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Jesse Boyd elected Lincoln County Board Chair; Julie DePasse Vice-Chair

Seven new Supervisors sworn in

BY JALEN MAKI
MMC STAFF

The new Chair and Vice-Chair of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors have been elected, and seven new Board members have been sworn in.

During its meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, the Board voted to elect District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd as Board Chair and District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse as Vice-Chair.

Boyd, District 1 Supervisor William Bialecki, and District 21 Supervisor Eugene Simon each received nominations for Board Chair. Boyd ultimately garnered the most votes.

Boyd replaces former Board Chair Don Friske, who, in this month's Spring Election, was defeated by Christine



Boyd



DePasse

Vorpapel in his bid to serve another two-year term as District 9 Supervisor.

DePasse, Bialecki, and Simon were each

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LaDonna Fermanich elected new President of the Merrill City Council

Three new Alderpersons sworn in,
Committee appointments approved, meeting time changed

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

At the Tuesday, April 16, 2024, Reorganizational Meeting of the City of Merrill Common Council, newly elected Alderpersons Andrew Caylor, Robert "Bob" Lass, and Rebecca Rutkowski took the oath of office.

A motion was made and passed, changing the time for monthly Council meetings to 6:30 p.m. [previously held at 5:30 p.m.].

The newly-formed Council voted to elect Alderperson LaDonna Fermanich as Council President. Alderperson Mike Rick, Jr. was also nominated. Fermanich was elected with six votes; Rick received two votes.

The Council then elected the Alderperson member of the City Plan Commission. Both Fermanich and Rutkowski received nominations, but Fermanich declined the nomination and Rutkowski was elected to serve on the City Plan Commission.



Fermanich

The City Clerk read the Mayor's appointments which were formally approved by the Council, as follows:

Personnel and Finance:

- Alderperson Michael Caylor Chairperson
- Alderperson LaDonna Fermanich
- Alderperson Nathan Meyer

Health and Safety:

- Alderperson Mike Rick Chairperson
- Alderperson Mark Weix
- Alderperson Michael Caylor

Board of Public Works:

- Mayor Steve Hass Chairperson
- Alderperson Mike Rick
- Alderperson Rebecca Rutkowski
- Alderperson Andrew Caylor

Marketing and Communication:

- Alderperson LaDonna Fermanich Chairperson
- Alderperson Nathan Meyer
- Alderperson Robert Lass

City Plan Commission:

- Reappoint Ralph Sturm Term expires 5-1-2027
- Reappoint Robert Reimann Term expires 5-1-2027

Park and Recreation Commission:

- Reappoint Dan Novitch Chairperson term expires 5-1-2025
- Steve Osness replacing Jean Ravn term expires 5-1-2029
- Alderperson Rebecca Rutkowski replacing

Alderperson Mark Weix

- Eric Malm replacing Rebecca Rutkowski as the citizen member term expires 5-1-2028

Library Board:

- Reappoint Audrey Huftel term expires 5-1-2027

- Appoint Barbara Rothberg replacing Richard Mamer term expires 5-1-2027
- Alderperson Mark Weix

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Reappoint Ron Burrows term expires 5-1-2027

Transit Commission:

- Reappoint Rick Blake term expires 5-1-2027
- Reappoint Jill Weber term expires 5-1-2027
- Sara Doerr Chairperson term expires 5-1-2026

Community Development Committee:

- Reappoint Pete Koblitz term expires 5-1-2027
- Alderperson Mark Weix

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MAPS BOE member Yingling resigns

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) released a statement on Thursday, April 18, 2024, announcing that Linda Yingling, a member of the MAPS Board of Education (BOE) is stepping down from her role on the Board effective immediately.

"In a letter to the Merrill Area Public School District, Yingling stated that her decision is based on some personal and medical issues," the release said.

Yingling said during her tenure of nearly 11 years, there have been "many ups and downs along with a lot of hours spent. Sometimes this has been a second home." She served on many committees "and enjoyed all of them" but said she has



Linda Yingling.

a special fondness for the Early Childhood/Headstart program.

"This elected position is often known as a thankless job," Yingling said. "To me it was giving back to my community where I live and where I went to school myself. I wanted to make a difference, and I believe I did that."

"I owe some thank you's," she said. "First to the community that voted for me all these years. It has been a pleasure to be your voice. All the support and the wonderful comments I have received have been very heartwarming."

"Next to our administrators and teachers who allowed me to come into their buildings and classrooms. I will miss that the most," she said.

"Lastly, to my fellow Board members, remember who you work for," Yingling said. "The people of this community rely on you to do the right thing. (The Voters.) When making decisions for our school district, be honest and fair. Don't lie or hide things. It will get you much further. And it is okay to lead with your heart."

"I leave you with a quote:

'The success of a School Board lies in its ability to listen to the needs of the community and act in the best interest of students.' (Unknown author)," she said.

In the press release, MAPS BOE President Kevin Blake extended his appreciation to Yingling for her contribution. "Thank you to Linda for her 10+ years of service on the Board," he said.

The new BOE, with recently-elected members, held their organizational meeting on April 22, 2024. At that meeting, the new Board decided it will run a public notice beginning next week with application guidelines for candidates interested in filling the newly-vacated seat on the BOE, a term scheduled to end in 2025.

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Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is



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Ava is in 12th Grade at New Testament Church Christian Academy. She was nominated by Mrs. Malinowski.


What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
Origins and Science, because it is fascinating to learn about God's creation.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
Art Class, because I love Art.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
I would like to be a Veterinarian. I have a heart to take care of animals.

Ava is a wonderful student. She shows strong leadership skills, helps tutor other students, and is a loving student in class.
~ Mrs. Malinowski

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Beyond Books Community ArtShare Exhibit for May features local artist



All art by Emily Lau.

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The Beyond Books Community ArtShare at the T. B. Scott Free Library during the month of May will showcase the journey and artistic experiences of artist Emily Lau.

Lau, who was born and raised in Merrill, attended Trinity Lutheran School and knew by third grade that she wanted to be an artist when she grew up, and she meant it. After high school, she went to UW-Eau Claire and received a PFA in Illustration in 2014, and in 2020, she decided to make the move back to Eau Claire.

Lau, who shares a birthday with none other than Bob Ross, often jokes that she was meant to be an artist based on that alone. She likes using acrylic paints, colored pencils, and markers, but her favorite is graphite. "You can't beat good ol' pencil on paper!" Lau said.

Lau's story took a serious detour from her life plan when, on May 12, 2023, at the age of 31, she had a stroke.

"I had been dealing with seasonal allergies," Lau said. "I had taken Sudafed earlier that day without any problems. It was about time for another dose, but this time I felt a sharp pang on the back of my head. I thought perhaps it was just taking a moment to kick in, but then a second pang started. I quickly felt my face becoming numb and my vision became completely blurred. I fell as I managed to go from my kitchen table to my bedroom to get my phone and dial 911."

"This all happened in a span of roughly 15 minutes of taking the medicine. This was the one time I had decided to leave my door unlocked," she said. "I figured I'd lock it later after I got my mail."

"God was certainly

looking out for me extra that day," Lau said. That unlocked door enabled emergency medical technician's to get to her quickly.

"I spent a week in St. Luther's hospital in Eau Claire before being transferred to Aspirus in Wausau to start rehab," she said. "While still at Eau Claire, I didn't have much of an appetite and didn't eat much until my wonderful parents brought me pizza from The Pizza Shop all the way back in Merrill, and I ate an entire plate's worth. Everyone at the hospital was surprised and figured that must be some really good pizza."

"I had double vision for quite a while that also caused nausea, and I had to learn to walk again," Lau said. "It did affect my coordination, but I joked with the doctors and nurses that I didn't really have

coordination before this happened."

"Even though I couldn't really draw until my vision returned to normal, I asked if I could just hold my sketchbook and keep it at my side," she said.

"I went from nearly bedridden to a wheelchair ... then a walker and finally walking again with no equipment. After a few months of hard work and determination, I was able to move back into my apartment in Eau Claire and live independently again."

Lau's exhibit coincides with National Stroke Awareness Month which is recognized during the month of May.

Lau will showcase a variety of prints from works she has done in her current and past sketchbooks, as that is her main source of

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Historic Preservation Committee:

- Reappoint Alderman Mike Caylor Chairperson
- Appoint Steve Sabatke replacing William Heideman term expire 5-1-2027
- Alderperson Andrew Caylor

Police and Fire Commission:

- Mark Bares replacing Lisa Gervais term expires 5-1-2029

Board of Review:

- Mayor Steve Hass Chairperson
- City Clerk Lori Anderson Malm
- Alderperson Nathan Meyer
- Alderperson Rebecca Rutkowski
- Alderperson Andrew Caylor
- President of the Council [Alderperson LaDonna Fermanich]

Enrichment Center:

- Jay Tlusty term expires 5-1-2025
- Carol Holz term expires 5-1-2025 replacing Sharon Anderson
- Sharon Harvey term expires 5-1-2025
- Gene Bebel term expires 5-1-2025
- Laura Bertagnoli term expires 5-1-2025

- Elizabeth McCrank replacing Teresa Baker term expires 5-1-2025
- Alderperson Mark Weix

Redevelopment Authority:

- Alderperson LaDonna Fermanich
- Pete Koblitz replacing Rebecca Rutkowski term expires 9-1-2027

Festival Grounds Committee:

- Mayor Steve Hass Chairperson
- Alderperson Mike Caylor
- Alderperson Robert Lass
- Alderperson Andrew Caylor

Tourism Commission:

- Alderperson Mark Weix

- Gary Schwartz term expires 5-1-2025
- Sarah Gilbert DNR rep. term expires 5-1-2025
- Sue Kunkel term expires 5-1-2025
- Jeremy Ratliff term expires 5-1-2025

Airport Commission:

- Alderperson Mark Weix

Housing Authority:

- Alderperson Mark Weix
- The newly-formed Council also recognized outgoing Council members Paul Russell (formerly of District 1) who had served as Alderperson since April 19, 2016; Dick Lupton (formerly of District 5) who had served as Alderperson since April 19, 2022; and Steve Sabatke (formerly of District 8) who had served as Alderperson since July 26, 2019, and Mayor Steve Hass thanked them for their service.

The Council's next meeting will be held at Merrill City Hall on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m.

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Central Wisconsin Bandits drop pre-season finale at Jay Stadium

BY RICK ARGALL
MMC STAFF

The Central Wisconsin Bandits hosted the Mid-Western Wildcats out of Black River Falls, Wis., on Saturday night, April 20, 2024, at Jay Stadium. This was the second and final pre-season game for each team before moving on to the regular season that kicks off on Saturday, May 4.

The Wildcats kicked off to begin the game and each team turned the ball over on their first drive as the game turned into a defensive battle throughout the first quarter which ended in a 0-0 tie. The game stayed scoreless until the 13:09 mark in the second quarter when Bandits' Quarterback Dylan Zanders tossed a 30-yard touchdown pass to put Central Wisconsin up 6-0. The lead would be short lived, however, as Mid-Western scored on three straight possessions to take the lead at 22-6.

The Bandits appeared to score on a long touchdown pass of 55 yards inside of one minute in the first half, but the play was blown dead on the three-yard line by an inadvertent whistle by the referee. The Bandits were never able to cross the goal line and turned the ball over on a fourth down fumble as the half ended.



Bandits play defense in the red zone.

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Rick Argall photo.

The Wildcats remained in the lead 22-6 at halftime.

The teams traded scores in the second half as the Bandits were able to move some players around and utilize the half as their final game situation practice before the regular season. Team Co-Owner, Head Coach, and Quarterback, Austin Levine entered the game and tossed a 65-yard touchdown pass to close the gap to 36-12 with 9:48 left in the third quarter. That would finish the scoring for the Bandits, as the teams played to a scoreless fourth quarter, with the game ending as a victory for Mid-Western Wildcats 42-12.

"We look forward to having the community come out and support us and enjoy spring football here in Merrill," Austin



The Bandits break up a pass attempt.

Levine said. "We are always interested in recruiting new talent for our program. If players are interested in learning more, contact me on our Central Wisconsin Bandits Facebook page for more details."

The Bandits open the regular season on the road, taking on the Rock River

Rampage in Rockton, Ill., with game time set for 6 p.m. kickoff on Saturday, May 4.

The Bandits' home opener is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at Jay Stadium. Game time and opponent to be determined.

Box Score:
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catharsis and therapy - and not only during that difficult period, but throughout her life. She enjoys just letting loose and allowing the creativity to flow onto the pages, she said.

One page in particular features drawings from

when she was still in the hospital. Lau dated her work to keep track of her progress, and she finds it very humbling to look back at them and remember how far she has come. Lau said this last year taught her not to take things for granted. "Whenever I get frustrated now, I just tell myself that I can stand in my shower,

I can walk again, and I'm living independently," Lau said. It puts things in perspective.

Lau's life and artistic journey aren't over yet. One of her next goals is to create and publish a collection of short stories that have no text and are strictly illustration. Just stand back and watch her go!

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Patricia "Pat" Marie Kadubek, age 83, of Gleason, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 15, 2024, while at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill and under the care of Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services. She was born on March 26, 1941, to the late Abraham R. and Mary Erma (Burkhart) Estreen in Laona, WI. Pat attended and graduated from Wabeno high school. She met the love of her life, Martin "Marty" Kadubek, and the two were united in marriage on May 28, 1960. Sadly, Marty passed away on June 13, 2018, and she missed

him dearly. Pat then moved in with her son, Brent.

Pat loved being a homemaker and mom, where she was able to bake and cook, which were her favorite things to do. She truly had a passion for baking and cooking; she was able to express her love through cooking big meals for those she cared about. Pat happily looked forward to doing these things with her now angel above, Aly. Large gatherings around the dining room table always brought her joy and put a smile on her face. Pat especially enjoyed Christmas baking and watching people enjoy her famous chocolate covered cherries, and well as her homemade donuts. She was known to indulge in lots of Sees Chocolate Candy! Pat looked forward to precious time spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as her good friend, Ruth. She enjoyed going to church services in Gleason. Pat will be sadly missed, but her memory will live on.

Pat is survived by her children and grandchildren: Laurie (Robert) Giles, with their daughter: Jamie (Nicholas) Recchia and their son: Ryan (Samantha) Giles, Deborah (Mark) Tomack, Brent (Jolyn Hubbard) Kadubek, with his children: Derrick (Kalena Gee) Kadubek and Carlee (Brady Schreiber) Kadubek and Jayne Kadubek, along with great grandchildren: Bella, Lena and Nicholas Recchia and Rylie Giles. She is further survived by her sister: Sandra (Art) Kadubek, nieces: Cheryl Belott, Brenda Kadubek and Nichole Tessman, nephews: Michael Estreen and Jason Wittig, sister-in-law: Carol Estreen and brother-in-law: Dennis Wittig. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Marty, brother: Richard Estreen and sister: Roberta Wittig. She is also survived by her beloved puppy Otis.

A Celebration of Life for Pat will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Gleason. Pastor Greg Laska will officiate. Visitation will take place at the church, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Family requests that you come in casual clothes, or whatever is comfortable for you.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Rennes Rehab in Weston, the Aspirus Wausau Hospital and Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, for all their care, attention and compassion shown to Pat and her family during her time at each place.

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.



Loretta Marie Seidler, age 91, of Merrill, Wisconsin, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, April 15, 2024, while at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill.

She was born to the late Irene (Moorman) Krueger on September 16, 1932, in Cortland, Indiana. She was baptized on October 26, 1932, and confirmed on April 21, 1946, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Seymour, Indiana.

She attended Columbus High School, Columbus, Indiana and transferred to and graduated from Athens High School, May 28, 1951. She met the love of her life, Leroy Seidler, and they were married on February 14, 1953, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin. Leroy preceded her in death on January 29, 2008.

She worked her entire life at Weinbrenner Shoe Factory, Merrill, and retired from the Merrill Finished Goods Warehouse in 2000 after 48 years of continuous service. She naturally had a fun-loving, caring, and pleasant way about her. She had a contagious smile and handled life's ups and downs with grace. Loretta loved decorating for the holidays at her house, showing her holiday spirit. She was always very supportive and proud of her children and later her grandchildren, attending concerts, plays, recitals, soccer games, and family celebrations, to name a few. Later in life, she enjoyed going to her water aerobics classes at Riverside Athletic Club in Merrill and was a social butterfly!

In her younger years, she and Leroy had the opportunity to enjoy some traveling, including Europe, Branson, Nashville and Washington, D.C. She also loved bowling and was on the VFW Auxiliary Post #1638 team of the Thursday Night Ladies Handicap League at Les and Jim's for many years. She loved playing Sheephead at every opportunity she had, as well as going to the casino, playing bingo and other games. She also loved her country and polka music, dancing when she was younger, and enjoying polka shows on TV and the radio. Sundays, years ago, included church, followed by the Jerry Goetsch and Dick Rogers's shows. Loretta was a member of the VFW Auxiliary Post #1638 for over 50 years, a member at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin and a previous member of the Merrill Lioness Club. She will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Loretta leaves behind her children: Debra (Ward) Burgess of Rib Mountain, Wisconsin and Timothy (Lynn) of Merrill, Wisconsin, grandchildren: Matthew Burgess of Rib Mountain and David Burgess of Waukesha, Nicole Seidler of Eau Claire and Molly Seidler of Merrill. She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Irene and Edwin Krueger, husband, Leroy L. Seidler, stepbrother and sister-in-law, Wilbert and Mildred Krueger, and her beloved cat, Isabella.

The funeral service for Loretta was held on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin. Rev. Andrew DeGier officiated. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Waid Funeral Home and again on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service, at the church. Burial in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery immediately follow the service.

For those unable to attend the service in person, it will be recorded and available for future viewing under her obituary on the funeral home website.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin, Northland Lutheran High School, Kronenwetter, Wisconsin or the Lincoln County Humane Society.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff of Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services and Pine Crest Nursing Home for their care and support.

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.



David Sauer Jr.

Our loved one, David Sauer Jr., passed away on Friday, April 19th, 2024, at the age of 90 at Woodland Elder Care Services. His spirit will continue to farm, ice fish, fish, make sausage and brats, make angel food candy, collect maple tree sap, and make maple syrup, plant, and harvest delicious vegetables, including mouthwatering sweet corn. We cannot forget his love of playing cards, including card club, and going to breakfast with the

Old Timers Club at the Eagles.

David was born on July 20th, 1933, to Elizabeth (Herdt) and David Sauer, Sr. He was born at his home, on the farm. David was baptized and confirmed into the Christian faith believing and living the ways of a Christian and raising his family in the same manner. He met JoAnn Emma Oestreich, and they married on June 16th, 1956, raising a beautiful family having three daughters.

David and JoAnn were dairy farmers raising dairy cows, chickens, pigs and at one time even mink. When they retired from dairy farming, they continued working the land, including renting out land to Hmong families to have many gardens producing an abundance of vegetables to feed families and children.

David will be remembered for him and JoAnn being members of the Merrill Farmer's Market and always having an abundance of delicious, sweet corn, Vidala onions, potatoes, pumpkins, carrots, beets, cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, rhubarb, dill, stasis, silver dollars, etc. David and JoAnn also enjoyed going to auctions and finding treasures to then set up at flea markets in St Germain and Boulder Junction selling their treasures. David and JoAnn enjoyed going on bus trips to Branson Missouri, Badlands, sites in the states of Colorado and Wisconsin. They enjoyed going to the casino, playing cards with family and friends and members of various card clubs.

David was able to play music "by ear" and enjoyed doing so when playing the guitar, piano, accordion, and organ. He enjoyed fixing clocks and fabricating machinery to use in his gardens, including a watering system and rigging up a watering tank on his 4-wheeler to water plants and a platform to use to better pick green beans with the mobility of the 4-wheeler. David utilized an old fashion winger washing machine to wash carrots, potatoes, and other vegetables for selling at the farmer's market. He made a corn steamer that was used at the Merrill Fairgrounds to set up and sell steamed corn on Labor Day. David enjoyed driving his 4-wheeler and checking out the crops on the "other forty", driving through the cow pasture and through the woods.

David was a lifelong member of Saint Stephens United Church of Christ. He was also a member of the National Farmer's Organization (NFO), Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), Pine River Cooperative, Consumers Cooperative, Old Timers Group, and a member of the Trailmates Snowmobile Club by allowing club members to snowmobile across their land. He worked part-time on the night shift at Quality Print (Foto News).

David genuinely enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren making many memories with many meals at the farm, including corn roasts and holiday feasts. He was always "training" and "educating" the family to carry on. David appreciated his sons-in-law's learning and help with farming. Just this past Christmas he helped make his famous homemade angel food candy and in doing so, this time he said, "I will help cover a few pieces of angel food in chocolate and then I am going to "watch" to make sure it is done "right." David enjoyed fried potatoes with onions and JoAnn's fried chicken that his daughters learned to make too. David knew he had to help peel potatoes and would gladly do so knowing JoAnn would fry them up with onions. He enjoyed experimenting in cooking, canning, smoking meats, making homemade wine, and pickling, including pickling peas in the pod and green beans. On the day before his passing David was telling JoAnn and his daughter Julia, we needed to make pies. David was ready to peel apples as he always did when it came to making homemade pies. A table full of lots of delicious food surrounded by a loving family made David incredibly happy and filled his heart with joy. David's key to happiness was spending time with family, friends, and socializing.

David will be missed by many including his wife, JoAnn, of 68 years of marriage, three daughters, Gloria Myers, Julia (Jon) Wicke, Darcia (Bert) Hopp, and six grandchildren Matthew (Stephanie) Brock, Krystal Brock, Jeremy (Molli) Wicke, Justin (Symone Pero) Wicke, Kristina (Michael) Brown, Eric (Jaclyn Kunze) Hopp, and seven great-grandchildren Marcus Brock, Elaina Brock, Mia Wicke, McKenzie Wicke, Jacob Wicke, Paisley Hopp, and Jayden Wicke. In addition, sisters-in-law, Bernice Sauer, Marge Oestreich, Marion Fox, Sandy Oestreich, Betty Clark, brother-in-law, Paul Oestreich and many nieces, nephews, and many dear neighbors and friends.

David is preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth and David Sauer Sr., in-laws, Leona and Paul Oestreich Sr., brother, LaVern Sauer, sister, Metz Mootz, brothers-in-law, Glenn Mootz, Jack Rieckenberg, Ned Fox, David Oestreich, Daniel Oestreich, sisters-in-law, Arlene Rieckenberg, Georgene Oestreich, Elaine Oestreich, son-in-law, Pat Myers, and ex son-in-law, Mike Brock.

The funeral service for David will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill. Pastor Michael Southcombe will officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the service, also at the church.

For those unable to attend the service in person, it will be recorded for future viewing and can be found under his obituary on the funeral home website.

JoAnn and family would like to extend their appreciation to Woodland Court Elder Services, Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services, Reverend Michael Southcombe, and Waid Funeral Home Services for their love and compassionate care.

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.

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OBITUARIES



Connie R. Stein, 74, of Gleason, passed away Friday, April 12, 2024, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Connie was born September 17, 1949, in Kenosha, daughter of Geral and Helen (Cole) Whitefoot. She married Ronald Stein on December 23, 1967, in Kenosha. He survives. Connie worked at Weinbrenner Shoe Company in Merrill. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, quilting and crafting. Her greatest joy was her dogs: Pumpkin, Midge, Cricket, Chloe, Lilly, and Ebenezer.

Connie is survived by her husband, Ronald Stein of Gleason; children, Rhonda Stein of Kaukauna, Roger Stein of Antigo, and Ryan Stein of Antigo; grandson, Kyle Stein of Birmamwood; sister, Marla (Don) Brickell of Kenosha; and brother, John (Becky) Whitefoot of Pleasant Prairie. Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Geral and Helen Whitefoot; brother, Rodger Whitefoot; and best friend, Karen Haupt.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Jennifer Joy Seeger, 59 of Merrill, passed away unexpectedly at her home on March 29, 2024. Jenni was born on March 24, 1965 to Richard and Dawn Stahoski.

Jenni attended St. Matthews Grade School in Milwaukee, WI and Washington High School in Germantown, WI. Later she attended Advanced Institute of Hair Design and graduated from there. Jenni was the 2002 Wisconsin Women's Arm Wrestling Champion. She liked to cook,

especially Angel Food Cake.

Jenni is survived by Dave Sousek (fiancé), Dad: Richard Stahoski, Brother: Jeff Stahoski, 2 sons: Joshua and Jacob, 2 nieces: Bethany and Leanna and grandson: Liam.

Jenni was a life member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. She loved the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who now has his arms around her. Jenni will be buried at Bangor Cemetery in Bangor Wisconsin at a later time. A celebration of life will be at a later date.



Tommy G. Miller passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Survived by sisters and brothers; Susen (Allan) Utech, Donna (Jeff Johns) Miller, Connie (Rick) Ceithamer, Sharon Prust, William (Linda) Miller, Nancy (Daniel) Last, Wilbur Miller, Vicki (Michael) Harshbarger and many cherished nieces and nephews.

He will enjoy eternal peace with his mother. At this time there are no celebration of life plans.

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NOTICE

Springbrook Cemetery Association Annual Meeting
May 3, 2024
7 PM
Pine River Town Hall



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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.

Bring your old appliances and recyclables as listed below to the Schley Town Hall. You must be a Town of Schley resident. The Town will pay half of the regular fee for you.

Items taken for free:

- Grills (charcoal or gas)
- Humidifiers
- Lawn mowers
- Microwaves
- Patio furniture (metal)
- Dryers
- Stoves (electric or gas)
- Washers

Items with charges:

- Junk tires \$8.00 each
- TVs \$30.00
- Computers \$30.00
- Monitors \$30.00
- Tires on aluminum/steel rims \$6.00 each
- Air conditioners \$20.00
- Dehumidifiers \$20.00
- Freezers (chest or upright) \$20.00
- Refrigerators (electric or gas) \$20.00

Remember to Recycle
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Becky Dallman, Clerk
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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.
Published: 4/18/24, 4/25/24 & 5/2/24
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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing to be held by and before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, commencing at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin**, on the following proposed matters, to wit:

- 1.) Mark Scott, 607 N Cleveland Street, requesting a variance to M.M.C. Sec 113-317, lot coverage for an accessory building in a Residential District. Legally described in PIN# 251-3106-122-0034. Anyone having any questions regarding the hearing should contact Zoning Administrator, Darin Pagel at 536-4880.

Dated: April 15, 2024
CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN
By: Lori Anderson-Malm
City Clerk
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CITY OF MERRILL COMMON COUNCIL

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024 MINUTES REORGANIZATION CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following were in attendance:

- City Attorney Hayden, City Administrator Akey, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Finance Director Ley, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Pagel, Police Chief Bennett, Library Director Ollhoff, Enrichment Center Director Mrachek, Social Media Specialist Savall, Bob Lass, Andrew Caylor, Ann Caylor, Rebecca Rutkowski, Greg Hartwig, Betty Hartwig, Rita Hartwig, Debbie Rehfeld, John Heuer, Dale Bacher and Merrill Media Communications.

II. Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Roll Call - for current Common Council A roll call was not taken due to a lack of a quorum.

IV. Common Council Meeting Expectations

V. Public Comment There was no public comment.

VI. Oath of Office for Alderpersons City Clerk Anderson-Malm gave the oath of office to the newly elected Alderpersons.

VII. Roll Call for newly-elected Common Council

Present: Alderperson Andrew Caylor, Alderperson Michael Caylor, Alderperson Meyer, Alderperson Fermanich, Alderperson Lass, Alderperson Rick, Alderperson Weix Jr., Alderperson Rutkowski

VIII. General Agenda Items for Consideration

1. Discussion and consideration

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regarding changing the time of **Common Council meetings to 6:00 pm.** - Alderperson Rick motioned to approve. Alderperson Meyer seconded for discussion. Following discussion, the original motion was amended by Alderperson Rick to change the Common Council meetings to 6:30 pm. Alderperson Meyer seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed on a 6/2 voice vote.

IX. Elections and Mayor's Appointments

1. Elect the Common Council President - Nominations were taken for the Common Council President. Alderperson Rick and Alderperson Fermanich were the two nominated candidates. Alderpersons filled out the paper ballots that were provided. City Clerk Anderson-Malm collected the votes and tallied the results with Mayor Hass and City Attorney Hayden as witnesses. The final tally was Alderperson Rick with 2 votes and Alderperson Fermanich with 6 votes. Alderperson Fermanich was voted as Common Council President.

2. Elect the Alderperson member of the City Plan Commission - The Council nominated Alderperson Fermanich - who declined the nomination. Alderperson Rutkowski was nominated. No other nominations were brought forth. Alderperson Rutkowski will be the Alderperson member of the City Plan Commission.

3. Mayor's Appointments - City Clerk Anderson-Malm read the Mayor's Appointments. Alderperson Meyer motioned to approve. Alderperson Andrew Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

X. Resolutions

1. A Resolution designating the official newspaper for the City of Merrill

- City Attorney Hayden read the following resolution:
A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, Section 985.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the designation of an official newspaper for the printing of all the City's Official Business; and,

WHEREAS, the Merrill FotoNews has qualified for such a designation. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 16th day of April 2024, that the Merrill FotoNews of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, shall be and is hereby designated, until further action, as the official newspaper for the City of Merrill.

Alderperson Fermanich motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. Alderperson Michael Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

2. A Resolution designating the official depositories and signers for the City of Merrill - City Attorney Hayden read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 16th day of April, 2024, that the following financial institutions shall be qualified as public depositories under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and shall be and hereby are designated until further action as public depositories for all public monies coming into the hands of the Treasurer for the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin:

- BMO Harris Bank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
- Nicolet Bank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
- Nicolet Bank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
- incrediblebank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

Local Government Investment Pool, State of Wisconsin Department of Administration

Merrill Community Bank - Branch of Tomahawk Community Bank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

Park City Credit Union, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

Associated Bank, N.A., Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

Edward Jones, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

That the holders of the following positions with the City are authorized to sign or act on behalf of the City ("Authorized Signers"):

It was requested Merrill Community Bank be changed to Crossbridge. Alderperson Meyer motioned to approve the Resolution with the revision. Alderperson A. Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

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3. A Resolution honoring Paul Russell - District 1 Alderperson - City Attorney Hayden read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION HONORING PAUL RUSSELL FOR HIS EXTENDED SERVICE AND GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, Paul Russell is retiring as First District Alderperson of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, Paul Russell has served as an alderperson for the City of Merrill since April 19, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication Paul Russell has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid and stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Paul Russell's dedicated service; and,

WHEREAS, Paul Russell's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the Merrill City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 16th day of April, 2024, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Paul Russell has given to the City of Merrill and commend him for those years of service.

Alderperson Andrew Caylor motioned to approve the Resolution as presented.

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Alderperson Michael Caylor seconded and the motion carried.

4. A Resolution honoring Dick Lupton - District 5 Alderperson - City Attorney Hayden read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION HONORING DICK LUPTON FOR HIS EXTENDED SERVICE AND GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, Dick Lupton is retiring as Fifth District Alderperson of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, Dick Lupton has served as an alderperson for the City of Merrill since April 19, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication Dick Lupton has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid and stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Dick Lupton's dedicated service; and,

WHEREAS, Dick Lupton's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the Merrill City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 16th day of April 2024, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep

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TOWN OF MERRILL

MERRILL, WISCONSIN

BID NOTICE

The Town of Merrill, Lincoln County Wisconsin Will be accepting sealed bids for sealing of cracks on individual listed roads: Elm, Hillside, Council Ground, Doering, South Shore, East Shore, and Country Side Circle.

The work shall consist of furnishing all proper materials, equipment, labor for routing, cleaning, sealing & covering of all cracks & joints in asphalt pavement. Contractor to provided certificate of insurance showing liability & workers comp. coverage. Sealed bids can be submitted to the Town of Merrill W4594 Progress Ave, Merrill, WI 54452

Bids will be opened on 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.

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MERRILL, WISCONSIN

OPEN BOOK - 2023 ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Assessor will be at the Town of Merrill Community Center, W4594 Progress Avenue, on Monday, May 6, 2024 from 3:30 - 5:30 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, May 20, 2024 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated this 16th of April 2024

CITY OF MERRILL
RONALD R LIBERTY
STREET AND WEED COMMISSIONER
715-536-4222

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appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Dick Lupton has given to the City of Merrill and commend him for those years of service.

Alderson Weix motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

5. A Resolution honoring Steve Sabatke - District 8 Alderson - City Attorney Hayden read the following Resolution:
A RESOLUTION HONORING STEVE SABATKE FOR HIS EXTENDED SERVICE AND GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF MERRILL

WHEREAS, Steve Sabatke is retiring as Eighth District Alderson of the City of Merrill; and,
WHEREAS, Steve Sabatke has served as an Alderson for the City of Merrill since July 26, 2019; and,
WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication Steve Sabatke has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,
WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid and stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Steve Sabatke's dedicated service; and,
WHEREAS, Steve Sabatke's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the Merrill City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 16th day of April, 2024, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Steve Sabatke has given to the City of Merrill and commend him for those years of service.

Alderson Feranich motioned to approve the Resolution as presented. Alderson Rutkowski seconded and the motion carried.

XI. Mayor's Communications Mayor Hass thanked the outgoing Aldersons for their service. He welcomed the new Alderson's and said he was looking forward to working with the new Council. He reminded the new Aldersons to submit their bio's to Social Media Specialist Savall. He also reminded the Council of Orientation on May 3rd at 9:00 am.

XII. Adjournment Alderson Meyer motioned to Adjourn. Alderson Caylor seconded and the motion Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L Anderson-Malm - City Clerk
Published April 24, 2024 WNAXLP

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

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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, 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.
Craig J. Nienow
N5041 County Road JJ
Irma, WI 54442
Telephone 715-536-7185
Bar Number 01015178
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 27, 2024 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Board Room. Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others Present: Superintendent Murray, MAPS Administrators, Student Reps Black and Rudie, approximately 15 people from the staff and public and Recorder Woller.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Gremler to approve the 2024-2025 Federal Head Start Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the 2024-2025 MAPS Head Start Five-Year Strategic Goals. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the Head Start Cost Allocation Plan for 2024-2025. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Gremler, second by Krueger to approve the Head Start 2024-2025 T/TA plan. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Ashbeck to approve the 2024-2025 Merrill Adult

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Diploma Academy Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Osness to approve the facility projects as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Gremler, second by Osness to approve the additional expense added to the previously approved 2023-24 Food Service Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve a one-year contract with Wendorf Bus Service for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the Heartland quote to replace our current phone system with the Webex and Informacast systems. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Krueger to approve the 2024-25 support staff compensation schedule and wage placement for 2024-25. Motion carried with Osness abstaining from the vote.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Gremler to approve New Policy 6611 District-Supported /Sponsored Student Activity Accounts as a first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Osness to approve the donation of touchpads, starter cable, hard case for infinity starter, lane wrenches and deck cable for touchpads and push buttons (from the Merrill Aqua Jays Swim Team) valued at \$3,874 for use at the MAPS Pool. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Proulx to approve the attached personnel report, contingent upon release of contract for hirings and upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to approve consent agenda items a through e, which includes minutes of the February 21, 2024, February 26, 2024, March 13, 2024, and March 14, 2024, meetings; second readings and approval of: Bylaw 0100 Definitions; Bylaw 0122 Board Powers; Bylaw 0144.3 Conflict of Interest; Bylaw 0171.3 Clerk; Policy 5350 Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention for Death by Suicide; Policy 5517 Student Anti-Harassment; Policy 6325 Procurement Federal Grants/Funds; Policy 6610 Nondistrict-Supported Student Activity Accounts; Policy 7440 Facility Security; Policy 7540 Technology; Policy 7544 Use of Social Media; Policy 8310 Public Records; Policy 8330 Student Records; Policy 8700 Lactating Employees; Policy 9130 Public Requests, Suggestions, or Complaints; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,182,695.02; recognition of donations received for the Great Speaker Committee totaling \$1,375.00; and, donations totaling \$5,600. Motion carried with Yingling abstaining from the February 26, 2024 and March 14, 2024 minutes; and, Osness and Gremler abstaining from the March 14, 2024 minute approval.

Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(f) except where par. (b) applies; and, 118.125. The purpose of the closed session is for the purpose of considering, and taking action as appropriate, related to personal histories and preliminary consideration of possible policy violations by one or more Board members, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of such persons; the consideration of (and

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possible action regarding) applications for participation in the Early College Credit and Start College Now programs; and, consideration of (and possible action regarding) parental requests for student opt out of state assessments, including the potential for a closed session(s) to review the specifics applicable to the affected student(s) if the discussion of such in open session would be likely to have an adverse effect upon the reputation of such student(s) pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats. Any such closed session(s) shall be immediately followed by reconvening in open session for further consideration and, ultimately, action upon the parental requests. MOTION by Proulx, second by Osness to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the parental requests for Student A and Student B to opt out of state assessments. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osness, second by Liberty to approve the 12 Early College Credit courses and the 12 Start College Now courses as presented in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Woller, second by Ashbeck to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Osness
Board Clerk
KO/tlw
(The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.)
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
April 10, 2024 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 6:16 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: Ashbeck, Gremler, Krueger, Liberty, Osness, Proulx, Yingling and Blake. Board members absent: Woller. Others present: None.

President Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering, and taking action as appropriate, related to personal histories and preliminary consideration of possible policy violations by one or more Board members, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of such persons; and, consider and act upon parental requests for student opt out of state assessments, including the potential for a closed session(s) to review the specifics applicable to the affected student(s) if the discussion of such in open session would be likely to have an adverse effect upon the reputation of such student(s) pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats. Any such closed session(s) shall be immediately followed by reconvening in open session for further consideration and, ultimately, action upon the parental requests. MOTION by Osness, second by Liberty to adjourn into closed session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to reconvene into open session. Motion

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carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to waive compensation for board members (for tonight's meeting). Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Gremler to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Osness
Board Clerk
KO/tlw
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF
TRUST ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF WISCONSIN, County of Lincoln, in the matter of the John M. Jirovec Revocable Living Trust dated October 9, 2015 and amended March 3, 2024 (the "Trust"):

1. John M. Jirovec, with date of birth January 3, 1947 and date of death March 5, 2024 was domiciled in Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent, John M. Jirovec, is August 25, 2024.
3. All claims must include detailed documentation and must be submitted to the Trustee of the Trust at the following address: 1204 Lake Street, Merrill, WI 54452.
Date: April 16, 2024
John M. Jirovec Revocable Living Trust dated October 9, 2015.
By: /s/ Barbara Torgerson
Barbara Torgerson, Trustee
Craig J. Nienow, Attorney
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Case No. 22CV109
Case Code: 30404, 30301 and 30303
Mortgage Foreclosure, Money
Judgment over \$10,000.00 and
Replevin
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f/k/a HARRIS N.A., successor by merger to M&I MARSHAL & ILSLEY BANK,
Plaintiff,
V.
JESSE ZUELSORFF a/k/a
JESSE L. ZUELSORFF,
JANE DOE SPOUSE, unknown spouse
of JESSE ZUELSORFF a/k/a
JESSE L. ZUELSORFF (dismissed),
FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF AMERICA, PCA,
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE SERVICES n/k/a
RIVER COUNTRY CO-OP
And
DNF ASSOC, LLC a/k/a DNF ASSOCIATES, LLC, Cogency Global Inc.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of and pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-captioned action, and the order of the Court dated on the 22nd day of March, 2023, and entered on the 22nd day of March, 2023, in the amount of \$86,158.49, I will sell at public auction in the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse located at 1110 East Main

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Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, 54452, on the 21st day of May, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., all of the following premises, to wit:

The Northeast One-quarter (1/4) of the Southeast One-quarter (1/4), Section Thirty-three (33), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Five (5) East, Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
Property Address: N241 Midway Road
Merrill, WI 54452
Parcel Identification No.: 006 3105 334 999

TERMS OF SALE: Cash, Cashier's Check or Certified Funds.
DOWN PAYMENT: 10% of amount bid by cash, cashier's check or certified funds. Balance of purchase price must be paid within ten (10) days after confirmation of the sale.

Dated at Merrill, Wisconsin this 12 day of April, 2024
/S/Ken Schneider
Sheriff of Lincoln County

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Prepared by:
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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.



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.

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

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.

PATRICK J. WOOD, Publisher Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

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nominated for Vice-Chair, with DePasse emerging as the top vote-getter.

During the meeting, all 22 Supervisors took their oaths of office. Among those sworn in were seven new Board members: Vorpapel, District 4 Supervisor Derek Woellner, District 5 Supervisor Andrew Zelinski, District 7 Supervisor Donald J. Dunphy, District 13 Supervisor Alan Bishop, District 14 Supervisor Marguerite Lyskawa, and

District 19 Supervisor Joseph M. Dorava.

The Board also recognized outgoing members Friske, Steven Osness Jr. (formerly of District 4), Donald Wendorf (District 5), Greta Rusch (District 7), George Brixius (District 13), Brian Hafeman (District 14), and Julie Allen (District 19).

The Board's next meeting will be held at the Service Center on Tuesday, May 21, at 6 p.m.

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MISCELLANEOUS: 10+ Walk Mowers, Lawn Roller, Ariens ST724 Snow blower, Cub Cadet 926TE Snow blower, Honda HS80 snow blower, Simplicity Snowaway snow blower, Traux FLXII-88 Drill, grass, Cat HM315 Forestry Mulcher, 62", HarvestTec 850DS, individual bale ID system, Woods parts - Pintle Eye Kit, Disc furrow blades, chain shielding, Woods BW15.51 Batwing mower, 15" (New), (2) Woods PSS72, (New), Woods PSS84, (New), Woods DHS64C, (New), Woods DHS80N, (New), 6 New Woods Rotary Cutters (48", 60", 72"), 12 New Woods Tillers (48", 60", 72"), Brillion Cultipackers, Woods RB84.50 rear blade, NH 617 Disc mower, Woods BB840 rotary cutter, Industrias America SP09 snow pusher, Strikeforce SFB500 hydraulic breaker, (7) 48" Pallet forks, 4,400 lb and 5,500 lb, Nissan MCP1F2A20LV Forklift, Baumalight SWF580 boom flail mower, Bobcat 60" broom, Huskie HH500, hydraulic breaker, JD 72B Harley Rake, Loftness 73AHX Forestry Mulcher, NH 72" Bucket, 62" bucket, 84" 4-in-1 Bucket, Husq 130 Chainsaw, (New), Husq 562XP chainsaw, (new), 28" bar, Husq 525ES Edger, (3) Husqvarna Trimmers, Chilton TT8470-17 Trailer, 17", Cabelas FPS1072, 72" Seeder, Ryan Mataway Overseeder, RTP Outdoors Genesis 10, 10' Drill, tow kit, Cub Cadet 3X 30HD Snow blower, Cub Cadet 3X 30 TRAC snow blower, 10x16.5 & 12x16.5 Skid Steer Tires, (new), 2 log splitters, ATV Pull behind disc, 6 Pallets of Heavy Duty boxes, Larson 220Sei Boat, one owner, "NICE"

SKID STEERS & MINI EX: '16 JD 333G, SJC, 3670 hours, JD 35G, cab, thumb, Bobcat 743, with backhoe, 3689 hours, Vermeer S725 mini skid, 1252 hours, '18 NH L228, 813 hours, cab, '24 AGT KU-18E, Kubota diesel, thumb, JD 35ZTS, Gehl 3310

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Merrill Chamber and Centergy to hold Regional HR Workshop in Merrill

BY TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

The Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce announced they, in collaboration with Centergy, will host a

Regional Human Resources (HR) Workshop in Merrill on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The workshop will be held at Park City Credit Union, 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave. in Merrill. "This event promises to be a morning filled with resources, tools, and recruitment strategies designed to empower businesses and organizations in the region," the Chamber said in a press release. Designed to cover "a diverse range of topics tailored to address the evolving needs of HR professionals, business owners, and anyone seeking to enhance their talent recruitment and development strategies," the workshop will be interactive and is slated to include:

Discover innovative marketing strategies aimed at attracting top talent and fostering a competitive edge in recruitment efforts. "3. Group Discussion: Engage in dynamic conversations centered around best practices and emerging trends in talent development, providing a platform for networking and knowledge sharing. "4. Local Chamber and Job Center Resources: Learn about the valuable resources offered by the local chamber of commerce and job center, facilitating seamless integration of community support into your talent management strategies." Sponsored by Nicolet National Bank, Park City Credit Union, and Centergy, this is a free event and includes complimentary breakfast and refreshments. However, pre-registration is required. To register, go to: tinyurl.com/MerrillHRWorkshop or call 715.536.9474.

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Merrill Varsity Girls Softball Team falls to Mosinee in extra innings

BY RICK ARGALL
MMC STAFF

The Merrill Varsity Girls Softball Team returned home after weekend tournaments to host non-conference opponent Mosinee at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex (MARC) on Monday night, April 15, 2024. In what turned out to be a nine-inning affair, Merrill was unable to hold the lead which they had for most of the game. But Mosinee capitalized on a few breaks to rally late and ultimately score in the top of the ninth inning to earn the victory. “

If you are going to lose, I would rather lose like that

fighting hard the entire game,” said Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach Alison Krohn. “I saw a lot of grit today that I have been wanting to see, and I am proud. We made a couple of mistakes here and there, but that is going to happen. They fought back today, which I was really happy about. That was a really good game against a good program. I am happy, but it was bittersweet.”

Mosinee jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning before Merrill came to bat in the home half of the inning. With runners at first and second base, Freshman pitcher Mackenzie Herdt (1-4, 3 RBI, 1 HR, 1 R, 1 BB)

hit a booming home run to left center field that gave the Bluejays the lead at 3-1. The Lady Indians would go on to add a run in the second and fourth innings to tie the game at 3-3 headed to the bottom of the fourth. A bases-clearing triple by Mady Graap (1-5, 1 R, 3 RBI) bolted Merrill into the lead again at 6-3 headed to the top of the fifth inning. Mosinee rallied again, scoring one run in the fifth and two more runs in the top of the seventh inning to tie the game and send it to extra innings. After scoring in the top of the ninth inning, Mosinee took the lead for good at 7-6, as Merrill was unable to score



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Pitcher MacKenzie Herdt warms up during pregame drills. **Rick Argall photos.**

in the bottom of the ninth. Merrill finished the game
See SOFTBALL page 11

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Merrill Varsity Baseball beats Antigo, then drops doubleheader to Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln

BY RICK ARGALL
MMC STAFF

The Merrill Varsity Boys Baseball Team traveled to Antigo on Monday, April 15, 2024, and came home with a win.

"We had a 6-3 lead, but Antigo came back with three runs in the sixth inning to tie it up," said Head Coach Shawn Schultz. "But, in the top of the seventh, we were able to put together some hits and Brady Norton (2 H, 1 R, 3 RBI, 1 BB) came through with a big base hit to give us an 8-6 lead."

"Sam Reimann (1 H, 1 RBI) came in for the bottom of the seventh and got the save with a three-up, three-

down finish."
Box Score: Merrill 8 @ Antigo 6

The Merrill Bluejays hosted Conference rival Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln on Thursday, April 18, on a cold and damp evening at Athletic Park. The game was originally scheduled to be just one game, but the teams had a makeup game on their schedule so it was changed to a two-night doubleheader.

In the first game, Merrill jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning on a single by pitcher Brady Kanitz (1-4, 1 RBI) and carried that lead through six innings behind solid pitching from Brady

Kanitz (7.0 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 10 SO, 1 BB). Wisconsin Rapids tied the game in the top of the seventh inning on an unearned run. As the game entered extra innings tied at 1-1, pitcher Brady Kanitz had to be substituted, due to the 100 pitch rule that applies to pitchers.

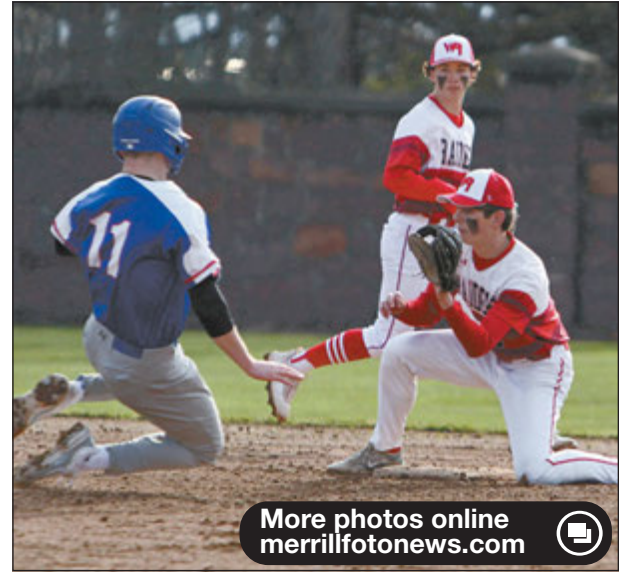
Dawson Schulz (3.0 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER) took the mound for Merrill in the top of the 8th inning and kept the Red Raiders scoreless until the 10th inning. In the top of the 10th inning, Wisconsin Rapids was able to score twice to take the lead at 3-1 and Merrill was unable to score in their last at bat, resulting in a 3-1 victory for

Rapids.

"Brady Kanitz pitched a heck of a game and their guy did, too. It was a good game, a good high school baseball game. They made some plays at the end and turned that key double play on the ball," said Coach Schultz. "That was the difference."

"We had lots of opportunities in the game, but just couldn't come up with the big hit when we needed it," he said. "We played a good game and now we have to come back and play again, so that's the best thing to come back and keep playing."

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Merrill right fielder EJ Weix slides into second base.

Rick Argall photo.

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Merrill Varsity Girls Soccer loses to SPASH

BY TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

"Mother Nature was wrecking havoc on spring sports again this week," said Merrill Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach Dan Kufahl.

The team's April 16 game scheduled against Three Lakes "was postponed due to the wind, rain, and lightning," he said. "We were able to get our games in on Thursday, April 18, against Stevens Point. The rain stopped long enough for us to get our games in." The girls traveled to the Portage County Youth Soccer Complex to play the game against SPASH.

In the Varsity soccer game, "We had a rough time matching Stevens Point's

speed and their ability to connect passes," Kufahl said.

"We are starting to find our stride as far as the physicality side of the game, and it was great to see the ladies starting to get a feel for what being physical on the field actually means. We had a few opportunities on counter attacks where we just didn't execute our passes well enough, and the attacks broke down before we could get in a position to finish."

"On the defensive side of things, we played pretty well, as usual," he said. "Ally Hooch, Addie Elliot, Evyn Schmitz, and crew held their own."

"We had a few mental mistakes that cost us a

few goals - which in a Conference game you can't allow to happen," Kufahl said. "Good teams will always take advantage of those mistakes."

"Once again we had some stellar saves from our goalie and captain Anna Bowe! Miss Bowe continues to impress at the goalkeeper position!" he said. "Overall, I was super proud of how the ladies played together, kept their composure through adversity, and never gave up for 80 minutes!"

"We have another tough matchup Thursday, April 25, with Conference foe DC Everest. The ladies will be working hard all week to prepare for that."

Box Score:
Merrill 0 @ SPASH 6

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with 10 hits and 6 runs (5 earned) over 9 innings. Mackenzie Herdt and Mady Graap each drove in three runs and Mia Ott (0-2, 1 R, 2 BB) paced the Bluejays with two walks. Ava Detert and Olivia Pierce each added two hits apiece for Merrill. Mackenzie Herdt was the starting pitcher, going four innings, giving up two hits and three runs (one earned), striking out nine and walking seven. Mady Graap took the loss for Merrill, giving up three runs (zero earned) on two hits, striking out two and walking one. Senior Sophie Wendorf pitched one inning, giving up one run (zero earned), one strikeout and two walks.

Box Score
Mosinee 7 @ Merrill 6

Upcoming Youth Softball Night/Josiger fundraiser

On Monday, April 29, the Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Team will host Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Girls at the MARC with the game beginning at 4:30 p.m.

"[That is also] our youth night here at the MARC, so we are going to be celebrating all of our travel programs and thanking the coaches for putting time into that season, but we are also going to be having a fundraiser for Todd Josiger who was a bus driver for many different groups," Coach Krohn said. "We have had a lot of different fundraisers for him this year with Team Todd, and we are going to have carnival games, raffles, and Rapids will be wearing different jerseys with us to try and raise funds to

help combat some of his medical bills to assist him and his family. We would like to see the community come out for this event."

2024 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

Boys Track (Varsity & JV)			
Tues. April 30	Stevens Point (JV)	Away	3:30 pm
Tues. April 30	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	4:30 pm
Girls Track (Varsity & JV)			
Tues. April 30	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Boys Baseball (Varsity, JV & JV2)			
Thurs. April 25	Stevens Point (JV2)	Home	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 25	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Mon. April 29	Wausau East (JV2)	Home	4:30 pm
Tues. April 30	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 2	Wausau East (JV2)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 2	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Girls Softball (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. April 25	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Sat. April 27	Portage (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Mon. April 29	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Tues. April 30	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. May 2	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Girls Soccer (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. April 25	D. C. Everest (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. April 25	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tues. April 30	Three Lakes (Varsity)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. May 2	Wausau East (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 2	Wausau East (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Nicholas Kriegel, a Senior at Merrill High School, has been named Athlete of the Week. This is the start of the sixth year Nicholas has been a member of the Bluejay Trap Team. He started learning to hunt and shoot with his father and to learn responsible gun handling from the time he was very young, he said. Most recently, Nick shot a perfect 25 in Trap competition and currently holds the #1 seat on the Bluejay Trap Team. Nicholas has also been a member of the Merrill JV Golf Team for the last four years.

At school, Nick's favorite class is math, and he is a part of the Youth Apprenticeship program and works for J&J Lee Construction. Prior to starting that program in December, he worked the last three years at Nicklaus Farms. He has also been involved in scouting since kindergarten, when he started with Cub Scouts before advancing to Boy Scouts in the fifth grade.

In his free time, Nick loves to hunt - duck, goose, deer, bear, turkey - "You name it, I love to hunt it," he said. He and his friends are often hunting and fishing together or getting ready to go hunting or fishing, hanging out in the woods, and scouting out good locations.

The son of Bill and Sherri Kriegel, Nicholas has a 2.4 GPA and, after graduation, plans to attend NTC to enroll in their gas utilities program.



Nicholas Kriegel

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BASEBALL
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Merrill was led by third baseman Isaak Clapper (2-5), and catcher Kaiden Henrich (2-4). Pitcher Dawson Schulz took the loss for Merrill. The Bluejays outthit the Red Raiders 11-7, as their record dropped to 3-3 overall heading into the second game of the doubleheader. **Box Score Game #1:** Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln 3 @ Merrill 1

In the nightcap, Rapids scored two in the first inning and the game was 2-0 through three innings. Rapids picked up two more in the fourth to make it 4-0. Then Wisconsin Rapids scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to break open the game and take a 10-0 lead, and the game was called after five innings. Rapids outthit Merrill 8-0 to complete the no-hit shutout. The Bluejays ended the night seeing their record fall to 3-4.

"We hit some balls hard early but couldn't put much together in the game," Coach Schultz said. "We ended up on the wrong side of a five inning 10-0 game." **Box Score Game #2:** Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln 10 @ Merrill 0

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