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FARM
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sourdough loaves, classic
sourdough loaves, and
sourdough rhubarb scones.
Katie said she sometimes
bakes mini breads, and
occasionally she has
other treats, like her
sourdough peanut butter
chocolate chip granola,
cookie butter sourdough
granola, sourdough
lemon blueberry scones,
sourdough chocolate chip
peanut butter scones,
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egg brownies, maple
sourdough sandwich
bread, carrot cake bread,
sourdough pumpkin
chocolate chip loaves,
sourdough cranberry
crumble bread, sourdough
apple crumble bread, or
dehydrated sourdough
starter, as well. Additional
treats may also be offered
from time to time, as Katie
tries new and seasonal
recipes.

Seasonings for dipping oil, frankincense tallow cream, vanilla bean tallow cream, and wax melts in various scents round out the typical weekly



Slicing into a round loaf of specialty sourdough bread, home-baked by Katie Sczygelski.

selections.

Katie's husband, Cole, farms the property, with cows on the property during the summer months. During the fall months, he also offers deer corn for sale.


A drop box is available for cash and check payments, and Venmo is also accepted.



The Sczegelski Farm Products market stand still had a few things available around midday on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, 2025.

LEFT: A round loaf of Italian herb & cheese sourdough focaccia bread tied with a pretty pink bow, ready to slice and enjoy.

IN LOVING MEMORY
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I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH YOU ARE MISSED...
YOUR VOICE, YOUR LAUGHTER, YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE-
I ALWAYS DREAM THAT THOSE THINGS STILL EXIST...

AS TIME GOES BY AND LIFE MOVES ON-
I MISS YOU MORE AND MORE EVERY DAY...
THE "TIME" IS NOT "HEALING" LIKE IT'S SUPPOSED TO DO-
THE LONGER THAT YOU ARE AWAY...
YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL PRECIOUS GIFT I'VE BEEN GIVEN-
TO BE MY MOTHER, MY CONFIDANT, MY FRIEND...
I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I DO LOVE YOU SO-
MY LOVE FOR YOU KNOWS NO END.

WITH ALL MY LOVE,
Monique

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A graphic for Travis Brothers Painting. At the top, the word "painting" is written in a large, stylized, maroon serif font with a white outline and a maroon shadow. Below it, a paintbrush with maroon paint on its bristles is shown dripping paint into a white paint can. The paint can has "PAINT" in large red letters, "SEMI GLOSS" in smaller red letters, and "1 GALLON" in black letters at the bottom. To the right of the paint can are several color swatches in various shades of red, pink, and yellow. Below the paint can and swatches, the text "Travis Brothers Painting" is written in a maroon serif font, followed by the phone number "715-873-4670" in a larger maroon serif font. Below the phone number, the text "Interior & Exterior." is written in a maroon serif font, followed by "Free estimates and consultation." in a maroon serif font. At the bottom, the text "Your north woods painters since 1972" is written in a maroon script font. The entire graphic is set against a white background with a maroon border.

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L to R: VFW Commander Corey Dornbrack with his service dog, River; Auxiliary member Diana Catlin; Auxiliary member Karen Radloff; Merrill Mayer Steve Hass; Auxiliary President Denni Radloff; and Auxiliary member Darlene Weirick.

Submitted photo.

POPPY
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Market and the First Street Coffee Station/ Park City Credit Union parking lot during the campaign week. Poppies

will also be available at the Northwoods Veterans Post at 601 Johnson St. during regular business hours. The red poppy has served as a symbol of remembrance for fallen service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice since

World War I, inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields” by Lt. Col. John McCrae. For more information about the Buddy Poppy Campaign, contact co-chair Jill Schmunk at 715.536.9640 or jillschmunk@gmail.com.

Do you have a Child who will be Four Years Old on or before September 1, 2025?

Would you like to enroll them in the MAPS Pre-Kindergarten program?

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Thank you to Dee Olsen for the many years of leadership she provided to Merrill Area United Way as the Executive Director and for her support in transitioning this role to Debbie Moellendorf, our new Executive Director. Many of you may be familiar with Moellendorf for the many years she served Lincoln County as a University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension Educator. She is excited about this new opportunity and appreciates the warm welcome she has received.

During our April 16th Board Planning and Goal Setting session, we reviewed our mission, organizational strengths and the progress made on last year's goals. As a result of this meeting, three goals have been established for the upcoming year that will heighten our community presence and continue to drive United Way forward in supporting our agencies, neighbors, and community.

We recently completed the required training on the United Way Worldwide Brand Refresh initiative designed to provide greater uniformity amongst all United Ways across the world. As a result, you will notice we now have a new logo to go along with a new slogan "United is the Way". We will be using the new resources from Worldwide to help us with one of our identified goals to raise the visibility of the United Way in our community.

The donations received by Merrill Area United Way are awarded to local agencies providing services and making a difference in the lives of individuals right here in our community. This year Merrill Area United Way is providing \$192,904 to support 19 agencies, which is down from 2024 when we were able to award \$211,890. This decrease is a result of our annual fall campaign receiving fewer donations. As a result, the board has identified a second goal to establish new approaches to our fundraising.

Establishing a process for on-going review of their policies is important to maintaining a strong organization. Initiated last year, the board has identified a third goal of continuing to review and update our organizational policies.

To help in raising funds, Merrill Area United Way is pleased to announce tickets for our new Cash Raffle are now on sale. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Eight cash prizes will be given out with the top prize being \$2,500. You can purchase tickets from any of the United Way Board members, current and former Executive Directors, or from the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce. The raffle drawing will be held at the Eagle's Stand on the Merrill Fairgrounds at 3 p.m. on Labor Day, September 1st.

From advancing healthy community, youth opportunity, and financial security to strengthening local resiliency, United Way mobilizes communities to action so all can thrive. Donations are accepted year-round and can be mailed to Merrill Area United Way, P O Box 813, Merrill, WI 54452. Dollars stay local! For more information about Merrill Area United Way visit: merrillareaunitedway.org or email director@merrillareaunitedway.org.

Merrill Area United Way • Debbie Moellendorf, Executive Director

Merrill Area Public Schools Head Start

MAPS Head Start has openings for the 2025-2026 school year.

This program is for children of low income families who will be three or four on or before September 1, 2025. In addition, if your child turns three during the school year, your child can be enrolled after their third birthday.

To enroll go to the MAPS website enrollment page. For more information or for help enrolling, please call Pine River School for Young Learners at 715-536-2392.

OBITUARIES

Donna S. Grell



Donna S. Grell, 86, of Merrill, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at Bell Tower Residence, Merrill.

Donna was born April 26, 1939, in Merrill, daughter of Robert and Lydia (Bonke) Koehler. She married Karl Grell on September 6, 1958. He preceded her in death in October of 1996. Donna worked at the former Ravn Clinic/Family Medical Clinic in Merrill for more than 50 years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill, and was devoted to the church. Donna's family was really important to her and she enjoyed all the time spent with them. Donna also enjoyed watching FOX News, polka dancing, and socializing.

Survivors include her daughter, Pamela (Peter) Weckwerth of Minocqua; granddaughter, Erika (Thomas) Lorenzen of Minocqua; great grandchildren, Lukas, Trevor, and Cameran; sister, Diana Uttech of Merrill; and several nieces and nephews. Donna was preceded in death by her husband, Karl Grell; parents, Robert and Lydia Koehler; sister, Lois (Glenn) Brosowsky; brother, Glenn (Florian) Koehler; and brother-in-law, James Uttech.

The funeral service for Donna will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill. Rev. Scott Gustafson will officiate. Entombment will take place in Merrill Memorial Park Mausoleum. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:00 A.M., Thursday, May 15, 2025, at the church.

Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral & Cremation, Merrill, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.taylorstinewaid.com

John "Jack" Manderfield



God called John "Jack" Manderfield to his heavenly home on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at the age of 75, after a brave battle with cancer. John was born to Jerome and Violet (Dehring) Manderfield on August 15, 1949 in Racine, WI. His mother, Violet, survives.

John joined the United States Navy after completing high school in 1969. Afterwards, he served an apprenticeship for a career in cabinet making. John was well-known for his talent with woodworking and his detailed craftsmanship.

He married the love of his life, Patricia McKuen, on July 31, 1982 at the Lutheran Chapel of the Cross in Mount Pleasant, WI.

John enjoyed hunting, camping, fishing and spending time with his family.

John was preceded in death by his father: Jerome Manderfield. He is survived by his mother: Violet Manderfield, wife: Patricia "Pat", children: Tracy (Mark) Zastrow, Terry (Darin) Petrowski and John (Ashley) Manderfield, grandchildren: KayliPetrowski (fiance: Caleb Krueger), Kendra Petrowski (Tanner Duwe) and Alex Petrowski, siblings: Joanne Smith and Jim Manderfield, his fur babies: Zeke and Zoey, along with many other relatives. John will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

The family is having a private memorial. Military honors will be performed at a later date.

John was grateful for all the compassionate family and caregivers that were by his side, including Mayo Clinic, the VA Clinic and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Care.

Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral & Cremation Services of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.taylorstinewaid.com.

Judith "Judy" Rose Woller



Judith "Judy" Rose Woller, age 78, residing in the town of Pine River, passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, while surrounded by her children and under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services. She was born on July 30, 1946 to the late Frederick and Rozella (Wolfe) Ohlmann in Merrill. Judy attended and graduated from Merrill High School.

Judy was the founder and executive director for H.A.V.E.N, which she was committed to for over 30 years, until her retirement. She was very active in the Friends of Pine Crest campaign, the River Bend Trail and the state governor's council in Madison. Judy was a strong-willed and determined woman. She was very frugal and an excellent grant writer and fundraiser for the organizations that she supported. If you knew Judy, you know that she was the #1 fan of Elvis! In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, working on puzzles, gardening and canning. Judy also loved to travel, especially to Hawaii. She adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren and cherished her time spent with them. Judy was a lifelong member at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill. She will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Judy is survived by her son: Fred (Jacki) Gruetzmacher of Merrill, daughters: Tanya (Joe) Stege of Green Bay and Margo (Angela) Woller-Carter of Seattle, grandchildren: Taylor Stege, Megan (Ryan) Labine and Jonathan Gruetzmacher (Juliana Hodges), great grandchildren: Christian, Nathaniel and Wyatt, siblings: Fred Jr. "Butch" (Pat) Ohlmann, Caroline Welk and Rodney "Beaver" (Stephanie) Ohlmann, brother-in-law: Bob Naef, sister-in-law: Darlene Ohlmann, and her ex-husband and in-home caregiver: Raymond L. Woller Jr., along with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson: Jordan Stege and siblings: William "Henry" Ohlmann, Rosalie "Bugs" Naef and Ronald Ohlmann.

A memorial service for Judy will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill. Pastor Mike Southcombe will officiate. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service, also at the church. Burial of her cremated remains will take place at a later date at the Springbrook Cemetery.

Family wishes to thank Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services for their compassion and support, as well as Pine Crest Nursing Home for their care and assistance. It was very much appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, family requests that donations in Judy's name be directed to H.A.V.E.N. which was very near and dear to her heart.

Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral & Cremation Services of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.taylorstinewaid.com.

Eileen Janice Eggebrecht



Eileen Janice Eggebrecht, age 80, of Merrill, passed away on Monday, May 5, 2025, at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital, with her family by her side. She was born on April 4, 1945 to the late Harold "Happy" and Lydia (Hahn) Holz in Merrill. Eileen attended Trinity Lutheran Elementary School and graduated from Robert's of Merrill in 1963.

As a young adult, Eileen was a mother and homemaker. An ambitious and driven woman, Eileen soon found herself pursuing her education, and earned numerous degrees throughout her lifetime. She was always learning something new. Eileen worked for the Central Wisconsin Uniserv Council for many years, while also working other various part-time jobs. Eileen married the love of her life, Orlin Eggebrecht twice in 1974, a union lasting 50+ years. He survives.

Eileen has a passion and talent for sewing and quilting. She was known to have many different projects going on at the same time. She enjoyed going to quilting seminars all over the country. Eileen also did pattern testing for quilting magazines and had her work published. She was a member of the Trinity quilters.

When she was relaxing, you could find her with a book. Eileen was a lifetime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. She shared her love for others on mission trips to Guatemala and has sponsored numerous children there. Eileen was a kind and generous person that took care of her family in every way. She has sewn together a beautiful family, and they will miss her dearly.

Eileen leaves behind her husband: Orlin Eggebrecht, 7 children: Krystal (Jim) Kelly, Ricci Peterson, Rex (Shelley) Richard, Rod Richard (significant other: Amanda), Allieson Barden (significant other: Paul), Adonnica (Ike) Laabs and Roy Eggebrecht (significant other: Sarah), 4 step-children: Michael Eggebrecht, Pat Karasek, Roman Eggebrecht and Rick Eggebrecht, 25grandchildren: Shantelle, Shaynah, Shannon, Shayla, Bobby, Joe, Lukas, Amber, Kaylie, Jaclyn, Tyler, Brittany, Ava, Eve, Ian,Xandra, Alexan, Lexee, Asa, Lance, Kyah, Zach, Bryce, Brady and Bellamy. 21 great grandchildren: Elaina, Dylan, Hailey, Zoey, Izayah, Gracie, Lillan, Zoey, Braxton, Deajia, Miah, Opollo, Owen, Beau, Oaklee, Hailey, Olivia, Flynn, Finn, Joel and Abriel, and brother: Norbert (Sharon) Holz and dog: Velcro. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Celebration of Life for Eileen will be held at a later date.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital for their care and compassion they had shown to Eileen and her family during her time there.

Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral & Cremation Services of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.taylorstinewaid.com.

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Shirley A. Barker



Shirley A. Barker, 76, of Merrill, passed away Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Shirley was born September 18, 1948, in Fond du Lac, daughter of Norman and Mary Lou (Ross) Rost. She married Philip Thomas Barker on May 21, 1976, in Milwaukee. He preceded her in death on February 4, 2018. Shirley worked for over twenty years as an L.P.N. She started her career at a hospital and nursing home in West Allis. It was at the nursing home that she met Phil. Shirley then took a position with St. Agnes Hospital and Nursing Home in Fond du Lac and eventually worked at Columbia County Nursing Home in Wyocena, WI. When Shirley and Phil moved back to Merrill, she worked in the produce department at Dave's County Market.

Shirley enjoyed crafting: crocheting, cross stitch, plastic canvas, needle point, and latch hook rugs were her favorites. She was a great cook and baker. Her specialties were meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, lasagna, and chili. Shirley enjoyed coffee and could drink it all day. She also enjoyed going to rummage sales and supporting her grandchildren at their sporting events.

Survivors include her children, Christopher (Pam) Barker of New Lisbon, Harold Barker of Pardeeville, Shawn (Barb) Barker of Portage, and Thomas (Meghan) Barker of Merrill; nine grandchildren, Kristan (Steve) Roth, Katie (Matthew) Schield, Kristina (Ubama) Ewolo, Buddy (Maddie Wiarek) Barker, Dalton Barker, Kenzie Barker, Shawn P. Barker, Olivia Barker, and Madee Barker; nine great grandchildren, Easton, Anderson, Emalynn, Boden, Cecily, Ethan, Nevaeh, Aryeanna, and King; and several nieces and nephews. Shirley is further survived by her great friend, Penny, who would check in with Shirley and make sure she was okay.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Thomas Barker; father, Norman Rost; mother and step-father, Mary Lou and Harold Mehler; and in-laws, Bill and Elsie Barker.

The funeral service for Shirley will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, May 16, 2025, at Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral & Cremation – 903 E. Third St., Merrill. Rev. David Szeto will officiate. The burial will take place in St. Francis Xavier Veterans Memorial, Merrill. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:00 A.M. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to Merrill Silver 'M' Club.

Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral & Cremation, Merrill, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.taylorstinewaid.com


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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Unto Dust...

Dear Reader,

In the final accounting, when the ledger of our days closes and the last breath escapes like a whisper into the void, what remains of us? We who once walked with purpose, loved with abandon, and dreamed beyond the confines of our mortal shells—what becomes of all that we were?

The body, once a vessel of consciousness and desire, returns to its elemental state. Skin that felt the warmth of summer suns and the tender touch of loved ones dissolves. Bones that carried us through decades of striving and stumbling crumble into the same dust from which all life emerges. We are reduced to our most basic components, indistinguishable from the earth that receives us.

Our possessions, those objects we accumulated and cherished, outlive us for a time. Books with dog-eared pages. Photographs fading at the edges. Heirlooms passed down with stories attached. But eventually, these too deteriorate, are discarded, or lose their connection to those who once gave them meaning. The material monuments to our existence erode under time’s relentless passage.

The institutions we built, the companies we labored for, the organizations we championed—these may persist beyond our individual spans, but they transform, merge, dissolve, reinvent themselves until our fingerprints upon them become unrecognizable. Even civilizations, those grand collective projects of humanity, rise and fall like tides, leaving only fragments for future archaeologists to piece together.

Is this, then, the final word on human existence? A brief flare of consciousness between two infinite darknesses? A temporary arrangement of atoms that, once scattered, can never be reassembled in quite the same way?

Perhaps not.

For in the spaces between particles of dust and grains of sand, something intangible persists. The ideas we contributed to the great conversation of human thought; the stories we told that shaped how others understood themselves and their world; the kindnesses we extended that altered the trajectory of another’s life in ways we may never have

witnessed; the children we nurtured—whether our own or those who simply crossed our path—who carry forward not just our genetic material but our values, our perspectives, our ways of seeing; these invisible legacies ripple outward through time, touching lives we will never know, in places we will never visit, in eras we will never witness.

We are, in the end, both less and more than we imagine ourselves to be. Less permanent in our individual identity, more enduring in our collective impact. Less significant as separate beings, more powerful as contributors to humanity’s shared story.

When we return to dust and sand, what remains is the echo of our humanity—not preserved in stone but alive and evolving in the hearts and minds of those who come after us. Our brief moment of consciousness, our fleeting dance of atoms, becomes part of the endless transformation of matter and meaning that is the universe knowing itself.

And in that continuation, there is hope. For while we may not persist as we are, something of what we gave to the world—something essential and true—remains.

Even dust catches the light sometimes, and in those glimmering particles, the story continues.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.



The following businesses have applied to the City of Merrill to renew their liquor licenses for the licensing period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 inclusive.

CLASS B COMBINATION LICENSE
B’s Nest LLC, Duane Yorde, Agent, B’s Nest, 1404 W. Main Street
Bubba’s Pub, Brian Kummerow, Agent, Bubba’s Pub, 405 Grand Avenue
Calvin L. Hinz, Calvin Hinz, Agent, Kathy & Cal’s Club 64, 2405 W. Main Street
Caylors Trophy Bar, LLC, Michael J Caylor, Agent, Caylors Trophy Bar, 808 E. Main Street
Clark All Aboard LLC, Seth Clark, Agent, All Aboard, 315 E. 2nd Street
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 584, Sara Meunier, Agent Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1205 N. Lake Street
Humphrey’s Gin Mill, Jason Humphrey, Agent, Humphrey’s Gin Mill, 500 W Main Street
Kim’s Wisconsin LLC, Qemal Alimi, Agent, New Pine Ridge Restaurant, 1302 N. Center Ave
Lincoln Lanes, Inc., Mark M. Bares, Agent, Lincoln Lanes, 1208 N. Center Ave.
M & C Entertainment LLC, Heather Pophal, Agent, Ballyhoo’s, 124 N. Prospect Street
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH G. MARTH
d.o.d. February 23, 2025
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25-IN-28
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
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2. The decedent, with date of birth March 15, 1951 and date of death February 23, 2025, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI, with a mailing address of W4649 Spring Lake Road, Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
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Wausau WI 54403
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Paul D. Kudick
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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



APRIL 28, 2025
Girl, Magdalin Karin, born to Amanda White and Travis White of Merrill.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
Field Lighting Improvements
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The City of Merrill Parks Department, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, will receive sealed bids for Field Lighting Improvements for Diamonds 1-4 at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex (MARC). **Bids will be accepted until 2 pm, May 29th, 2025**, at which time they will be opened, read aloud and placed on file for further action. Bids shall be returned to the City Clerk’s office located at 1004 E First Street, Merrill, WI 54452. Plan documents will be available May 8th, 2025, from the City of Merrill Clerks Office.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the owner and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the Town of Merrill will meet at the Town of Merrill Community Center, W4594 Progress Avenue,

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.

Property owners wishing to make a formal objection to an assessed valuation must obtain an objection form from the Town Clerk and schedule an appointment 48 hrs. in advance of hearing. 715-536-4383.

The extensive Board of Review notice can be found on Town of Merrill website and Town Hall door.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk

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NOTICE
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In an effort to check and improve water quality, the Merrill Water Utility will be **flushing hydrants and the water system**, on a citywide basis, the week of **May 19, 2025 through May 22, 2025** in the following areas:

1. East of Center Avenue on Monday, **May 19, 2025**.
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3. Prairie River, West to Wisconsin River on Wednesday, **May 21, 2025**.
4. West of the Wisconsin River (6th Ward) & South of Wisconsin River on Thursday, **May 22, 2025**.

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Gabe Steinagel
Utilities Manager

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Felzkowski & Callahan announce
Listening Sessions

Senate President Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) will hold Listening Sessions on May 19, 2025,

across the 35th Assembly District, which includes all of Lincoln and Langlade Counties and portions of Marathon, Oconto, Shawano, and Oneida

Counties.

In Merrill, the Listening Session will run from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the T.B. Scott Free Library at 106 First St.

The two will also hold Listening Sessions that day in Tomahawk from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Tomahawk City Hall, 23 N. Second St., and in Antigo from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Antigo Public Library, 617 Clermont St. Area representatives want to hear from their constituents about their concerns and issues, especially as they relate to Wisconsin State government.

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Get booked at the Mobile Bookstore, a small bookstore on wheels traveling to local events like this weekend's Food Truck-a-Palooza at the Merrill Fair Grounds.

BOOK
from page 1

"It's like a surprise book wrapped up," Jessica said of the popular item. Each package includes "a book wrapped up with just a little blurb about it and then stickers and a bookmark and some book tabs and a highlighter." The concept was such a hit that "we sold out of all but one."

The mobile bookstore stocks both hardcover and paperback books in various genres, plus a dedicated children's section and young adult titles. Some books came from donations.

while others are purchased from readers. "A lot were donated and then a lot have been bought from other readers," Jessica said.

Pricing is reasonable, with most paperbacks between \$6 and \$8, while hardcovers run around \$10. Most children's books are priced under \$5. "[We're] trying to keep everything really affordable," Jessica said.

The business also sells stickers (50 cents each), bookmarks, and corner bookmarks made by Erin Wickman, Jessica's mother. A few items are ordered wholesale.

Jessica and Luke plan to operate primarily during summer and fall months, and at events like craft fairs in Merrill and Cedar Creek scheduled for October and November. "We'll kind of see how those go and see if we want to do some more throughout the winter or just wait 'til spring," Jessica said.

The learning process continues as they figure out logistics. “We just had our first event on Saturday, so it was kind of a learning curve,” she said. But the family business includes their three daughters—Ruby, 4; Isla, who turns 6 this week; and Nora, 8—who all helped at their first event.

"My kids like to help," Jessica said. "They were here on Saturday."

This coming Saturday, the Mobile Book Store will be at the Food Truck-a-Palooza event at the Merrill Fair Grounds.

For now, the Golisches remain open to possibilities as the Mobile Bookstore finds its footing. "It's all very new and we don't quite know what to expect, so we're kind of just gonna see how it goes," Jessica said. "We're kind of up in the air, very open to—to kind of anything at this point."

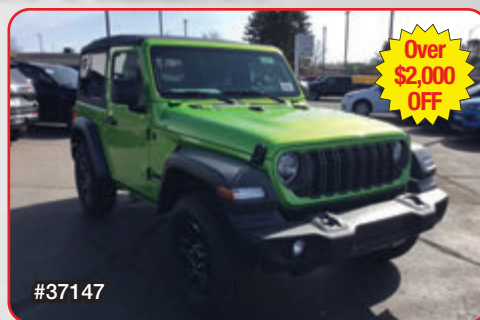
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Gazebo Nights return to Normal Park with star-studded summer lineup

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill music lovers, mark your calendars. Gazebo Nights 2025 at Normal Park will be back this summer with eight weeks of free concerts that promise to bring neighbors and community together for amazing evenings of live entertainment, food and refreshments, and an opportunity to enjoy Merrill’s beautiful outdoor gathering space.

Gazebo Nights kick off July 10 and run through Aug. 28, the Thursday before Labor Day, with performances from 7-9 p.m. each Thursday evening at the Gazebo on N. Center Ave., with a break during Merrill’s Lincoln County Fair week when live entertainment will be showcased at

the Merrill Fair Grounds.

The weekly summer concert series provides a lot more than just toe-tapping entertainment. During the course of last summer’s concerts, 16 non-profit groups participated and provided concessions and fundraisers during the concerts, generating more than \$17,000 that flowed right back into the community.

The Gazebo Nights 2025 lineup kicks off with Hip Pocket opening the season on July 10, featuring their signature blend of top 40, R&B, jazz, pop, modern, Latin-infusion, and classic rock hits. A powerful band known for striking lead and harmony vocals, a blazing four-piece horn section, and a rockin’ rhythm section that will keep you in the groove, Hip Pocket will have everyone dancing in

their seats.

Country music takes center stage July 17 when Nashville recording artist Jerry Schmitt returns with his band. Known as one of the premier country artists/bands in the United States, the Jerry Schmitt Band blends modern and traditional country music with a rockabilly influence for their own original sound. Their performances appeal to both young and old, and their dedication to traditional country music makes each show a unique experience for their fans.

Blues fans won’t want to miss Rev Raven & the Chain Smoking Alter Boys with Westside Andy on July 24. Born and raised in the Englewood neighborhood on Chicago’s south

See **GAZEBO** page 11



Pet of the Week

This beauty is **Koi**! She is a nice girl who can be very shy at first. **Koi** is going to be best in home that is more on the calm side as she gets nervous if there is too much going on. **Koi** has been around other cats but we are not sure about dogs.

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FFA MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Austin Depies, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named FFA Member of the Month for April 2025. Depies first joined FFA as a Freshman. “I wanted to be more involved in school and with my animals and FFA helped me do that,” said Depies. He has participated in numerous FFA activities including the Midwest Horse Fair and World Dairy Expo, and has helped with fruit and strawberry fundraisers. Growing up on a hobby farm has given Depies valuable agricultural experience. “I’ve grown up on a hobby farm that had sheep and cows for many years but recently we just have cows. I’ve shown cows, sheep, and chickens at the fair,” said Depies. Outside of FFA, Depies is involved in wrestling, which he has participated in since kindergarten, and played football from elementary school through his Senior year as an offensive tackle and defensive end. He is also a member of National Honor Society and attends Trinity Church. “I like to spend my free time working on my show calves,” said Depies about his hobbies. The son of Geoff and Katrina Depies of Merrill, Austin has a 4.0 GPA. “I plan to go to UW-River Falls for animal science. I want to become an animal nutritionist or geneticist. Both of the job options will help me with my main goal which is to have a cow calf operation selling show calves,” said Depies about his future plans.



Austin Depies

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Celebration of Life



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Local Coffee Talks event to feature dementia resources

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

A mini-fair offering dementia resources will be held Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 9-11 a.m. at First Street Coffee Station in Merrill. The event, sponsored by Park City Credit Union, will provide coffee, conversation, and community support for those seeking information about dementia care.

Several local organizations will be present to share information about their services. The Aging Disability & Resource Center (ADRC) will provide details about their programs, guidance, and care planning support options. Kindhearted Home Care representatives will discuss their personalized in-home care services that support independence and dignity.

St. Croix Hospice will share information about their compassionate end-of-life care and education programs, explaining how they can serve as an added layer of support for families.

Local author Debbie Merkel will also attend the event with copies of her book, “The Colors Within.” The publication serves as a resource for caregivers and professionals working with individuals with dementia. Copies will be available for purchase at the event.

Those with questions about the Coffee Talks event can contact Debbie Merkel at 715.551.4604.



Area Events & Entertainment Community Calendar

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May 15 - UWSP Stevie's Food Truck at The Creative Spirit

May 15 - Creatives for Christ at The Gathering Table

May 16 - Northwoods Bassist performs at S&S Bar

May 17 - Merrill Professional Police Association Annual Benefit Concert featuring "The Petty Kings" (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers tribute)

May 17 - Bounce Houses, Craft Sales, and Food Truck-a-Palooza at Merrill Fairgrounds

May 17 - Community Wide Garage Sales

May 17 - Spring Wildflower Hike beginning at Camp New Wood County Park

May 17-18 - Spring Market at the Crooked Queen

May 18 - Girls on the Run North Central Wisconsin Celebratory 5K

May 18 - Bingo at VFW

May 19 - OnStage at Merrill High School

May 21 - St. Stephens Brewers Bus Trip

May 22 - Veterans Coffee & Conversation at Pine Ridge Restaurant

May 23 - Merrill High School Graduation

May 24 - A Taste of Jamaica Food Truck at The Creative Spirit

May 29 - Veterans Coffee & Conversation at Pine Ridge Restaurant

May 29 - KamBray's Mobile Restaurant at The Creative Spirit

May 30 - Library Social Hour at T.B. Scott Free Library

May 31 - The Foxfire at Stoney Acres Farm

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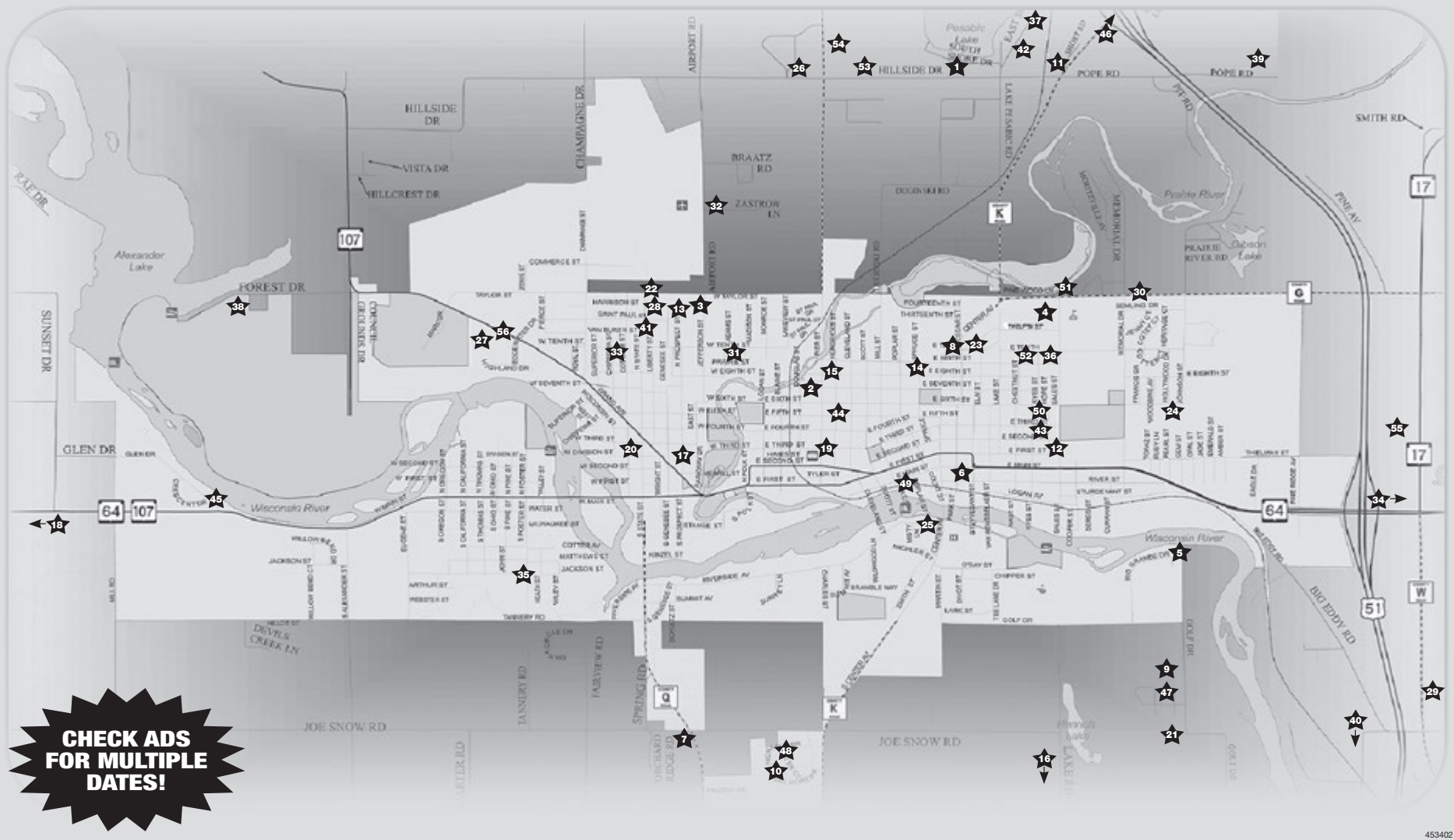
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01. **W5101 Hillside Drive**, Multi Family Sale. Household items. Thurs. & Fri. May 15 & 16, 8-4, Sat. 8-11. Something for everyone.

02. **608 Douglas St.** Thurs.-Sat. 8-5, Men's, Lady's, size XL-3X, 5-28 Lady's pants. Boy's Youth: 5-8, Shoes, Boots, Snow Gear, MISS ME, BKE, Rock Revival, H-D Clothes/Parts, Body Jewelry (New), Scrubs (Lady's), Toys, Games, Computer Parts.

03. **207 N. Prospect St.** Household Items, Books, Items too numerous to list! May 17th • 8AM - 5PM

04. **1204 N. Sales Street**, Christ Ev. Lutheran Church. Sat May 17, 8:00AM-2:00PM. FREE clothing and more. FREE food and water. FREE restrooms for visitors. Children's activities available. Doors open rain or shine. Find us across the street from Merrill High School.

05. **2512 Rio Grande Drive** Thurs.-Sun. 8am-6pm, Huge Multi-family sale, clothing for the whole family (boy & girl NB through men and women XL), kid toys, sporting gear, household essentials, tools/home-repair items, sports apparel & collectables, glassware, books, games, baby items, and so much more - something for everyone, big or little, old or young! Also fresh baked cookie sale!

06. **1319 East Main St.** May 16 & 17 • 9AM - 6PM All NEW Merchandise. Credit/Debit Cards Accepted

07. **W5561 Joe Snow Rd.** Garage Sale Thurs.-Fri. May 15-16 8-6, Sat. May 17 8-noon, Sun. May 18 8-6. Cleaned out Basement, lots of misc.

08. **1211 E 9th St.** May 16 & 17, 8:30-4. Men's and women's clothing, jewelry, knick knacks, metal sawhorses, Ninja air fryer, classical guitar, 30 watt amp, Boss pedalboard, books, home and Christmas decor, wooden oars, table saw, Hyundai receiver hitch, motorcycle sissy bar luggage.

09. **N1407 Meadow Lane, Merrill.** Weekend Long Multi-Family Rummage Sale! Stop by to find great deals on household item and decor, men and women's clothes, and shoes, dog items, baby items, and much more, Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 7am-5pm; and Sunday 8am-2pm.

10. **1504 Delmore Dr.** 5/16-17 • 9A-5P. Weed eaters, tools, Generator, Lawn spreader, John Deere rider w/bagger, Heaters, Shop lights, Air tools, Sawhorses, Craft supplies, household

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11. **N2519 County Rd. K** New Testament Church 8am-2pm. New clothing men, women, youth, infants, housewares, shoes, bikes, garden supplies, much more \$10 per bag. Some item make offer.

12. **1810 East 1st Street** May 15-18 8AM-5PM. Multi Family Sale. Women's and men's clothing, household stuff, electronics, tools, lawn furniture, dog stuff, something for everyone.

13. **1204 N Genesee St. Merrill** Friday May 16th 8am-5pm Saturday May 17th 8am-11am. Puzzles, games, household items, Coke collectibles, clothing.

14. **1106 E. 8TH ST.** Use entrance on Spruce HAVEN'S RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER MAY 16 AND 17 9AM TO 4PM A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING 715-536-1300

15. **506 E. Nineth St.,** Men's XL clothing & size 13 shoes, Women's clothing size 4-16 & Accessories. Kitchen & household items, holiday items, garden tools & Misc. May 16 & 17 • 8am-4:30pm.

16. **N459 Lake Road** Thurs.-Sat. 9-4. This is the Sale you can't miss. 3 pt Drag, new picnic table, furniture, antiques, memorabilia, collectables, something for everyone. All in 40x60 Pole Building Full. Priced to Sell!

17. **303 N Prospect St.** Wed-Sat, 7am-6pm, with household items, DVDs, CDs, men's stuff, clothes, collection of records - mostly 45's and some 33, 78. Tested with sleeves, different setup, with stuff added thru year. Garland on the signs.

18. **W6945 Edward Dr.** May 14-17, 8:30-4:30. Janitorial supplies, tools, camping, freezer, lawn mower, rugs, personal items, multi family event.

19. **Corner of 3rd St. & Douglas St.** May 15, 16 & 17. 8:00-4:00. Table, chairs, end tables, dressers, cabinets, lamps, dishes, glassware, knick knacks, some antiques, pop-up hunting blind, miscellaneous items.

20. **301 N State Street** watch for Pink Signs. Thurs. 8-5, Fri. & Sat. 9-4. 2+ garages, teen clothes, Men's 34" jeans, Treager Pellet Grill, house plants - Aloe, Coleus, Pothos. Pear and cherry tomato plants 40" round table, stamps, craft supplies, New Avon, discounted Avon, Free Items, Reduced Prices Saturday.

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21. **N1311 Golf Drive** Moving Sale - Great Stuff. Futon mattress, Queen box spring, TV's, 7' sofa, area rugs, patio furniture, Bar bells & Weights, chair massager, lawn decor, shovels, platters, coolers, home decor, light fixtures, foot stools, Men's golf bag, women's med life vest, volley ball 4 square game, Hot Wheels track, Paint Ball guns & face shields, couch covers, bedding, curtains, new born baby clothes & accessories, jewelry, Movies, dog and cat accessories, dog ramp, new electric griddle, new George Forman, storage bins, tables, bikes, Ski-doo OEM Carbides. May 15 & 16, 8-5 May 17 8-4.

22. **1100 Harrison Street** For Sale Award winning Orchid plants and pots 3 and 5 gal. Complete decorative Aquariums and accessories home, dog, bird, garden items. Fri.-Sat. 9-5.

23. **804 Cedar St.** 5/17 & 5/18 Only 9 am. Mostly household, some clothes women's size 2-3X and more, some kids stuff. 100% of sales will be donated to WAG'S OF WISCONSIN animal rescue!

24. **903 Hollywood Dr.** Garage Sale: May 15-17, 8-5. Brand name clothes Boy's to 3T, Women's, Men's to 3X, home decor, frames spools wall decor, rolling pins.

25. **1102 Michler Crest**, Moving Sale. Baby clothes to adult clothes, indoor and outdoor furniture, household items and decorations along with patio furniture and lawn furniture. Thurs. & Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-Noon.

26. **N2536 Spruce Ln.** Garage/Downsizing Sale: Tools galore, zero turn lawn mower, golf clubs, air fryer, household items, outdoor items, Misc. 9-5 Thurs., Fri., Sat.

27. **906 Rock Ridge** Sat & Sun FIRM 10-7. Tons Organizational Bins! Baby Alive, Garage Shelf, Racks of brand name Girl's/Teen/Woman's/Men's, Bike, Phil & Ted Stroller, EBay Tape, Games, So Much Stuff! Clearing out!

28. **502 Harrison St.** Multiple Family Sale, May 16 & 17, 8-4. Household items, patio set, clothes, Girls Clothes size 5/6 and girl toys. Something for everyone, come take a look!

29. **N1394 HWY W**, 1/2 Mile South of Taco Bell. May 15,16,17 9am-5pm. Tools, Household, Luggage, Furniture, Plants, Men's shirts Lg/XL, Women's Lg, much more.

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30. **2403 Semling Drive**, Friday 8-5, Sat. 8-4. Men's, women's, young girl's, boy's clothing, kitchen items, home decor, Christmas decor, luggage, NB-6 mo boy items, 24-2T girl's items, books.

31. **903 Adams Street**, Thurs. May 15 thru Sat. May 17, 9am-5pm. Kitchen table with four chairs, child's wooden table with two chairs, Dollhouse with furniture and dolls, Barbie sets, 16 inch boys bike, framework for above ground pool pump and hoses, pet kennel.

32. **W5706 Hillside Dr.** Fri 12-5; Sat 9-4:30. NO Early Sales. Adult clothes, 2 Portable AC, Window AC, Lawn sweeper, Chop saw, Table saw, Canning jars, Wood fireplace, Some furniture, Upright freezer, 6 Jar crock, Household items.

33. **1004 & 1102 Cottage St., Merrill** Garage Sale: May 16-17, 8am-4pm each day. Household items, kid's & women's clothes, toys, home decor and lots of everything. CASH ONLY!

34. **W3068 County Rd. P, Merrill** Multi Family, items priced to sell. Thur. 5/15 & Fri. 5/16 7am-6pm, Sat. 5/17 7am-2pm. Misc. kitchen & household, seasonal decor, canning supplies, furniture, tools, pallet crates.

35. **1306 Jackson St.** Merrill. May 15, 16 & 17. 8a-4p. Household items, Men's Large clothing, Christmas items, Halmark ornaments, Ice auger, Electric chainsaw & Much More.

36. **305 N Kyes Street** Rummage Sale, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8am-5pm.

37. **N2767 E Shore Dr.** May 16&17, 8-4. Multi Family, Many coastal items from Closure of 2 Florida Condos, Over 65 Puzzles.

38. **W6272 Forest Dr.** May 17 from 8am-5pm. We are clearing out the house! Children's & infant items, PlayStation 4, ice augers, boat motors, bows, skis, treadmill, New laminate flooring, household items. Everything priced to sell!

39. **W4539 Pope Rd.** May 15-17. Noon - 5PM. Books, DVD's, Tools, Fishing, Ect.

40. **N821 Majestic Ln.** Multi Family Sale: Baby-adult clothing, toys, furniture, misc household items. May 15,16, &17, 8-5.

41. **1200 Van Buren St.** Thur-Sat, 7A-5P. Sun 8-11A. King bed with adjustable base, Queen bed with frame, Table saw, Womens clothes M-3XL (Plus), Mens clothes S-2XL, Womens shoes, Kids stuff (clothes, Toys, Books), Home & Kitchen decor, Knee scooter. Multi-Family Sale.

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42. **N2748 E. Shore Drive.** 5/16 & 5/17. 8AM-3PM. Household, Glasses, Small appliances, Tools, Outdoor items, Hunting & Fishing, Toys, Games, Furniture, Norman Rockwell Collector plates, Kids & Adult shoes, Womens clothing & more. Something for everyone.

43. **308 Hope St.** Near Food Truck Palooza. Girl full size bedding, toys, misc, free items, ladies S,M,L, girl's 5-6, 6-6X, boots, shoes. Fri-Sat 8-4.

44. **505 Hendricks St.** Thurs. May 15 8-5, Sat. May 17 8-1. Yard decor, kids books, baby clothes, woman's clothing, Party Lite, lots of misc.

45. **2704 Glen Dr.** Estate Sale: All household items must go Fri. 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-1pm.

46. **W3636 Yankee Rapids Trail, Merrill** (Hwy C to Prairie Rd) Lots of items priced to sell. Including household items, boys clothes size 8 - 16, toys, games, football and hockey equipment, basketball hoop, children compound bows, and much more. May 16, 10 - 6pm and 17th 8 - 3pm.

47. **W4742 Sni Der Vil Dr.** 4/16-4/17, 7am-4pm. Antiques, books, toys, collectables, household, clothes for men and women, misc. items. Items priced to sell.

48. **1406 Ellen Ct.** May 16-17 8AM-5PM. Multi-Family. Womens & Mens clothes Baby/Kids items, Clothes, Toys, Games, Puzzles, Books, Household, Fishing lures, Power Anchors & so much more!

49. **615 E Main** Cleaned out the Cottage! Wooden tables 2 med., kitchen hutch, small roll top desk, mattress Queen size, 14 ft boat, swing set larger & and much more. May 14-17, 9-4.

50. **1606 6th Street**, Thurs. 5/15-Sat. 5/17, 8am-5pm. Computers, mobility scooters, paper crafts, stamping, scrapbooking, lots of knick knacks, small round stand.

51. **W4846 River Bend Dr.** Thur-Sat. 8:30A - 5P. Hunting clothes, Cabinets, Boat, Archery, Tools, Mens clothing, Backpacks, Bags, Chainsaw, Plastic barrels, Fishing gear, Household items.

52. **1700 E. 9th St.** 5/15 & 5/17 8:30a-5p. Kitchenware, Sm appliances, Furniture, Fishing, Camping, Tools, DVD's, Plants, Books, Lights, Mens XL-XXL, Women S-M clothing, bags & More!

53. **W5216 Hillside Dr.** Thur-Sat, 8A-4P. Kids Toys & items, Kids clothing, Housewares, Outdoor items, Smoker, Womens clothing, Glassware, Something for all!

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54. **N2560 County Rd JJ**; FRI 12-4, SAT 8-12: Furniture Including glass coffee & side table set; 3-pc outdoor bistro set; Bissell carpet cleaner; Pro-Form Elliptical bike hybrid trainer; Harley Davidson leather apparel; Camo hunting apparel & equipment; Rifle scopes; other sporting & Home goods in excellent condition.

55. **N1781 State Rd 17.** May 15 & 16 9A-5P. May 17 & 18 1-5P. Too much to list!!

56. **1002 Rock Ridge Ct, Apt #3.** Fri 9-5; Sat 9-3. Downsizing Sale. Household, Collectables, Furniture, Decor, Womens clothing, Teen men clothing, Shoes & More!

57. **W5153 Sunset Dr.** Fri & Sat 9AM-5PM. Rugs, 2 Large Decorative mirrors, Kids clothes, Girl size 6, Boy size 8-10. Horse Tack, Prom dress size small. Household decor, Holiday decor, Bikes, Pokemon cards, Toys, Little Tykes Picnic table & riding car, outside plastic climber, Outside chair cushions, Womens clothes, Blankets. Phone 715-218-5090

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9th Annual TOWN OF WAUSAU Rummage Sale
Fri. 5/17 & Sat. 5/18, 8-5, Sun. 5/19, 11-4
Brats, burgers & hot dogs daily 10-5 by Cub Scout Pack 435 & Boy Scout Troop 435 at Sunset Store & Gas Station, Hwys Z & J. Watch for signs east of Wausau along Townline Rd (Hwy N), Hwy Z (Franklin St), Hwy 52 (east Wausau Ave), Evergreen Rd., Hwy X (Camp Phillips Rd) & Hwy J north of Hwy N out to Hwy 52 & Sunrise Rd & north on Sunrise Rd. Address lists/maps available at starting point addresses, Sunset Store & Sunrise Bar.

Rummage Sales This Week 7200

****Downsizing Sale**:** 1304 N Center Ave (next to Pine Ridge Restaurant): Wedding items, Craft supplies, Collectibles, Home goods & décor, Furniture, Rough sawn lumber, Clothing. Friday, May 16th 8AM to 5PM, Saturday, May 17th 8AM to 4PM. Don't miss out!

Estate/Rummage Sale: 613 Wisconsin St. Fri. & Sat. 8-5. Curio Cabinet, dresser, head board, round table with 2 chairs, sm, kitchen appliances, glassware, pots/pans, books, cake pans, cookie sheets.

Merrill: Saturday, 5/17, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. Boys Clothing/Shoes & Toys Baby - 8 yrs High Chair, Swing, Bouncy, Women's clothing/shoes and more. 1802 E 9th St

Merrill: Saturday, 5/17, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday 9-5. PLANTS, Outboard motor, musky lures, trash pump, smoker, 45RPM records. W 4509 County Road C

Merrill: Thursday, 5/15-Saturday, 5/17, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Estate sale, pre-open house for home sale. Furniture, tools, household items. It's all gotta go! 114 Cottage St.

MULTI FAMILY RUMMAGE SALE: Thurs 12-6, Fri 8-5, Sat 8-5. Kayak, Upright desk, entertainment center, dressers, bed frames, ceiling fans, stereo, tires w/rims, electrical wire, silicone caulk, new dryer vents, stroller, nerf guns, play kitchen, crib, women/men/girl clothes, fish tanks & supplies, household/kitchen items, N2553 Highway 107 - 1 mile N of Council Grounds

N1122 CTY Rd Q, May 14-16, 8AM-5PM. Toys, Women's biz clothes, household and Pampered Chef, shoes, girl's 6mo-5T, sporting, Multi Family clear out!

Wausau: 116 S. 68th Ave. FRI 5/16 & SAT 5/17 8a-5p
Harley mens jacket XL; HD collector items; GB Packer jacket; signed photos & memorabilia; new royal blue & black hoodies & polo shirts, various sizes; dog stroller; printer; pickleball paddles; used softball helmets, bats & gloves; coolers; humidifiers; lawn chairs; outdoor bench, etc. Kids clothes; games; puzzles; books; mens sport coats & dress shirts; ladies clothing; 2 sets of adult downhill skis, boots, poles, etc; tools; jigsaw; leaf blower, & much more not listed!

Wausau 227985 Crane Dr. TH 5/15-SAT 5/17, 9a-5p Multi-family sale. Nice mens, womens, kids & baby clothing; baby equip; toys; misc comp. accessories; ping pong table; B-Ball hoop shooting game; houseplants & much more!

Wausau: 234799 Stacey Circle MOVING IT OUT MULTI FAM SALE FRI 5/16 & SAT 5/17, 8a-5p
30-gal. cast iron cauldron (great flower container!); compact free-standing hammock, never used; Raleigh bike; 1900 wicker baby buggy; squishmallows; furniture; vintage books, teenage girls clothing; sm-med womens athletic, casual & work attire; lots of misc. collectibles.

Wausau: 2525 N. 13th St. WED 5/21 thru SAT 5/24 8a-5:30p
YOU HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE!!
Huge garage sale - RAIN OR SHINE
Great quality, low prices!!

Wausau: 6007 Stettin Dr. THUR 5/15 & FRI 5/16 8a-5p. SUN 5/17 9a-1p
Lots of misc furniture, clothes, shoes, toys, Corningware, dishes, vases, books, gaming chairs.

LAST ANNUAL GARAGE SALE! MOVING! Clothes Men's up to 6x1 & women's up to 4x/w26-28, LOTs of Puzzles, Books (Amish/Easy Reading), Cook Books, Home Items, Mopar slush mats, Metal signs, Model/Die Cast Cars, Games, Holiday, DVDs, Camping, Sports memorabilia, Fishing rods from Duke Sporting Shop, & more! 8a-4p (later if people are still showing up!), Th-Sun. (Sun. 1/2 Off). 1900 Arthur St.

Rummage Sales Upcoming 7202


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Estate Sales 7208

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Estate Sale:
W5675 Joe Snow Rd.
Friday 5/16 8-7,
Saturday 5/17 8-5, 50% Off Sale
No Early Sales. Cash Only.

Flea Markets 7210

HARSHAW- 8367 Co. Road K. Estate Sale May 15, 16, 17, 8-5. Dodge 2008 6.7L turbo Cummins diesel truck, 90,757 miles; 72" Land Pride finish mower; 24' flatbed trailer, double axle; Multi-plaz welder; Hobard 180 wire feed welder; Craftsman 10" chop saw; hand tools; compound bow; logging chains; dining table w/2 leaves; liquid nitrogen tank; antique items (sewing machines; scythes; etc.); space heaters; misc. household items.

Firewood 7244

DRY OAK & Hard Maple, \$250/cord. Over 15 mi is extra. Have hard wood in wood shed over a year old. Clean & no bark. 715-351-1888 or 715-873-4196.

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Guns 7264

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Announcements 7005

LYFT YOUTH FOOD STAND: Sat May 17, 10a-5p. Help support our 2025 mission trip. We will have walking tacos, nachos, brats, burgers, and snacks for sale. Also drinks and 1919 tap root beer! At Normal Park!

Dogs 7272

AKC German Shepherd Puppies: 1 female, 2 males, ready 5/12/25. \$750 with AKC papers. \$550 without papers. Shots and vet checked. 715-935-0222

AKC Pug Puppies: AKC Registered Pug Puppies for sale. Shots and dewormed. Vet checked. 3 males and 3 females. Fawn colored. Ready to go 5/23. \$1,500. Call or text 715-587-1288

Aussiedoodle pups, shots, wormed, dewes removed, vet checked, can deliver. \$500-\$800. Lic#269146. Call for info 715-255-2661. Also have Havi-Poo pups

Chihuahua Puppies: Shots, wormed, vet checked. \$500. 715-498-6408

Dogs 7272


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Boats 7508

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Miscellaneous Recreational 7530

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TWO 2022 SEA-DOOS MODEL: 64NB
ID# YDV120661122 and ID# YDV21275J122
HOURS: 4.5 & 5.1 and
2022 TRITON TRAILER, MODEL: WAVE-2
ID# ATCSM1110NH202651 MINIMUM BID \$10,700 OR BEST OFFER
Please contact Ashley @ 715-536-8351 Ext. 4821 Or Trish @ 715-536-8351 Ext. 4233

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2004 Buick LeSabre Limited, 102,000 miles, dark gray color, new tires, leather interior, no rust asking \$5,500 very good condition. 715-218-7402

2009 Hyundai Sonata FWD Good shape, new tires & battery, CD player. 83,500 miles. \$5800 obo 715-355-4408

Skilled Trades 7175

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General Labor 7180

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Lincoln County trails opened on May 8

Lincoln County's Harrison Hills Summer ATV trail system, along with the Underdown equestrian and bike trail systems, opened for the season at noon last Thursday, May 8, 2025.

County officials advised trail users to exercise caution, as early-season conditions included potentially soft areas and reminded riders and visitors to stay on marked trails, observe all posted

signs, respect private property, and follow safe riding practices.

For ongoing updates and additional information, go to co.lincoln.wi.us or call the Lincoln County trail hotline at 715.539.1033.

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6. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
9. Database management system
13. Vertical position
14. American jazz singer Irene
15. Ancient Greek City
16. Former Senate Majority Leader Harry
17. Japanese seaport
18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
19. Assigns tasks
21. Beloved type of cigar
22. Discounts
23. Cambodian communist leader Pot
24. Important football position
25. Kilometers per hour
28. Lentil
29. Extremely angry
31. Yellow-flowered European plant
33. American state
36. Some are made by rabbits
38. Express with a head movement
39. Affair
41. Cured
44. Youth organization
45. 18-year astronomical period
46. Automobile
48. Focus a shot
49. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
51. Mouth
52. Infections
54. Curved pieces of a horse collar
56. Shameless
60. Assist in escaping
61. Capuchin monkey genus
62. Cold wind

63. Retired Brazilian NBAer
64. Tropical Old World tree
65. Bulgarian city
66. Speak indistinctly
67. Soviet Socialist Republic
68. Between-meal sustenance

CLUES DOWN
1. Not soft
2. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
3. Line a roof
4. Greek god of the underworld
5. Software
6. Large-headed elongated fishes
7. Shag rugs
8. Type of whale
9. Lacking a plan
10. Spill the beans
11. Some is "heavy"
12. One who has been canonized
14. Indicate times
17. Greeting
20. Broadway actor Josh

21. Seashore
23. Indicates before
25. Electrical power unit
26. Destitute
27. Drags forcibly
29. Impropriety
30. Word forms
32. Equal to 10 meters
34. Neither
35. Computer language
37. Practice of aging film or TV characters (abbr.)
40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
42. A promise
43. Challenges
47. Official
49. People living in Myanmar
50. Notable tower
52. Type of sword
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55. Listing
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59. Damp and musty
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side, the Reverend started playing blues in 1971 after seeing Freddy King play at the Kinetic Theatre in Chicago. After 16-year hitch in the Navy, Chief Raven moved to Milwaukee where he began a long friendship and collaboration with Madison Slim, long time harmonica player for Jimmy Rogers. Since 1990 he has opened for B.B King, Gatemouth Brown, Pinetop Perkins, Koko Taylor Band, Junior Wells, Billy Branch, Magic Slim, Elvin Bishop, Sugar Blue, Lonnie Brooks, William Clarke, Lefty Dizz, Rod Piazza, Fabulous Thunderbirds, Duke Robillard, Jeff Healy, Trampled Underfoot, Mike Zito, Nick Moss, Tommy Castro, and numerous others at festivals and at Buddy Guy's Legends where he has been on rotation as a headliner for 20 years.

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Andy Geiss and the Geiss Meat Service team display all the awards they won at the WAMP convention state competition. Submitted photos.

Geiss Meat Service brings home awards from state competition

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Andy Geiss and his team at Geiss Meat Service have plenty to celebrate after the 86th annual convention of the Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors (WAMP) held in Madison on April 11, 2025.

The local meat market earned 16 total awards and five honorable mentions out of 45 products entered in the Meat Product Show held in conjunction with the convention, the state's largest meat product competition. With 815 individual products entered from meat processing plants and markets throughout Wisconsin, the competition was fierce.

"Learning this role for the past year, has been a new experience," said Geiss, who currently serves as president of the Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors. "I couldn't ask for a better group of fun and educated people surrounding all of us, to help become better [meat processing] plants for the consumers and for the growth of our business."

Geiss Meat Service took first place in four categories: traditional smoked and cured bratwurst for their smoked brats, cured and smoked poultry for their smoked chicken, large diameter luncheon meat for their bologna, and small diameter smoked and cooked sausage for their mettwurst.

They captured second place for their maple links in the fresh breakfast sausage category, dried beef



in the dry and smoked beef category, braunschweiger in the braunschweiger category, and liver ring in the specialty ring sausage category.

Third place went to their smoked badger brat in the specialty smoked and cured bratwurst category, while fourth place finishes came for their chicken BBQ pizza brat, semi-boneless ham, restructured jerky, and ring bologna.

The shop also earned honorable mentions for smoked turkey, traditional ham, peppered bologna, chili cheese wieners, and venison pork bacon.

Overall, Geiss took second place for the Total Excellence Award among fellow plants—a significant achievement considering the competition included operations from across the state.

"To run smoother and

efficiently. Joining these statewide plants, gathering as a family is the best thing I could be a part of," Geiss said.

Over 40 judges, including food scientists, out-of-state meat processors, and other food industry professionals, evaluated the entries during the session. The competition showcases the significant role that sausage and processed meats play in Wisconsin's meat industry.

Michelle Kussow, lobbyist for WAMP who daily monitors legislative and regulatory activities at the state level for issues that would affect the meat processing industry, was also at the convention. She and her team work directly with the WAMP Board of Directors to identify key issues affecting the industry and to proactively advocate for legislation that helps its members.

Suppliers also attended to showcase new equipment and ideas to help meat processors with all parts of their operations, from the office to the processing floor, Geiss said.

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MLD Auto Repair expands to become Toro dealership

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

MLD Auto Repair, 805 N. Center Ave. in Merrill, is bursting at the seams with new Toro stock, having become Merrill's newly-authorized Toro dealer about two weeks ago.

Owned by Mike and Lynn Dettmering, MLD Auto Repair has expanded their offerings to include a complete line of Toro lawn mowers, power tools, and snowblowers and will also provide Toro parts and service on-site.

"We have a wide variety of zero turns—residential and commercial," Lynn said. They also have Toro push lawn mowers, all of which come standard with removable baggers, and hand power tools including leaf blowers, string trimmers, pole saws, and chainsaws. Toro offers

on-site financing for purchases. Later in the season snowblowers will be added to their inventory. Lynn emphasized that parts and service for Toro products are key additions to their lineup, alongside of sales.

We've got all the parts in stock, she said. From belts to blades ... "I've got it all," Lynn said. "That's gonna be a big thing."

She said she's already sold a couple of zero-turn mowers and the business has lots more in stock. In addition, "It is Toro sale days," she said, "So there's a lot of rebates going on." Rebates will extend through the end of May.

MLD Auto Repair continues to offer tires and auto diagnostics and repair, alignments, trailer repair, and Boss snow plow installation, sales, and service for trucks.

four wheelers, UTVs, and side-by-sides. Toro, a publicly-traded company that specializes in outdoor equipment products, acquired Boss Snowplow in 2014. So when the Dettmerings learned about the opportunity to become an authorized Toro dealer, it seemed a natural fit, and their extensive new line of red Toro inventory complements their existing line of red Boss snow plows on display in front of their shop.

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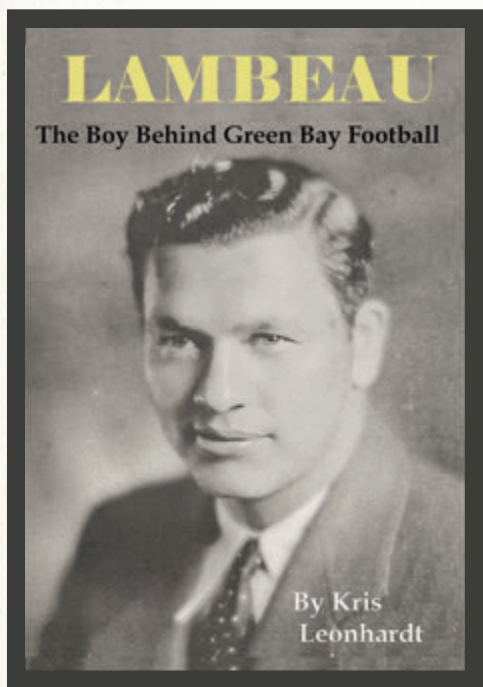
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Like the Packers, Lambeau's story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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Merrill Girls Varsity Soccer Team

The Merrill Girls Varsity Soccer Team celebrated a win in their home game against Crandon on Friday, May 2, 2025, scoring 2 goals to shutout the Crandon girls.

Unfortunately, their winning match didn't turn into a streak when they lost 6-0 to Lakeland on May 5 and then again lost 4-0 to Stevens Point the following day, on May 6.

On Friday, May 8, the Girls took a scoreless tie game against Mosinee as a victory when neither team put a point on the scoreboard.



Merrill's #8 Hailey Cole prepares to drive the ball with a fierce kick.



#7 Mikenna Van de Weerd goes after it in the Friday, May 2, game against Crandon, and #8 Hailey Cole is right behind her.



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LEFT: #3 Alexis Lonsdorf gets ready to kick the ball for Merrill in last Friday night's game against Mosinee.

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Merrill track and field athletes soar at Otto Bacher meet

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Friday, May 9, 2025, the Merrill High School Varsity Track & Field Team showcased their talents at the annual Otto Bacher Meet hosted by Merrill at Jay Stadium, competing against 11 other area schools including Antigo, Crandon, Lakeland Union, Medford, Mosinee, Newman Catholic, Northland Pines, Rhinelander, Rib Lake, Three Lakes, Tomahawk, and Wausau East.

Several Bluejays delivered standout performances throughout the day’s events.

Charolette Van Der Nest earned a third-place finish in the grueling 3200m run with a time of 14:13.55,

while the Merrill 4x100m relay team of Jaz Severt, Hanna Rell, Hannah Klinger, and Maddie Robbins claimed second place with a time of 54.11.

The 4x400m relay squad of Jaz Severt, Mia Smith, Hanna Rell, and Lauren Zuelsdorff added another podium finish with a third-place showing in 4:22.17.

Individual performers also made their mark. Jayden Chase took fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 38-11.75, while Broc Suchocki finished fifth in the 300m hurdles in 47.2.

Brenn Jirovec also competed well in the 300m hurdles, placing fourth with a time of 53.27.

In the distance events, Mia Smith ran a solid 1:04.78 for sixth place

in the 400m dash, followed closely by Lauren Zuelsdorff who placed seventh in 1:05.43.

The sprint events saw strong showings from Lauren Zuelsdorff (28.69) and Jaz Severt (28.89), who finished sixth and seventh respectively in the 200m dash.

“Our boys and girls competed well, we had a lot of season best marks, and brought home some hardware,” said Alec Oestreich, Head Coach for the Merrill Varsity Track and Field Team. “It was a perfect night under the stadium lights, and I’m proud of how our athletes competed.”

The Bluejays look to carry this momentum forward as they prepare for their next events.



Hannah Rell runs the 100m dash.

2025 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

Boys Baseball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Thurs. May 15	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 15	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV2)	Away	5:00 pm
Fri. May 16	Crandon (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm
Mon. May 19	Stevens Point Red (JV2)	Home	5:00 pm
Tues. May 20	D. C. Everest (JV2)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. May 20	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Wed. May 21	Marshfield-Doubleheader (JV2)	Away	4:00 pm
Thurs. May 22	D. C. Everest (JV2)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 22	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Girls Softball (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 15	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Mon. May 19	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Boys Golf (Varsity & JV)			
Fri. May 16	Fox Fire Golf Course (JV)	Away	1:00 pm
Fri. May 16	River Edge Golf Course (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm
Mon. May 19	Wausau Country Club (Varsity & JV)	Away	2:00 pm
Tues. May 20	Trapp River Golf Course (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm
Girls Soccer (Varsity & JV)			
Mon. May 19	Antigo (Varsity)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. May 20	T. B. D. (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. May 20	T. B. D. (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. May 22	Pool Play #1 (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 22	Pool Play #1 (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Boys Track & Field (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 15	Rhinelander (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Tues. May 20	Rhinelander (Varsity)	Away	3:30 pm
Thurs. May 22	Wausau East (JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Girls Track & Field (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. May 15	Rhinelander (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Tues. May 20	Rhinelander (Varsity)	Away	3:30 pm
Thurs. May 22	Wausau East (JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Trap Team (Varsity)			
Fri. May 16-Sun. May 18	Northwoods Open - Harshaw Gun Club		
Tues. May 20	Last Day of High School Season		4:30-7:00 pm
Boys Tennis (Varsity & JV)			
Sat. May 17	WVC Meet - Wausau East (JV)	Away	9:00 am
Thurs. May 22	WVC Meet - Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am

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Jaz Severt competes in the high jump.



Brenna Jirovec and Haley Rindt clear the 100m hurdles.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Hannah Rell, a Freshman at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week for the week of May 15, 2025. Hannah is a member of both the MHS Varsity and JV Track and Field Teams in her first year, primarily competing in the 100-meter dash and the 200 and 400-meter relays, occasionally running the 400-meter event. She attended St. Francis Xavier School from kindergarten through eighth grade.

At school, Hannah participates in Tri-M, Junior Optimist Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA, and Concert Choir. She volunteers at church fish fries, attends a week-long summer camp, took part in a high school discipleship weekend this year, and regularly sings with her family at church. Hannah works at Grampa’s Farm helping with petting zoos and fall events, at Les & Jim’s on the banquet staff, and also babysits.

In her free time, Hannah enjoys reading, drawing, coloring, spending time outdoors, and hanging out with family on walks, special trips, or playing games.

The daughter of Kevin and Sandy Rell of Merrill, Hannah has a 4.0 GPA and is considering a career related to agriculture after graduation, possibly in biology or agricultural studies.

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Hannah Rell



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Broc Suchocki leaps hurdles for Merrill.
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