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Tom Buck presents Ralph Wehlitz with the Sijan Award. Submitted photo.

Wehlitz turns 100 years old, receives Sijan Award

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

Ralph Wehlitz, Master Model Railroader, turned 100 years old on June 4, 2024, and his railroad-loving friends and family members threw him a party on June 6 at one of his favorite places to gather and talk about trains and railroading: the Polka-Dotted Pie on E. Main St. in Merrill.

In addition to catching up with all who came to honor him and celebrating

with pie and birthday cake, local artist Bailey Iwen presented Wehlitz with a beautiful portrait she painted of him as a gift.

It was the honor of the many friends, former students, family members, and fellow railroad and model railroad buffs to come to honor Wehlitz at the celebration in honor of his 100th birthday, and some traveled from as far as Milwaukee to do him those honors.

One of those attendees

also shared that earlier this past spring, on May 16 in Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Armed Services Committee (MASC) awarded Wehlitz with the 2024 Lance P. Sijan Award, for his service in the U.S. Army with the 34th Division during World War II, in the battle for Monte Cassino in Italy. Wehlitz was one of four heroes so honored during Milwaukee Armed Forces Week; however, he was actually presented the award in Merrill on May

23. The namesake for the Sijan Award was born in Milwaukee and ultimately died in Hoa Lo Prison in 1968 as a Prisoner of War. [Read more about Sijan's heroic story in a separate story on our website.]

"The Milwaukee Armed Services Committee was established more than four decades ago to celebrate the annual Armed Forces Day

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Park City Gardens has designated the yard and garden of Mary Ann Kufahl as the July Garden of the Month. Located at 2703 E. 10th St. in Merrill, Mary Ann Kufahl has enjoyed the fun of creating the beautiful flower gardens surrounding her house since 1989.

"As you approach from

the west, you see beautiful full grown shade trees surrounded by the beauty of color," Park City Gardens nominators said. "Each year she has added a few more annuals, a few more perennials, and the perfect garden art to enhance her hard work."

"Mary Ann's yard is

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Mary Ann Kufahl's yard and garden has been designated as the July Garden of the Month. Photo courtesy of Park City Gardens.

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Mattea Joy performed in Bankers Square on July 18, 2024, as part of the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce Bankers Square Concert series. A small crowd gathered to enjoy her performance. "Our next concert is Aug. 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.," said Sarah Sturm, Merrill Chamber Marketing Director. "The community is encouraged to join us again for this free performance from David Michael Sargent this time." **Sarah Sturm photo.**



Several planes cross the finish line on Sunday, July 21, 2024, during the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AirVenture Cup Race. "The July 21 EAA AirVenture Cup Race used Merrill Airport as the finish line and would like to continue in the future," said Joe Malsack, Airport Commission member. "Most of you heard and saw low flying aircraft over Merrill." "The airport is glad to participate in this event, being it draws attention to our little city. Racers from all over the U.S. get to see who and where we are. EAA draws thousands of aircraft every year. Some of these aircraft land at Merrill, purchase fuel, borrow the courtesy vehicle and drive into our city to eat or stay overnight. This is another tourism avenue for our city. Thank you, City of Merrill," he said. **Joe Malsack photo.**

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a place of serenity and tranquility," they said. "The front yard greets you with beautiful color and greenery that welcome you to the front door."

A trip around the home reveals shrubs and plantings in a variety of shades of green, along with beautiful blooming flowers that vary with the season.

A tranquil setting awaits toward the backyard. Calming waterfalls and serene color combine with the enchanting fragrance of the flowering blossoms, creating an experience for all the senses.

"The deck is adorned with bright colors, comfy seating, and even flourishing tomato plants," nominators said. "It truly invites you to take a seat, relax, and take it all in."

To ensure you don't miss any of the splendor, travel slowly as you approach from the west on 10th Street and continue slowly

to the south on Johnson Street. You can see the entire beautiful setting from the comfort of your vehicle.



A colorful and whimsical display of flowers creates a warm welcome. **Photo courtesy of Park City Gardens.**



A variety of perennials create a lush garden. **Photo courtesy of Park City Gardens.**

MAPS hires new PRMS Associate Principal

Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) recently announced the hiring of Nate Lemmens as the new Associate Principal at Prairie River Middle School (PRMS), replacing Diane Goetsch, who retired at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.



Nate Lemmens.

Nate has been a special education teacher for the past 12 years. He taught at Alexander Hamilton High School in Milwaukee for one year before taking the head boys basketball position and a special education teaching job at Wausau West High School. He coached and taught special education at Wausau West for the last 11 years and served as department chair for the last 2. Nate is originally from Rhinelander and got his bachelor and masters degree from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

the PRMS team," Lemmens said, "and I look forward to meeting the staff and students and learning more about the Merrill community."

"I am very pleased to have Nate join our team. His skill set and experiences will be very helpful to PRMS and to our district. I look forward to working with him," said Superintendent Shannon Murray.

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which is always on the third Saturday in May each year," said Thomas M. Buck, PhD and Chairman of the MASC. "Our activities fill up the entire week prior to the actual day."

"It is our understanding that we have the largest celebration of Armed Forces Week in the U.S. - at least that claim has never been challenged," he said. "There are 10 events over the week including three on Armed Forces Day."

"The Lance Sijan Luncheon recognizes veterans who have served with honor while in one of our armed forces," said Buck. "We make an effort to recognize WWII veterans in particular at this event, as there are fewer and fewer of them each year. Although Ralph lives in Merrill, he was born in Milwaukee and went to Wauwatosa High School."

Buck nominated Wehlitz for the award, and Wehlitz "was enthusiastically approved," he said. However, Wehlitz is very humble about his time in the service and would not have drawn our attention to the award himself. It took a chance meeting with Buck at the birthday party to learn about the honor bestowed upon Wehlitz.

"Ralph was one of my teachers when I was in Merrill High School," Buck said. After interviewing Wehlitz in April in connection with the award process, he shared that Wehlitz entered the U.S. Army in 1943 and was trained in Texas where he qualified as a rifleman and on the Browning Automatic Rifle. He was initially sent to Bizerte [Tunisia] in North Africa, traveling by ship from Newport News, Va., from Oct. 31, 1943 until after Thanksgiving of that year [Nov. 25, 1943] to get there. "From Bizerte they took a Landing Craft Infantry (LCI) to Naples, Italy, and were assigned as replacements in the 34th Division. Very quickly they moved toward Monte Cassino in January 1944," Buck said.

"It was during the march toward Monte Cassino that German artillery began firing on the unit of which Wehlitz was a member," he learned in an April interview with Wehlitz. "Near the Rapido River as they approached Monte Cassino, the German artillery struck near Wehlitz and inflicted a number of serious wounds on him. The most serious wound was to his left arm, but there were also shell fragments in his back, right hand, and face."

"Had it not been for the quick action of one of his buddies who found Ralph's pocket knife and used it to cut the sleeve from his jacket, permitting him to apply a tourniquet, Ralph would have died from loss of blood. Shortly after that, Ralph was carried to a field hospital and 12 hours later his left arm was amputated. Following the surgery, the surgeon visited him for about 10 seconds to let him know what was done before he moved on to

other patients in the field hospital. Ralph said that another soldier came by with a cart full of purple hearts which, without ceremony, were then given to each of the wounded," Buck said.

"When he was able to be moved, Ralph was transported to Naples and a hospital previously used by the Germans who had left behind some excellent medical equipment. After a period of time, Ralph was transported on a Hospital Ship back to North Africa where secondary closure was made to his wound."

In the spring of 1944, Ralph returned to the U.S. to continue healing, but he still has shell fragment in this back, right index finger, and one in his cheek that was discovered by a dentist many years later, Buck learned.

Following discharge from the Army, Ralph enrolled at Marquette University, transferring after one year to the University of Wisconsin-Madison to get his teaching degree. He would later earn a master's degree from the University of Minnesota. "Given that it was his left forearm that was lost, and he was left-handed, he had to teach himself to write with his right hand," Buck said. Wehlitz married and the couple had one daughter.

Generations of Merrill area students will remember Wehlitz from his teaching career in Merrill, as he spent many years teaching at what was then

Merrill Junior High School [in the location that is now Merrill High School].

"Ralph was known for having students to his home to listen to classical music, engage in philosophical discussions, learn to play chess, and to see his model

railroads for which he became well known," Buck said.

"Ralph always downplayed his contributions to the defense of our country in WWII, citing that his wounds never allowed him to

remain in service for very long," he said. "Perhaps for those reasons, he did not join either the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion. Neither did he participate in one of the Honor Flights that would have been available to him."

Nonetheless, it was the

honor of Buck and the MASC to honor Wehlitz. "We were very honored to present this award to Ralph and to acknowledge his role in defending our country," Buck said.

Thank you for your service, Ralph. And happy birthday!



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What would a 100th birthday celebration be without a birthday cake? Ralph Wehlitz was honored with cake and everyone singing "Happy Birthday" at his party at the Polka-Dotted Pie on June 6.

Tina L. Scott photo.



Bailey Iwen presents Ralph Wehlitz with the portrait she painted in honor of his 100th birthday.

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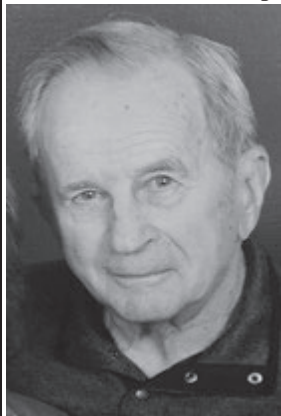
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OBITUARIES

Joseph F. Folta,



age 91, of Merrill, passed away Sunday, July 21, 2024, at Bell Tower Residence in Merrill. He was born August 7, 1932, in Merrill to the late Simon and Otilie Folta. He met the love of his life, Jean Rajek, and the two were united in marriage on May 2, 1953, a loving union lasting over 70 years. Together, they raised their three children, Sue, Bill, and Tammie. Joe enlisted in the United States Army in 1952. He served in Korea and was honorably discharged in 1953.

Joe worked for GTE for over thirty years. He worked as an installer and repairman and eventually took a position as a switching tech. Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing. He excelled at woodworking and made several keepsakes. In younger years, Joe enjoyed playing baseball and slow-pitch. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Joe was a Fourth Degree Knight and was a Past Grand Knight.

Joe and Jean looked forward to going square dancing. They traveled often, visiting Germany and going to Branson many times. Joe and Jean also belonged to a camping group and would enjoy bringing their camper to many favorite spots. They loved attending all events that their grandchildren and great grandchildren were involved in.

Joe is survived by his children, Sue (Tom) Seslar, Bill (Dawn) Folta, and Tammie (Brian) Sladek, all of Merrill; grandchildren, Chris (Marie) Peterson, Erin (Matt) Koehler, Derrick (Jenny) Seslar, Amanda (Mike) Juech, Mark (Jessica) Folta, Brian (Lindsey) Folta, Kyle (Sarah) Rothmeyer, Jared (Erin) Rothmeyer, Jimmy Sladek, and Renee Sladek; great-grandchildren, Greta, Garik, Will, Evelyn, Colton, Thea, Marcella, Elsie, Isabel, Hector, Hattie, Hazel, Graham, and Sutton; brother-in-law, Rick (Linda) Dorn of Merrill; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Folta; parents, Simon and Otilie Folta; brothers, Robert Folta, Paul Folta, Emil (Alvina) Folta, infant Franz Folta, and Frank (Lucille) Folta; sons-in-law, Gary Peterson and Rob Rothmeyer; and sister-in-law, Lois Dorn.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, July 24, 2024, in the Assisi Hall at Bell Tower Residence, Merrill. Father Charles Hoffmann and Deacon John Bourke presided. The entombment took place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery with military rites conducted by V.F.W. Post 1638, Merrill. The family received friends beginning at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday in the Assisi Hall. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bell Tower Residence and Compassus Hospice for the wonderful care they provided Joe.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Knights of Columbus or the Merrill Historical Society.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

Kenneth (Ken) Leroy Drost



went to his heavenly home on July 1, 2024 at the age of 89. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife and family at UW Madison hospital.

Ken was born on April 24, 1935 in Watertown, WI. He entered the Army on May 9, 1952 where he was in the Parachute division (T-11). He was honorably discharged due to a broken neck in February 5, 1954. Ken was proud to be a veteran. He wore his Army hat and ring daily. He stated one of the greatest honors he had was the privilege of going on the honor flight in September 2015. He said it was extra special as he went on the honor flight with his daughter-in-law Karen Drost and her dad Ed Klune.

Ken married Vicki (Pufahl) on May 10 1981, the spent the next 43 years making a life together, along with Ken's 2 children and Vicki's 3 children. They lived in Arizona, Arkansas, California and Wisconsin. Ken and Vicki liked to travel and brought an RV and went on the road for a while before settling down in Merrill, Wisconsin by family. Ken was a barber and he had opened several barber Shop's.

Ken will be remembered for his strong faith in God, the love he had for his family, his kindness and willingness to lend a hand where ever needed, and he loved to watch the Brewers and the Packers.

Ken is survived by his wife Victoria of Merrill, WI, his 2 children Doug (Karen) Drost, Tammy (Joe) Wessling, grandchildren Daniel (Alicia) Drost, Kendra (Logan) Flynn and Olivia Cooper. His extended family Teresa Luedtke, Lisa (Brian) Krause and Roland Woller. Ken had 13 great grandchildren.

We will be having a celebration of life for Ken at Bible Presbyterian Church 1605 County Rd. G, Merrill, WI, on August 4th @ 1 PM.

Reinhard Daniel Langhoff Jr.,



age 84, of Merrill, passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at the Aspirus Merrill Hospital.

He was born on June 3, 1940 to the late Reinhard Sr. and Dorothy (Peterson) Langhoff in Merrill, WI. Reinhard attended school in Merrill until, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Marines to bravely serve his country. After being honorably discharged, he returned home and married the love of his life, soul mate and partner in everything, Fern Leistikow, on January 26, 1963, in Merrill, WI. She survives.

Reinhard worked at Wausau Papers in the boiler room for many years until his retirement. He was a modest and private man but had the best sense of humor and was an avid jokester! Reinhard, a.k.a Pa, Papa and G-Pop, loved his family dearly and enjoyed spending time with them, especially watching Packer and Brewer games, playing cards, and working in the woods and around home. A true outdoorsman and woodsman, he was a skilled hunter, trapper and fisherman. Reinhard and Fern enjoyed motorcycle trips together, traveling across the country more than a dozen times and even biking up to Alaska on two separate occasions. In his spare time, he looked forward to participating in card clubs and playing poker. Reinhard will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Reinhard is survived by his loving wife of 61 years: Fern Langhoff, son: Daniel (Bonnie) Langhoff, daughter: Rebecca (William) Kludy, granddaughters: Sasha (Blake) Everett and Myria Kludy, great grandsons: Ezekiel and Daxon Everett, brother: Bruce Langhoff and sister: Bonnie (Clark) Callahan, as well as many extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother: David (Florence) Langhoff.

A Celebration of Life and military honors for Reinhard will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff at the Aspirus Merrill Hospital for their care and compassion shown to them during Reinhard's stay there.

~Semper Fi - always faithful~

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.

Joyce N. Kufahl, 98, of



Merrill, formerly of the Town of Pine River, passed away Monday, July 15, 2024, at Woodland Court Elder Services, Merrill.

Joyce was born June 14, 1926, in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Max and Hazel (Stage) Berndt. In June 1928, she was welcomed into the community of Christ by Holy Baptism at St. Paul's Church of Christ in the Town of Corning. She was Confirmed at St. Stephens United Church of Christ in Merrill in March 1940. She married Ellsworth Kufahl on January 26, 1946. They were blessed with seven children: Kathleen, Kathryn, Rita, Robert, Thomas, Gloria, and Sandi. Joyce enjoyed gardening, canning, baking, and cooking. She was an avid churchgoer and was a member of the Ladies Aid. In younger years, Joyce enjoyed open water fishing, ice fishing, and snowmobiling. She also enjoyed hunting and was very proud of the 9-point buck she harvested.

Joyce is survived by her children, Robert (Debbie) Kufahl of Merrill; Thomas Kufahl (Kate Robley) of Appleton, and Sandi (Tim) Schmeltzer of Tomahawk; and son-in-law, Tom Giganti of Green Bay. Joyce is also survived by her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Dawn Young (Dewey Dengel) and son Riley; Cade (Ann Marie) Kufahl and children Sklyar and Valie; Andrew Kufahl (Monique Moretti) and son Aksel; Jessica (Nick) Gardner and sons Andrew and Jake; David (Carley) Gammey and daughter Emily; Brian Kufahl and children Bryce, Lily, and Malayna; Lyndsay (David) Krueger and children Ryker, Rayah, and Renleigh; Joshua (Ashley) Schmeltzer and daughter Caroline; and Susan Giganti and daughters Alex and Morgan.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Ellsworth Kufahl; parents, Max and Hazel Berndt; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Jane Kufahl; daughters, Kathleen Kufahl, Kathryn Kufahl, Rita Giganti, and Gloria Gammey; son-in-law, Timothy Gammey; sister and Brother-in-law, Janet and Ben Malluege; nephew, Larry Malluege; and several other relatives.

The funeral service for Joyce was held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, July 20, 2024, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Town of Pine River, Lincoln County. The Rev. Greg Laska officiated. Interment will take place in St. Paul Church Cemetery, Town of Pine River. A public viewing was held from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Friday, July 19, 2024, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. The family received friends after 10:00 A.M. Saturday at the church. The family would like to thank Woodland Court Elder Services, Merrill, and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services for the wonderful care they provided to Joyce. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

Roberta Joanne (West) Bonnell, age 84, of Merrill,



passed away on July 15th, 2024. Born in Antigo, WI, Roberta was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She married Richard Clinton Bonnell of Antigo and together they raised ten children and co-owned the Red Owl grocery store. A devoted housewife, Roberta was also an active member of St. Stephen's Church, where her faith and kindness touched many lives. She was known for her loving and giving nature, always selfless, caring, and generous to those around her.

In her free time, Roberta cherished spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed many crafts, including quilting, sewing, crocheting, knitting, and was frequently trying new trending creative projects. She enjoyed antiquing and rummaging for items to add to everyone's collections. If someone did not have a collection, she would happily decide what they needed and fill their collection space in record time.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth and Myron West, and her sisters Jeanne Means, Norma Bishop, Margaret Brown, and Sue Schmidt. Roberta's memory will be lovingly cherished by her children: Camille (James) Meyer, Beth (John) Dolan, Rick (Barb) Bonnell, Jody (Kevin) Mixter, Margaret (Ron) Osness, Andrew (Jenny) Bonnell, Ginger Ubert (Doug Harland), Becca (Dan) Wiese, Doug Bonnell, and Brad (Hazley) Bonnell.

She will also be dearly missed by her grandchildren: Heidi, Derek (MaryLynn), Leah (Kody), Zac (Elizabeth), Kelsey, Tyler, Cade, Maddix (Matt), Chase, Hannah, Mallory, Mitchell (Kalie), Garrett (Stephanie), Mackenzie (Mike), Allison, Ethan (Cattaliya), Karlie, Drew, Demi, Riley, Taylor, Corvin, Darby, Turner and step grandchildren Cole (Aly), Evan.

Her legacy continues with her great-grandchildren: Sadia, Daveed, Marley, Kenzie, Lila, Everett, Parker, Maisie, Keston, Eloise and Reid, as well as her great-great-grandchildren: Zaymon and Amiriez. Additionally, she is survived by a dear brother-in-law, Robert Schmidt and many loved nieces and nephews. Roberta's family and friends will forever remember her as a beacon of love, creativity, and selflessness. She touched many lives with her generosity and warm spirit. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. To respect Roberta's wishes, no services will be held. The family wishes to thank Compassus of Rhinelander and Wausau, along with Mountain Terrace senior living for their exemplary, compassionate care. Condolences may be sent digitally to: bonnellrj@gmail.com

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 8, 2024 of Merrill.
Boy, Brayden Drew-Anthony, born to Amanda Baker and Cody Duranceau
Girl, Holly Thea, born to Michaela Bloch and Coletan Bloch of Athens.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth "Ken" Rohmeyer



Kenneth "Ken" Rohmeyer passed away peacefully on July 17, 2024, with his family by his side. Ken was born in Wausau in 1949 to Joseph and Elizabeth (Rainville) Rohmeyer. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and fought in the Vietnam war, where he earned his purple heart after being injured in combat. In 2008 Ken married Mary Miskowiak, she survives.

Ken worked as a mason and then as a millwright at Wausau Paper Mill in Brokaw for 34 years before retiring in 2012. Over the years he enjoyed hunting trips out west with friends, riding his Harley, annual family vacations out west, watching the Green Bay Packers, traveling, and spending time with family. In his later years Ken enjoyed finding and reconnecting with fellow friends he served with in Vietnam and attending their bi-annual reunions throughout the U.S. The past few years he was fortunate enough to spend time at the American Legion Camp with other veterans for a week.

Besides his wife Mary, Ken is survived by his two daughters, Carol (LeRoy) Fischer and Kimberly (Tim Grund) Rohmeyer, both of Merrill; step-children, Ryan Miskowiak of Alaska, Katie Miskowiak of Kansas, and Aaron (Melanie) Miskowiak of Wausau; five grandchildren, Dylan Sabatke, Ashton, Colton, Abby, and Danny Dalton; three step-grandchildren, MJ Lombard, Morgan Miskowiak, and Max Chrisman; sister, Gail (Dan) Dupuis; sisters-in-law, Nancy Rohmeyer, Nora (Ron) Setje, and Kathy (Gary) D'errico; brothers-in-law, Davis Prei, Mike (Debbie) Pecore, and Tim Pecore; as well as many other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Joseph Rohmeyer II; sister, Darlene Prei; sister-in-law, Joanie Palmer; step-son, Chad Miskowiak; niece, Joyce Rohmeyer; and nephew, Andy Hoffman.

Friends and family are invited to join a celebration of life in honor of Ken on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Yellowbanks Park located at 3903 Northwestern Avenue, Weston, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com.

The family would like to thank the Aspirus Wausau ICU doctors and nurses for their care and compassion during Ken's short time there.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Joy And Sorrow

Dear Reader,

The complex interplay between joy and sorrow is a timeless subject. It is perhaps not entirely fair to compare these emotions in a binary fashion. Both joy and sorrow are essential parts of the human experience, contributing to our emotional richness.

In essence, the impact of joy versus sorrow cannot be universally quantified or declared as one being greater than the other. Each emotion plays a vital role depending on an individual's circumstances and experiences. The balance of these emotions contributes to the tapestry of life, providing contrast and context that allow us to appreciate each moment more fully.

Ultimately, the significance of joy and sorrow lies in their ability to shape our lives, foster connections, and inspire personal growth. The question of which is greater may not be fair, as both are indispensable to understanding and experiencing the full spectrum of human emotion.



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

To the Editor:

As a member of the Friends of Council Grounds State Park, I manage the group's Facebook page and the 10th Annual Amateur Photo Contest. The contest is a fun way to show how much you enjoy the park and all it has to offer. The group appreciates all the past entries and is hoping

to have some great entries for this anniversary year submitted by July 31. You can find the rules for the contest on our webpage: councilgrounds.org. First place in each of the four categories will be awarded a 2025 Wisconsin State Park vehicle admission sticker. The photos are shared on Facebook which has almost 1900 followers. In the past 30 days, posts on the page have reached 9278 viewers. This is great free advertising for the park and Merrill as we also promote community events Facebook. Get out and have some family time in the park and take pictures! Thank you, Merrill, for your support. Watch for contest voting to start August 15th on Facebook.

- Laurie Nikolai-Svetlik
Merrill, Wis.

LEGAL NOTICES

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BY THE COURT
DATE SIGNED: July 22, 2024
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Roberta Joanne Bonnell
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2024 IN 25

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/19/1940 and date of death 07/15/2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 501 Liberty St, Merrill, WI 54452.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11-08-2024.
 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
- Margaret Osnes
1301 N State St, Merrill WI 54452
715-218-4975
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 19, 2024 – Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Board Room. Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others Present: Superintendent Murray, MAPS

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presented. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Liberty, second by Ashbeck to approve the donation of practice jerseys for the Grades 9-12 Football Program in the amount of \$2,670.44 and a zone-blocking chute for the Middle School Football Program in the amount of \$2,860.00 both from the Merrill Silver M Club. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Hornischer to approve consent agenda items a through d, which includes minutes of the May 15, 2024 and May 22, 2024, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,194,808.60; donations totaling \$1,205.00; and, the attached personnel report, contingent upon release of contract for hirings and upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried with Woller and Smith abstaining from the approval of the May 15, 2024 minutes; and, Gremler abstaining from the approval of the May 22, 2024 minutes.

Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1) (f) except where par. (b) applies; and, 118.125. The purpose of the closed session is to review the pre-expulsion history chart. MOTION by Smith, second by Hornischer to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Gremler to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully submitted, Ron Liberty Board Clerk

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Hornischer to approve the updated version of the Activities Code of Conduct for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION by Smith, second by Liberty to purchase a replacement main breaker for Merrill High School from Schneider Electric, or one of their distributors, not to exceed \$88,235 per the bid provided. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Gremler to revise the administrator and professional staff compensation plan to include the Director of Human Resources position for 2024-2025 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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(The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.)
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Notice is hereby given that the following application has been filed with the City Clerk, Merrill, Wisconsin:
Class A Liquor/Class A Beer Combo License
True North Energy, LLC
dba True North #858
Michelle Knox, Agent
604 S Center Ave
Merrill, WI 54452
License Period: 08/26/2024-06/30/2025
Respectfully Submitted
Lori Anderson-Malm
City Clerk
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Know Your Legal Rights: Advance Care Planning paves the way for future medical decisions

BY JON FISCHER AND BEN ADAMS

All adults 18 and older should express their wishes regarding healthcare by developing an advance care plan and completing a legal document for medical providers and healthcare facilities to respect those wishes, whatever they may be.

Attorneys play a key role in educating clients about the importance of having an advance directive (frequently called a health care power of attorney). The Conversation Project advocates that each of us take just a few steps in making our choices known:

Reflect on your choices

- **Plan ahead:** None of us can predict the future. But we can make sure that someone is capable of advocating for us if we are suddenly unable to advocate for ourselves due to accident

or illness. Nearly half of all people over age 65 who are admitted to the hospital will need help from someone else.

- **Consider organ donation preferences:** Do you want to be an organ or tissue donor at your death? Wisconsin's donor information can be found here dhs.wisconsin.gov/donatelife/index.htm

- **Select trusted advocates:** Choose someone over age 18 to be your healthcare agent and to make choices if you are not able to. Then, pick at least one backup who would be able to act if your primary agent is unable or unwilling. Make sure that your agent will follow your wishes and is capable of evaluating information in changing circumstances if there is an emergency.

Discuss your preferences

- **Tell your agent and**

your family about your choices. Inform them that they would be the person to make a medical decision and be your advocate if you are unable to speak for yourself. Ask if it is a role they are comfortable taking on.

- **Talk about what matters to you.** Do you

have certain religious or cultural beliefs that they need to be aware of? Make sure that they all understand and will follow your beliefs. Then, listen to their answers. Discuss any

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EARLY IN PERSON VOTING NOTICE

Early voting for **Town of Merrill** residents for the August 13th, 2024 Partisan Primary Election, will begin at the Town of Merrill Community Center, W4594 Progress Ave. on Tuesday, July 30th. Call for an appointment 715-536-4383.

Voting hours are:

Tuesday • July 30th	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday • August 1st	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday • August 6th	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday • August 8th	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday • August 9th	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Mitzi Flegner, Clerk	www.townofmerrillwi.gov
July 18 & 25, 2024	WNAXLP

Lincoln County Fair Housing Notice

Within Lincoln County, individuals are to receive equal opportunity for housing regardless of:

- Race
- Family Status
- Lawful Source of Income
- Disability
- Sex
- Age
- National Origin
- Color
- Sexual Orientation
- Religion
- Ancestry
- Marital Status
- Status as a Victim of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse or Stalking

Any individual who has been refused housing or otherwise discriminated against in the provision of housing on the basis of any of the above classes, can contact State of Wisconsin, Equal Rights Division at: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er> or call 608-266-6860.

Community Development Block Grant-Northwoods Housing Region
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REQUEST FOR BIDS TOWN OF CORNING – Lincoln County

The Town of Corning is accepting bids reroofing a 53 foot x 47 foot section for the Corning Fire Department, N1369 State Highway 64 & 107.

For details contact Rick Hass, N1428 Strawberry Lane, Merrill, WI 54452 (715) 536-3432.

Completion date no later than December 31, 2024 Sealed bids are due by August 12th, 2024 7 pm, to be opened August 12th, 2024 at The Corning Town Board meeting. Questions: Contact Chad Kottke (715) 218-1592

The Town Board of Corning reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and/or all bids. Contractors will give Town of Corning a Certificate of Insurance & accept all responsibility according to State Statutes that apply to Workmen's Comp, Liability Insurance, Commercial Auto Insurance, Social Security and Withholding taxes.

Please send your sealed bids to Rick Hass, Clerk, Town of Corning, N1428 Strawberry Road, Merrill, WI 54452.

Rick Hass, Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

Notice is hereby given that public testing of the Express Vote and DS-200 voting equipment being used in municipalities within Lincoln County for the August 13, 2024 Partisan Primary Election is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024 through Wednesday, August 7, 2024. All towns and cities in Lincoln County will be testing their voting equipment through the Municipal Clerk's Office within these times. For specific times pertaining to an individual municipality please contact the clerk for that municipality. Specific times will also be posted on all municipal bulletin boards and websites where available.

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Area Events & Entertainment Community Calendar

Jul. 25 - Gazebo Nights Concert: The Glam Band
 Jul. 25 - German film presentation at Cosmo Hall
 Jul. 26-28 - Merrill Fastpitch Softball Tournament at the MARC
 Jul. 27 - Black Squirrel Scurry starting at Prairie Trails Park

Jul. 27-28 - Dig Days at Barnes Creek Daylilies
 Jul. 31 - Merrill City Band concert at Normal Park
 Aug. 1 - Bingo at St. Francis School
 Aug. 1 - Gazebo Nights Concert: Rising Phoenix

Aug. 1 - Adult Magic Show at Rusty Moon Acres
 Aug. 2 - Free Ice Cream Social at Normal Park
 Aug. 2-3 - Merrill Festival of Quilts at Merrill Enrichment Center
 Aug. 3 - Gleason Fun Days

Aug. 3 - Annual Merrill Lions Charity Golf Outing
 Aug. 3 - Movie Night Under the Stars - Free movie at Normal Park (rain date Aug. 4)
 Aug. 4 - Bingo at VFW
 Aug. 7 - Merrill City Band concert at Normal Park

Aug. 7-11 - Lincoln County Fair at Merrill Festival Grounds
 Aug. 10 - AIS Snapshot Day at Prairie Trails Park
 For more information, go to: merrillchamber.org/events or contact the event sponsor.



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Leslie Blasing to return for third annual Concert For A Cause

The Merrill Area United Way (MAUW) recently announced Leslie Blasing will return to Merrill for the third annual "Concert For A Cause" on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

A professional singer/performer from South Padre Island, Tex., Blasing has been entertaining for

more than 30 years with her wide vocal range, performing music from many genres. She engages her audience with jokes, stories, dancing, and music. Named "Best Entertainer" in Texas multiple times, she has opened for several renowned country stars.

MAUW is proud and

pleased to be able to bring her back for this year's Concert For A Cause fundraiser. All profits from the 2024 concert are designated for the "Disaster Relief Fund" established by MAUW following the

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questions they might have.

Don't be surprised

Understand the law: Wisconsin law does *not* allow family members to make medical decisions for others over 18 years of age in their family *unless* specific legal authority is granted. This means that your spouse of 30 years and your college-age adult children who are still your dependents cannot make medical decisions for you unless you clearly outline your wishes in a legal document. Likewise, you cannot make decisions for them. *There are no exceptions.*

Wisconsin's health care power of attorney law states that any individual "of sound mind" and over age 18 can execute a health care power of attorney document. This law requires that the document be signed in the presence of two adult witnesses who are not related to the person completing the form.

Safeguard your document for emergency access: After completing

a healthcare power of attorney, make sure to file it with your healthcare system so that they are aware of its existence and can reference the document in an emergency. Give a copy to each of your agents, and perhaps to other family members or close friends.

Maintain ongoing conversations

Adapt your plan as life evolves. Your healthcare desires at age 25 or 50 are almost certainly different than your desires at age 85. Make sure to keep talking with your agents as your health changes. It's good to have new conversations around major life events, such as a new baby, a medical diagnosis, a marriage, or a new decade of life.

Jon Fischer of McCarty Law LLP in Appleton specializes in elder law, estate planning, wills and trusts, probate law and estate settlement. Ben Adams is retired from active law practice with McCarty Law LLP and spent more than 30 years practicing with Adams & Woodrow, S.C. in Neenah. He specialized in elder law, special needs planning,

guardianships, nursing home and long-term care issues, advance health care decision making and estate planning.

To find an attorney near you, visit wislaw.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Your physician, medical clinic, or local hospital will have standard Power of Attorney for Healthcare and Declaration to Physicians (Living Will) forms available for you to take home, complete, and get properly witnessed so you can make your wishes known. Free forms are also available by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope (SASE) to:

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North Woods Summer Art Tour is this weekend

The North Woods Summer Art Tour runs this weekend beginning Friday, July 26, 2024, through Sunday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

During this timeframe, some of Wisconsin's finest artists will open their doors to their studios and galleries for visitors as a part of this unique, self-directed studio tour in Vilas, Oneida, Iron, and Lincoln counties. Visitors can immerse themselves in the creative process firsthand by visiting artist studios, interacting with creators, and witnessing their craft come to life.

The art tour began in 2000 featuring 20 artists. This year's tour has 44 artists at 35 studios. Guests will find unique items

for gifts and for inspiration to elevate their spirits. Check out their video on YouTube: "Northwoods Art Tour Video Preview."

Brochures, studio descriptions, driving directions, and a map are available at area businesses, chambers of commerce, and online at northwoodsarttour.com.

The tour is free to all.

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Left: Amy Higgason - pottery - raven. Right: Mary Buns - Wolf.

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MAPS accepts May and June donations

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the May 15 MAPS Board of Directors meeting:

Funds from Friends of the Evjue School Forest valued at \$3,300 for the Merrill School Forest landscaping by the pond shelter building; the donation of a professional series brush mower from Friends of the Merrill School Forest valued at \$6,850 for the Merrill School Forest; the donation of funds from Aspirus Merrill Hospital valued at \$6,000 for the Merrill High School Attendance Matters Program; Clorox wipes and Kleenex from the Graveen Family valued at \$150 for staff/building use at Kate Goodrich Elementary School; paper from Church Mutual Insurance Co., valued at \$573.72 for building use at Kate Goodrich Elementary School; historic memorabilia from Thomas Becker valued at \$1,585 and \$475 for Wisconsin history preservation and education at the Merrill School Forest; funds from the USW Steelworkers Union valued at \$250 for whatever is needed for the Raise Your Voice Club; and the following donations for the MHS Raise Your Voice Walk 2024: NAMI Northwoods \$600; Thorogood/Weinbrenner Shoe Co., Inc. \$100; Trinity Lutheran School \$100; Waves Full Service Hair Salon \$50; Merrill Soccer

Association \$50; Park Street Properties \$25; and Brad & Tammy Woller \$25.

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the June 19 Regular Board Meeting:

Donation of practice jerseys for the Grades 9-12 Football Program in the amount of \$2,670.44 and a zone-blocking chute for the Middle School Football Program in the amount of

\$2,860 both from the Merrill Silver M Club; a check from Park City Credit Union valued at \$100 towards the Seniors' carnations; a check from the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin valued at

\$200 for the Raise Your Voice Club; a check from Tomahawk Dental valued at \$50 for the 2024 Raise Your Voice Walk; a check from Interflex Group valued at \$250 to support costs for the

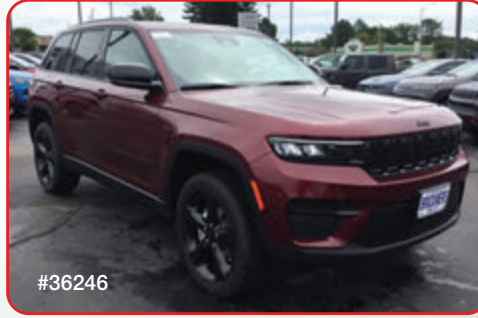
Senior Celebration; a check from Sierra Pacific valued at \$500 for the Girls' Tennis Program; and four reams of photo/parchment paper valued at \$105 for use as needed in the District.



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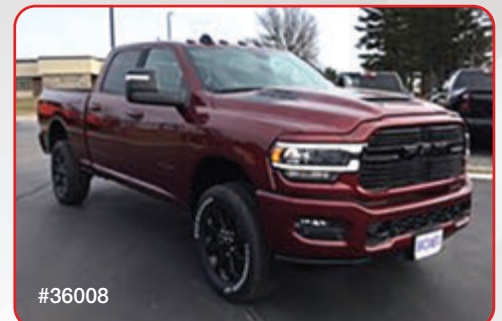
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5pm Cake Auction
Multi Purpose Building

6-10pm Session #2 Carnival Wristband
Unlimited rides \$30

7:00pm Monster Truck Nitro Show
Grandstand

7:30 pm Jake Hoot
(The Voice Winner Season 17)
Midway Music Tent

Friday, July 26th

1-5pm Session #3 Carnival Wristband
Unlimited Rides \$30

6-10pm Session #4 Carnival Wristband
Unlimited Rides \$30

6:30pm Dirt King Late Model Tour
7:00pm Time Machine - Midway Tent

BINGO

Thursday,
Friday & Saturday
2pm-6pm

Sunday 1pm-4pm

Saturday, July 27th

12-4pm Session #5 Carnival Wristband
Unlimited rides \$30

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Raffles, Games & Ride Specials

5-10pm Session #6 Carnival Wristband
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6:00pm Crash Crazy Motorsports
Demo Derby
Grandstand

7:00pm Pink Houses
Midway Tent

Sunday, July 28th

Noon Frog Jumping & Veggie Races
Exhibition Building

12-4pm Session #7 Carnival Wristband
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Garage Sale: 101 West Taylor Street, 7/25-7/26 (9-5), 7/27 (9-12). Baby items, toys, household goods, shoes, infant thru adult clothing, books, many misc.

Merrill: 1100 Michler Crest, Friday, 7/26-Saturday, 7/27, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Multi family garage sale. Women's clothing, boys clothes, household items, baby items, tent, exercise bike, climber deer stand, log bed and what ever else we can find!

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MOVIES YOU GOTTA SEE...

Dudes have never rocked harder than in Tombstone

BY JALEN MAKI

I have seen *Tombstone*, conservatively, 11,000 times.

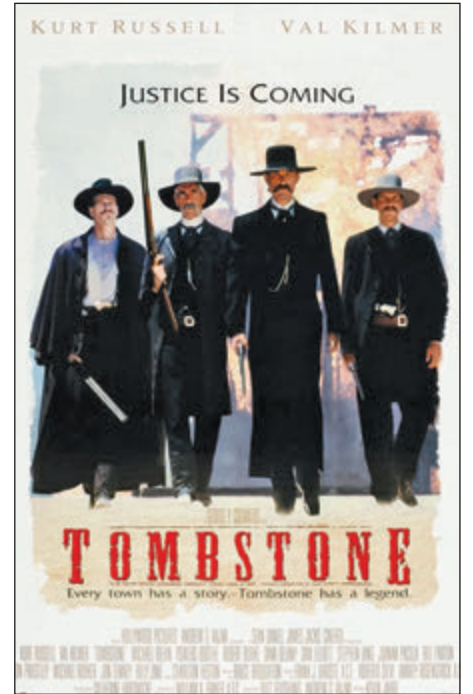
Everyone has those movies that were just *on* while they were a kid. If *Tombstone* isn't squarely at the top of my list, then it's easily among the three movies I've watched the most times in my life. And can you blame me? It rules.

Tombstone is a 1993 Western film directed by George P. Cosmatos and starring Kurt Russell as famous lawman Wyatt Earp, Sam Elliott and Bill Paxton as Wyatt's brothers Virgil and Morgan, and Val Kilmer doing the best work of his career as John "Doc" Holliday, a former dentist-turned alcoholic gambler dying of tuberculosis. The cast also includes an absolute who's-who of '80s and '90s dudes, including, but not limited to, Michael Biehn, Powers Boothe, Thomas Haden Church, Michael Rooker, and Billy Bob Thornton.

The plot of the film is pretty easy to wrap your head around: Wyatt, renowned for his years working as a peace officer, decides to turn in the badge, put away the trusty ol' six shooter and head to Tombstone, Ariz., with his wife, Mattie, along with Virgil and Morgan and their spouses, to retire and put down roots. Upon arrival, the brothers run into their old pal Doc, who's in the Southwest in hopes that the dry climate will help alleviate his illness. Just when they think they've finally found a place to settle as a family, the boys discover that there's trouble a-brewin'. A band of outlaws called the Cowboys, led by Curly Bill Brocius (Boothe) and Johnny Ringo (Biehn), also hang out in Tombstone, and the only thing they like more than wearing matching red sashes is breaking the law. As you can imagine, the Earps and the Cowboys don't exactly hit it off, and the town ain't big enough for the, uh, several dozen of them. Horses are ridden, cards are played, whiskey is consumed, smack is talked, tensions are escalated, and guns are shot; so, you know, pretty standard procedure for a Western.

Ultimately, *Tombstone* is a story of family, brotherhood, friendship, loyalty, vengeance, and morality. But maybe more importantly, it's also a story about how dudes rock, and how it's simply cool to be a tough guy. This definition doesn't apply so much to the Cowboys, in my opinion, considering if I had 20 or so armed pals around me at all times, I'd be much more inclined to run my mouth and generally be a menace to society. Wyatt, Doc, Virgil, and Morgan, however, don't have this luxury. In a town living in fear of the wrath of bad men, few have the guts to back the Earps in their righteous stance for peace and justice. What our protagonists lack in numbers, however, they make up for in unwavering male unity represented in the form of guns, duster coats, stern looks, intense monologues, and striking facial hair. Speaking of which, the mustaches in this film are two things: 1.) Absolutely incredible; and 2.) Totally authentic. Russell and Elliott are two of our best Facial Hair Guys, and the rest of the cast comes in clutch, rocking some the sickest 'staches, beards, and goatees this side of *Serpico*.

For a movie that's bursting at the seams with macho energy and masculine stoicism, *Tombstone* is also surprisingly (and sometimes downright gut-wrenchingly) tender in its exploration of the relationships between its main characters; specifically, the friendship between Wyatt and Doc. These two belong among the likes of *The Lord of the Rings'* Frodo and Sam and *Thelma and Louise* as one of the all-time great film companionships. When seeing the two interact early on in the movie, it seems like they were fast friends from the jump and pick up right where they left off with ease, but it's not hard to imagine that Wyatt and Doc could've rubbed each other the wrong way upon their first encounter. Wyatt's steady, no-B.S. demeanor is pretty much the polar opposite of Doc's breezy personality that's filled to the brim with idiosyncratic humor and charm. The push and pull between their temperaments is both fun and believable because, at a more



foundational level, Wyatt and Doc are very similar: they each have a strong sense of right and wrong, and they're unshakably faithful to those they care about.

I mentioned earlier that Kilmer is doing the best work of his career as Doc, but I'd put his performance in *Tombstone* up against any performance of the '90s, and to go one step further, any performance in a Western. Kilmer oozes charisma and swagger, and when he's onscreen, it's impossible to take your eyes off him. His physicality as a drunken, dying, gun-fighting gambler is second-to-none, but there's something deeper beneath the pistols and sweat-stained shirts: a heartbreakingly convincing rendering of a man who's finally forced to face his own mortality after years of living like the sun might not rise again. In their war with the Cowboys, Doc's aware that he's got nothing to lose; if a bullet doesn't get him today, his sickness probably will tomorrow. What makes Doc such a tremendous character and friend is that his impending end doesn't make him reckless with the lives of the people that are important to him. If anything, it makes him even more resolute in his belief that he's doing something that matters and that he has to make every day he has left mean something for the greater good. At a key point in the movie, ahead of a duel with the famed gunhand Ringo, Wyatt seeks advice from Doc. Knowing he'll likely lose, Wyatt goes anyway, but Doc beats Wyatt there and takes on Ringo himself. Doc puts himself on the line, but he doesn't do it with nihilistic abandon: he makes a calculated decision that ultimately saves Wyatt's life.

As the fight wanes, and as Doc's condition worsens, Wyatt has to confront what life without his best friend will be like. In the end, losing Doc marks a turning point for Wyatt. He's not only saying goodbye to his longtime companion, but to his former self, and both men know it. While Wyatt is understandably upset about this, Doc tells his pal to relish in the hope of the unknown and honor his memory and their friendship by going out and living for both of them. The final scene between Wyatt and Doc is the culmination of one of the most palpably believable and devastatingly beautiful portrayals of friendship ever put to film.

Tombstone has a funny way of sneaking up on you. One minute, you're watching some classic testosterone-fueled Western violence and debauchery, and the next, you're wiping tears from your eyes, trying to remember the last time you texted your best friend. *Tombstone* remains an all-time classic to me because it simultaneously nails two things: Superficially, it rocks unbelievably hard, but more profoundly, it's an incomparable depiction of the depths of devotion to friends and family. And if you're not moved by that ... you're an oak.

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On May 15, 2024, Merrill Eagles 584 awarded four \$1000 Scholarships. Receiving the Auxiliary scholarships (left to right) are Julia Schul and Bridger Lemmon. Aerie scholarships were award to Brice Sabatke and Lilian Seeliger. Submitted photo.

North Central Health Care hires Marnie Bredlau as Director of Human Resources and member of Senior Leadership Team

North Central Health Care (NCHC) announced Marnie Bredlau has joined the organization as Director of Human Resources. Bredlau brings 22 years of experience in human resources, with more than 10 years serving as a human resources leader in the Central Wisconsin area. As Director of Human Resources, Bredlau will also serve as a valuable member of the Senior Leadership Team, providing a strategic vision for the organization.

“Marnie is a great asset to our NCHC team. She has a deep understanding of hiring challenges unique to our Central Wisconsin area and has worked in human



Marnie Bredlau.

resources in a variety of fields including retail, manufacturing, banking, and healthcare,” said Gary Olsen, Executive Director of NCHC. “This experience coupled with her strategic vision and expertise in human resources will be

instrumental in helping NCHC reach our strategic goals.”

Bredlau holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a master’s degree in Human Resources & Labor Relations from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

“I am honored to join the NCHC team. I truly enjoy and have a passion for human resources and making a positive impact for employees,” said Bredlau. “I look forward to sharing my leadership skills, dedication, and commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive workplace.”

LCHD providing free well water test kits to low-income households

The Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) is conducting a one-time well water testing program for low-income households.

As part of the program, qualifying households will be provided with a free well water test kit.

In a release, LCHD said individuals with wells should test annually for nitrate and bacteria.

“Through education and the free well water tests, we are hoping to remove barriers that prevent residents from testing their well,” said Erin Ray, LCHD Environmental Health Technician.

Individuals who wish to see if they qualify for the program are asked to first fill out an eligibility survey (bit.ly/3zbaj1). Call Kandie Sippel-King, LCHD Public Health Assistant, at 715.539.1364 or 715.536.0307



with issues accessing the survey.

The program is not intended for businesses or those that are on city water.

Those who are

interested in testing water for bacteria and nitrate, but do not qualify for the program, may call LCHD at 715.536.0307 for more information.

Learn more about LCHD’s certified water lab at co.lincoln.wi.us/health/page/water-testing.

Size of Family	WWWP Annual Gross* Income Guidelines
1	\$37,650
2	\$51,100
3	\$64,550
4	\$78,000
5	\$91,450
6	\$104,900
7	\$118,350
8	\$131,800
For each additional family member add:	\$13,450

Income eligibility chart.

Photo courtesy of LCHD

North Central Health Care appoints Thomas Onan as Compliance Officer & Risk Manager

North Central Health Care (NCHC) announced Thomas Onan was appointed as Compliance Officer & Risk Manager. Onan joined NCHC’s Quality & Safety team in April 2022, and quickly demonstrated his leadership abilities. Onan brings almost 30 years of experience in healthcare, including past leadership experience as a Director of Clinical Services, Director of Hospital-based Clinician Services, and Director of Strategic Initiatives & Analysis.

“We are thrilled to welcome Tom into this new role as Compliance Officer & Risk Manager,” said Gary Olsen, Executive Director of NCHC. “Tom’s extensive experience and deep understanding of compliance and risk management issues will be invaluable to our organization. We are confident that Tom will

make a significant impact on our programs in his new role.”

As the Compliance Officer & Risk Manager, Onan will establish and maintain effective compliance and risk management programs to proactively prevent and identify potential violations and ensure NCHC’s adherence to regulatory compliance and ethical conduct. Onan will report directly to the Executive Director and work closely with the North Central Community Services Program (NCCSP) Board’s Executive Committee, keeping leadership apprised of compliance and regulatory proceedings, as well as providing education on regulatory oversight requirements.

“I am honored to serve in this new capacity as Compliance Officer & Risk Manager,” said Onan.



Tom Onan.

“My role will collaborate with all areas of our organization, and I look forward to working with employees and leadership across our three counties of service. I am committed to ensuring that NCHC continues to operate with integrity, transparency, and to the highest standards of regulatory compliance.”

Aspirus offers tips on selecting sunscreen for acne-prone skin

Aspirus Health recently provided information on selecting sunscreen for acne-prone skin.

“In navigating the complex world of skincare, especially for those managing acne, understanding the impact of sunscreen on acne-prone skin is crucial,” a release from Aspirus said. “It’s a common misconception that sunscreen universally exacerbates acne. While it’s true that certain sunscreens can irritate the skin and clog pores, leading to breakouts, the solution lies in selecting the right type of sunscreen.”

“Non-comedogenic sunscreens are specifically formulated to prevent pore blockages, making them an ideal choice for individuals prone to acne,” said Katrina Mattek, PA-C, MPAS, Physician Assistant with Aspirus Plastic Surgery and Aesthetics. “These sunscreens are less likely

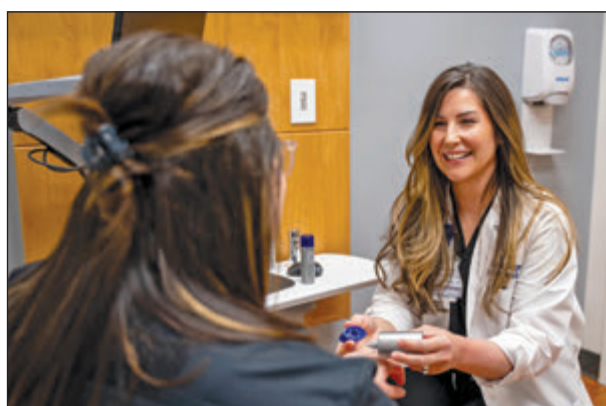
to contribute to breakouts, offering sun protection without compromising skin health.”

Aspirus said sunscreen comes in two primary types.

- Chemical sunscreens work by absorbing into the skin, then absorbing UV rays and converting them into heat, which is subsequently released from the body.

- Physical sunscreens, in contrast, remain on the skin’s surface and reflect the sun’s rays. Due to its potential for skin irritation, chemical sunscreen might pose a higher risk for those with sensitive or acne-prone skin, potentially worsening acne issues, according to Aspirus.

The choice between chemical and physical sunscreens is not just about acne considerations, Aspirus noted, but also about personal preference and skin type compatibility.



Mattek

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

“Including acne-prone skin sunscreen is an indispensable part of your skincare routine,” Mattek said. “Sunscreen protects against harmful UV rays that can cause not only immediate damage like sunburn but also long-term effects such as skin aging and skin cancer.”

“When choosing sunscreen, individuals with acne-prone skin should consider their skin’s specific needs and

sensitivities.” Aspirus said. “Opting for a non-comedogenic, possibly physical sunscreen that minimizes the risk of irritation and breakouts is essential. Additionally, consulting with a medical professional can provide personalized recommendations to ensure that the chosen sunscreen offers effective protection without harming the skin.”

Lincoln County Retired Educators Is Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Lincoln County Retired Educators will award two scholarships this year. One will go to a Merrill High School graduate and one to a Tomahawk High School graduate. Applicants must be in the School of Education, be a Junior or Senior, and intend to teach in Wisconsin. Applications are available by emailing jbekp4@gmail.com

for Merrill and glderlth@gmail.com for Tomahawk. For Merrill applicants, applications must be returned by email by Aug. 18, 2024, and the recipient of the award will be notified by Aug. 25. For Tomahawk applicants, applications must be returned by email by Aug. 29, and the recipient will be notified by Aug. 31.

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Janet Thompson, in conjunction with the Merrill Parks and Recreation Department, recently ran several pickleball clinics and a small tournament. "We are really trying to get the word out and encourage more people to play," Thompson said. They are also planning to run one or two leagues in August and September. For more information, contact the Merrill Parks and Recreation Department at 715.536.7313. Pictured: Instructors Janet Thompson and Deb Rupar at a recent pickleball event.

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The Merrill 10U All-Stars played in the Little League District 5 Tournament at Hodag Park in Rhinelander July 7-8, 2024. Front row L to R: Parker Eisner, Lawson Schmidt, Ender Moe, Easton Baade, Caleb Steinagel, Tate Klug, and Coach Kevin Harding. Back L to R: Manager Matt Smith, Brant Suchocki, Eli Harding, Sam Smith, Ledger Breaman, Eli Clerveaux, Joe Renzelmann, and Coach Chris Renzelmann.

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Community invited to help search local waters for invasive species during AIS Snapshot Day

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The Lincoln County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Team invites nature-lovers of all ages to Snapshot Day, a search for aquatic invasive species on Aug. 10, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Prairie Trails Park in Merrill. Prairie Trails Park is located near the intersection of County Hwy. K and County Hwy. G. Snapshot Day is a statewide effort to protect Wisconsin's streams, lakes, and wetlands by monitoring designated sites for invasive plants and animals that may threaten the state's wildlife and water ecosystems.

This year is Snapshot Day's 11th anniversary, coordinated in partnership by UW-Madison Division of Extension, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network. Information collected during the event

will provide the Wisconsin DNR with data to help them tailor response efforts accordingly for each site. Volunteer efforts are crucial to the success of this endeavor.

This event requires no prior experience and training is provided. Snapshot Day is free and open to volunteers of all ages, but is recommended for ages eight and up. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Last year 145 volunteers rolled up their sleeves to monitor at more than 130 sites across the state making for a fun and safe event.

More and more people want to know how they can help protect the local lakes, rivers, and streams they love. "Gathering samples of invasive species on Snapshot Day is a great way to give the Wisconsin DNR a heads up on invasives that may have recently arrived at particular lakes and rivers. With this information, gathered by volunteers like me all across the state,



Examining invasive species.

Photo courtesy of Lincoln County.

the DNR can hopefully get out in front of the problem and reduce their impact — I think that's very important," said Dawn Nelesen, Snapshot Day 2023 volunteer.

"Projects like AIS Snapshot Day are a fun and simple way for volunteers to get engaged and for the local site leaders and DNR to collaborate" said Maureen Ferry, DNR AIS Monitoring Coordinator. "DNR has a long list of sites with suspected but unverified AIS that AIS Snapshot Day monitoring

targets. This increases the chances of volunteers finding a species. Plus, each year, we make new detections."

To register and see all event details, go to wateractionvolunteers.org/events/.

Advance registration is requested to help Site Leaders build monitoring plans, but will remain open until Aug. 9.

For more information, call 715.539.1054 or email Thomas.Boisvert@co.lincoln.wi.us



Addy & Claire recently came in to visit the pets and brought them some goodies, too! "Thank you for donating to Lincoln County Humane Society!" staff said.

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tornado of 2011. This fund exists to help families impacted by disasters such as a fire, flood, or tornado.

The event will be held at VFW Post 1638, 601 Johnson St. in Merrill, beginning at 5 p.m. with Blasing performing from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets will be available in

advance and at the door and include an appetizer buffet, entertainment, and dancing. A cash bar will be available, along with raffles.

For more details, go to the MAUW website at merrillareunitedway.org or Blasing's website at lesliepresents.com or her Facebook page at acebook.com/leslie.blasing/ or call the Merrill Area United Way at 715.536.2016.



On April 21, 2024, the Merrill Eagles, Aerie and Auxiliary held a Pancake Breakfast Benefit for Tim Zimmer. The breakfast was held to help Tim recover from a house fire that resulted in the loss of all his personal possessions. Pictured with Tim are Aerie representative Bryan Plautz (left) and Auxiliary representative Sue Heckendorf.

Submitted photo.

2024 Merrill Summer Baseball Schedule

<u>Merrill Rangers</u>			
Wed. July 31	Everest	Home	7:00 pm
<u>Merrill Post 46</u>			
Friday, July 26 - Monday, July 29		AA Regional Tournament	
Wednesday, July 31 - Sunday, August 4		AA State Tournament (Baraboo)	
<u>Merrill Jr. Legion</u>			
Friday, July 26 - Tuesday, July 30		17U State Tournament (Baraboo)	

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