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Friends of Council Grounds announce winners of 2024 photo contest

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

The Friends of Council Park Grounds State announced the winners of the 2024 Friends of Council Park Grounds State Amateur Photo Contest.

In the category, "People Using the Park," the winners in order of place

First place: Magic Moments-Shannon Reed from Waunakee, Wis.

Second place: October

Camping- Molly Tepe from Mosinee, Wis.

Third place: Kavak Companions-Lyle Eggersgluess from Merrill,

the "Landscape" In category, the winners in order of place are:

First place: Sunset Lights Up Our Campsite-Bruce Davis from Madison,

Second place: Smoky See PHOTO CONTEST page 8



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Pine Crest may again be For Sale Lincoln County Board to vote on resolution to sell nursing home

TINA L. SCOTT **EDITOR**

In a season of deja vu - at least where Lincoln County's Pine Crest Nursing Home is concerned - the Lincoln County Board will again consider a resolution to sell the County-owned facility at their Sept. 17,

2024, regular Board of Supervisors meeting. The meeting will be held next Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center. The Agenda for next week's meeting has not yet been released. However, at

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Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

Tina L. Scott photo.



Pet of the Week

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buddy to go on adventures with!! Visit the Lincoln County Humane Society, 310 N. Memorial Dr., in Merrill. Hours: MON. - SAT. 12-4 PM & SUN. 12-2 PM.

14th Annual Christmas Card Art Contest

The Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce is thinking ahead to Christmas already - and their annual Christmas card. That means it's time for the Chamber's 14th Annual Christmas Card Art Contest.

Local artists of any age are invited to enter! Each contestant may submit one entry using any of the following two-dimensional mediums: acrylic, pen and ink, watercolor, or oil. All entries must depict a Merrill Christmas scene - past or present. Each entry should be

12x18" in overall dimension and must be accompanied by a completed application form. (To download the application, go to: merrillchamber.org/annual-christmas-card-artcontest or stop at the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce office at 705 N. Center Ave. in Merrill to pick up an

Judges will select one image that captures the essence and spirit of the Christmas season in Merrill.

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One of the 2023 winning entries. Tamara Marczak submitted her depiction of the Three Arch Bridge in Merrill at Christmas.



Debbie Zimmerman was also a winner in 2023. Her winning entry depicts the Banker's Square Christmas Tree.

Photos courtesy of Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce.



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Wisconsin Gospellers in Concert, featuring "Nothing to Hide" exhibit

The Gospellers, a multi-style Gospel singing group, will be in concert at St. Stephens UCC, 902 E. 2nd St. in Merrill on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at 6 p.m. The concert is free but free will offerings are welcome.

Members The of Gospellers come together from across the state of Wisconsin to spread the good news through music and to build relationships between churches communities. The Wisconsin Gospellers is a

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The Gospellers at Trinity UCC in Chicago.

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ministry affiliated Wisconsin the Conference United Church of Christ (UCC). The choir

to an invitation from the West End Gospel Singers in Eberswalde, Germany. Fritz recruited Martin Ulrich as musical director and rallied lay singers from around the state for monthly rehearsals. The West End Gospel Singers have toured Wisconsin and northern Ilinois three

From the start the

- · Been an expression the long-standing partnership between the UCC and Germany's Union of Evangelical Churches
- · Understood themselves as called to share God's Good News through the powerful language gospel music; and
- · Embraced the mutual hospitality and fellowship of what Germans call Kirchengemeinschaft (full church communion). For them, Kirchengemeinschaft often includes joint rehearsals and concerts, homestays, shared meals, and exploring local culture.

The Gospellers also understand gospel music as a way to build bridges in Wisconsin. They regularly hold a mid-winter workshop at Cedar Community near West Bend, and rehearse thanks to the hospitality of traditional congregations -

The choir continues to welcome new members and new partners. In 2017 they traveled to New York City to help the New York Conference UCC kick off its own state-wide gospel choir, and in 2019, the Wisconsin Gospellers spent 2½ weeks in Germany's Hesse and Rhineland regions.

was founded in 2007 by Fritz West, in response times, and the Wisconsin Gospellers traveled Berlin-Brandenburg 2008, 2012, and 2016.

Wisconsin Gospellers have:

Wisconsin in churches across the state.

The choir is affiliated with the Wisconsin Conference UCC, but is entirely selfsupporting, primarily through membership dues and free-will offerings.

"Nothing to Hide" exhibit

St. Stephens is hosting the concert as part of their efforts to welcome people to tour the Family Diversity Project's "Nothing to Hide" exhibit, which is open for viewing in the church lobby and Kuck Lounge.

This photo-text exhibit presents photographs taken by Gigi Kaeser and interviews conducted by Jean Beard and Peggy Gillespie, with families whose lives are affected by schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessivecompulsive disorder, major depression, anxiety disorders, and other brain disorders. The photos and text in this exhibit dispel harmful stereotypes, misconceptions, and myths about mental illness. The exhibit will be in the lobby and Kuck Lounge throughout September and is brought to St. Stephens by the WISE Team.

The Welcoming Inclusive Supportive and Engaged (WISE) Team at St. Stephens has also redecorated a seldom used room in the church to become the "Serenity Room," complete with a relaxing mural painted on the wall by Bailey Iwen, a comfortable love seat and reading chair, a table for jigsaw puzzles, adult coloring pages, and other aides to a contemplative, calming atmosphere.

The goal of the WISE Team is to normalize talking about mental health issues. "The Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund reminds us in her writing that mental health issues are not a 'casserole' said illness," McIntyre, Chair of the WISE Team. "No one brings a casserole to the house when a husband or father has a breakdown that lands them in the behavioral health hospital.'

"We hope to get to the point," McIntyre said, "where church members speak as openly about themselves and loved ones going through a tough mental health issue as they do when someone is having knee surgery."

The public is invited to attend the Gospellers concert on the 14th, take time to view the Nothing to Hide exhibit, tour the church's new Serenity Room, and enjoy light refreshments

fellowship after the concert. For more information, go to: familydiversityprojects.







| REPORTS |

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **REPORT**

FOR THE PERIOD: AUG. 26-SEPT. 8, 2024

On 09-02-24 deputies were sent to the area of CTH G and Prairie River Ave. in the Town of Merrill for a reported two-vehicle crash with injuries. Upon arrival, deputies found that of the two vehicles, one party had received injuries. It was reported vehicle one was traveling eastbound on CTH G, while the other vehicle (vehicle two) was southbound on Prairie River Ave.

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The driver of vehicle two claimed he stopped at the stop sign but did not see eastbound vehicle one. The eastbound driver said the southbound vehicle two came out of nowhere. As of this time, the crash is still under investigation and citations will be issued.

On 08/06/2024 deputies were dispatched to the area of CTH X and CTH C in the Township of Schley for a reported motor vehicle crash with injuries. Upon arrival, deputies learned that one car had been traveling northbound on CTH X. The driver reported, after he came to the intersection, he did not see the second vehicle which was traveling eastbound on CTH C. As

a result of the subsequent crash. three parties were injured and transported to local hospitals. The driver of the vehicle that had been northbound on CTH X will be cited for failure to yield right of way.

On 09/07/2024 a deputy on

patrol located a vehicle stopped in the lane of traffic on CTH O and CTH K in the Town of Scott. Upon investigating, the deputy found the driver, a 43-year-old Merrill

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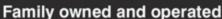
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Lydia Florence Marie (nee Jaeger) Goetsch



Lydia Florence Marie (nee Jaeger) Goetsch died at home in the Town of Berlin on September 3, 2024. She arrived on June 1, 1932, the fourth of six surviving children born to her farming parents, Albert and Hulda (nee: Delfs) Jaeger in the Town of Pine River. Lydia was baptized and confirmed at St. Luke's Lutheran Church Pine River. As a girl, she and her siblings walked up the hill to the Miller Hill School, a one-room schoolhouse with a small library she read through

several times. She hand-milked cows in one of the family barns with her father, morning and night, while her brother Butch (Norman) and her mother milked cows in the other barn. She finished school at Grade 8. One of her greatest regrets was not attending high school, being unable to do so since rural school buses hadn't yet been introduced to bring the country kids into town. After graduating, she worked as a mother's helper at a neighbor's farm for a few years. At age 16, she moved to Merrill to work, rooming with her cousin Millie Schleif. She attended vocational sewing school one day a week. She did factory piecework, first sewing fingers at the glove factory, followed by a time stamping out leather pieces to make footwear at the shoe factory. Her dad picked her up and brought her out to the farm every weekend for a little home cooking and time with the family.

Lydia met her sweetie, Jim Goetsch, roller skating at the Lakeview Ballroom in 1950. They were married, on the record-coldest day of the year, December 22, 1951, at Zion Lutheran Church, Town of Maine, followed by a party for family and friends in the new granary on the farm. Jim was called to serve in Korea, and after he returned home, the two of them settled in the Town of Maine where they raised three children and built a business together. They greatly enjoyed travelling in Europe and beyond with their friends. Jim and Lydia were active in Lutheran Laymen's League and Orphan Grain Train. Lydia sewed quilts without number for OGT and Lutheran World Relief. In later years, Lydia enjoyed spending time with her children, grand and great grandchildren along with gardening, reading, Sudoku, and an occasional episode of Shark Tank. She always had fresh-baked

chocolate chip cookies in the jar.

Lydia is survived by her husband, James Goetsch; son Kevin and daughter-in-law, Ann (nee Bartelt), grandchildren Kristy, Jeffrey, Jeremy and wife Kati, great -grandchildren Elise, James and Corrine; Jason and wife Cindy, great-grandchildren Amelia and Abigail; son Bruce and wife Yuliya (nee Rubashkina), grandchildren Sophia and Charles; daughter Conlynn and son-in-law Jonathan Strickland. She is predeceased by her parents Albert and Hulda; brother Milfred (sister-in-law Dorothy survives); sister Lucille (Marvin) Nass (Edward) Pophal; brother Norman and sister-in-law Lois; inlaws Elmer and Alma (nee Peterson) Goetsch. She is survived by her brother Dale and sister-in-law Ruth; and sister

Caroline (Roger) Voigt (Elroy) Krause.
Services were held. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Lydia's name to Orphan Grain Train Contact: cathy@brakebush.com / N4993 6th Drive, Westfield, WI 53964 / (608) 296-1543. Helke Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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Lenore A. English



Lenore A. English, 90, of Merrill, passed away Thursday, September 5, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Lenore was born November 20, 1933, in Merrill, daughter of Roy and Leona (Grawien) Haffemann. She married Roger A. 'Budda' English on October 30, 1954. He preceded her in death on December 28, 2016.

For several years, Lenore waitressed at her parent's restaurant, Kozy Korner. She also worked at McLellan's 5 & 10 and Wisconsin Window

Unit. Lenore was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church Merrill, where she was involved in the Altar Guild. She was also a member of the Trinity Lutheran School PTL and once served as their secretary. Lenore and Budda were members of the Westside Business Association for many years. She was also a Girl Scout Leader. Lenore enjoyed bowling with the ladies in the afternoon bowling league and playing cards especially Sheepshead.

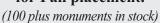
Lenore enjoyed cooking and baking; she loved her sweets and candy and always made sure everyone was well fed. She enjoyed having company at the house; the door was always open, and everyone was always welcome. Lenore loved her family and always let them know it by calling and sending letters and care packages.

Survivors include her children, Crystal (Brent) Duwe Randy (Linda) English, and Greg (Lisa) Englishall of Merrill; grandchildren, Heather (Chris) Renzelmann, Jennifer Hoffman, Dr. Adam (Angie) English, Joshua (Amy) English, Marissa English (William Koepke), and Mirinda English (Matt Patnode); great-grandchildren, Allie, Aubrey and Joseph Renzelmann, Derek Hoffman, Braylee, Jacob, Evan and Eleanora English, Emily (Tyler) Kelley, and Mathew, Kayden, and Carter English; and sister-in-law, Carol Haffemann of Wausau. Lenore was preceded in death by her husband, Roger 'Budda' English; parents, Roy and Leona Haffemann; and siblings, Ceora (Gilbert) Sabatke and Orville Haffemann.

The funeral service for Lenore will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, September 13, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church Merrill. Rev. Scott Gustafson will officiate. Burial will take place in St. Francis Xavier Veterans Memorial, Merrill Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, and after 9:30 A.M. Friday at the church.

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Judith "Judy" E. Steinagel



Judith "Judy" E. Steinagel age 81, of Merrill, passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at the Aspirus Hospital in Wausau, after a courageous medical battle, with her family at her side.

Judy was born on March 29 1943 in Wausau, the daughter to the late Elmer and Evelyn (Mielke) Heise. Judy attended and graduated from Wausau High School. She met her hus band, Merlin Steinagel, and the two exchanged marriage vows

on September 15, 1962 in Wausau. He proceeded her in death on August 7, 2019. Judy worked at Weinbrenner Shoe Company during her younger years, but enjoyed being a homemaker and stay at home mom. She loved watching the birds at her feeders, especially the hummingbirds. Judy enjoyed spending time in her flower gardens, watching game shows and football. She is well-known for her baking skills, especially everyone's favorite chocolate chip cookies! She looked forward to time with her card club friends and playing cards with her beloved grandchildren. Judy adored her grandchildren and looked forward to seeing them every chance she could. She is lovingly remembered as being strong-willed and was a caring and patient woman. Judy will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Judy was a member at Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin, also past member of the church choir. She was past member of the Town of Corning Fire dept auxiliary.

Judy is survived by her sons: Dean (Donna) Steinagel, Brian (Jodi) Steinagel, both of Merrill and Kerry (Stefanie) Steinagel of Cottage Grove, WI, daughter: Linda (Steve) Schultz of Merrill, grandchildren: Kalin, Makyla, Kensey Bridget, Jase, Carter and Nathanael, great grandchildren Ryan, Skye, John, Ellie, Xzverikz, Carson and Ezro, brother: Gene Heise of Florida, along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Merlin brothers: Roger and Dale Heise, sister: Lois Kainz, brothers in-law: Gilbert and Harold, sister-in-law: Irene Bartelt, along with many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service for Judy will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin. Rev. Andrew DeGier will officiate. Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service, also at the church. Burial at the church cemetery immediately following the service.

For those unable to attend the service in person, it will be recorded and available for future viewing under her obituary on the funeral home website.

In lieu of flowers, family strongly suggests that donations in Judy's name be directed to either the Arc of Lincoln County (honoring her great granddaughter) or Merrill City Flower Basket program.

The family wishes to thank the caring and professional staff at the Aspirus CICU in Wausau and Aspirus Palliative Care Unit, especially nurse Lorraine.

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.

Donald R. Paroubek



Donald Paroubek, 94, of Merrill, passed away on August 29, 2024, at Aspirus Merrill Hospital.

Don was born April 9, 1930 in Merrill, son of Joseph and Ida (Wendt) Paroubek. He married the love of his life. Doris Zoellner on July 1, 1950 Don attended school in Merrill and was a Class of 1948 Merrill High School graduate He served in the Wisconsin National Guard Red Arrow

Division from 1950 until 1956. Don worked at Merrill View Dairy and Semling and Menke companies in Merrill. He eventually took a position with Drott Case Manufacturing Co. in Schofield, and retired in 1983, after 25 years.

Don loved deer hunting and ice fishing, which he did a lot when he lived in a cabin on Bolton Lake in Lac Du Flambeau. He loved his automobiles; he kept them clean and looking like new. Don enjoyed working and enjoyed helping anyone in need. Don was a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Merrill.

Don is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins; several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, and his dear friend, Joy Kolar-Schleicher.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Paroubek; parents, Joseph and Ida Paroubek; siblings, Myron Paroubek, Milton (Elaine) Paroubek, Norman (Emily) Paroubek, Angela (John) Koerner; as well as three siblings who passed away very young, Rosella, Roland and Wyman. Don was also preceded in death by his friend, Bud Krueger.

A graveside service will take place at 11:00 A.M., Friday. September 13, 2024, at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery Rev. Neal Behm will officiate. Graveside military rites will be conducted by V.F.W. Post 1638, Merrill. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Merrill WI.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

"To Thine Own Self Be True"

Dear Reader,

"To thine own self be true, and it must follow. as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." These words, by Polonius spoken to his son Laertes in Hamlet, Shakespeare's have echoed through the centuries, resonating with a call for authenticity and integrity. However, in today's complex and interconnected world. where societal expectations and personal aspirations often collide, living by this ancient counsel can seem both challenging and elusive.

In society that a prioritizes frequently appearances and external validation, many of us find ourselves dedicating



our lives to meeting the perceived expectations of others. Social media professional platforms, environments, and even personal relationships can sometimes feel like stages where we perform roles designed to gain approval, admiration, or acceptance. In such a landscape, staying true to oneself can feel like a radical act of defiance.

Yet, what does it mean to be true to oneself? Is it a steadfast adherence to our core values and beliefs, regardless of external pressures? Or is it a fluid and evolving process of selfdiscovery and adaptation? The truth is, being true to oneself is not a onesize-fits-all proposition. Each individual's truth is unique, shaped by personal experiences, values, and aspirations. This diversity is what makes the concept both beautiful and complex.

However, a critical dilemma arises when our personal truth intersects with the truths of others. In a world filled with diverse perspectives and conflicting values, how do we navigate these intersections without losing our integrity? When our truth clashes with another's, are we compelled to compromise, or can we find a way to coexist without sacrificing our authenticity?

The reconciliation of personal truth with the expectations of others requires a delicate balance. It is not about being hypocritical but about understanding that human interactions are inherently complex. Sometimes, being true to oneself necessitates conversations, difficult empathetic listening, and a willingness to adapt without losing our essence. It means recognizing that our truth is just one part of a broader, multifaceted

human experience. As we address these intricacies, it is essential to reflect on what being true to oneself truly entails. Is it a solitary path defined solely by our perceptions and desires, or is it a journey enriched by the diverse experiences and insights of others? Perhaps the true path lies in a harmonious of both—an blend unwavering commitment to our values, coupled with an openness to learn and grow through our interactions with the world.

In conclusion, "to thine own self be true" is a timeless piece of advice that challenges us to seek authenticity in a world of constant change and varied expectations. It invites us to explore the depths of our integrity while acknowledging and the respecting aiverse truths that coexist around us. As we strive to live by this principle, may we find the courage to be ourselves and the wisdom to navigate the complex interplay between personal genuineness and shared human experience.

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|OBITUARIES|

Mary Elizabeth Cota "Buffy"



Mary Elizabeth Cota "Buffy," 70, passed away on Tuesday evening, August 27, 2024 surrounded by family and friends, after a brief but sudden She was born in illness. Merrill, the daughter of Mary Lou (Galipeau) Milner and Donald Lambrecht. She later graduated from Merrill High School in 1972.

Mary was the kindest and most loving person you could ever meet. Her hugs were simply the best and her giving nature was always evident. She

made many friends in every place she ever lived and really took care of them. She was a talented sewer and crafter Cousins Lynn and Sue will miss their all-day talk sessions when they got together. She was active in her church, Trinity Lutheran Church in Wausau, and spent countless hours organizing the annual rummage sale and seeing it through until the end. She also was the liaison between the church and The Hagar House in Wausau, which was very important

Survivors include her companion, Gary Dengel; children Greg (Jenna) Cota and Jennifer (Strasser) Wehr; and siblings Jim (Diane) Lambrecht and Karen Mootz. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Melissa Cota; brother-inlaw, Dan Mootz; and best friend, Lori.

A memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday September 14, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 Stewart Avenue, Wausau, with Rev. Peter Williamson officiating Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. until the time of service a the church. Private family burial will take place at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed at www.peterso nkraemer.com.

She will be missed by us all.

Mary Doering



Mary Doering, age 77, of St Germain, WI passed away in her sleep at home on Monday August 26, 2024 after an extended illness. She was born on November 27, 1946 in Merrill WI. She had attended college at Western Kentucky University and went on to work in various jobs in Wisconsin, Iowa, and California before returning home to Merrill WI where she married the love of her life, Marvin Doering on October 30, 1972 They would have celebrated

their 52nd anniversary this October. She had two children Zara (Tate) Scharf and Noah (Rosalie) Doering and four grandchildren Violet (Conner Hogan) Scharf, Dorothea Scharf, Camille and Mitchell Doering.

She loved hosting family and friends, combining food and fun around the dining room table. Board games, cards, and dice were on tap most every weekend. Mary was a creative soul, having done stain glass, candle making, knitting crocheting, flower gardening, and sewing. She was a voracious reader and successfully tackled the New York Times crossword puzzle every Sunday. She was active in the community and volunteered throughout the years. Mary and Marvin loved road trips near and far, especially beach locations and music festivals. She loved camping with her extended family, but especially the grandkids. She was everyone's favorite Aunt Mary.

Mary was the oldest of nine siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Julia "Eileen" Zahn brothers Tommy and Gerry Zahn. She is survived by Diane Henson, Rosie Roberts, Theresa (Al Ovsak) Zahn, Ronnie Zahn, Dina (Kerry Millerick) Sterr and Sheila (Dave) Saal as well as many brothers and sisters in law, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life is planned from 1pm - 4pm on November 2 at the Thunderbird in St. Germain, WI.

Arrangements by Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home, Eagle

River. Online condolences may be expressed at gaffney busha.com

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City of Merrill
Street/Utility Construction Project
The City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, will receive bids for a street and utility project. This project is the extension of Spruce Street between 10th Street and 14th Street. Bids will be accepted until 2 pm, October 3rd, 2024.
Bids will be received electronically through Quest CDN VirtuBid™ online bidding ONLY. No paper bids will be accepted. Bids will then be placed on file for further action. Bid documents will be available Monday, September 2024. Plan documents can downloaded for a \$50.00 refundable fee by inputting Quest Project #9315024

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BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: 08/30/2024 /S/HON. GALEN BAYNE-ALLISON CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR I STATE OF WISCONSIN

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24-CV-112 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY

Beau Riley Gillhouse
By (Petitioner) Madelyn Kate Kurtz NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Beau Riley Gillhouse

To: Beau Riley Kurtz Birth Certificate: Beau Riley Gillhouse

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of udge's Name:Hon Galen Bayne-Allison

Place: Lincoln County Courthouse-Br 1 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452 Date: 10/11/24 Time: 9:45 AM

If you require reasonable accommoda tions due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0319 prior to the scheduled court date Please note that the court does not

provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin

Published: 9/5/24, 9/12/24 & 9/19/24

BY THE COURT DATE SIGNED: September 4, 2024 <u>Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer</u> Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES WILLIAM ENGEL

DOD 08/09/2024 Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024 IN 32 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

An application administration was filed.

administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/29/1937 and date of death 08/09/2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of N6595 State Hwy 64 & 107, Merrill, WI 54452.

3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12/20/2024. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office, 2nd Floor. W. Erich Scherr

1029 E Main St, PO Box 176 Merrill, WI 54452 Bar No. 1031423 715-536-8371 Published September 12, 19 & 26, 2024 WNAXLP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF TRUST ADMINISTRATION STATE OF WISCONSIN, County of Lincoln, in the matter of the Lorena J.

Sosnovske Revocable Trust dated May

24, 2007 (the "Trust"):

1. Lorena J. Sosnovske, with date of birth November 16, 1937 and date of death August 13, 2024 was domiciled in the Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

2. The deadline for filing a claim against

the decedent. Lorena J. Sosnovske, is January 12. 2025: 3. All claims must include detailed documentation and must be submitted to the Trustee of the Trust at the

following address: Tena L. Peterson, W14568 Co CC, Gleason, WI 54355. Date: September 3, 2024 Lorena J. Sosnovske Revocable Trust

dated May 24, 2007 By:/s/<u>Tena Peterson</u> Tena Peterson, Trustee Craig J. Nienow, Attorney

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DATE SIGNED: August 19, 2024
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN,

CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024 IN 28 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ANITA S. BARLAU DOD: 10/20/2023 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

 An application administration was filed. for informal 2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/22/1939 and date of death

10/20/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W9351 Natzke Road, Merrill, WI 54452. 3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11/29/2024.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office. Mary M. John Eaton Law, LLP 513 Grant St, Wausau, WI 54403 Telephone: 715-843-6700 Bar Number: 1019515

Published 8/29/24, 9/5/24 & 9/12/24 WNAXLP

DATE SIGNED: August 20, 2024 Electronically signed by Galen Bayne-Allison, Circuit Court Judge STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 2024CV000097 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

CINDI LOU KARAU

By (Petitioner) Rachel L. Hahn

By (Co-Petitioner) Daniel S Karau NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Cindi Lou Karau To: Cindi Lou Fick

Birth Certificate: Cindi Lou Karau IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit

Court of Lincoln County, State of Judge's Name: Hon. Galen Bayne

Place: Branch 1 Courtroom. Lincoln County Courthouse, 1100 E Main St, Merrill, Wisconsin Date: 09/25/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommoda-tions due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-

prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Merrill Foto News, a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin. Published 8/29/24, 9/5/24 & 9/12/24 WNAXLP

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(30405-Other Real Estate) EAST HILL INVESTMENTS, LLC Plaintiff.

JACOB GUMZ W4689 Wood Duck Lane Merrill, WI 54452,

ASHLEY GUMZ W8076 Joe Snow Road Merrill, WI 54452, Defendants

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff

has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within twenty (20) days of receiving this summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452, and to Brandon P. O'Connor, plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is 630 Fourth Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within the time limit set above, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. ted this 23rd day of August, 2024 ELLISON & O'CONNOR, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff

/s/Electronically signed by Brandon P.O'Connor Brandon P. O'Connor (1086864) 630FFOURTH STREET WAUSAU, WI 54403

(715) 845-1151/(715) 845-1167 (FAX) Published September 12, 19 & 26, 2024 WNAXLP

The August 14, 2024 Council Minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting. The minutes are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office and on the City of Merrill website. Complete Ordinances are available on the City of Merrill website: https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us/ Published September 12, 2024

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NOTICE MERRILL WATER UTILITY SYSTEM FLUSHING

In an effort to check and improve water quality, the Merrill Water Utility will be flushing hydrants and the water system, on a citywide basis, the week of September 23, 2024 through September 26, 2024 in the following areas:

- 1. East of Center Avenue on Monday, September 23,
- 2. Center Avenue, West to Prairie River on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.
- 3. Prairie River, West to Wisconsin River on Wednesday, September 25, 2024.
- 4. West of the Wisconsin River (6th Ward) & South of Wisconsin River on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

You may notice discoloration during or following flushing. through your own service line. If problems persist, please call the Merrill Water Utility at 715-536-6561.

Gabe Steinagel **Utilities Manager**

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AND BUDGET HEARING

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of the Merrill Area Common Public School District comprised of the City of Merrill, Towns of Birch, Corning, Harding, Harrison, Merrill, Pine River, Rock Falls, Russell, Schley, Scott and such parts of Ackley and Vilas as are in such district, that the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing of said district for the transaction of school business and the approval of the tax levy for the 2024-2025 school year will be held in the Merrill High School Auditorium (1201 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin - please enter the building at Door #16) on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Detailed copies of the budget are on our website, on file in the office of the Superintendent of Schools and at most Merrill financial institutions.

Published September 5 & 12, 2024

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Area Events & Entertainment Community Calendar

Sept. 12-15 - Northwoods Fall Ride in Tomahawk

Sept. 13 - Brad Emanuel at Sawmill Brewing Co.

Sept. 13-14 - NCWGCA Fall Gun Show at Merrill Expo Building

Sept. 13-15 - Grace & Sophie's Pumpkin Patch

Sept. 14 - The Gospellers concert and "Nothing to Hide" exhibit at St. Stephens Sept. 14 - Seinfeld Trivia

Sept. 15 - MACA Concert:

at Sawmill Brewing Co.

Sept. 15 - Bingo at VFW Sept. 15 - Eagle Club Pancake Breakfast

Sept. 15 - Miltrim Farms Fall Festival in Athens

Sept. 15-19 - Annual opening of the gates at Kelly Castle in Tomahawk

Sept. 18 - Emo Night Music Bingo at Sawmill Brewing Co.

Sept. 20 - Live music by Paddygrass at Sawmill Brewing Co.

Sept. 20-22 - Grace & Sophie's Pumpkin Patch

Sept. 21 - Gleason Area Lions Truck and Tractor Pull (and more!)

Sept. 21 - Bar Bingo at Bubba's Pub

Sept. 21 - Colorama Bike Tour

Sept. 21-22 - Grandpa's Farm

For more information, go to: merrillchamber.org/ events or contact the event sponsor.

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the Sept. 4 Administrative Legislative (A&L) meeting, Committee

after convening in closed session to discuss Pine Crest sale negotiations, the Committee reconvened into open session and took action on two items.

First, Lincoln County Board District Supervisor Ken Wickham made a motion that the A&L Committee draft a resolution for consideration by the full County Board that would authorize the A&L Committee to pursue the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home and the Health and Human Services Building, also known as the Social Services Building. That motion was seconded by District 22 Supervisor Greg Hartwig and then unanimously carried on a voice vote.

Second, District Supervisor Lori Anderson-Malm made a motion to direct the Administrative Coordinator communicate with the brokers involved regarding the next steps. That motion was seconded by Wickham and also carried unanimously on a voice vote.

No other details from the closed session were released and an open records request for copies of the correspondence or other communications from the buyers who have expressed interest in purchasing Pine Crest was denied, because

sharing information pertaining to possible contract negotiations could negatively impact such negotiations.

District 7 Supervisor Donald Dunphy filed a lawsuit against Lincoln County Administrative Coordinator Renee Krueger last month because she also denied his open records request for the same information and for the same reasons. During the A&L Committee meeting. during Krueger's monthly report, she referred to the lawsuit and also advised that due to potential conflict of interest, outside legal counsel (not the County's Corporation Counsel) will again need to be retained in reference to the lawsuit, at a cost of approximately \$340 per hour, and that the County's legal budget has already been exceeded as a result of Dunphy's prior lawsuit. Dunphy's prior suit, filed in May, ultimately resulted in the termination of the previous contract the Asset Purchase

Agreement between Merrill Campus LLC and Senior Management Inc., and Lincoln County, the fulfillment of which would have resulted in the sale and closing on the purchase at the end of this month (as extended). Merrill Campus LLC and Senior Management Inc. has indicated a continued interest in purchasing the facility.

"Merrill is a wonderful town. Pine Crest is a great skilled nursing facility with wonderful staff," said Grant and Andrea Thayer in early July after the sale fell through. The Thavers are the faces behind Merrill Campus LLC and Senior Management Inc., and own Care & Rehab, with seven other skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in Wisconsin. They said they knew "that Pine Crest would make a great management opportunity for Care & Rehab, but not in a purchasing way because of the current lawsuit." Dunphy dismissed that lawsuit on July 29.

The resolution now goes to the full Lincoln County Board to determine whether the County will move forward with a new effort to sell Pine Crest Nursing Home.

Some members of the People for Pine Crest group were in attendance at the A&L Committee meeting, and their group is collecting signatures via an online petition to express opposition to any sale.





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41st Annual - Merrill Park & Recreation **COLORAMA BIKE TOUR**

MERRILL, WISCONSIN

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WHEN: Saturday, September 21, 2024 WHERE: Kitchenette Park - 211 W. 1st Street, Merrill, WI 54452

REGISTRATION: Begins at 8:00 a.m. - ride starts at 8:30 a.m. \$30.00 includes long sleeve shirt if registered before Sept. 13, 2024 \$35.00 for registrations after Sept. 13, 2024 - NO SHIRT FOR LATE

REGISTRATIONS OR DAY OF REGISTRATIONS. COURSE: 10, 30 or 50 mile ride. (maps provided at registration table) Send check payable to: CITY OF MERRILL 1100 MARC DRIVE MERRILL, WI 54452

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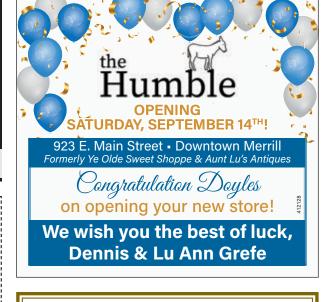
The undersigned participant is physically capable to ride (having no illness or medical reason to abstain.)

Parent/Guardian signature if rider is under 18 years old. Date Email

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE SERVED UNTIL 12:30.

Your signature if over 18 years old

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. til 4 p.m.





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All submissions must be an original work of art, and submitted artwork becomes the property of the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce and may be used in various promotional displays. The winning artist will receive a \$150 Merrill Chamber gift certificate, and the winning artwork

Merrill Area Chamber's 14th Annual Christmas Card and used in future promotions. Those Christmas cards will be available for sale during the upcoming Christmas season.

A limited number of larger prints of the artwork may also be produced.

Deadline for entry is Sept. 30, 2024.

"Last year (2023), we

will be reproduced on the had two winners, Tamara Marczak (Three Arch Debbie Bridge) and Zimmerman (Banker's Square Christmas Tree)," said Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce Program Director, Cheryl Skoug. "We are lucky to have these talented people right here in Merrill."

"This is open to anyone to submit, and we encourage everyone to try," she said.

contacted to come and pick the

conducted 67 traffic stops, performed 20 security checks, and responded to 9 driving complaints, and also responded to 8 car vs. deer crashes and 1 car vs. bear crash. The 911 Dispatch Center three hang-up calls and eight nuisance calls



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REPORTS

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man, asleep behind the wheel. The deputy made several attempts to wake the driver and when he did, he noticed signs of impairment. The driver was placed through a series of sobriety tests and, as a result of those tests, he was arrested for a second offense of OWI. The driver was later turned over to Lincoln County Corrections.

On 09/07/2024 deputies were alerted to a wrong way drive on USH 51. It was reported that there was a vehicle seen traveling southbound on the northbound lanes of traffic on USH 51 near mile marker 222 in the Town of Birch. Deputies did locate the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on it, making contact with the driver, a 77-year-old woman from Manitowoc. The driver was did not seem to be impaired but as a precaution, a relative was

woman up and the vehicle was left on the side of the road. A citation was issued for operating on the wrong side of the highway. During this week, deputies

STOP THE SALE! KEEP PINE CREST COUNTY OWNED!

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Referendum Denied - Again. At the August 2024 Lincoln County board meeting, a majority of supervisors voted against holding a county referendum on the future of our nursing home. The board also voted against holding a referendum in August 2023.

Following a Closed Session Meeting Of The Administrative And Legislative Committee, a Resolution To Sell Pine Crest Is Headed Back To The County Board On Tuesday, September 17.

The Answer is Clear: It's Time To Stop The Sale!

It's time for Lincoln County to stop trying to sell Pine Crest once and for all. Here are three things that you can do to keep Pine Crest a high quality, affordable, and local, county-owned nursing home for generations to come:

- 1. Attend the Lincoln County Board Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6 pm.
- 2. Call Your County Supervisor And Tell Them, "Stop the Sale of Pine Crest."
- 3. Sign the Petition to Keep Pine Crest County Owned.

This QR code will direct you to the People for Pine Crest Petition opposing the sale. Sign today!



Lincoln County Supervisors

William Bialecki	District 1	715-409-6214	
Lori Anderson-Malm	District 2	715-803-5565	
Elizabeth McCrank	District 3	715-436-0704	
Derek Woellner	District 4	715-440-4331	
Andrew Zelinski	District 5	715-218-7283	
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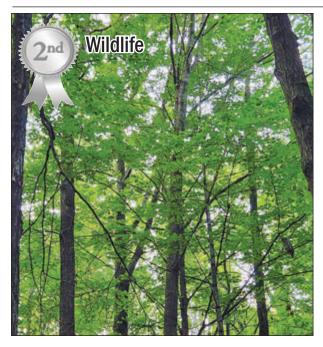
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Joseph Dorava	District 19	608-393-2101
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Eugene Simon	District 21	715-218-1350
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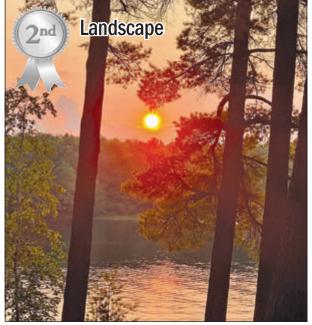
Your Supervisors can also be reached by email. You can find their email addresses here:

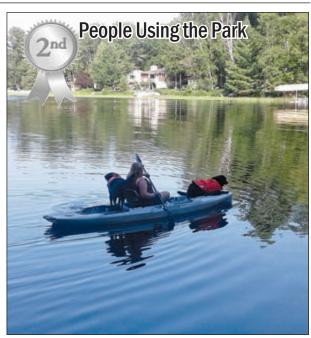
https://www.co.lincoln.wi.us/bc-county-board/page/contact-county-board

Questions? Contact People for Pine Crest at people4pinecrest@gmail.com.

The future of Pine Crest is still in your hands, let's keep it that way.

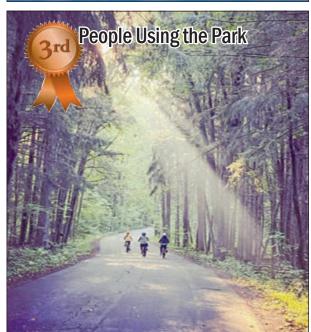
























2024 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4xe Sale Price \$53,075*

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2024 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited Sale Price \$44,290*



2024 RAM 2500 Crew Cab Sale Price \$52,750*





2024 Jeep Wrangler Sport





2024 RAM 2500 MEGA Cab Sale Price \$79,625*





PHOTO CONTEST

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Sunset-Lynn Marrier from Merrill, Wis.

Third place: Crazy Ice-Jerry Marrier from Merrill, Wis.

In the "Wildlife" category, the winners in order of place are:

First place: Hunting Practice-Chucky Wensel from Merrill, Wis.

Second place: October Hatch-JoAnn Milewczyk from Merrill, Wis.

Third place: Owl Hunting Party-Janelle Poehnelt from Sun Prairie, Wis.

And in the final category, "Plants," the winners in order of place are:

First place: Office Succulent Garden-Lisa Rudolph from Oshkosh, Wis

Second place: Coral Mushroom-Kayla Howell from Watertown, Wis.

Third place: Summer Rose-Kyle Gulke from Merrill, Wis.

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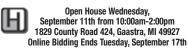
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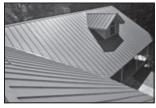
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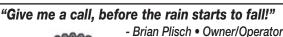
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Merrill Varsity Girls improve each set, but DCE prevails in Conference volleyball opener

EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Team faced off against DC Everest (DCE) in their first Conference match-up on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, at DC Everest.



Maddie Robbins pushing through the DCE block with Ava Detert covering anything that comes back.

Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photo.

Though Merrill Girls fought hard and progressively improved each set, the DCE Girls prevailed this time around.

"The night before our match, we were watching film, getting prepped for the big day," Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball Head Coach Kasie Holt said. "I could start to see wide eyes and feel nerves in the room."

"Prior to Thursday evening, we played 10 matches, but all in tournaments, ending with a record of 5-5," she said. "Ten matches is a lot, but nothing can compare to your first Conference game. Conference games bring a different level of excitement, between playing rivals, loud student sections, having your name announced, and being in the silence before a serve, as you are the only game in

the gym to watch."

"DCE is a great team that is driven by eight seniors. We knew going in that it was going to be tough, but our four returners gave all the advice they could to the newcomers to make them feel as comfortable as possible," Holt said.

"Losing is never fun

or easy, but it always feels better when I know everybody tried their best," she said. "As you can see from the final scores, each set we shook off the jitters, settled in, and improved as a team. In fact, for most of the third set, we had a comfortable lead. Grace Hoff and Brooklyn Harding became a blocking wall on the right side, shutting down one of DCE's bigger outside hitters their touches on the ball really started to shift the momentum of the game for



Merrill's Breleigh Raasch taking a big swing out of the middle. Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photo.

us."

"For the night, Kendell Klug led the team with 2 service aces, Ava Detert with 17 digs, Kaela Clerveaux with 14 assists, and Grace Hoff with 5 kills," Holt said. "Even though it didn't end the way we wanted it to, I am SO proud of this team for not giving

up and for fighting until the end. We are better for it and we will be ready for round two when we see DCE at the Wisconsin Valley Conference Tournament on Oct. 12."

Box Score

Merrill @ DC Everest DC Everest won in 3 sets: 12-25, 16-25, 22-25



The Merrill Marching Jays put on a performance at the Merrill-Mosinee football game.



Directing the band.



Flags twirl, swirl, and spin, even flying through the air during the color guard and band performance.

Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photos.

Merrill Bluejays lose to Mosinee

TINA L. SCOTT **EDITOR**

The Mosinee Indians came to play the Merrill Bluejays under the Friday night lights last Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, and took home a win.

Mosinee is a tough football team, and the Merrill Varsity Football Team had their work cut out for them from the start when Mosinee scored a touchdown on a two-yard run and a good kick in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Mosinee again made it into the endzone with an eight-yard pass, and the kick was good, bringing the score to Mosinee 14-Merrill 0.

Then Merrill got on the board with an exciting 37-yard run into the endzone and a touchdown of their own. The kick was good, and the score: Mosinee 14-Merrill 7. But before half-time, Mosinee had landed another one. This time a three-yard pass and another good kick put the score at Mosinee 21-Merrill 7.

Coming back into it after the half, the Bluejays made the lone score of the third quarter - a touchdown on a 17-yard pass, but the kick was no good. Mosinee 21-Merrill 13.

In the fourth quarter, the Indians were back in the endzone with the final score of the night. Mosinee sealed the deal with a 20-yard pass for a touchdown and a good kick. Final game score: Mosinee 28-Merrill 13.

The Merrill Bluejays are 2-1 for the season but now stand at 0-1 in the Wisconsin Valley Conference after losing this one, their first Conference game.

"We need to find a way to come out faster in important games against tough opponents," said Jason Wadzinski, Head Coach of the Merrill Varsity Football Team. "Our boys fought hard for 48 minutes, but Mosinee executed better when it mattered."

The Boys will be back on the field in Medford this Friday night to play against the Raiders.

Box Score

Mosinee 28 @ Merrill 13



The Merrill Bluejays Varsity Football Team makes their entrance onto the field.

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Mosinee vs. Merrill: Game on!

Joseph Frederick photo.

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Varsity swimmers take second at Raiders Invite

TINA L. SCOTT **FDITOR**

On Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, the Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Team traveled to Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School to compete in the Raider Invitational. Seven schools dove in to compete: Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln, Black River Falls, Holmen Co-op, Lakeland Union High School, Menomonie, and Merrill.

"Merrill finished second at the Raider Invite behind only the Division 1 Holmen Co-op Team," Kristie

Winter, Head Varsity Swim Marissa Miles, Coach said. "We had many season best times - a good indication we are where we need to be as we head into our first Wisconsin Valley Conference meet this week against Wausau East."

"The girls are working hard at practice and it is showing in the pool," she

Quite a few Merrill girls finished in the top three in events.

The Merrill Girls took second place in the Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay with the team of Addison Jirovec,

Jirovec, and Brenna Jirovec with a time of 2:03.06. Addison Jirovec took third in the Girls 200 Yard IM with a time of 2:35.44. Marissa Miles took second in the Girls 50 Yard Freestyle with a time of 26.36. The team of Claire Jirovec, Brenna Jirovec, Emily Winter, and Marissa Miles took third place with a time of 1:52.52 in the Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay. Addison Jirovec took second in the Girls 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 1:09.22, and Claire Jirovec took second in the Girls 100

Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:21.39. The team of Addison Jirovec, Caroline Durbin, Emily Winter, and Marissa Miles took third place in the Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 4:18.57.

Team Scores

1. OHA-GET (Holmen Co-op) 370

2. Merrill 241

3. Lakeland Union 229

4. Black River Falls 217

5. Wisconsin Rapids

6. Menomonie 94



The Merrill Bluejays Girls Varsity Swimming Team are all smiles Kristie Winter photo.

Girls Tennis Team faces tough Wausau East opponents

TINA L. SCOTT **EDITOR**

In their first Conference match of the season, the Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team faced off against the Wausau East Girls on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, at Wausau East High School. In a series of tough match-ups, the Merrill Girls gave it their all, but it was a struggle and Wausau East ultimately took the wins across the board.

"The players battled not only against their opponents, but also against difficult



Number 1 Singles players Emily Frahm hits the ball over the net.

played a significant role in our matches." said Elizabeth Thiel, Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team Head Coach. "The challenging wind conditions made the matches even tougher and even though the results weren't in our favor, I'm incredibly proud of how every player fought hard."

"Unfortunately, the day was marred by



Merrill number 3 Singles player Claire Hintz sets herself up to take the shot.

Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photos.

singles player," she said. "Hulke sustained an injury during her match, which required her to leave the court and forfeit the remainder of her match."

"Notable performances came from our number 1 and number 3 doubles teams, who engaged in fiercely competitive matches," Thiel said. "Their perseverance and strategic play were impressive, showcasing their skill and determination despite the adverse conditions."

"The match at Wausau East provided valuable lessons," she said. "As we look ahead, we are focused on using this experience to refine our strategies and improve our performance."

The Girls will travel to play Stevens Point on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 4 p.m. "With renewed determination and a commitment to building on our experiences, the players are ready to face the upcoming challenges," Thiel said. "For now, we are regrouping and supporting one another, confident that our hard work and perseverance will lead

Match Scores

1 Singles - Merrill's Emily Frahm vs. Wausau East Abbey Olson, 0-6 0-6, Wausau East win

2 Singles - Merrill's Sarah Rell vs. Talia Schlindwein, 0-6 0-6, Wausau East win

3 Singles - Merrill's Claire Hintz vs. Wausau East Elizabeth Chang, 0-6 0-6, Wausau East win

4 Singles - Merrill's Kaytlyn Hulke vs. Wausau East Salame Ujarmeli, Kaytlyn got injured, Wausau East win

1 Doubles - Merrill's Jenna Malluege/ Korina Kraegenbrink vs. Wausau East Megan Schwartz/Daeshia Chang, 4-6 2-6, Wausau East win

2 Doubles - Merrill's Grace Hoock/ Johanna Dahlke vs. Wausau East Naomi Potter/Scout Sweeney, 0-6 1-6, Wausau

3 Doubles - Merrill's Parker Wagenaar/ Rose Dornbrack vs. Wausau East Isabella Vue/Marley Krambs, 2-6 2-6, Wausau

2024 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedule

	Boys Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)		
Thurs. Sept. 12	Medford (JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Fri. Sept. 13	Medford (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Mon. Sept. 16	Medford (JV)	Home	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 19	Antigo (JV2)	Home	4:00 pm
	Cheer Team (Varsity & JV)		p
Fri. Sept. 13	Medford (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Mon. Sept. 16	Medford (JV)	Home	5:30 pm
	Girls Swim & Dive (Varsity and JV)		2.2.2 p
Thurs. Sept. 12	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Sat. Sept. 14	Lodi (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am
Заг. Берг. 14	Girls Tennis (Varsity and JV)	Away	10.00 am
Thurs. Sept. 12	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Fri. Sept. 13	Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	12:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 14	Wausau West (Varsity) Wausau West (Varsity)	Away	9:00 pm
Tues. Sept. 17	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 17	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	-	4:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 19	, · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Away	4.00 pm
	Girls Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)	**	
Thurs. Sept. 12	Wausau West (JV & JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 12	Wausau West (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 14	Tournament (Varsity & JV)	Home	9:00 am
Tues. Sept. 17	Shawano Community (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Tues. Sept. 17	Shawano Community (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 19	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 19	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity) Boys Soccer (Varsity and JV)	Away	7:00 pm
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Thurs. Sept. 12	Marshfield (JV) Marshfield (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 12	Three Lakes (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm 5:30 pm
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Tues. Sept. 17	Mosinee (JV) Mosinee (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 17	D. C. Everest (JV)	Away Home	7:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 19 Thurs. Sept. 19	D. C. Everest (JV) D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	5:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 19	\$ 27	Home	7:00 pm
	Girls Cross Country (Varsity and JV)		
Sat. Sept. 14	Standing Rock-Invite (JV)	Away	10:00 am
Sat. Sept. 14	Colby-Invite (Varsity)	Away	10:30 am
Sat. Sept. 14	Standing Rock-Invite (Varsity)	Away	11:15 am
Boys Cross Country (Varsity and JV)			
Sat. Sept. 14	Colby-Invite (Varsity)	Away	10:30 am
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