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Two Gleason women killed in crash on Hwy. 17

BY TINA L. SCOTT **EDITOR**

According to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), two women were killed in a motor vehicle crash the evening of Wednesday, May 10, 2023, on Hwy. 17 north of Gleason in the Township of Russell.

At approximately 8:31 p.m. the Lincoln County 911 Dispatch Center received a report of a two-vehicle crash on State Rd. 17 near the intersection of Cty. Rd. CCC.

Preliminary investigation indicates a vehicle southbound on Hwy. 17 operated by 59-year-old Alice Peterson of Gleason crossed over the center line and collided head-on with a northbound vehicle driven by 22-year-old Alissa Sosnovske of Gleason on the bridge where Hwy. 107 crosses the Prairie River.

Both drivers sustained fatal injuries in the crash and died at the scene, according to Lincoln County Coroner Valerie Caylor.

There were no other occupants in the vehicles at the time of the crash.

The highway was closed to through traffic, with both lanes blocked for hours. The highway was cleared and reopened to traffic at 2:16 a.m. on Thursday, May 11.

Lincoln County deputies, the Town of Russell Fire Department, Town of Russell First Responders, Merrill Fire Department & Ambulance, Merrill Police Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol all responded.

The crash remains under investigation.



Little scarecrows perform to "If I Only Had a Brain."

Tina L. Scott photos.

Brooke's School of Dance presents Merry Old Land of Oz

BY TINA L. SCOTT **EDITOR**

Brooke's School of Dance presented their annual show on Saturday, May 13, and Sunday, May 14, 2023, with five performances held in the Merrill High School auditorium. This year's presentation, titled "Merry Old Land of Oz" revisited the classic, The Wizard of Oz, and featured Dorothy,

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Ana Blair's to hold Grand Opening to celebrate new ownership

BY TINA L. SCOTT **EDITOR**

Ana Blair's Boutique, 820 E. First St. in Merrill, will hold their Grand Opening on Thursday, May 18, 2023, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. to celebrate new ownership.

Ashley Dayton, the clothing boutique's new owner, purchased the business from founder Vanessa Lazarz on February 1, 2023

The Grand Opening will feature sweet treats from Auntie Ray's Coffee House, food from Sutton's Wine Bar, coffee specials in the new coffee truck, and a pop-up shop featuring Rustic Earth Metals permanent jewelry of Weston on-site (limited availability at this point).

Lazarz originally opened the store in her home in September 2016,

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New owner, Ashley Dayton, behind the counter fixing a cup of gourmet coffee. Tina L. Scott photo.

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Girls on the Run Celebratory 5K **Community Fun** Run empowers young girls

BY TINA L. SCOTT **EDITOR**

On May 13, 2023, Girls on the Run (GOTR) North Central Wisconsin brought its Celebratory 5K Community Fun Run to Merrill's River Bend Trail. Registration and check in began at 8:30 a.m. at the Agra Pavilion, 100 S. Park St., and runners/walkers started out at 9:30 a.m., taking them along a 5K (3.1 mile) out-and-back course on the River Bend Trail along the Wisconsin River on a flat, paved surface that began and ended at the Agra Pavilion.

A family-friendly event open to community members as well as the GOTR girls, organizers say the event creates an opportunity for young girls-and community member participants-to breathe and believe, in themselves; to inhale determination and exhale doubt; to celebrate the accomplishments of every GOTR girl; and to "run, walk, roll, push, hop, skip, or jump at their own happy pace!" during the 5K.

GOTR is a nonprofit organization providing a physical activity-based youth development program for girls in third through eighth grades. The after-school program teaches critical life skills such as confidence, connection, and character, while also incorporating running and other physical activities. This year, the program was introduced to third and fourth grade girls at Washington Elementary School and to girls at Prairie River Middle School in

The teams at both schools worked hard to prepare, said Ashley LaRose, Executive Director of GOTR North Central WI. "The girls have been so encouraging and supportive of one another.'

"GOTR North Central Wisconsin inspires girls of all abilities to embrace their individual strengths while making meaningful connections with each other and a contribution to their community," organizers said. "Crossing the finish lines gives girls a tangible sense of accomplishment and sets a confident mindset into motion."

'Volunteers from our community worked with the girls twice a week for 12 weeks to empower them to grow into amazing strong young women," said Kelli Morgan, MAPS elementary school social worker. "Learning valuable life skills, growing in confidence, and RUNNING! ... It really



was a life changing program for everyone involved."

"We gathered as a community to celebrate the accomplishments of each GOTR participant," said Tiffany Bucheger, music teacher at Washington School and lead GOTR instructor. "Girls showed up, got their hair done, got decked out in fun glitter tattoos and face paint, and everyone finished the race."

"This program was a lot more than just running," she said. "When I went into it, I thought I would be training kids for a 5K, but it was way more than that. We were really training these girls how to handle life's challenges. Our lessons included topics such as positive self-talk, overcoming obstacles, and how to be a good friend. The girls loved learning how to 'believe in your own star power,' which is how we talked about the light inside of each of us that we want to shine. Star power helps the girls to see the connection between thoughts, feelings, and behaviors."

"We worked to inspire our girls to recognize their strengths and take responsibility for their own choices," said Katherine Hiebl, third grade teacher at Washington School and GOTR instructor. "We taught lessons about life skills like teamwork, helping others, gratitude, communication, and believing in yourself."

"We taught them how to pause and take a breath when getting angry, and how to resolve differences in friendships, all while strengthening our bodies."

"At its core, GOTR is all about inspiring girls to gain confidence needed to accomplish their goals," Hiebl said.

"Girls on the Run was really fun," said Abby, a third grade participant. "I learned that the good things in life take patience, no matter what-everything good in life takes time."

"We learned about positive talk," she said. "We learned how to cheer someone up when they are feeling down. When a friend is sad because something is hard, I can tell her, 'Practice more and you can do it! You've got this!"

"One day, we wrote positive things on the ground and then when we practiced running; those words helped us

Girls on the Run participants pose by the Merrill Fire Department Kelli Morgan photo. Engine 61.

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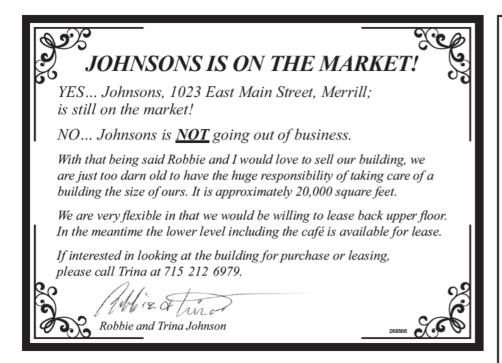
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May 2023 -- Foto News Article Merrill Area United Way

Dee Olsen, Executive Director

It's mid-May as we turn the corner with the excitement of summer and all the fun times and activities ahead. We are so fortunate to have a group of ladies that help prepare meals for children during the summer. They do this on weekdays and are set up at Christ United Methodist Church, 300 North Mill Street in Merrill. They rely on donations to operate. If you would like to give to this effort, stop by and drop off a check.

August 8th is United Way's "Concert for a Cause" featuring the amazing, wonderful, talented Leslie Blasing from South Padre Island, TX. Blasing performed for United Way during our 75th anniversary and those attending fell in love with her show. We are fortunate to bring her back. We were introduced to Blasing because several Merrill and surrounding Central Wisconsin "snowbirds" follow her when they are south for the winter. Blasing has a solid reputation and following as she has opened for Toby Keith and other popular names. Blasing has also received many accolades when named Best Performer in Texas. Seriously, mark your calendar for August 8th. You won't want to miss this show (you can dance too). It will be held at VFW Post 1638 in Merrill. The Planning Committee is working on aspects of this event, so watch for further details and information on ticket outlets.

United Way Board members will be making their one-on-one visits with our funded agencies in the next month or two. This is the ideal time to have an exchange with our Agencies. We recognize that our affiliates are faced with challenges while serving the public. This open communication gives United Way a better understanding of their operations, issues, and challenges so that we might better serve them. Our partner agencies report these visits are both important and helpful. We are grateful our Board members are committed to engaging in these visits.

During the summer months our affiliate agencies are required to provide us with a midyear report. These reports help us evaluate whether the agency is reaching their goals (identified in the initial annual application request). It gives an overview of how the dollars are applied toward impactful work on our focus areas of basic needs, education, and health.

It identifies how many people are being served by that agency. The mid-year reports area at benchmark for our fiduciary oversight to ensure United Way dollars work to improve our community.

Remember United Way is here to help people and improve the community through its work. September is our funding campaign, and we hope to count on you to help meet the needs of others. You make the difference when you support the Merrill Area United Way. Although the campaign is in September and October, we accept donations anytime. If you want to donate, please send your check to Merrill Area United Way, PO Box 813, Merrill, WI 54452. Donations stay local. For more information about Merrill Area United Way visit our website at merrillareaunitedway.org or email Delores.Olsen@ merrillareaunitedway.org.

OBITUARIES



Alissa "Aly" Grace Sosnovske, an adventurous and kind soul passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, as a result of a car accident. She was the daughter of Marty and Mary (Bloch) Sosnovske, born on July 28, 2000 in Merrill, Wisconsin. She attended and graduated Merrill High School in 2018 and was attending UW River Falls working towards a degree in dairy science. She was baptized and confirmed at Luther Memorial Church in

Aly was in the Prairie River Eagles 4-H Club, Merrill FFA Chapter, Wisconsin Farm Bureau as the District 8 YFA Chair, she was working for Marathon County DHI and helped on the family dairy farm. She was passionate about life and working on the farm. She enjoyed deer and turkey hunting and was a great shot. Aly was a stubborn, funny, ad venturous woman who had a flare for life. She liked to help in the maple syrup woods and some field work with her brother Ben. She liked to show dairy cattle at the Merrill Fair and when she was too old to show cattle, she liked to help clip and get the cattle ready for the shows. Aly also enjoyed baking with her neighbor Pat.

Aly is survived by her parents, Marty and Mary Sosnovske, brother: Ben Sosnovske, grandmother: Lorena Sosnovske, Aunts: Kathy (Frank) Weitzel, Sherry (John) Kudick, Brenda Sosnovske, and Tena (Steve) Peterson, uncles: Russell (Joyce) Bloch, and Cory (Anastasia) Sosnovske, cousins: Kristine, Andrew, Ken, Kari, Katie, Kyle, Ryan, Julia, Rachael, Justin, Jessica, Jeri, Drexel, Alexander, Maxwell and many more cousins, and special hunting buddies: Dan, Mike, Chuck, Brent, Derrick, Dave, Jarls, Travis, Britani,

She is preceded in death by her grandparents: Deloris and Kenneth Bloch and Louis Sosnovske.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 11:30 am at St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill, WI. Pastor Greg Laska will officiate. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home and on Friday, May 19, 2023 from 10:00 am until the time of service also at the church. Interment will take place at Summit Cemetery in the Town of Summit.

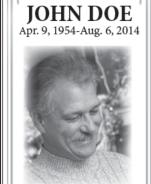
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Merrill

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Lee Burge, age 86 of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away peacefully at home on May 10, 2023. He was born on November 5, 1936 to the late Donnal and Vera (Brasher)

Sammy "Pete"

Burge in Bruce, Calhoun County, Mississippi. Pete married the love of his life on May 19, 1962 at Mater Christi Church in North Riverside Illinois.

Pete was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force in 1963. He worked at the Drake Hotel in the Chicago area as an electrician and after moving to Merrill in July of 1980, him and his wife Jan owned the Hub Inn up until 2016.

Pete loved all sports and playing cards. Many cherished memories were made on the yearly trips him and Jan would go on with friends to places like the Dominican Republic, Caribbean, and Porta Rico to name a few. Pete also loved his family very much and loved hanging out with his children and grandchildren.

Pete is survived by his wife Jan Burge, children: Michael Scott Burge, David Allen (Julie) Burge, and Patrick Lee (Paula) Burge, grandchildren: Kaitlin, Keri, Dani, Samantha Megan, and Kyle, great-grandchildren: Brooklyn, Brystol Kane, and Kol, and sister: Shirley (Tim) Rollings. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Denny (Diane) Burge, James (Rose) Burge, and Lynn (Skip) Hurley.

A prayer service will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023 a 12:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home with Military Honors. A visitation will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023 from 10:00 am until the time of service also at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Association in memory of Pete.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encour aged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.



Gladys E. Pagenkopf, age 99, of Tomahawk, WI, passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at Milestone Senior Living in Tomahawk. Gladys was born in Fairbanks, AK, on July 30, 1923, to the late Winifred (Eddy) and James C. Kinney, a gold miner and store owner. Gladys and her mother returned to Wisconsin, Winifred's home state, after her father's death in 1934. She completed high school in Lancaster, WI, and later earned

her nursing degree at Rush Medical Center in Chicago, IL. Gladys was married to Virgil E. "Bud" Pagenkopf in 1947 in Lancaster. They moved to Merrill, WI, in 1956 and raised their family. She worked at Holy Cross Hospital in Merrill After retirement, she and Bud traveled extensively by trailer and RV visiting nearly every one of the lower states plus Mexico and Canada. They eventually settled in Sun City, FL Gladys volunteered on the local rescue squad for eleven years. Her husband died in 2015. She excelled at many crafts and painted exquisite water colors.

She is survived by two sons, James B. (Peggy) Pagenkopt and Jon J. (Christine) Pagenkopf; two daughters, Patricia Heller, and Mary (Albert) Pjura who preceded her in death Other survivors include her grandchildren, Amy (Greg) Crocker, Jennifer (Patrick) McGraw, Nicholas (Emily) Pagenkopf, and Elizabeth (Michael) Pagenkopf; in addition to her great-grandchildren, Hanna Pjura and George

In accordance with Gladys' wishes, no formal services will be held. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Gladys' obituary and leave online condolences at generations funeral.com.



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Geraldine A. 'Gerry' Dotter, 94, of Merrill, passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Bell Tower Residence, Merrill. Geraldine was born November 18, 1928, in Merrill, daughter of the late Ray Turbin and Delores (Egan) Cotter. She graduated from Merrill High School and then attended beauty school in Eau Claire. She married Gordon Dotter on May 29, 1948, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Irma. He preceded her in death on April

12, 2016. Geraldine was a homemaker, she loved reading and traveling.

Geraldine is survived by her daughters, Barbara (Jay) Harding, and Deanna Dotter both of Merrill; sons, Jim (Jayne) Dotter of Marshfield, and Tom Dotter of Merrill grandchildren, Beth (Todd) Pehlke of Lake Orion, Michigan. Kyle Harding (fiancée Shelbi) of Merrill, Kevin (Jessica) Harding of Irma, Adam Dotter of Merrill, and Elly (Troy) Hanson of Merrill; great-grandchildren, Brenden, McKenna Brooklyn, Langdon, Eli, Everleigh, Elliott, Emilia, Finn Kane, and Tillie; sister, Marjorie Heidemann; brother, John Cotter; and half-sister, Ellen Barbre. Geraldine was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Dotter; parents, Ray Turbin and Delores Cotter; stepfather, John N. Cotter; son, Gary Dotter, half brothers, William Turbin, Richard Turbin, and David Turbin; brother-in-law, Victor Heidemann; and sisterin-law, Gene Cotter.

The funeral service for Geraldine will be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, May 22, 2023, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. Michael Southcombe will officiate. The burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery, Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County. Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M., Monday at the funeral home. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

The family would like to thank the staff at Bell Tower Residence, Inclusa, and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services for the wonderful care they showed Geraldine.

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ralhome.com



Robert "Bob" Schotz John passed away on May 8, 2023. Bob was born on Sep-

tember 21, 1958, the son of Kenneth and Pauline (Tracy) Schotz. In 1977 he joined the Air Force where he was a jet engine mechanic. He married Linda Woellner in 1977. They were stationed in Charleston, South Carolina and Grand Forks, North Dakota. After being discharged from service.

he worked at Northern Door, Ward Paper, and then went to school to learn computers, earning an associate degree. He then worked for different insurance companies and retired from United Health Care in December 2020. Bob enjoyed playing and watching golf, watching the Green Bay Packers and the Milwaukee Brewers. Bob also enjoyed raising honey bees and was a member of the Marathon County Bee Association. Bob and Linda enjoyed going to Wollersheim Winery & Distillery, they also enjoyed going to Door County.

Bob is survived by his wife Linda, sons: Jason of Merrill and Justin with spouse Hope and grandson, Grayson and granddaughter Ariya of Eau Claire, sister: Kathy of Rhinelander, brothers: William "Bill" with friend Cindy of Merrill and Gerald "Jerry" and his wife Ann from Philo, Illinois, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Gary and Donna Dietrich, Patty McDonald and friend Ron, Keith and Kim Woellner, and Brian and Shannon Woellner all of Merrill and Steve and Mary Woellner of Wausau, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, special friends from Club X to C Golf Course and Restaurant that were like family to him.

Bob is preceded in death by infant son Ryan John Schotz, parents Kenneth and Pauline Schotz and his in laws Donald and Marlene Woellner.

Per Bob's wishes no services will be held.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.waidfuneral.com

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| OBITUARIES |



Gloria A. Bondioli, age 80. passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, while being hospital ized at U.W. Madison Hospital with her loving family by her

Gloria was born on January 31, 1943, in Merrill, and was the daughter to the late Arnt and Gudrun (Johnson) Nelson She attended and graduated from Merrill High School with the Class of 1961. On March 3 1962, Gloria married her best friend and high school sweet

heart, Eugene Bondioli, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill. He survives. Eugene and Gloria have spent many wonderful years traveling and appreciating each other.

In 2005, after 23 years, Gloria retired from working in the administration office for the Merrill Area Public Schools She had worked for many years as a secretary at the Jefferson Elementary School in Merrill. Gloria loved singing and would bless so many others with her gift of music. She sang with the Merrill Chapter of Sweet Adeline Chorus & Quartet and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Choir. Gloria was also a very talented seamstress and enjoyed crocheting. knitting and embroidery work. She had the most infectious laugh and her smile could brighten a room. Gloria enjoyed spending time with her family, they were first and foremost in her life. She would look forward to going to the casino with Eugene, where she would enjoy the experience. Gloria was the best wife, feisty and fun-loving. She had a huge heart and was very thoughtful and generous. She will be sadly missed but will remain in the hearts of her family and friends forever

Gloria is survived by her soul mate: Eugene Bondioli, she was blessed with 3 wonderful and caring daughters: Lori (Joe) Duginski, Amy (John) Marthaler and Beth (Leslie) Stevenson, 7 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, 2 broth ers-in-law, 4 sisters-in-law and many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister brother, mother and father-in-law, and 2 brothers-in-law.

The Memorial Service for Gloria will be held on Saturday May 20, 2023, at 12pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill Pastor Missy Miller will officiate. Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 10am until the time of the service, also at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, Gloria and her family pray, if you are able, that you will become an organ donor and give the gift of life. Monetary donations may be sent to U.W. Madison Organ Donor Organization or the Children's Miracle

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.

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1. Tara Gryskiewicz, 908 West Street, requesting a variance to M.M.C. Sec.

requesting a variance to M.M.C. Sec. 113-320, regulations for fencing in a residential zone in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Legally described in pin# 251-3106-104-0180.

2. Paul Lindstrom, 700 Wisconsin Street, requesting a variance to M.M.C. Sec. 113-320, regulations for fencing in a residential zone in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Legally described in pin# 251-3106-104-0164 Anyone having any questions regarding the hearing should contact Zoning Administrator, Danna Pagel at 536-4880.

Dated: May 15, 2023 CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN By: Lori Anderson-Malm City Clerk Published May 18, 2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing to be held by and before the City Plan Commission of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, commencing at 6 00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1004 East

First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the following proposed matter, to wit;

1. Frank Romano, Best Share Mining LLC, requesting a Conditional Use for a Data Mining Center at 400 S Kyes Street per M.M.C. Sec. 113-100 located in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. Legally described in pin# 251-3106-182-0216.

Anyone having any questions regarding the hearing should contact Zoning Administrator, Darin Pagel at 536-4880. Dated: May 15, 2023

CITY OF MERR LL. WISCONSIN By: Lori Anderson-Malm City Clerk Published May 18, 2023

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CITY OF MERRILL COMMON COUNCIL Tuesday, May 9, 2023 MINUTES Regular Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 7 00 p.m. I. Call to Order Mayor Hass called the

meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following elected officials, department heads and residents were in

attendance:
Elected Officials and Department Heads
present: Mayor Hass, City Attorney
Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm,
Finance Director Unertl, Public Works
Director/City Engineer Akey, Library
Director Ollhoff, Police Chief Bennett,
Street Superintendent Bonack, Transit
Director Rummond Littlity Operations Director Brummond, Utility Operations

Manager Steinagel and Phil Skoug. Excused: Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Fire Chief Klug and Park & Recreation Director Wendorf Others in attendance: Sister Celine, Sister Cathy, Manuel Rolon, Brian Lee, Clyde Nelsonand Merrill Productions. II. Invocation by Sister Celine – Sisters

III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Roll Call was taken and the following alderperson's were in attendance: Paul Russell - First District Present Michael "Gus" Caylor - Second District

of Holy Cross

Rick Blake - Third District Present LaDonna Fermanich - Fourth District

Dick Lupton – Fifth District Present Mike Rick - Sixth District Present Mark Weix – Seventh District Present Steve Sabatke – Eighth District Present

V. Public Comment-There was no public comment. VI. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting –April 11, 2023 Alderperson Russellmade a motion to

place the minutes from the April 11, 2023 Common Council meeting on file. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.
VII. Revenue & Expense Reports

Alderperson Caylor made a motion to approve the April 2023 Revenue and Expense reports. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

VIII. General Agenda Items

1. Street use permit for Golden
Harvest on Saturday, June 3–
Alderperson Sabatke made a motion to approve the street use permit for Golden

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Legals

Harvest Market to close Pearl Street from Main Street to Thielman Street from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm on Saturday, June 3 for a Customer Appreciation Event. Alderperson Weix seconded and the motion carried.

2. Consider lifting the hiring freeze the Police Department Alderperson Caylor made a motion to lift the hiring freeze for the Police Department due to a resignation of a officer. Alderperson seconded and the motion carried.

IX. Health & Safety Committee

1. Consider three temporary Class "B" picnic licenses for the Lincoln County Rodeo Association for June 9, 10 and 11 – Alderperson Rick made a motion to approve the three temporary Class "B" picnic licenses for the Lincoln County Rodeo Association to sell fermented malt beverages at the Merrill Festival Grounds during the Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo on June 9, 10 and 11. 2023. Alderperson Sabatke seconded and the motion carried.

X. City Plan Commission 1. Consider request to rezone 100 N Polk Street from Public to Business Alderperson Russell made a motion deny the request to rezone 100 N Polk Street from Public to Business Alderperson discussion. Caylor seconded

Alderperson Russell explained his decision for the denial. Manuel Rolon and Brian Lee were given floor privileges to speak regarding the rezoning request.

City Attorney Hayden stated no one appeared at the public hearing and this was approved by the City Plan Commission with a requirement to have a plan within 6 months

Following further Alderperson Russell discussion original motion and motioned to refer this to the June Council meeting Alderperson Weix seconded and the motion carried.

2. Consider the approval of the final plat for CM's first addition (aka Johnson Street) – Alderperson Sabatke made a motion to approve the final plat for CM's first addition. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the

motion carried.

XI. Tourism Commission – Annual Report Presentation Clyde Nelson – Executive Director of the

Merrill Chamber of Commerce presented the 2022 Tourism report and the tourism room tax report. He highlighted a number of items in the report that was included in the packet.

XII. Place Committee Reports on File

Alderperson Russell made a motion to

place the committee reports on file with the corrections that were brought to the City Clerk's attention. Alderperson Fermanich seconded and the motion

XIII. Ordinances

City Attorney Hayden read the ordinance amending Chapter 26, Article V, Section 26-134 Habitual Truancy. He explained the reason for amending the ordinance. Alderperson Caylor made a motion to suspend the rules and give the second and third readings by title only. Alderperson Russell seconded. City Attorney Hayden gave the Ordinance the second and third readings by title only.

Alderperson Caylor made a motion to accept the amended ordinance. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried on an 8/0 roll call vote

XIV. Resolutions
A Resolution approving a final plat for single family residential development located on Johnson Street in the City of

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill ("The Applicant") has applied for final approval of a subdivision plat pursuant to Code of Ordinances Sec. 111-114, 115 for land located in CM's First Addition, a subdivision plat being part of the Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ and all of Lot 4 of Certified Survey Map Number 559835, Recorded as Document Number 559835, filed in the Lincoln County Register of Deed Office; All located in the Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 7, Township 31 North, Range 7 East in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin; and WHEREAS, The City Plan Commission considered the application at a meeting

on May 2, 2023; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONS N this 9th day of May 2023, that:

 The Common Council Adopts the City Plan Commissions findings and incorporates them into this resolution. The final plat of Single Family Residential Development on Johnson Street presented by City of Merrill and prepared by Joshua Prentice for REI and involving a subdivision plat pursuant to Code of Ordinances Sec. 111-114, 115 for land located in CM's First Addition, a subdivision plat being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and all of Lot 4 of Certified Survey Map Number 559835, Recorded as Document Number 559835, filed in the Lincoln County Register of Deed Office; All located in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast ¼ of Section 7, Township 31 North, Range 7 East in the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the applicant, City of Merrill City Clerk is directed to record the final plat with the Lincoln County Register of Deeds in accordance with the requirement of Chapter 111, Article II, Section 111-115 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of

City Attorney Hayden read the Resolution. Alderperson Rick made a motion to approve the resolution. Alderperson Weix seconded and the motion carried

XV. Mayor's Appointments
Chris Gruenenwald to the Library Board
replacing Jim Wedemeyer – term to expire 06/30/2026

Reappoint Darcy Dalsky to the Library Board - term to expire 06/30/2026 Alderperson Fermanich made a motion to approve the two appointments to the Library Board. Alderperson Caylor seconded and the motion carried. XVI. Mayor's Communications

Permission to appoint the Festival

7700

Grounds Manager to the Marketing & Alderperson Caylor made a motion to refer this to a Committee of the Whole to review committees and commissions Alderperson Rick seconded fo discussion.

Following discussion, Alderperson Caylor amended his motion to accept the appointment of the Festival Grounds Manager to the Marketing & Communications Committee and refer to Committee of the Whole for a scussion of the overall makeup of committees commissions and Alderperson Blake seconded and the

motion carried. Mayor Hass communications: read the additional He thanked all volunteers for the Loyalty

Day celebration.

June 9, 10 and 11th is the Rodeo at the Festival Grounds June 11 is the dairy breakfast at the

MARC
June 24 and 25 there is mounted shooting at the Festival Grounds Quad Events are scheduled at the

Festival Grounds June 7, 14 and 21st there is reading to a dog at the Library

The Library has one-day passes for parks; contact the library for details This Saturday is Girls on the Run at the Agra Pavilion

XVII. Adjournment Alderperson Rick made a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

The complete Ordinance is available on the City of Merrill website: https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us/ Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L Anderson-Malm – City Clerk Published May 18, 2023

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DATE SIGNED May 2, 2023 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATHLEEN M. DEAU DOD: 09/14/2022 Notice to Creditors

(Informal Administration) Case No. 2023 IN 22 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

 An application administration was filed. for The decedent, with date of birth

04/15/1959 and date of death 09/14/2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 102 East Fourth Street, Merrill, WI 54452

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 25, 2023

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office. Mary M. John Eaton Law, LLP 513 Grant St., Wausau, WI 54403

715-843-6700 715-843-6700 Bar No. 1019515 Published May 11, 18 & 25, 2023 WNAXLP

LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE APPLICATIONS CITY OF MERRILL, LINCOLN COUNTY, WISCONSIN JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024 LICENSE PERIOD CLASS B COMBINATION LICENSE
Quade, LLC

1-900 2501 W. Main Street Jesse Quade, Agent V-F Inc Los Mezcales 3340 E. Main Street Valeria Melendez, Agent - Texas Recreational Center, Inc. Merrill Public Golf Course 1604 O'Day Street

Michael Malinowski, Agent - Kim's Wisconsin LLC New Pine Ridge Restaurant 1302 N. Center Ave Qemal Alimi, Agent Sutton's Wine Bar, LLC Sutton's Wine Bar, LLC 129 N Prospect

Vanessa Lazarz, Agent

CLASS A COMBINATION LICENSE
- In & Out Beer and Liquor LLC
In & Out Beer and Liquor 701 E. 2nd Street Eric W Dayton, Agent LLC
- River Country Cooperative Merrill Cenex 1300 N. Center Avenue Becky Guite, Agent - Walgreen Co. Walgreens #10574 101 N. Center Avenue Michael Cich, Agent
- Raymer's Westside Market LLC
Westside Market 1504 W. Main Street Mark Raymer, Agent CLASS B BEER LICENSE

Merrill Hockey, Inc.

Merrill Hockey 1100 Marc Drive Carmen Klug, Agent Submitted – City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm Published May 18, 2023

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Love Transforms Over Time

DEAR READER,

How do we fall in love?

It doesn't happen in a vacuum. We meet someone, get to know how they think and the way they live, and understand their core values such as family, religion, politics, and character. We watch how they treat others and how they handle different situations. We watch for tone and check for lightheartedness and a sense of humor. We consider any dark shadows and what they might mean. Eventually, we perceive the true essence of a person, or believe that we have, and we fall in love with that perception.

After the children have flown the nest; after the parents and aunts and uncles have passed; after the friends have retired or moved away or passed, what we perceived no longer exists. We saw what existed in that one moment of time, but we did not glimpse the eternal and unchanging reality of a human soul, because that's just not possible. We stare at each other anew and understand that Father Time never paused and now we are old. We wonder what we fell in love with. Where is that person, other than in an ever-changing memory.

The answer is unknowable, so we trudge on, because of character, because of commitment, and because of the embers of love that flow and still spark bursts of joy among a new context of life.

PATRICK J. WOOD, Publisher

Author of "Dear Reader" and "Tapestry of Love and Loss"

TOWN OF MERRILL MERRILL, WISCONSIN

BID NOTICE

The Town of Merrill, Lincoln County Wisconsin will be accepting sealed bids for ditch mowing all town roads (Approx 81 miles). Contractor to provided certificate of insurance showing liability & workers comp. coverage. Sealed bids can be submitted to the Town of Merrill W4594 Progress Ave, Merrill, WI 54452. Bids will be opened on June 12th, 2023 at town board meeting.

The Town of Merrill reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid deemed to be in the best interest of the town. TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD

Published May 18th, 25th & June 1st, 2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lincoln County Department of Social Services & the Lincoln County 85.21 Medical Transportation Program will be holding a joint public hearing for the purposes of soliciting input & reactions to the Year 2024 Program Plans & Budgets.

The hearing will be held at the Lincoln County Service Center Room 156 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill, WI

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 3:15 PM - 85.21 3:30 PM - Social Services

People with disabilities which require special accommodation wishing to attend the hearing should contact Lincoln County Social Services at (715) 536-6200 prior to June 1, 2023.

The location of this hearing is handicap accessible.

Published May 18, 2023

NOTICE **MERRILL WATER UTILITY** SYSTEM FLUSHING

In an effort to check and improve water quality, the Merrill Water Utility will be flushing hydrants and the water system, on a citywide basis, the week of May 22, 2023 through May 25, 2023 in the following areas:

- East of Center Avenue on Monday, May 22, 2023.
- 2. Center Avenue, west to Prairie River on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.
- 3. Prairie River, west to Wisconsin River on Wednesday, May 24, 2023.
- 4. West of the Wisconsin River (6th Ward) & South of Wisconsin River on Thursday, May 25, 2023.

You may notice discoloration during or following flushing. This should be eliminated shortly after you run water through your own service line. If problems persist, please call the Merrill Water Utility at 536 6561.

Utilities Manager Published May 11 & 18, 2023

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NEED TO ADVERTISE? CALL 715-536-7121

LEGAL NOTICES

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LINCOLN COUNTY 1-855-375-2274

LEGAL NOTICE: NAMES AND BUSINESSES APPEARING TO BE OWNERS OF ABANDONED PROPERTY

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue received reports from various banks, insurance companies, utilities, and other holders of unclaimed property indicating the following persons or businesses may be owners of unclaimed money, stocks, bonds, or contents of abandoned safe deposit boxes. (See Unclaimed Property Act, Chapter 177, Wis Stats.) All names printed below are from the 2022 reporting year as being owed \$40 or more (Exception: Values of securities or safe deposit boxes may be less than \$50). If you possess legal interest in a name printed below, you are entitled to submit a claim. Complete a claim through www. revenue.wi.gov/ucp or call 1-855-375-2274. Identify the name and property identification number published in this notice. Search for unclaimed property less than \$50 or from an earlier year at www.revenue. wi.gov/ucp. Published this 18th day of May, 2023.

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N10042 ZENITH TOWER RD ERWIN ALLAN

N9356 MEADOWS EDGE DR

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BONDS

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue is listing the following owners of unclaimed United States savings bonds Complete a claim through www.revenue vi.gov/ucp or call 1 855 375 2274. Iden tify the name and property identification number published in this notice.

To the class of unknown U.S. saving bonds owners: be advised that under Wisconsin law, all U.S. savings bonds when they, 1) have not been redeemed within 5 years of their maturity date or the date the bond stops earning interest; 2) have purchasers or owners with last known addresses in the state of Wisconsin, according to the records of the U.S. Treasury Department: and 3) were issued during the following timeframes:

 40 year Series E bonds issued on or before December 31, 1973 30 year Series E bonds issued on or before December 31, 1981 Series EE bonds issued on or before December 31, 1983
Series A, B, C, F, G, J and K bonds

ssued on or before January 1, 1959 Series H bonds issued on or before December 31, 1980 Series HH bonds issued on or before December 31, 1993

To claim or redeem a bond issued during the preceding timeframes, contact the U.S. Treasury Department. If a bond is of this notice, the state of Wisconsin will bring an action for a court order transfer ring ownership of the abandoned U.S. savings bonds to the state of Wisconsin Unclaimed Property Section)

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Poppy Week in Merrill: May 21-28



On left, Merrill Mayor Steve Hass reads a proclamation from the City of Merrill proclaiming Poppy Week. On right, kneeling from L to R: Marcus Radloff and Corey Dornbrack. Standing in back from L to R beside the poppy dress angel: Kathy Palazzo, Denni Radloff, Diana Catlin, Jill Schmunk, and Jeff Radloff.

Tina L. Scott photo.

May 21 is the kickoff for Buddy® Poppy Week. In Merrill, Mayor Steve Hass signed a proclamation declaring May 21-28, 2023, as Buddy® Poppy Week. You will see veterans throughout the community holding boards of the small red poppy flowers, and you may wonder what that's all about. In particular, you will see them set up near Park City Credit Union's main office by Walmart and by Dave's County Market.

Each year since 1922, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Posts and their Auxiliaries in the United States hold an annual campaign where they distribute and share Buddy® Poppies and the public is invited to take a poppy for a freewill donation and display it proudly as a sign of their support for veterans and in particular, in memory of veterans who have lost their lives serving our country. Some will affix it in their buttonhole and wear it proudly. Others may put it on their bulletin board, desk, or rearview mirror of their vehicle.

The Buddy® Poppies themselves are assembled by disabled, needy, and aging veterans in VA Hospitals and State Veterans Homes across the country.

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for Buddy® Poppies is used in the cause of veterans' welfare, or for the well being of their needy dependents and the orphans of veterans," said Kathy Palazzo, local VFW Post 1638 Adjutant and Buddy® Poppy Committee Member. "The majority of proceeds derived from each campaign conducted by VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries are retained locally to provide for veteran services and welfare. Buddy® Poppy proceeds represent no profit to any VFW unit."

"We will be set up at Park City Credit Union throughout the week for easy drive-by poppy distribution with a free will donation," Palazzo said. There will also be walk-up poppy distribution at Dave's County Market this year. If community members aren't able to come to these locations and would still like to make a donation, they can mail it to VFW Post 1638 Auxiliary – Buddy Poppy, 601 Johnson St., Merrill, WI 54452.

The poppy flower has been recognized as the memorial flower worldwide and is distributed by veterans organizations in memory of their fallen soldiers in North America, Europe, and in most of the countries of the British Commonwealth.



And they're off! The 5K has begun!

Kelli Morgan photos.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

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keep going," Abby said.

"They taught us how to cheer people up using positive talk," said Emily, another Merrill third grader. "We practiced ways to make people feel happier and to laugh. Now I say, 'You've got this. Keep going!"

"When I get older, I want to join the track team so I can keep running," Emily added.

The program teaches girls to grow in maturity and confidence and empowers them to believe in themselves, to help others individually, and also to give back to community. "We learned that we can make our community a better place," Abby said. "We did a community project making posters for the Humane Society. We wanted to help the animals find good homes. We wanted to find a way to help people."

Morgan added that she loved the program because it is financially accessible to all the girls because scholarships are available, and proceeds from the 5K event are earmarked for those scholarships, to enable even more girls to participate going



A medal of completion for the Girls on the Run 5K.

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FISCAL FACTS: K-12 referenda passage rates fall

BY DENISE GUTTERY

FOR THE WISCONSIN POLICY FORUM

While still passing in sizable numbers in the April 2023 election, local ballot referenda to allow school districts to exceed state property tax limits passed at the lowest rate since 2010. The decline comes after years in which such measures were passed in record numbers and amounts.

Of the 83 referenda seeking to increase local property taxes for K-12 schools, 46 were approved by voters, or 55.4%. Referenda to finance capital projects passed at a higher rate than the two types of measures to finance districts' ongoing operations.

All three types, however, passed at lower rates than last year, and the overall passage rate represented a notable drop from last year's approval rate of 80.1%.

Taking a longer-term view, since 2010, a Wisconsin Policy Forum analysis found larger shares of urban and declining enrollment districts have approved operating referenda. A larger share of low-income districts also approved such measures relative to high-income districts—raising concerns about which communities feel the most pressure to pursue ballot measures.

Since 1993, K-12 school districts in Wisconsin have been subject to state-imposed limits on the amount of revenue they can raise from state general school aids and local property taxes combined. Since 2011, these per-pupil revenue limits have not kept pace with inflation, and in the current 2021-23 state budget they were frozen for both years.

In recent years, that has prompted a groundswell of school referenda in which

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voters have opted to increase district spending and their local property taxes by more than what the revenue limits would otherwise allow.

Also on the April ballot were referenda to increase municipal, town, or county property taxes beyond state-imposed caps. The state generally limits these yearly property tax increases used for operations to the rate of increase of net new construction within each jurisdiction. Voters have also been voting in increasing numbers in recent years on local referenda to exceed these limits.

Of the 25 referenda on the ballot to increase levy limits for towns, villages, cities, and one county, 10 passed, or 40%. Eighteen of the 25 referenda said the funds would be used at least in part for police, fire protection, and other public safety services, with emergency medical services and streets being the next two most common

For years, the Forum has warned that a heavy reliance on referenda to fund local services could exacerbate disparities between wealthy communities (whose residents can afford to approve them) and other communities that cannot.

The Forum does not advocate specific policies, but we've noted the state's massive surplus represents a "golden opportunity" to tackle big issues. We've also pointed out some of the ways the state might incentivize local governments to find efficiencies by working together to share services.

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Celebrating completion of their run!

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then moved into a small E. Main St. retail location in February 2017, and in 2019, moved the business to its current location where she carried boutique clothing and a full espresso bar.

Dayton plans to continue all the wonderful things she fell in love with at Ana Blair's Boutique while also adding a few of her own touches.

The downtown boutique will continue to carry new women's clothing in sizes XS to 3X, and that will continue to be the mainstay of the business, and the full espresso bar will also remain a feature, offering gourmet coffee.

Dayton has also introduced something she calls "Second Love."

"We have a small room devoted to gently used boutique items that can be brought into the store in exchange for an in-store gift certificate," Dayton said. Items cannot be big-store brand names but must have been originally purchased in a small boutique store. Her goal is to help her consumers while also supporting other small boutique clothing stores like Ana Blair's.

The inspiration for this came from her own closet, she said. She realized she had lots of beautiful boutique clothing she wasn't wearing anymore, so it seemed a perfect fit and she knew, if she had this situation, she couldn't be alone. She was right. "That has been going very well since it started," she said.

In addition, Dayton has begun to order some additional home decor, and items suitable for gift giving to add to the boutique's offerings. She is "starting to add more home goods, and I brought back purses and perfume (Vanessa had it in the past but hadn't had them in a while)."

"Things have been going very well and the feedback has been positive so far!" Dayton said.

Lazarz wasn't planning to sell

Lazarz wasn't actually planning to sell Ana Blair's and didn't have it up for sale, both women said.

'Vanessa wasn't selling Ana Blair's," Dayton said, laughing. "I had always dreamed of owning my own boutique or event planning business and this was my favorite place to shop and for coffee in Merrill!"

So when "I found out I was losing my job due to closure and that my last day at my job would be two weeks before my son would be born ... I approached Vanessa, who had become a very good friend, about selling the boutique to me," she said. "At first, she was not interested in selling, but I kept on asking her, and over a few months, we were discussing the possibilities."

"It was really a conversation amongst friends that grew into fruition," Lazarz said. "I was growing busier in my other roles ... I own Sutton's Wine Bar and Tranquil Times Wellness." [She also owns Vanessa M. Lazarz Ads Management Co.]

In addition, Lazarz is married with five children and her family keeps her really busy. "When we're not working, I love being outdoors and spending time up north and on the water," she said. "Although I'm heavily involved in business, outside of work I really prefer to disconnect and keep pretty private.'

"Once Vanessa eventually came around to the idea and seemed like she would possibly consider selling," Dayton said. "I presented the idea to my husband who is already a business owner in town. I gave him a full business plan, and he seemed unsure at first but eventually came around after seeing my business plan, a lot of back and forth, and a whole lot of passion on my part!"

Having named the business after her daughters, for Lazarz it was extremely important that if she sold the business, it was going to the right person. "I knew Ashley would be the perfect fit," Lazarz

The women settled on the specifics and Ashley Dayton purchased the business with the help of her husband, Eric. "I couldn't ask for a more supportive and driven husband who helped make my hopes and dream become a reality, and I could have never done this without his love and strong support along with his entrepreneurial knowledge!" she said.

"I've always dreamed of owning a small town store," Dayton said, ever since she was shopping at her favorite boutique in her hometown of Waupaca. And this business was a perfect fit.

"I have a love for clothes and shoes



The front windows of Ana Blair's showcase some of their boutique clothing but will play host to a pop-up permanent jewelry business during their Grand Opening on Thursday.

Tina L. Scott photo.

and purses as well as my favorite thing ... coffee!" she said. "I think Merrill is a great small town and has a lot of people passionate about all things local ... I think we have great people and very few places to shop, network, and get good small batch coffee! I like that there are not a ton of boutiques and that there is a mix of great small businesses."

Family and women focused

Like Lazarz, Dayton is also very family and women focused. Dayton will work full-time at the boutique, along with five part-time girls that help out as needed. The five are all original Ana Blair's staff, one of whom is Dayton's daughter who has worked at the store for nearly two years.

Visitors and shoppers will also get to meet Dayton's newest addition to the family when they stop in. "I am here 90% of the time and ... I bring my baby, Crue, with me every day," she said.

Dayton said she is proud to continue the tradition of Ana Blair's being a womanoperated business and "My hope is to have something for everyone" and for her business to be one of the first places the women of Merrill think of to come and shop. She said she hopes Ana Blair's will be an "all around asset to the community."

While this is the first business she has ever owned, the last six years spent working as a nurse administrator at a long-term care facility has given her experience managing someone else's business, and that, along with her husband's entrepreneurial guidance, will go a long way. She also has very supportive parents and a very supportive mother-inlaw, she said.

Dayton moved to Merrill three-and-ahalf years ago, married her husband, Eric, in 2021, and together their family consists of her two teenagers, Alayna and Kullin, along with new baby, Crue, and two dogs. "I have found my heart here in Merrill!" she

"I am so looking forward to getting to know more people in our community and am always open to suggestions and other people's visions!" Dayton said.

"I hope to bring back the weekly livestream shopping and to have a yearly fall or spring fashion show. This year I plan on

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having a fall fashion show with a special theme."

She also anticipates working with other budding entrepreneurs to possibly host pop-up shops in her space and likely having Rustic Earth Metals permanent jewelry back during the summer for pop-ups to help other business women and bring new things to Merrill's women shoppers.

"I genuinely love meeting new people and seeing what people want/like and need for me to carry in the store," Dayton said. "Shopping here is truly appreciated and not taken for granted!"

"I really love watching Ashley implement her own style into the boutique," Lazarz said. "She really is doing amazing and I couldn't imagine anyone else taking over my first business love."

"I'm so appreciative for the support of the community for the last seven years!" she added, piggy-backing on Dayton's comment about appreciating the boutique's customers.

Dreaming even bigger dreams

With any luck, this is just the beginning for Dayton, as it was for Lazarz.

In addition to the downtown physical shopping location, Dayton also operates Ana Blair's Boutique online, with different and expanded inventory, at: anablairsboutique.



The interior of Ana Blair's Boutique ... where an historic building now showcases modern boutique clothing and the latest styles for women. Tina L. Scott photo.

And long term Dayton has some other dreams she's setting her sights on. "My goal is to move to a new building, and to grow my customers to offer more for all ages," she said. "Ideally I would love a second store in another location, as well. I want to be a place that people are excited to visit and where I can have ongoing relationships and continue meeting new people."

"I would love a podcast, and my biggest dream is to write a book," Dayton said. "This may be just a dream, but it's a big one!"

Those dreams might sound big, but Dayton has already achieved two of her big dreams with the purchase of Ana Blair's and, soon-to-be-introduced at her Grand Opening event, her Ana Blair's Coffee On The Go coffee truck.

Her coffee truck will make its next appearance at the Lincoln County Rodeo in June when it will be on location from very early until very late to accommodate everyone working the event as well as attendees, she said.

Merrill residents are likely to see the Coffee On The Go truck at the Lincoln County 4-H Fair and many other local events throughout the year, as well.

"I just feel like if you can share your love, passion, and visions with others while making a living, then you'll end up pretty darn happy!" Dayton said. And that's exactly what she intends to do.



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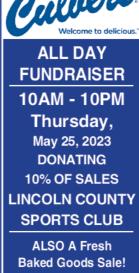
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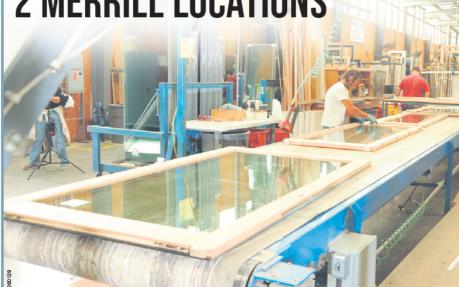
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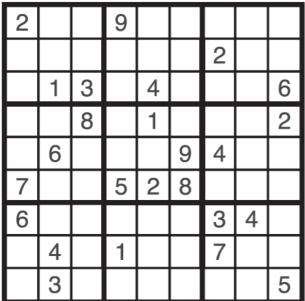
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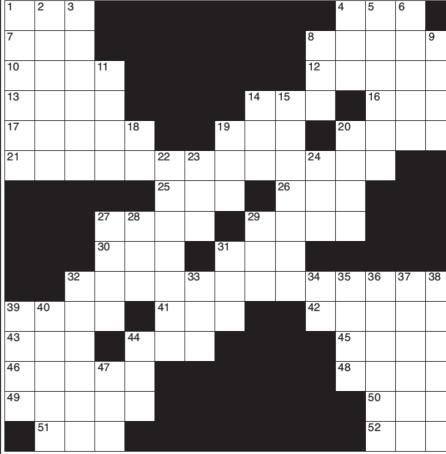
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7. Branch

8. Jewish spiritual leader

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12. "So Human An Animal"

13. Rocker Billy

14. British Air Aces

Type of tree 17. "Tough Little Boys" singer Gary

19. State attorneys

20. Goddess of fertility

Localities

25. Beloved singer Charles

26. Clue

Level: Intermediate

27. Ridge of jagged rock below sea surface

29. Helsinki neighborhood

30. Farm resident 31. Ocean

32. Where ballplayers work

39. Unable to hear

41. Cool!

42. Cape Verde capital 43. One point north of due

east 44. Kilo yard (abbr.)

45. Middle Eastern nation

46. It yields Manila hemp

48. People operate it (abbr.)

49. Regenerate

50. Not healthy

51. Chinese sword 52. Mild expression of

CLUES DOWN

1. Unit of angle

2. Headgear to control a horse

Clots

4. Follows sigma

5. A woman who is the

superior of a group of nuns 6. Greek units of weight

8. Radio direction finder (abbr.)

9. Systems, doctrines, theories

11. Stony waste matter

14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

Hostile to others

18. U.S. State

19. Not wet

20. Something one thinks up 22. Where beer is made

23. Clumsy person

24. Belonging to us

27. Canadian flyers

28. Greek goddess of the

dawn 29. Snakelike fish

31. Unhappy

32. Fruit

33. Not good

34. Zero degrees Celsius

35. Goo Goo Dolls' hit 36. Crawls into the head (folklore)

37. Legally responsible

38. Move in a playful way

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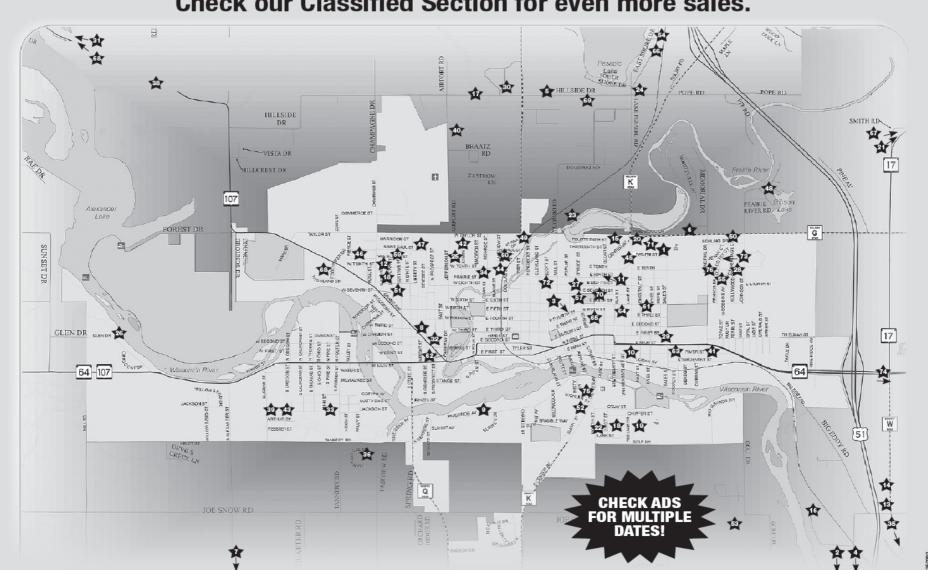
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Merrill Citywide Rummage Sales Saturday, May 20th Check our Classified Section for even more sales.



City Wide Rummage Sale

01. 1204 N. Sales Street Christ Ev. Lutheran Church Sat. 5/20 8:00AM-4:30PM FREE clothing and more. FREE food and water. FREE restrooms for visitors. Freewill donations will be given to the Merrill Food Pantry. Doors open rain of shine. Find us across the street from Merrill High School.

02. N821 Majestic Lane, Merrill. Wed. 5/17 • 5PM-7PM; Thurs. 5/18 • 8A-6P; Fri. 5/19 • 8A-6P Friends with a shopping problem need to purge!

03. 1004 E 4th St., Merrill. Baking supplies and Baking equipment, Furniture, Kennels, and much more. Saturday and Sunday May 20 & 21 8AM-5PM.

04. N869 Red Tail Ln. Merrill Off Big Eddie Rd. Better children's books, great toys, clothing, collectables, much more. Sat & Sun May 20 & 21 8 AM - 5 PM.

05. W5216 Hillside Dr. Merrill Multi-Family Sale. Toddler & Baby clothes & items. Name brand housewares. Books, Building materials & Tools. Fri 19 & Sat 20

06. W4845 River Bend Drive, Merrill Thurs.-Sat, May 18-20, 8AM-5PM. Collage fundraiser garage sale. Woman's Clothes Sz Sm-Lg, Men's Clothes Sz Sm-XL, tools and holders, elliptical machine and weight bench. 40" flat screen TV, kitchen items, house hold decore and decorations. Vintage classical and jazz records, S&P shakers and dishes. Plus much more. All proceeds and donations go toward Caleb's first year collage expenses.

07. 14286 72nd Ave, Merrill Saturday Only! 8AM-5PM. Newborn to 24 Month Girls Clothes, Household Items. Everything priced to sell, most things. 25¢.

08. 401 Genesee, Merrill. 4 Family Sale - Name brand clothes, wall decorations and much more. Thurs.-Sat. 9AM-3PM.

09. 102 E Riverside Ave. Multi family. Help reuse items and browse for our extras. Come Fri. 8-2:30 for first pick. Sat. 8-3. Benefits Jeffery's Special Needs Trust.

25. 1003 Jefferson Street Furniture, tools, Misc., clothes, kitchen items. Saturday 8AM-2PM.

10. Rainbow Laundry 1616 River St. PLANT SALE: Perennials, Succulents & House plants. May 18 19 • 9A-5P. Sat May 20 • 9A-12. A fundraiser for charity.

City Wide Rummage Sale

11. 1211 E 9th Street. May 19 and 20. 9-4. Kitchen items, glassware, jack stand, clothes, shoes, books, jewelry, Christmas, bike stand trainer, home decor, much more!

35. 1 1/4 miles past KFC to Apartment Street. Men's and Women's shirts L-3XL, shorts and pants all sizes. Puzzles, books, Karaoke machine, Nintendo DS games, 2 set card tables, Santa suit, x-mas stuff, to many items to list. Thurs.-Sat. 8-5

12. 1003 Superior Street Friday and Saturday 9AM-4PM. After Moving Sale. Lots of household

13. N1394 HWY W, half mile south of Taco Bell. Downsizing Home. Furniture, Sewing machines, Plants, Books, Household, Tools, Much More. Th/F/S • 9-5.

14. N1434 Cty Rd W Estate Sale-Holiday Decorations, furniture, dishes/collectables, gardening supplies and decorations. May 18-20 8AM-4PM.

15. 1306 N Center Ave. Multi Family Rummage Sale. Household items, fishing poles, bikes and misc. Come find your treasure. May 20, 8AM-3PM.

16. N 1308 Wisconsin River Rd. Girls newborn-5T, Boys newborn-2T, baby items, toys Women's Clothing. 5/18, 5PM-7:30PM, 5/19, 8AM-5PM, 5/20, 9AM-2PM.

17. W5442 Hillside Dr. Boys NB to size 12, Girls NB to size 7, Women's clothing, Baby items, Shoes, Books, Games, Toys. 5/18 4P-8P; 5/19 8A-4P; 5/20 8A-2P

18. 1106 E 8TH ST. USE ENTRANCE ON SPRUCE HAVEN'S RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER MAY 19 & 20 9AM-4PM A LITTLE BIT FOR ALL.

19. 706 Tee Lane Dr. May 20th 8A-4P. Bread machine, Office desk chair, Rowenta Steam Pro, Bocce ball, Luggage, Vintage snowshoes, Cross-country skis, Home decor, and more.

20. Corner of Co. G and Center Ave., "Big Garage" Sale. Park in Prairie Trails lot, walk over! Signs posted. Household, furniture, antiques. May 18-20 9-5.

21. Hub Inn Parking lot corner of C & 17 Sat. May 20 8-5. Multiple Sellers/Vendors all in one spot.

City Wide Rummage Sale

22. 716 B Divot St. Household, women clothes, men clothes, kids stuff. Kitchen supplies and lots of other things. Priced to sell. Saturday 7-4, Sunday 8-12.

23. W5167 Sunset Dr. Huge Multi Family Sale Sat. 8-4, Sun. 10-4. Household Goods, Outdoor/Indoor Furniture, Antiques, Harley Tees & more, Something for Everyone.

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26. 2715 Glen Dr. Thurs/Fri/Sat • 8A-6P. Kids clothes, Adult clothes, Athle ics, Toys, Tools, Household items, Downsizing - So Everything Must Go!

27. 1002 E 8th Street. Thurs. & Fri. 8-3, Sat. 8-Noon. Newborn boys up to size 2T, pack-n-play, highchair, baby swing, bassinet, miscellaneous items. men's shirts.

28. 903 Hollywood Dr. May 18-20 • 8A-5P. Desk, End tables, Home decor, Clothes Womens S - 3X, Men's S - XL, Shoes, Boyds, Much, Much More!

29. 1810 East 1st St. Multi-Family Sale May 19-21 • 8A-5P. Electronics, Womens, Mens clothes, Furniture, Tools, DVDs, Dishes, Household Items. Much Morel

30. N2536 Spruce Ln. 2 miles n of PO. Thurs/Fri/Sat. May 18, 19, 20, 9-5. Little bit of everything. Clothes, dishes, books, tools, puzzles, antique pcs, office supplies, etc. Every hing must go. Make an

31. N2950 Hwy 107 in the Barn. Furniture, Antiques, Tools, Toys, Jewelry, Home, Decor, Garden, Art, Misc. 8A-3PM • May19-20.

32. 303 North Prospect Street. We have a variety of stuff. Records, VHS tapes, dishes, toys, clothes for 50¢, and more. Open Wed.-Sun. 7AM-5PM.

33. 508 S. Foster St. Thurs, Fri, Sat • 9-5. Rummage + "No more babies" Sale. Football & racing collectibles, Outdoor metal chairs, Christmas decor. Bookshelves, New Mini Cooper matts, Sandblasting sand, Gaming chair, Tools, Adult & Baby clothes, Diapers, Maternity, Household misc.

City Wide Rummage Sale

34. 105 Prairie Street May 19 & 20, 8-5 Each Day. Hutch, dining room table, queen mattress & boxspring, vintage dressers, other nice furniture, millwright tools and chests, vintage dishes and other kitchen households, crafts, quilting rack, hardcovered books, weber grills, canoes, camping gear, snow blower, to much to mention! Don't miss this one!

36. W5725 Diana Cir., Girls clothes (3-8), shoes, skates, toys, puzzles. Christmas and household deco. Tent 10'X10', camping gear. Th. 2-6, Fri. 8-5, Sat, 8-?

37. 606 E 4th St.: Variety of clothes, jeans, dresses, shoes, green plates, glassware, other household items,, hand tools. 2 grow lights & More! Cash/Venmo.

38. N2672 HWY 107, Merrill. Multi family May 17-21 9AM-5PM. Kitchen items, blankets, fabric, plants, book, movies, infant and adult clothes, fall and Christmas decorations, vintage items.

39. 1907 Arthur St., 5/18-19 8-5, 5/20, 8-3. Picnic table, housewares, toys, garden tools, garden tractor, lawn equipment, Ext. ladder, drill press, New men's clothing, table saw, much more.

40. N2432 Airport Rd Friday 8am-6pm & Saturday 8am-2pm. Your Favorite Multifamily Sale! Clean & Overflowing with Household Items, Decor, Adult Clothing, Infant - 7 Boys, 4T-5T Girls, Toys, Kid Beds, Car Seats.

41. 2400 Block of River St. May 19th & 20th. LOTS OF MENS STUFF!

42. 1010 Adams St. BIG SALE! Th 9-6, Fr 9-6, S 9-3: Baby items, kids toys, tons of clothing (lots name brand), purses, jewelry, sporting goods, seasonal & home décor, & housewares.

43. 1900 Arthur St. Garage Salel Plus Sz Cloth, LOTs of Puzzles & Games, Jewelry, Books, Bobbleheads, Holiday items, Yankee Candles, Home Items, Newer large SnapOn & Husky Toolbox, Several pairs of newer Mopar slush mats and more! 8a-4p, Th-Sat. & 1/2 price Sun.

44. 1001 St. Paul Dr. Multi Family Sale May 18, 5P-8P; May 19, 7A-5P; May 20, 8A-3P. Men's clothes ZXL-5XL, Sports memorabilia, Brewer's barstool, Nintendo system, Rocking chair, Girls clothes NB-10/12, Girls bicycle, Jogging stroller, Maternity clothes & So Much More.

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45. 1300 Cedar St. May 18-20 7AM-5PM. Riding lawn mower, tool chest, household items.

46. 1200 Van Buren St. Thu-Sat 7-5. Sun. 8-11. Old vintage/collectible items, women's clothes sizes 8-20, men's clothes sizes L-XL, jewelry, shoes, home decor, kids clothes and toys under 2T, leaf blower, outside stuff. A little bit of everything. Multi family sale.

47. 502 Harrison St. 5/19 to 5/20 8 am- 5 pm. Multi family sale. Girls clothes 2T-5T. Women's and Men's clothes. Toys, household items. Come see what you need at your house, we may have it.

48. W4615 Lakeview Ave. Garage Sale May 20 8AM-5PM. Carpet tools, piano, glassware, Christmas ornaments, books 25-.50, puzzles, beer lights, big stereo speakers, leaf blower, fit bit, Keurig, beer mirrors, records, tapes and much more.

49. 1107 St. Paul Dr May 18-20. 8AM-3PM. Patio Table & Chairs, Kids toys, Tools, Misc. Household, Clothes, Rubber Maid Storage Box, Girls 3 mo clothes, Gas grill.

50. 2403 Semling Drive Various sizes of men's, women's, children's, preteen's clothes and shoes, movies, books, kitchen items, Mago/Thomas Kinkaid/Avon collector plates, many miscellaneous items Sat 5/20 8-4

51. 706 Cottage St. Garage Sale May 19 & 20 8-5. Men's & women's clothes, cat collectibles, Boyds Bears, misc. Luggage, Solid oak china hutch.

52. 1102 Michler Crest Fri. May 19, 8-5, Sat. May 20, 9-2. Dresser, recliner, rocking chair, women's and Juniors clothing, boy's clothes size 4T-6, kids toys, home decor, household items and much more

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE MONDAY AT 4 PM

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53. N1311 Golf Dr. HUGE 6
Family Yard Sale. May 18-19, 8A-5P. May 20, 8A-Noon. 12' Aluminum boat, Treadmill, 3 pc Queen bed set, Bunk bed, Gaming desk w/chair, 2 32" TV's, Patio set, Bikes, Vacuums, Hampers, Dog ramp, Metal detector, Furniture, Leaf blower, Landscaping bricks, Luggage, Dart board, Motor cross helmets, Sport equipment, Boardgames, Electric paper towel holders, Shelving, Bedding, Rugs, Shower curtains, Shower caddies, Decora ive pillows, Lamps, New 2 qt Air fryer, Animal accessories, Garden decor, Home decor, Jewelry, Delta sink faucet, Books, Brand Name Men & Womans tolthing & Teens sz 0-16, Footwear. Much Misc.

54. N2779 E Shore Dr. Sat. 8-3. Cash only! Household items, wicker, Women's sz 8-10 sports brand clothes, shoes sz 8.5, new Nike golf. New Harley chaps & halter.

55. 2416 Cotter Ct. Thurs & Fri. 8-6, Sat. 8-5. Kitchen table chairs, moped, piano, twin bed, household items, adult clothing, misc. furniture, fishing boat.

56. W6915 Georges Road BABY/TODDLER SALE OF A LIFETIME! LOTS OF CLOTHES, CAR SEATS, TOYS, PACK-PLAY, JUMPERS. SMOKE FREE HOME GIRL NB-5T, BOY NB-3T. SAT. 8AM-5PM, SUN 8AM-3PM.

57. 707 Spruce Street Saturday ONLY! 9-4. Women's clothing casual & dress M-XL. Boys clothes infant-5/6. Toys, baby items.

58. W7302 Straight Pine Rd., Merrill Huge sale May 18-20 Thurs. & Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-Noon. Patio block, Wau bricks, four wheeler plow, 6' lawn drag, table chop saw, Craffmans table saw, area rugs, house decor, white twin over full bunk bed bedroom set, books, puzzles, skis, snow shoes, CDs, and much more added daily.

59. 1102 Cottage St., Merrill Garage Sale: May 18-20 8am-3pm each day. Household items, wall decor, Barbie dolls, baby things & toys, lots of everything. CASH

60. 1010 St Paul Dr. Friday & Saturday. 7A-6P. household, Beer Mirrors, doTERRA, Pampered Chef, Furniture, Cookbooks, 2X & 3X clothing, Many other items!

MHS hosts 2023 Bluejay Career/Job Fair

BY TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

Merrill High School (MHS) held their 2023 Bluejay Career/Job Fair on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at MHS.

Beyond just a simple job fair where employers set up booths and actively recruit applicants for job openings, inviting students or job seekers to complete applications for employment, the MHS Career Fair incorporated demonstrations, a panel of local representatives to present information and answer questions, and information about a wide

variety of career paths, including educational opportunities and military service, as well. The Career Fair was designed to help students identify and prepare for their chosen career path, and promote college readiness if that is in their plans for the future.

MHS students helped to host and market the Career

Students in the marketing class worked with Ms. Olivia J. Dachel, Business & Computer Science teacher, and Karen Akey, Career Readiness

er paths, Coach, to help market and promote the event.

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posted flyers for the event, partnered with the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce to send mailers to the 200 Chamber members, created videos to market the Career Fair to students, wrote and recorded public service announcements (PSA's) with Bluejay 96.3 radio station in Merrill (the station donated airtime for the PSA's for the event). did live interviews with a discussion panel on the Our Town radio show, created social media posts to publicize the event, and helped actually host and set up the event. This active involvement in the process helped students understand all the elements required to create, host, and run an

A successful and comprehensive event

The event had approximately 600 students attending in three rotating groups of 200 students that

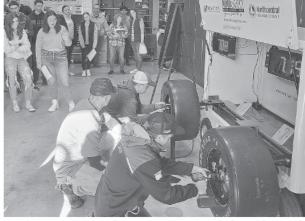
More photos online merrillfotonews.com

Students visit with local employers (some of whom are young people themselves) at booths during the Bluejay Career/Job Fair.

Submitted photos.

rotated between the Job Fair, Demonstrations, and Career Panel, beginning at 8:35 a.m. The Youth Apprenticeship (YA) Program provided water and light refreshments.

Initially the started with about 14 interested employers and ended up with 57 employers attending the Job Fair, Akey said. Twenty careers demonstrated, providing students with handson experience. And six employers shared advice to students about "What Our Future Employees Need to Know" in the Career Panel



Hands-on demonstrations were popular during this year's Career/Job Fair. Here students compete to change tires on the Wisconsin Automotive and Truck Education Association (WATEA) tire changing competition mobile unit. WATEA promotes careers in the automotive and truck industry, from technicians to parts counter personnel to sales staff.

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Fair on the radio.

61. 307 N Kyes St. 5/18 & 19 8-5. 5/20 8-3. Kids clothes-Girl NB-16, Boy 2T-8. Toys, Decor, kitchen, household items, photo printer, women's motorcycle clothes sz M,

62. 116 N. Gennesee St. The old Franklin School. Thurs 8-4, Fri 8-4, Sat 8-1. Multi-Family, Tupperware, Sm Appliances, Kids clothes, Kids Toys, Snowman collectables, Knickknacks, Brand new adult size large. You name it, we got it.

63. 2106 River Street Full size bookcase headboard, two mirrored nightstands, woman's clothes, housewares, jewelry, misc. furniture and much more.

64. 306 Lake St. Girls clo hes NB-12 mo & 5-7, Boys clothes size 7-10/12, Mens & womans clothes XS-2XL, Kids toys, baby swing, bouncer, Mens, womans and kids shoes, Household, LOTS of miscellaneous. May 18-20, Thursday-Saturday • 10am-5pm

65. 304 N. Center Ave. ALL THINGS BABY NB-4T, MENS BUSINESS CASUAL (M/L/XL), WOMENS (M), LUGGAGE SET, ANTIQUE TRUNK, GLIDER CHAIR, TH 10-5, FRI 8-5, SAT 8-2

66. N 2767 E. Shore Dr. Over 65 Puzzles-one time use \$4. Many household items, including new kitchen appliances, new bathroom accessories, lawn furniture. May 19 & 20. Fri & Sat • 8A-4P

67. W1369 Prairie Pines Dr. Gleason Multi Family Sale: May 19 & 20. Fri. 9-5. Sat 9-3. Sat 1/2 price after Noon. Household, clothes, bikes, Keurig, decor,

68. 904 Edgewater Dr. May 20 • 8-3, Dresser, Bath & Body candles, Wall flowers, Fabric for doll clothes, etc. Decor, Seasonal decor, Propane firepit table, Cricut, End tables, And lots more misc

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Marketing students help publicize the 2023 Bluejay Career/Job

69. W5124 Hillside Dr. Fri. May 19, 8-5, Sat May 20 8-2. Clothingwomen's, girl's, teen. Toys, household, decor, dehumidifler, electric trimmer, tools, hunting, camping.

70. 708 Cedar Street Rummage Sale. Something for everyone, lots of craft things.

71. 1800 E. 12th Street. Multi-Family Salel Thurs-Sat (5/18-5/20) 8AM - 5:30PM. Lots of Household, Clothes, Linens, Golf Clubs, Décor and more!

72. 809 Scott St. Yard Sale Sat., May 20 • 9AM-1PM. Household items, clothes, spor ing goods, tools, lawn mower, etc.

73. 1006 Cotey Dr. Sat 8-4; Sun 10-2. New Karavan multi-purpose steel trailer, Power & Hand tools, Entertainment center, Flat screen TV, Home construction items, Fishing items, Large Area rugs, Chainsaws, Houshold items, House insulation, Holiday decor. Bedroom furniture, New clothing Kid-adult size, Mountain bike.

74. W2549 Violet Lane, Merrill 5 miles east on HWY 64. Huge Multi Family Sale, Vintage and antique items, canning, sewing, linens, glassware, books, furniture, patio or sunroom set, outdoors, household, clothes, men's stuff, 22 foot aluminum trailer and much much more. Fri. May 19, 8-6, Sat. May 20, 8-3, Sun. May 21, 9-3.

75. 1100 Michler Ct Estate quality items on Rummage Sale Saturday. Items left from last weeks estate sale. Early American, and recreation themes, crock pots, Grandfather clocks, fish mounts, antique furniture, tools & books. 8A-5P CASH ONLY.

76. 1001 Cotey Dr., Merrill. Saturday 9-5. Farm antiques, furniture, holiday items, books, clothes, and Misc!

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News:

Local woman gives TEDx Talk

BY TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

TED and TEDx Talks?

Before we jump into the local connection, what is a TED Talk or a TEDx Talk?

Back in 1984, an American-Canadian nonprofit media organization was founded by Richard Saul Wurman and Harry Marks. The organization, TED Conferences LLC, posts international talks online for free distribution. They focus on "ideas worth spreading."

TED is an acronym that stands for: technology, entertainment, and design. TED Talks are short influential talks distributed

via video given by expert speakers on topics including education, business, science, technology, and creativity. Subtitles for the videos are included in more than 100 languages. With free streaming and downloading, the talks influence a worldwide audience.

As a nonprofit, TED partners with individuals to help share ideas globally and has included talks from politicians and scientists, comedians and actors, and many other individuals with important messages and ideas to share.

TEDx then was also created in the spirit of "ideas worth spreading" and supports independent organizers who want to create a TED-like event in their own community.

Local woman is inspired

Debbie Merkel, a Merrill native and social worker, with several other creative talents including singing and painting, first learned of TEDx Talks about 10 years ago.

"I was in therapy and my therapist suggested I listen to them for inspiration," Merkel said.

She did listen and absolutely came away inspired.

"My next session with her, I told her, 'Someday, I'm going to give a TEDx Talk," Merkel said.

That someday came on Sept. 30, 2022, and her TEDx Talk was recently released online where it is now available for global viewing at: https://youtu.be/z2o57MNH_Sw.

How it came to be

"I had been giving presentations on hope, and speaking at suicide prevention and awareness events," Merkel said.

Merkel has been open about her depression and anxiety, OCD, eating disorders, and past suicide attempts, including one that brought her to the very brink of death. She also openly talks about the importance of therapy, self-care, and self-acceptance. And these days she draws on her personal experiences to try to help others, increase awareness, and prevent suicides.

She shared her dream and goal of doing a TEDx Talk with friends and family. In response, in May 2022, "my good friend and former co-worker, Lori Walsh, forwarded me the audition information," Merkel said.

Merkel sent in a proposal for her talk, was offered the opportunity to audition, and two weeks later Merkel learned she was one of 10 people selected to speak at the Sept. 30, 2022, TEDx event at Nicolet College in Rhinelander where



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her presentation was recorded and prepared for distribution.

The rest, as they say, is history. In this

case, history captured on video and available worldwide. "My talk is about hope," Merkel said. "There

was a time when I lost hope. I share my story, explain what hope is and how to obtain it, and how to ignite hope in others."

"I want to inspire others and make a

difference," she said. "And, I want to break down barriers."

"There is so much stigma and shame when it comes to mental health. I want people to know they are not alone."

Utilizing the TEDx platform enables Merkel to share her story and message of hope with a huge national

and international audience, extending her reach far beyond what she could do on her own.

Merkel's family supports her public speaking and her

hard for them. Her husband, she said, was afraid that by her sharing her story and being vulnerable, that she would get hurt.

"This is definitely a vulnerable thing to do," Merkel said "Brane' Brown said it best when she spoke of the

sharing via the TEDx Talks platform, but initially it was

said. "Brene' Brown said it best when she spoke of the 'vulnerability hangover'—that sense of shame and fear after taking a big risk."

"It is hard. I still worry what people think."

But she knows now, "that in order for me to live an authentic life, I have to be true to myself," Merkel said. "I would love to not have had to live my life with anxiety and depression. I wish I didn't have to struggle with eating disorders most of my life."

But in the end, "I wouldn't change any of it," she said. "I am who I am today because of everything I have experienced in life."

Now that the TEDx Talk is "out there," "I'm proud of myself for accomplishing another thing I wanted to do. And I'm excited to see what's next in my future," Merkel said.

Next steps

In the last year, Merkel presented at two state conferences and at the 2023 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) conference. There she spoke on: "Sharing Your Story – A Key Towards Healing and Recovery".

In recent months, Merkel has been sharing short messages of hope, inspiration, affirmation, and encouragement via short reels on social media platforms.

"I've been sharing reels on Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and a little on YouTube," she said. "My intent, again, is to raise awareness, share mental health tips, and have fun while I'm doing it."

"Mental health, unfortunately, is a very difficult subject for some people," Merkel said. "I'm sharing parts of myself, my journey, chapters of my story- so others don't feel like I did. Alone."

"Everyone can benefit from mental health awareness,"

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WisDOT lifts weight limits for some area state highways

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) North Central Region lifted weight restrictions on the following state highways in Lincoln County, effective at noon on May 15, 2023:

- · WIS 107, Lincoln County, from the Marathon County Line to WIS 64
- · WIS 107, Lincoln County, from Matthew's Road to Lincoln County S
- · WIS 153, Marathon County, from Marathon County J to the Shawano County Line

Additional information and updates for weight limit restrictions can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website at: http://wisconsindot. gov/Pages/dmv/com-drv-vehs/mtr-car-trkr/ssnl-wtrsrctns/class2roads.aspx

For more information regarding traffic impacts, transportation news and improvement project updates in Wisconsin's North Central region:

Follow the WisDOT on Twitter: @WisDOTnorthcent or visit the region's 511 website: http://projects.511wi. gov/region/north-central/.

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Some of those reels have gone viral, with one on grief and loss hitting 200,000 views and almost 1,000 shares, she said. That's proof that people need those positive messages, Merkel affirms.

In addition to public speaking, Merkel expresses herself creatively through painting, singing, and song writing. She enjoys time with her family, including one grandchild.

Merkel said she is "No longer trying to be like everyone else and 'color inside the lines' as we were once taught. ... It's just me, being me-whether I'm creating, singing or speaking. I want to move people, inspire people-so they can feel free to be themselves, too."

These days she is creating her own art and living her life true to herself. And, she said, she's finally found her voice in a way she hadn't previously imagined.

"Ever since I was young, I saw myself on a stage," she

"For years, I thought this was me singing on a stage." Merkel has sung at many events locally and did release several music CDs over the years but hasn't yet landed that lucrative recording contract she once dreamed of.

Maybe that dream of being on stage is "just this-

sharing my story and message of hope," Merkel said. For now, she said, "I will continue to be a mental health advocate, make reels to inspire, and keep moving forward." That's her own day-to-day message of hope for herself and others these days: Keep moving forward.

BBB Business Tip: Top 10 scams targeting small businesses

Wisconsin Better Business Bureau

Milwaukee, Wis. - Scams can impact every business, regardless of location, size, or industry. But they are especially a problem for small businesses. Local businesses and start-ups often don't have the cyber security support or established accounting processes of larger companies. This can make them more vulnerable to scams.

Fortunately, knowledge is the best protection. If you own or work for a small business, stay informed about these common scams and report them if your business is targeted.

Common small business scams:

Business Email Compromise ("BEC"). Business email compromise fraud is an email phishing scam that typically targets people who pay bills in businesses, government, and nonprofit organizations. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, it has resulted in more losses than any other type of fraud in the U.S. In Canada, BEC scams are among the top reported scams recorded by the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC).

In BEC fraud, the scammer poses as a vendor or other trusted source who emails an accountant or chief financial officer. The email asks them to wire money, buy gift cards or send personal information, often for a plausible reason. If money is sent, it goes into an account controlled by the con artist. Learn more about BEC scams.

Phony invoices. Businesses receive fake invoices demanding payment for products or services never ordered or received. The most common scams involve office supplies, website or domain hosting services, and directory listings. If you look closely, you'll often see the fine print that identifies the bill as a solicitation. Generally, the amount is small enough not initially to raise a red flag. Read more about phony invoice scams.

Directory scams. This scam has plagued businesses for decades. In it, con artists attempt to fool businesses into paying for a listing or ad space in a non-existent directory. Sometimes, the directory will technically exist but won't be distributed to potential customers. Other times, the scammer might lie about being with a legitimate directory, such as the Yellow Pages. Either way, the business is billed hundreds of dollars for listing services they didn't agree to or for ads that were never placed. Read more about directory scams.

Stolen identity. Scammers often pretend to be legitimate companies to trick consumers. Scammers set up fake websites and "hijack" your company name and address. They may also use brand hijacking - blatant copying and misusing company logos and website content - to impersonate a business and deceive unsuspecting visitors. In this con, the company doesn't necessarily lose money. However, their reputation is tarnished when angry

customers ripped off by scammers think the real company is responsible.

Charity pitches. Most businesses are regularly asked to donate funds to charitable causes. While many requests are legitimate, small businesses become victims of fraudulent or deceptive charitable solicitation schemes every year. Research charities and see more giving tips at Give.org.

Phishing scams. Phishing scams attempt to steal sensitive information about your business. These scams often appear to be legitimate emails or text messages. However, when you click on the link, you download a virus that captures personal information or loads a form that asks for bank account or credit card details. Be leery of unsolicited messages, and don't click on links. Instead, hover over the link with your cursor to see the real address. Also, be sure your computer has the proper firewall and computer protection software. Read more about phishing scams.

Office supply scams. Businesses receive an unexpected telephone call from someone claiming to represent a reputable company with which the firm often does business. Sometimes scammers will even call in advance to find out what brand of supplies or equipment the business uses. The scam caller will try to sell the business surplus merchandise at a reduced price, citing a cancellation or over-order by another purchaser. The merchandise doesn't exist. Don't be fooled.

Coupon books. Small business operators are often approached to participate in coupon book promotions. The business offers discounts or extras in coupon books that promoters sell to consumers. Problems occur if the promoters change the terms of the coupons, oversell the books, or distribute them outside the company's normal business area. Ensure the coupon book is promoted by someone you trust and the terms and conditions are spelled out.

Vanity award scams. A vanity award scheme capitalizes on a company's excitement for an award that essentially holds no value. This con typically targets business owners through email campaigns. The scam email congratulates the owner on their selection for the award and invites them to click a link for further details on how to claim the prize. But of course, claiming the honor involves paying a several-hundred-dollar fee. Always research the organization offering the "award." Read more about award

Overpayment scams. In this scam, the person you are doing business with sends you a check for more than the amount they owe you. Then, they instruct you to wire the balance back to them. Or, they send a check and tell you to deposit it, keep part of the amount for your compensation, and then wire the rest back. The results are the same: the check eventually bounces, and you're stuck, responsible for the full amount, including what you wired to the scammer. Read more about fake check scams.

Tips to avoid small business scams

BBB offers these tips to help small businesses protect themselves:

Keep good records. Keep documentation of all orders and purchases. This will help you to detect bogus accounts and invoices.

Be extra careful with payment procedures. Establish payment authorization procedures, including a multi-person approval process for transactions above a certain dollar threshold.

Avoid some payment methods when possible. Wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, and gift cards are scammers' preferred payment methods. Always confirm that an authorized source verifies any requests for payment with untraceable methods such as these. Also, try to pay by a written company. That way, a paper trail has been created.

Double-check vendors. Make sure that the business billing you is a business you're familiar with and normally do business with. If not, question it. Get the name of the person you speak with, the company name, address, phone, and website.

Be careful what information you share. Do not give out information about your business unless you know what the information will be used for. Never provide personal information or financial details to anyone you don't know.

Protect your devices. Make sure you have proper computer protection software and a firewall. Don't click on links inside unsolicited e-mails. They could spread malicious software or viruses.

Spread the word. If your employees know about the scam, they'll be more likely to spot it. Tell your colleagues,

For more information

If a scam has targeted you, file a complaint and report the scam to BBB.org/ScamTracker. Let others in your industry know of the scheme you've come across.

For more great tips and tricks on improving your business, check out the BBB business news feed and the

Wisconsin BBB at www.bbb.org/wisconsin, 414-847-6000 or 1-800-273-1002. Consumers also can find more information

For more information or further inquiries, contact the

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Toto, and the Good Witch as primary characters, along with munchkins, witches, Toto's pups, and a wide host of characters that brought the story to life in creative form.

Strobe, fog, and lighting effects, along with sound effects and music, made for entertaining dance performances that sometimes highlighted and other times combined ballet, tap, hip hop, jazz, and lyrical dance and dance elements. Dancers from toddlers through young adults performed on

At the close of the show, studio owner Brooke Burton officially announced the studio will be moving to a new, bigger location, currently under renovation, on West Main Street in Merrill.





Above: Little witches tap, tap, tapping away.

Left: Toto, Dorothy, and the Good Witch.

Tina L. Scott photos.





Merrill High School ring Sports Schedule

Boys Baseball (Varsity, JV and JV2) 4:30 p.m. D. C. Everest (JV2) Home Thurs. May 18 D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV) 5:00 p.m. Thurs. May 18 Away Thurs. May 18 D. C. Everest (JV2) 5:00 p.m. Home 5:00 p.m. Fri. May 19 Mosinee (Varsity, JV & JV2) Home Antigo (Varsity, JV & JV2) Stevens Point (JV2) Mon. May 22 Home 5:00 p.m. Tues. May 23 5:00 p.m. Home Thurs. May 25 5:00 p.m. Stevens Point (JV2) Away Girls Softball (Varsity and JV) 5:00 p.m. Tues. May 23 Antigo-D2 Regional (Varsity) Away Boys Golf (Varsity, JV and JV2)

Fri. May 19 2:00 p.m. River Edge Golf (Varsity) Away <u> Girls Soccer (Varsity & JV)</u>

Thurs. May 18 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Pool Play #2 (JV) T. B. A. Thurs. May 18 Pool Play #2 (Varsity) T. B. A. 5:00 p.m. Tues. May 23 Pool Play #3 (JV) T. B. A. 7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Tues. May 23 Pool Play #3 (Varsity) T. B. A. Antigo (Varsity) Thurs. May 25 Away

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Alexis "Lexi" Ollhoff, a Junior at Merrill High School, has been named Athlete of the Week. Lexi plays second base for the Merrill Varsity Softball Team. This is her second year on the Varsity Team. Lexi has played softball since she was 6 years old.

At school, Lexi is a member of the National Honor Society and her favorite class is chemistry. Outside ol she is active in 4-H and she also works part-time for Helene's Hilltop Orchard and for Smil John's Christmas Trees

In her free time, Lexi enjoys playing board games with her little brother, going UTVing with her family, or taking short road trips. She also likes to go shopping and go out for coffee or go out to eat with her friends. The daughter of Joe and Abby Ollhoff of Merrill, Lexi maintains a 3.6 GPA and plans to attend college after high school graduation but has not yet decided on a major or a specific career goal.

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On April 16, 2023, the Merrill Eagles held a Pancake Breakfast Benefit for Andrew Jacobson to assist him with ongoing medical expenses. From L to R: Bryan Plautz, Aerie Pancake Breakfast Chair; Kristen and Andrew Jacobson; and Sue Heckendorf, Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast Chair. Submitted photo.



In case you missed it, the Merrill Foto News office has moved! We are now located at 2011 E. Main Tina L. Scott photo.

Aspirus offers workout tips for beginners

Aspirus Health recently offered workout tips to help beginners set and achieve fitness goals while avoiding

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that adults get at least 150 minutes of physical activity a week. However, only 24% of Americans exercise regularly, according to the CDC.

Aspirus said regular exercise is one of the most important things someone can do for both their mental and

"Regular exercise is crucial for overall health, not only because of the physical benefits, such as maintaining a healthy weight, maintaining muscle strength, and improving joint pain and stiffness, but it also has mental benefits as well," Aspirus Athletic Trainer Erin Sparks said. "Exercising improves sleep quality, cognitive function, and decreases feelings of anxiety and depression."

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Exercise comes in many shapes and sizes, Aspirus noted, with the two most common forms of exercises for people to begin with being aerobic exercises, such as swimming. biking, and walking; and strength training, which includes weight lifting and resistance exercises.

"Beginning to exercise may seem difficult, but there are many strategies that can help," Aspirus said.

Aspirus offered the following health tips to help people achieve their fitness goals and avoid injury:

- · Talk to a doctor Check-in with a healthcare provider and get a physical exam before starting an exercise routine. Getting a physical exam not only gives people a good starting point, but also gives those interested an idea of what exercise may be best for them when they're first starting an exercise routine.
- · Set goals Following a workout plan or committing to small achievable goals will increase the chances of success and help maintain motivation.
- · Stay hydrated and eat nutritious meals Drinking fluids and eating a balanced diet helps to sustain energy levels and get the most out of workouts.

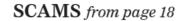
- · Warm up and cool down These healthy habits, before and after exercising, can prevent injuries, reduce soreness, and improve flexibility.
- Listen to your body Be mindful of the body's limits. A little soreness is expected for those who are first beginning to work out. However, if feelings of sharp pains or discomfort develop while exercising, stop and rest before

"It's important to progress slowly when first starting to work out to avoid injury," Sparks said. "Jumping into an intense workout your body isn't conditioned for might cause injury and extreme soreness."

"Regular exercise is part of a healthy lifestyle," Aspirus said. "Anyone can make fitness a priority. Although putting in effort every day may be difficult, it is a rewarding practice that has a large influence on everyone's health."

Sparks noted that consistency is key.

"If you have a routine that you generally enjoy doing every day and you're able to stay consistent with it, it will only make it that much easier to reach your goals," Sparks said.



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Sara is a sweet senior pup. She is around 10 years old and will be the best partner for snuggles. Sara loves to go on walks with our volunteers. She likes cuddling up under the blankets and making herself a blanket fort. Sara * would be best in a more quite household. She is vaccinated, spayed and micro-chipped, so is ready for her forever home.

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