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# Cam Awesome inspires area students ... “Mind your business!”

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

This year’s youth speaker for the annual Merrill Great Speaker event at Merrill High School was Cam Awesome, a man who achieved notoriety as the #1 Super Heavyweight Boxer in the nation in 2008 at the age of 20 and is currently the “winningest Boxer in USA Boxing history” with Golden Glove Championships, six U.S. Championships, three PAL National Championships, six Ringside Championships, and three Olympic trials. Netflix also created a documentary about him entitled *Counterpunch*.

But what many people don’t know is the story behind his rise to such notoriety. That story begins with Cam getting beat up and continually bullied as a youth and Cam joining a gym in the hope that he could learn to protect himself. And like all good - and true - stories, Cam’s story is one of ups and downs and challenges along his journey from

being a bullied kid to an all-star boxer. It wasn’t a smooth journey or an easy one. But along the way, Cam learned a lot of lessons, and he shared some of those lessons with Merrill area students during the April 11, 2024, Great Speaker event in the Merrill High School Field House where he spoke to a crowd of students in grades 5-12 who packed the bleachers to hear his story.

Among those most memorable lessons for students:

- “Mind your business!” Cam said. He shared personal stories of how his journey very literally veered off course when he lost sight of that piece of wisdom, including right into a ditch at the very beginning of his first speaking tour. “... When I say mind your business, I don’t just mean staying out of other people’s business,” he said. (Although that too.) “A lot of times you’ve got to keep your business to yourself,” he said. “A lot of us spend so much time talking about what we’ve got to do ... that we don’t actually do anything.” Instead of talking about what you’re going to do, especially on social media, Cam urged his listeners to just start doing it. “I believe in setting impossibly big goals and taking small steps to get there,” he said.

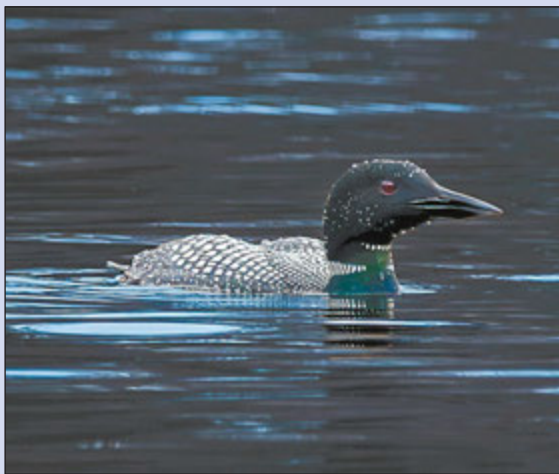
He also talked about goals and discouragement and urged students never to let discouragement stand in their way of achieving their goals.

- “If you can fail without being discouraged, success becomes inevitable.” Cam said. Real goals are supposed to stretch you, he said. If they are too easy to achieve, they aren’t really goals. That’s a to-do list, he said. Instead, he urged students to use failures along the way as just another stepping stone to achieving their goals and not to allow those failures to discourage them. “Here’s another way to look at it,” Cam said. “Let’s say you fail the fourth grade, right? Fourth grade a second time. Wouldn’t it be easier the second time? It will be ... because you already have

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Cam Awesome, this year’s Merrill Great Speakers Event speaker, interacting with the student audience at last Thursday’s event. Tina L. Scott photo.



Peter Tesch photographed this great shot of a loon on Lake Alexander last week. Blue Sky Photography/Peter Tesch photo.

## MERRILL THEATRE JAYS

# Matilda takes center stage



The cast of Matilda practices their singing and choreography.

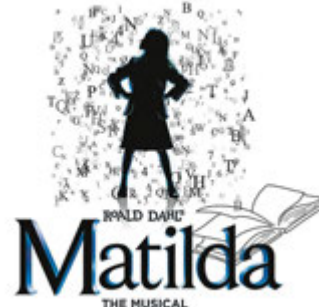
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The Merrill Theatre Jays, Merrill High School’s performing musical troupe, will present their 2024 high school musical next week. This year’s show, Roald Dahl’s *Matilda*, will be held at the Merrill High School Auditorium with one show each evening on Thursday and Friday and two shows on Saturday.

On Thursday, April 25, and Friday, April 26, the show will begin at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30). On Saturday, April 27, shows will begin at 1 p.m. (doors open at 12:30) and 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30). Tickets are available at the door (\$15 general admission/\$10 students and seniors) or call 715.536.4594 to purchase.

Merrill Theatre Jays Presents



The cast of this year’s musical includes Cadence Stutting in the lead role as Matilda Wormwood and Nick Van De Weerd in the memorable role of Mrs. Agatha Trunchbull. Julia Shull performs in the heartwarming role

of Miss Jennifer Honey, and Lauren Belsky and Drake Hoffman take on the roles of Matilda’s fairly useless, crash and unlikeable parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood. Jameson Morgan plays the part of Bruce Bogrotter, one of the more memorable children at Matilda’s school.

Rounding out the cast of characters, 18 other Merrill students perform in supporting roles. They are, listed in alphabetical order: Alle Bergh is Henchman 1, Ella Bergh is Henchman 2, Acazia Clayton is the Snark Kid, Austin Doering is Tommy, Hazeley Gates is Erica, Rory Gates is Amanda, Mara Kautzer is Lavender, Billy Klein is Rudolpho, Gracie Lessor is Hortensia, Mark Marvin is Michael/

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# Merrill Fire gets it Dunn

Early this month, the Merrill Fire Department (MFD) announced the hiring of their 190th member, Firefighter/Paramedic (FF/P) Ryan Dunn. After completing all of the necessary hiring requirements, FF/P Dunn started on Monday, April 1, 2024, and was sworn in on April 4. He participated in a weeklong orientation program before joining his new shift, B-Crew, on April 10. After completion of 10 work shifts, he will be considered part of the daily minimum staffing. These shifts give him time to learn the basics of the job for the department. Dunn replaced one of two vacant positions at the MFD.

Dunn is a 2009 graduate of Hartford Union High School, and then Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College and Mid-State Technical College (MSTC). Since going to school and throughout his career, Ryan earned his Wisconsin state



Merrill Fire Department Chief Josh Klug (left) welcomes Ryan Dunn as the newest Firefighter/Paramedic to join the Department.

Photos courtesy of Merrill Fire Department.

Firefighter I & II, Driver/Operator - Pumper & Aerial, Fire Officer I, Emergency Services Instructor I, and hazardous material technician certifications. Additionally, he is licensed as a Wisconsin EMT - Paramedic with a Critical Care Paramedic endorsement.

In addition to his formal education, FF/P Dunn comes to the MFD with previous fire and EMS experience. He started his emergency service career with the Neillsville Fire Department in 2012 and served with them until 2016. That same year, Dunn was hired by Ashland Fire Department as



Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Dunn takes the oath of office with Merrill City Clerk Lori Anderson-Malm.

a firefighter/EMT and stayed with them until he was hired by Marshfield Fire & Rescue in 2019. Dunn also joined the Stratford Area Fire Department in 2019.

Ryan and his wife, Brianna, have been married for three years. They have a two-year-old son, Easton. Brianna works as a Nurse Practitioner for the Marshfield Clinic. In the future, the Dunn family hopes to move closer to Merrill to become part of our community. The Duns enjoy hunting and fishing, and pretty much anything outdoors.

"I am excited to join Merrill Fire because it was a great opportunity that fit my family's schedule and goals," Ryan said. The MFD is confident he will be a great addition to the staff. "When we went through this last hiring process, we specifically targeted Ryan because he stood out to us in the previous process as a potential good fit for our department," MFD Chief Josh Klug said. The department only had two viable applicants in the process, which illustrates the dire need for more emergency service responders. "Regardless of the number of applicants, it was clear that Dunn was our guy," Klug said. "We think he and his family will do some great things for our department and our community."

MFD will host a badge pinning ceremony for FF/P Ryan Dunn in the future. The exact date and time will be announced later and the public invited. In the meantime, the MFD is excited to have Ryan as their 190th member and encourages the public to welcome him to our community.

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## "Very cool and rare plants of the Northwoods" presentation is Tuesday evening

The Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center Building, 801 N. Sales St. Don Evans and Ruby Jaecks will give a special presentation entitled "Very cool and rare plants of the Northwoods," focusing on unique plants and spring wildflowers, immediately following a very brief annual business meeting. The public is invited to attend. Organizers invite everyone to "Come and see what the Ice Age Trail has to offer."

MERRILL FOTO NEWS

## Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is

**Colton Canné**  
Son of John & Amy Canné  
Colton is in 2nd Grade at St. John Lutheran School. He was nominated by Mrs. Duginski.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?  
Reading, I like to read non-fiction to learn new things.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?  
Recess, because I get to play Gaga Ball.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?  
I want to be a roller coaster tester because I love riding roller coasters so much!

Colton is a hard worker and always tries his best. In addition, he always has a smile on his face and a positive attitude. Colton is willing to help me and other second grade friends when needed.  
~ Mrs. Duginski

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# Annual Work Zone Awareness Week promotes highway safety

## Safe drivers create safe work zones

Gov. Tony Evers proclaimed April 15-19, 2024, as Work Zone Awareness Week in Wisconsin. For nearly 25 years, National Work Zone Awareness Week has marked the start of construction season across the country, promoting road worker safety and cautious driving in work zones. This year's national awareness week theme is "Work zones are temporary, but actions behind the wheel can last forever."

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) reminds motorists of the importance of safe, responsible driving - especially in work zones - as the 2024 construction season gets underway. In Wisconsin, work zones include highway construction and rolling maintenance operations as well as emergency response, municipal projects, and utility work along local roads. Every year there are typically more than 300 state highway and bridge improvement projects in Wisconsin.

"This year's work zone safety theme is so poignant;



Use extra caution in work zones.

Stock photo.

it only takes a momentary distraction to create a deadly situation on the road," said WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson. "Construction crews are working day and night to improve our roads and bridges throughout the state. We must recommit to safe driving, especially in work zones - slow down, be patient, and avoid distractions."

Preliminary data shows more than 2,100 crashes were recorded in Wisconsin work zones in 2023, resulting in 9 deaths and more than 700 injuries.

From 2019 to 2023, Wisconsin work zones saw more than 10,600 crashes, causing 64 deaths and more than 3,800 injuries.

Speeding, tailgating, and distracted driving are listed as common factors in a majority of crashes.

Cell phone use is one of the most common factors in distracted driving crashes. Wisconsin law prohibits texting while driving on any road. State law also prohibits use of a hand-held mobile device in work zones and in areas surrounding emergency response vehicles with flashing lights.

Drivers and passengers make up the vast majority of those injured or killed in a work zone crash, but workers remain at risk as well. Since 2019, there have been five worker deaths in work zones. An incident from 2022 involved a 25-year-old utility worker who was struck and

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# Art contest opportunity for Wisconsin public school students

Madison - Whimsical Wonder is the theme of the ninth annual student art contest sponsored by WEA Member Benefits and the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc.

Young artists are encouraged to think outside the box and embrace the theme in their unique and imaginative ways. This could be a carnival where curiosities come to life, or floating islands suspended in the sky. The choices are as boundless as the artist's imagination.

Monetary prizes from the WEA

Member Benefits Foundation, Inc., will be awarded to 11 student winners, with one student artist receiving the "Loeymae Lange Best in Class" award. The "Best in Class" award is named in memory of Loeymae Lange, a former art teacher at Cooper Elementary School in Burlington, Wis. Her brother, Dr. Paul Lange, and his wife, June, continue to honor Loeymae's legacy by establishing an endowment gift to the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc. to honor her love for the arts and all she did to inspire students.

Her legacy will live on through this generous gift in the form of monetary prizes for art contest winners.

"The theme for this contest is both fascinating and inspiring. It challenges young artists to explore new concepts, experiment with different mediums, and push the boundaries of their imaginations," said David Kijek, WEA Member Benefits President and CEO. "It's wonderful to be able to recognize

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experience on your side." He encouraged students to set their goals for the fruit at the top of the tree. If you set your goals high, he said, you're guaranteed to win. Because even if you ultimately miss the fruit at the very top of the tree, "What I did get, was each and every fruit on the way down," Cam said.

"I hope you set your goals so big that you allow yourself room for failure," Cam said. "Because in failure is lessons. And every time you fail, you learn a little bit more. ... If you set your goal big enough, you already expect to fail at some point. You'll be likely to keep on going. So what I want you guys to do is, whatever your goal is, set it 10 times bigger."

Because ... "What if I were to set my goal for, let's say, something small ... and I barely missed. What would I have? Nothing," Cam said. But if you set your goals for something really big, and even if you ultimately miss that top goal, as he did with his ultimate goal of boxing in the Olympics, you'll still have achieved many and great things even if you miss that top goal. (See Cam's list of titles above.)

Cam also encouraged students to lift people up, including themselves.

"Be a lifter," Cam said. He explained there are always three options: You can put someone down, lift someone up, or walk away. And whenever possible, you should be a lifter "cause you never know when you're gonna need someone to be there to lift you up," he said. You should do that for other people.

But Cam explained how

being a lifter meant lifting other people up, and also lifting yourself up, and believing in yourself. "The second you start to believe in yourself, something magical happens," he said. The secret to other people believing in you is to first believe in yourself, and then it spreads exponentially. "Surround yourself with positive people," he said. "But also ... you yourself need to work on your positivity."

"Have an attitude of gratitude," Cam said. He issued a challenge to his listeners to do what he does: "Every morning when I wake up, I write a list of 10 things I'm grateful for," Cam said. "The thing is, I don't repeat anything. ... Never repeat any. ... If you're dealing with sadness, depression, if you're just not feeling as positive as you want to, try this practice. It's free. I do it every morning. I've been doing it every morning since July 26, 2021. And I've never repeated anything on this list."

"That's the first thing I do when I wake up every morning," he said. "And by the way, the first two weeks



Merrill students from grades 5 through 12 packed the bleachers in the Merrill Field House to hear the message at this year's Great Speaker's Forum presentation.

Tina L. Scott photo.

are easy, but after that, it gets increasingly harder to come up with 10 things every morning, so what I would do is, I would look for some things to be grateful for throughout the day." He said he'd store them in his memory to write down on his list the next morning. "It has allowed me to be a much more positive person ... to be discouraged less often," Cam said.

Cam Awesome's message of goals, perseverance, positivity, and gratitude resonated with area youth in part because area youth helped select him as their

speaker for this event. Area youth serve on the committee that helps evaluate and select the speaker to come to Merrill to deliver a message that will meet kids where they're at and share a message that will hopefully inspire and uplift them in some way and possibly even have a life-changing impact on individual students.

The Merrill Great Speaker Forum started in 1978 and the cost of bringing in high quality speakers is paid for with donations from community members.

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# OBITUARIES



**Carol June Wendt (née Kasten)**, age 92, of Merrill, WI, passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. She was born on June 30, 1931, in Merrill and was the daughter of the late Walter C. and Leona A. (Bonke) Kasten. Carol graduated from Merrill High School and began working at Church Mutual Insurance Company in Merrill, which she greatly enjoyed. She met Kurt ("Kurth") Herman Wendt and the two were united in marriage on June 28, 1952, in Merrill. He preceded her in death in 2012.

Carol was a dairy farmer, housewife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed gardening, reading, playing the piano, being outdoors, and feeding the birds, especially her hummingbirds. Carol had an incredibly strong faith and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church; in addition, she was a supporter of the Wisconsin Valley Lutheran School and Trinity Lutheran Church and School. She truly was a selfless woman with a loving servant's heart. Carol looked forward to her "Cousins Lunches" and her card club and especially enjoyed family gatherings and visiting with her friends and family. She would attend her grandchildren's sporting and school events every chance she could. She will be lovingly remembered by her family as a strong, independent woman who was a great listener and did not pass judgment. Carol will be greatly missed, but she has left her love and memories with her family and friends.

Carol is survived by her four sons: Brian Wendt of Medford, WI; Bruce Wendt of Merrill, WI; Kevin (Dana) Wendt of Merrill, WI; and Darin (Jennifer) Wendt of Hortonville, WI. She is also survived by her four grandchildren: Tyler (Danielle) Wendt; Bryson (Dannielle "Shorty") Wendt; Alexa Wendt and Colin Wendt, as well as her great-grandson: Koda Wendt, and special friend: Kitty Moore. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, grand-daughter: Keana Wendt, and daughter-in-law: Charlotte Wendt.

The funeral service for Carol will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill, WI, with Rev. Scott Gustafson officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service, also at the church. Burial will immediately follow the service at St. Paul's Cemetery in the Town of Scott.

For those unable to attend the service in person, it will be live streamed and available for viewing on Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m. and can be found under her obituary on the Waid Funeral Home website. The recording will also be posted for future viewing.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Carol's memory be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church or School or the T.B. Scott Library in Merrill because of the great love she had for her church and a good book.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Benedictine Living Community in Wausau for their years of caring for Carol and their endless support for her family.

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).



**John C. Hotzfeld** passed away peacefully on March 16, 2024 at the age of 89 years. He was born February 12, 1935 to Gladys (Carl) and William Hotzfeld in Merrill, WI. John is survived by his brother David Hotzfeld, Wife, Vi, of nearly 67 married years and many family members.

John graduated in 1955 from Lincoln County Teacher's College, completed teaching requirements at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and later attended the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater to complete an art certification in elementary art education.

John enjoyed a variety of "work careers". He sold real estate, managed and cooked at a variety of Fast Food restaurants, owned a sandwich shop in Delavan, worked as an expeditor for Welch Scientific in Chicago and was a teacher in a variety of school districts in Lincoln, Rock and Walworth Counties.

His many hobbies and interests included: watching golf tournaments on the weekends, completing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, painting, traveling and watching TV game programs that involved audience and viewer participation.

John was a member at Linn Presbyterian Church for 34 years where he served on the Board of Deacons and volunteered at the annual rummage sales.



**Kirsten Ann (Engebretsen) Wengeler** left her earthly presence at the young age of 48 on Friday, March 29th, 2024. Kirsten passed away peacefully in her Neenah home with her loving husband, Will, holding her hand. For Kirsten, the last 39 months have been a challenge, living with medical complications resulting from a Covid vaccine injury.

Kirsten was born May 18, 1975, in Merrill, WI- the daughter of Dr. Gary and Julie (Thacker) Engebretsen.

Per Kirsten's wishes, there will be no service. Please view <https://www.foxcitiesfuneral.com> for further details.

## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### Navigating the Medication Maze: Finding Balance in Health

DEAR READER,

In today's world, medications have become ubiquitous, with many of us relying on pharmaceuticals to manage various illnesses and conditions. Whether it's a daily vitamin, a painkiller for a headache, or a prescription medication for a chronic condition, the use of drugs to address health concerns has become ingrained in our daily routines. However, with this reliance on medication comes the delicate balance of managing our health without succumbing to potential side effects or dependencies.

There are benefits of medication in treating illnesses and improving quality of life. However, there are potential risks and side effects associated with certain drugs, emphasizing the importance of informed decision-making and monitoring by healthcare professionals.

There is a growing interest in complementary and alternative medicines, such as herbal supplements, acupuncture, and mindfulness practices. Some of these therapies can provide additional support or alternatives to traditional pharmaceutical treatments, promoting a holistic approach to health and wellness.

It's important to have a personalized treatment plan tailored to your unique needs, preferences, and medical history. Patients and healthcare providers need to collaborate in finding the right balance of medications and therapies to achieve optimal health outcomes while minimizing potential risks.

Patients need to advocate for themselves in discussions about medication with their healthcare providers, including asking questions, expressing concerns, and exploring alternative options. It's essential to have open communication and ongoing dialogue between patients, caregivers, and healthcare professionals to ensure comprehensive and holistic care.

As we steer through the complex landscape of medication and health management, it's essential to approach the journey with a sense of balance and mindfulness. By staying informed, engaging in open communication with healthcare providers, and embracing a holistic approach to wellness, we can strive to optimize our health while minimizing the potential pitfalls of medication. Ultimately, it's about finding the right balance that allows us to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

PATRICK J. WOOD, Publisher



**Shirley L. DeBroux** passed away at the age of 97 on April 13, 2024, peacefully in her home.

Shirley was born July 10, 1926, in Milwaukee, daughter of Wilbert and Clara (Eichorst) Carlson. When Shirley was a young girl, her mother passed away very suddenly. Eventually, her father remarried and together Wilbert and Maurine raised the four children in the Wabeno/Polar area of Langlade County.

Shirley married Adrian V. DeBroux on November 3, 1947. They were married 65 years when he passed away in 2012.

Shirley and Adrian dairy farmed in the Gleason area. Shirley was talented at sewing and was an amazing cook and baker. She enjoyed camping, playing Yahtzee, and working on puzzles. Shirley enjoyed spending time with her family and was the happiest when they were around.

Shirley is survived by her five sons, Ron (Linda) DeBroux and Denis (Mary) DeBroux both of Antigo, Randy (Judy) DeBroux of Wausau, Dwight (Mary) DeBroux of Boulder, Colorado, and Rusty (Linda) DeBroux of Irma; one daughter, Karen DeBroux (Chris Buch) of Merrill; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Adrian DeBroux; mother, Clara Carlson; father and stepmother, Wilbert and Maurine Carlson; brother, Allen Carlson; sisters, Dorothy Carlson and Mary Fields; son, Duane DeBroux; and two grandchildren.

The memorial service for Shirley will be held at 11:00 A.M., Friday, April 19, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill. Rev. Scott Gustafson will officiate. The family will receive friends beginning at 9:00 A.M. Friday at the church. The burial of Shirley's remains will take place at a later date in Luth Memorial Church Cemetery, Town of Russell, Lincoln County. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED: 04/02/2024**  
**/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. 24-CV-49  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME  
 CHANGE OF  
 Anne Marie Shrigley  
 By (Petitioner) Anne Marie Shrigley  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
 From: Anne Marie Shrigley  
 To: Adrian Jaimie Shrigley  
 Birth Certificate: Anne Marie Shrigley  
**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: Lincoln County Courthouse-Br I Corutroom  
 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452  
 Date: May 8, 2024  
 Time: 10:00 AM  
 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.  
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**BY THE COURT**  
**DATE SIGNED: March 28, 2024**  
 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer  
 Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
 James H. Von Loh  
**Notice to Creditors**  
**(Informal Administration)**  
 Case No. 2024 IN 16  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 10-29-1952 and date of death 2-4-2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W3964 Center Rd, Merrill, WI 54452.  
 3. All interested persons waived notice.  
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 07-19-2024.  
 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
 Robert Von Loh  
 N2092 Highridge Rd, Merrill WI 54452  
 715-921-2372  
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**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING CITY HALL**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS 7:00 PM**  
 I. Call to Order Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.  
 II. Invocation - Pastor Mike Southcomb - St Stephens UCC  
 III. Pledge of Allegiance  
 IV. Roll Call Present: Alderperson Russell, Alderperson Caylor, Alderperson Meyer, Alderperson Fermanich, Alderperson Lupton, Alderperson Rick, Alderperson Weix Jr., Alderperson Sabatke  
 Others present: Mayor Hass, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, City Administrator Akey, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek (remote), Finance Director Ley, Fire Chief Klug, Police Chief Bennett, Street

**In Loving Memory of**  
**DONALD J. STADLER**  
 6/20/47 - 4/25/07



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 Trevor, Cameron, Hunter, Dawson, Danika

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Superintendent Bonack, Transit Director Brummond (remote), Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Alderperson elect Lass, Alderperson elect Andrew Caylor, Alderperson elect Rutkowski, Pastor Mike Southcomb, Clyde Nelson, Gary and Mary Schwartz, Sue Kunkel, Gary Latzig, and Merrill Community Media.  
**V. Common Council Meeting Expectations**  
**VI. Public Comment** There was no public comment.  
**VII. Proclamation**  
**1. 2024 Mayoral Proclamation: Provider Appreciation Day** - City Attorney Hayden read the proclamation.  
**VIII. Revenue and Expense Reports**  
**1. March Revenue and Expense Reports** - Alderperson Meyer motioned to approve the March Revenue and Expense reports. Alderperson Fermanich seconded and the motion passed.  
**2. Revised February Revenue and Expense Reports** - Alderperson Meyer motioned to approve the revised February Revenue and Expense reports. Alderperson Fermanich seconded and the motion Passed.  
**IX. Minutes from Previous Meeting**  
**1. Consider placing the minutes from the March 12th meeting on file** - Alderperson Caylor motioned to place the March 12th minutes on file. Alderperson Weix Jr. seconded and the motion passed.  
**X. Communications and Petitions**  
**1. Insurance claim from State Auto on behalf of Lynn Kleinschmidt, regarding a slip and fall claim (December 15, 2022). The City's insurance carrier recommends this claim be disallowed. This is based on the fact that an investigation revealed the City was not liable for this incident.** - Alderperson Rick motioned to disallow the 2022 claim. Alderperson Russell seconded and the motion passed.  
**XI. General Agenda Items for Consideration**  
**1. Consider the 2024-2025 Merrill Police Union contract. Mayor Hass is bringing this directly to the Common Council.** - Alderperson Lupton motioned to approve. Alderperson Weix Jr. seconded and the motion passed.  
**XII. Committee of the Whole**  
**1. Take any action regarding the remaining unallocated ARPA funds of \$9,999.76 from the earlier Committee of the Whole.** - City Clerk Anderson-Malm read the actions from the earlier Committee of the Whole. Motion to use unallocated ARPA funds for the Food Truck-a-palooza and future Food Truck-a-palooza events. Alderperson Meyer motioned to approve the motion from the Committee of the Whole. Alderperson Sabatke seconded and the motion passed on a 7/1 voice vote.  
**2. Take any action regarding the EV Charging Station placement and possible funding source from the earlier Committee of the Whole.** - City Clerk Anderson-Malm read the motion from the earlier Committee of the Whole; motion to table the EV charging stations, which passed on a 7/1 voice vote. City Attorney Hayden stated no further action is necessary considering the item was tabled.  
**XIII. Board of Public Works**  
**1. Discuss and consider the updated 2024 Street Opening permit and fees. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.** - Alderperson Sabatke motioned to approve. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion passed.  
**2. Consider the bid for the M2024-02 paving project (S Center Avenue and N Sales St) to American Asphalt of Wisconsin Division of Mathy for \$517,380.50. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.** - Alderperson Sabatke motioned to approve. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion passed.  
**3. Consider the paving budget of \$7,400 to pave the north side of the alley by Our Savior's Church. The Board of Public Works recommends approval.** - Alderperson Meyer motioned to approve. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion passed.  
**XIV. Health & Safety**  
**1. Consider a temporary Class "B" picnic license for the Merrill Historical Society, on April 27, 2024, at The Cosmo Hall, 805 E Main Street, in conjunction with the Merrill Historical Society Trivia Contest 2024. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.** - Alderperson Lupton motioned to approve. Alderperson Weix Jr. seconded and the motion passed.  
**2. Consider a temporary Class "B" picnic license for the Lincoln County Fair Association, on August 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, 2024 at the Merrill Festival Grounds in conjunction with the Lincoln County Fair. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.** - Alderperson Rick motioned

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to approve. Alderperson Caylor seconded and the motion passed. Alderperson Meyer abstained.  
**3. Consider a Class A liquor license for Makalu Real Estate LLC, 1201 Grand Avenue. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.** - Alderperson Lupton motioned to approve. Alderperson Weix Jr. seconded and the motion passed.  
**4. Consider a Class "A" liquor license for Merrill Petroleum LLC, 3350 E Main Street. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.** - Alderperson Caylor motioned to approve. Alderperson Meyer seconded and the motion passed.  
**5. Consider a Class A liquor license for Express Lane (CAPL Retail LLC), 702 N Center Avenue. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.** - Alderperson Rick motioned to approve. Alderperson Weix Jr. seconded and the motion passed.  
**XV. Personnel & Finance**  
**1. Consider implementing a hiring freeze, except for Police and Fire line positions; have vacant positions evaluated by the Personnel & Finance Committee and forwarded to the Common Council with the Mayor having the ability to bring a position directly to the Common Council. The Personnel & Finance Committee recommends approval.** It was suggested by the Administration to include Transit personnel in the final action. - Alderperson Caylor motioned to amend the original motion to include Transit personnel. Alderperson Meyer seconded and the motion passed.  
**2. Consider the elimination of the Community Development Program Director position upon the retirement of the current employee, effective May 1, 2024. The Personnel & Finance Committee recommends approval.** - Following discussion, which included Alderperson Caylor thanking the Community Development Program Director for her service over the past 27 years and Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel thanking the CDDP publically. Alderperson Russell motioned to approve. Alderperson Meyer seconded, and the motion passed on a 7/1 voice vote.  
**XVI. Tourism Commission**  
**1. Tourism Report - 2023** - Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Clyde Nelson, presented the Tourism Report.  
**2. Tourism Room Tax - SL304 for 2023** - The room tax report was included in the packet.  
**XVII. Place Committee Reports on File**  
**1. Consider placing the following reports on file: Committee of the Whole, Enrichment Center, Health & Safety, Festival Grounds, Library Board, Marketing & Communications, Personnel & Finance, Redevelopment Authority, Transit Commission, Board of Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Commission.** - Alderperson Meyer motioned to place the committee reports on file. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion passed  
**XVIII. Ordinances**  
**XIX. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 26, Article V, Section 26-136 Purchase or possession of tobacco products. The Health & Safety Committee recommends approval.** - City Attorney Hayden read the Ordinance. Alderperson Caylor motioned to suspend the rules and give the second and third readings by title only. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion carried. City Attorney Hayden gave the Ordinance the second and third readings by title only. Alderperson Meyer motioned to adopt the Ordinance. Alderperson Lupton seconded and the motion carried on an 8/0 roll call vote.  
**XX. Mayor's Appointments**  
**1. Jim Weix to the Central Wisconsin Economic Development Board replacing Adam Rekau** - Alderperson Meyer motioned to approve. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion passed. Alderperson Weix abstained.  
**XXI. Mayor's Communications** Mayor Hass read the following

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communications:  
 • I want to congratulate and welcome the Alderpersons elected to the Council, Andrew Caylor, Robert Lass, and Rebecca Rutkowski. I want to thank the outgoing aldermen, Paul Russell, who has been the Council President, Alderman Dick Lupton, and Alderman Steve Sabatke for their years of service to the city.  
 • The Council will meet again on April 16 at 6:00 pm for a swearing-in ceremony and a re-organizational meeting where committee assignments will be given.  
 • April 19th is the Concertina Fest at Les and Jim's.  
 • April 25, 26, and 27, the Merrill High School Theatre Jays are presenting the musical Matilda. Please call 536-4594 for information and tickets.  
 • April 28th is the Raise Your Voice walk at the MARC  
 • This week is National Library Week. There will be activities all week. Please stop in and check out the TB Scott Library and all it has to offer.  
 • May 18th is the City-wide garage sale and the Food Truck-a-palooza event at the Festival Grounds.  
 • Please stop into the Enrichment Center and check out all the activities. We are lucky to have the Enrichment Center and the Library in our community.  
 • May 3rd is the Council Orientation at 9:00 am.  
**XXI. Adjournment** Alderperson Meyer motioned to Adjourn. Alderperson Rick seconded and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 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  
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**DATE SIGNED: 04/01/2024**  
**/S/HON. Robert R. Russell**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice and Order for**  
**Name Change Hearing**  
 Case No. 24-CV-47

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME**  
**CHANGE OF**  
 Pandora Mayhem Hayley  
 By (Petitioner) Pandora Mayhem Hayley  
**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
 A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
 From: Pandora Mayhem Hayley  
 To: Vladimir Mayhem Hayley  
 Birth Certificate: Pandora Mayhem Hayley  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
 This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:  
 Judge's Name: Honorable Robert R. Russell  
 Place: Lincoln County Courthouse-Br II 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452  
 Date: 05/24/2024  
 Time: 2:30 PM  
 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 Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.  
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**DATE SIGNED: April 11, 2024**  
 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer  
 Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice to Creditors**  
**(Informal Administration)**  
 Case No. 2024-IN-17  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
 LINDA L. HENRICHS  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
 2. The decedent, with date of birth May 10, 1939 and date of death March 10,

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2024, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 407 Cottage St, Merrill, WI 54452.  
 3. All interested persons waived notice.  
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 26, 2024.  
 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.  
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 N5041 County Road JJ  
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 Telephone 715-536-7185  
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Notice is hereby given that the following application has been filed with the City Clerk, Merrill, WI:  
 Change of Agent on Class A Beer/Class A Liquor License  
 Jeffrey C. Klapperich, Agent  
 Walgreens # 10574  
 101 N Center Ave  
 Merrill, WI 54452  
 License Period: Remainder of 2023-2024 licensing period ending 06/30/2024.  
 Lori Anderson-Malm  
 City Clerk  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT,**  
**LANGLADE COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC SUMMONS AND NOTICE**  
**(SMALL CLAIMS)**  
 Case No. 2024SC94

Antigo Refrigeration & Heating Ltd,  
 DBA Schulz Heating & Cooling  
 2238 Neva Rd  
 Antigo, WI 54409  
 Plaintiff,  
 VS.  
 Bryant Behn  
 Elizabeth Barabe  
 N731 Maple Grove Road  
 Merrill, WI 54452  
 Defendant(s)

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 Langlade County Courthouse  
 Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-627-6215  
 Courtroom/Room Number: 301  
 Address: 800 Clermont Street  
 Antigo, WI 54409  
 On the following date and time:  
 04-09-2024 Time: 8:40 a.m.  
 If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.  
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without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court as the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.  
 If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-627-6215 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
 Date: 04/10/24  
 Linda Schulz  
 715-627-2665  
 Published April 18, 2024  
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## BIRTHS

**APRIL 2, 2024**  
 Boy, Benson Isaiah  
 James, born to Zoe Berna  
 and Justin Peterson of  
 Merrill.

**APRIL 3, 2024**  
 Boy, Henry William,  
 born to Alyssa Moran and  
 Jeremiah Moran of Merrill.

**APRIL 5, 2024**  
 Girl, Rayna Jane, born  
 to Taylor Tryba and Colton  
 Belott of Schofield.



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 Bids will be opened on Monday, May 13, 2024 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 April 4, 11, 18, & 25 & May 2, 2024  
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## ATTENTION: TOWN OF SCHLEY

The Town is sponsoring a "CLEAN-UP DAY" Saturday, May 4, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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Apr. 19 - Merrill Concertina Festival  
Apr. 20 - Merrill Concertina Festival

Apr. 20 - Central Wisconsin Bandits vs Midwest Wildcats (pre-season game at Jay Stadium)

Apr. 21 - Eagles Pancake Breakfast  
Apr. 24 - Trivia at Sawmill Brewing Co.  
Apr. 25 - Open Mic Night at Sawmill Brewing Co.

Apr. 28 - Raise Your Voice Mental Health Awareness Walk at MARC  
Apr. 28 - BINGO at VFW  
For more information, go to: [merrillchamber.org/](http://merrillchamber.org/) events or contact the event sponsor.



**WEEKLY BRIEFING - APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**THURSDAY - WINGS**  
**FRIDAY FISH FRY - PERCH**  
**SATURDAY - PRIVATE EVENT**  
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 APR. 30<sup>TH</sup> - BOURBON CHICKEN  
 Dinner served: Tuesday 4:00-8:00 PM

**FRIDAY NIGHTS**  
 APR. 19<sup>TH</sup> - CATFISH  
 APR. 26<sup>TH</sup> - BLUEGILLS  
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## Share the road as farmers begin planting season

### April Law of the Month: Farm vehicle safety

As farmers prepare for spring planting season, the Wisconsin State Patrol reminds drivers and farm vehicle operators to be safe, patient, and share the road.

Spring is a busy time of year for farmers, and drivers can expect to see more farm vehicles on the road. Safety on our roads requires everyone to do their part. There have been more than 2,000 crashes involving farm vehicles in Wisconsin in the past 5 years, including a preliminary report of 388 in 2023.

"Farmers are out working hard to feed our communities," said Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan. "Their equipment is often slower, less agile, and much larger than a standard vehicle. It's important that drivers and equipment operators keep an eye out for each



other and understand their responsibility in safely sharing the road."

#### Driver responsibilities

- Scan the road ahead and be ready to slow down when you see slow-moving farm vehicles.
- Provide extra room for farm vehicles and anticipate the possibility they may slow down or turn.
- Be patient and cautious if you decide to pass. In Wisconsin, it is unlawful to pass an agricultural vehicle in a no passing zone.

- When legally passing, consider the possibility of the farmer turning left onto a road, driveway, or field entrance.

#### Farm vehicle operator responsibilities

- Know the lighting and marking requirements for farm vehicles. These requirements draw attention to the unique size, shape, and speed of agriculture vehicles and alert other drivers that caution is required.
- When traveling on a road, stay as far to the right as safely possible.
- Be familiar with road weight restrictions. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection provides a statewide map with information about weight limits.
- Review information about permits, exemptions, and weight limits on the WisDOT website.



In full costume, MHS actors go through their lines in a full dress rehearsal. Tina L. Scott photos.

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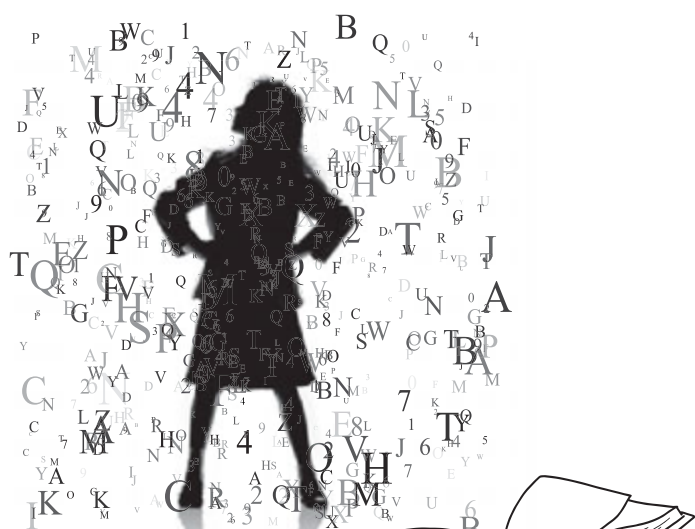
Dad, Emily Raymer is Alice, Cadence Ryman is Mrs. Phelps/Entertainer, Bella Scheffler is Nurse/Cook, Harley Staeven is the Scary Big Kid, Isabella Stutting is Acrobat/Mum, Myah Webb is Nina, Aidan White is the Doctor and Escapologist, and Ben Zastrow is Sergei.

The Merrill Theatre Jays are known for putting on an entertaining show, so mark your calendars, get your tickets, and plan to enjoy this annual entertainment by talented local teen performers.



Cadence Stutting in the lead role as Matilda Wormwood.

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# Matilda

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This is a full-time, regular, non-exempt position with a starting hourly wage of \$26.01, and full benefit package. Benefits include **Wisconsin Retirement System with 6.9% employer contribution, income continuation insurance, choice of multiple health insurance plans including a zero deductible plan, 22 days of paid leave within the first year, 10 paid holidays per year, paid maternity/paternity leave, and quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement reimbursement perk.** Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at [www.co.price.wi.us](http://www.co.price.wi.us), by emailing a request to [hroffice@co.price.wi.us](mailto:hroffice@co.price.wi.us) or by calling 715-339-5131.

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**Rummage Sales Upcoming 7202**

**Ashwaubenon Village Wide Rummage Sale:** Friday, 4/26-Saturday, 4/27, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. 145+ rummage sales taking place Village Wide. Please stop by the Ashwaubenon Community Center or Village Hall the week of the sales to pick up a map of all the sales. The map can also be downloaded online that week at ashwaubenon.gov. This event is held rain, shine or snow. 900 Anderson Dr, Green Bay WI 54304

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**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Willy Bialecki - Varsity Assistant (15 years between the Boys and Girls programs); Kyle Rothmeyer - JV Head Coach (first year); Tressa Duginski - JV Assistant (first year)

**2023 RECORD:** 4-11 (1-5 Conference)

**2023 POST SEASON RESULTS:** Lost to Marshfield in the first round

**KEY RETURNERS:** Anna Bowe, Reggie Lahti, Gracie Wyma, Ally Hoock, Grace Faber, Addy Elliot, and Madi Sell

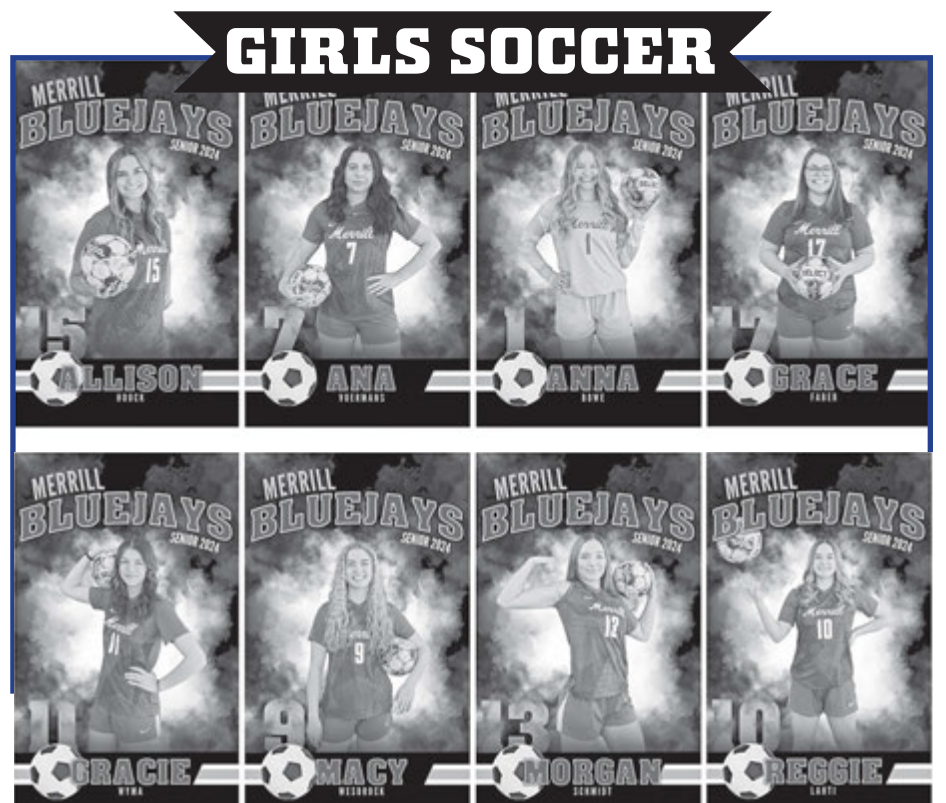
**KEY NEWCOMERS:** Hailey Cole, Avery Hoock, Greta Peterson, and Eryn Schmitz.

**2023 RECAP:** As a first year Head Coach, I'm

looking to the future, and the future looks bright for our program.

**2024 OUTLOOK:** This spring we are lucky to have a large group of Seniors, led by Anna Bowe, Reggie Lahti, and Ally Hoock (among others), to mentor and lead an equally large crop of incoming, super-talented Freshmen led by Avery Hoock, Greta Peterson, Hailey Coleand, and Eryn Schmitz. Sprinkle in our key Sophmores and Juniors, led by Madi Sell and Addelyn Elliot, and we have the perfect combination for world domination ... ! We were really fortunate to have the highest turnout for Girls Soccer in several years, which is super exciting for not only this year, but also for the future of the program!

**A FINAL WORD FROM THE COACH:** With a new first year Head Coach comes the installation of new schemes, strategies, and formations. The ladies have completely bought into what we, as a staff, are trying to achieve, and the growth and confidence the girls have shown in said schemes thus far has been inspiring! Throw in the culture of inclusion, leadership, acceptance, and accountability that we are implementing and cultivating, and this group has real potential this season and beyond. It's my personal opinion as the Head Coach that it is completely realistic to top our win total from last year, continue to improve as the season progresses, and make some real noise come playoff time.



**SAFETY** from page 3

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# Merrill Varsity Baseball has a win and a loss in week two of play

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

On Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at Merrill's Athletic Park, the Merrill Bluejays lost to the Marshfield Tigers in Merrill's first Varsity Baseball Conference game of the season by a single run.

"Dawson Schulz started on the mound and did a good job throwing strikes out of the gate," said Shawn Schultz, Merrill Varsity Head Baseball Coach. "He had a little bad luck with some balls that couldn't have been rolled out there any better in the top of the first."

"Marshfield jumped out to a 3-0 lead but he calmed down and pitched scoreless through the fourth, allowing us to get back in the game and take the lead," he said.

"EJ Weix had an RBI double in the first and a bases clearing double in the third, and we were up 6-3," Schultz said.

"Things stayed that way until the fifth when Marshfield got back to even," he said. "Carter Kaminski came in with the bases loaded and got a fly ball to get out of the inning."

"Marshfield added two more in the sixth to go up 8-6, but we answered back in the bottom of the sixth with three big runs to go up 9-8."

"Marshfield came back with two in the top of the seventh and that is the way it ended," Schultz said.

"We had many chances to make plays on defense and could have added a few more runs on offense, as well," he said. "We had started the year with two pretty clean games, but Tuesday was a battle. We did a good job coming back; we just have to tighten things up a bit and clean up some of the mistakes."

In the end, Marshfield took home the win, scoring 10 runs to Merrill's 9. Crossing the home plate for Merrill: Brady Norton (4 AB, 2 R), Isaak Clapper (5 AB, 2 R), Sam Reimann (2 AB, 2 R, 2 BB), Brady Kanitz (2 AB, 1 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB, 1 SO), and Carter Baade (2 AB, 2 R, 2 BB, 1 SO).

**Box Score:**  
Marshfield 1 @ Merrill 3

The game scheduled for Thursday night was rescheduled due to rain, but Friday night found the Bluejays up to bat against the Eagles at Northland Pines. This time Merrill took the win, 4-2, to wrap up their second week of play with a loss and a win, very similar to week one.

"They played a real solid game," Schultz said. "We just couldn't get the offense going consistently but did manage to walk seven times and steal nine bases in the game."

"The running game was the difference," he said, "as Isaak Clapper executed a double steal of home twice in the game to score runs."

"Kaiden Henrich had a good night at the plate with a double, walk, and sac fly," Schultz said. "Our pitchers continue to do a great job of throwing strikes and letting our defense work behind them. It was nice to end the week with a win after Thursday's game with Marshfield was rained out and rescheduled."

Brady Kanitz (3 AB, 1 R, 1 RBI, 1 SO) and Brady Norton (3 AB, 1 R, 1 BB) each brought home a run, and Isaak Clapper (4 AB, 2 R, 1 SO) crossed home plate twice to score for Merrill.

**Box Score:**  
Merrill 4 @ Northland Pines 2

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# Merrill Varsity Girls Soccer hits the field

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

In their season opener, the Merrill Varsity Girls hit the soccer field on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, and scored their first win. It was the first contest of the year, and the Lady Jays came out ready, Merrill's new Head Soccer Coach Dan Kufahl said.

"In the first half, the Jays controlled most of the action but just could not find the goal," he said. "You could see them getting more comfortable with the new system and formation and knew it was only a matter of time."

"We went into halftime 0-0," Kufahl said. "After some halftime adjustments, the girls went back out and finally broke the stalemate with a beautiful cross through the box by #10 Reggie Lahti where Madi Sell was playing her position perfectly and was there to clean it up for our first goal of the season."

"Shortly thereafter #10 Reggie Lahti got a good look deep and hit a laser into the back of the net for the Jays' second goal of the night."

**Box Score:**  
Crandon 0 @ Merrill 2

In their second game of the season, the Merrill Girls struggled to score but just couldn't land one in the net. It was another home game, and this time Wisconsin Rapids came to play - and score - in a Conference matchup.

"The ladies came out a little flat and allowed the Red Raiders to jump out to a 4-0 lead in the first half," Kufahl said.

"The speed, precision, and physicality of a Conference game may have taken the ladies a bit by surprise."

To their credit, "The ladies never gave up and continued to play to our motto - 'play with each other and for each other' - and with some halftime adjustments went into the second half and played the Red Raiders tough and only allowed one goal in the second half while creating several scoring opportunities," he said.

"Kudos to our defensive line (Anna Bowe, Eryn Schmitz, Ally Hooch, Addelyn Elliot, and Reggie Lahti) for putting on a defensive clinic in the second half!" Kufahl said.

**Box Score:**  
Wisconsin Rapids 5 @ Merrill 0



Merrill's #5 Greta Peterson is "our striker attacking the net," Coach Kufahl said.



Midfielder Hailey Cole advances the ball up the field.

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# Merrill Varsity Girls beat Edgar at bat in start to softball season

BY TINA L. SCOTT  
EDITOR

On Monday, April 8, 2024, the Edgar Wildcats came to play the Merrill Bluejays at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex in one of the Merrill Varsity Girls Softball Team's first games of the season. The Lady Jays celebrated an 8-6 win against the Wildcats, with Ava Detert going 2-2 with a walk, a single, a double, and 2 RBI; Caina Orzech 2-4 with two singles and one RBI; and Katie Heckendorf 2-4 with a single and a triple. Mackenzie Herdt and Sophie Wendorf took turns on the mound, with Herdt pitching five innings (start and the save) - nine strike outs, with four looking, and Wendorf pitching two innings - two strike outs, one looking.

**Box Score:**  
Edgar 6 @ Merrill 8



Katie Heckendorf framing a pitch.

Patience Pyan photos.



Above: Mia Ott taking a swing.



Left: Ava Detert on third base.

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<u>Girls Track (Varsity &amp; JV)</u>			
Tues. April 23	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
<u>Boys Baseball (Varsity, JV &amp; JV2)</u>			
Thurs. April 18	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV2)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 18	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Sat. April 20	Lakeland Union (Varsity & JV)	Away	9:00 am
Mon. April 22	Stevens Point (JV2)	Away	4:30 pm
Mon. April 22	Mosinee (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Tues. April 23	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. April 25	Stevens Point (JV2)	Home	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 25	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
<u>Girls Softball (Varsity &amp; JV)</u>			
Thurs. April 18	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Mon. April 22	Tomahawk (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 25	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
<u>Girls Soccer (Varsity &amp; JV)</u>			
Thurs. April 18	Stevens Point (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. April 18	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Caina Orzech**, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Caina started her softball career in t-ball around age 5 or 6 and quickly advanced to playing on the Merrill Fastpitch Team from about age 8 to age 16. She played on the MHS JV Softball Team for two years before moving up to Varsity as a Junior and now plays third base for Varsity.

At school, Caina is active with Raise Your Voice and Junior Optimist Club and her favorite class is Intro to Business. She is involved in the co-op program and has been working through a similar program cleaning as a part-time job for the last two years for Merrill Area Public Schools.

In her free time, Caina likes to go shopping with friends and family, hang out with friends watching movies, go camping and hang out with her cousins, and to play softball.

The daughter of Tamara and Kevin Orzech of Merrill, Caina has a 4.0 GPA and will enter UW-River Falls next fall undecided but said she may possibly major in business and hopes to someday be a business manager.

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