 2024
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF TRUST ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF WISCONSIN, County of Lincoln, in the matter of the E. Thomas Krembs Revocable Trust dated January 29, 2020 (the "Trust"):
1. E. Thomas Krembs, with date of birth September 4, 1930, and date of death December 14, 2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent, E. Thomas Krembs, is September 19, 2024.
3. All claims must include detailed documentation and must be submitted to the Trustee of the Trust at the following address: 1303 O'Day Street, Apt 3, Merrill, WI 54452.

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Date: May 16, 2024
E. Thomas Krembs Revocable Trust dated January 29, 2020.
By: /s/ Marlene Balschun Schmidt, Trustee
Dan C. Koblitz, Attorney
Published 5/23/24, 5/30/24 & 6/6/24
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Notice to Creditors for Summary Assignment (Formal Administration)
Case No 2024PR17
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Gerald D. Blaubach

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. A Petition for Summary Assignment was filed.
- 2. The decedent, with the date of birth 12-24-1946 and date of death 2-10-2024, with a mailing address of W1384 1st Ave., Apt 11, Gleason, WI 54435 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI.
- 3. The right of a creditor to bring an action terminates three months after the date of publication of this order. Creditors may bring an action by
A. filing a claim in the Lincoln County Circuit Court before the property is assigned.
B. bringing a suit against the assignee(s) after the property is assigned.
- 4. The property may be assigned to the creditors and interested persons after 30 days have elapsed following the publication of this notice.
Sheila R. Magray
3616 W. Memorial Dr.
Anthem, AZ 85086
sheila.magray@gmail.com
623-980-4478
Published May 30, 2024
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY Case No. 22CV109 Mortgage Foreclosure, Money Judgment over \$10,000.00 and Replevin
BMO HARRIS BANK N.A.
f/k/a HARRIS N.A., successor by merger to
M&I MARSHALL & ILSLEY BANK, Plaintiff,
JESSE ZUELSDORFF a/k/a
JESSE L. ZUELSDORFF,
JANE DOE SPOUSE, unknown spouse of
JESSE ZUELSDORFF a/k/a
JESSE L. ZUELSDORFF (dismissed),
FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF AMERICA, PCA, HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE SERVICES n/k/a RIVER COUNTRY CO-OP and
DNF ASSOC. LLC a/k/a DNF ASSOCIATES, LLC,
Cogency Global Inc.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of and pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-captioned action, and the order of the Court dated on the 22nd day of March, 2023, and entered on the 22nd day of March, 2023, in the amount of \$86,158.49, I will sell at public auction in the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, 54452, on the 11th day of July, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., all of the following premises, to-wit:
The Northeast One-quarter (1/4) of the Southeast One-quarter (1/4), Section Thirty-three (33), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Five (5) East, Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
Property Address: N241 Midway Road Merrill, WI 54452
Parcel Identification No.: 006 3105 334 9999
TERMS OF SALE: Cash, Cashier's Check or Certified Funds
DOWN PAYMENT: 10% of amount bid by cash, cashier's check or certified funds. Balance of purchase price must be paid within ten (10) days after confirmation of the sale.
Dated at Merrill, Wisconsin, this 20th day of May, 2024.
/s/Ken Schneider
Sheriff of Lincoln County

TOWN OF MERRILL MERRILL, WISCONSIN LIQUOR & BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been filed with the Town Clerk - License period: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.
CLASS A COMBINATION
Geiss Meat Service Retail Store - Andrew Geiss - W4490 Pope Rd - Merrill, WI
CLASS B COMBINATION
The Dug Out - Katie Proft
N2472 Cty Rd K - Merrill, WI
Hillside Hy-Da Way - Heather Hinz - N2205 Cty Rd JJ - Merrill, WI
Al & Kim's Northway Club - Allen Woller - N2198 Cty Rd K - Merrill, WI
The Roc LLC - Scott Hinz
N2737 Hwy 107 - Merrill, WI
Throw Line Drinkery LLC - Justin Dennison - N2191 Cty Rd K - Merrill, WI
Mitzi Flegner, Clerk
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TOWN OF PINE RIVER LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Town of Pine River Board along with the Town Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Pine River Town Hall, N1647 Deer Run Ave., Merrill WI to take testimony on the following: **TOWN OF PINE RIVER PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCES.** Written and oral testimony will be entered into the record and considered. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to be present or give written testimony at or prior to the hearing. To view the proposed Zoning Ordinances go to www.townofpineriver.com or contact Clerk Herdt at 715-536-7687 to view the file.

Please Recycle. Amanda Herdt, Clerk
Published May 30, 2024 & June 6, 2024
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TOWN OF MERRILL MERRILL, WISCONSIN

BID NOTICE

The Town of Merrill, Lincoln County Wisconsin Will be accepting sealed bids for replacing culverts and blacktop on Spruce Rd - 2 west of K and 1 east of K
Forest Dr - 1
Swede Rd - 1
Schulz Spur Dr - 2
Township will provide culverts.
The work shall consist of furnishing all proper materials, equipment, and labor. Contractor to provided certificate of insurance showing liability & workers comp. coverage.
Sealed bids can be submitted to the Town of Merrill W4594 Progress Ave, Merrill, WI 54452
Bids will be opened at the June 10th, 2024 Town Board Meeting. The Town of Merrill reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the town.

TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD
Published May 23, 30, & June 6, 2024
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REQUEST FOR BIDS TOWN OF RUSSELL - LINCOLN COUNTY

The TOWN OF RUSSELL, LINCOLN COUNTY, will be accepting bids for a minimum of 2,500 yards of road gravel to be placed on various town roads.

For additional information please contact Chairman Robert Kressel at 715-873-4041.

Bids will be opened at 6:00 p.m. in the Town of Russell Town Hall on June 11, 2024.

Sealed bids can be submitted to: Town Clerk, N5410 State Highway 17, Gleason WI 54435.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Contractor to provide certificate of insurance showing liability and workers compensation coverage.

Amy Brown, Town Clerk
Published May 23 & 30, 2024
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Class of 2024 scholarships and awards

The following Merrill High School Class of 2024 students were recognized at Awards Night last week. Listed with their awards and scholarships, they are as follows:

- Carter Baade - Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award, Merrill Baseball Association Carter Baade Scholarship
- Chloe Belant - Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Association Scholarship, Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Aspirus Merrill Hospital Scholarship, Rotary Club Technical Scholarship, NTC Foundation - Aspirus Inc. I Scholarship
- Lauren Belsky - Kate Goodrich Elementary School PTO Scholarship, Robert & Jo Ann Opsahl Scholarship
- Anna Bowe - Edward H. Staats & Mary Staats Memorial Scholarship, Sholund Estate Scholarship, UW-La Crosse Merit Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Mickelson Athletic Award, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Gerald & Charmaine Whitburn Scholarship
- Chase Brantner - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award
- Jaden Bush - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Gold Tassel
- Christian Candler - NTC Foundation - All Metal Stamping Scholarship, Gold Tassel, David H. Eckerle Memorial Scholarship, Gleason Area Lions Club #1 Scholarship, Haunted Sawmill Scholarship, Kate Goodrich Elementary School PTO Scholarship,

- Lincoln County Beef Producers Scholarship, Little Lakes Memories Scholarship
- Ayden Cantrell - Invest In Your Purpose Scholarship, Pointer Promise Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Lawrence & John Frederick Agriculture Scholarship
- Isaak Clapper - Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award
- Malaynie Dengel - Academic Excellence, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship, X to C Golf Scholarship
- Gabriel Durbin - UW-Platteville Merit Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship, Merrill Police Department Scholarship
- Olivia Dzwonkowski - Distinguished Trustee Scholarship, Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Haunted Sawmill Scholarship
- Bryce Eggebrecht - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship
- Elexa Emmer - NMU Bridge Award, Wildcat Merit Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Evelyn Broecker Memorial Scholarship, Lincoln County Sports Club Scholarship, Robert & Jo Ann Opsahl Scholarship
- Clayton Evans - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship
- Grace Faber - UW-Stevens Point Merit Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Grace Faber, Walter & Mabel Fromm University

- Scholarship
- Waylon Falk - Gold Tassel
- Anna Florez - Gold Tassel
- Emma Frazier - Gold Tassel, Kiwanis Club Scholarship
- Lacey Frisch - Gold Tassel
- Bobbi Gerbig - Gold Tassel
- Katy Glaze - Gold Tassel, FFA Alumni Scholarship, Lincoln County Beef Producers Scholarship, Nicklaus Agriculture Scholarship, WA Marquardt Scholarship
- Anthony Hanse - Gold Tassel, Blanche Krueger Youth Bowling Scholarship, Lois Latzig Memorial Scholarship, Washington Elementary School PTO Scholarship
- Linzee Hixon - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Walter & Mabel Fromm University Scholarship, William T. Evjue Scholarship
- Avery Hoff - St. Norbert College Trustee Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, President's Education Award, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Carl & Wella Orin Memorial Scholarship
- Emma Hoff - St. Norbert College Presidential Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Martin & Marcella Lahni Scholarship
- Allison Hoock - Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Adam Smith Memorial University Scholarship, Gleason Area Lions Club #2 Scholarship, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Scholarship, Robert & Jo Ann Opsahl Scholarship, Sherry Simon Success - Education Scholarship
- Austin Hotchkiss - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Ronald & Ellen Nicklaus Scholarship
- D'ondre Houghton - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Owen Cordova Memorial Scholarship
- Allison Hunter - Gold Tassel, Jered Severt Memorial Scholarship, Merrill Wrestling Club Scholarship, WA Marquardt Scholarship
- Emerson Iwen - Edward H. Staats & Mary Staats Memorial Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Boyd & Dorinda Gustke Family Scholarship, Merrill Lions Club Scholarship, Pine River Elementary School PTO Scholarship
- Mariah Jacoby - Merrill Ice Reflections Figure Skating Club Scholarship, Pointer Incentive Grant Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Genevieve Bowell Scholarship
- William Klein - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Walter

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Pork Sausage Original - Frozen 32 oz. ONLY \$3.99	Cream Cheese 1/3 Less Fat 8 oz. ONLY \$1.29	Chicken Breast Breaded Patties Frozen 5 lbs. ONLY \$7.99
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Meatballs Original - Fully Cooked Frozen 48 oz. ONLY \$8.99	Salami Sliced, Cotto - Frozen 16 oz. ONLY \$1.29	Turkey Breast Garlic Herb-Fully Cooked Frozen 5 lbs. ONLY \$1.29 a lb
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Pet of the Week

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JUNE 4TH - LIVER & ONIONS
JUNE 11TH - SWEDISH MEATBALLS
Dinner served: Tuesday 4:00-8:00 PM

FRIDAY NIGHTS
MAY 31ST - WALLEYE
JUNE 7TH - BREADED SCALLOPS
Dinner served: Friday 4:00-8:00 PM

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- SUNDAY: Bar Open From 11am-7pm

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& Mabel Fromm University Scholarship
 • Brooklyn Kraegenbrink - Merrill High School Band Booster Scholarship, Gold Tassel, National Honor Society Cords, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Lee Wardall Memorial - MTA Scholarship, Lincoln County Tavern League Scholarship, Optimist Club - Jr Optimist Member Scholarship, Pine River Elementary School PTO Scholarship, Washington Elementary School PTO, William Hinke & Jeanne Kroepin Scholarship, Senior Athletic Award
 • Nicholas Kriegel - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Merrill Golf Booster Club Scholarship
 • Gabrielle Krueger - NTC Foundation - Jesse J. Fleischman Memorial Scholarship
 • Regena Lahti - Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Leonard Schmitt Undergraduate Law Scholarship UW-Madison Scholarship, Walter & Mabel Fromm University Scholarship
 • Brody Lange - Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award, Elsie H. Heckman Memorial Scholarship, Silver M Club in Memory of Arnold Kromholz Scholarship
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A goose and gosling walk along the sidewalk near the T.B. Scott Library on May 21, 2024.

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One person had to be transported to Aspirus Wausau Hospital via Lifelink helicopter with injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident that occurred last week Thursday, May 23, 2024, on Hwy. 51 north of Merrill near Cty. Rd. J. Submitted photo.

Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens

The Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens will be available again this summer. Five churches - Christ United Methodist Church, St. Stephens UCC, Our Saviour's Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and St. John Lutheran - work together with the Merrill Community Food Pantry to provide a lunch for kids in the community who do not have access for lunch when school is on summer break.

This year's program will run substantially the same as it has for the last several years.

The program will run from June 3, 2024 until Aug. 30, 2024.

All meals will be available for pick-up from Christ United Methodist Church (UMC), 300 N. Mill St. in Merrill, in the parking lot area and may be picked up by either the child or a parent between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

No meals will be eaten on site, and children are expected to eat at home. All of the meals will be ready to eat.

As in the past, each of the five churches will provide

meals on their assigned day of the week; however, they will operate from Christ UMC.

The Community Food Pantry of Merrill is partnering with the program again this year and will provide certain items for the meals each day, such as a snack, the juice drink or other beverage, and fruit cups. This provides a great savings for the churches and is a wonderful partnership for the community.

In addition, this year volunteers from Associated Bank will help pack the bags throughout the summer, providing a huge time saver for the church volunteers; this is a great way to increase community participation.

No sign-up is necessary to participate in this program. The child or parent just needs to come to the Christ UMC parking lot on Third St. near the intersection of Mill St. between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday to pick up their bag lunch.

Please note: A meal will NOT be available on July 4, 2024.



The Associated Bank volunteer team prepares for the summer lunch program. Submitted photo.



One of the Friday summer lunch teams gets ready to serve lunches. Submitted photo.

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Tassel, Walter & Mabel Fromm Technical Scholarship, X to C Golf Scholarship
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 • Addison Warren - Sylvia Woller Scholarship
 • Parker Welch - Gold Tassel
 • Sophie Wendorf - Merrill High School Softball Class of 2024 Scholarship, Gold Tassel, Senior Athletic Award, Wisconsin Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, Al & Elayne Saeger Memorial Scholarship
 • Isabel Wendt - NTC Foundation - Bierman Family Foundation Scholarship, Gold Tassel, President's Education Award, Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Neil Callahan Memorial Scholarship, Park City Credit Union Scholarship
 • Macy Wesbrock - NTC Foundation Scholarship
 • Anna Westfall - Gold Tassel, Adam Smith Memorial Technical Scholarship, Walter & Mabel Fromm Technical Scholarship
 • Macy Wienke - University Of Minnesota-

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Sunday, June 9th, 6:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Taylor County	Taylor County Fairgrounds • Hwy 13 & WI-64, Medford, WI 54451	Adults - \$7.00 • 5 and under - Free
Sunday, June 9th, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Lincoln County	MARC • 1100 Marc Dr., Merrill, WI 54452	Adults - \$8 • Children 6-11 - \$4 • Children 5 and under - Free
Sunday, June 9th, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Edgar	Pat & Michelle Socha Family Farm • 125849 County Rd U • Edgar, WI 54426	Adults: \$9.00 • Under 8: Free
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Sunday, June 30th, 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Greenwood	Gary and Brenda Lindner and Family • W4414 Spencer Rd Loyal, WI 54446	13 and over - \$8.00 • 5 to 12 - \$5.00 • 4 and under - Free
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Town and Country Dairy Breakfast Committee

Merrill Bluejay Trap shooters bring home two golds and a bronze from Badger State Games

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On May 18, 2024, nine Merrill Bluejay Trap Team shooters competed at the Badger State Games at the Wausau Skeet & Trap Club. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded to the top males and females in each shooting division, and three of the nine

Merrill shooters brought home medals from the event: two golds and a bronze.

Youth (junior) shooters compete based on their age on the date of the event, with divisions for age 13 and under, age 14-15, and age 16-18.

High Gun Overall went to Matthew Maas of Gleason who shot a 97 in four rounds of shooting in the age 14-15 division. He had three

rounds of 24 and one round with a perfect 25. Maas brought home a gold medal.

Merrill's Maria Ashbrenner took home a gold medal for High Overall Female in the age 14-15 division with a score of 88.

And Bradley Schmidt brought home a bronze medal, shooting a score of 73, in the age 13 and under division.



Merrill High School's Varsity Golf Team, L to R: Chase Klebenow, Jacob Schmeltzer, Evan Elliott, Colton Burrows, and Parker Klebenow.

Photo courtesy of Merrill High School Golf Program.

Bluejay golfers advance to Sectionals

The Merrill Varsity Golf Team played in the Regional Golf Match at River Edge Golf Course in Marshfield on May 21, 2024.

"The Bluejays were able to secure a fourth place finish by shooting 171 and advancing to the next round," Merrill Varsity Golf Coach Andrew Plisch

said. "The difference between fourth and eighth place was only a difference of five strokes."

"The Bluejays are playing their best golf at the right time and look to continue improving at the Sectional Match at Troy Burne Golf Course in Hudson on May 28," he said.



Chase Klebenow.

Photo courtesy of Merrill High School Golf Program.



Merrill Fraternal Order of Eagles held a Pancake Breakfast Benefit on Feb. 18, 2024, for Mary Stamm (center) to assist her with ongoing medical expenses. Presenting the checks are Aerie representative, Bryan Plautz and Auxiliary representative, Sue Heckendorf.

Submitted photo.

Local high school golf champion charged with sexual assault of a child, possession of child pornography, and related charges

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill's Russell Dettmering, who is best known locally for his stand-out high school golfing record and winning the WIAA Division 1 State Championship title in 2019, has been charged with four felony counts in Lincoln County.

On March 20, 2024, Dettmering was charged with two counts of exposing a child to harmful material and one count of possession of child pornography.

If convicted, the first two charges each carry a penalty of up to a \$10,000 fine and/or prison terms of up to 3 years, 6 months, per count. The charge of possession of child pornography carries a penalty of up to a \$100,000 fine and/or up to 25 years in prison, if convicted. Additionally, there may be a surcharge of up to \$500 per image for each image or copy of an image associated with the crime. And Wis. Stat. 939.617 states that, if convicted, the court shall impose a bifurcated sentence including a term of initial confinement of at least three years.

These three charges stem from allegations that Dettmering, who was 21 years old at the time, was sending photos of his naked genitalia to two separate Lincoln County girls in October 2023 via Snapchat. The girls were then ages 16 and 14, respectively. One of the girls alleges Dettmering asked for naked photos of her breasts and she sent photos back, while the other girl said she refused a similar

request. The complaint filed in this case alleges Dettmering was aware that at least one of the girls was a minor, at one point saying "I wish you were older," to the girl, accompanied by one of the inappropriate photos he sent her.

According to the criminal complaint on file, when law enforcement interviewed Dettmering, he did not deny exchanging photos with the girls.

Dettmering retained Attorney Wright C. Laufenberg of Laufenberg Law Offices in Merrill to represent him in April and made his initial appearance in this matter last week. Judge Robert Russell set a cash bond of \$250 in this case, which Dettmering posted on May 22. In addition, the court said Dettmering, as a condition of his bond, is to have no contact with the victims or their residences, no electronic communication with any minors, and no contact with any minors except for incidental contact in a public place, or while the minor is within sight and sound of an adult relative. The court granted an exception for the defendant's siblings.

The matter is set for a telephone scheduling conference on June 20 in Lincoln County Court Branch 2.

Additional more serious charges filed

On May 17, 2024, in a separate case, an additional, even more serious, felony count of second degree sexual assault of a child was filed against Dettmering, along with a misdemeanor charge of resisting or obstructing an officer.

These charges appear to be unrelated to the March charges and pertain to

allegations made by a third girl. Conviction on this felony count carries with it a fine of up to \$100,000 and up to 40 years in prison or both, while the additional misdemeanor charge is punishable with a fine of up to \$10,000 or up to nine months in prison or both, if convicted.

The Merrill Police Department took a report of the alleged sexual assault on Dec. 13, 2023, which alleges that Dettmering may have been sexually active with the victim during the summer of 2023. The alleged victim in this case was 15 years old during the summer of 2023 and December 2023, while Dettmering was 21 years old during this timeframe, and the reporting victim alleged she "was dating Dettmering for 2-3 months in the summer of 2023. Victim stated this was a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship," according to the complaint. She also alleged they had been sexually active more than five times during this timeframe.

In an interview with law enforcement, Dettmering denied being in a relationship with the girl and made other statements that were inconsistent with statements made by other witnesses in the case, according to the complaint.

Dettmering also made an initial appearance on this charge in Lincoln County Court Branch 2 on May 22, where cash bond was also set at \$250 and his release was subject to the same conditions as set forth in the prior case.

The telephone scheduling conference set for June 20 will also include matters pertaining to this case.

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This case has not been concluded. Unless a judgment of conviction is entered, the defendant is presumed innocent of all charges.

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Intermediate Care	\$2,353.00	\$2,541.00	\$188.00	8.0%
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Merrill Bluejay Varsity Trap Team: Undefeated 2024 Conference Champions!

Merrill's JV Trap Team also wins 2024 Conference Championship

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill Bluejay Varsity Trap Team: Undefeated 2024 Conference Champions

Due to inclement weather Tuesday night, May 21, 2024, the Merrill Bluejay Trap Team changed their Week 9 shooting to Thursday evening, May 23. "The weather was perfect for busting clay tonight," one of the assistant coaches said. Most but not all of the shooters were able to make the Thursday night shoot, so a couple had to fit in their shooting time in order to calculate the final scores. But once all the shooting had quieted and the scores were tallied, it was official: The Merrill Bluejay Varsity Trap Team had officially ended



Varsity Senior Jacob Walsh ended his high school shooting career with a perfect 25 score during Week 9 of shooting. He also shot a 25 for his practice round so that was "50 straight"! Way to go out with a bang!

Photo courtesy of Merrill Bluejay Trap Program.

their regular season as the only team that remained undefeated to become the 2024 Conference Champions!

In Week 9, their final week of regular season shooting, the Bluejays were up against the Rhinelander High School Trap Team, and the Bluejays took the win, 119-111. Varsity Senior Jacob Walsh contributed to that winning score, ending his high school trap shooting career with a perfect 25. He also shot a 25 for his practice round, so that was "50 straight"! Way to go out with a bang, coaches said. A very impressive accomplishment!

Congratulations to the undefeated Merrill Bluejay Varsity Trap Team and 2024 Conference Champs!

After this week's shooting, Merrill Varsity shooter Bobby Hoff slipped to second place Varsity shooter in the Conference with a score of 212 as Lakeland's Ethan Schumacher took the lead with a 213. Merrill's Christopher Holz retained his third place position in the Conference with a score of 210. And Merrill's Nicholas Kriegel got back into the top five, as fifth place Varsity shooter in the Conference with a score of 207. [The fourth place shooter, Marcus Patterson of Tomahawk, also had a score of 207, but edged out Kriegel for fourth place with 118 RR compared to Kriegel's 115 RR.]

Merrill's other top Varsity shooters rounding out the Bluejays' top five shooters for the season include Landon Hipke (196, 77 RR) and Landen Klockziem (196, 38 RR).

Merrill Bluejay JV Trap Team: 2024 Conference Champions

Merrill's Bluejay JV Trap Team also claimed a Week 9 victory over Rhinelander, winning 114-91.

Merrill's Bluejay JV Trap Team also ended their season as Conference Champions, winning eight of their nine weeks of competition. Though discouraged after losing to Tomahawk in Week 6 of shooting by a single point, that loss



The Merrill Bluejay Varsity Trap Team: Undefeated and 2024 Conference Champions! Photo courtesy of Merrill Bluejay Trap Program.



Merrill Bluejay JV Trap Team also took first place in the Conference and emerged Conference Champions! Photo courtesy of Merrill Bluejay Trap Program.

ultimately didn't define the outcome of their season. With just one loss, the Bluejay JV Trap Team pulled out ahead of the competition to take the lead in the Conference.

SPASH also won eight of their nine weeks of competition, but the Bluejays were the clear winners when the points were tallied. The JV Bluejays totaled 1028 points for the season, compared to 934 season points for SPASH.

Congratulations to the Merrill Bluejay JV Trap Team, also 2024 Conference Champions!

After Week 9 of shooting, two Merrill JV shooters remain in the top five shooters in the Conference in their division: Mathew Maas is the second place Conference JV shooter with a score of 206, and Matthew Wiederhoeft is the fourth place JV Conference (204, RR 59) shooter. Wiederhoeft's score of 204 tied him with the third place JV shooter in the Conference, but he was edged out by that shooter's 91 RR.

Merrill's Maria Ashbrenner and Lily Kufahl solidly retained their spots as first and second place female JV shooters in the Conference, with scores of 191 and 169, respectively.

with scores of 206, 204, 203, 202, and 191, respectively.

Intermediate shooting

In Week 9 of shooting, Merrill Bluejay Intermediate Advanced and Intermediate Entry Trap Teams also claimed victories over Rhinelander, with scores of 106-48, and 98-80, respectively.

The Bluejay Intermediate Advanced Trap Team came in second place in the Conference after regular season shooting, falling short of the Championship which went to the Mosinee Trap Team. Merrill's Intermediate Advanced team lost in two weeks of shooting competition and the Mosinee Intermediated Advanced team was undefeated.

The top five shooters on the Merrill Intermediate Advanced Trap Team this season were Bradley Schmidt, Tavin Heidemann, Kaleb Staus, Max Westover, and Easton Romatoski, with scores of 169, 166, 164, 163, and 142, respectively.

The Bluejay Intermediate Entry Trap Team came in fourth in the Conference after winning six of their nine matches in as many weeks. Merrill's Corbin Hanson emerged as fifth place shooter in the Conference at the Intermediate Entry level with a score of 168.

The top five shooters on the Merrill Intermediate Entry Trap Team this season were Hanson, Jacob Hoffman, Jaxson Ames, Robert Giese, and Charles Graap, with scores of 168, 164, 163, 151, and 146, respectively.

Next up for Bluejay Trap

The Merrill Bluejay Varsity Trap Team will compete in two separate upcoming tournaments: The Conference shoot in Brokaw at Wausau Skeet & Trap Club on May 31 and the State Trap Tournament in June.

2024 Merrill Summer Baseball Schedule

Merrill Rangers

Wed. May 29 Waupaca Home 7:30 pm

Merrill Post 46

No scheduled games for this week.

Merrill Jr. Legion

Tues. June 4 Tomahawk Home 7:00 pm

Thurs. June 6 Wausau Home 6:00 pm

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Sam Reimann, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Sam has been a member of the Merrill Varsity Baseball Team, playing shortstop and pitcher, for four years. He started playing ball on the Coach's Pitch League when he was five or six year's old, then progressed through Little League and Traveling League before high school. Sam has also been a member of the Merrill Varsity Basketball Team for the last three years.

At school, Sam's favorite class is graphic design, he belongs to the Fishing Club, and he is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). In his free time, he enjoys fishing, playing video games, eating, and going camping.

The son of Ray and Marla Reimann of Merrill. Sam has a 3.5 GPA, and plans to attend UW-Stevens Point after high school graduation and to play Baseball for them at the college level. He is undecided on his major and future career plans.



Sam Reimann

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