



Demolition at the old feed mill resulted in a power outage last Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Austin Brown photos.

Demolition takes down power line, leaves 3,500 without power

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

More than 3,500 Merrill area residents lost power last Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, shortly after noon when demolition crews taking down a tall tower on the old feed mill building behind the current River Country Co-op inadvertently brought down a power line in the process.

The unexpected power outage in the middle of a beautiful sunny day had residents scratching their heads and wondering, until many turned to social media to quickly learn the cause of the interruption to their home, business,

and school day.

The Merrill Police Department and Merrill Fire Department both responded to the scene.

Wisconsin Public Service predicted it would take until approximately 3 p.m. to restore power to all those affected, as they did not immediately know the cause of the outage, but crews were successful in reconnecting lines and restoring power to affected homes and businesses well before the 3 o'clock hour.

Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Superintendent Shannon Murray sent out a thank you message and

notification via social media shortly after 3 p.m. that day, commending staff for facilitating a smooth response to the outage, which affected several schools in the MAPS District.

He thanked everyone "for pulling together and working through what could have been a miserable situation." and said "Heather Kahr [Principal at Kate Goodrich Elementary School], Megan Kautzer [Principal at Washington Elementary School], and Cassie Schultz [Principal at Prairie River Middle School] did a great job of

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Lincoln County Board to again explore sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home

BY JALEN MAKI
MMC STAFF

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors will once again explore the sale of Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, the Board approved a resolution authorizing the

County's Administrative and Legislative (A&L) Committee to pursue a sale of the County-owned facility.

Under the resolution, the Committee has the option to include the County's Health and Human Services building in a potential sale.

According to the resolution, several parties have expressed interest in purchasing the nursing

home, including Senior Management Inc. and Merrill Campus LLC. The organizations were previously set to buy Pine Crest and the Health and Human Services building earlier this year, until they terminated the Asset Purchase Agreement with Lincoln County in response to a lawsuit filed by District 7 Supervisor Donald Dunphy in May.

Dunphy, who is also a member of People for Pine Crest, a local group that has advocated against the sale of the facility, said the lawsuit was his "vehicle to keep Pine Crest from being sold." The suit was dismissed in July.

In August, the Board voted 8-11 to reject a

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Merrill's Silver M Club celebrates 80th Annual Reunion and induction of Diamond, Golden, and Silver M inductees

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill Homecoming commemorates more than just the current year's football game and Homecoming Dance. It is also traditional in Merrill to celebrate the Varsity football players from years gone by who continue to support Merrill football.

This year marks the 80th annual celebration of the Merrill Silver M Club and will celebrate more than 25 new members being inducted into the Silver M Club, along with more than 25 new members being inducted into the Golden M Club, and one very special

inductee into the Diamond M Club. New members will be introduced prior to the Merrill vs. Lakeland Homecoming Football Game in the south end zone and will be honored before the start of the game.

Membership into the Silver M Club is open to and recognizes players and managers 25 years after earning their first Varsity letter in Merrill High School (MHS) football, and also recognizes coaches 25 years after their first year of coaching.

This year the following individuals will be inducted into the Silver M Club, having first lettered in 1999: John Benedict, Jessica

Delaney, Pete Fry, Tyler Gehrman, Penny Godleski, Mike Hill, John Hughes, Jesse Jensen, Trumaine Jarocki, Rob Klug, Tim Krause, Matt Kropp, Dean Lambrecht, Kristen Latzig, Andy Lokemoen, Molly (Cournaya) Lyon, Ryan Neff, Scott Olson, John Paul (Coach), Brian Plisch, Clint Rogers, Tom Schofield, Brad Seubert, Matt Taylor, Jake Vandergeest, Joe Weckwerth, Paul Weix, and Jacob Zastrow.

Similarly, new members are inducted into the Golden M and Diamond M Clubs at the momentous occasions of their 50 and 75 years after first lettering, respectively. The following

individuals will be inducted into the Golden M Club, having first lettered in 1974: Dave Borchardt, Al Detert (Deceased), Randy English, Steve Ferries, Bill Folta, Doug Freeman, Doug Grisa, Bob Henson, Joel Juhlke, Rob Kudick, Steve Luterbach (Deceased), Tom Lutzke, Jon Malm, Pat Nelson, Mike Norris, Kelly O'Day, Rick Plautz, Steve Rajek, Dave Saal, Mike Saal, Mark Schultz, Bob Semling, Dan Stiver, Steve Strom, Tim Wanless, Don Wendorf, Russ Yanda (Deceased), Dennis Yorde, and John Zuelsdorff.

One football player will be

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Bruce Jaecks stops to watch the water cascading over the rocks along the Wisconsin River just off the Ice Age Trail on the Grandfather Falls segment. **Ruby Jaecks photo.**

Northwoods Ice Age Trail Fall Color Hike is Saturday

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EDITOR

On Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m., Ruby Jaecks will lead a hike along the Northwoods Ice Age Trail to explore the Grandfather Falls Segment of the trail. All are welcome, and interested hikers should meet at the Camp New Wood County Park parking area on Hwy. 107,

approximately 10 minutes north and west of Merrill. Organizers will have yellow "Ice Age Event" signs nearby. Hikers should plan to wear comfortable hiking boots, dress for the weather, and bring water and insect repellent.

The hike will be approximately three miles along the Wisconsin River, and there will be an option to hike another "out and

back section" through the School Forest for attendees who wish to go farther. Organizers are hoping fall colors will be peaking for a beautiful view along the hike route, and hikers will enjoy the chance to view unique rock formations and boulders shaped and formed "by thousands of years of cascading water at Grandfather Dam - the largest waterfall on the

Wisconsin River, with a total drop of almost 100 feet" and the chance to "listen to the roar of the water over the rock formations as you traverse along the Wisconsin River."

There is no cost; however, a free-will offering for the local chapter of the Ice Age Trail is welcome.

Contact Jaecks with any questions at brjaecks@outlook.com or 715.551.1118.

BE OUR GUEST

Addressing delays in Wisconsin newspaper delivery

From the office of Sen. Tammy Baldwin

On Sept. 18, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) called on the Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to immediately address costly delays Wisconsin newspapers that rely on the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) are experiencing, resulting in lost revenue, customer complaints, and canceled subscriptions.

"Local newspapers work hard every day and week to deliver news on a timely basis to readers in their communities," wrote Senator Baldwin in a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. "While USPS has consistently raised rates for local newspapers, service has not improved, and these newspapers are instead receiving unprecedented calls from their customers about mail delays."

In her letter to Postmaster General DeJoy, Senator Baldwin cited several Wisconsin newspapers whose service has been impacted by higher rates and long delays at the Postal Service, contributing to customer complaints and costly canceled subscriptions.

The Iron County Miner in Hurley, which spends thousands of dollars on postage each month, has received an unprecedented number of complaints due to delivery delays.

The Mellen Weekly Record in Mellen reported hearing from subscribers less than 30 miles away that their newspapers have been delivered two to four weeks late.

The Lakeland Times in Minocqua estimates it has lost nearly 500 subscribers and \$100,000 from subscription cancellations over the past four years.

Senator Baldwin has repeatedly called on the USPS to address rate hikes and delays Wisconsinites are experiencing.

In April, after another announced price increase for First Class Mail stamps, Senator Baldwin questioned Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's leadership, which has resulted in higher prices for Americans and worse service.

Despite USPS enacting their new "Delivering for America" plan — which they promised would modernize and transform the Postal Service — customers continue to experience poor customer service and significant mail delays, including for rural newspaper delivery.

"I am calling on you, as the Postmaster General, to reverse

course on the Delivering for American plan and ensure that USPS service is reliable, including for rural newspaper delivery," concluded Senator Baldwin. "We all have a vested interest in seeing the USPS succeed. My constituents depend on the USPS for their daily correspondence, bills, lifesaving medications and, in many cases, their livelihood. I urge you to fulfill your responsibilities to support and serve small businesses and rural communities."

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I write to you again to express my deep frustrations regarding your Delivering for America plan and the future of the United States Postal Service (USPS), this time to underscore the unacceptable impact it is having on local newspapers and their readers in Wisconsin and across the country. Local newspapers work hard every day and week to deliver news on a timely basis to readers in their communities. While USPS has consistently raised rates for local newspapers, service has not improved, and these newspapers are instead receiving unprecedented calls from their customers about mail delays.

Despite your promise that the Delivering for America plan would modernize and transform the Postal Service, your policies are merely diminishing the quality of customer service and creating significant mail delays, including for rural newspaper delivery. I have written to USPS leadership repeatedly requesting a reevaluation of your policies, including the shortage of USPS staff in Wisconsin, the delays in mail caused by the Local Transportation Optimization policy, and the postal rate price increases. While these issues persist, further concerns with USPS service under your leadership have been brought to my attention by local newspapers in Wisconsin.

The Iron County Miner, a 139-year-old newspaper in Hurley, Wisconsin historically mails over 1,100 newspapers every week. They spend thousands of dollars a month on postage with the USPS to deliver their newspapers, only to be met with an unprecedented number of complaints due to delayed delivery under the Delivering for America plan. The Mellen Weekly Record, a newspaper in Mellen spends

over \$4,000 a month with USPS. Over the past few years, The Record has heard from subscribers less than 30 miles away that their newspapers have been delivered two to four weeks late. Both The Miner and The Record have seen a drastic decline in the renewal of subscriptions by their customers, primarily due to the unreliability of receiving USPS delivery service.

The Lakeland Times, a newspaper located in Minocqua has over 3,500 subscribers and spends over \$11,000 monthly, or \$132,000 a year, on mail delivery. Due to mail delays caused, in part, by the closure of the Wausau mail processing facility, The Times estimates it has lost nearly 500 subscribers and \$100,000 from subscription cancellations over the past four years. The Times staff members spend a significant amount of their time answering complaints from frustrated subscribers and are forced to do USPS's job by driving to local post offices to avoid mail processing facilities and better ensure the timely delivery of their newspaper.

Local newspapers, who have been relying on the USPS for decades to deliver newspapers to their customers, are struggling under your Delivering for America plan. The FY24 USPS Office of Inspector General (OIG) Service Performance Report confirms these frustrations. According to the report, Wisconsin is ranked almost last in both FY2024 Q3 Two-Day delivery and the Three-to-Five Day delivery. You recently announced further potential cuts in rural areas, including fully implementing the Local Transportation Optimization policy. Already, since the implementations of your policies, from 2023 to 2024, Wisconsin's Two-Day Delivery Service Performance dropped from 91.5 percent delivered on time to 70.5 percent, and our Three-to-Five Day Delivery Service Performance dropped from 86.2 percent delivered on time to 67.9 percent. Wisconsinites and their businesses, including local news, cannot afford further cuts by USPS leadership, nor the implementation of additional disastrous policies.

I am calling on you, as the Postmaster General, to reverse course on the Delivering for American plan and ensure that USPS service is reliable, including for rural newspaper delivery. We all have a vested interest in seeing the USPS succeed. My constituents depend on the USPS for their daily correspondence, bills, lifesaving medications and, in many cases, their livelihood. I urge you to fulfill your responsibilities to support and serve small businesses and rural communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this urgent request.



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To the Editor:

It's interesting to live in a rural Wisconsin county that's modestly poor, at least by affluent, middle-class standards, and to contemplate the apparent indifference of citizens—at least a large percentage of citizens—who passively watch a rightwing county board kill a vehicle registration fee that

provided over \$500,000 per year to an underfunded Highway Department, kill University Extension, and then decide to sell the county-owned five-star nursing home.

This rightwing county board, proclaiming financial and political expertise, tried (and at first failed) to sell the nursing home—with no appraisal of the nursing home's worth—at a fire sale price that roughly matched the remaining debt on two recent additions. To sweeten the deal, they threw in the Social Services building with a 10-year rentback clause that essentially gave the building away for free.

These community wreckers call themselves conservative. I thought (correct me if I'm wrong) that conservative was in the same nest of meaning with conservation

and conserve. Taking care of the old, infirm, and incapacitated is a community responsibility. It's a fundamental democratic obligation. It's how we uphold our self-respect. That's how, at least in part, we conserve our moral, ethical, and spiritual dignity. Honoring that collective responsibility is at the heart of what it means to be conservative. But how does wrecking a place get to be called "conservative"? Is that what "conservative" means to you?

— Paul Gilk
Merrill, Wis.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Unrequited Love: A Timeless Muse In Poetry

Dear Reader,

To be straightforward with you, I have a consistent dialogue in my head regarding the concept of unrequited love.

Unrequited love has been a compelling theme in literature throughout the ages, touching the hearts of readers with its poignant and universal resonance. A long past conversation with my daughter about William Butler Yeats' poem "When You Are Old" brought this theme into sharp focus. Our discussion, enriched by insights from a University of Notre Dame professor, questioned whether Yeats' poem truly deals with unrequited love, particularly when compared to its inspiration, a French poem by Pierre de Ronsard.

Yeats, an Irish poet, penned "When You Are Old" in the late 19th century. The poem speaks to a future where the speaker's beloved, now old and gray, reflects on her past and the love she received. The lines often cited are:

*And nodding by the fire,
take down this book,
And slowly read,
and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once,
and of their shadows deep*

The poem continues, suggesting that although many loved her beauty and grace, only one man loved her "pilgrim soul."

According to the Notre Dame professor, "When You Are Old" may not be primarily about unrequited love. Instead, it can be interpreted as a reflection on true, deep love that transcends physical beauty. The speaker laments that while others loved the beloved for her outward appearance, only he cherished her inner self. This interpretation suggests a sense of melancholy and loss, but not necessarily unrequited love.



Yeats' poem is inspired by Pierre de Ronsard's sonnet to Hélène. Ronsard's poem, "Quand vous serez bien vieille," similarly envisions a future where the beloved, now old, reflects on her past. The French poem carries a tone of regret and unrealized love, which can be seen as unrequited:

*Quand vous serez bien vieille,
au soir, à la chandelle,
Assise auprès du feu, dévidant et filant,
Direz, chantant mes vers,
en vous émerveillant:
Ronsard me célébrait
du temps que j'étais belle.*

Ronsard's lines suggest a longing for a love that was never fully reciprocated or realized, aligning more closely with the theme of unrequited love.

Is Yeats' poem about unrequited love? The answer may lie in a nuanced understanding of both poems. While Yeats' version focuses on a love that sees beyond physical beauty and feels a profound loss, it does not explicitly state that the love was unrequited. However, when seen through the lens of Ronsard's influence, we can infer a deeper layer of longing and unfulfilled desire in Yeats' work.

In the end, both interpretations hold merit. Yeats' "When You Are Old" can be seen as a reflection on true love that transcends time and beauty, while Ronsard's original poem hints more strongly at unrequited love. This duality enriches our understanding of Yeats' work, allowing readers to appreciate the complexity of love in its many forms. Unrequited love remains a timeless muse, continually inspiring poets to capture its bittersweet essence.

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Arlene Marion (Hass) Wilharms (88 years-old) of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away in her sleep early morning on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024. She was on hospice and in the care of her family so she could stay living on her farm. Arlene graduated from Merrill High School in 1954. A couple weeks later, she married her late husband, Henry Wilharms (July 25th, 1929 - December 18th, 2009), on June 19th, and has been on the farm since.

Honeysuckle Lane Farm had been proof of Arlene's hard work with her husband. Together, Henry and Arlene were able to start a registered herd of Holsteins. Arlene was very proud of that. Her first registered calves - six young heifers - were brought home in their station wagon.

Some of the duties Arlene did include feeding the family and hired hands (most of the fixings from scratch), milking cows, mowing hay, canning, sewing, raising four children, housework, and helping with Deer Run Estates as co-owner.

Arlene lived in Merrill her whole life, having been born in Lincoln County on July 28th, 1936. She chose to live there because everything she loved was close, and being on a farm was important to her. Arlene always spoke well when asked about her farming days. As a young girl, Arlene enjoyed helping her father on their dairy farm. . . except when it came to picking rocks. (She was thankful her husband's family farm had less rocks to pick than her father's.) If asked, Arlene would say, "If they couldn't find me, they just had to check in the calf pen. I'd usually be in there teaching the calves how to drink their water." Arlene loved animals, but her favorites were cattle and dogs. However, she enjoyed the company of her cat, Tuff, because she knew how good of a boy he was in the house.

In Arlene's younger days, she was a Valpo Mom. She was also a 4-H leader when her grandkids began in 4-H. Arlene was very faithful with helping her grandkids wash calves at the Lincoln County Fair when they showed dairy, and one day when she got home, she had to explain her appearance being from kids at the fair having a little too much fun getting "Grandma" wet.

Arlene enjoyed baking, crafts, and nativity sets. She liked to listen to Christian music on the radio and tell stories.

Many memories were shared with Arlene we all will be sure to cherish. Beyond anything, I think most of us will remember she's a tough farm lady, mother, and grandmother.

Arlene was preceded in death by her father, Arnold Hass; her mother, Ella (Burmeister) Hass; her husband, Henry Wilharms; her oldest son, Henry Junior Wilharms; her daughter-in-law, Karen (Sommers) Wilharms; and grandson, Kody Wilharms.

Living family members include: her sisters - Lorna Sellin of Wausau, Wisconsin and Avila (Jerry) Zabawa of Madison, Wisconsin; her children - David (Mary) Wilharms of Wausau, Wisconsin, Donna (Timothy) Barkley of Merrill, Wisconsin, and William (Karmen) Wilharms of Onsted, Michigan; her grandchildren - Jim (Linda) Druetzler, Shari Druetzler, Michael (Kirsten) Lynch, Heidi Murphy, Jacob (Jessica) Wilharms, Amanda Barkley, Joseph (Randi) Barkley, Whitney Wilharms, Matthew Wilharms, and Karoline Wilharms; and 7 great grandchildren - Tim, Tonya, Hannah, Cheyenne, Jocelyn, Henry, and Jade.

The funeral service was at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, Merrill. The Rev. Michael Southcombe officiated. The burial followed in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation was from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Tuesday at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, and again after 10:00 A.M. Wednesday at the church.

The family of Arlene would like to thank nurse Brittany from Interim Healthcare Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

Donna Iwen



Donna Iwen, 81, Wausau, passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at her home, under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services. She was born July 31, 1943 in the town of Hamburg to Edwin and Lillian (Krueger) Waldow. On May 15, 1965, she married Harvey Iwen Jr. at St. John Lutheran Church in Rib Falls.

Donna was a member of the Trailmates Snowmobile Club and enjoyed traveling and the annual Canadian fishing trips with her husband, Harvey. She retired from Wausau Insurance Company after 37 years of service.

Survivors include her husband, Harvey; two sisters, Nancy (Dean) Thomsen and Gloria (Mark) Hall, both of Marathon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Ivy Lee.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wausau. Rev. Eric Hauan will officiate. Visitation will be on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at the church. Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, Wausau is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com

Judith A. Seehafer



Judith A. Seehafer, 83, of Merrill, passed away Thursday, September 19, 2024, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill.

Judy was born March 25, 1941, in Wausau. She married David Seehafer in May of 1961. He preceded her in death on September 14, 2023. Judy worked in housekeeping at Wausau Insurance. Judy enjoyed reading, spending time outside, and watching ice skating. She loved anything to do with music, especially dancing and watching musicals.

Judy is survived by her children, Wanda (David) Hooper, Wayne Seehafer, and Holly Burgener; and grandchildren, David (Jeannie) Hooper Jr., Jessica (Derek) Miller, Jennifer (Tony) Garcia, Schylur Seehafer, Tanner Larkee, and Journey Burgener. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Seehafer; and daughter, Hiedi Larkee.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, September 27, 2024, at Merrill Memorial Park Mausoleum. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Perry David Bagley



Perry David Bagley passed away Septeember 17, 2024 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital in the Palliative Care Unit. He was born on April 15, 1966 in Merrill to David and Nancy Bagley. He married Sara Hahn on October 20, 2018.

His love of life was living on his grandparent's farm for the last 40 years. He started out with dairy cows and soon switched to working for Semling Menke Company and also crop farmed. He enjoyed collecting and making maple syrup. After Sara and he married they had enjoyed gardening and working the land. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping over the years. He continued to work for Semling Menke Company and then Sierra Pacific for 40 years making many loyal friends over the years. He will be sadly missed by his family and long and loyal friends. He was a very caring and likeable person.

He is survived by his wife Sara Bagley, ex-wife Judith Wolfe, their daughter Katelin Bagley, Merrill, his parents, sister and brother-in-law Pam Gebhardt (Tim), St. Germain, WI, also nephews and their families, his in-laws David and Rita Hahn and their family.

There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, September 28th, 2024 from 2pm-6pm at our home at N2317 Robl Ave., Merrill WI.

In lieu of flowers or plants, please give to FFA, Youth Turkey Hunt, or Cancer Research.

Marie G. Jeske



Marie G. Jeske, age 73, of Merrill, WI, passed away on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at her home under the care of her family and Interim Hospice. Marie was born in Park Falls, WI, on October 3, 1950, to the late Wilfred and Lena (Hill) Meindl.

Marie grew up a farmer's daughter and attended the Butternut High School. She then moved to Milwaukee, WI, working as a waitress. In 1975, Marie moved back to the Irma/Gleason area where she met Richard Jeske. They were married on October 12, 1979. Richard and Marie lived in the Merrill area for a short time, in addition to living in Butternut, WI, and Adams, WI, for a period of time. Marie again worked as a waitress and then as a secretary for an electronics factory. She attended Mid-State Technical College and received a certification in computer and information science. Marie was employed at the Adams County Library in regard to their Literacy Council. Marie and Richard returned to Merrill after Richard's retirement. She enjoyed volunteering her time with various programs, playing the piano for the Pine Crest residents and Kind-hearted, and also enjoyed sewing, crafts, and gardening.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Jeske; her sons, Matthew (Michelle) Meindl, and Andrew Meindl; her brother, David Meindl; and her sister, Jean Meindl. She is further survived by her three grandchildren, Peter, Hannah, and Samuel. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilfred and Lena.

Memorial services for Marie Jeske was held on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 2:00 PM, at the Berean Baptist Church in Tomahawk. Rev. Charles Scheele officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 1:00 PM until the time of services at 2:00 PM. Inurnment took place at the Chat Community Cemetery in Irma, WI.

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BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: 09/09/2024 /S/GALEN BAYNE-ALLISON CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Amended Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 24-CV-90 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Lunayah Ann Ritchie By (Petitioner) Stacy Ann Essert NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Lunayah Ann Ritchie To: Lunayah Ann Essert Birth Certificate: Lunayah Ann Ritchie IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Hon. Galen Bayne-Allison Place: Lincoln County Courthouse-Br 1 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452 Date: 10/16/2024 Time: 1:00 PM If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 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: 9/19/24, 9/26/24 & 10/3/24 WNAXLP

BY THE COURT DATE SIGNED: September 4, 2024 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer 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: 1. An application for informal 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 715-536-8371 Bar No. 1031423 Published September 12, 19 & 26, 2024 WNAXLP

The September 10, 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 9/26/24 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH LINCOLN COUNTY Case no. 24-CV-102 (30405-Other Real Estate) EAST HILL INVESTMENTS, LLC PO Box 238 Merrill, WI 54452, Plaintiff, v. JACOB GUMZ W4689 Wood Duck Lane Merrill, WI 54452, and ASHLEY GUMZ W8076 Joe Snow Road Merrill, WI 54452, Defendants.

SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a defendant. 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. Dated 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) 630FOURTH STREET WAUSAU, WI 54403 (715) 845-1151/(715) 845-1167 (FAX) Published September 12, 19 & 26, 2024 WNAXLP

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY Case No. 22CV109 Case Code: 30404, 30301 and 30303 Mortgage Foreclosure, Money Judgment over \$10,000.00 and Replevin BMO HARRIS BANK N.A. f/k/a HARRIS N.A., successor by merger to M&I MARSHALL & ILSLEY BANK, Plaintiff, v. JESSE ZUELSDORFF a/k/a JESSE L. ZUELSDORFF, JANE DOE SPOUSE, unknown spouse of JESSE ZUELSDORFF a/k/a JESSE L. ZUELSDORFF (dismissed), FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF AMERICA, PCA, HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE SERVICES n/k/a RIVER COUNTRY CO-OP and DNF ASSOC. LLC a/k/a DNF ASSOCIATES, LLC, Cogency Global Inc., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE By virtue of and pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-captioned action, and the order of the Court dated on the 22nd day of March, 2023, and entered on the 22nd day of March, 2023, in the amount of \$86,158.49, I will sell at public auction in the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, 54452, on the 17th day of October, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., all of the following premises, to-wit: The Northeast One-quarter (1/4) of the Southeast One-quarter (1/4), Section Thirty-three (33), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Five (5) East, Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Property Address: N241 Midway Road, Merrill, WI 54452 Parcel Identification No.: 006 3105 334 9999 TERMS OF SALE: Cash, Cashier's Check or Certified Funds DOWN PAYMENT: 10% of amount bid by cash, cashier's check or certified funds. Balance of purchase price must be paid within ten (10) days after confirmation of the sale. Dated at Merrill, Wisconsin, this 11th day of September, 2024. /s/ Ken Schneider Sheriff of Lincoln County THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD "AS IS" SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES, ANY PRE-CONFIRMATION OF SALE OR POST-CONFIRMATION OF SALE REDEMPTION RIGHTS, AND ANY OUTSTANDING AND ACCRUING REAL ESTATE TAXES, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST, IF ANY. PURCHASER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ALL TRANSFER AND RECORDING FEES AND, IF DESIRED, THE COST OF TITLE EVIDENCE. Prepared by: Attorney Matthew J. Krawczyk State Bar No. 1064349 KRAWCZYK, DUGINSKI & ROHR, S.C. 16535 West Bluemound Road, Suite 310 Brookfield, WI53005 Telephone: (262) 827-5800 Fax: (262) 827-5809 Email: matt@drlawyers.com KRAWCZYK, DUGINSKI, & ROHR, S.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OF THE UNDERLYING DEBT, THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD YOU PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE DEBT. Published 9/19/24, 9/26/24 & 10/3/24 WNAXLP

DATE SIGNED: September 18, 2024 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Amended Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration) Case No. 24-IN-35 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Donald R. Paroubek DOD: 08/29/2024 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/09/1930 and date of death 08/29/2024 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 611 N Genesee St., Merrill, WI 54452. 3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office, before Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar, on 10/24/2024 at 10:00 a.m.. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 01/10/2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office, Second Floor. 6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. Robyn J. De Vos 531 Washington Street P.O. Box 1184 Wausau, WI 54402-1184 rdevos@crooks-law.com Bar Number: 1057278 Published 9/26/24, 10/3/24 & 10/10/24 WNAXLP

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Z-Best Storage, W4717 White Birch Rd, Merrill WI 54452 will hold a Public Sale Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. Preview at 11:20 a.m. on the day of sale. Bidding is on the complete contents of storage unit rented by Pete Cavett of Merrill WI. Includes: furniture, household, holiday totes, camera equipment, misc. Contact 715-536-0649 on Monday, October 7th to confirm sale will proceed as scheduled. Published September 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/Tena Peterson Tena Peterson, Trustee Craig J. Nienow, Attorney Published September 12, 19 & 26, 2024 WNAXLP

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 24, 2024 Boy, Mariano Santiago Ivan, born to Brandi Stam and Ivan Gutierrez of Merrill.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 Boy, Azriel Jade, born to Brooke Winch and Kevin Winch of Wausau.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2024-IN-34 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUNE E. KRIEWARD PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/30/1939 and date of death 06/11/2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2800 Thielman St., Unit 7A, Merrill, WI 54452. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 3, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office. Craig J. Nienow N5041 County Road JJ Irma, WI 54442 Telephone: 71 5-536-7185 Bar Number: 01015178 Published 9/19/24, 9/26/24 & 10/3/24 WNAXLP

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leading their buildings and were very solutions-focused throughout." "Nick Wszalek, Andrew Caylor, John Heuer, and all the maintenance crew and custodians were very responsive and great," Murray added. "Special thanks to Trisha Detert [Principal] at the High School for being on standby in case we needed to send the Washington kids on a field trip up there for a bit (which we were on the verge of doing when the power came back on)," he said. "Finally thanks to all the staff at the impacted buildings for keeping

students calm, for being flexible, and for making the best of a tough situation," Murray said. "The students, of course, were great." Murray said "the time of day and the fact that we still had phones, toilets, water, natural light, and some backup power" impacted his decision to "try to ride it out and make the best of the situation rather than send everyone home on very little notice." Power was back up and running before the time came around for normal dismissal at each of the affected schools, and they dismissed at their normal times. "We're all a bit smarter from the experience," Murray said.

City of Merrill Property For Sale The City of Merrill is offering the properties listed below for sale. This is a sealed bid sale. Bids will be considered based on highest bid amount and proposed use. ADDRESS DESCRIPTION 508 Grand Ave Vacant Lot 809 Grand Ave Vacant Lot 903 Grand Ave Vacant Lot 704 N State Street Vacant Lot 410 N Prospect Street Vacant Lot 1905 Jackson Street Vacant Lot Bidders are responsible for checking the accuracy of the provided information. Bids must be submitted to the Clerk Treasurer's Office in a sealed envelope marked "PROPERTY BID" no later than 4:00 pm Thursday October 24th, 2024. Bids must contain bidder's name and contact information and proposed use of the property. Property will be conveyed via Quit Claim Deed. The City of Merrill reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid most advantageous to the city. For more information please contact Rod Akey at 715-536-5594. Published September 19 & 26, 2024 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW TOWN OF SCOTT, LINCOLN COUNTY, WI Notice that the Assessment Roll is Open for Examination and Open Book STATE OF WISCONSIN TOWN OF SCOTT, LINCOLN COUNTY Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 70.45, the assessment roll for the Year 2024 assessment will be open for examination starting on the 10 day of October, 2024 at 6 pm, until 8 pm. Additionally, the assessor shall be available at the Town Hall from 6 pm to 8 pm. Notice is given that the Board of Review for the Town of Scott, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on October 29, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Scott Town Hall, N563 Lake Road, Merrill, WI. Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board: 1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property. 2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board. 3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting. 4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board. 5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate. 6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Scott has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court.* The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. stats. 7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone. 8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take. Notice is hereby given this 19th day of September, 2024. By: Bonny Graap, Town of Scott Interim Clerk Published September 26, 2024 WNAXLP

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Merrill Area Public Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting August 21, 2024 - Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Board Room. Board members present: De Rizzo, Hornischer, Gremler, Liberty, Ashbeck, Proulx, Smith, and Blake. Board member absent: Woller. Others present: Superintendent Murray, MAPS Administrators, three people from the staff and public, and Recorder Woller. MOTION by Ashbeck, second by De Rizzo to approve the change of the MHS American Government to Civics for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Smith to approve the Purchase Order for \$16,362.23 iLit45 materials from Savvas with ESSER III funds. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Ashbeck, second by De Rizzo to approve the Health Service Agreement between Lincoln County Health Department and Pine River School for Young Learners for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by De Rizzo, second by Hornischer to approve the Lincoln County Health Department School Health Services Contract/Agreement for the 2024-2025 School Year Grades 4K-12 and NAC, a recurring cost that is annually built into the district budget. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Smith, second by Proulx to approve the 2024 HPE Simplivity TechCare Renewal Contract for the amount of \$21,494.13. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Smith, second by Proulx to approve the resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$2,900,000; issuance of taxable tax and revenue anticipation promissory notes; and participation in the PMA Levy and Aid Anticipation Notes (PLANN) Program and approving Mark Powell as the acting fiscal agent for MAPS regarding signatures required on the day of the offering and other documentation relating to this borrowing. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. MOTION by Proulx, second by Ashbeck to approve the 2024-2025 preliminary budget and tax levy as presented. MOTION by Ashbeck, second by De Rizzo to approve the program vehicle purchase for Pine River School for Young Learners for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Gremler, second by Ashbeck to approve the Apptegy quote for \$26,195.75 to replace our current website with Apptegy's website and app. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Smith, second by Gremler to proceed with the solicitation and receipt of offers to purchase for the vacant Jefferson Elementary with the following conditions and terms presented. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Smith, second by Hornischer to approve the amended

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receipt of offers to purchase for the vacant Jefferson Elementary with the following conditions and terms presented. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Smith, second by Hornischer to approve the amended CESA 9 contract to include LETRS Volume 2 training costing \$6,400.00. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Proulx to approve the Purchase Order for LETRS Training and Facilitator Training from Lexia Learning Systems LLC with ARPA LETRS funds. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Hornischer to approve the addition of a second School Resource Officer, as presented, using Fund 80 as appropriate and as allowable. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Smith to approve the purchase of a replacement boiler at Merrill High School from Complete Control for \$89,430.00 using federal ESSER funds. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Hornischer to approve the purchase of a replacement unit ventilator at Merrill High School from Complete Control for \$17,150 using federal ESSER funds. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Hornischer to approve the purchase of a replacement VAV DDC Conversions throughout the District from Complete Control for \$15,545 using federal ESSER funds. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Hornischer, second by Gremler to approve the addition of the Community Education Coordinator salary plan to the MAPS Leadership Compensation Plan for Administrators. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Hornischer, second by Gremler to approve the change of position title from Behavior Coach to Dean of Students at Kate Goodrich. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Smith, second by Gremler to approve consent agenda items a through d, which includes minutes of the July 17, 2024 meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$2,053,519.98; donations totaling \$2,000.00; and, the attached personnel report, contingent upon release of contract for hirings and upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Hornischer to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Respectfully submitted, Ron Liberty Board Clerk RL/tlw



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HOMECOMING 2024

Merrill Bluejays vs. the Lakeland Thunderbirds: Homecoming 2024!

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

5th annual Run the Ball

"The Cross Country team brings a key highlight to the Homecoming festivities by running some luck with the game football from the opposing team's field back to Merrill High School," said Merrill Varsity Cross Country Head Coach EmmaLee Smith. "We first drive to Lakeland and run the ball around their field - then hop back on the bus and drive from Lakeland to Sara Park [in Tomahawk]. The final destination is to hand off the ball to Coach Wadzinski - and kick off the Homecoming Assembly at 1 p.m."

"Each member of the team will run anywhere from 3-13 miles while carrying the ball - for a cumulative total of about 26 miles," she said. "The run begins early Friday morning, and once the runners arrive in Sara Park, they will run with a police escort down Hwy. 107 to Hwy. J to Pier St. and into town up 9th St. following Center Ave. to Hwy. G, finishing the final stretch of the run at the Blue Jay Stadium."

"The Cross Country Team appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the fun of Homecoming and represent Merrill by showing off their hard work in their competitive season," Smith said.

Homecoming Parade

The Homecoming Parade will begin at 11 a.m. from Normal Park, traveling east down E. Sixth St. to Memorial Dr. and then go north on Memorial Dr. to the high school. This is the same route as last year. Please come out to cheer for the Merrill Homecoming Parade!

Homecoming Football Game

On Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, the Lakeland Thunderbirds come to town for a Merrill Bluejay Homecoming Football Game at 1:30 p.m.

"The Thunderbirds are off to a nice start this season and it should be a fun battle at Jay Stadium," said Jason Wadzinski, Head Varsity Football Coach for the Merrill High School Football Team.

"Lakeland has a very nice team offensively and we will have our hands full slowing down their running attack," he said. "Aidan Lonsdorf, Callum Wheeler, and Jax Hanson will have to have a nice day on the ground behind our offensive line. And emphasis for us will be to control the clock and keep our defense fresh."

"As Head Coach of this football team, I want to invite everyone in this proud community to be loud and proud on Saturday," Wadzinski said. "Let's get loud and proud and cheer on our Bluejays to a Homecoming victory!"



Congratulations to the 2024 Merrill High School Homecoming Court!
Front row L to R: Seniors - Madi Skic, Danielle Schielke, Jocelynn Broullire, and Molly White. Standing in back row L to R: Junior Jazlin Severt, Sophomore Lauren Zuelsdorff, and Freshman Cadence Seliger.
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Tuesday, Sept. 24

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Wednesday, Sept. 25

CLASS COLORS DRESS-UP DAY

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Thursday, Sept. 26

CLASS DISTINCTION DRESS-UP DAY

- Seniors - Pop
- Juniors - Country
- Sophomores - Rock
- Freshmen - Classical
- Staff - Hip Hop / Rap

Friday, Sept. 27

BLUEJAY PRIDE DRESS-UP DAY

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Saturday, Sept. 28

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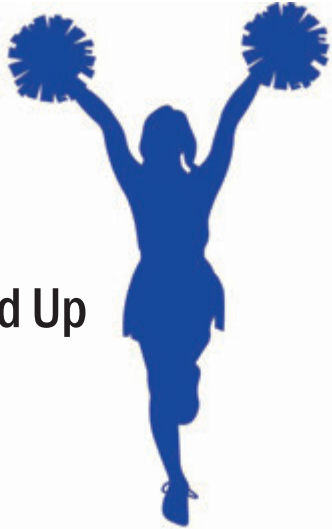
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You will go till you drop Merrill High
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Carry on as you have in days of yore
Live up to the grads gone before
You sure are the best of all
In spring, summer, winter, fall
We're loyal to you Merrill High



Let's All Stand Up

Let's all stand up and cheer for Merrill
Whether it's victory or defeat
We'll always keep our colors flying
Always advance, ne'er retreat
Our blue and white boys won't stop fighting
They'll always run that score up high
Come on and win team we're behind you
Fighting for Merrill to do or die

Homecoming ... through the years

50 years ago ... Homecoming 1974

It was 1974. *All in the Family*, *The Jeffersons*, *M*A*S*H*, *Good Times*, and *The Waltons* were popular television shows. J.J. Walker on *Good Times* coined the phrase "Dy-No-Mite," and Al Pacino, in *The Godfather Part II*, taught everyone to "Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer."
Richard Nixon resigned, and Gerald Ford

was inaugurated as President of the United States. Patty Hearst was kidnapped, and Robert Redford and Burt Reynolds were Hollywood hunks of the day. The public was embracing the CB Radio and kids were asking for G.I. Joe with the Kung Fu Grip and Magna

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Dancing the night away at the Homecoming Dance ... 70's style.

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Homecoming ... through the years

50 years ago ... Homecoming 1974



Homecoming Queen 1974 Audrey Fieldheim escorted by Joel Kleinschmidt.
Photos courtesy of 1975 Merrill High School KEMO.



Nan Rogstad, Mike Woller, and Pat Severt.

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Doodles for Christmas. Barbara Streisand, Elton John, John Denver, Grand Funk, Cher, Gordon Lightfoot, Paper Lace, Roberta Flack, Eric Clapton, Olivia Newton-John, Bachman-Turner Overdrive, and John Lennon, Paul McCartney, and Ringo Starr had hits at the top of the charts.

In Merrill, Homecoming Week highlights included Senior Day, Greaser Day, and Blue

and White Day. Audrey Fieldheim was crowned Homecoming Queen during Homecoming Assembly. The winners of the Homecoming Floats in the annual Homecoming Parade went to the German Club, the Class of 1975, and the Choir.

And on Saturday, the Merrill Bluejays played the Wausau East Lumberjacks and celebrated a huge 47-6 Homecoming Game win!

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Homecoming ... through the years

40 years ago ... Homecoming 1984

It was 1984. Michael Jackson, Tina Turner, Madonna, Phil Collins, Culture Club, Lionel Richie, Cyndi Lauper, and Prince were topping the charts. *Ghostbusters*, *Footloose*, *Gremlins*, *Police Academy*, *Beverly Hills Cop*, *Karate Kid*, *Purple Rain*, and *16 Candles* were popular in the theatre. Weird Al Yankovic was creating parodies of popular songs, and people everywhere were asking "Where's The Beef?" Loni Anderson, Farrah Fawcett, Christie Brinkley, Suzanne Somers, and Bo Derek were turning heads and Patrick Swayze was setting hearts on fire.

Vanessa Williams was the first black Miss America but lost her crown when *Penthouse* magazine published scandalous photos of her, and Marvin Gaye was shot and killed by his father. Ronald Reagan was elected President of the United States in a landslide election, and playing Trivial Pursuit was a popular pastime. The Detroit Tigers won the World Series, and the Los Angeles Raiders won the Super Bowl. Evening soap series were

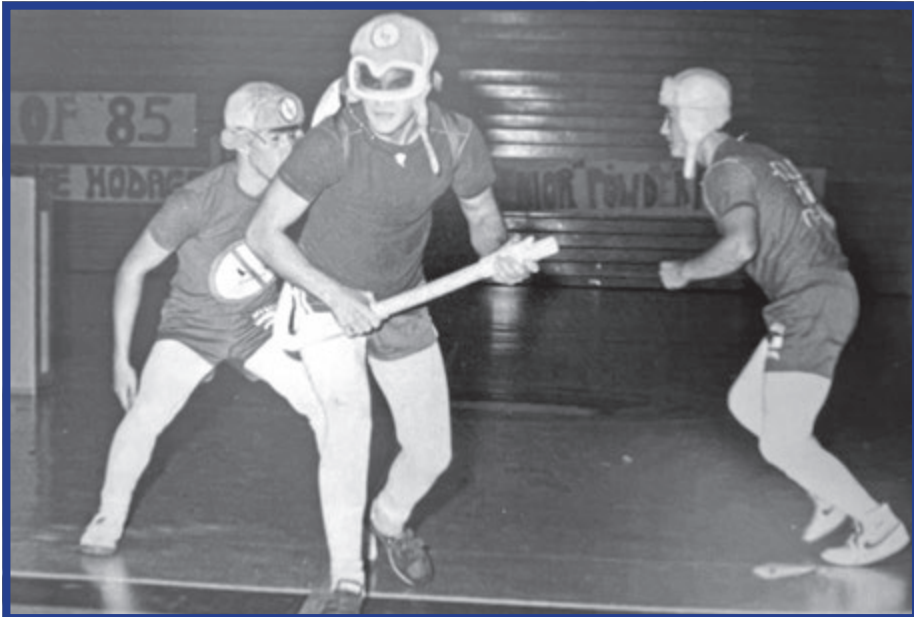
popular with shows like *Dynasty*, *Dallas*, *Knots Landing*, and *Falcon Crest* on the networks, and *The Cosby Show*, *Family Ties*, *The A-Team*, and *60 Minutes* were also television hits.

Homecoming Week 1984 included dress-up days like Hillbilly vs. City Slicker Day, Nerd Day, Backwards Day, Senior Dress-Up Day, and Blue and White Day. The Senior Girls played the Junior Girls in the traditional Powderpuff Game (the Senior Girls won!) with the guys becoming the cheerleaders - complete with cheerleading outfits. And during the annual Homecoming Assembly, each class performed an entertaining skit and the new Bluejay Mascot made his debut.

Therese Bidon was crowned Homecoming Queen and rode in the parade along with other Homecoming royalty, and the bonfire was a great way to enjoy the Friday night before the Homecoming Game. The Bluejays took on the Hodags on Saturday, and Merrill lost to Rhinelander 14-26, but there was still fun to be had at the Homecoming Dance.



Merrill Bluejay #59 George Henrich charges a Rhinelander Hodag football player during the Homecoming 1984 Football Game.



Who ya gonna call? "Hodagbusters!" That was the theme of the Senior Class skit during the Homecoming 1984 Assembly.



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Dan Rebella crowns Therese Bidon Homecoming Queen 1984 at the Homecoming Assembly.

Homecoming ... through the years

40 years ago ... Homecoming 1984



Some of the guys donned cheerleading outfits and ... um, accessories ... to fill out the uniforms so they could cheer on the Senior and Junior girls during the Powderpuff Game. Photos courtesy of 1985 Merrill High School KEMO.



The brand new Merrill Bluejays Mascot struts his stuff at the Homecoming Assembly, getting the student body riled up during Homecoming Week.

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30 years ago ... Homecoming 1994

It was 1994. Playstation was released and Beanie Baby mania began, O.J. Simpson fled the law in a white Bronco - a car chase that was televised live across the nation, and George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, and John Travolta were the leading men all the ladies were watching. Everyone everywhere was suggesting that "life is like a box of chocolates," after watching Tom Hanks in *Forrest Gump*. *Schindler's List* won an Oscar, while much lighter fare including *The Lion King*, *The Flintstones*, *The Santa Clause*, and *Dumb and Dumber* were popular in the box office.

Seinfeld, *Home Improvement*, *Friends*, *Roseanne*, and *Mad About You* were popular sitcoms and *NYPD Blue*, *E.R.*, and *Murder, She Wrote* were also popular evening entertainment. Mariah Carey, Céline Dion, All-4-One, and Boyz II Men were topping the Billboard charts. The Major League Baseball Players Association went on strike, so there was no World Series in 1994, and the Dallas Cowboys were the Super Bowl Champions.

After a weeklong Merrill Homecoming 1994 celebration with dress up days and assemblies, Kara Kolbeck was crowned 1994 Homecoming Queen. The Homecoming Parade was held Friday night, followed by the Powderpuff Football Game and then a fireworks display sponsored by the Silver M Club. The Merrill Bluejays played the Antigo Red Raiders in Saturday's Homecoming Game and suffered a crushing loss with Antigo beating them 33-0, but the Homecoming Dance was a chance to shake off the defeat and have some fun.



Peace out! Juniors Rachel Zentner, Kristin Phelps, Monica Welker, Molly Wulf, and Jessica Welker are having quite the love fest in their hippies attire on one of the dress-up days for Homecoming 1994.



Senior Princess Amy Henkelman rides past LeRoy's Barber Shop on Second St. in Merrill in a convertible driven by Senior Jason Sitte during the 1994 Homecoming Parade.



Homecoming Court 1994: Sophomore Princess, Lana Lemon; Senior Princess, Amy Henkelman; Homecoming Queen, Kara Kolbeck; Senior Princess, Holly Perry; and Junior Princess, Jodie Higgins. Photos courtesy of 1995 Merrill High School KEMO.

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Homecoming ... through the years

20 years ago ... Homecoming 2004



Joe Levickis became infamous in 2004 for his performance in the pie eating competition.

It was 2004. Facebook was founded - though most people didn't know about it yet, low carb diets were all the rage, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olson turned 18 years old, and George W. Bush was *Time Magazine's* Person of the Year. Justin Timberlake exposed part of Janet Jackson's body during their performance of "Rock Your Body" during the Super Bowl halftime show, coining the new catchphrase "wardrobe malfunction." The Boston Red Sox won the World Series and the New England Patriots won the Super Bowl. Britney Spears, Jude Law, Alicia Keys, George Clooney, Beyonce, Johnny Depp, Gwen Stefani, Justin Timberlake, Fergie, Matt Damon, Catherine Zeta-Jones, David Beckham, Cameron Diaz, Heath Ledger, Cate Blanchette, Brad Pitt, and Jennifer Aniston were considered some of the hottest celebrities.

Popular movies included *The Incredibles*, *Napoleon Dynamite*, *Mean Girls*, *Shrek 2*, *Spider Man 2*, *Polar Express*, *National Treasure*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, and *Million Dollar Baby*, and Mel Gibson made history with his release of *The Passion of the Christ* in theatres.

On television, *Desperate*

Housewives, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *American Idol*, *CSI*, and *Survivor* were popular shows.

And in music, Usher, OutKast, Alicia Keys, and Snoop Dog were topping the charts.

In Merrill, Homecoming 2004 included a pie eating contest, choreographed dance routines like the electric slide, the traditional Powderpuff Football Game (Senior Girls won), and Lindsay Klessig was crowned Homecoming Queen at Friday afternoon's pep rally in the Field House. A block party downtown included a "Panther Roast" and live music, and of course, the week included the traditional dress-up days, a bonfire Friday night, and a parade on Saturday afternoon. The Merrill Bluejays played the Stevens Point Panthers in the Saturday afternoon Homecoming Football Game, and the Homecoming Dance wrapped up the week of fun.



The 2004 Homecoming Court dances to the electric slide.



Senior Princess Shannon Murphy, Senior Queen Lindsay Klessig, and Senior Princess Danielle Bloch.



Busting moves during the choreographed boy and girl dance.



Senior Powder Puff Girls took the win in 2004!



Junior Princess Dana Schleif, Sophomore Princess Raena Grenfell, and Freshman Princess Alex Zelent.

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Homecoming ... through the years

10 years ago ... Homecoming 2014



Homecoming Court 2014: Molly Weix, Caitlyn Kolehouse, Emily Travis, 2014 Homecoming Queen Rachel Bayer, Kaitlin Berry, Lauren Case, and Kayla Sutton with 2013 Homecoming Queen McKenna Robbins.

It was 2014. The most popular song was *Happy* by Pharell Williams, a postage stamp cost 49 cents, the Rubik's Cube was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame, and Alexander Imich (who survived both the Holocaust and the Soviet gulags) became the World's Oldest Living Man in 2014 at age 111.

Video games ruled and were represented even at the box office, where the big movies of the year included *American Sniper*, *The Hunger Games*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, *The LEGO Movie*, *Transformers: Age of Extinction*, *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, and *Big Hero 6*.

Popular celebrities included Kate Middleton, Katy Perry, Taylor Swift, Emma Watson, Jennifer Lawrence, Zoe Saldana, Scarlett Johansson, and Katie Holmes.

The San Francisco Giants won the World Series and the Seattle Seahawks were the Super Bowl Champions.

By the end of the year, everyone was ready to "Shake it Off" thanks to Taylor Swift and "Be Happy" thanks to Pharell Williams. Their two songs, along with hits by Ariana Grande, John Legend, Maroon 5, Miley Cyrus, Justin Timberlake, Ed Sheeran, Coldplay, Katy Perry, Imagine Dragons, One Republic, and Meghan Trainor were topping the charts.

By 2014, television options had exploded well beyond three primary networks

and people were watching their favorite programs - old and new - on demand from streaming services including Netflix and Hulu and watching programs from HBO, FX, Showtime, Cartoon Network, AMC, Comedy Central, and more.

At Homecoming 2014 in Merrill, Rachel Bayer was crowned Homecoming Queen at the Homecoming Assembly/pep rally on Friday afternoon. The fun and games included performances by the Merrill High School Dance Team, scooter races, chicken baseball (the Seniors won), tug of war, rousing skits by each class - including a staff skit, celebrating "what it means to be a Bluejay," and singing the school song, *Hail to the Blue*. [You can check out (or relive) the entire Homecoming 2014 pep rally and catch the excitement of Homecoming 2014 by watching a legacy video of the rally at: https://archive.org/details/mapsdwi-LEGACY_VIDEO_9-26-2014-Homecoming_Assembly.]

The kids got fired up with a bonfire Friday night, held a Homecoming Parade on Saturday, and then crushed the Oredockers 62-0 at the Homecoming 2014 Football Game against Ashland, before dancing the night away at the Homecoming Dance. [Relive the exciting Homecoming 2014 game with a rewatch at: https://archive.org/details/mapsdwi-LEGACY_VIDEO_9-27-2014-Homecoming_Game.]

GO BLUEJAYS!



Skits, tug of war, and lots of high-spirited fun helped energize the student body during the 2014 Homecoming Assembly. Photos courtesy of 2015 Merrill High School KEMO.



The Senior Girls beat the Junior Girls 12-0 in the 2014 Powderpuff Football Game.

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Sept. 26 - Open Mic Night at Sawmill Brewing Co.
 Sept. 27 - 14th Annual Haunted Sawmill "The Gates of Asylum" opening night
 Sept. 27-29 - Grace & Sophie's Pumpkin Patch
 Sept. 28 - Merrill Enrichment Center's Fall Craft & Market
 Sept. 28 - 12th Annual Craft, Gift & Bake Sale at the Pine River Town Hall
 Sept. 28 - Northwoods Ice Age Trail Fall Color Hike
 Sept. 28 - Fall "Everything Goes Sales Event" (Flea market & more) at the MARC
 Sept. 28 - Comedy Night Live at Rusty Moon Acres
 Sept. 28-29 - Grampa's Farm
 Sept. 29 - Bingo at VFW
 Oct. 1 - Lincoln County Community Baby Shower
 Oct. 2 - Trivia Night at Sawmill Brewing Co.
 Oct. 3 - Bingo at St. Francis School

Oct. 4 - THE VIBE Open Mic Night
 Oct. 4 - Haunted Sawmill Panic and Pandemonium
 Oct. 4-6 - LincCon Retro Game Convention at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes
 Oct. 4-6 - Grace & Sophie's Pumpkin Patch
 Oct. 5 - Pine River Fire Department Open House and Pig Roast
 Oct. 5-6 - Grampa's Farm
 Oct. 5 - Haunted Sawmill "Medical Mayhem"
 Oct. 6 - Gleason Lions Pancake Breakfast
 Oct. 6 - Fall Market at Sawmill Brewing Co.
 Oct. 9 - Trivia at Sawmill Brewing Co.
 Oct. 10 - Merrill Chamber of Commerce Annual Celebration & Awards
For more information, go to: merrillchamber.org/events or contact the event sponsor.

PET OF THE WEEK



Meet **Axel**! He is a very nice boy who loves to go for walks and seems to do great around other female dogs and younger male dogs. He is still very much an active boy so a home that likes to go for walks and play would be great for him! He also enjoys a good cuddle on the couch after a long hard day! **Axel** knows how to sit and will do anything for a treat!

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 Rayah is in the 3rd grade at New Testament Church Christian Academy. She was nominated by Pr. Pam Hohman.



What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
 Social Studies - I like to learn about what happened years ago.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
 I like my teachers; they are nice and they help me.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
 I would like to be a vet to help heal animals.

Rayah is a very sweet girl. She gets along with all of her classmates and is a very hard worker in her studies.
 ~ Pr. Pam Hohman

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Haunted Sawmill kicks off the 2024 season in a Spooktacular fashion

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR



The Haunted Sawmill, 700 Hendricks St. in Merrill, will kick off their 14th season this Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, in a Spooktacular fashion. Opening night is dubbed "The Gates of Asylum" and offers half-price admission for haunted house and Halloween fans who want to "get an early start on their October fun," said a representative of the Friends of Vincent Foundation, Inc.

The Friends of Vincent Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to help young people in Merrill and the surrounding communities gain access to activities, outings, and events that they may not have been able to afford on their own which utilizes The Haunted Sawmill as

their primary fundraiser and an avenue for many area youth to be involved in a common cause, fostering a sense of community and family along with giving the involved kids acting, production, and fundraising experience as a part of The Haunted Sawmill.

"In addition to its fundraising goals, The Haunted Sawmill also affords children a place to come and learn new skills, promote their creativity, and gives them a safe environment to come and be a part of something

special," their website says. "Children get to see their ideas flourish and come to life. They also get hands on experience with things like building, planning a project, and responsibility. The Haunted Sawmill is open to all children and their families and promotes diversity, respect, friendship and responsibility."

The Haunted Sawmill focuses on helping children locally in our own communities, said Gerald Hersil, who founded the Friends of Vincent Foundation. "Over the years, the Friends of Vincent Foundation has started its own high school scholarship program, helped children and their families with extracurricular activity costs that they might not otherwise have been able to afford, and started their own 'Spirit of Christmas Giving'

program where families are provided with toys, food, and clothing," Hersil said.

In 2023, funds raised through The Haunted Sawmill helped more than 60 families have a brighter Christmas season, he said.

The Haunted Sawmill is open every weekend in October with varying themes each weekend, and on Oct. 31 for "Vincent's Halloween Bash." Complete information and tickets are available at hauntedawmill.org, or follow [facebook.com/HauntedSawmill](https://www.facebook.com/HauntedSawmill).

In addition, "Vincent Mudgett, the head ghoul of the haunt, is playing games on his own Facebook page where people can win free tickets to this year's show or even Haunted Sawmill merchandise," organizers said. Check out his page at: [facebook.com/vincent.mudgett](https://www.facebook.com/vincent.mudgett).

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Merrill, Garage Sale, Thurs. Sept. 26, Fri. Sept. 27 & Sat Sept 28, 8AM-5PM. 303 N Kyes St. Vintage table lamps, canning jars, Men's rubber mud boots size 13 & 10, Hunting items, winter jackets, old comic book & misc.

Wausau Hunting & Fishing Sale 1639 Pearson St. TH 9/26 & FRI 9/27, 9a-5p Muskie baits, ice fishing rods, climbing tree stand, misc. hunting & fishing items. Also Harley parts.

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LINCOLN CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD: SEPT. 16-22, 2024

On 9-18-24 deputies were sent to the area of Hillside Dr. west of Champagne Dr. in the Town of Merrill for a one motorcycle crash with injuries. When deputies arrived on scene, the motorcycle operator and only passenger was located with significant injuries. In speaking with the driver, a 52-year-old man from Merrill, the deputies noticed signs of impairment. The driver indicated he knew he shouldn't be driving, and that he lost control of the bike on a curve. Due to the subject's injuries, the deputies were unable to ask him to do sobriety tests. The driver was arrested for a third offense of OWI. The driver was transported by ground ambulance to Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Due to his injuries, he was released to a responsible party.

On 9/22/2024 a deputy responded to STH 86 in the Town of Bradley for a reported crash with injuries. The reporting party stated that the driver had told them that he crashed the night before and sat in the vehicle for several hours before he was discovered. The deputy made contact with the driver, a 26-year-old man from Milwaukee, who stated he was at a family property in Price County the night before where he stated he did have an alcoholic beverage. The man indicated he didn't know why he was traveling in the area that he was and that he didn't remember the crash. According to the deputy, it appeared as though the subject gradually drifted off the road and crashed. The driver was transported to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital.

Deputies also conducted 80 traffic stops, performed 21 security checks, responded to 19 driving complaints, and responded to 7 car vs. deer crashes and 2 car vs. bear crashes. The 911 Dispatch Center took 2 hang-up calls and 14 nuisance calls.

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Health Department offers no charge flu and Tdap vaccines for Lincoln County students

Lincoln County Health Department (LCHD) will be holding fall 2024 vaccine clinics for Lincoln County students in 4K through 12th grade to provide the flu and Tdap vaccines at no charge.

An annual flu shot is one of the best ways to prevent the flu and is recommended for everyone six months and older, according to the LCHD, and the Tdap vaccine protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (pertussis).

Vaccine clinics for Lincoln County students are scheduled as follows:

- Merrill High School Student Vaccine Clinic, October 15
- Prairie River Middle School Student Vaccine Clinic, October 22
- Youth Vaccine Clinic, Oct. 23, from 3-6 p.m. at the LCHD for children age 18 and younger who don't have insurance or are enrolled in or eligible for Medicaid. (This includes BadgerCare, ForwardHealth or any medical assistance.) (All routine child vaccines as well as flu vaccine will be available at no cost at this clinic.)
- Tomahawk School District Student Vaccine Clinic, October 31
- Lincoln County Student Vaccine Clinic, November 6, 3-6 p.m., at the LCHD - for any student enrolled in 4K, elementary, and

private schools in Lincoln County. The above schedule is dependent on flu vaccine availability, the LCHD noted. Any changes in the schedule will be communicated to parent(s)/guardian(s). LCHD has flu shots and flu nasal mist available for students. Pre-registration is required for all clinics and must be completed a week prior to the clinic. No walk-ins will be accepted. Pre-register at <https://bit.ly/LincolnStudentVaccineClinics>. By completing the pre-registration form, parent(s)/guardian(s) are giving consent to LCHD to vaccinate their child with the flu and/or Tdap vaccine while at school. Parent(s)/guardian(s) do not need to be present. The LCHD reminds parents to have their child dress appropriately so their upper arm is easily accessible the day of clinic. For more information, contact LCHD at 715.536.0307 or LCHealth@co.lincoln.wi.us. If your child receives a flu and/or Tdap vaccine prior to their scheduled clinic, please call LCHD to cancel their appointment. For more information about LCHD and its programs and services, visit lincolncountyhealthdepartment.com or follow them on Facebook.



The 1999 MHS Football Team. Pictured are many of the 2024 Silver M inductees. The MHS football team has worked hard to compete in the Valley. In front, from left, are: Jake Colstad, Matt Kropp, Jake Pankow, Paul Weix, Ike Mattson, Scott Klade and Tim Krause. In the second row, from left, are: Mgr. Penny Godleske, Pete Gourlic, Luke Beyer, Jesse Jensen, Joe Weckwerth, Tyler Gehrmann, Garrett Stine, Matt Taylor, Clint Williams and Mgr. Molly Courmaya. In the third row, from left, are: Mgr. Jessica Delaney, Scott Olson, Coaches John Paul, Guy Pawlicki, Greg Schofield, Duane Gray, Tom Tourtillott, Mike Meteyard and Jay Peterson, and James Seliger. In the fourth row, from left, are: Tony Schuett, Tramain Jarocki, Andy Lokemoen, Joel Coates, Brian Plisch, Chris Berndt, John Benedict and Brian Hoffman. In the fifth row, from left, are: Brett Klug, Jason Thiel, Eric Amelise, Clint Rogers, Mitch Meider, Dean Lambrecht and Mike Hill. In the sixth row, from left, are: Ryan Ourada, Rob Klug, Jake Van Der Geest, Tyler Hess, Ryan Neff, Matt Smith, John Fleischman and Tom Cimino. In the seventh row, from left, are: Brad Seubert, Landon Malzahn, Pete Fry, Ross Oestreich, Tom Schofield, John Hughes and Jeff Wais....Foto News'99



The 1974 Bluejay Varsity football team that will meet the DC Everest Evergreen Saturday at Jay Stadium are first row. Left to right: Carl Brandt, Kelly O'Day, Bill Butler, Randy Hill, Mike Schmidt, Mike Hill, Paul Lindstrom, Randy English, Steve Plaut, and Steve Ferris. Second row, Robin Kodick, Mike Norbath, Mike Paul, Bob Semling, Tom Lutke, Doug Griss, Brad Sanders, Pat Nelson, Fred Krueger, Mike Saut. Third row, Steve Rajak, John Zuchstorf, Paul Jesberger, assistant coach; Ira Kabelein, head coach; Jim Gahler, assistant coach; Jim Richardson, assistant coach; Roger Wandorf, assistant coach; Dan Yerde, Jan Malin, and Dave Saut. Fourth row, Steve Markel, Wendelin Mathis, Rod Rauge, Al Dabert, Carl Hess, Steve Strawn, Dave Burckhardt, Rick Focht, Jim Duffer, and Joel Kleinschmidt. Fifth row, Bill Faltz, manager; Joel Juhka, Doug Freeman, Jeff Jameson, Mark Yachovska, Mark Kromholz, Randy Reutter, Mike Norris, and Russ Yerde. Missing from the photo are Dan Wandorf, Garth Heckendorf, Mark Schulz and Greg Schickel.

The 1974 MHS Football Team. Pictured are many of the 2024 Golden M inductees.

The 1999 MHS Football Team. Pictured are many of the 2024 Silver M inductees.

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inducted into the Diamond M Club, having first lettered in 1949: Tom Young.

Silver M history
Merrill's Silver M Club began 80 years ago in 1944. The founders wanted it to be more than "a mere social club or organization" for former MHS football players, but rather an organization "to support and encourage MHS football."

Silver M Club founders noted their experiences playing for the MHS Varsity Football Team "to be a key part of their development as men."

"Team work, hard work, long hours of practice, winning and losing games, understanding that each member of the team had something to contribute and each member was dependant on the other to do their job carried over from football to life itself," the Silver M website notes. "Knowing the value of

This crew filled out the 'Blue and White Squad' in the 1949 MHS football season. Row 1, from left: M. Stieber, D. Ecklund, D. Voermans, R. Cotey, G. Pophal, J. Holl, D. Edmund, W. Klueez and J. Langlois. Row 2: J. Siewitzke, D. Stevenson, D. Hanson, P. Kamke, J. Munderloh, J. Barrons, R. Yerde and R. Gustin. Row 3: R. Grele, S. Sladek, R. Taylor, D. Knospe, S. Kluentza, R. Hotzfeld and M. Buntrock. Row 4: D. Carrington, F. Hess, D. Jensen, J. Zuelsdorf, R. Fleischfresser, R. Rusch, G. Krembs and D. Kubasta. Row 5: Coaches D. Peffer and T. Losby, H. Averill, W. Paul, R. Matthies, J. Anderson, P. Ryan, J. Koehler and Coach E. Pieper....Foto News'99L1

Tom Young, the 2024 Silver M Club Diamond inductee is highlighted in this photo of the 1949 MHS Football Team.

football in their life, our founders wanted to play a role in supporting football at Merrill High."

Over these many years, hundreds of men have been inducted into the membership of the Silver M Club and have gone on to support the Merrill Bluejays Football Program. The Club has provided equipment to the Varsity, JV, and JV2 Freshman programs, and in 2023, they purchased football jerseys for the Prairie River Middle School program. The Club holds a number of annual fundraisers to enable their ongoing support of the football programs.

Silver M members have a float in the Homecoming Parade, and all Silver M members are welcome to ride on the float. And the Silver M Club holds an annual Brat Sale/Tailgate Party and Raffle before the Homecoming Football Game, beginning at 11 a.m. in the MHS parking lot near Jay Stadium.

35th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic & Get-Together

The Silver M Club will also hold their annual Scholarship Golf Classic on Friday, Sept. 27, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Merrill Public Golf Course. This event provides both a social opportunity for Silver M Club members and a chance to raise funds for the annual Silver M Club Memorial Scholarships awarded by the Club.

In 2024, four Seniors graduating from MHS were awarded such scholarships:

- Erik Mann received a \$2,500 scholarship in memory of Mark Weix, Sr. '55
- Ethan Ravn received a \$2,500 scholarship in memory of Harry Dahm '42
- Thomas Troyer received a \$2,500 scholarship in memory of Leroy Dahm '39
- Brody Lange received a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Arnold Kromholz '38 (The funds for this particular annual scholarship are provided by a gift/endowment from Alan and Ruth Kromholz which began in 2014.)

Since 1984, the Silver M Club has awarded more than \$140,000 in scholarships to more than 90 graduating MHS football players. Scholarship recipients are selected by the Silver M Scholarship Committee on the basis of the student's academic performance, high school activities, community service, work experience, and a written essay submitted with their application.

At 6 p.m. the Silver M'ers will have their annual "Get-Together" at the Merrill Golf Course to socialize, with refreshments, hors d'oeuvres, and live music.

Silver M Club bricks

In recent years, the Silver M Club has also coordinated a program to honor Silver M members with commemorative bricks for their members, the first installation of which has

already been completed at Jay Stadium. (Look down when you're at the stadium to see the names of those already honored with this permanent tribute.) Anyone can sponsor a brick (or bricks) to honor a current or past Silver M member. The cost is a minimum of \$20 per brick, and the Club's ultimate goal is to place a brick at the stadium for every person who has ever been a Silver M Club member. Contact Tom Barker at Tom.barker120@yahoo.com for more information.

Annual Meeting and Banquet

This year's Annual Silver M Club Meeting will be held following the Homecoming Game, beginning promptly at 5 p.m. this Saturday, Sept. 28, at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes in Merrill. New officers and Board members will be elected and installed. The meeting is followed by the 80th Annual Silver M Reunion Banquet with cocktails and dinner where current Silver M Club President David Pyan will give the introduction, followed by the invocation given by Bill Osterbrink. Deceased members of the Club will be honored with a candle-lighting ceremony, and Merrill High School Head Football Coach Jason Wadzinski will speak about the current program. All new Silver, Golden, and Diamond members of the Club will be formally inducted and pinned at the banquet.

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The premises may be inspected on **Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.** The premises and improvements are being sold

in an **AS IS** condition without any warranties or representations of any nature whatsoever. All bidders are encouraged to thoroughly inspect the premises and may make their bid contingent upon an inspection. Title to the premises shall be conveyed by warranty deed except restrictions, reservations, easements, agreements, covenants and rights-of-way of record.

The heirs reserve the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid they deem most satisfactory in their sole discretion. Terms of sale. \$2,500 within seven (7) days of notification of acceptance of bid and balance of bid price in cash at time of closing, with closing to be within thirty (30) days of notification of acceptance of bid. All bids shall be sealed in an envelope marked "Nau Estate House Bid" and sent by first class mail to Attorney Craig J. Nienow, N5041 County Road JJ, Irma, WI 54442.

Bids will be examined on the 15th day of October, 2024. The successful bidder, if any, will be notified on or before the 22nd day of October, 2024.





Sophomore Greta Peterson keeps track of the ball.



Junior Jenna Maluege concentrates on the serve.



Senior Sarah Rell swings to return the ball.

Merrill Girls Tennis Team outscores Everest in Singles competition, takes a loss in Doubles

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, the Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team hosted the DC Everest Girls in a Conference tennis match at Merrill High School. "I am so proud of the girls and how they played," said Elizabeth Thiel, Merrill's Head Coach. "Emily Frahm (1 Singles), Claire Hintz (3 Singles), and Greta Peterson (4 Singles) all won their first Conference matches of the season, earning us six points in our Conference, which is a four-point increase over last year's total."

"Every day, I tell the girls to keep their chin up and to stay positive," she said.

"Even though sometimes our scores don't reflect it, Coach Wilde and I have seen vast improvement every time they step out onto the tennis court - in both their skills and their confidence in themselves."

"The girls work extremely hard in practice, and tonight, it definitely showed," Thiel said.

1 Singles - Merrill's Emily Frahm vs. DC Everest Mila Bublik, 6-2, 6-0, Merrill win

2 Singles - Merrill's Sarah Rell vs. DC Everest Brooklyn Costa, 2-6, 2-6, DC Everest win

3 Singles - Merrill's Claire Hintz vs. DC Everest Ruth Xiong, 6-2, 6-4, Merrill win

4 Singles - Merrill's Greta Peterson vs.

DC Everest Holly Hahn, 6-4, 6-1, Merrill win

1 Doubles - Merrill's Jenna Maluege/Korina Kraegenbrink vs. DC Everest Emily Ringwelski/Qiarie Burns, 0-6, 3-6, DC Everest win

2 Doubles - Merrill's Grace Hooch/Johanna Dahlke vs. DC Everest Izabel Lezcano/Kali Rutta, 4-6, 0-6, DC Everest win

3 Doubles - Merrill's Parker Wagenaar/Rose Dornbrack vs. DC Everest Brynn Kampmann/Shela Lee, 0-6, 1-6, DC Everest win

Box Score
Singles: DC Everest 1 @ Merrill 3
Doubles: DC Everest 3 @ Merrill 0
Meet: DC Everest 4 @ Merrill 3



Junior Rose Dornbrack gets ready to lob the ball back over the net in her Doubles match.



Number 3 doubles team Parker Wagenaar (left) and Rose Dornbrack work together.
Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photos.

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resolution that would have placed a binding referendum related to Pine Crest funding on November ballots.

Under the proposed resolution, if it had been approved by voters, Lincoln County would have been allowed to exceed levy limits by \$5 million each year from 2025 to 2029 to fund operations, maintenance, repairs, updates, and debt service at Pine Crest. Several proposed amendments to lower the asking amount were voted down before the resolution was ultimately rejected.

The \$5 million annual levy would have had an estimated \$186 tax impact per \$100,000 of the assessed value of private property, according to the resolution.

The Board also rejected a proposed Pine Crest funding referendum resolution in 2023.

Prior to the Board's vote last week, numerous individuals utilized the meeting's public comment period to speak in favor of the County's continued ownership of the facility. One individual voiced their support for a potential sale.

Supervisors discussed Pine Crest for about a third of the roughly three-hour meeting. District 22 Supervisor Greg Hartwig noted that he had been contacted by constituents urging a sale of Pine Crest,

while District 9 Supervisor Christine Vorpapel said she heard from constituents who both supported and opposed a potential sale.

After discussion, the Board approved the resolution by a 14-8 vote.

Voting in favor were Hartwig, District 2 Supervisor Lori Anderson-Malm, District 5 Supervisor Andrew Zelinski, District 8 Supervisor Laurie Thiel, Board Chair and District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd, District 11 Supervisor Randy Detert, Board Vice-Chair and District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse, District 14 Supervisor Marguerite Lyskawa, District 15 Supervisor Marty Lemke, District 16 Supervisor Dana Miller, District 17 Supervisor James Meunier, District 18 Supervisor Ken Wickham, District 20 Supervisor Angela Cummings, and District 21 Supervisor Eugene Simon.

Voting against were Dunphy, Vorpapel, District 1 Supervisor William Bialecki, District 3 Supervisor Elizabeth McCrank, District 4 Supervisor Derek Woellner, District 6 Supervisor Norbert Ashbeck, District 13 Supervisor Alan Bishop, and District 19 Supervisor Joseph Dorava.

No specific timeline regarding a potential sale of Pine Crest was provided during the meeting. A potential sale would be voted on by the Board.

2024 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedule

Boys Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)			
Sat. Sept. 28	Lakeland Union (Varsity)	Home	1:30 pm
Mon. Sept. 30	Lakeland Union (JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 3	Wausau East (JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Cheer Team (Varsity & JV)			
Sat. Sept. 28	Lakeland Union (Varsity & JV)	Home	1:30 pm
Girls Swim & Dive (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Sept. 26	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 3	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Girls Tennis (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Sept. 26	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 28	Wausau West (JV)	Away	9:00 am
Tues. Oct. 1	Lakeland Union (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 3	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Girls Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)			
Thurs. Sept. 26	Marshfield (JV & JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 26	Marshfield (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 1	Eau Claire North (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Tues. Oct. 1	Eau Claire North (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 3	Wausau East (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 3	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Boys Soccer (Varsity and JV)			
Thurs. Sept. 26	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 26	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Girls Cross Country (Varsity and JV)			
Tues. Oct. 1	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:45 pm
Thurs. Oct. 3	Medford-Invite (Varsity)	Away	4:00 pm
Boys Cross Country (Varsity and JV)			
Tues. Oct. 1	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:45 pm
Thurs. Oct. 3	Medford-Invite (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm



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Merrill beats Antigo to take back the trophy in the "War on 64!"

Varsity Football Team heads into Homecoming Week in high spirits

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Varsity Football Team took to the road last Friday night, Sept. 20, 2024, heading to Antigo via Hwy. 64 to take back the trophy in the ongoing "War on 64" rivalry between the Bluejays and the Red Robins ... and "The war on 64 trophy is back in Merrill," said Merrill Varsity Head Football Coach Jason Wadzinski.

The Bluejays completed an absolute shutout game against the Red Robins! Final score: Merrill Bluejays 31-Antigo Red Robins 0.

The key to the win? "We executed the defensive game plan of disguising things to create havoc resulting in takeaways," he said.

"The defensive unit caused five turnovers giving the ball back to the offensive group," Wadzinski said.

"On the ground Friday night our line did a great job of staying engaged to create running lanes. Callum Wheeler put up 226 yards rushing with 3 touchdowns, including an 84 yarder. It was a great energy and atmosphere Friday night."

Merrill scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, including that 84-yard run, ending the first quarter with a score of 13-0. The first kick was good, but the second was a no-go. The second quarter remained scoreless for both teams, but in the third quarter, Merrill scored two more touchdowns, including one on a 58-yard pass. And in the fourth quarter, Merrill added insult to Antigo's injury with

a fifth touchdown and a two-point conversion to wrap up the game and their shutout victory.

Box Score
Merrill 31 @ Antigo 0

And now ... "We're on to Homecoming Week!" Wadzinski said.

Merrill will play Lakeland this Saturday afternoon in the Homecoming Football Game at 1:30 p.m. at Jay Stadium, but come early right after the Homecoming Parade to get great seats, buy a brat from the Silver M Brat Sale and Tailgating Party, and pay tribute to this year's inductees into the Silver M Club. Don't forget to wear blue and white and plan to cheer for the home team. Go Bluejays!



Left Photo: Ava Detert (#11) and Miley Krueger (#4) are on the court while their teammates and coaches watch from the sidelines.



Right Photo: Grace Hoff (#13), Bre Raasch (#14), and Maddie Robbins (#1) take defensive positions. **Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photos.**

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Merrill Girls suffer a Volleyball loss to Shawano but celebrate an exciting win against Wisconsin Rapids

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, the Merrill Girls Volleyball Team played against the Shawano Community Girls in a home game in the Merrill High School Field House, taking a loss in all three sets.

"As you can see from our scores, our Shawano match was quick," said Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball Head Coach Kasie Holt. "It seemed as if the first two sets, nothing fell our way."

"Serving for both teams was pretty equally matched," she said, "but we really struggled to get our offense going."

"Shawano's hitting percentage for the night was .361, while ours was in the negative with -.011, which means we were making more errors than we were scoring points."

"Even though as a team our offense struggled, I'm really proud of Kaela

Clearveaux and Grace Hoff as they hit .667 and .429 respectively, making very few errors at the net," Holt said. "Kaela and Grace both started to change the momentum of the game, and I truly thought that we were going to take the third set and force a fourth set. Unfortunately, we just couldn't finish it."

Box Score
Shawano 3 @ Merrill 0
(25-11, 25-11, 25-19)

On Thursday, the Merrill Girls traveled to Wisconsin Rapids where the Lady Jays beat the Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Red Raiders in an exciting Conference match-up that came down to the fifth set to declare the match winner.

"This game was the complete opposite of Tuesday night, as we kept our fans in the stands for a full five-set match," Holt said. "Coming off a three-loss streak, we really needed a win."

"The first set was a great way to start," she said. The Bluejays kicked it off with a 25-10 win in that set.

"After that, Rapids clearly started to come together," Holt said. "It was almost like they put out a different team." The second set was a tight 26-24 win for Wisconsin Rapids.

The third set was another tight game, with Rapids taking the win 25-23. But in the fourth set, it was Merrill's turn to come out ahead, and the Merrill Girls claimed a 25-18 victory, keeping the teams on the court for a fifth set to break the tie, and in the end, the Lady Jays scored the exciting 15-11 win for Merrill.

"Rapids was extremely scrappy; the girls played some of the longest volleys we've had all season," Holt said. "They were communicating well and trusting each other in the back row; Ava Detert picked up 24 digs and Kendell Klug had 21. Overall, our entire back row was all over the place,

making some really amazing plays. If the ball landed on our side, it was not without multiple girls chasing it down."

"Because our defense was working like a well oiled machine, our offense was able to start having some fun of their own, including Kendell Klug with three successful back row attacks," she said.

"Along with Kendell, Grace Hoff and Bre Raasch led us in kills for the evening," Holt said. "Our serving was also on point with Gabby Wheeler, Kaela Clearveaux, and Grace Hoff serving 3-4 aces apiece."

"Again, this was a win we really needed," she said. "Even when we were losing at times, our energy was rarely down. The girls believed in themselves and they were having fun."

"I am very proud of how they played and how they never gave up!" Holt said.

Box Score
Merrill 3 @ Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln 2
(25-10, 24-26, 23-25, 25-18, 15-11)



Maddie Robbins jumps to return the ball during the game against Shawano. **Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photo.**

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Brooklyn Harding, a Junior at Merrill High School, has been named Athlete of the Week for the week of Sept. 26, 2024. Brooklyn plays right side for the Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Team; this is her first year on Varsity. She played on JV2 as a Freshman and on JV as a Sophomore. Brooklyn started playing volleyball in sixth grade, playing for the Junior Jays in both sixth and seventh grades, then played for the Prairie River Middle School team in eighth grade.

At school, Brooklyn's favorite subject is English, and in her free time, she enjoys reading, going to Crumble Cookie in Wausau with friends, playing Dress to Impress on Roblox with friends, and playing with her one-year-old little brother.

She has a part-time job as a hospitality assistant at Pine Crest Nursing Home, where she has worked since January. She enjoys the work, where she helps with laundry and snacks, passes out trays, and spends time with the residents.

The daughter of Shelby Webster and Kyle Harding of Merrill, Brooklyn has a 2.9 GPA and wants to be an ultrasound technician. She has not yet decided where she will pursue her post-high school education to achieve this career goal.



Brooklyn Harding

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