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“The event was part of a larger unit in my general music class, where students have been learning about Wisconsin’s diverse musical traditions through a collection called Down Home Dairyland,” said Rethaber. “This educational resource highlights a wide range of folk and traditional music styles from across the state, helping students connect with local culture through sound.”

Students were particularly engaged when Montano showed how his instruments could recreate sounds from nature.

“I thought it was cool how many different instruments he used and how he played a variety of sounds for us,” said one fifth grader after the performance.

Among the instruments featured was a rain stick created from a Mexican cactus, demonstrating how natural materials become musical tools.

“During his presentation, Montano demonstrated the unique tones and textures of his Native Woodland flutes,” said Rethaber. “He captivated the students by imitating animal calls and showing how each instrument is crafted to reflect nature.”

The educational value extended beyond music alone, offering lessons about cultural heritage and diversity while introducing students to traditional Native American artistry.

“Montano’s performance was more than just a musical demonstration; it was a powerful lesson in cultural respect, creativity, and the value of diversity in education,” said Rethaber.

The performance gave Prairie River students a hands-on musical experience while deepening their understanding of Native cultural traditions that continue to thrive in Wisconsin.

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Baumann named to Spring 2025 Dean’s List at Wisconsin Lutheran College

Arabella Baumann of Merrill, a Sophomore at Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC), has been named to the college’s Dean’s List for the spring 2025 semester. Arabella is a graduate of Northland Lutheran High School. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must carry a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 or higher.

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Evans makes the President’s List at Western Technical College

Clayton Evans of Merrill was named to Western Technical College’s President’s List of High Distinction for the Spring 2025 term. To be included on the President’s List, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher and carry six or more credits in an associate’s degree or technical diploma program.

Local students named to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean’s List

The following area students were named to the 2024 fall semester Dean’s List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities:

- Emma Ford, Athens, a Junior at Carlson School of Management
- Caleb Norton, Merrill, a Sophomore at College of Design

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 GPA.

UW-Whitewater announces Dean’s List

More than 3,500 students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater earned a spot on the Dean’s List for the spring 2025 semester, including the following Merrill students:

- Jordan Brzoznowski
- McKenna Meyer
- Caitlynn Pehlke
- Lucas Reist
- Gavin Wroblewski

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

Local students named to Dean’s List at UW-Superior

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Now that I’ve reached this stage, it all makes sense. Everything that has happened—both the joys and the chaos—has happened for a reason. Even in the midst of life’s turbulence, through moments of struggle and uncertainty, there was always a way forward. And in the end, there is always something better waiting on the other side.

So take heart, my fellow travelers on this journey! Take heart because, despite the challenges, we shall prevail. Instead of dividing and marginalizing, we will embrace and uplift.

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Peter Ray Wiedenhoft



Peter Ray Wiedenhoft age 74 of Merrill passed away on Monday, May 19, 2025 at Aspirus Langlade Hospital under the loving care of his daughter and sister after losing a courageous battle with cancer and COPD.

Peter was born in Merrill on April 2, 1951 to the late Raymond and Juanita (Pfister) Wiedenhoft. He was employed in carpentry and maintenance most of his life and was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He made friends easily and was quite a storyteller and jokester. He loved the outdoors and spent most of his free time fishing, hunting and picking wild mushrooms. He also enjoyed a good game of pool or playing the slot machines, but most of all he treasured the time spent with family and friends.

Peter is survived by his daughters Tina Wiedenhoft (David Brewer), Lisa Wiedenhoft and son Eric Wiedenhoft, siblings: Elva Prentice, Maxine (Kenneth) Jones and Steven (Brenda) Wiedenhoft, 7 grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by the love of his life Diane Bushar, his parents, sister Judy Krause, brothers Larry and Allen Wiedenhoft and brothers-in-law Jim Prentice and Sheldon (Skip) Krause. Peter's family would like to extend a special thank you to caregivers at Hospice and Aspirus Langlade Hospital.

In accordance with Peter's wishes, no services will be held. Strasser-Roller Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Shawn R. Maki



Shawn R. Maki, 36, of Kaukauna, passed away Friday, May 16, 2025.

Shawn was born August 4, 1988, in Wausau, son of Leslie Maki and Jennifer (Mulford) Maki. He worked for Ahlstrom-Munksjo Thilmany Mill in Kaukauna for several years. He had a great work ethic and quickly moved up in the company. He recently took a job as a 3rd hand in the machine room.

Some of Shawn favorite pastimes were working on his pickup truck, fishing, downhill skiing. He also enjoyed going to fairs: playing the games and riding the rides.

Most of all, Shawn enjoyed spending time with his son, Layne. He was a goofball who was always smiling. Shawn was great with the family and the kids.

Survivors include his mother, Jennifer Mulford Maki of Kaukauna; father, Leslie 'Les' Maki of Wakefield, MI; sisters, Kayleigh Maki of Kaukauna and Gina Jaeger of Merrill; aunts and uncles, Jeffery (Caroline) Mulford of Merrill, Casey (Danielle) Mulford of Merrill, Alex (Zach) Rhode of Merrill, Zack Mulford of Madison, The Rev. Laurie 'Uncle Buddy' Maki, Jr. of Ishpeming, MI, Lee Maki of Gwinn, MI, Larry (Lynn) Maki of Ewen, MI, Laura Krznarich of Wakefield, MI, and Lynn Hill (Lowell Anderson) of Ishpeming, MI; great uncle, Eino (Jeanne) Maki of Downsville, WI; nieces and nephews, Kennedy, Dawson, Madison, Evelyn, and Cody; and many cousins.

Shawn was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ronald Mulford and Marie Beasley; paternal grandparents, Laurie O. Maki, Sr. and Jean Maki; aunts, Lois Maki (wife of The Rev. Laurie 'Uncle Buddy' Maki Jr.) and Janice Maki (wife of Lee Maki); and several great grandparents.

A celebration of Shawn's life will be held at a later date.

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

Roger Buckaloo

Roger Buckaloo, age 88, of Stevens Point, passed away on May 29, 2025. Private services are being held. Arrangements provided by Ascend Funeral Home & Cremation Care of Weston.

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David A. Knospe



David A. Knospe, age 54, of Merrill, passed away on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at his home, while surrounded by his loving and supportive family and while under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on September 10, 1970, to Thomas and Sheryl (Severt) Knospe in Merrill. David attended and graduated from Merrill High School. David met his best friend and soul mate, Shelly Varsho, and the two exchanged marriage vows on September 5, 2005, a union lasting almost 20 years.

David was a man that wore many hats. He was a machinist, did woodworking projects, was an airplane mechanic and enjoyed flying the airplanes. He would always look forward to the next road trip on his motorcycle, something that gave him a sense of peace and relaxation, he especially loved riding in the Fall and taking in all of the beautiful scenery. David also enjoyed going on hikes and playing a few rounds of golf. He enjoyed and appreciated the outdoors, and would stop to admire and comment on the little things in life. His family was his world. David's kids have many good memories of him, whether it was working on his projects in the garage, watching the storms roll in or sitting around the campfire, enjoying the beauty of nature. He also would volunteer his time with the food pantry, and was always about helping others. David had a positivity that left an impression on all who met him. Even in his darkest times, he would see the silver lining. He had great dad jokes that he told and had a witty sense of humor. David will be missed dearly, and was a blessing to his family and friends.

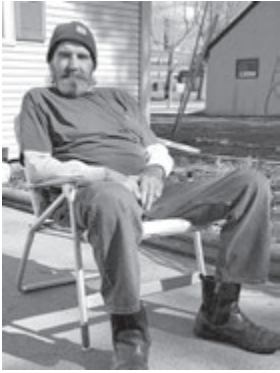
David leaves behind his parents: Thomas and Sheryl Knospe, wife: Shelly Knospe, daughter: Arwen, son: Treg, sisters: Sue (Daren) Catlin and Kathy (John) Koehler, brother: Jon (Aimee) Knospe, mother-in-law: Juanita Varsho, all of Merrill, brother-in-law: Shawn Varsho, sister-in-laws: Kristy (Aaron) Kelly of Marshfield and Kimberly (Jason) Knaack of Minnesota, nephews: Tyler (Morgan) Catlin, Michael Catlin, Andrew (Chandra) Koehler, Logan Knospe, Landon Knospe, and Isaac Knaack, nieces: Katie (Mitchell) Badeau, Krissy (fiancé, Ashton Polega) Koehler and Naomi and Miriam Knaack, along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, cherished friends and loved ones, also his dogs: Chance and Zippy. He is preceded in death by his grandparents: Matt and Virginia Severt and Eliza and James Knospe, and cousins: Jared Severt, Nate Knospe, Sarah Severt and Michael Knospe, uncles: James, Steve and Bruce (Carol) Severt.

The funeral service for David will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill. Rev. Justin Smoot will officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service, also at the church. Burial at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery will immediately follow the service.

David's family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you for the love and support that cousin Amy had shown David throughout his treatments, doctor visits, and much more. They also want to thank Dr. Peterson and the oncology staff at the Aspirus Cancer Center for their care and compassion, and to UW-Madison for being able to give David more time with his beloved family.

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.

Thomas William "Steamboat" Schmidt



Thomas William "Steamboat" Schmidt, aged 69, passed away on May 21, 2025, in Wausau, WI. Born on October 23, 1955, Tom was known for his outgoing and helpful nature. He had a profound love for the outdoors, often found cooking on his specially crafted BBQ pit, with his beloved dog, Harley, by his side.

Tom leaves behind a legacy of love and friendship, survived by his life companion, Jean Pflieger; his mother, Donna Buss; sister, Connie (Tim) Noragon; brother, James (Rae) Schmidt; son, Nicholas (Liz) Schmidt; and his cherished grandchildren, Ivar and Evelyn. He was preceded in death by his father, Orville Schmidt, and stepfather, Robert Buss.

Professionally, Tom dedicated many years to the construction industry before retiring. His work not only showcased his skill but also his commitment to building a stronger community.

Tom's life will be remembered for his vibrant spirit, his readiness to lend a hand, and his enduring love for his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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academic achievement during the Spring 2025 semester:

- Rachel Welch, Gleason
- Ally Hooek, Merrill

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have completed 12

degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Founded in 1893 as a teacher's college, UW-Superior offers more than 50 program offerings, select graduate and online programs, Division III athletics, and community-focused research and continuing education.

Muriel Leona Kopetzky



Muriel Leona Kopetzky, age 93, of Merrill, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at her home while surrounded by her family and under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services. She was born on April 24, 1932, and was the daughter to the late Ellsworth P. and Alma L. (Pankow) Annis Sr. Muriel grew up in Merrill and attended and graduated from Merrill High School. She met the love of her life, Dale Duane Kopetzky, and the two were united in marriage on May 23, 1953, in Merrill. Sadly, he preceded her in death.

Muriel enjoyed being a homemaker, but also enjoyed working outside of the home in various jobs, including being a unit secretary and a nurse's aide. When they were younger, Dale and Muriel would look forward to traveling, going on bus tours and casinos. She was an excellent baker, and enjoyed sharing her treats with family and friends. Muriel would also make sure that you had a few Werther's in your pocket! She spent a lot of quality time with Dale and the kids after his retirement. Muriel liked to do crossword puzzles, play cribbage and Farkle, and crocheted. She loved watching the cardinals and she was the family babysitter for many years. She was also an avid Packer and Brewer fan. Muriel adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a lifetime member at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, her faith was an important part of her life. Muriel is remembered as being a strong-willed woman that was always honest about her thoughts and feelings. She will be sadly missed, but the memories will never be forgotten.

Muriel is survived by her children: Teresa, Michael (Renee), Mark (Amy), Patti (Russell), James, Jill (Norman) and Jonathon (Loretta), grandchildren: Jesse, Josh, Amanda, Adam, Jennifer, Jaquelin, Tyler, Kaitlyn, Megan, Ben, Shelby, Olivia and Claire, great grandchildren: Keegan, Kierra, Alayna, Brianna, Logan, Brady, Ava, Hayden, Piper and Brooks, brother: James Annis, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Dale, siblings: Charles Annis, Delores Neuman, Ellsworth Annis Jr., Robert Annis, Philip Annis, Donna Ziglinski, Larry Annis and Carol (John) Krueger.

The funeral service for Muriel will be held on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Rev. Scott Gustafson will officiate. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 16th, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral Home at 301 Eagle Drive in Merrill, and again on Tuesday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial at Snow Hill Cemetery, town of Scott, will immediately follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, please direct donations in Muriel's name to Trinity Lutheran Church or Trinity Lutheran School. Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral Home & 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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Clean Up Our
Parks Contest

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Freemasons recently announced they are holding a Clean Up Our Parks Contest, an event they plan to hold annually, and they will be awarding three \$100 prizes to winners at the end of the summer. The rules are simple, and the intent is clear.

Merrill Virginia Falls Masonic Lodge #226 is holding the contest to help beautify area parks and public spaces by encouraging area community members to help keep parks clean, but to take it a step further by helping to clean them up when visitors see a need, and they're offering the possibility of prize money for those that do.

The Rules:

1. Make a video of you and at least one friend picking up trash in a Merrill, Antigo, or Tomahawk park

- or public space, and you can win money!
2. In the video, state your name(s): "Hello my/our name is _____. We are helping with the Merrill Masonic Cleanup." State the name of the park or name/location of the public space.
3. In the video, show faces of the people as they are picking up and disposing of the trash. Also show the park sign or public space signage.
4. Videos should be longer than 30 seconds.
5. Submit your video before August 31, 2025. You can submit your video via direct message to the Merrill Masons Facebook page [facebook.com/merrillmasons] or directly to a member of the Merrill Virginia Falls Lodge #226.

For questions, contact the Merrill Virginia Falls Masonic Lodge directly via direct message on their Facebook page.



Pictured are Klug and Lincoln County Sheriff Ken Schneider.
Photos courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Klug receives Sheriff's Letter of Commendation for actions after February crash

An area teen was recently recognized for his actions following a vehicle crash that occurred in February.

According to a post on the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, Noah Klug, 17, was driving by the scene of a crash that was later identified as fatal. When Deputy Vogel arrived on scene, she observed Klug giving chest compressions.

"Noah was calm and collected and provided her with an update on what he had done so far in checking for a pulse and other signs of life and initiating CPR," the Sheriff's Office said. "Noah identified himself as being certified in CPR, and coordinated in handing over lifesaving measures to Deputy Vogel and other emergency responders."

The Sheriff's Office said Klug remained on-scene and provided information upon request.

"We are impressed with his composure and his actions, given the seriousness of the situation and the fact that he is 17 years old," the Sheriff's Office said. "Noah's actions reflect great credit upon himself, his family, and the members of this community. Congratulations, Noah, on receiving the Sheriff's Letter of Commendation."

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Joshua Hanson, Ruby Hoffman, Ellyana Ineichen, Garik Peterson, Adalyn Schooley, Isabella Sprague, Samuel Szeto, Job Verpoorten
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Genevieve Burtman, Claire Canne, Abner Gremler, Brynlee Heidemann, Gemma Hoffman, Evie Klug, Lola Klug, Mason Klug, Malayna Kufahl, Lillian Mattson, Isabelle Podeweltz, Caleb Steinagel, Joanna Szeto, Lee Voigt



LEGALS

DATE SIGNED: May 12, 2025
Electronically signed by Robert R. Russell
Circuit Court Judge

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL GALKIN

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Special Administration (Formal Administration)
Case No. 2025 PR 11

A Petition for Appointment of a Special Administrator was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth March 7, 1951 and date of death December 30, 2023 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2100 E. 6th Street, Merrill, WI 54452.

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The petition be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Branch 2, before Robert R. Russell, Court Official, on June 24, 2025 at 11:00a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. Notice by publication is required.
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.
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: May 29, 2025
Electronically signed by Robert R. Russell
Circuit Court Judge

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Ryan P. Burns

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Special Administration (Formal Administration)
Case No. 2025 PR 13

A Petition for Appointment of a Special Administrator was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth 07/02/1961 and date of death 03/11/2025 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W10236 County Road M, Merrill, WI 54452.

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The petition be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Branch 2, before Robert R. Russell, Court Official, on July 2, 2025 at 11:30a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. Notice by publication is required.
Publication of this notice is notice to any interested persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
Scott Burns
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.
Attorney Gordon E. Stillings
251 E. Wisconsin Ave
Neenah, WI 54956
Phone 920-725-5305 Bar #1000041
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BY THE COURT
DATE SIGNED: May 30, 2025
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Bonnie Woller

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025-IN-33

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/04/1962 and date of death 03/07/2025, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1408 River Street, Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 12, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Register in Probate.
Tori Smith (Woller)
416 N 6th Ave., Wausau WI 54401
715-571-8499
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BAR APPLICATION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the following application for a license to deal in intoxicating liquor has been filed with the Harding Town Clerk.
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Kind of License Applied For: Class B Combination
Location of Premises to be Licensed: Bobbie Jo and Jeromy's Newwood Tap, N2805 County Rd E, Merrill WI 54452
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Christine Pahls-Schram, Agent

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Jennifer Guldán-McCurry, Agent

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Ronald Forster, Agent

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GLEASON WI 54435
Leah Strand, Agent

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GLEASON WI 54435
Charles McCrory, Agent

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N5342 STATE RD 17
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Ronald Forster, Agent
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The **Lincoln County Social Services Committee** will be holding a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting input & reactions to the Preliminary Social Services Budget for 2026. The hearing will be held at the:

**Lincoln County Service Center
Room 247/248
801 N. Sales Street, Merrill, WI
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 • 4:30 pm**

Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of this meeting. Please contact the county clerk, at 715-539-1019 or chris.marlowe@co.lincoln.wi.us, as early as possible so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.

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TOWN OF CORNING MERRILL, WI

NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the Town of Corning will meet at the Corning Town Hall, N1569 Hwy 64/107 Merrill, WI 54452,

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

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.

Contact Rick Hass 715-536-3432

Open book for the Town of Corning will meet Monday June 16, 2025 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the Corning Town Hall, N1569 Hwy 64/107 Merrill, WI 54452

The full notice of the Board of Review can be found on the website www.townofcorningwi.com

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Joseph Frederick photos.



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and just completed their second year there.
The end of the school year for Girls on the Run culminated with a 5K run on the River Bend Trail in Merrill,



where the girls run with their family and peers there to cheer them on. This year's Girls on the Run 5K was held on Sunday, May 18, 2025, when the Merrill Girls on the Run groups joined 17 other area groups at the Agra Pavilion in Merrill to celebrate confidence and their own strength and to run. More

than 150 Girls on the Run girls, their running buddies, and community runners all hit the River Bend Trail. The excitement, encouragement, and teamwork made for a positive event for everyone involved, from the first girl who crossed the finish line to the very last.

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To avoid potential conflicts, it's important to recognize what attracts black bears and take steps to reduce these attractants whenever possible, DNR said.
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Wisconsin residents encouraged to “be bear aware” this spring

As the weather warms and people across the state begin spending more time outside, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging the public to be bear aware and take steps to prevent potential conflicts with black bears this spring.

“Every spring, Wisconsin’s estimated 24,000 black bears emerge from their winter torpor and leave their dens in search of food and potentially new territory,” DNR said in a release. “These explorations sometimes cause unexpected interactions between black bears and the public. Bears are normally solitary forest animals, but their powerful sense of smell can lead them into urban areas in search of food, especially in the spring and fall.”

To avoid potential conflicts, DNR said it’s important to recognize what attracts black bears and take steps to reduce these attractants whenever possible. Black bears are known for returning to locations where they’ve found good food sources, so prevention

is the best tactic.

Although black bears are much more common in the northern half of the state, southern Wisconsin has seen more black bear activity in recent years.

“No matter where in Wisconsin you live or play, follow these basic steps from our friends at BearWise to avoid attracting black bears around your home or campsite,” DNR said.

- Never feed or approach bears. Never feed a bear, whether intentionally or not. The risk of unexpected interactions increases when bears begin to associate people with food. If bears find a consistent food source around people or people actively feed a bear, the bear will make a habit of visiting the area or approaching people.
- Secure food, garbage, and recycling. Food and food odors attract bears, so don’t reward them with easily available food, liquids, or garbage.
- Remove bird feeders when bears

are active. Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they’re very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.

- Never leave pet food outdoors. Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove food and bowls after feeding. Store pet food where bears can’t see or smell it.
- Clean and store grills. Barbecue grills and picnic tables often have leftover food scraps or residues on them that can attract black bears. Clean surfaces after use in public spaces to reduce negative human-bear interactions. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.
- Alert neighbors to bear activity. See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share information on how to avoid bear conflicts. Bears have adapted to

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2025 Dairy Breakfasts

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Saturday, June 7th, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Price County	Kennan Memorial Park • N4211 Division St, Kennan, WI 54537	Free Will Donation
Sunday, June 8th, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Merrill	MARC • 1100 Marc Dr, Merrill, WI 54452	Adults: \$10.00 • Children: \$5.00
Sunday, June 8th, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Edgar	Cropping Central LLC • 118646 County Rd N, Edgar, WI 54426	Adults: \$9.00 • Under 8-Free
Sunday, June 8th, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Neillsville	Four Star Ag & Four-Star Dairy • W4198 Pine Creek Rd • Neillsville, WI 54456	Adults: \$8.00 • 5-12 \$4.00 • 4 and under-Free
Sunday, June 8th, 6:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Medford	Taylor County Fairgrounds • Hwy 13 & WI-64, Medford, WI 54451	Adults: \$7.50 • 5 and under-Free
Saturday, June 14th, 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Gilman	Gilman Village Park • 300 Park Dr, Gilman, WI 54433	13 and over \$8.00 • 6-12 \$4.00 • 5 and under-Free
Saturday, June 14th, 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Owen Withee	Withee Lions Pavilion • 514 Division St, Withee, WI 54498	10 and up \$10.00 • 5-9 \$5.00 • 4 and under-Free
Saturday, June 14th, 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Pittsville	Grass Ridge Farm LLC • 7916 Apple Rd • Pittsville, WI 54466	\$10.00/person 13 years and older • \$5.00 for 5-12 year old • 4K and under-Free
Saturday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Portage County	Dairy-palooza • Feltz’s Dairy • 5796 Porter Dr, Stevens Point, WI 54482	
Sunday, June 15th, 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Loyal	Hornland Farms • N6952 County Rd K • Loyal, WI 54446	13 and over \$8.00 • 6-12 \$4.00 • 5 and under-Free
Sunday, June 15th, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Marshfield	Bauer’s Breezy Acres • Steven & Becky Bauer Family • 10695 Mill Creek Dr, Marshfield, WI 54449	\$10.00 ages 12 and up • \$5.00 ages 5-11 • Free-ages 4 and down
Saturday, June 21st, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Auburndale	Auburndale High School • 10629 N Rd, Auburndale, WI 54412	\$10.00 Adult • \$5.00 age 5-9 • Free-4 and under
Sunday, June 22nd, 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Thorp	Bill & Bridget Ciolkosz Dairy • N16329 Koser Ave, Thorp, WI 54771	Free Will Donation
Sunday, June 22nd, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Colby	Verhoef Family Farm • 225703 Pecan Rd, Colby, WI 54421	\$6.00 per plate • 5 and under-Free
Sunday, June 29th, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Marathon County	Miltrim Farms Inc • 115315 Township Rd, Athens, WI	\$10.00 Adult • \$5.00 Ages 5-11 • Free-ages 4 and under
Sunday, June 29th, 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Greenwood	Phil &Eliza Ruzic Farm • N9031 Sidney Ave • Greenwood, WI 54437	13 and over \$8.00 • 5-12 \$5.00 • 4 and under-Free
Sunday, June 29th, 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Washara County	Sheadview Dairy • W215 State Rd 21, Berlin, WI 54923	Adults \$10.00 • Children 4-10 \$5.00 • Children 3 and under-Free

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Nicolet Bank in Merrill participated in the “Power of Community Week” put on by the Wisconsin Bankers Association and this year chose to gather donations for the animals at the Lincoln County Humane Society to give back to their local community. Here some of Nicolet Bank’s Merrill employees are gathered iwth their donations. **Submitted photo.**

The Wonderful Waters of Lincoln County

BY TOM BOISVERT
LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION
PROGRAM MANAGER

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is shining a spotlight on the state's exceptional water resources through its Healthy Watersheds, High-Quality Waters (HWHQW) initiative. Launched in 2022, this statewide effort highlights Wisconsin's most pristine lakes, rivers, and streams—and Lincoln County is standing out. The HWHQW initiative, part of the WDNR's Water Quality Program, is designed to protect and promote the state's healthiest watersheds and the water bodies they contain through 2030. The goal is to ensure Wisconsin's waters remain clean, vibrant, and ecologically rich for generations to come. Thanks to comprehensive assessments that include trout stream classifications, water quality monitoring, and biological surveys, Lincoln County has been identified as a leader in water quality. In fact, the county is home to 42 high-quality lakes, streams, and rivers—many of which feed into the Wisconsin River

and support clean water downstream. According to the WDNR's Watershed Health Index—developed in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—85% of the county's 27 watersheds rank as statewide Watershed Protection Priorities, and 93% are priorities within the Wisconsin River Basin. These rankings reflect the county's strong natural land cover, including forests and wetlands, which play a crucial role in keeping water clean and ecosystems healthy. Healthy watersheds do more than support fish and wildlife—they also help manage flooding, recharge groundwater, and improve stormwater infiltration. Protecting these systems means preserving essential services that benefit every resident of Lincoln County. However, the WDNR emphasizes that continued stewardship is vital. Pressures such as development, erosion, and pollution must be carefully managed to safeguard these natural assets. To learn more about the Healthy Watersheds, High-Quality Waters initiative, visit the WDNR's website at: dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/HQW.html



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<p>Craft Sales 7204</p>	 <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Gatewood Heights Storage</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.gatewoodheightsstorage.com call or text 715-581-5125</p> <p style="text-align: center;">W4769 Gatewood Heights Rd. Tomahawk, WI 54487</p> <p>Storage Units: Special Summer Sale!!! Immediate Rentals avail- able!! Pay in full for 6 months get a 10% discount! Pay in full for 1 year get a 15% discount! All units are 12x30 and have the option for electrical hook up for additional price. Located off of Hwy 8 and Hwy 51 just north of Tomahawk. Right next to Or- ganique Clinic. Call or text 715- 581-5125 Or www. Gatewood- heightsstorage.com</p>	<p>Painting and Wallpaper 7364</p>
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Free Trap Shoot Tuesdays

The Lincoln County Sports Club, located at W5071 Schulz Spur Rd. in Merrill, has announced it will hold Free Trap Shoot Tuesdays, every Tuesday during the month of June from 6 to 8 p.m. This opportunity is open to both youth and adults, and no experience is necessary. "You don't need to know how to trap shoot, as we will have experts on hand to assist," organizers at the Lincoln County Sports Club said.

The Lincoln County Sports Club will provide all the guns, ammunition, and clays.

"All you need to do is show up," organizers said. "Who knows ... you may really like it!"

This is a great opportunity for youth considering joining the Merrill Bluejay Trap Team in years to come to see if they like it and to get some pointers and practice in advance of next year's season.



The Bierman Family Aquatic Center located at the Merrill Area Recreation Center opened for the summer season on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. Tot Time is offered in the morning (pre-registration required - Call 715.536.7313). Regular swim session runs 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information and current pricing, go to the “Merrill Park and Recreation” Facebook page or call 715.536.7313. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Photo courtesy of the City of Merrill.

BEAR

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living near people; now it’s up to us to adapt to living near bears.

Know what to do if you encounter a bear

If a black bear is near your home or cabin, from a safe location, try to scare the bear away by making loud noises (like clanging pots and pans together) or throwing objects in the bear’s direction, DNR said.

“Black bears tend to avoid interactions with people if escape is possible, so make sure it has a clear escape route—never corner a bear,” SNR said. “Do not turn your back to a bear or run away. Once the bear is gone, remove any items that may have attracted the bear in the first place.”

If you encounter a black bear while in the woods, stay calm and do not run.

“Wave your arms and make loud noises to scare it away,” DNR stated. “Back away slowly and seek a safe location from where you can wait for the bear to leave. Never approach a bear. For your safety, do not attempt to break up a fight between a pet and a bear.”

If unable to resolve a recurring issue with a nuisance bear, contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)’s Wildlife Services toll-free lines:

- USDA Wildlife Services, Northern Wisconsin: 800.228.1368 (in-state) or 715.369.5221.
- USDA Wildlife Services, Southern Wisconsin: 800.433.0663 (in-state) or 920.324.4514.

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WisDOT reminding motorists to keep Adopt-A-Highway volunteers safe

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is reminding drivers to focus on the road ahead to keep Adopt-A-Highway volunteers safe. WisDOT initiated the Adopt-A-Highway program in 1991 to allow groups to volunteer and directly support the state's anti-litter program. These volunteers routinely collect trash and recyclables along Wisconsin roads. "We are grateful to the thousands of Wisconsinites

who generously volunteer each year to pick up trash and recyclables along the roadside," said WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman. "For nearly 35 years, Wisconsin's Adopt-A-Highway program has truly blossomed as nearly 15,000 volunteers participate in the program each year. Their pride to

keep our state beautiful should inspire all of us to properly dispose of trash." In 2024, Wisconsin Adopt-A-Highway groups collected more than 170 tons of trash and recyclables, and nearly 5,500 volunteer hours were reported last year to help pick up trash, according to a release from WisDOT. "WisDOT encourages more people to get involved," the release said. WisDOT's interactive

map shows highway segments maintained by Wisconsin's 3,000 Adopt-A-Highway groups, but more than 2,700 miles of state highway are still available for adoption.

Adopt-A-Highway workers are asked to clean up their assigned two-mile state highway segment at least three times per year. All volunteers must be at

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To the Editor:
Much confusion and misstatements have clouded the Pine Crest Nursing Home sale debate. I have been approached by residents of District 21, and others, questioning the potential sale. This information is my personal opinion, based on financial records of Lincoln County. The potential sale has little to do with quality care. Such questions are covered by the State, via Department of Health Services (DHS) rating records. A record of the care history is available from DHS.

Why was the previous sale cancelled? A member of the Lincoln County Board disagreed with the Board's previous vote to sell to a competent buyer. That cost the County taxpayers more than \$8 million dollars, or more, depending on the entirety of the potential sale and maintenance of the facility.

Who is now responsible for ongoing maintenance of the facility? The County taxpayers, as the home is a voluntary business operation owned by the County and any maintenance falls on the taxpayers. Operational expenses cannot be financed by bonding, so yearly maintenance costs will require "borrowing" to keep the facility operational.

The home will require a complete roofing update, according to the Maintenance Department, and there is no budget room to pay for that potential multi-million dollar possibility, and recent repairs have gobbled up the general maintenance budget.

In the last 20+ years, county-run homes have declined to just 22 facilities. Recent news shows, yet

another Valley County looking to divest their taxpayers of a similar operation.

Lincoln County is not able to increase resident numbers due to lack of licenses and funding for expansion.

- E. Richard Simon
Merrill, Wis.

To the Editor:
There have recently been huge and wide-ranging cuts to the federal budget. Most of the headlines have focused on the reduction of staff. The justification for these cuts has been the need to eliminate waste or fraud. However, not all cuts have involved staff, and many have not eliminated waste or fraud.

The Merrill Food Pantry recently received a letter from the Hunger Task Force, an organization developed to combat hunger in the United States. We recently learned the U.S. Department of Agriculture has halted \$500 million in deliveries to food banks nationwide. This money had been intended "to purchase food from American farmers and ranchers and send it to emergency food providers."

The cut in funding will have an immediate and drastic impact on Wisconsin. Orders for almost 1.1 million pounds of healthy food including milk, eggs, cheese, pork, chicken, and turkey have already been canceled. The result of these cuts is that those who are most in need of assistance, including elderly citizens and large families, will go hungry. Cutting funds to feed our neighbors is both cruel and short-sighted and will inevitably lead to huge unanticipated costs and preventable human suffering.

If you agree, please call and write to our representatives in Washington in both the House and the Senate. Demand that the funds they appropriated in the federal budget to feed the hungry be restored immediately. The poorest and most vulnerable citizens of our country should not be the victims of random, ill-conceived budget cuts.

- Thomas Mueller,
Pastor Mike Zahn, Pastor Mike Southcombe, Gracie Bernal, Dick Duginski, Deb Page, Sister Celine Goessl, and Allan Crevier
Merrill, Wis.



Four students at Trinity Lutheran School were awarded the Principal's Honor Roll at their Eighth Grade Graduation ceremony in May. This award is given to students who were on the Honor Roll for 16 straight quarters in grades 5-8 at Trinity. L to R: Principal Scott Johnson, Emmie Steinagel, Jillian Severt, Willow Harmon, and Kayla Klimek. Submitted photo.

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least 11 years of age or in the 6th grade on two-lane highways and 16 years of age on four lane highways. No other persons should be on the work site. Each group must provide one adult supervisor for every five or six volunteers.

Automated forms on the Adopt-A-Highway website streamline reporting cleanup efforts. County highway crews gather the bagged materials for proper disposal. As part of the program, WisDOT furnishes safety vests, highway worker signs, a safety training video, trash bags, and two permanent signs identifying the group. Groups do not work in dangerous areas like medians, bridges, or steep slopes, WisDOT said.

"WisDOT reminds drivers to buckle up, put the phone down, and follow speed limits on Wisconsin highways, especially when these volunteer groups are working along the roadside," WisDOT said.

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Merrill’s Track and Field Team makes steady improvements, ends season with personal records

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Throughout the 2025 spring season, the Merrill Bluejays Track and Field Team continued to make steady improvements, with athletes growing stronger, running faster, jumping further and higher, and throwing further as the weeks progressed. In the end, with a crew of athletes going as far as Sectionals, many of these athletes ended the season on all-time highs, continuing to exceed their own personal-best records from the weeks prior.

Wisconsin Valley Conference (WVC) Meets

“The Merrill Bluejays Track and Field Team put on a stellar performance at their meets on Tuesday, May 6, 2025,” said Alec Oestreich, Merrill Track and Field Head Coach. The girls were competing in the WVC True Team Meet, while the boys competed in the WVC Relay Meet. The events gave Merrill athletes the opportunity to showcase individual achievements along with strong teamwork in the relay events, he said.

“At the girls True Team Meet, leading the charge for the Bluejay girls’ sprint squad, Hannah Klinger completed the 100m dash, sprinting to a fantastic time of 14.03 seconds, marking a new season best,” Oestreich said.

In the long-distance events, “Caroline Durbin demonstrated remarkable stamina and determination in the demanding 1500-meter run, crossing the finish line with a commendable time of 5:53.59,” he said. “Karlee Ravn also contributed with a solid effort in the 600-meter run, clocking in at 2:02.66.”

“The girls’ 4x100m relay team (Jaz Severt, Takiyah Sell, Hannah Klinger, and Maddie Robbins) showcased their speed and seamless handoffs, achieving a season best time of 55.27. The girls’ 4x400m relay team (Jaz Severt, Mia Smith, Hannah Rell, and Lauren Zuelsdorff) battled hard and secured a well-deserved third place with a time of 4:26.36.” “In the field events, Merin Yates continued to impress in the discus, launching the implement an impressive 100’ 6” to earn a strong fourth place finish.”

And “Brenna Jirovec tackled the technical 200-meter hurdles with grit and determination, finishing her race in 32.98,” Oestreich said.

The Bluejay boys also contributed strong performances at the WVC Relay Meet. “Freshman Broc Suchocki took on the 300m hurdles, finishing in 47.93 seconds and securing 13th place,” he said. “In the triple jump, Jayden Chase scored an impressive leap of 38’ 11.75” to earn a solid 7th place.”

City Meet at Wausau East
On Tuesday, May 13, Merrill athletes competed against



Merrill Track and Field Team members make it to Sectionals.

multiple teams in the City Meet at Wausau East. Five other boys teams—from Mosinee, DC Everest, Newman, Northland Lutheran, and Wausau West—came to compete.

Merrill’s all-stars from this event included a third place finish in the 400m dash by Tyler Spade with a time of 53.86, and Patric Metz set a new personal best in the 200m dash with a time of 25.09.

Two of Merrill’s relay teams made third place finishes in their events. The 4x100m relay team of Hannah Klinger, Jaz Severt, Hannah Rell, and Maddie Robbins came in third with a time of 53.81, and the 4x400m relay team of Jaz Severt, Mia Smith, Hannah Rell, and Lauren Zuelsdorff came in third with a time of 4:23.16.

“Our girls sprint relays continue to cut time and compete at a high level,” Oestreich said after the meet. “We have a solid sprint core of girls along with a handful of guys that are continuing to improve on their season marks.”

Regional Meet in Bloomer
At the Regional Meet in Bloomer on Tuesday, May 27, Merrill’s Track and Field Team made a good showing. At the end of the event, a crew of Merrill athletes had qualified for Sectionals.

Merin Yates took first place in the shot put with a throw



Girls 4x400m relay team, L to R: Mia Smith, Lauren Zuelsdorff, Jaz Severt, and Hannah Rell.

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Merrill baseball dominates Lakeland 9-1 in playoff opener

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The Merrill Varsity Bluejays opened the playoffs on Thursday, May 29, 2025 defeating Lakeland 9-1 at home to advance to the Regional Semifinal.

“On Thursday, we opened the playoffs with a 9-1 victory over Lakeland,” said Merrill Varsity Boys Baseball Team Head Coach Shawn Schultz. “We will play Medford in the Regional Semifinal in Merrill on Tuesday at 5 p.m.”

The Bluejays dominated from the mound, with EJ Weix and Carter Kaminski combining for a stellar pitching performance.

“EJ Weix and Carter Kaminski were dominant on the mound,” Schultz said. “EJ started and pitched the first four innings giving up just 1 run on 3 hits. Carter finished with 3 shutout innings. Both did a great job of throwing strikes and making things easier for the offense.”

Weix (4.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 5 SO) earned the win, while Kaminski (3.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 2 SO) closed out the game with three scoreless innings.

Merrill jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

“On offense, we got out to an early lead with 3 runs in the first,” Schultz said. “We did a great job taking advantage of 8 Lakeland errors. Ben Thom had a big 3-hit day driving in 3 runs as well. As a whole, the offense did a great job of getting guys on and bringing them around.”

Ben Thom led the offensive attack, going 3-for-4 with 3 RBIs and a double. Cooper Wendorf contributed with a 1-for-5 performance, scoring 3 runs and driving in 1. Brady Norton (1-for-3, 2 R, 2 BB) and Cam Wallin (1-for-2, 1 R, 1 RBI, 2 BB) also had solid games at the plate.

The Bluejays’ defense was equally impressive, committing zero errors while capitalizing on Lakeland’s eight miscues.

“Defensively, we had a great game,” Schultz said. “Cole Rudie made a couple of excellent plays at 3rd base and the rest of the team was flawless as well. We are really looking forward to the matchup with Medford on Tuesday.”

Box Score
Lakeland 1 @ Merrill 9

2025 Merrill Summer Baseball Schedule

7th Grade Babe Ruth			
Thurs. June 5th	D. C. Everest - Grey	Home	6:00 pm
Tues. June 10th	Wausau - Bone & Joint	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. June 12th	Wausau - Bone & Joint	Home	6:00 pm
8th Grade Babe Ruth			
Mon. June 9th	Antigo -Dvorak Docks	Home	6:00 pm
Wed. June 11th	Wausau - Toyota	Away	6:00 pm
Junior Legion			
Mon. June 9th	Wausau	Away	7:00 pm
Tues. June 10th	Marshfield	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. June 12th	Plover (DH)	Home	5:30 pm
Post 46			
Fri. June 13th	Plover	Away	7:00 pm
Merrill Ranger			
Fri. June 6th	Rhineland	Home	7:00 pm
Sue. June 8th	Rhineland	Home	1:30 pm

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