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This composite image created by photographer Joseph Frederick showcases the Dream Flights WWII-era bi-plane in flight as it appears to fly past the Bell Tower at Bell Tower Residence in Merrill, creating a striking and symbolic image. **Joseph Frederick photo.**

**Seven area veterans enjoy a Dream Flight in a WWII era bi-plane**

On Aug. 16, 2023, seven veterans from Bell Tower Residence in Merrill flew with Dream Flights at the Merrill Airport. Each received a 20-minute ride in a genuine WWII-era bi-plane. This is the third year Bell Tower participated in Dream Flights. "The veterans, some of whom may not have walked regularly in a year or more, find the strength to be assisted into the bi-plane, take the flight of a lifetime, and return with a smile that lights up the world," said Kris McCarigle of Bell Tower Residence in a press release.



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**Emergency planning and resources**

"Kids spend a lot of time away from home during the school year, so it's important that they know what to do if there's an emergency during the day," said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Greg Engle. "Parents should spend some time going over how to respond to those situations, so kids can start the year safely."

ReadyWisconsin encourages families to take the following steps with their students to help give them the tools needed for the new school year:

- Create an emergency communications plan, which lists



the phone numbers of parents, along with members of a student's extended family or close friends to serve as backup contacts. Make sure a copy of that plan is available at school and in your student's backpack. You can find a sample emergency communications plan on the ReadyWisconsin website at <https://readywisconsin.wi.gov/make-a-plan/>.

- If cell phones are allowed at school, program them with emergency contact numbers.
- Review safety information shared by your school, including school bus safety, evacuation procedures, and how students will be reunited with families if there were to be an emergency or other incident during the school day.
- Talk to your student's teacher

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# Merrill Adult Diploma Academy announces 2023 Grads

Merrill Area Public Schools and Northcentral Technical College held a ceremony for the 2023 graduates of the Merrill Adult Diploma Academy (MADA) at the AGRA Pavilion on July 26, 2023. The graduating class consists of 18 students who have completed their goals and are ready to take the next step in their life journeys. Several of these students already have full-time jobs; some are planning on furthering their education.

Students were congratulated by guest speaker Merrill Firefighter Corey Nowak, along with Lead Teacher Erin Bailey, Principal Megan Kautzer, School Board President Kevin Blake, MADA board member Susan Ryman, and many family supporters.

The MADA Charter School is a partnership between the Merrill School District and Northcentral Technical College that has served the community since 2007. The primary purposes of MADA are to assist traditional students with high school completion, and to help adult students earn a General Education Diploma



At the 2023 MADA graduation ceremony, L to R: Alexis Koehler, Jessica Anthonie, Kylee Krenzke, Jaycie Stockowitz, Conner Ullman, Abby Dalton, guest speaker Corey Nowak, Alan Parsons, Ashton Hagenbucher, Kia Karlen, Louis Blum, and Logan Plautz. Other graduates include: KC Crute, Mark Ladewig, Dawson Lipke, Parker Lezotte, Keegan Peterson, Searra Turner, and Tyler Wild. Submitted photos.

(GED). In addition, MADA offers employability skills and computer training, and provides students assistance in preparing to enter NTC or other college programs. Additional graduation photos can be found on Facebook @MadaWeAreMAPSchools.

MADA is fortunate to be part of a cooperative arrangement between the

City of Merrill and the Merrill School District. The school serves the Merrill community and Lincoln County, and relocated in 2019 to the lower level of the Merrill City Hall building at 1004 E. First St.

For more information, contact MADA at 715.536.1431 or mada@mapsedu.org.

# Former Merrill Fire Chief's death recognized as line-of-duty death

## Chief Adlord Talbot remembered in Line-of-Duty Death Legacy Ceremony

Merrill Fire Chief Josh Klug recently announced the death of former Merrill Fire Chief Adlord Talbot has officially been recognized as a line-of-duty death.

On the morning of October 7, 1941, 60-year-old Chief Talbot failed to join his crew for morning shift change at the now former number one fire station, which still stands at 701 E. First St. in Merrill. When his fellow firefighters went to check on him, they found Talbot dead in his bed of an apparent heart attack.

Klug noted at that time deaths such as Talbot's were not considered line-of-duty deaths.

However, while doing research on another matter, local historian Michael Caylor came across Talbot's death record and noted the place of death was listed as the fire station. Caylor spoke with Talbot's daughter, 93-year-old Monica Talbot. She confirmed the details of her father's death with precise memories from that fateful morning.

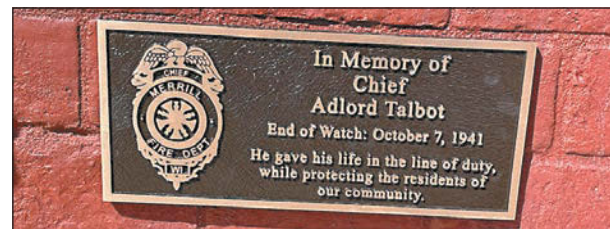
Caylor was able to produce Talbot's death certificate and obtain copies of the activities of Talbot on the day before his death from the historical records of the Merrill Fire Department. Those records, which are preserved at the Merrill Historical Society, included a fire call and, according to his daughter's memory, doing fire inspections.

The information was submitted to the Wisconsin Fire and EMS Memorial (WFEM), and after review, WFEM President James Luty informed Chief Klug that he had declared Talbot's death as having occurred in the line of duty.

Talbot's daughter and extended family were informed of the change in status and on Aug. 15, 2023, a Line-of-Duty Death Legacy Ceremony was held for Chief Adlord Talbot at the Merrill Fire Station. Talbot's name was added to the memorial at both the Merrill Fire Station and in Wisconsin Rapids at the Wisconsin Fire and EMS Memorial.



Former Merrill Fire Chief Adlord Talbot died on Oct. 7, 1941.



Chief Adlord Talbot's memorial plaque on the memorial wall outside the Merrill Fire Department.



Chief Adlord Talbot's daughter, Monica, and family members came for the Line-of-Duty Death Legacy Ceremony at the Merrill Fire Station.



Merrill firefighter Phil Skoug rings the bell during the Line-of-Duty Death Legacy Ceremony at the Merrill Fire Station. Photos courtesy of Merrill Fire Department.

# Church Mutual extends voluntary retirement incentive to eligible employees

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

Church Mutual Insurance Company, which is headquartered in Merrill, announced last week that it was making "Voluntary Retirement Incentive (VRI) offers to eligible employees throughout the Church Mutual Group nationwide."

While Church Mutual representatives declined to define specifically how employee eligibility for the program is determined, one representative said, "In general, eligibility is based on age and years of service."

Eligible employees were notified last

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# Dog rescued from Merrill house fire

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

On Aug. 25, 2023, at approximately 7:15 p.m. the Merrill Fire Department (MFD) was dispatched to a house fire at 1910 Water St. in Merrill's Sixth Ward.

"Engine-61 and Med-63 responded immediately from the fire station as Medic 61 was responding to an ambulance call about the same time," Fire Chief Josh Klug said in a press release. Merrill Police Department (MPD) was already on scene when firefighters arrived and "reported heavy smoke in the kitchen area and possibly extending into the walls of the home."

Dispatch advised the caller said the fire had started on the kitchen stove.

All human occupants of the residence had evacuated the home, but it was reported the family dog might still be inside.

Firefighters began extinguishing the fire in the kitchen area. After the fire was contained to the kitchen, they located the dog inside the home and brought the pet outside where it was reunited with the owners.

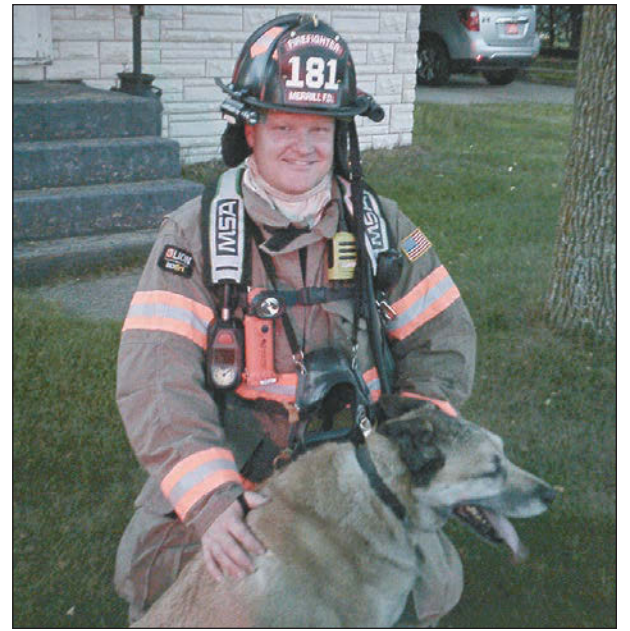
According to the MFD, the home suffered moderate damage to the



Firefighters and occupants outside the home on Water St.

Joseph Frederick photo.

More photos online  
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Firefighter/Paramedic Ross Witucki with Max.  
Photo courtesy of Merrill Fire Department.

kitchen area.

Mutual aid was requested from Russell, Corning, Pine River, and Wausau Fire Departments and Tomahawk EMS, the MFD reported; however, "the fire was quickly contained" and the departments cancelled their response except for the Pine River Fire Department. MPD

and Wisconsin Public Service also assisted at the scene.

While the cause of the fire remains under investigation, preliminary investigation suggests "the fire likely started in the kitchen area of the home and was unintentional in nature" a press release from the MFD said.

## CHURCH MUTUAL

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Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, and a companywide announcement was made later that same day.

"The offer includes a payment tied to service as well as an additional lump sum, all credited to the employee's Cash Balance Plan, a/k/a pension plan," a press release from Church Mutual said, although they declined to be any more specific than that. "In the interest of protecting our employees' personal information, we are keeping the value of the offer confidential," a representative said.

"Employees have several weeks to consider the offer. Accepting or declining the early-retirement VRI offer is entirely at the discretion of each eligible employee. Those who accept the offer will work with their supervisors to determine a mutually agreeable date to end their employment,

no later than Dec. 31, 2023," he said.

"Those who decline the VRI offer can remain in their current roles."

"We are encouraging eligible employees to speak to their financial, tax and legal advisors to make the best decision for their personal circumstances and retirement goals," the representative said.

Church Mutual stated the goal of offering the VRI at this time is "to better align our staffing levels with current and future customer needs, as well as our long-term business strategy."

"Our significant, ongoing financial strength enables us to able make this generous VRI offer," the press release said.

The company did not share specific goals aligned with the VRI offer but did emphasize that "the VRI action is voluntary" and "Eligible employees may accept or decline the offer, doing what's best for their needs and plans."

"In regard to overall

staffing, Church Mutual has not implemented a hiring freeze," the press release said.

"Church Mutual Group is continuing to recruit and hire talent for positions nationwide," the spokesperson for the company said. "...Rather it is making strategic workforce adjustments to support current and long-term needs."

"Workforce adjustments do not imply any other changes to Church Mutual's business or geographic footprint," the press release said. "We remain committed to the communities where we have offices: Merrill, Madison, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Denver, Colorado; and Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. We will continue to support their local economies with attractive employment opportunities as well as donations from our CM CARES foundation and volunteer service from our employees.

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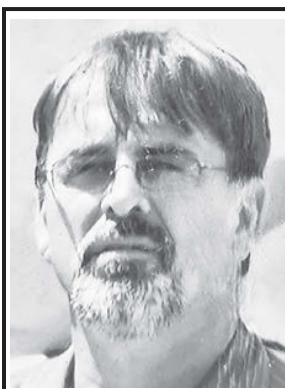
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# OBITUARIES



**Barry Miles Burrow**, age 64, died Saturday, August 27, 2023, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital under Palliative Care. Barry battled cancer for the past several years.

Barry was born on May 24, 1959, son of the late John Burrow and Gladys Buchard. He married Sharon Burgener on January 24, 1981. She survives. Barry loved the outdoors; he was an avid deer hunter and also liked doing a little fishing. Barry had worked for Hurd Millwork in Merrill, Lightning Express Towing, and most recently Breman Merrill Ford. He liked working on cars, small engines, and doing whatever he could to help other people out.

Barry leaves behind his wife, Sharon Burgener Burrow; son, Brandon Burrow; daughter, Megan Burrow; and granddaughter, Braylin Burrow. Also surviving are his brother, John (Brenda) Burrow, Jr.; sister, Joyce Burrow (Ken Whiteash); and brother, James (Jen) Burrow. Further surviving is his father-in-law; several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; many nieces and nephews; and his favorite card partner, Aunt Netz. Barry was preceded in death by his parents, John Burrow Sr. and Gladys Buchard.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com)



**Michael 'Mike' Lee Moellendorf**, age 66, of Merrill, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at his home. He was born on September 15, 1956, to the late Marvin and Margaret (Kummerow) Moellendorf in Wausau, WI. Mike graduated from Wausau West High School and attended Northcentral Technical College for the next 2 years, earning his associate degree in marketing. He met the love of his life and soul mate, Deborah Buettner, and the two lovingly exchanged marriage vows on November 12, 1993, in Wausau. She survives.

Mike was a social person that enjoyed his job and community very much. He was the station manager for Sunrise Broadcasting Bluejay 96.3 and the senior account executive. Prior jobs included Whiteco Outdoor Advertising, Hadley Office Products, teaching classes at area technical colleges and owning his own businesses. Mike enjoyed being on the lake and would look forward to his early morning walk with his wife. He loved being on the pontoon and enjoying the beautiful nature all around them. Mike enjoyed fishing and deer hunting and looked forward to the next deer season at the Luedtke Lodge. In his younger years, he was a little league pitcher in Wausau, an avid bowler, where he was in many leagues, the non pro tour and in the 700 Club and he enjoyed his time on the green playing some rounds of golf. Mike had a passion and interest in sports, especially college sports, and he loved watching the little league games. He was a proud Vikings fan and watched their football games every chance he had. Mike is remembered as a creative, problem-solving man, that was an excellent caregiver for his parents and had an extraordinarily strong faith in God. He was a reflective person and cherished his close friendships. Mike was a past member of the Merrill Eagles Club, volunteered for Special Olympics, Sunday School Teacher and past president of First English Lutheran Church in Wausau and was a member of St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill, where he ensured their weekly radio broadcasts were heard across the air waves and served on church council. Mike will be sadly missed, but fond memories of him will remain.

Mike is survived by his wife: Deborah 'Debbie' Moellendorf of Merrill, sisters: VerJean Detert and Maralee Moellendorf, both of Wausau, brother: James 'Jim' (Nancy) Moellendorf of Huntley, IL, nieces: Michelle Detert and Jessica (Peter) Himmelreich, with their son, Harvey, nephews: Todd (Carolyn) Detert, with their children: Aidan and Brooklynn, Corey (Julia) Detert, with their daughters: Natalie and Daphne and Jeff (Carla) Moellendorf, with their children: Olivia and Lloyd. He is further survived by his dog, Teddy. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law: Wayne Detert and his beloved dog: Abby. The funeral service for Mike will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023, at 11:00am at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill. Rev. Scott Gustafson will officiate. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 31, 2023, from 4:00pm until 8:00pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill, and again on Friday, September 1, 2023, from 10:00am until the time of service, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial of his cremated remains will take place at a later date. The service will be live-streamed for those unable to attend, it will be posted under his obituary on the funeral home website and will start at 11:00am on Friday, September 1, 2023. It will then be posted as a recording for future viewing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Mike's name be directed to a charity of your choice.



**Michelle 'Micki' P. Laatsch**, age 66, of the town of Pine River, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Friday, August 18, 2023. She was born on December 23, 1956 to James and Bonnie (Bacon) Wolff in Merrill, WI. Her mother survives. Micki grew up in Merrill and attended and graduated from Merrill High School. She enlisted in the United States Army on July 18, 1978 and was honorably discharged on February 8, 1980. Micki was a very patriotic woman. She earned her pharmacy technician degree while in the military and went on to work many years at various pharmacies. Micki married Daniel Laatsch in Waupaca, WI on November 3, 2002, a union lasting 20 years. Micki had also worked at the Merrill Wal-Mart as a cashier and stocker, until her retirement. She had recently planned on going back to work at Merrill Wal-Mart, as she loved her job there and made friends with a lot of her co-workers. Her grandchildren were first and foremost in Micki's life, she adored them and loved them with all her heart. She enjoyed going fishing and worked on her needlepoint projects. Micki is remembered as a social lady that had a funny, sassy side! She will be missed, but never forgotten.

Micki leaves behind her loving husband: Daniel Laatsch, mother: Bonnie Dickelman-Cannon, son: Brian Fosberg, daughter: Rochelle Smith, grandchildren: Kyle Smith, Ashley Smith, Tyler Smith, Riley Wilson and Ely Wilson, brothers: James (Kerri) Wolff and Craig Wolff, sister: Dana (Kevin) Wendt, step-brothers: Randy (Jane) Dickelman, Ron (Linda) Dickelman, Russ Dickelman and Brad (Jeanette) Cannon, step-sisters: Cheryl (Jim) Connor, Laurie (LeRoy) Vandre and several nieces and nephews, along with her spoiled fur babies: Micki, Frankie and Bootsy. She was preceded in death by her father: James Wolff, infant brother: Timothy Wolff, paternal grandparents: Jacob (Lydia) Wolff, maternal grandparents: George (Amelia) Bacon, stepfathers: Ray Dickelman and Edward Cannon, step-brothers: Robert Dickelman and Jeff Dickelman, niece: Keana Wendt and several aunts and uncles.

The prayer service for Micki will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 4pm, at Waid Funeral Home. Pastor Greg Laska will officiate. Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023, from 1pm, until the time of the service, also at the funeral home. Military honors will be conducted by the Merrill V.F.W. Post 1638 immediately following the service. Micki will be interred at Restlawn Memorial Park in Wausau, WI at a later date. In lieu of flowers, family wishes that donations in Micki's name be directed to the Lincoln County Humane Society. The prayer service will be recorded for those unable to attend, and can be viewed on the funeral home website, under her obituary. Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at [www.waidfuneral.com](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Maryann Rethaber** has passed away on August 22nd, 2023 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital from a three-year battle with cancer. She was 71 years old. She was born on June 4th, 1952 in Antigo, a daughter of Henry "Hank" and Bessie "Betty" (Knapck) Weissshahn.

She was a graduate of Antigo High School, Class of 1970. Soon after High School Maryann married and moved to Hawaii where she worked for a car dealership while her husband served in the Navy. She then returned to the Gleason area and worked on the family farm.

Maryann then worked at Pine Crest Nursing Home as a Certified Nursing Assistant for over 30 years. Her love for caring for people always kept her smiling and wanting to do more for the residents she cared for. She had also earned employee of the year.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and fishing. She loved decorating her home with antiques that she found at local flea markets and antique stores.

Survivors include a daughter, Mindy (Herb) Ponta of Deerbrook; two sons, Lani (Mimi) Rethaber of Wausau, Martin Rethaber of Merrill; six grandchildren, Gwendolyn, Charlotte, Owen, Anna Lucia, Emily, and Nash.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Weissshahn; and daughter-in-law, Jodie Rethaber.

A private burial will take place at Forestview Cemetery in the town of Vilas. Bradley Funeral Home in Antigo is assisting the family. Online condolences at [www.bradleyfh.com](http://www.bradleyfh.com)

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Boy, James Cyrus, born to Michelle Jensen and Joshua Jensen of Wausau.

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**Pet of the Week**

Jingle has been at LCHS since December of 2022. She was quite scared of everything, but has made a lot of progress at one of our wonderful foster homes. She is now ready to find her forever family! Jingle loves people but is still a bit shy, so she will need someone who is willing to be patient with her. She will do best in a quieter household and will make a wonderful pet. Her adoption fee includes her spay. She is up to date on vaccinations and microchipped.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

Legals 7700

**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: 07/31/2023**  
**/S/HON. GALEN BAYNE-ALLISON**  
**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR I**  
 STATE OF WISCONSIN  
 CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY  
 Notice and Order for  
 Name Change Hearing  
 Case No. 23-CV-89  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME  
 CHANGE OF  
 Emercyn Gerald-Emmanuel Gay  
 By (Petitioner) Samantha Mavis Brown  
 By (Co-Petitioner) Robert Lee Gay

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
 From: Emercyn Gerald-Emmanuel Gay  
 To: Emercyn Gerald-Emmanuel Brown  
 Birth Certificate: Emercyn Gerald-Emmanuel Gay

**IT IS ORDERED:**  
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Galen Bayne-Allison  
 Place: 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452 Br I Courtroom  
 Date: 09/19/2023  
 Time: 1:00 PM

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0319 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.  
 Published: 8/10/23, 8/17/23 & 8/24/23  
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**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: 07/31/2023**  
**/S/HON. GALEN BAYNE-ALLISON**  
**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR I**  
 STATE OF WISCONSIN  
 CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY  
 Notice and Order for  
 Name Change Hearing  
 Case No. 23-CV-88  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME  
 CHANGE OF  
 Malaika Pearl Gay-Brown  
 By (Petitioner) Samantha Mavis Brown  
 By (Co-Petitioner) Robert Lee Gay

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
 From: Malaika Pearl Gay-Brown  
 To: Malaika Pearl Brown  
 Birth Certificate: Malaika Pearl Gay-Brown

**IT IS ORDERED:**  
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Hon. Galen Bayne-Allison  
 Place: 1110 E Main St., Merrill, WI 54452, Br I Courtroom  
 Date: 09/19/2023  
 Time: 1:00 PM

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**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: 8-10-2023**  
**/S/Robert R. Russell**  
**CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT**  
**COMMISSIONER**

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
 CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY  
 Notice and Order for  
 Name Change Hearing  
 Case No. 23-CV-90  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME  
 CHANGE OF

Willow Rae Gilbertson  
 By (Petitioner) Crystal Marie Grefe  
 By (Co-Petitioner) Chad Steven Gilbertson

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
 From: Willow Rae Gilbertson  
 To: Willow Rae Grefe  
 Birth Certificate: Willow Rae Gilbertson

**IT IS ORDERED:**  
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit

Legals 7700

Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:  
 Judge's Name: Honorable Robert Russell  
 Place: Lincoln County Courthouse  
 Date: September 25, 2023  
 Time: 10:20 AM  
 If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Merrill Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.  
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**Public Notice**  
 Opportunity Development Centers, Inc. (ODC) hereby provides notice that it intends to apply to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the following transportation projects under Section 5310 to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities in Lincoln County:

1 Van-rear loading ramp with the capacity for 3 ambulatory & 1 wheelchair.  
 Individuals or agencies wishing to comment or receive additional information about this application should contact Ann Lepak at 715.424.2712 or alepak@odcinc.com.  
 Formal comments or requests for additional information must be received in writing or by email 14 days after publication.  
 Published August 31, September 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2023  
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**RAZE ORDER**  
 (Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0413)

**TO:**  
**OWNER: Nathaniel Fabbri**  
**Amanda Fabbri**  
**PROPERTY ADDRESS:**  
**700 E 3rd Street**  
**Merrill, WI 54452**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Land described as H. Streeter's Addition to the City of Merrill, Lot 6 and the west 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 8, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

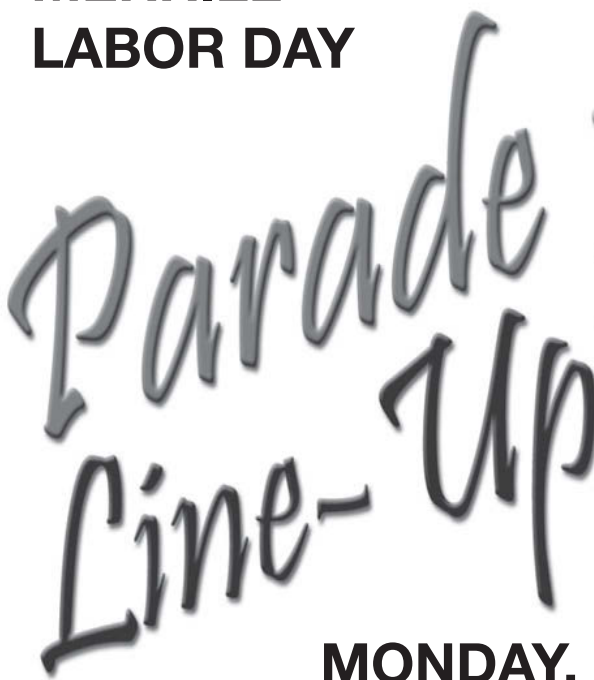
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the City of Merrill, by its Building Inspector, hereby declares that the building located on the above described property is old, dilapidated or out of repair and, consequently, dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human habitation and unreasonable to repair.

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Owner of said buildings located on the above described property shall raze the buildings on or before **September 29, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.** To raze a building means to demolish and remove the building and to restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition. If the buildings on the property described herein contains personal property or fixtures which will unreasonably interfere with the razing of the building or if the razing makes necessary the removal, sale or destruction of the personal property or fixtures, the City of Merrill Building Inspector hereby Orders the removal of the personal property or fixtures on or before **September 29 at 4:30 p.m.**

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, if the Owner fails or refuses to comply within the time prescribed herein, the City of Merrill Building Inspector or other designated officer may proceed to raze the buildings located on the above described property through any available public agency or by contract or arrangement with private persons or to secure the buildings and, if necessary, the property on which the buildings are located if unfit for human habitation, occupancy or use. The cost of razing or securing the buildings shall be charged in full against the real estate upon which the building is located and, if that cost is so charged, it shall be a lien upon the real estate and may be assessed and collected as a special tax. Any portion of the costs charged against the real estate that is not reimbursed under Wis. Stat. §632.103(2) from funds withheld from insurance settlement may be assessed and collected as a special tax.

**City of Merrill**  
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# MERRILL LABOR DAY



## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

### Parade Line-up 9:00am

### Parade Begins 10:00am

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| 1. VFW COLOR GUARD & RIFLE SQUAD POST 1638 | 18. MERRILL FIRE DEPARTMENT              | 35. 107 BAIT SHOP                        |
| 2. BOY SCOUT COLOR GUARD                   | 19. TOWN OF RUSSELL FIRE DEPARTMENT      | 36. ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH                  |
| 3. AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD             | 20. CORNING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT    | 37. APOLLO SENIOR CARE LLC               |
| 4. VFW POST 1638 LADIES AUXILIARY          | 21. PINE RIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT | 38. CENTRAL WI BANDITS                   |
| 5. SGT. RYAN JOPEKS TRUCK                  | 22. HAMBURG FIRE AND EMS DEPARTMENT      | 39. SPARKLE WASH                         |
| 6. MAR-LIN POST #10203                     | 23. DNR FIRE TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT        | 40. LINCOLN GUN CLUB/ BLUEJAYS TRAP TEAM |
| 7. DAV CHAPTER 29                          | 24. RON NICKLAUS ANTIQUE COLLECTION      | 41. HAUNTED SAWMILL                      |
| 8. AMVETS PRES & WHITE CLOVER PRINCESS     | 25. BERLIN-HAMBURG LIONS                 | 42. WISCO UPGRADES LLC                   |
| 9. LINCOLN COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL         | 26. AQUA JAYS                            | 43. OPERATING ENGINEERS #139             |
| 10. MERRILL MAYOR HASS                     | 27. ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL     | 44. MERRILL ICE DRAGGERS                 |
| 11. MERRILL CITY CLERK ANDERSON            | 28. RIVER COUNTRY CO-OP                  | 45. ELITE LANDSCAPE                      |
| 12. CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALS                 | 29. WEINBRENNER SHOE COMPANY             | 46. PEOPLE FOR PINE CREST                |
| 13. LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS           | 30. SUNRISE BROADCASTING                 | 47. VIBE-OUT NUTURITION                  |
| 14. LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER ROBBIN GIGL   | 31. POLKA DOTTED PIE                     | 48. MERRILL HIGH SCHOOL BAND             |
| 15. LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATS               | 32. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH              | 49. MARCHING JAYS SEMI                   |
| 16. U.S. POLITICAL OFFICIALS               | 33. GRACE & SOPHIE'S PUMPKIN PATCH       | 50. MERRILL YOUTH HOCKEY & TRAILER       |
| 17. LINCOLN COUNTY REPUBLICANS             | 34. HOLY CROSS SISTERS                   | 51. NORTH COUNTRY RIDERS                 |
|  |  | 52. THE ARC OF LIN COUNTY                |
|  |  | 53. WI RIVER PRO RODEO                   |
|  |  | 54. MERRILL RIDERS CLUB                  |
|  |  | 55. UNDERDOWN HORSE CLUB                 |

**SPECIAL NOTE: All Of The Fire Departments Shall Line Up On Main Street, Between State Street And Genesee Street.**

It Would Be Greatly Appreciated If All Units Would Enter The Parade Line-Up By Going South On State Street, Toward The Merrill Manufacturing Company Parking Lot, Entering The Lot From The West Side And Going To The East Side (Genesee Street) And Receive Instructions From A Uniformed Parade Official.

All Horses Are To Unload On The Street South Of The Merrill Manufacturing Company Parking Lot And Have Copies Of Their Coggins Report For The OFFICIAL There. Those Without Their Coggins Report Will Not Be Allowed To Participate In The Parade.

All motorized units shall line up in the Merrill Manufacturing Company parking lot and beyond. The parade starting point is at the intersection of Genesee Street and Main Street. The parade shall go East on Main Street, North on Polk Street, East on Second Street, South on Mill Street and East on Main Street. All motorized units are asked to proceed East to Sales Street, Turn North to the Fairgrounds, or may drop out of the Parade at Center Avenue (The Courthouse).

All Marching Units May Enter The Parade From Main Street, By Unloading At The Old Family Dollar Parking Lot And Proceeding East At The Starting Point As Directed.

All Units Not Registered May Still Enter The Parade, but should have signs with their name clearly identifiable for the judges on their units.

Thank You For Your Cooperation.

Any Questions, Please Contact Merrill Park and Recreation At 715-536-7313.

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**OPEN BOOK – 2023 ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**The Assessor will be at the Town of Merrill Community Center, W4594 Progress Avenue, on Monday, September 25, 2023 from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.**

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

**NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review for the Town of Merrill will meet at the Town of Merrill Community Center, W4594 Progress Avenue, **Monday, October 2, 2023 from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.**

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

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

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk  
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Published August 24 & 31, & September 7, 2023 **WNAXLP**

### PUBLISHER'S LETTER

## Mackinac Island Or Bust



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**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

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 \*In fairness to all, and due to space constraints, there is a limit of two letters per year from an individual writer. Additional letters may be submitted to our Paid Letters to the Editor column and will require payment in full prior to publication at the same rate as Political Letters to the Editor (see policy below).

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All letters submitted as an endorsement for a political candidate, referendum, or political agenda will carry the same guidelines as above; however, they will be charged \$40.00 per letter of up to 250 words in length. Longer political letters will be accepted but will be charged \$10.00 per additional 50 words. All political letters must be prepaid prior to printing. Letters to the Editor will not be accepted from candidates running for election or representatives of an organization endorsing their own referendum, as these are clearly advertisements and not opinion letters; those submissions will be referred to our Advertising Department to be run as paid ads.

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We welcome letters to the Editor, a chance for members of the community to comment on issues of concern to them. All letters must be original, not duplications of letters addressed to public officials or written by others. The views and opinions expressed are those of the letter writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication, its publishers, Editor, or staff.

#### TO THE EDITOR

Last week, Lincoln County's Board rejected voter choice regarding Pine Crest's future. Credit goes to the nine members who listened to the 100 plus present in support of keeping Pine Crest, along with the hundreds of signatures, a multitude of phone calls and contacts, and voted for the referendum.

The referendum offered a brief overview of projected costs. One testimony calculated that the annual tax impact of \$85.14 per \$100,000 of equalized value works out to less than \$8/month on a property of that equalized value.

Supervisor Calvin Callahan felt compelled to personally point out that he is not a "Pine Crest Killer," but supports the nursing home. One can understand the confusion over his statement when Supervisor Callahan has consistently voted to sell Pine Crest and against a voter referendum.

The claim that supplemental State subsidies all went to Madison nursing homes and not to us because of Governor Evers is false. Lincoln County simply did not qualify for those funds because of an earlier County decision regarding projected deficits.

Certain Supervisors tried to muddy the issue by claiming that the annual cost should be \$4.5 million rather than the proposed \$3 million. When pressed about the source of that higher figure, it was determined that the higher figure was based on older, outdated Covid projections.

One Supervisor apparently felt that since three accountants were involved, (credentials not offered), we should just accept that higher projection. No disrespect intended, but too many bookkeepers become bean counters who do not excel at solutions and can only see the sky falling.

As one Supervisor pointed out, that much higher figure was thrown in to put off voter support. And indeed, fear was used. At one point the claim was made that if the referendum was voted down by the electorate, the County would be forced to close Pine Crest. No, if a referendum to keep Pine Crest failed, the Board could return to the option to sell.

The question of placing more taxes on the taxpayers was brought up. But not the fact that all taxpayers, and some donors, have consistently contributed to Pine Crest over the decades and have a vested interest in continuing ownership.

Unfortunately, throughout the entire process, neither the Board nor its Ad Hoc Committee spent much time on solutions to keep Pine Crest. It became painfully evident that the intent to sell was present from the very beginning with little to no effort on keeping it a County service.

If Pine Crest is sold, what will happen to the Social Services/Health Department building and their services?

And that is the crux of this issue—County services. Since this Board was seated in 2022, their obvious agenda was to eliminate as many County-supported services as possible. The old saying of "penny wise, but pound foolish" applies to many of this Board's decisions. Unfortunately, we, the residents of Lincoln County, will ultimately pay the price.

– Diana C. Smith  
Tomahawk, Wis.

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• **Rex Buehler, age 84, PFC** who served two years in the US Army. He said the highlight of his military career was spending 10 months in Germany.



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• **Phil Cohrs, age 89, Acting Sergeant & Quarter Master** who served two years in the US Army. He took care of supplies for soldiers during the Vietnam War and said he did not see war/combat. He said he got along well and made lots of friends during his time in the military.

• **Willie Cohrs, age 85, S.S.C. Sergeant First Class** who served 12 years in the US Army National Guard. He served as a cook during the Berlin Crisis and enjoyed getting to travel a lot.

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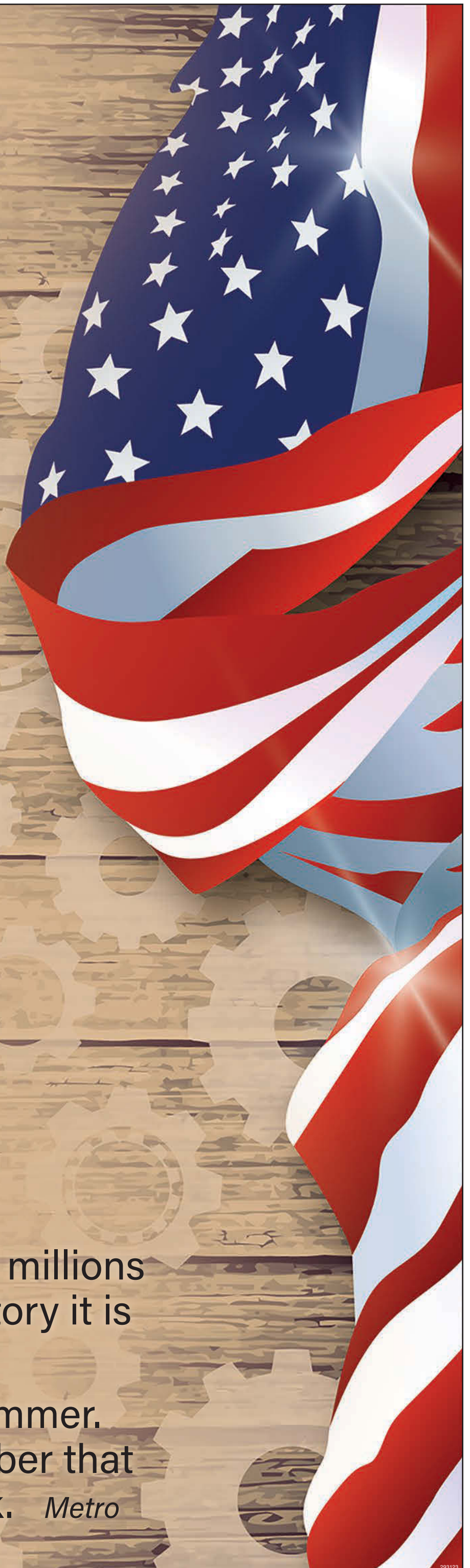
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# Why celebrat

Labor Day is worth celebrating because it honors the contributions of workers every year, the United States Department of Labor says, and has been for more than a century.

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**Announcements 7005**

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**Rummage Sales This Week 7200**

**Garage Sale** 1502 Nicklaus Dr., Merrill. Thur. Aug. 31 and Fri. Sept. 1, 8-5. Sat. Sept. 2, 8-3. Low prices. Tools, garden items, ice fishing items, household, misc. items, more.

**Make an Offer Yard Sale:** 2401 Semling Dr. Fri. & Sat. 10AM-2PM. 11 ft. Raft, Dressers, Card Table, Bike for 2, Decorations, Lamps, Puzzles, Office Chair, Kitchen Aid, Shop Vac, Bubble Mailers, telescope, Vender Tent.

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**Flea Markets 7210**  
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**Auctions 7282**  
BAUCTION-LIVE & ONLINE for BEAR RENOVATIONS N10954 CTH A, Tomahawk, WI SEPT. 9th\* 11AM. Vehicles, Trailers, Equipment, Inventory, Many Misc. Items. www.nolansales.com for details. **NOLAN SALES LLC**, Marion, WI\* 715-754-5221 Reg. WI Auctioneers Lic #142 & #165 (WCAN)

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Items in this auction include but are not limited to boat on trailer, boat motor, power & hand tools, a trailer, vintage & new Christmas decorations, outdoor décor, lights, ornaments, blow molds, vintage toys, fishing lures, tackle boxes, poles, tackle, lift chair, wood carved eagle statue, Pepsi Cola collectibles, gas & oil cans, dressers, MCM drinking glasses, vintage kitchen utensils, couch, wood crafted outdoor decorations, and so much more!

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N10954 County Highway A, Tomahawk, WI 54487  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th**  
Starting at 11:00 a.m. Lunch Available on Grounds  
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*Note: This auction will offer a very large asst. of top of the line items that are in very good condition. Plan on 2 rings for a large portion of the day. Larger items sell at approx. 12:30 p.m.*

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**Joseph Richards Estate**  
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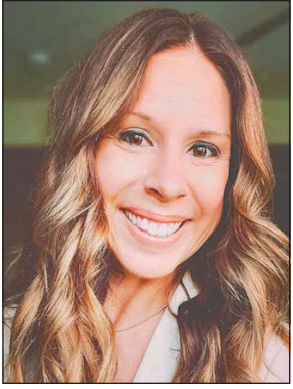
Megan Kautzer, Principal at Washington Elementary.



Allie Libby, Associate Principal at MHS.



Christopher Hahn, Activities Director.



Amber Haluska, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education.



Amanda Patterson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction.

# MAPS: New Principals, Activities Director, and changes to administration team

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
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School begins for Merrill Area Public School (MAPS) students on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, and students and parents will notice some new faces, as there have been some significant changes to leadership roles within the District for the 2023-2024 school year.

## New Principals

In addition to new teachers joining MAPS (see photo lower right), both Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) and Washington Elementary School have new Principals.

Cassandra Schultz, previously an Associate Principal at the middle school level and Principal at the elementary level in another district for the last 10 years, will be the new Principal at PRMS. Schultz has a Masters in Administration from Concordia University, a teaching degree from UW-Green Bay, and also spent 14 years teaching 7th grade. Middle school is her favorite place to be, she said. She also enjoys spending time with her family and pets, at their family cabin, and being active outdoors—swimming, boating, golfing, four wheeling, snowmobiling, ice fishing, hiking, and more!

Megan Kautzer will be the new Principal at Washington. Previously, she served as Associate Principal at Merrill High School (MHS) (since 2019). She holds a Masters in Education Leadership, graduated from Ripon College, and previously taught high school social studies and was Associate Principal at Nekoosa High School for five years. She also loves outdoor activities with her family, including hiking, kayaking, fishing, and bowhunting.

“I am truly honored to have been chosen to lead Washington Elementary

School. I am excited to collaborate with our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and eager students to continue to build a culture of learning that allows each child to reach their full potential.”

At MHS, Allie Libby replaces Kautzer as the new Associate Principal; she was a School Counselor at MHS for the last seven years and at a Middle School in Minnesota for two years. Libby has a Masters in School Counseling from Minnesota State University-Mankato and holds degrees in Psychology and Social Welfare from UW-Madison. She is originally from Wausau and graduated from Newman High School.

“I was fortunate to learn and grow with a great team [at MHS]. I am excited for this new role and challenge as Assistant Principal,” Libby said. “I hope that in this position I can continue to build strong student, staff, and community relationships that help foster growth in our students.”

Libby spends her personal time with her husband and two little girls, their dog Tucker, and family and friends, and is often outdoors or at a class at the Woodson YMCA.

## New Activities Director

Christopher Hahn, previously a PRMS Teacher, has been named the new Activities Director for the District. He brings 11 seasons of coaching experience in basketball, football, and track, and a commitment to sportsmanship, teamwork, and the value of mentorship, a press release from MAPS said. Hahn has a Bachelor’s in Elementary Education from UW-Stevens Point and is working to earn a Masters in Education Administration from UW-Superior. Hahn also enjoys outdoor activities including running, kayaking, camping, and hiking and spending time

with his wife of nine years, Alyssa.

## Administrative team changes

Amber Haluska was hired as Director of Pupil Services and Special Education, replacing Karen Baker who retired. Haluska previously worked in the Wausau School District as Special Education Associate Principal at Wausau West High School for three years and Pupil Services Associate Principal at John Muir Middle School for five years. Prior to that, Haluska was a School Psychologist. She enjoys time with her children, ages 5 and 7; camping and outdoor activities; and CrossFit.

Amanda Patterson has been named the new Director of Curriculum & Instruction. She holds a Master’s Degree in Professional Development from UW-River Falls and a Masters in Educational Leadership with licensure as a Principal and Director of Instruction from Marian University,

a Bachelors in Elementary and Middle Education (emphasis in mathematics) from UW-Eau Claire, and is working toward a Doctorate degree through Edgewood College. Patterson was previously a teacher in the D.C. Everest School District and an Elementary Principal in the Wausau School District. She enjoys her golden retriever, Rudy; spending time with her family at their cabin; and outdoor winter activities including cross country skiing and showshoeing on the Ice Age Trail.

“In an increasingly difficult labor market, we were delighted to land such high quality candidates,” said MAPS Superintendent Shannon Murray. “Each brings a high level of expertise, energy, and enthusiasm to their work, which will be of great benefit to our students, staff, families, and community. I look forward to working with each.”



MAPS welcomes new additions to their staff for the 2023-2024 academic year. Front row, seated, L to R: Colleen Whooley-Jepson Grade 2 teacher at Kate Goodrich; Brooke Kakes Grade 1 teacher at Kate Goodrich; Madison Boettcher Kindergarten teacher at Kate Goodrich; Kelly Carter English teacher at Prairie River Middle School (PRMS); Kimberly Stutting Business Education teacher at Merrill High School (MHS); Pam Warren Math teacher at PRMS. Back row, standing, L to R: Mary Wilhelmy Grade 3 teacher at Washington School; Tom Tourillott Special Education teacher at MHS; Daniel Prazuch English teacher at MHS; and Justin Markgraf Art teacher at PRMS. Tina L. Scott photo.

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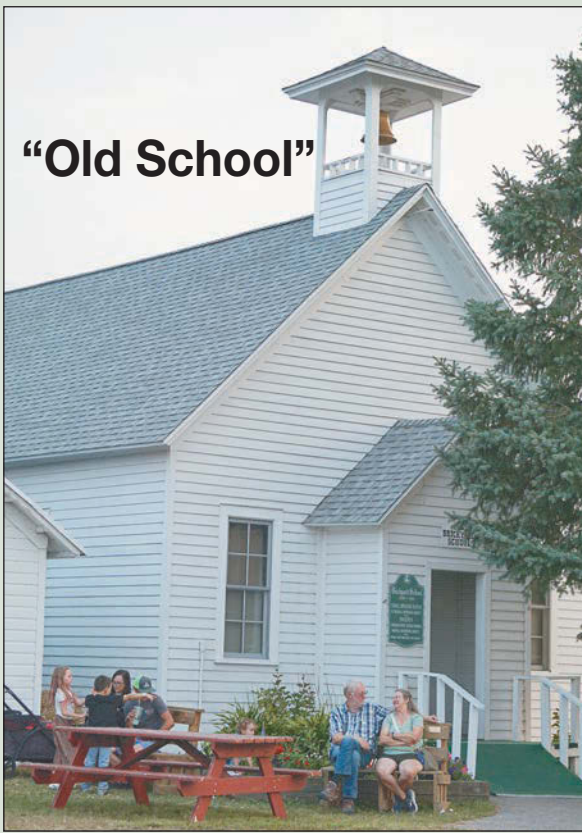
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**Left:** Fair goers relax outside the Brickyard School at the Merrill Festival Grounds during the 2023 Lincoln County Fair. **Middle:** In the “old days” at school, students couldn’t turn on a faucet or even bend over a bubbler (water fountain) to get a drink. Water, pumped by hand from an outside well, was brought in to fill the water dispenser in the hallway, used to dispense water into a cup. Prior to that, students might even have shared a dipper of water from a common water bucket. **Right:** Marie Rein demonstrates how wood was put into the stove, surrounded by a safety barrier to keep children from getting burned. This stove provided heat for the school. The older boys kept the wood box inside the back door filled with wood, and the teacher came in early each morning to get the stove going so the school would be warm when students arrived. **Tina L. Scott photos.**

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about participating in ReadyWisconsin’s Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) program. This free curriculum for fourth and fifth grade classrooms helps teach students about being ready for disasters. Educators can find enrollment information at <https://readywisconsin.wi.gov/step/>.

• If you have a student heading off to college, pick up or put together an emergency kit for their vehicle and dorm room or apartment. Vehicle kits should include items like a cell phone charger, snacks, blankets and jumper cables. For home kits, add items like non-perishable foods, a flashlight, portable radio and extra batteries.

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**Get savvy with school bus safety**

Each school day, 25 million children ride a bus to school in the United States. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) says that school buses are the safest way for children to travel to and from school. The majority of school bus-related injuries occur while students are boarding and getting off the bus. Over the last 10 years, the NHTSA says nearly two-thirds of school-age pedestrians who were fatally injured by school buses or other vehicles were hurt after being struck while entering or exiting the bus.

Riding a school bus can be a novel experience no matter a student’s age or grade. Kindergarteners may be introduced

to the school bus on their first day of school, while older students are no doubt familiar with life inside a school bus. But all students and families can benefit from a refresher course on school bus procedures to ensure this school year begins on safe footing.

• **Be a smart pedestrian.** Riding the school bus is very safe, but injuries can occur walking to and from the bus stop. Watch for cars backing out of driveways and always look both ways multiple times before crossing streets.

• **Stand away from the curb.** The National Safety Council advises keeping six feet, or three to five giant steps, away from the curb or road while waiting for the bus. Young children should be carefully supervised.

• **Be visible.** Always cross in front of the bus, making eye contact with the driver so that he or she knows your intentions before crossing. Better yet, wait for the driver to give the OK to cross. If you drop something, do not bend down to pick it up. Tell the driver instead. When leaving the bus, students should make sure there is no oncoming traffic and wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing busy streets.

• **Remain seated.** Find a seat promptly and remain seated for the duration of the ride. Do not stand up and proceed down the center aisle until the bus has stopped. Observe the rules on the bus, and keep the center aisle clear of backpacks.

• **Minimize distractions,** speak quietly, and behave so that you do not distract the driver.

**Walking/biking safety**

Students may walk or bike to school if the school permits. School tends to begin during the morning rush hour, so



It’s almost time for reading as homework again, but it’s always a good idea to embrace reading for pleasure, too. No matter what kids are reading, they’re developing their reading skills, and good reading and comprehension skills are the foundation of lifelong learning.

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students must exercise extreme caution when walking or biking to school. Stick to sidewalks whenever possible when walking. Cyclists should follow the rules of the road, including riding in the same direction as traffic. Choose the safest route as a family and practice it before the first day of school, advises the security company ADT.

**Backpack safety**

Choose an ergonomically designed backpack to enhance safety and comfort. Backpacks should weigh no more than 5 to 10 percent of the child’s body weight, advises the National Safety Council. Rolling backpacks should be avoided since they are a tripping hazard.

With a new school year on the horizon, students and their parents can discuss all aspects of school safety so the year starts off on the right foot.

**2023 FALL MERRILL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE**

<b>Boys Football (Varsity, JV, &amp; JV2)</b>			
Thurs. Aug. 31	Medford (JV2)	Away	5:00 pm
Fri. Sept. 1	Medford (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tues. Sept. 5	Medford (JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 7	Antigo (JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
<b>Girls Tennis (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Thurs. Aug. 31	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Tues. Sept. 5	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:00 pm
<b>Girls Swimming (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Tues. Sept. 5	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm
<b>Girls Cross Country (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Thurs. Aug. 31	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	9 Mile	T. B. D.
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Tues. Sept. 5	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
<b>Girls Volleyball (Varsity, JV, &amp; JV2)</b>			
Thurs. Aug. 31	WI Rapids Linc. (JV & JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31	WI Rapids Linc. (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 2	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Tues. Sept. 5	Marshfield (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 7	Marshfield (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Sept. 7	Marshfield (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
<b>Boys Soccer (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Thurs. Aug. 31	Stevens Point (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 7	Marshfield (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 31	Marshfield (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm

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