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It's the Merrill Bluejays vs. the Lakeland Thunderbirds for the 2024 Homecoming Football Game.

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Each year during Homecoming Week, the Merrill Varsity Football Team and Cheer Team jump on a bus for a mobile pep rally through town. This year, with stops at Pine River School for Young Learners, St. John Lutheran School, St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Trinity Lutheran School, Kate Goodrich Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, and Prairie River Middle School, the younger students throughout Merrill all contributed a huge amount of Merrill spirit and pride to the celebration, and the Varsity Team was already feeling victorious even before kickoff in the

big game. It's great to see all the kids in the entire community coming together to celebrate a Merrill Homecoming!

Merrill Homecoming Varsity Football Game

The Merrill Varsity Football Team went on to take the win in an exciting Saturday afternoon Homecoming Football Game. The Merrill stands were full on Sept. 28, 2024, as fans of all ages came out to celebrate Merrill football, and they weren't disappointed.

First, the inductees into the Merrill Silver M Club were introduced from the Class of 1999,

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Game on! The Senior Girls vs. the Junior Girls in the Wednesday night Homecoming Powderpuff Football Game. Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photos.



The Seniors celebrating their victory against the Juniors in the Homecoming Powderpuff Volleyball Game.



Merrill Homecoming Court 2024



1.) Dani Schielke is announced as this year's Homecoming Queen. 2.) Freshman Princess Cadence Seliger escorted by Alex Bushar. 3.) Sophomore Princess Lauren Zuelsdorff escorted by Ty Schuett. 4.) Junior Princess Jazlin Severt escorted by Keylin Allen. 5.) Senior Princess Jocelynn Broullire escorted by Callum Wheeler. 6.) 2024 Homecoming Queen Dani Schielke escorted by Carson Brooks. 7.) Senior Princess Madi Skic escorted by Aidan Houghton. 8.) Senior Princess Molly White escorted by Aiden Lonsdorf. Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photos.

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The Merrill Cross Country Team is super excited to be running the Homecoming game ball back to Merrill. **EmmaLee Smith photos.**



The team took the bus north and then ran back as a team, grabbing a rest on the bus as needed so at least one runner was "running the ball" at all times.

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along with the Golden M inductees from the Class of 1974 and Tom Young, the lone Diamond M inductee who first lettered in football in 1949.

Then Merrill Varsity Football players took the field where the Bluejays went head to head with the Lakeland Thunderbirds.

The Thunderbirds were the first to score, after a 48-yard pass put them within reach of the endzone and they went on to complete a 10-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter (kick no good), slipping through the Bluejays' defense.

In the second quarter, the Merrill Bluejays got two points on the scoreboard when the referee called a safety. Then a 22-yard pass from Aiden Lonsdorf to Keylin Allen landed a touchdown with an Aiden Lonsdorf run for the 2-point conversion, and suddenly the Bluejays were in the lead 10-6.

The Merrill Marching Jays put on a great half-time performance, and the Merrill Cheer Team kept the fans in

high spirits throughout the game.

In the third quarter, the Thunderbirds pulled ahead, 12-10, with a touchdown on a 1-yard run (kick no good) and the rest of the quarter remained scoreless.

That put the Bluejays in need of a score if they were going to edge out the victory - and they pulled it off just when they needed it.

"It was a gritty win for the boys on Saturday," said Jason Wadzinski, Merrill Varsity Football Head Coach. "The defense had three consecutive stops on our side of the field in the fourth quarter, which followed a come-from-behind touchdown pass from Aiden Lonsdorf to Keylin Allen. An interception as time expired, also made by Keylin Allen, sealed the victory."

The two-point conversion was good, and Merrill's Homecoming crowd was celebrating an exciting victory: 18-12.

Top-performing Bluejays of the game included #0 Aiden Lonsdorf with 144 passing yards, #20 Callum Wheeler with 65 rushing yards, and #17 Keylin Allen with 91 receiving

yards and two touchdowns.

"The crowd was exceptional on Saturday at Jay Stadium," Wadzinski added in an appreciative shout-out to all the fans.

"We are sitting at 4-2 rolling into Wausau East next Saturday for their Homecoming at Thom Field," he said. Bluejay fans would be much appreciated in Wausau to cheer on their team when they play the Lumberjacks.

Box Score
Lakeland 12 @ Merrill 18

Homecoming Powderpuff Football Game

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the Senior Girls [Class of 2025] [in blue] were victorious over the Junior Girls [in black] in a fun evening game of Powderpuff Football.

Homecoming Powderbuff Volleyball Game

And on Friday night the Senior Boys [in blue] won the volleyball match against the Junior Boys [in black]. That victory pitted the Senior Boys against members of the Merrill High School staff for the next match-up.

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Merrill's Cross Country Team started out running the ball around the Thunderbirds home turf before the ball began its journey back to Merrill. **EmmaLee Smith photos.**

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

On Composite Selves

Dear Reader,

In the intricate tapestry of human relationships, each thread represents a unique perspective of who we are. Your mother may have seen you as a compassionate individual, always ready to lend a helping hand. Your father might have viewed you through the lens of hard work and strategic thinking, qualities that reflect his own values and aspirations for you. Your wife possibly thinks of you as a loving father, dedicated to your family and committed to nurturing your children. And in your children's eyes, you could be the dad who believes that with determination, anything is possible.

These distinct views from the people closest to us shape our identities, creating a composite of who we are. We manage our lives through the reflections of these relationships, adapting and evolving based on the roles we play. Yet, amid this dynamic interplay, it is crucial to recognize the importance of preserving a piece of our soul and heart for ourselves.

This personal reservation is not an act of selfishness but one of self-preservation.



It is a sacred space where our truest selves reside, untouched and unaltered by external influences. This inner sanctum allows us to reflect, rejuvenate, and reconnect with our core values and passions. It is where our dreams take root and where our intrinsic motivations flourish, and possibly have the greatest impact on the lives we affect. We become better partners, parents, friends, and colleagues when we nurture our individuality. This balance enables us to give more authentically to those we love.

So, as we journey through life, let us embrace the mosaic of our composite selves. Let us cherish the diverse ways in which we are perceived and the roles we fulfill. But let us also honor the quiet, inner voice that whispers our deepest truths. In doing so, we create a harmonious blend of connection and self-awareness, enriching both our lives and the lives of those around us.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

Make A Difference Day

Leaf raking event is Oct. 26

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

While most of the leaves haven't started dropping yet, we are now into October, and that means seasonal temperatures, beautiful fall colors, and the rainy season will start soon. And that means the leaves will begin dropping in abundance.

Merrill's 30th annual Make A Difference Day (MADD) will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, and volunteers are needed to help rake the yards of the community's elderly and disabled residents. Please consider volunteering.

If you are elderly or disabled and have no other means of getting your yard raked, please call Stacy at 414.536.0182 to register for raking help on MADD 2024. Homeowners will need to provide clear plastic bags if they need their leaves bagged. "City lots will be raked first," organizers

said. "Outlying areas may be completed if there are enough volunteers."

Volunteers should plan to register on Oct. 26, at 8:30

a.m. at Prairie River Middle School, entering at door 14.

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Herman F. Zunker Jr.



Herman F. Zunker Jr., age 88, of Merrill, passed away on Friday, September 27, 2024, at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital, after many courageous battles with cancer. He was born on February 8, 1936, to the late Herman and Wilma (Winkert) Zunker Sr. in Wausau, WI. Herm attended and graduated from Wausau High School, before entering the United States Army, where he honorably served until his discharge. He married his high school sweetheart, Joanne Schultz, on November 8, 1958 in Wausau, WI, their marriage lasting over 65 years.

Herm worked as a lineman for WPS for over 35 years, until his retirement. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and traveling, especially trips with their dear friends Anne and Nubs Ashbeck. He loved flying and earned his private pilot's license. He was also a musician, being a member of The Dan Gruetzmacher Orchestra. Herm was very active in their church, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill, where he was a member of the choir. Later in life, he was honored with being able to go on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight, an experience that meant a lot to him and his family.

Herm will be missed dearly, but never forgotten. Herm leaves behind his wife: Joanne Zunker of Merrill, sons: Mark (Lynette) Zunker of California and Brian (Lisa) Zunker of Triploi, WI, grandsons: Tim Zunker and Ben (Stephanie) Gustin, great grandchildren: Milla and Rhys and sister-in-law: Barbara Zunker. He was preceded in death by his parents, son: Kurt Zunker, grandson: Gregory Zunker, brother: James Zunker, and nephew: Jay Zunker.

A private family service will be held at Waid Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life and military honors will take place at a later date. Please check back for updates. Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.

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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. KRIEWAJD 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: 715-536-7185 Bar Number: 01015178 Published 9/19/24, 9/26/24 & 10/3/24 WNAAXLP

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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 WNAAXLP

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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 ZUELSORFF a/k/a JESSE L. ZUELSORFF, JANE DOE SPOUSE, unknown spouse of JESSE ZUELSORFF a/k/a JESSE L. ZUELSORFF (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@kdrlawyers.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 WNAAXLP

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing. Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the election. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail, email or in person.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail The deadline for making application to receive an absentee by mail is: 5:00pm, Friday, November 1, 2024.

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact your municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Town of Birch, Megan Webb, PO Box 71, Irma, WI 54442, 920-723-0673, Hours: Monday-Friday 1:00-7:00p.m.

Town of Bradley, Kari Kiser, 1518 W. Mohawk Dr., P.O. Box 325, Tomahawk, WI 54487, 715-453-3326, Hours: Monday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Town of Corning, Rick Hass, N1428 Strawberry Road, Merrill, WI 54452, 715-536-3432, Hours: Contact clerk for appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Town of Harding, Kristy Ament, N2567 County RD E, Merrill, WI 54452, 715-218-6094, Hours: Contact clerk for appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Town of Harrison, Kathy Voermans, N10455 County Rd D, Tomahawk, WI 54487, 715-453-3395, Hours: Contact clerk for appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Town of King, Georgene Linden, W4450 County Road A, Tomahawk, WI 54487, 715-908-0001, Hours: Contact clerk for appointment Monday - Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Town of Merrill, Mitzi Flegner, W4594 Progress Avenue, Merrill, WI 54452, 715-536-4383, Hours: Contact clerk between the hours of 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. to set up an appointment.

Town of Pine River, Amanda Herdt, N1901 High Ridge Rd, Merrill, WI 54452, 715-536-7687, Hours: Contact clerk between the hours of 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. to set up an appointment.

Town of Rock Falls, Diane Chambers, N6306 Rock Falls Dr, Tomahawk, WI 54487, 715-536-5039, Hours: Contact clerk for appointment between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Town of Russell, Amy Brown, N5410 State Highway 17, Gleason, WI 54435, 715-873-4141, Hours: Contact clerk for appointment between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Town of Schley, Becky Dallman, W1981 Heineman Road, Merrill, WI 54452, 715-571-1262, Hours: Contact clerk for appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Town of Scott, Bonny Graap, W6692 Sunset Drive, Merrill, WI 54452, 715-218-5633, Hours: Contact clerk for appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Town of Skanawan, Loretta Dennis, W3294 Stevenson Road, Irma, WI 54442, 715-966-2605, Hours: Contact clerk for appointment between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Town of Somo, Heather Marheine, W10655 Carpenter Rd., Tripoli, WI 54564, 715-453-4662, Hours: Friday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Town of Tomahawk, Jesse Hoffman, N9048 Fox Farm Rd, Tripoli, WI 54564, 715-254-4651, Hours: Monday - Thursday 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Town of Wilson, Jane Kaczmarek, PO Box 566, N10802 County Road CC, Tomahawk, WI 54487 715-453-6090, Hours: Tuesday 8 a.m. - noon.

City of Merrill, Lori Anderson-Malm, 1004 E. First Street, Merrill, WI 54452, 715-536-5594, Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

City of Tomahawk, Amanda L. Bartz, 23 N 2nd Street, P.O. Box 469, Tomahawk, WI 54487, 715-453-4040, Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: Tuesday, October 22, 2024. The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is subject to your clerk's availability: Contact your municipal clerk. No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on November 5, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted. Published October 3, 2024 WNAAXLP

Please send announcements, news briefs, photo submissions and letters to the editor to: tscott@mmclocal.com

TYPE A NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION November 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election to be held in the several towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

"Eligibility to vote. Shall section 1 of article III of the constitution, which deals with suffrage, be amended to provide that only a United States citizen age 18 or older who resides in an election district may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum?"

This referendum ballot is a result of 2023 Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution 71, a copy of which can be viewed or downloaded from the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at https://elections.wi.gov/elections and also on the Legislature's website at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/reg/sen/joint_resolution/sjr71.

A copy also can be obtained from the office of the county clerk, or the Legislative Documents Room at 1 East Main Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

DONE in the County of Lincoln, this 3rd day of Sept., 2024. Christopher J. Malow Lincoln County Clerk

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Area Events & Entertainment Community Calendar

Oct. 3 - Bingo at St. Francis
 Oct. 3 - Open Mic Night at Sawmill Brewing Co.
 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. 4-6 - St. John Lutheran Church and School Garage Sale
 Oct. 5 - Screening of *Join or Die* documentary, supper, facilitated conversation

at T.B. Scott Library (pre-registration required)
 Oct. 5 - Pine River Fire Department Open House and Pig Roast
 Oct. 5 - Haunted Sawmill "Medical Mayhem"
 Oct. 5-6 - Grampa's Farm
 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
 Oct. 11 - Haunted Sawmill "Eve of Brutality"
 Oct. 11-13 - Grace & Sophie's Pumpkin Patch
 Oct. 12 - Council Grounds State Park Candlelight Walk
 Oct. 12 - Haunted Sawmill "The Danse Macabre"
 Oct. 12-13 - Grampa's Farm

Oct. 13 - Bingo at Northwoods Veterans Post VFW
 Oct. 16 - St. John Lutheran Church and School Annual Bazaar
 Oct. 17 - Open Mic Night at Sawmill Brewing Co.
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Rocking their float in the Homecoming Parade. Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photo.

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Merrill area offers so much family fun!



A sneak peek at some of the many photos showcasing craft shows and pumpkins and families having fun we'll include in next week's edition. Tina L. Scott photo.

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR paying special tribute to Merrill Homecoming! It's kind of a big deal around here for a lot of people. And it should be - it's a lot of fun and we had an exciting Merrill Football Homecoming Game win this year. But Homecoming wasn't the only thing happening in the Merrill community this past weekend. Far from it! From flea markets and craft sales to farm activities for the kids at Grampa's Farm, pumpkin picking at Grace & Sophie's Pumpkin Patch, and music, apples, sunflowers, and play time at Helene's Hilltop Orchard, I visited them all this past weekend. Alas, we only have so many pages in the newspaper. So watch next week's edition for photos showcasing all the fun to be had in the Merrill community. And then get out to enjoy them all during my favorite season - autumn!

ATTENTION HUNTERS

DO YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR HUNTING MEMORY OR EXPERIENCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?
 How about a particular photo of that trophy Whitetail Buck or other game? If so, we want to hear from you!

Please send your submissions to Merrill Foto News Editor Tina Scott at tscott@mmclocal.com by Friday, Oct. 25th.

Your submission(s) may be featured in the Merrill Foto News' Annual Hunting Guide in mid-November!

**Any hunting-related submission is welcome, regardless of how new or old. While e-mailed submissions are preferred, in-person submissions may be dropped off at the Merrill Foto News Office (2011. E. Main Street) between regular business hours of 8 a.m-5 p.m, Monday-Friday.*

MERRILL FOTO NEWS

Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is **Ariel Kohlmann**
 Daughter of **Kate Cichocki & Ron Kohlmann**
 Ariel is in the 2nd grade at Kate Goodrich. She was nominated by Ms. Schaeztl.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
 Math, because we get to learn new things like counting by 2, 5 and measuring.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
 I get to see all of my friends so that we get to play with each other at recess!

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
 Teacher. I then could teach others and help them learn new things!

Ariel is a shining star at school. She helps others, tries her best, and always thinks positively. Ariel is such a kind person and respectful to all teachers and students. Great job Ariel! Keep up the amazing work!

~ Ms. Schaeztl

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THE GLEASON CORNER

Northwoods Tractor: Leyland and Nuffield tractor parts sales with amazing customer service

BY TINA L. SCOTT, EDITOR

Northwoods Tractor, located at W1672 Basel Ln. in Gleason, is owned by Cynthia and Todd Mattson. The business name, which was formerly Northwoods Tractor & Auction and both sold tractors and provided auction services, was shortened when Todd phased out machine sales and auctions and retired.

Cynthia began the parts side of the business in 2013, selling both new and used parts exclusively for the Leyland and Nuffield tractor brands, which are produced in and imported from England. She keeps many parts in stock at the Gleason store year round and also receives shipments for custom ordered parts and to replenish her inventory every two weeks. "I have a very good inventory control system," Cynthia said. Most new and used parts ship the same day the order is received or the very next day, she said.

On location, they also have 40 "breaker" tractors from which they harvest parts, and Cynthia said she "still turns a wrench," even more now that Todd retired, to get a part off a machine. If she needs a used part from a tractor, she'll go get it.

Today Northwoods Tractor is known throughout the United States and Canada. "I am the only supplier of parts [for these brands] in the U.S. and Canada," Cynthia said. "I just bought out the only other parts supplier, which was in North Carolina, when they retired."

When you approach the store, you'll notice there is no sign outside. That's because the property isn't zoned commercial, but you'll know you've arrived at the right place when you see the tractors and machinery and the small building as soon as you turn onto Basel Ln.

Cynthia said they don't have a great deal of walk-in service, although it is increasing now that the North

Carolina business closed and Wisconsin customers realized they have a parts supplier in their own back yard and were previously ordering parts from out of state. Only about 5% of their business is local counter customers, she said.

"It is primarily - 95% - shipping," Cynthia said. Northwoods Tractor has an online store at leylandtractorpartsusa.com/, and probably 60% of orders are placed online, though about "40% still call to place their order," she said. In large part, that is because the average age of her customer is 70 years old, Cynthia said. That demographic still prefers to do business by phone and talk to a real person.

Because so much of the business is online or by phone, Cynthia has limited hours in the store. Counter sales are all done by appointment only, so definitely call first to set up a time, she said. The business line is 715.873.4083. To best facilitate orders, she has set hours for phone customers. The phone is answered from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. on weekdays. The rest of the time, callers can leave a message and she will get back to them promptly or during that timeframe. Cynthia said the key to her business success is customer service. "The biggest feedback is the customer service I'm providing," she said. "I call people back. If I don't know the answer, I still call to tell them that."

Another example of her great customer service? The Northwoods Tractor website includes free technical articles and part diagrams to better assist customers in making their own tractor repairs. The website also includes some fun merchandise for Leyland and Nuffield tractor lovers, including keychains and coffee mugs, hats and t-shirts, a pen, tote bag, and a Leyland Tractor book.



The parts store

Cynthia said her business can be summarized in just one sentence: "Parts sales with amazing customer service," she said. In a lot of businesses, "that has been lost, unfortunately." "That's what I love about this business is my customers," Cynthia said. "They're great."

Cynthia is also enjoying the addition of another family member to the family-owned-and-operated business. "My 10-year-old grandson [Eli Sanders] is my helper," she said. "He is my ace employee, and he's really good at it." He frequently pulls parts to help her fulfill orders. Cynthia invites customers to "give her a call" and said she is always happy to hear from them. Many of her customers over the years have become friends of a sort, sharing the happenings in their lives, even though she's never met most of them in person. Taking that little bit of extra time to help know her customers and be that listening ear has created loyal customers. For Cynthia, it's also just a part of who she is and what she wants to be known for at Northwoods Tractor.



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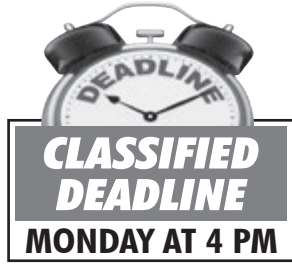
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Left Photo: All smiles and ready to twirl their flags. **Right Photo:** Tooting their own horns in the 2024 Homecoming Parade, the Merrill Marching Jays are one of the most popular entries in the parade. **Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photos.**



Merrill native travels to Washington DC to accept Ukrainian medal awarded posthumously to his son

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Last month Merrill native John Peters traveled to Washington DC to accept a military award from Ukraine recognizing the sacrifice of Andrew Peters, who was killed in action in Ukraine on Feb. 16, 2023. Andrew is the son of John and Heather Peters, who both graduated from Merrill High School [John in 1988 and Heather in 1989]. Heather was unable to attend the ceremony.

Andrew died while fighting on the front lines in defense of the Russian invasion into Ukraine, as a volunteer with the International Legion of Defence of Ukraine (also known as Ukraine's International Legion). He was 28 years old.

The award ceremony was held Aug. 29, 2024, in Washington DC, a date that is significant to Ukrainians. Aug. 29 was the "National Memorial Day of Defenders of Ukraine," a day John said is Ukraine's equivalent to Memorial Day in the United States.

The Peters initially learned about the award ceremony when Colonel Maksym Zubenko with the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington DC called Heather. "We both knew Col. Zubenko since he was one of the two Colonels from the Ukrainian Embassy who hand delivered Andrew's remains to our home," John said. Soon after, they received an official invitation letter from the Ukrainian Ambassador to the U.S., Oksana Markarova, he said.

Reacting to the news

"We were both overjoyed and ecstatic by the news that Andrew was finally being properly recognized by the Ukrainian government for his service and selfless sacrifice in helping to defend the people of Ukraine," John said. "We had waited nearly a year and a half for this and had inquired numerous times about the status of any Ukrainian military awards Andrew was entitled to."

Being a U.S. Army veteran (1988-1997, 1991 Persian Gulf War) himself, the honors were of particular significance to John.

A 2012 graduate of Marshfield High School, Andrew had followed in his father's footsteps, joining the U.S. Army immediately after graduation, leaving for basic training just four days before his 18th birthday, and had served as an infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division from 2012 to 2016, including a tour in Afghanistan in 2014, and was honorably discharged in 2016.

Andrew had then joined the International Legion in late November 2022, after months of discernment following the Feb. 24, 2022, Russian invasion of Ukraine, in a major escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian War that had begun in 2014.

Andrew said it was his calling, and he volunteered, joining many other veterans from the U.S. and other countries who felt personally moved to help the Ukrainian people and traveled there to fight, at their own initiative and personal expense. He arrived ready to fight with his own body armor and tactical gear. Andrew spoke both Russian and Ukrainian and was a skilled marksman, so he was particularly valuable to the Legion and to the defense of Ukraine.

Ukraine's International Legion was created by the Ukrainian government and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to recruit veteran soldiers to assist in the country's military defense and fight for global security.



Andrew Peters, 28, of Marshfield, was killed in action in Ukraine on Feb. 16, 2023, serving with the International Legion of Defence of Ukraine. **Submitted photo.**

Andrew awarded State Honors, "Order for Courage, III Class"

"Unfortunately, the process of approving awards in Ukraine takes time," John said. "While we were frustrated by how long it took to receive Andrew's award, we don't hold anything against the Ukrainian government. Every military and government agency in Ukraine is simply overwhelmed with the war going on, so it's difficult to award soldiers (living and dead) in a timely manner."

"On behalf of the people of Ukraine and the Ukrainian government, I wish to extend my deepest condolences to you and your family for the loss of your beloved son Andrew Peters," Markarova said in her letter. "His sacrifice, made in the defense of Ukraine's freedom and democracy against the Russian aggressor, will forever be remembered with the highest regard and gratitude by the Ukrainian nation."

"Your son's courage, dedication, and selflessness have been a beacon of hope and strength for us all," she wrote. "He stood with us in our darkest hours, embodying the values of liberty and justice that unite our peoples. We are profoundly grateful for his service and the extraordinary bravery he demonstrated on the battlefield. His commitment to the cause of Ukraine's independence and sovereignty is a testament to the enduring bond between our nations and our shared commitment to defending human dignity and freedom."

"In recognition of your son's heroism and his invaluable contribution to our fight for freedom, it is my honor to invite you and your family members to a special event dedicated to the National Memorial Day of Defenders of Ukraine who died in the struggle for independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine. During this solemn occasion, we will also hold a Ceremony to present the State Honors of Ukraine to your son. This will be a moment to commemorate his extraordinary valor and to express our deepest respect and gratitude for his sacrifice," Markarova said.

Andrew was awarded State Honors, "Order for Courage, III Class." This is a State Award that is issued by the President of Ukraine and typically takes more time for the approval process to play out, John said. "The award is issued for: 'Individual courage and heroism while rescuing people or valued materials while endangering one's own life,'" he said.



A close up of the medal signifying State Honors, "Order for Courage, III Class." **Submitted photo.**

Attending the award ceremony

Andrew's mother, Heather, was unable to attend the ceremony due to her work schedule; however, John traveled to Washington D.C. to the Ukraine House to attend the ceremony on Aug. 29, 2024, and accept the medal on Andrew's behalf. "We were fortunate in that the Romulus T. Weatherman Foundation was kind enough to pay for the air travel and hotel stay for all the family members attending the ceremony (there were a total of seven families attending)," John said. "The foundation was also instrumental in coordinating the awards ceremony with the Ukrainian Embassy."

"I'll admit that I had some mixed emotions about attending the event," he said. "I knew that the ceremony would be very emotional for me and the other family members. However, I knew that I had to attend since we had waited such a long time for Andrew to finally receive the proper recognition he deserved."

In her letter, Markarova described the event as an opportunity to "come together to remember and honor all those who have given their lives in the name of freedom and independence," and that is exactly what happened for John and the other families in attendance.

The award ceremony "was very emotional with nearly everyone having tears in their eyes," John said. "Each family member was given the posthumous award for their son's sacrifice by the Ukrainian Ambassador."

"After the award ceremony, I asked to have my picture taken with Ambassador Markarova," he said. "After the picture was taken, I gave the ambassador one of Andrew's spare U.S. Army dog tags as a token of my appreciation. I thanked her for allowing Andrew the honor and privilege of serving in the Ukrainian Army. I told her that I couldn't think of a more noble and honorable cause to give one's life for."

John said Ambassador Markarova was visibly moved by the gesture, as was he.

Seeing a little bit of Andrew

"During the ceremony we had the honor of hearing a wounded Ukrainian soldier speak briefly," John said. "Andriy Smolensky was severely wounded while fighting on the front lines. He was blinded in both eyes and lost both arms. He is currently receiving treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC."

"Listening to Andriy speak and hearing some of his stories was truly heartbreaking," he said. "Later that

evening, after the award ceremony, all the families gathered for dinner at our hotel."

At the dinner, John said he had the honor of being seated at the same table with Andriy. "Listening to Andriy speak at dinner had the same emotional effect as the award ceremony. I think I did more crying than eating that evening," he said.

"Some of the mothers of fallen soldiers in attendance went out of their way to talk to and assist Andriy at dinner," John said. "I think in some way they all saw their own fallen sons in Andriy."

"To be honest, I saw a little bit of Andrew in Andriy, as well," he said. "Once I returned home from Washington DC, I was telling my wife about Andriy and what an inspiration he was. I'm not ashamed to admit that I broke down crying a couple of times speaking about Andriy."

Coping with Andrew's death

In the 19+ months since Andrew's death, many tears have been shed remembering the brave young man who volunteered, like so many soldiers over the course of many years, to fight for a cause he believed in, though the frontlines of battle took him away from family and friends to the other side of the world. For Andrew's family, most of those tears have been shed behind closed doors, as they put on a brave front to face the rest of the world, reserving their grief for a private time and place and reminding themselves that Andrew's memory lives on, in their hearts and in the hearts of his comrades still fighting in Ukraine.

John said he and Heather have been coping "as well as can be expected."

"Heather has taken Andrew's service dog, Pepper, with her to school every day, which gives her some comfort, since Andrew was so close to Pepper," John said. "She's also been very active with Patriot K9's of Wisconsin, which trains service dogs for veterans." Patriot K9's trained Pepper and worked closely with Andrew, and the staff there remember and miss Andrew, as well.

"I must admit that I've struggled at times dealing with Andrew's death," John confided. "Nearly every single day I battle the urge to go over to Ukraine and join their International Legion to avenge Andrew's death."

With his own military background, it's a natural urge. Yet John knows "I can't put Heather and my older son, Jordan, through something like that."

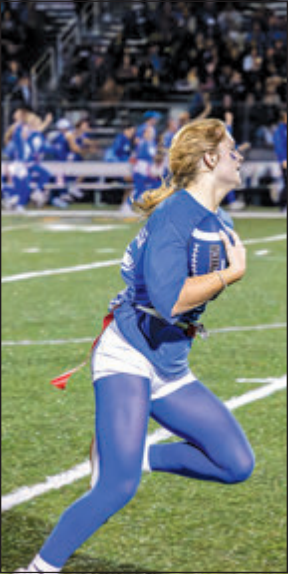
So ... "I've decided to let my wallet do the fighting for me instead," John said. "Since Andrew's death, we've donated thousands of dollars to Andrew's buddies still serving on the front lines in Ukraine."

"We've helped them purchase vehicles for their rapid reaction force, high-end drones with thermal imaging, drone jamming equipment, and assorted military equipment to help these guys fight and survive on the battlefield," he said.

In their own way, John and Heather Peters have "adopted" some of Andrew's comrades and are helping, trying to protect them as Andrew did, trying to ensure their ongoing safety as the war in defense of Ukraine continues to rage on.

"Our goal is to continue financially supporting these brave men until this awful and senseless war is finally over," John and Heather said.

They hope their efforts will spare other families from having to go through the heartache they've endured losing Andrew and will eventually succeed in liberating the Ukrainian people and restoring them to their homeland.



Running the ball to the endzone!



Almost within reach!



The Senior Boys Cheer Team is ready to support their Girls, outfitted in a variety of accessories.



The Seniors [Class of 2025] vs. Juniors [Class of 2024] competition is all in good fun.



The Junior Boys Cheer Team, some even outfitted in dance attire and tutus.



The Merrill Silver M Club holds their annual brat fry/sale and tailgating party outside Jay Stadium before the big Homecoming Football Game.



Tom Young is the lone 2024 inductee into the Diamond M Club.



The Silver M Club applauds for the 2024 Merrill Varsity Football Team.

Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photos.



Hats off and hands over hearts.



Silver M Club members toss candy from their float during the parade.

2024 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedule

Boys Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Oct. 3	Wausau East (JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Fri. Oct. 4	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Sat. Oct. 5	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	12:00 pm
Mon. Oct. 7	Wausau East (JV)	Home	5:00 pm

Cheer Team (Varsity & JV)

Sat. Oct. 5	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	12:00 pm
Mon. Oct. 7	Wausau East (JV)	Home	5:00 pm

Girls Swim & Dive (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Oct. 3	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 10	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:30 pm

Girls Tennis (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Oct. 3	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Mon. Oct. 7	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	9:30 am
Wed. Oct. 9	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	9:30 am

Girls Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Oct. 3	Wausau East (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 3	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Mon. Oct. 7	D. C. Everest (JV2)	Away	4:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 10	Stevens Point (JV & JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 10	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm

Boys Soccer (Varsity and JV)

Fri. Oct. 4	Wausau East (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Fri. Oct. 4	Wausau East (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Sat. Oct. 5	Omro (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am
Tues. Oct. 8	Amherst (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 10	Multiple Schools-Pool Play #1	Away	T. B. D.

Girls Cross Country (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Oct. 3	Medford-Invite (Varsity)	Away	4:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 8	Northland Pines (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm

Boys Cross Country (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Oct. 3	Medford-Invite (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 8	Northland Pine (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm



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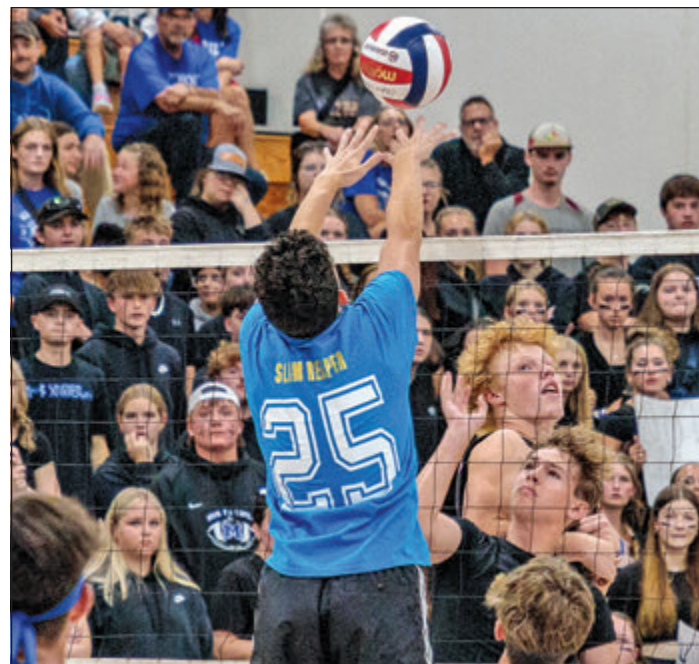




It's go time! The ref, coaches, and teammates look on as Merrill takes possession of the ball and gets ready to run.



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A Senior returns the ball to the Junior side in a jump at the net.



A view of the hometown crowd packing the stands to root for the Bluejays behind the Varsity team on the field.



Oh yeah! The teachers are hyped for this game!



A Thunderbird grabs onto the Bluejay in possession of the ball.



It's game on in the Powderbuff match between the Senior Boys and the Teachers/Staff.

Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photos.




#20 Callum Wheeler has possession of the ball and runs toward the endzone.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Emily Frahm, a Junior at Merrill High School, has been named Athlete of the Week for the week of Oct. 3, 2024. Emily plays Singles on the Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team. She first learned how to play tennis during her Freshman year and then played Varsity Singles on and off that year until working her way up to first Varsity this year, she said. Previously, she was also involved in dance for about 10 years at Brooke's School of Dance. At school, Emily's favorite class is history. "I like history a lot ... I like pretty much anything to do with history," she said.


Emily started a part-time job as a Dietary Aide at Bell Tower Residence about two months ago. In her free time, she enjoys acrylic painting, particularly doing realistic paintings of animals, and making jewelry. She said she really likes art and has already taken all the art classes at school. She also likes to read a lot, play cards and board games with family, and go out to eat with friends.

The daughter of Paula Frahm of Merrill and Tim Frahm of Athens, Emily has a 3.2 GPA and is exploring her career options. "I'm looking into some kind of engineering, like either civil or mechanical, or possibly a career as an eye specialist or an optometrist," she said.




Emily Frahm

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