

Legally ensure your family can make health decisions for you

Who do you want making decisions if you can't speak for yourself—family or a stranger?

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Did you know your spouse, adult children, or next of kin don't automatically have the right to make health care decisions for you? It's a shocking truth that surprises many Wisconsin families: If you become seriously ill or injured and can't speak for yourself, your loved ones might have no legal authority to make medical decisions on your behalf without proper documentation.

Through April 25, 2025, the State Bar of Wisconsin is offering their guide, "A Gift to Your Family: Planning Ahead for Future Health Needs," as a free PDF download at wisbar.org/healthcare.

"Without a Power of Attorney for Health Care, your family can be forced into costly and time-consuming guardianship procedures just to gain control over a loved one's medical care," said Jon Fischer, an elder law attorney with McCarty Law.

Ben Adams, a retired attorney, said, "The court process can be avoided in most cases if you do advance care planning."

The 24-page downloadable guide includes practical information about powers of attorney, living wills, and organ donation, along with state-approved forms that make documenting your wishes straightforward. The State Bar offers this resource annually during

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Merrill-Go-Round celebrates 50 years of innovative community transportation



Mayor Steve Hass prepares to board the Merrill-Go-Round for a ride through the city to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Merrill-Go-Round in Merrill. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

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The Merrill-Go-Round, the staple of public transportation in Merrill, celebrated its 50th anniversary on Monday, April 21, 2025, with Mayor Steve Hass and other local dignitaries boarding the bus for a commemorative ride along the original route.

"I want to thank everyone for coming," said Mayor Hass prior to boarding the

bus for the ride. "This is the day of the 50th anniversary of the Merrill-Go-Round in the city of Merrill. ... That's a feat ... We're doing door-to-door pickup five days a week." He noted few cities offer that kind of service.

The celebration included Mike Ravn, who along with Joanne (Sazama) Address, won the naming contest for the bus service back in 1975. While Address was unable

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One of the City's first motor buses placed into service in November, 1921. **Photo courtesy of Merrill Transit System.**

Honor Flight Mission #51: What took you so long?

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

James (Jim) K. Campbell, Jr. of Wausau is the Co-Founder and Vice President of Marketing for the Never Forgotten Honor Flight, Inc., and a retired Lt. Col. with the United States Marine Corps. These days, one of the first things he asks veterans on these flights is, "What took you so long?"

Many who completed the Never Forgotten Honor Flight Mission #51 on April 14, 2025, "have waited 15 years to apply!"

"About 50% of the qualified veterans—those who served prior to May 7, 1975—haven't signed up or flown on their Honor Flight," Campbell said.

He wants veterans who haven't yet participated in this opportunity to know:

"It's your turn!" he said.

Campbell shared that he often hears the same responses time and again, when he asks the question. But those who do finally sign up for a Never Forgotten Honor Flight often become a source of encouragement for other veterans to do the same. He said there are five common reasons veterans give for not signing up.

Top 5 reasons veterans don't sign up

1. "I don't deserve it" Because "I wasn't in combat."

Only 1 in 11 military personnel were combatants—yet every job mattered. "The 1 didn't fail or die because of the 10 who

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Charles Batchelder of Merrill, who served in the Marines, is escorted by daughter, Linda Batchelder Murray. **Joseph Frederick photo.**

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to attend, Ravn shared his thoughts on Merrill's transportation legacy.

At the cutting edge of public transportation

“Merrill's been at the cutting edge of transportation, this little city of Merrill,” said Ravn. “There was a little blurb that we were the second city in the state of Wisconsin that had trolley service. And I think we were one of the first, if not the second or third, that did this deviated bus route.”

Merrill has a long history of being an innovator in public transportation. In 1890, Merrill became the second city in Wisconsin, after Appleton, to offer trolley service to residents. At that time, service was provided via a system of steel rails embedded into the streets, with electricity supplied via an overhead wire that made contact with the trolley car by way of a long spring-loaded pole on the roof of the trolley (also called a streetcar) via a small wheel or slider, to conduct electricity into the motor of the trolley.

One of the first in the country and first in the state to innovate on rubber tires

But Merrill has been making headlines transporting residents via bus-like motor vehicles on wheels far longer than

“Merrill's new trackless trolley, one of the first in the U.S. and the only one in Wis.,” the photo reads.

Historical photo, circa May 1913.

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Let's Name the Mini Bus

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Mail by March 2 to Name the Mini Bus, c/o Merrill Transit Commission, City Hall, 790 First St., Merrill, WI 54452.

The 1975 advertisement for the contest to name Merrill's new bus system with a view of the new bus 50 years ago. Newspaper clipping courtesy of Michael “Gus” Caylor.

50 years. In fact, in just a couple of weeks, Merrill will celebrate 112 years of providing residents with public transportation on rubber tires.

Merrill became even

more famous for their public transportation innovation when the city made the leap to transportation on wheels—rubber tires, in fact—without necessity of a track or steel rail system in 1913.

On May 3, 1913, Merrill took delivery of their first trackless trolley car, featuring large rubber tires that prevented damage to city streets and did not

require the expense of trolley rails. It was one of the first such trackless trolley cars in the United States and the very first in Wisconsin “or anywhere in the northwest.” [Source: May 8, 1913, *The Merrill Daily Herald*.] Merton Carpenter, who formerly was a motorman for the Merrill Railway & Lighting company on the railcars, was hired as the first operator of the new trackless trolley car, according to the May 3, 1913, edition of *The Merrill Daily Herald*.

Service began on May 6, 1913, and ran from the “end of the western terminal of the regular car system, at the foot of Cottage avenue, and conveys passengers as far west as Emmerich & Staats store [the corner of Foster St. and W. Main St. today] in the Sixth ward, thus making an extension of about one-half mile,” another newspaper article confirmed. And while it still utilized overhead wires to provide electricity to the motor, it made Merrill and the Sixth Ward quite famous at that time, with Merrill's trackless trolley being featured in “moving pictures” and magazines later in 1913 as one of the “oddities of Wisconsin.”

Merrill went completely off the rails

When the trolley barn burned down in 1925, the City went completely off the rails, switching to motorized bus service that did not require tracks, local historian and City of Merrill Alderperson Michael “Gus” Caylor said. Years later, the City even subsidized a taxi service

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Student of the Week



This Week's Featured Student is Camden Nienow

Son of Christopher and Jennifer Nienow

Camden is in the 3rd grade at St. John Lutheran School. He was nominated by Mrs. Gipple.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?

Math, because it's a fun activity to do at home too.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?

Recess and gym, because we get to play a lot of fun games.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?

I want to have my own lawn care service because I like being outside and mowing yards.

“I have really enjoyed getting to know Camden this school year, and I am very proud of everything that he has accomplished so far in 3rd grade. Camden pushes himself to be the best that he can be. Camden is also very caring, and he is always looking for ways to help others.”
~ Mrs. Gipple

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OBITUARIES

Arthur J. Drew



Arthur J. Drew, affectionately known as "Art," was born on January 12, 1937, in Gleason, Wisconsin to the late Charles and Blanche (Yanda) Drew. He passed away peacefully at his residence on April 19, 2025, surrounded by family.

Art dedicated his professional life to the automotive industry as an auto technician for Ford dealerships. His passion for cars not only defined his career but also significantly influenced his son, Joe, instilling in him a love for cars.

Art's commitment to family was profound. He married Nancy Ruth Bosi on January 13, 1962, and together they shared a beautiful 63-year journey. Every fall, the couple would take a drive along the Mississippi River to admire the breathtaking colors of nature—a tradition that brought them closer and created lasting memories.

Art served his country honorably in the Air Force as a radar technician for four years. His dedication and service to the nation reflected his character, adding depth to the appreciation those close to him had for his life. In his leisure time, Art found joy in simple pleasures—watching old westerns, reading a diverse array of books, and immersing himself in nature.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Nancy Drew, son: Joseph (Dianne) Drew, grandsons: Michael (Sarah) Drew, Christopher (Nicole) Drew, great grandchildren: Ryan, Amelia, Harrison, and Chloe, sisters: Janet Drew and Helen (Doug) Malueg and brother: Floyd (Beth) Drew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son: Roy Allen Drew, brothers: Dwaine Drew and Gordon Drew, and sister: Evelyn McKenna.

A funeral liturgy was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 11:00 am at Taylor-Stine-Waid Funeral Home, 301 S Eagle Drive, Merrill, WI 54452. Deacon Jim Arndt officiated. A visitation was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 9:30 am until the time of service also at the funeral home. Entombment took place at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

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



Linda Sue Kanapka



Linda Sue Kanapka passed away on April 11, 2025, at the age of 69 years old. Born in Merrill, Wi on September 16, 1955, the daughter of the late Elmer and Joyce (nee Wetzel) Kanapka. Sister of Shirley Radeck of Germantown, Larry Kanapka of Gleason, Debbie (Dwight) Jutrzonka of Wind Lake and Kim (James) Burg of Hartford. Aunt to Roxanne, Breyan, Jason, Shane, Christopher, Jacob, Jordan and the late Justin. Further survived by her cherished and best friend "Red", many good friends and relatives.

Linda was a 1973 graduate of Sussex Hamilton High School, attended UW Steven Point and was a graduate of WCTC. She retired from the US Postal Service. Linda loved her family and friends and always looked forward to the annual family reunions most of all. She loved the lakes, fishing, swimming any chance she got to be at a lake. Linda also had a very special place in her heart for the mountains of Colorado, where she resided for some time.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held on the day of the family reunion, further details to follow.

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For further information contact: Robert Kressel, Chairperson at 715-873-4041. Bids will be opened publicly on May 13th at 6:00 p.m. during the town meeting at the Russell Town Hall. Bids may be delivered to the Town Hall prior to bid opening or mailed to the Town of Russell Clerk N5410 State Rd 17 Gleason WI 54435. Bids Received after 6:00 p.m. May 13th will not be accepted or considered. The Town of Russell has the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part(s) there of which may be deemed most advantageous to the Town of Russell.

Amy Brown, Clerk
Town of Russell, Lincoln County
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TOWN OF MERRILL MERRILL, WISCONSIN

OPEN BOOK – 2025 ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Assessor will be at the Town of Merrill Community Center, W4594 Progress Avenue, on

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Please bring your assessment notices.
Time will be limited to 15 minutes for each person.

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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CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**

**Amended
Summons and Complaint Small Claims-Replevin**
Case No: 2025SC000116
Small Claims, Replevin 31003
PARK CITY CREDIT UNION vs. DEREK D VANDERLEEST

Plaintiff:
PARK CITY CREDIT UNION
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Merrill, WI 54452
Defendant:
DEREK D VANDERLEEST
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Merrill, WI 54452
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When to appear/File an answer
Date: 05-15-2025 Time: 10:00 am
Place to Appear/File an Answer
Lincoln County Courthouse
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Merrill, WI 54452
Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner
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DATE SIGNED: April 7, 2025
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GARY ALLEN SHOLUND
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025-IN-27

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/26/1935 and date of death 11/7/2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 504 E. Riverside Avenue, Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 18, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate.
Atty. Craig J. Nienow
N5041 County Road JJ, Irma, WI 54442
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Ryan P. Burns

Please Take Notice:
1. Non-probate of Filed Will Affidavit
2. The decedent, with date of birth July 02, 1961 and date of death March 11, 2025 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W10236 County Road M, Merrill, WI 54452
The name or address of the following interested person is not known or reasonably ascertainable:
Scott Burns
Prepared by:
Ruffi Law Offices, S.C.
627 Jackson Street
Wausau, WI 54403
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Bar Number: 1024317
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The April 8th, 2025 Council Minutes are in draft form until approved at the next scheduled meeting. The minutes are available for viewing on the bulletin board outside the City Clerk's Office and on the City of Merrill website. Complete Ordinances are available on the City of Merrill website:
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**Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 19, 2025 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Board Room. Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others present: Superintendent Murray, Martinovici, Student Reps Black and Wagenaar, one person from the staff, and Recorder Fuchs
President Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.
MOTION by Smith, second by Proulx to approve the 2025-2026 Federal Head Start Grant. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the 2025-2026 MAPS Head Start Five-Year Strategic Goals. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Smith, second by Hornischer to approve the Head Start Cost Allocation Plan for 2025-2026. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Ashbeck to approve the Head Start 2025-2026 T/TA Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Hornischer to approve the summer maintenance projects as funding is available. Motion carried unanimously.
Smith left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.
MOTION by Liberty, second by De Rizzo to approve the schedules, course offerings and registration materials for MAPS Summer School Enrichment 2025. Motion carried (Smith was not present for the vote).
Smith returned to the meeting at 5:57 p.m.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Hornischer to approve the CDW MSI Workstations for the MHS CAD & Fab labs computer refresh in the amount of \$39,653 to be taken from the Technology Budget. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Hornischer to approve the hiring of a 1.0 FTE district psychologist in lieu of contracting school psychologist days with CESA 9 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year \$68,000 to be taken from the General Fund. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Ashbeck to table the 2025-2026 Support Staff and Teacher Handbooks agenda item. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Liberty to approve the CESA 9 2025-2026 shared service contract as presented with a projected cost of \$464,001. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Smith, second by Hornischer to approve the 2025-2026 professional and teacher contract templates. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the 2025-2026 Coaches Compensation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
Hornischer left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the PTO bank and the corresponding language to the support staff and teacher handbooks. Motion carried (Hornischer was not present for the vote).
MOTION by Smith, second by De Rizzo to approve to remove Policy 2264 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs Or Activities and revert to the revised Policy 2266 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex In Education Programs or Activities. Motion carried (Hornischer was not present for the vote).
MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to table the Reduction of Shared Choir Teacher Position agenda item. Motion carried (Hornischer was not present for the vote).
Hornischer returned to the meeting at 6:18 p.m.
MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Proulx to approve the Phase 2 strategic planning process documents as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Ashbeck to approve consent agenda items a through e, which includes minutes of the February 19, 2025 and March 3, 2025, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,431,307.45; recognition of donations received for the Great Speaker Committee totaling \$2,700.00; donations totaling \$150.00; and, the attached personnel report, contingent upon release of contract for hirings and upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried with Proulx, Smith and Woller abstaining from the February 19, 2025, minute approval; and, De Rizzo abstaining from the March 3, 2025, minute approval.
There were no added topics for Items for Future Meetings.

Radio Schedule: Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 8:15 AM @ Bluejay 730 Radio Station
Future Meetings
● Head Start Policy Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. at PRSYL
● Curriculum/Technology/Pupil Services Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room
● Finance/HR Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room
● Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room
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supported them,” Campbell said. “It’s the 99% of the population who didn’t wear the fabric of our nation’s military who don’t deserve it.”

2. “I’ve been to D.C. before”

“All who’ve been there and then flew on an Honor Flight say the same thing,” Campbell explained. “‘It’s like I was never there!’”

Family vacations, reunions, duty assignments in D.C., or even going as a guardian don’t compare. “Most of the existing memorials hadn’t even been built when you were there before,” he added. And surprisingly, “Seeing the memorials doesn’t even make the top three list of veterans’ most liked experiences on an Honor Flight.”

3. Medical conditions

“If your doctor approves, we will take you,” Campbell said. Some veterans express concern, saying things like, “I don’t walk so good...” But Campbell reassures them: “We’ve taken veterans with no legs. They didn’t walk at all!”

4. Anger

Many veterans—especially those who served in Korea and felt ignored, and those who served in Vietnam and felt blamed for the war—feel this way, Campbell said. “BUT, all who felt this way got closure after going on an Honor Flight.”

5. “I don’t want to relive my experiences”

“Your mind is like a photo album; you won’t ever forget what you experienced,” Campbell said. “But the Honor Flight experience helps keep your mind’s photo album closed more than it’s open. Nightmares disappear. There’s closure after five or more decades.”

Eligible veterans should apply now

“Never Forgotten Honor Flight recognizes you for your sacrifices and achievements by flying you to Washington, D.C., to see YOUR memorials at no cost,” the application site reads. The goal is to provide veterans with a safe, memorable, and rewarding experience—with an emphasis on closure and

healing.

“For what you and your comrades have given to us, please consider this a small token of appreciation from all of us at Never Forgotten Honor Flight,” the site adds.

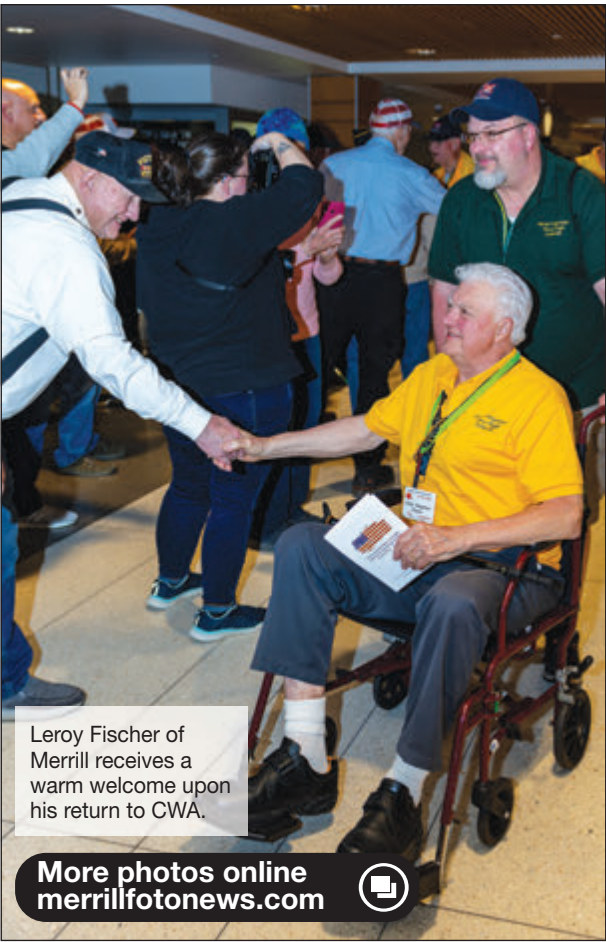
Currently, applications are being accepted for WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans. Priority is given to:

- WWII veterans
- Veterans with a terminal illness
- Followed by Korean War veterans, then Vietnam War veterans

All veterans who served honorably are eligible for an Honor Flight if they served on Active Duty, Active Reserves, National Guard, or Inactive Ready Reserve (IRR)—in any branch of service—before May 7, 1975.

All Never Forgotten Honor Flights depart from Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) in Mosinee, Wis.

For more information, call 715-573-8519 or visit www.neverforgottenhonorflight.org.



Leroy Fischer of Merrill receives a warm welcome upon his return to CWA.

More photos online merrillfotonews.com



William “Bill” Hanson of Merrill is greeted by his wife, Jane. Joseph Frederick photos.

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BID NOTICE

The Town of Merrill is seeking bids for the mowing and trimming of the Town Hall lawn. Bids will be accepted until **May 12, 2025, 5:00 pm.**

Please send bids to:

Town of Merrill

W4594 Progress Ave., Merrill, WI 54452

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April 24, May 1 & 8, 2025

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TOWN OF BIRCH

Hosting Public Land Use Open House

The Town of Birch is updating its 20-year comprehensive plan. This open house provides the residents an opportunity to comment and give feedback on the land use plan.

The open house will be May 6 2025, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Town of Birch Town Hall, W4762 County Road H, Irma, WI 54442. Feel free to stop in during that time.

Published April 24, 2025

WNAXLP

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice City of Merrill Code of Ordinances Section 14-36(b) declares lawns, grass and noxious weeds on non-agricultural lots or parcels of land which exceed eight inches of length affect public health and safety.

Code of Ordinances Section 14-34 defines noxious weeds and further delineates the duties of the owner or occupant of the property to remove the noxious weeds.

All property owners, or occupants are responsible for keeping their property areas, including boulevards, mowed and trimmed.

Failure to do so will result in mowing and trimming by the City and an assessment of costs which may result in an assessment on the property tax roll.

A copy of the Lawn Regulation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Section 26-56 of the Code of Ordinances states that “No person shall deposit any refuse, leaves or grass clippings in any gutter along any public street, road, alley, or highway.”

Section 32-94 states that “It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, or cause to be deposited, dumped, sorted, scattered or left any rubbish, stone, wire, earth, ashes, cinders, sawdust, hay, glass, manure, filth, paper, snow, ice, dirt, grass, leaves, construction waste, garbage or other offensive or noxious material in any public street, sidewalk, alley, or upon any public property.”

Dated this 16th of April 2025

CITY OF MERRILL
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Published April 24, 2025

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Volunteer.
Be social.
Meet your
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Participate in or
volunteer for your
community events!



Earth Day volunteer cleanup set for Council Grounds this Saturday

Council Grounds State Park will host a volunteer cleanup event on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9 a.m. to noon as part of Wisconsin State Parks’ celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day. Area families, individuals, clubs, and groups are invited to participate.

Volunteers will help rake campsites, clear trail debris/small branches, and collect trash to prepare the park for summer visitors. Water to fill your water bottles, plastic gloves, and some rakes will be provided. Participants should wear appropriate footwear and bring their own work gloves.

Members of the Friends of Council Grounds will direct volunteers to work areas. Vehicle admission fees will be waived for volunteers, making it an opportunity to bring lunch and enjoy the park afterward.

For questions, contact Ranger Sarah Gilbert at 715.536.8773.

A view of the beach area at Council Grounds State Park.

Judy Mueller photo.



Area Events & Entertainment Community Calendar



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- Apr. 23** - Fraud Identification and Prevention Seminar at Athens Fire Hall
Apr. 24 - Veterans Coffee & Conversation at Pine Ridge Restaurant
Apr. 24 - Red Wagon Concessions at The Creative Spirit

Apr. 25-26 - Merrill Concertina Festival at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes
Apr. 26 - MACA Concert: Street Corner Symphony
Apr. 26 - The Foxfire at Sawmill Brewing Company
Apr. 26 - 9th Annual Trinity PTO Dinner & Auction

Apr. 26 - Hunter Swap Shop at Lincoln County Sports Club
Apr. 26 - Pommerscher Verein Central Wisconsin (PVCW) Youth Heritage Day
Apr. 26 - Yummy Thai at Sawmill Brewing Company
May 3 - Bar Bingo at Bubba's Pub

May 3-4 - Brooke's School of Dance Annual Dance Show
May 10 - MACA Concert: The BriTins
May 10 - Flea Market at Merrill Fairgrounds
May 10 - Lulu's Food Truck at The Creative Spirit

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

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Business Identity Theft, Scams & Frauds Targeting Small Businesses workshop

The Merrill
Enrichment Center
will host a workshop
on Business Identity
Theft & How to Protect
Against Scams &
Frauds Targeting Small
Businesses on May 13,
2025, from 11:30 a.m. to
1 p.m. in the Bierman
Expo. Center.

Jeff Kersten, Outreach Specialist with the Division of Trade & Consumer Protection Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will facilitate the workshop.

Please RSVP by
calling the Center at
715.536.4226.

Business identity theft

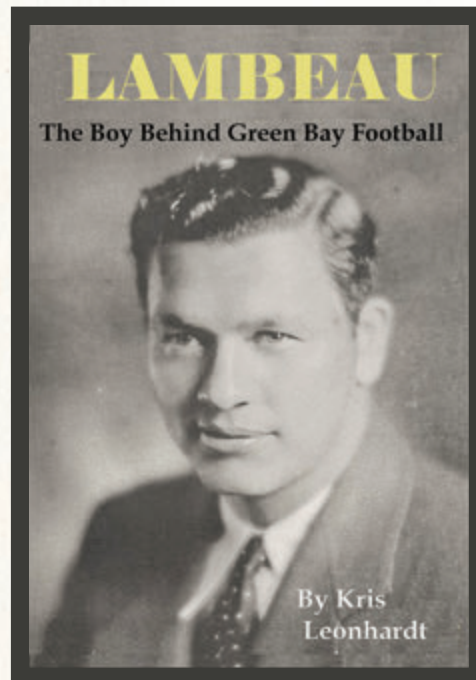
Business identity theft is a growing crime in the United States. In 2019, Dun & Bradstreet saw more than a 100% increase in business identity theft. For 2020, the company estimates an overall 258% spike in the crime. The more you learn about it, the less vulnerable you and

your business are. The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will explain the different types of business identity theft, how to recognize it, and steps to take to protect your business.

How to protect against scams and frauds targeting small businesses

You spend a lot of time building your business. But, if all of your hard work falls into the wrong hands, it can affect your reputation, your bottom line, your customers, and your employees. The more you and your employees learn about scams and fraud that target small businesses, the more protected your business will be. The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will discuss the different types of scams and fraud, how to help prevent it, steps you can take to help protect your business, and what to do if you become a victim of a scam.

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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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APRIL LAW OF THE MONTH: WORK ZONE SAFETY

State Patrol urges drivers to be patient and avoid distractions to keep highway workers safe

Construction season is approaching, which means crews will soon be out fixing and building roads and bridges. Drivers have one of the biggest roles in keeping work zones safe for construction crews.

The Wisconsin State Patrol's April Law of the Month encourages drivers to help create a safe space for crews who work on and alongside the road.

"Construction crews and county highway personnel often work within feet of traffic," said Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "These people need to be able to rely on drivers to do their part to ensure a safe work zone. The Wisconsin State Patrol is working to combat unsafe driving in work zones with the help of troopers on the road and overhead with our Air Support Unit. Last year, we issued over 7,000 citations and warnings for traffic law violations in work zones."

Speeding, following too closely, and distracted driving cause most work-zone crashes. These crashes are preventable. According to preliminary

data for Wisconsin, there were 2,174 work zone crashes in 2024, resulting in 10 fatalities and 779 injuries. On average, that is one work zone crash every three hours.

Work zone safety tips

Driving safely and slowly through work zones will protect workers and motorists. Wisconsin's laws further protect road workers, with penalties for traffic violations doubling in work zones.

Do your part to keep work zones safe with these tips:

- **Buckle up, phone down.** Eliminate distractions. State law prohibits the use of handheld electronic devices in work zones, except to report an emergency. Looking down for just 5 seconds at 55 mph takes a driver's eyes off the road for the length of a football field.
- **Plan ahead.** Leave early or take an alternate route when construction is anticipated. Know before you go with 511 Wisconsin. Download the 511 Wisconsin app or call

5-1-1 for the latest travel information across the state.

- **Expect the unexpected.** Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be shifted, and crews may be working on or near the road.

- **Keep your distance.** Rear-end collisions are common in work zones, so give yourself extra space.

- **Be patient.** If you don't see workers, that doesn't mean they're not there. Always be watchful for workers and vehicles throughout the work zone.

- **Move over or slow down for stopped emergency vehicles with warning lights activated.** The Move Over Law requires drivers to move out of the lane closest to a maintenance worker or emergency responder. If you can't move over, slow down.
- **Use the zipper merge strategy when lanes are reduced;** take alternating turns to merge.

View the April Law of the Month video and news release online: [wisconsin.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/law/lom.aspx](#).

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Community invited to help plant trees at Merrill School Forest

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Organizers hope the Merrill School Forest will come alive with community spirit on Saturday, May 17, 2025, during the 4th Annual "Trees For Our Future" Community Tree Planting Event. Hosted by Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) in partnership with the Friends of the Merrill School Forest, the event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school forest located on Hwy. 107, just across from the New Wood County Park.

Community members of all ages are encouraged to join in this hands-on effort to invest in the future of the environment. Whether you can lend an hour or stay the

whole day, every helping hand will make a difference.

Participants are invited to bring a lunch and enjoy a picnic at the site. Water and snacks will be provided, and tree planting training will be available throughout the day to ensure everyone feels confident and capable.

Trees play a vital role in both human and environmental health—purifying air and water, improving soil, cooling the climate, and offering habitat to countless species. This event is a meaningful way to give back to nature and help grow a greener tomorrow.

For more information, contact MAPS or visit the school forest on the day of the event.

HEALTH from page 1

Healthcare Decisions Week (April 14-20, 2025).

Don't wait for a crisis to have this important conversation. Download

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Estate Sales7208

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Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team struggles to get back on the board

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Thursday, April 10, 2025, the Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team had their home opener taking on the Marshfield Girls at the MARC. In the end, it was the Marshfield Tigers who took home the win. “We competed; it was a tough loss,” said Merrill Varsity Girls Head Coach Alison Natzke. “We outhit them 13-7; they just were able to take advantage of runners on base more than we did,” she said. “Grace Hoff went 3/3 with a single, double, and home run, 4 RBI’s. Mackenzie Herdt, Kendell Klug, Abbie Krueger, and Dani Schielke all had two doubles apiece.”

Box score:
Marshfield 9 @ Merrill 7

Subsequent games have left the Merrill

Varsity Girls fighting to get back into the game with consecutive losses. On Friday, April 11, the Merrill Girls Varsity Team suffered a tough loss in a shutout game against Pacelli Catholic School at the MARC, losing 0-6.

On Monday, April 14, another home game at the MARC put the Merrill Girls up against Medford, and this time it was the Raiders that made things tough for Merrill. While the Merrill Girls got on the board with a single score, the Medford Raiders crossed the home plate 11 times, leading to another defeat for Merrill, 1-11.

Hoping to shake off their losses, the Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team traveled to Stevens Point on Tuesday, April 15, to compete against the Stevens Point Panthers, only to be dealt another crushing hit, in another shutout game where they couldn’t get a score on the board and Point took the win, 11-0.

LEFT: Mackenzie Herdt is on the mound for Merrill.

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Bluejays Varsity Baseball Team finds rhythm after early season tests

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Boys Varsity Baseball Team battled through a challenging start to their 2025 season, currently posting a 3-4 record overall with a 0-2 mark in Conference play.

“We have been able to get 7 games in at this point, and we are 3-4, 0-2 in the Conference,” said Merrill Boys Varsity Baseball Head Coach Shawn Schultz.

The Bluejays opened their season on April 5 in Oconomowoc with back-to-back losses, falling 12-2 to Columbus and 4-3 to Pewaukee. But the team

quickly bounced back at home against Abbotsford/Colby, securing their first win in an impressive victory.

“We picked up our first win 11-0 with Cooper Wendorf and Carter Kaminski combining to throw a no-hitter,” Schultz said.

Last week’s away matchup against Stevens Point on April 15 saw Merrill play well but come up just short in a 3-1 defeat.

“We came out in the first with some real good at bats,” said Schultz. “Kory Page led off with a single, and Brady Norton reached base on an error by the

left fielder. After two outs, Cooper Wendorf came up with a big base hit to put us on the board.”

“Cam Wallin followed with another knock, but we couldn’t push across another score,” he said. Despite having additional opportunities, the Bluejays couldn’t add to their total, while Point added runs in the second and third innings. Schultz praised his starting pitcher’s efforts in the loss.

“Carter Kaminski pitched well in the game,” he said. “He kept a strong offense off balance and gave us a great shot to pick up the win.”

Thursday’s home

rematch with Point proved challenging, as Merrill fell behind 4-0 after the first inning. EJ Weix held Point scoreless until the fifth inning, when they added five more runs. The Bluejays showed resilience by scoring six runs in the sixth inning.

“We kept battling in the seventh but came up short,” Schultz said, “finishing on the wrong side of a 13-7 score. EJ had three hits in the loss and Cooper had two with 2 RBI.”

The weekend brought better results, with Merrill sweeping Lakeland in an April 19 doubleheader. In the first game, the Bluejays rolled to a 12-2 win behind strong pitching from Cam Wallin.

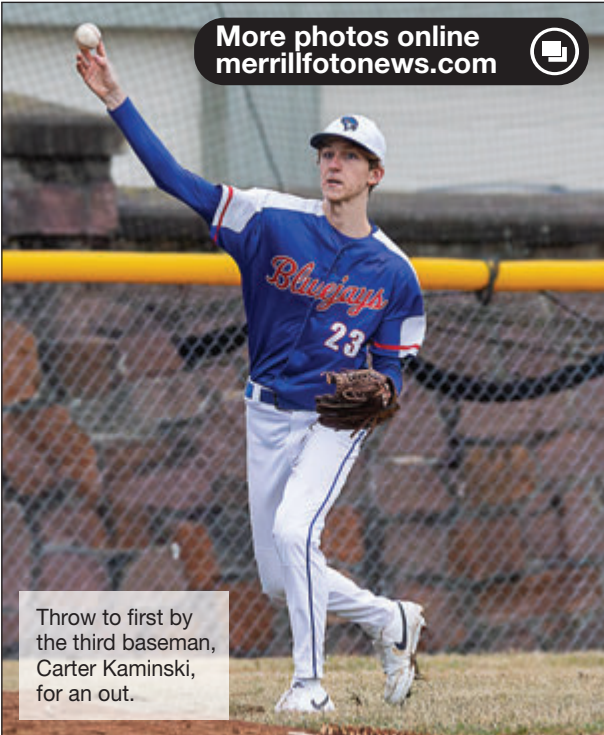
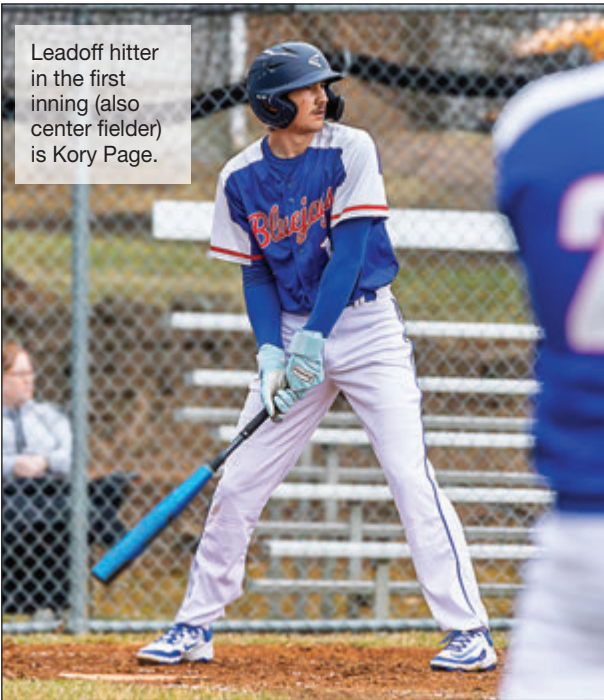
“Cam Wallin pitched a great game. He was in control from the start,” said Schultz. “He gave up one in the first inning but did not change the way he attacked their lineup. We took the lead with a big six-run second inning, and Cam dominated their lineup the rest of the way.”

“Our 1-5 hitters all collected at least two hits in the game, and all nine starters reached base with either a hit or a walk in the game,” he said. “A great team effort.”

The offensive outburst continued in game two as Merrill pounded out 20 runs in a 20-8 victory, highlighted by a massive 17-run fourth inning.

“Kory Page led off the game with a double to right and came around to give us the lead in the top of the first,” Schultz said. “However, we got off to a bit of a rough start, giving up three in the bottom of the first. We had some fielding miscues that we will work to improve, but Noah Klug battled to keep us in it through a couple of tough innings.”

“We strung together some hits in the top of



the third and scored two runs to make it 4-3, but we missed an opportunity for a big inning. Lakeland came back with four more in the bottom of the third to make it 8-3. EJ Weix made a great sliding catch to end the inning, and it gave us a big boost heading to the top of the fifth.”

“A couple of Sophomores, Cole Rudie and Ryker Remington, started the scoring with Ryker’s RBI double, and we were off,” he said. “We ended up scoring 17 runs in the inning and put the game away. Five

players collected multiple hits. Rudie, Wendorf, Page, and Wallin all collected two hits, and Weix had three in the game.”

“It was great to put some offense together beginning with the sixth inning on Thursday,” Coach Schultz said. “The boys stacked a bunch of good at bats together in the three games. EJ Weix collected 10 hits with two doubles and a triple in the stretch,” said Schultz.

The Bluejays face Wausau West next before traveling to Waunakee on Saturday.

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| Thurs. April 24 | Wausau West (Varsity & JV) | Away | 5:00 pm |
| Sat. April 26 | Waunakee (Varsity & JV) | Away | 11:00 am |
| Mon. April 28 | Rhineland (Varsity & JV) | Home | 5:00 pm |
| Tues. April 29 | Marshfield (Varsity & JV) | Home | 5:00 pm |
| Tues. April 29 | Marshfield (JV2) | Away | 5:00 pm |
| Thurs. May 1 | Marshfield (JV2) | Home | 5:00 pm |
| Thurs. May 1 | Marshfield (Varsity & JV) | Away | 5:00 pm |
| Girls Softball (Varsity & JV) | | | |
| Thurs. April 24 | D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV) | Home | 4:30 pm |
| Sat. April 26 | Portage-Tournament (Varsity) | Away | 9:00 am |
| Thurs. May 1 | Wausau West (Varsity & JV) | Home | 4:30 pm |
| Boys Golf (Varsity & JV) | | | |
| Thurs. April 24 | Indianhead Course (Varsity) | Away | 2:00 pm |
| Fri. April 25 | Ridges Course (Varsity) | Away | 2:00 pm |
| Fri. April 25 | Pine Valley Course (JV) | Away | 3:00 pm |
| Mon. April 28 | Wausau Club (Varsity) | Away | 2:00 pm |
| Tues. April 29 | Trapp River Course (JV) | Away | 3:00 pm |
| Girls Soccer (Varsity & JV) | | | |
| Tues. April 29 | Three Lakes (Varsity) | Away | 5:00 pm |
| Thurs. May 1 | Wausau East (JV) | Home | 5:00 pm |
| Thurs. May 1 | Wausau East (Varsity) | Home | 7:00 pm |
| Boys Track & Field (Varsity & JV) | | | |
| Tues. April 29 | Wausau East (Varsity & JV) | Away | 4:00 pm |
| Girls Track & Field (Varsity & JV) | | | |
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Miley Krueger, a Sophomore at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week for the week of April 24, 2025. She plays on the Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team, her first year on Varsity, where she plays first base. Miley started with t-ball, progressed to the Merrill Youth Traveling Team, and played on the Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) 8th grade Softball Team before joining the Merrill Girls Softball Team at MHS. She also plays Volleyball, her second year on the Merrill Varsity Volleyball Team. Her volleyball journey began with Junior Jays at Kate Goodrich in fourth grade, and she played on the Trinity Volleyball Team (the Hawks) from fifth through seventh grade. At school, Miley’s favorite class is graphic design, and she has applied for National Honor Society but hasn’t heard back yet. In her free time, she likes to hunt turkey, bear, and deer and to fish, jet ski, swim, and boat. She also enjoys going out to eat, shopping, and going to movies with friends.

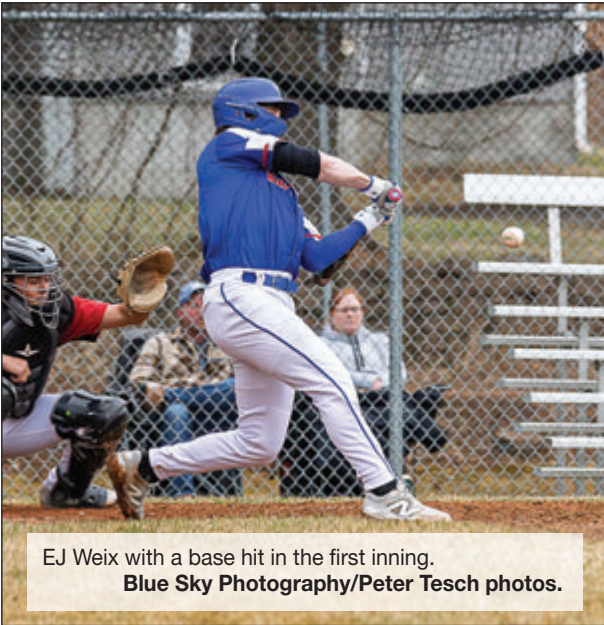
The daughter of Michelle and Ryan Krueger of Merrill, Miley has a 4.0 GPA and is considering a career in the medical field after high school graduation.

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