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Free Movie Night Under the Stars is Saturday

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

This Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, Movie Land, a mobile outdoor cinema service, will host a free Movie Night Under the Stars at Normal Park in Merrill; but the 4:30 to 10 p.m. event will include more than just the showing of *Encanto*, which begins at 8:30 p.m.

Area businesses and community organizations are joining in to create an afternoon and evening of fun for kids of all ages.

The Merrill Cub Scouts will have concessions available for purchase, and the mobile popcorn stand will be on site selling popcorn.

In addition to the



evening movie, Park City Credit Union is planning to set up kids activities, and the Merrill Police Department and Merrill Fire Department will be there for a show-and-tell from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to interact with families and kids. Face painting

will also be available for a small fee. There will also be door prizes, with a chance to win one of four \$20 gift certificates from Los Mezcales.

Plan to bring your own blankets and chairs and bring the family for the late afternoon and evening.

Note: Rain date is the following day, Sunday, Aug. 4, same time and place.

Admission to the event

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Ball explains the features of one of Sierra Pacific's windows during the tour.

Tina L. Scott photo.

Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez tours Merrill businesses

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez visited Merrill last Wednesday, July 24, 2024, and toured two Merrill factories and a car dealership during her late morning visit.

Upon arrival at Thorogood/Weinbrenner Shoe Company's Genesee Street plant, the Lt.

Governor met with members of the Chamber of Commerce, who helped coordinate her trip to Merrill and itinerary, as well as Chamber ambassadors, City of Merrill Mayor Steve Haas, and local media representatives. The group accompanied Rodriguez on all her stops.

Weinbrenner President and CEO Jeff Burns

presented a short slideshow to give Rodriguez an overview of Weinbrenner's rich history in the Merrill community, the company becoming employee owned, and its sizeable investment in the Merrill plants, before managers and staff joined in to take her on a tour of the facility.

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Glam Band rocks the Gazebo

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

The Glam Band brought their "Decadent 80's Rock" to Normal Park in Merrill last Thursday evening, July 25, 2024, for the third Thorogood Thursday Gazebo Nights live concert series of the 2024 summer season.

"The Glam Band is made up of six guys with a love of

80's Hair Metal," reads the group's web page. Those six guys - who go by the stage names Dennis Lee Roth, Skitch Rockett, Will E. Stradlin, Matt Savage, Dee Flatt, and Randi Schenker - rocked the Gazebo stage with their wild covers of 1980's rock and heavy metal favorites, complete with 1980's-era long hair, makeup, and flashy clothing and accessories.

Attendees who closed their eyes may have had flashbacks to their teen or young adult attendance at a life-changing concert - or maybe to the raucous music blaring up from the basement of their teenagers' bedrooms back in the day.

For those who don't See **GLAM BAND** page 2



Dee Flatt (a/k/a Merrill's very own 1986 alumni Dave Schepp) jams out on the keyboard.

Joseph Frederick photo.



Band members get out into the crowd! Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photo.



Merrill's girls gone wild for the Glam Band ... Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photo.

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GLAM BAND

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Big hair and a headband, a choker and earrings, lace and fishnet gloves with studs ... the only thing this keyboardist may have worn during his Merrill High School years is the Merrill Bluejays Wrestling t-shirt.

Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photo.

know, one band member, "Dee Flatt," is a hometown favorite, having grown up in Merrill when he was better known as Dave Schepp, a band geek with a love of heavy metal who graduated from Merrill High School in 1986 when "Glam Metal" was in its heyday.

Schepp has been living out his high school fantasy since he joined the Glam Band in 2013. But ... when he's not playing keyboard and living out his fantasy life, "Glamming" it up wearing Aquanet-infused

wigs and man-scara, Schepp teaches concert band, jazz band, and the Phantom Drumline at West De Pere Middle School. He actually studied piano and brass at a very young age and holds degrees from UW-Eau Claire and UW-Green Bay, his "real" bio confirmed.

The Glam Band was created when "a few friends sitting at a bar talking about how cool 80's rock was, led to an inaugural show on a Tuesday night at Riders Saloon in Kimberly back in 2007," their website said. It began as a five-piece gig and turned into a six-piece band when they added a keyboardist [Schepp] in 2013.

Now in their 15th year, the Glam Band is in high demand in Green Bay and the Fox Cities but also hits the stage at locations throughout the state as their schedule allows.

Here in Merrill, quite a few "head bangers" came out to dance, enjoy the show, and become Glam Band groupies for an evening - and more than a few graduates of the Class of 1986 showed up to support their "legendary



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A view of the huge crowd, on their feet and rocking Normal Park last Thursday at the Thorogood Thursday Gazebo Nights concert, taken from on-stage.

Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photo.

rock" friend - and they all may or may not have been acting like teenagers again, out in public, much to the likely dismay of their now-grown children.

This was the Glam Band's debut performance in the Gazebo, but it's a safe bet they will be in demand again for future events, as they drew a crowd of more than 2,500 to hear rock classics from groups such as Journey, Motley Crue, Quiet Riot, and the Beastie Boys, according to Gus Caylor, one of the event's

organizers. "This is a new record that surpasses The Britins' concert last year," Caylor said.

"The Glam Band concert also set a record for the 50/50 raffle, as nearly \$4,000 was raised for the Lincoln County Humane Society,"

he said.

"The rock continues this week as the group Rising Phoenix, central Wisconsin's 80's party band, returns for another year," Caylor said. "The concerts will then take a week off for the fair."

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CIRCULATION AUDIT BY

to the community.

"I also did this event to hopefully inspire others, and to make them want to do something unique and fun, as well, for the city of Merrill," Thomas said.

"With this being my first time organizing an event kickoff, it has been a fun and challenging learning/opportunity experience along the way." He said he's really proud of how it came together and hopes many people will come out for the event.

The idea was the easiest part, Thomas said. He contacted the Merrill Parks and Recreation Department, met with the Merrill Mayor, and spoke with the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce to be sure he had the proper approvals and support for the event. He put together sponsorship folders with information about Movie Land and his plan to create this event for the community. Then he went "door to door to local businesses meeting with owners/managers" to generate support for the event and afterward followed up with them after they had time to consider how they could help.

"Without doing this step of reaching out, this couldn't have happened," he said. "So a big thank you to all the sponsors who helped in making this event possible!"

"I still remember getting my first sponsorship and telling myself, 'It looks like great things are about to happen,'" he said.

Thomas said facilitating the event was both fun and challenging at times. He said he learned along the way and met many people who then referred him to others who helped make this event possible. "It was the phone calls, the late nights, meetings, building that network of people to make this event happen," he said. "I had a lot of great help along the way from the beginning. I thank them all a lot."

There are always fun and creative ways to make an event possible, Thomas said. And it's the people he met along the way who really helped him make his idea a reality.

American Pickers to film in Wisconsin

FOR THE MERRILL FOTO NEWS

A hit History Channel series is set to film in Wisconsin later this year.

Episodes of American Pickers will be filmed in the Badger State in September.

"American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking' on The History Channel," a release from the show said. "The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable

antiques. They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable characters and their collections. As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics."

Along the way, the release noted, the Pickers want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items.

"They hope to give historically significant

objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way," the release said. "The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them."

The release said the Pickers are currently looking for leads and would "love to explore your

hidden treasure."

"If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell ... we would love to hear from you," the release said, noting that the Pickers do not pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public.

Those interested can send their name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cinelfix.com or call 646.493.2184.



American Pickers.

Photo by Zachary Maxwell Stertz.



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Jim Brickner talks about the electronic vehicle charging stations recently installed at the Merrill dealership.

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The second stop on the Lt. Governor's agenda was at the Ohio Street location

of Sierra Pacific Windows in Merrill where Rodriguez learned more about the company, its policy of true vertical integration, and its expansion and investment



Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez receives a warm welcome on her first stop in Merrill at Thorogood/Weinbrenner.



Lt. Governor Sara Rodriguez and Merrill Mayor Steve Hass listen and learn more about Sierra Pacific's operations nationwide and in Merrill. Tina L. Scott photos.

in Merrill. All the attendees were also given a tour of the Ohio Street plant by Plant Manager Brian Ball.

Finally, the group went across town to Brickners Park City on Merrill's east side where Rodriguez met with Jim Brickner, Owner

of the dealership. He spoke about the new electronic vehicle charging station installation and the hurdles he had to overcome to get it operational. He also gave the Lt. Governor a tour of the facility.

At all three locations,

Rodriguez asked how state government could assist the business community and heard the same refrain about the need for more housing, child care, and employees. Rodriguez said she hears the same concerns at nearly all of

her stops throughout the state.

Brickner told Rodriguez the dealership works with the high school's Youth Apprenticeship program and grows most of their employees from within.

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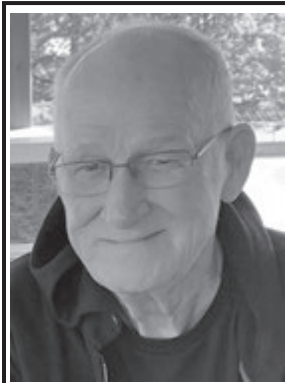
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OBITUARIES



Eugene A. Rowe, 87, lifelong resident of Merrill, died on Monday, July 22, 2024, peacefully at home.

Born to Albert and Myrtle (Nelson) Rowe on May 15, 1937. He worked many jobs in his life. Some of the places he worked were Schulz's Wrecking, Anson & Gilkey, Wire Products, Northern Wire, Stokely USA (bean cannery), and most recently before he retired, Lincoln Wood Products – starting there on the assembly line and transferring to the job

he loved most being a maintenance worker. He and his wife were very hard workers and instilled that same work ethic in both their children.

One of his favorite hobbies from retirement to the time of his death was to work on small engines including lawn mowers and snowblowers. Everyone knew him as the guy on Cty K with mowers. One of his passion projects he completed was to restore a 1922 Model T "Doctor's Coupe" made into a pickup for him and his wife. Another project was to restore a 1923 Model T "Depot Hack" for his son. He loved being outside and was a man of strong faith and being there for and with his family. One of his favorite pastimes was to take leisurely casino trips with his wife and later his daughter. He also enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers.

Eugene was preceded in death by his wife, Judith 'Judy' Rowe; son, Timothy 'Tim' 'Doughboy' Rowe; sisters, Mary Green, Margaret Rice, Carol Zank, Bonnie Buntrock, and infant Betty Mae Rowe; and brother, Lloyd Rowe. He is survived by sister, Barbara (Hank) Bie of Antigo; daughter, Janie 'Jane' Rowe (Jamie LeSage) of Merrill; daughter-in-law, Brenda Rowe of Merrill; and grandson, Brian Rowe (Cammie Schram), great granddaughter, Braylee Rowe, step great granddaughter, Adriana Schram, and step great grandson Riley Schram all of Merrill. He is further survived by his special adopted daughter, Kim Schwartz; and many nieces and nephews.

The memorial service was held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, July 27, 2024, at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, Merrill. Rev. Michael Southcombe officiated. The family received friends beginning at 9:00 A.M. Saturday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in honor of Eugene can be made to Lincoln County Humane Society.



Joan Lola Sodini, a cherished stay-at-home mother and homemaker, who touched the lives of many with her warm presence and kind heart, passed away on July 25, 2024, in Merrill, Wisconsin, surrounded by her beloved family. She was born in Lincoln County, Wisconsin, on March 26, 1936, to the late Lester and Katherine (Levitt) Bloomquist. She married Donald Lawrence Sodini on July 6, 1954, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Merrill. He precedes her in death.

Throughout her life, Joan was known for her funny and stubborn nature, yet she carried a soft-spoken demeanor that endeared her to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She had a special way of making everyone feel loved by affectionately calling them "honey," and her feisty spirit brought joy to those around her.

Joan found great joy in simple pleasures such as reading murder mysteries, Christian books, and romance novels. In her younger years, she enjoyed bowling and spent countless hours out on the water while boating with family and friends. Joan supported Don's career as he traveled to many locations, foreign and domestic. They lived in various places such as Italy, England, Alaska, Key West, New England, New Hampshire, and Cleveland.

One of Joan's proudest accomplishments was her generous spirit. She gave selflessly to causes close to her heart, including the Lincoln County Humane Society and The Diabetes Foundation.

Above all, Joan will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who was truly a blessing to her family. The memories she leaves behind are filled with love, laughter, and the legacy of a life well-lived.

Joan Lola Sodini is survived by her children: Vicki (Bill) Davis, Renee Greenhill, John (Natalie) Sodini, Mike (Laura) Sodini, and Michelle (Paul) Sodini Rubin, grandchildren: Jody (Jeremy) Allard, Jesse Kleinschmidt, Niko (Celia) Sodini, Kaleb Watts, Brittny (Casey) Hill, Nicole (Brad) Baumann, Geno, Christian, Aiden, Lauren, and Mason Sodini, great-grandchildren: Blaze and Nadia Kleinschmidt, Johnny and Danielle Miller, Luca and Vincent "Vin" Sodini, sister-in-law: Joan Schramek and beloved dog: Moo Moo, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son, Jay Sodini, grandson, Don Miller, and siblings, L'Rae Klimek, and Kay Michalski.

The family of Joan would like to express a heartfelt thank you to Pastor Mike Southcombe, St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill and the staff at the Marshfield Medical Center in Weston for all their care and guidance.

No services will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lincoln County Humane Society in loving memory of Joan Sodini.

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.



Wayne H. Smith,

96, of Merrill, passed away Monday, July 22, 2024, at Aspirus Merrill Hospital.

Wayne was born November 29, 1927, in Atlantic, Iowa, son of Roy and Miriam (Butler) Smith. Wayne enlisted in the United States Navy and served during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge and upon his return to the states, Wayne attended Broadcasting School in California. It was during his time in California that he met the former Rosemary Reiland. Wayne and Rosemary were married on October 10, 1953, in California. Throughout their marriage, Wayne and Rosemary lived in several different states including California, Tennessee, Louisiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Wayne worked in radio broadcasting for over 40 years. He worked in sales, and as an engineer and a general manager. In 1990, Wayne and Rosemary moved back to the Wausau/Merrill area to be closer to their daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Andy. Wayne worked at WJMT Radio and also started the Z104 classic rock radio station in this area.

Wayne was involved with many civic organizations including, the Hospital Auxiliary, St. Vincent DePaul, Noon Lion's Club, Rotary Club, and Merrill Chamber of Commerce where he served as Past President. He was an active member of the community and made friends everywhere he went. Wayne enjoyed public speaking and was a Lector at church Masses. He enjoyed reading, working on difficult projects, swimming, and running. Wayne will be remembered for his great sense of humor and his patience.

Wayne is survived by daughter, Lisa (Andrew) Carlson of Merrill; son, Michael H. (Carol) Smith of LaQuinta, California; four step great-grandchildren, Andy, Breana, Ricky, and Michael; sister, Marilyn Seuntjens of Mapleton, Iowa; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Steve and Marsha Skogen and their family. Also surviving is Alex Martinez, the foreign exchange student Wayne and Rosemary hosted from 1974 to 1976 who became an incredibly special part of their family. Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary Smith; parents, Roy and Miriam Smith; two step granddaughters, Kerri Payne and Kristy Smith; brother and sister-in-law, Claire (Catherine) Smith; nieces Monica Smith Brehmer; and nephew, Thomas Smith.

The memorial service was held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Holy Cross Chapel in Bell Tower Residence, Merrill. Chaplain John Bourke presided. The inurnment took place at the St. Francis Veteran's Memorial. The family received friends beginning at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday at the Holy Cross Chapel. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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Mary Ann Norman, a devoted wife, and loving mother of six, passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at the age of 84. She was born on December 23, 1939, in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. Mary Ann was a dedicated mother to her family and a source of unconditional love.

On April 5, 1959, Mary Ann married Donald A. Norman, and together they raised their six children: Debra (Fred) Shook, Tom (Bonnie) Norman, Dan Norman, Jody (Mike) Mudano, Kelly Jo Norman Hantke, and Jake Norman.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her beloved husband Donald, her daughter Kelly Jo, her parents Walter and Stella Frawley, and her siblings Patrick (Grace) Frawley, James (Mary Ann) Frawley, Joseph (Audrey) Frawley, Rose Marie (Stanley) Beroza, John Frawley, and William (Pat) Frawley. She is survived by her 5 remaining children, 18 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann leaves behind a legacy of love and unwavering generosity. She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The memorial service for Mary Ann will be held at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, August 3, 2024, at Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. Philip Schneider will officiate. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:00 P.M., noon, Saturday at the funeral home. The burial will take place at a later date at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Bloomville. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Wesley "Wes" Sczygelski, 67, of Merrill, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 21, 2024. He was born on September 12, 1956, to the late Walter Sczygelski and Marilyn Fletcher in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Wes was known for his inventiveness and ingenuity. He was often referred to as a jack-of-all-trades and took much pride in his MacGyver skills. He had multiple careers including crane operator, handyman, contractor and he retired from being a welder and fabricator. After he retired, he converted his second bus into a motorhome and traveled to Tennessee for the winters. His passions included horses, woodworking, karaoke singing, country-western dancing and spending time with family and friends. He was a well-known jokester; all who knew him, or met him in passing, have a story or more to share.

Survivors include his companion, Arlene Vertz of Merrill; daughters, Rachel (Andy) Yach and Kaitlyn (Clint) White; brothers, Howard (Michelle) Sczygelski, William Sczygelski (Ann Pankow), and Monty (Joanne) Sczygelski; sisters, Linda Works, Twyla Sczygelski, and Chansa (Mark) Fredrick; sister-in-law, Joanne Sczygelski; grandchildren, Samantha and Trevor Yach and River White; along with many nieces and nephews. Wes was preceded in death by his father, Walter Sczygelski; mother, Marilyn Fletcher; brothers, Walter Sczygelski, Jr. and Leon Sczygelski.

A celebration of life will take place from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at 1915 Perry Drive in Rothschild, WI. Wes' family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Mayo Clinic, Rochester for the exceptional end of life care he received.

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

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PAID LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to all my fellow supervisors regarding the future of Pine Crest.

We are about to reconsider the issue of financing Pine Crest. Last year the Board considered a resolution that would have provided for a binding referendum on the issue of raising additional property taxes to fund Pine Crest. At that time five items of expense were under consideration. The five items were said to total \$4,500,000:

- \$441,000 from the tax levy to support Pine Crest operating revenues,
- A \$1,000,000 annual operating loss,
- A \$630,000 debt service expense,
- \$2,000,000 annually for repairs and replacement, and
- \$400,000 yearly for the salary and benefits of the four maintenance staff assigned to Pine Crest.

Going forward, Pine Crest's annual expenses will be nothing like \$4,500,000. Now and for the foreseeable future, Pine Crest's operating budget will be in the black. That eliminates the need to pay for a \$1 million annual operating loss. It also eliminates the \$630,000 annual debt service because it is being paid out of operating revenues. Because Pine Crest operations are in the black, we should also be able to negotiate the elimination, or at least the reduction of, the \$441,000 annual payment from the tax levy to bolster Pine Crest's operating revenue.

I am open to any option that will fund the diminished Pine Crest expenses with the least amount of pain to the taxpayer. As we address the future of Pine Crest, we should welcome the ideas of all supervisors and the public. We should not freeze anyone out of the discussion of how to preserve our nursing home for future generations.

Thank you for your anticipated consideration.

- Donald Dunphy, Merrill, Wis. County Board Supervisor, District 7

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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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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: July 3, 2024
 Bonnie Wachsmuth
 CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT
 COMMISSIONER

Order to Show Cause for Finding of Contempt
 Case No. 19FA65

Petitioner/Joint Petitioner A: Steven Kyle Anderson
 Respondent/Joint Petitioner B: Frances M. Walker

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 IN RE:

Petitioner/Joint Petitioner A
 Steven Kyle Anderson
 504 1/2 N Cleveland St.
 Merrill, WI 54452
 715-722-0338
 -VS-
Respondent/Joint Petitioner B
 Frances Mildred Anderson Walker
 702 Cottonwood St,
 Anchorage, Alaska 99501
 The State of Wisconsin (Child Support Agency) is not a party to this action. The affidavit was filed on 7-3-24

IT IS ORDERED THAT
 Frances Anderson Walker appear in person:
 Before: Com. Bonnie Wachsmuth
 Location: Lincoln Co Courthouse, BR3
 Merrill, WI

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Date: August 7, 2024 Time: 2:30 p.m. or as soon as the matter may be heard. To show cause why YOU should not be found in contempt of court as requested in the affidavit. You must appear and provide the court information about your compliance with the court order, including your ability to pay or otherwise comply with the order. If you do not appear as indicated, the court may hold the hearing without you and grant the request, including issuing an order to have your arrested ad committed to the county jail. You also have a right to be represented by an attorney at this hearing. Unless good cause is shown, failure to appear without an attorney will be deemed a waiver of that right.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- A copy of the order to show cause and affidavit must be personally served upon all other parties at least 5 business days before the date of the hearing, unless otherwise authorized by law. See Service Packet (FA-5000) for more information.
- Both parties bring a fully completed, dated, and signed Income and Expense Statement to court.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Elusive Quest for Eternal Youth: Reflections on the Fountain of Youth

Dear Reader,

In the annals of history, tales of Ponce de Leon's relentless pursuit of the mythical Fountain of Youth endure as a testament to humanity's fascination with eternal youth. Yet, as we navigate the complexities of aging, the allure of rejuvenation remains as enticing as ever.

In our quest for perpetual youth, we ponder the prospect of a second chance—a chance to relive our youth with the wisdom of age. But perhaps, therein lies the paradox: for it is through the passage of time and the accumulation of experiences that we truly mature and evolve.

The notion of a reset button, tempting as it may be, raises profound questions about the essence of our existence. Are we defined by our past actions, or do we possess the capacity for reinvention? While the prospect of rewriting our life's script may seem tantalizing, it is our unique journey, with all its triumphs and tribulations, that shapes our character



and molds our destiny.

As we contemplate the hypothetical existence of the Fountain of Youth, we confront the sobering reality that immortality is but a fleeting fantasy. The cyclical nature of life, with its inherent impermanence, reminds us of the preciousness of each moment and the importance of embracing the full spectrum of human experience.

Ultimately, the elusiveness of the Fountain of Youth serves as a poignant reminder that true fulfillment lies not in the pursuit of eternal youth, but in the acceptance of our mortality

and the embrace of the present moment. For in the tapestry of life, it is our individual stories, woven together with threads of joy and sorrow, that imbue our existence with meaning and purpose.

PATRICK J. WOOD
 Publisher

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

Notice is hereby given that public testing of the DS200 Tabulating Equipment machine being used in the Town of Merrill for the August 13, 2024 Partisan Primary Election is scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, August 5, 2024. The testing will be conducted in the Town of Merrill Community Center, W4594 Progressive Ave., Merrill, WI 54452.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

Notice is hereby given that public testing of the DS200 Tabulating Equipment and the Express Vote machines being used in the City of Merrill for the August 13, 2024 Partisan Primary is scheduled to begin at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, August 7th. The testing will be conducted in the Common Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street.

Lori L. Anderson-Malm
 City Clerk

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Attention: Voters in City of Merrill Aldermanic Districts 1 & 8

The City of Merrill Common Council adopted Ordinance 2024-04. This ordinance designates the Bierman Building (303 North Sales Street) at the Merrill Festival Grounds as the polling place for Aldermanic Districts 1 and 8 for all future elections. If you live in Aldermanic District 1 or Aldermanic District 8 and plan to vote in-person for future elections, you will do so at the Bierman Building.

Lori L. Anderson-Malm
 City Clerk, City of Merrill

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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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Income eligibility guidelines updated for school and day care meals

MADISON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service has updated income eligibility guidelines for meals served at schools and day care programs based on federal poverty levels.

The income guidelines, updated annually, are effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The guidelines apply to student eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals offered through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs and milk offered through the Special Milk Program, along with reimbursement for meals served in child and adult day care centers and family child care homes participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

The guidelines establish that students in a household of four, with income of \$40,560 per year or less, qualify for free school meals. If a household's yearly income is between \$40,560.01 and \$57,720, children can receive

reduced-price meals. The state's participating public and private schools and day cares typically provide applications for free and reduced-price school meals during registration and in the beginning weeks of the school year. However, applications may be submitted at any time. Only one application is required per household.

Based on household circumstances, certain groups are automatically eligible to receive meal benefits, with eligibility based on program specifics. Those groups include children and adults who participate in or receive benefits from the following programs: Food Share (also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP), Wisconsin Works (W-2) Cash Assistance (also known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families - TANF), some income based Medicaid programs, and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

(FDPIR), foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway children; children enrolled in Head Start, an At-Risk after-school center, or an emergency shelter; and adults who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid participants are eligible.

All students are eligible to receive school meals in public and private schools participating in the NSLP or SBP. To receive the meals for free or at a reduced price, parents or guardians of children who are not automatically eligible must complete a form, providing the names and income from all sources for all household members. All information is kept confidential. Most child and adult day care centers and all family childcare homes that participate in the CACFP provide meals to all enrolled participants without any separate charge. Reimbursement to the center or childcare home for meals is based on household incomes of those enrolled for care. A list

of the child and adult day care centers in Wisconsin that participate in the CACFP is available online at: dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/cacfp/sites

The goal of both school-based and child and adult day care food programs is to improve the health of students, young children, and eligible adults by increasing the opportunity for them to eat a variety of nutritious foods. The meals and snacks served meet nutrition standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). As an agency administering USDA programs, the Wisconsin DPI is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. For additional information on Wisconsin's Child Nutrition Programs and the USDA's full nondiscrimination statement, visit the DPI's website: dpi.wi.gov/nutrition.

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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 - Lincoln County 4-H Horse Show at the Fairgrounds Grandstand @ 10 a.m.
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
Aug. 13 - Merrill Area United Way Concert For A Cause - Leslie Blasing Concert
Aug. 15 - Gazebo Nights Concert: Andy Z and the Spankin' Monkees
Aug. 15 - Bankers Square Lunchtime Concert Series - David Michael Sargent
Aug. 15-18 - Athens Fair
For more information, go to: merrillchamber.org/events or contact the event sponsor.

Free Ice Cream Social

Bible Presbyterian Church will hold a free citywide Ice Cream Social on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. at Normal Park in Merrill by the gazebo. "Join us for a sweet treat and a refreshing evening of fellowship!" organizers said. They ask that attendees bring their own lawn chairs and a container of their favorite ice cream to share with others.

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The Lincoln County Humane Society would like to thank everyone who donated in honor of a loved one in June:
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THE GLEASON CORNER

The Gleason Community Club is a fun place to be ... for Fun Days and a lot more

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Gleason Fun Days

On Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, the Gleason community will celebrate summer with their annual Gleason Fun Days. Held at the Gleason Community Club, N5335 Bayer St. in Gleason, the event kicks off at 10 a.m. with a Craft Show and Flea Market.

Gleason Fun Days promises fun for people of all ages! A Live Petting Zoo will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with animals for petting and cuddling, always a fun attraction for the kids. And kids games - including giant inflatable games - will be available throughout the day.

At 1 p.m. a Bags Tournament will welcome competitors for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition.

And what's an afternoon outdoors with the community without delicious food? Another highlight of Gleason Fun Days will be a Pig Roast and Corn Roast.

After a day of fun in Gleason, fireworks will light up the sky at dusk. Bring the family and a blanket or lawn chairs and plan to enjoy the display.

To sign up for a space at the Craft Show and Flea Market or to compete in the Bags Tournament, call Larry at 715-921-4223.

Other annual events

The Gleason Community Club holds several other annual events each year including an Easter Egg Hunt, a Toys for Tots Collection, a Hunters Ball, a Family Christmas Event, and Ice Oval Races. They also host a Wisconsin Kids Snowmobile Racing Association Race each year. Mark your calendar to come to Gleason for these great events, as well:

- Nov. 2, 2024 - Toys for Tots
- Nov. 16, 2024 - Hunters Ball
- Dec. 1, 2024 - Family Christmas Event
- Jan. 11 & 18; Feb. 1 & 15 (night race); and Mar. 1, 2025 - Ice Oval Races

The Gleason Community Club is always looking for new members, donations, race sponsors, and volunteers to help with events. If you live in the Gleason area, consider getting involved. Reach out to a Gleason Community Club Board member or Race Committee member to learn more.

For more information about the Gleason Community Club and events, go to gleasoncc.org or facebook.com/gleasoncommunityclub.

A great venue for parties

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This is a full-time, regular position with a full benefit package and starting hourly wage of \$28.14. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with 6.9% employer contribution, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a zero deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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The 2024-2025 drive for new backpacks and school supplies for students in need is underway, and the need for backpacks and school supplies is great.

More than 500 students in grades K-8 qualify for free backpacks and supplies under federal guidelines for free and reduced lunch.

Donated items can be dropped off at Incredible Bank (formerly River Valley Bank) and Walgreens. Please note: Used items cannot be accepted for this project.

New supplies most needed this year are the larger backpacks themselves; 1" binders with a front pocket; chisel tip dry erase markers; colored pencils; wide washable markers in classic colors; 3" x 3" post it notes; paper folders; and wide lined notebooks in green, red, purple, and blue; and over-ear headphones. Supply donations will be accepted now through Friday, August 9, 2024.

Distribution is set for Saturday, August 10, from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Prairie River Middle School cafeteria by door 14. Eligible families will receive more



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information in the mail. Students will be able to select their backpack and a few other items. Basic supplies like pencils, etc., will be pre-packaged for quick pick-up.

Tax-deductible donations are accepted year round and can be mailed to: MFTHCI-Backpacks, PO Box 793, Merrill WI 54452.

The project is sponsored by: Merrill Forward Together Healthy Community Initiative (MFTHCI), Children's Wisconsin, and the Optimists.

For more information, call Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services at 715.539.9228.

Yurgen is honored with new Crime Stoppers bench

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

"Yurgen Markewycz was the Branch Manager of Associated Bank in Merrill in the late 1970's and 1980's. Then he left Merrill and several years later Yurgen and his wife, Randy, returned to Merrill," Dee Olsen said. "Yurgen was active in and generous toward the Lions Club, the Merrill Community

Homeless Center, Inc. Board of Directors, and the Merrill Historical Society."

Yurgen passed away unexpectedly in Merrill on Dec. 18, 2023.

"A group of people wanted to remember their dear, departed friend, Yurgen Markewycz, in a special way," she said. That's why they opted to

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Friends of Yurgen Markewycz gather on July 29, 2024, near Associated Bank in Merrill at the site of a new bench placed there in his honor. Submitted photo.

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A ribbon cutting at the grand reopening of Walmart after their spring 2024 renovation incorporated a crowd.

Business News & Tidbits

T Bar M joins membership of American Angus Association

T Bar M of Merrill recently became a new member of the American

Angus Association®, a national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Mo. The American Angus Association, with more than 22,000 active adult and junior

members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 20 million registered Angus. The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members. The programs and services of the Association and its entities — Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Media, Certified Angus Beef LLC, and the Angus Foundation — help members advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their

herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

D's Pizza and Dogs moving to new eastside location

D's Pizza and Dogs will move to 1616 River St. in Merrill the end of July. They have purchased the building which was formerly a laundromat and are remodeling it into their new restaurant space. They are hoping to be open in the new location soon! Watch their facebook page for updates.

Kreager Properties purchases former Victory Lane property

Kreager Properties, owned by Wayne and



Representatives from Little Lakes Memories accept a \$1,000 donation from Walmart. Tina L. Scott photos.

Dawn Kreager - who also own DuWayne Kreager Insurance [with six offices in north central Wisconsin, including one in Merrill] - has purchased the vacant lot at W4998 Pinewood Ln. where Victory Lane was previously located. [Victory Lane closed after an Aug. 26, 2017, fire heavily damaged the building.] Dawn Kreager said they are still considering different options for the lot, but "there are no plays yet for future development."

Merrill Walmart 2024 renovation project

The Merrill Walmart underwent a 2024 renovation project, culminating in a grand re-opening event on May 17, 2024. In addition to reorganizing a significant footprint within the store, the clothing section and

selection saw a new look, and a beautiful mural representing some of Merrill's landmarks was painted in the entrance. Local students from Washington School came to sing, the VFW presented the colors, and representatives from the Merrill Chamber and City of Merrill were in attendance and spoke. Walmart also made several donations to community organizations as part of the re-opening ceremony, including: Little Lakes Memories, Merrill Area 4-H Clubs, the Merrill Division of the North Central Boy Scouts, and the Lincoln County Humane Society.

To submit news items for possible publication in the Business News & Tidbits column, submit short releases (no longer than 200 words) to tscott@mmlocal.com.



A beautiful mural representing some of Merrill's landmarks was painted in the entrance to the Merrill Walmart as a part of their spring 2024 renovation project.



Representatives from the Lincoln County Sports Club prepare to accept a \$1,000 donation from Walmart.



Representatives from the Lincoln County Humane Society accept a \$1,000 donation from Walmart.



Representatives from Merrill area 4-H clubs accept a \$1,000 donation from Walmart.



The Merrill area Boy Scouts also received a \$1,000 donation from Walmart. Tina L. Scott photos.

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have a new Crime Stoppers bench constructed in his honor and placed near where he formerly worked.

"Crime Stoppers of Lincoln County provides a great service to the communities in Lincoln County," Olsen said.

"In memory of Yurgen, a new Crime Stoppers bench was placed at Associated Bank on E. Main St. in Merrill. Supporting the project were friends - Tom & Pat Burg, Emily Gibson, Don & Carol Heyel, Dee Olsen & Ralph Wangen, Mike & Jean Ravn, Ken & Barb Adams, and the Homeless Center Inc. Board. We hope everyone who knew Yurgen remembers him as they pass this memorial Crime Stoppers bench," she said.

A group of friends and supporters gathered to honor Yurgen near the new bench on July 29, 2024.



Harlow K. had a cookie sale, and with the money he collected, he donated and bought supplies for the animals at the Lincoln County Humane Society. The animals and staff are very appreciative of his efforts, staff said.

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Russ Sukow Memorial Golf Outing helps support Merrill Community Food Pantry

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

This year the Russ Sukow Memorial Golf Outing, held in honor of the late Russ Sukow who died in 2013, raised \$500 to help support the Merrill Community Food Pantry. Typically Sid Sukow and Mort Sukow get together to remember their brother and play golf with

family and friends to raise money for a cause related to Russ or to support a sport he once played, but this year they decided to support the local food pantry due to the increased need in the community.

“We want to keep it local,” Sid said.

“[And] With the recent increases in the price of food, and if you’ve got three

or four kids, how do you even make ends meet?” Cecil said.

Al Crevier, co-manager at the Merrill Community Food Pantry, confirmed they’ve seen a large increase in individuals and families coming to the food pantry over the last few years and said the donation is very much appreciated.



L to R: Cecil Sukow [wife of the late Russ Sukow], Al Crevier [representing the Merrill Community Food Pantry], Sid Sukow, and Mort Sukow. The check presentation photo was taken on the Merrill Golf Course near hole #15 where Russ Sukow once made his local claim to fame when he tee’d off, shot out of bounds, re-tee’d his third shot, and then par’d the hole, getting the ball in the hole on the fourth shot from 400 yards to get a par on the hole. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

Van Der Geest donates to MACA

Racecar driver Levon Van Der Geest presented the Merrill Area Concert Association (MACA) with a check for \$380 on June 21, 2024.

Van Der Geest is one of seven drivers selected nationally by the Kulwicki Driver Development Program (KDDP). The drivers in this program compete throughout the year to determine who can represent Alan Kulwicki best both on and off the race track. The drivers earn points through community engagement, social media, and racing to see who best represents the values of Alan and the mission of the KDDP with the goal of winning the Kulwicki Cup.

The KDDP was established in 2014 in memory of Alan Kulwicki who died tragically in a plane crash in 1993 on his way to a race at Bristol Motor Speedway. The KDDP has a mission to assist development of the next generation of short track racers through financial assistance, help with publicity, and marketing. In addition, the KDDP helps with developing sponsorship while assisting with industry networking and relationship building.

Van Der Geest, a student at UW-Milwaukee majoring in mechanical engineering, has set his goal on winning the Kulwicki Cup this year. Van Der Geest collected

the \$380 donation through sponsorships for his June 7, 2024 race at Golden Sands Speedway and chose MACA as one of the Merrill community organizations for live concerts.

“Levon Van Der Geest is doing a wonderful job giving back to the community while pursuing his racing dreams,” said Nancy Kwiesielewicz, Chairperson of MACA. “The Concert Association thanks Levon and greatly appreciates this donation.”

Like many organizations or events that includes larger gatherings of people, MACA has struggled to get attendance back to pre-COVID levels. “We are trying hard to get the High School Auditorium to full capacity at our concerts which has been a struggle since COVID,” Kwiesielewicz said.

For more information about the Merrill Area Concert Association, this year’s lineup, or to purchase a membership/tickets, go to maca.merrillconcerts.org or their Facebook page: [facebook.com/Merrill.Area.Concert.Association.MACA](https://www.facebook.com/Merrill.Area.Concert.Association.MACA).



Levon Van Der Geest presents the Merrill Area Concert Association (MACA) with a check for \$380. **Submitted photo.**

MACR donates to Parkside Preschool

On July 18, 2024, Z’s Fork Horners Bar and Grill owner Gina Van Der Geest, on behalf of Merrill Area Community Rides Charity (MACR), presented a \$1,202 check to Parkside Preschool.

The donation was made possible by MACR’s annual Mud ‘N Jams ATV/UTV Ride and Poker Run, hosted by Z’s Fork Horners Bar and Grill, on June 15.

“I am proud to be a part of this amazing fundraiser each year, by hosting the

event,” Van Der Geest said. “We are all excited to see the success it will bring in the future for our community.”

“We are so appreciative of the Merrill Area Community Rides Charity for holding a fundraiser in support of Parkside Preschool Centers’ operational expenses,” said Koelsch-Burge. “We were joyfully overwhelmed by the many businesses in our Merrill community that donated to the fundraiser. While our teachers and

students made thank you cards for all of the donors, I want to further extend a personal note of gratitude to Z’s Fork Horners Restaurant for hosting the Mud ‘N Jams event, Half Stack Alice for completely donating their time and talent to play at the event, 107 Bait Shop, Breaman Family, Casa Amigos, Chips, Culver’s, Cup and Cone, Dairy Queen, Designer Salon and Day Spa, Images, Kaminski Farms, Los Mezcales, NAPA, O’Reillys, Pine

Ridge Family Restaurant, 365 Power Sports, Take 5, The Grand Stand, Vibe Nutrition, and Westside Market.”

“We have been diligently seeking community support to help keep our stand-alone, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, state licensed, preschool-based group child care facility in operation,” she said. “Parents need

affordable child care in order to work outside of the home. If Parkside was not in operation, there could be negative implications for the workforce of the Merrill community. While we are sensitive to the effect the current economy already has on the households of the families that attend our facility, we must primarily rely on tuition increases

in order to keep our doors open when we can’t obtain outside support funding. We recognize that there is a limit to the amount of money a family can afford to pay for child care before they must make the decision to have one parent quit their employment to stay home with the children.”



Pictured L to R: Ms. Brenna Allen (former Parkside Preschool student); Gina Van Der Geest (Z’s Fork Horner’s Bar and Grill Owner); Paula Koelsch-Burge (Parkside Preschool Director), and Amy Pikus (Parkside Preschool Administrative Assistant). **Submitted photo.**

2024 Merrill Summer Baseball Schedule

Merrill Post 46
 Wednesday, July 31 - Sunday, August 4 AA State Tournament (Baraboo)

2024 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedule

Boys Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)
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