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Communications outage reminds Merrill residents to be prepared

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

An internet and communications outage lasted from mid-morning on Tuesday, Aug. 24 through late evening, leaving most of Merrill homes and businesses without service for approximately 12 hours. The majority lost internet service and Charter telephone service, along with AT&T cell service, but many other cell phone users still had cell service initially. Then later in the day many of them also experienced cell phone interruptions followed by total cell service outages. A severed cable line has been blamed for the outage.

In response to the outage, the Merrill Fire Department requested a deployable communications tower from FirstNet. Chief Josh Klug said, "FirstNet is a wireless broadband network specifically for first responders."

"When we have an outage, we call FirstNet and start the process for requesting a deployable communications truck," he explained. "Maintaining communications during an outage is part of FirstNet's requirements to provide service to first responders. The trucks are located throughout the country, but we would typically get one from our region, the Midwest."

"When we called that day, we originally were told that the truck would be coming from South Dakota, but it ended up coming from Green Bay. This was probably the fourth or fifth time we've requested them, but the first time they actually established communications while on site here in Merrill," Klug said. "Since FirstNet and AT&T share towers, that's why some AT&T customers may have gotten service back sooner Wednesday night."

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Merrill's Labor Day Parade draws crowds on a beautiful day

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Nearly 70 entries in Merrill's annual Labor Day Parade on Sept. 6 ranged from area businesses to politicians and non-profit clubs and organizations; churches and veterans; military vehicles and vintage automobiles; fire departments from the City of Merrill, and the towns of Pine River, Corning, Hamburg, and Russell, as well as the DNR; tractors and horses; and the always popular Merrill High School Cheer Team, Color Guard, and Marching Jays Merrill High School Band.

On foot, on motorcycle, or even on unicycle, parade entrants entertained the crowds that lined both sides of Main, First, Polk, Second, and Mill Streets along the route from the corner of Genesee and Main Streets all the way to the corner of Court and Main Streets.

The little ones were armed with
See **PARADE** page 4



The Fire Pup rode along atop Merrill Fire Department's Fire Engine 63 for the parade, to the delight of the children.
Tina L. Scott photo.



A wide variety of vehicles were available for viewing at Merrill's Labor Day Car Show at the Merrill Festival Grounds.
Tina L. Scott photo.

Labor Day Car Show attracts a wide variety of entries

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

From Fords to Chevy's, Mustangs to Jeeps, early 20th Century automobiles to today's late model vehicles, and everything in between, the Merrill Festival Grounds was the place to see them all on Monday afternoon, Sept. 6, after the parade. The Merrill Lions Club Labor Day Car Show was a colorful display, ranging from the always-classic

black and other classic neutral colors like white, cream, tan, and navy, to the vibrant yellow, orange, red, green, turquoise, and purple colors of a riotous rainbow. Coupes, convertibles, and Corvettes shared the limelight with street rods and roadsters, touring cars and trucks, Monte Carlos, muscle cars, and modified late models.

There was literally something for every taste in automobile enthusiast or collector. Attendees admired

the clean lines and contours, as well as engine modifications and horsepower. While one vehicle drew notice for its attention to classic detail and suicide doors, the one right next to it might feature aftermarket parts, a suicide hood kit, and a body lift kit and get oohs and ahhs for that. Motorheads, gearheads, and classic car aficionados were in their element.

See **CAR SHOW** page 5

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Living River to perform in concert at Merrill Gazebo Sept. 10

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill is sponsoring the Living River Quartet in concert at the Normal Park Gazebo on Friday, Sept. 10, at 6:00 p.m. This is the fifth year the church has sponsored a



See **CONCERT** page 5 Living River Quartet. Submitted photo.

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Pork in the Park returns with a twist ... and more!

7th Annual Pork in the Park & More is Sept. 18

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The "7th Annual Pork in the Park & More" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Merrill Festival Grounds, after a hiatus in 2020 due to COVID.

This year, the event has been re-engineered a bit, according to organizers on the Merrill Chamber's Pork in the Park Committee, to accommodate 2021 challenges.

"In the past, Pork in the Park was a competition with many area rib cookers vying for the title of Best Ribs in Town and winning prize money by way of popular votes from the attendees," a member of the Committee said. "... This year many of our cookers are struggling to run their own businesses with a severe lack of help, or they have been rescheduled at other events around the area serving their clients ..."

After some brainstorming, the Committee came up with a new way to move forward with the event, with a twist and a little help from Geiss Meat Service and other area non-profits.

"We will still be serving over 1,000 pounds of St. Louis Style pork ribs," organizers said, "But all the ribs will be cooked locally by Geiss Meat Service. Andy Geiss and his staff will smoke and prepare all the ribs the day of the event."

"Geiss is cooking the ribs. Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo is doing beef brisket, hot turkey, and ribbon fries. Merrill Youth Hockey is doing the beverages. Girl Scouts have the corn on the cob, and St. Stephens UCC is doing sweets like pies and bars," the Merrill Chamber of Commerce confirms. And ... "If you missed out on Optimist Cheese Curds at the Fair, they will be open and selling at our event."

Ribs will be sold by the bone; other items will be sold individually, they said.

Beer and liquor will also be available on site, a Committee member added.

There will be plenty to eat and drink under the grandstands. The food sales will start at 11:00 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m. or until the food is gone.

A whole lot more than great food!

The Merrill Festival Grounds, with entrances into the grounds from East Sixth Street, Sales Street, or Memorial Drive, will have lots of activities to draw a crowd that day. There is no fee for parking and no admission fee to get into Pork in the Park.

"There is a lot more to see and do than just the mouth watering ribs," organizers say. Crafters and vendors will be on the grounds with handcrafts and other items for sale. Plus Merrill Riders and a Gun Show round out "something for everybody."



Merrill Riders Club event

The Merrill Riders Club will end their season in the Grandstand Arena with the Merrill Riders' Pork in the Park Day Show. It will be an all-day event, open to Merrill Riders Club members and anyone else who wants to enter the competition. "Riders from any-



Stock photos.

where" and "riders of all ages and experience levels" are welcome to compete, organizers say. Warm ups will begin at 8:00 a.m., and the show starts at 10:30 a.m.

"We will be having 4-D barrels with \$250 added money if we get at least 50 riders in the class," an event organizer from the Merrill Riders Club said. "Riders can also ride in the age category classes for our Pork and the Park Day Championship."

In addition, "We will also have many open fun classes," she said.

And, "As always, it's a free event to watch, so come check us out!"

The Merrill Riders Club will also offer horse rides to the public around 12:00 noon or a bit after for \$5.00

See PORK IN THE PARK page 17



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OUTAGE from page 1

"We have typically found out that most of our outages in Merrill have been attributed to Spectrum Charter having issues with their lines which support the cell towers," he added. "When their lines go down, the towers go down. Most of the time, Charter fixes their stuff before the deployable communications truck gets here and sets up."

Last Tuesday evening was the exception. The FirstNet deployable communications truck was likely "broadcasting" for 30 minutes before the regular towers were fixed is what Klug said they were told.

"Prior to that, FirstNet technicians told us that cell towers might not be fixed until the next morning," he added. Services were restored late Monday night, however.

"With outages like the ones we have, it is important the public have a backup plan for communications," Klug said. "If your cell phone doesn't work, how would you call 9-1-1? Do you still have a landline? What provider does your neighbor have?"

This reminder was timely, as Gov. Tony Evers has declared September as Preparedness Month.

PARADE from page 1

bags for candy and shrieked with delight as they darted out to collect their share of the goodies. They were also treated to juggling, encounters with Vincent and the other creatures that inhabit the Haunted Sawmill, a chance to peek at the Fire Pup in the bucket atop Merrill Fire Truck #63, and the opportunity to shake hands with Smoky the Bear. Cotton candy and snow cone vendors traveled along the route offering treats for sale, and some parade entrants passed out bottled water, freeze ice, stretchy bracelets, and pencils, as well.

The bright sunny weather with blue skies, mild temperatures, and a light breeze provided the perfect backdrop for this year's parade.



The American and Wisconsin state flags were at the front of Merrill's Annual Labor Day Parade on Monday, followed by representatives of the VFW, American Legion, DAV, Ladies Auxiliary, and Mar-Lin post, along with the Boy Scouts.

Tina L. Scott photo.



One young man waves an American flag as he watches the parade go by.

Emily Gibson photo.



Young and old alike are impressed by an area man who can both juggle and ride a unicycle ... and at the same time!

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Jeff Zettler greets his granddaughter, unbeknownst to her, as Smoky the Bear accompanies area fire trucks in the Merrill Labor Day parade.

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What's a parade without candy? One little girl runs out to get a few pieces after she overcame her initial shyness.

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"Square 'Em Up" square dancers twirled and danced on their tractor-drawn wagon, while other dancers flanked the wagon and worked the crowd.

Tina L. Scott photo.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Facebook Zucks

Dear Reader,

Anyone who cares about keeping our country out of the control of a single god-like dictator should read "An Ugly Truth: Inside Facebook's Battle for Domination." The book lays out the sickening tale of Facebook's rise to dominance in the news distribution business and the frightening effects this is having in our world.



Facebook should be broken up and closely regulated, for four good reasons.

1. Facebook is a monopoly. It has billions of users on Facebook, What's App, and Instagram, and it has a market capitalization – the value of its stock – of over a trillion dollars. There is growing evidence that Facebook uses its monopoly power to buy out would-be competitors or squash them out of business, thereby securing for itself unusually high profit margins.

2. Facebook invasively tracks every single individual on its app and sells the individual profiles it constructs to advertisers, some of whom have not been ethical in their use of the data.

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4. Facebook is unaccountable for the content it distributes. Under Section 230 of US Code governing communications, it cannot be sued for libel, even though lives are damaged and destroyed through the false information it allows on its platform.

Please call or write to Congress today asking them to break Facebook up for the long-term welfare of our communities. Thank you for your time.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

CAR SHOW from page 1

Individuals, couples, and families came down to check out the vehicles and enjoy food from the local food stands - cheese curds and cheeseburgers, lemonade, French fries, and more - as well, a wonderful return to an annual end-of-summer ritual before settling into the routines of the school year and the autumn soon to come.



Admirers gathered around vehicles to check out all of their features at the Labor Day Car Show in Merrill.



A colorful sea of automobiles drew car enthusiasts to Merrill on Labor Day. **Tina L. Scott photos.**

CONCERT from page 2

Living River concert in the area, although, there was no concert last year due to COVID.

Living River, a quartet comprised of four central Wisconsin Christian men, perform a blend of contemporary praise and worship, gospel, and acappella styles. "They remind me a lot of the Oak Ridge Boys and include several of their songs in their concert," said Sharon Karow, who helps organize the entertainment each year. "In fact, they opened for the Oak Ridge Boys when they played in Wausau [some years ago]."

"Living River is a Christian group playing a mix of country and Christian music and a good witness to the Merrill community, especially when we see this world in turmoil," she added. "So we hope people from the area will gather together, relax, and enjoy uplifting music."

Prior to the concert, Trinity's new Director of Christian Education, Devan Arnston, and Trinity's youth group will have hot dog and hamburger meals available for purchase, starting at 5:00 p.m., and Trinity will give free goodie gift bags to the first 100 children who attend.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets, organizers say.

In case of rain, the concert and events will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 107 State St., in Merrill.

OBITUARIES



Marjorie L. Meyer, 89, of Merrill, passed away on Sunday, August 29, 2021, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Merrill. Marjorie was born March 10, 1932, in Merrill, daughter of the late Arnold and Margaret (Savaske) Zimmerman. Marjorie was a homemaker and stay at home mom to her children. She enjoyed playing bingo and cards, taking casino trips, visiting her sister in the Northwoods, Sunday afternoon rides, and visiting with her friends at Jenny Towers.

Marjorie is survived by her six children, Sharon (Bill) Schneider, Julie (Mark) Lambrecht, Dave Meyer, Keith 'Harvey' (JoAnn) Meyer, and Paul Meyer, all of Merrill, and Harley (Sherry) Meyer of Mosinee; her son-in-law, Frank Shaver of Shawano; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Jake Zimmerman, Buck (Judy) Zimmerman, and Chuck (Karla) Zimmerman all of Merrill, Dorothy McGurt of Fifield, and Susan Thompson of Arkansas. Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents; three children, Mark Meyer, Nancy Meyer, and Donna Shaver; and three siblings, Phyllis Cole, Barbara Evertt, and Shirley Anderson.

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



Shirley 'Shirlee' J. Gathercoal, age 94, passed away on Friday, August 27, 2021, at Woodland Court Elder Services in Merrill. She was born on April 10, 1927, to the late Edward and Blanche (Jordan) Larson in Kansas City, Missouri. Shirlee attended and graduated with honors from high school.

Shirlee worked as a transcriber at a large insurance firm in Chicago, IL for over 20 years, until her retirement. She spent most of her adult life in

Chicago, IL. Family was a priority in Shirlee's life, and she would look forward to family gatherings and holiday get-togethers. She is remembered as a classy lady that was always a very snappy dresser! Shirlee was a strong, independent woman that also had a great sense of humor. Donating to the Lincoln County Humane Society was very important to her, as she loved her pets, especially her cats. Shirlee will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Shirlee is survived by her daughter: Vickie Vonsegger of Merrill, sister-in-law: Carol Larson and many extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter: Susan Gathercoal, son-in-law: Peter Vonsegger, sisters: Juanita Dahlman and Nancy Overman and brother: Charles Larson.

Donations to the Lincoln County Humane Society in Shirlee's name are encouraged.

A Celebration of Life for Shirlee will take place at a later date.

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.



Rose Marie Pierce, age 57, of Merrill, WI, passed away peacefully on August 30, 2021, at home while under the care of hospice while surrounded by her loving family after a courageous 3 1/2-year battle with glioblastoma (brain cancer).

Rose was born on August 26, 1964, at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, IL and was the daughter to the late Walter Kanitz Sr. and Bertha Kanitz. Her mother survives. She had just celebrated her 57th birthday.

Rose graduated from Merrill High School with the class of 1983. After high school she attended Northcentral Technical

College where she earned an associate degree in Medical Transcription. She worked for Marshfield clinic and recently The Family Foot and Ankle in Weston doing medical transcription for over 20 years.

Rose met Herb Pierce Jr. and exchanged marriage vows on June 8, 1991. They just celebrated 30 years of marriage. Rose liked the outdoors, whether it was planting in her flower gardens, feeding and watching the birds in her back yard or being at their camper in Pardeeville, WI where she called that home away from home. She also enjoyed family vacations to South Dakota and Florida, shopping, cooking, and spending time with her two daughters and grandson, Hudson. He was her pride and joy. Rose was an avid sports fan and was always looking forward to cheering on the Green Bay Packers. She will be remembered as a gentle soul and the rock of her family. Rose was a survivor and fought hard. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her loving husband Herb Pierce Jr; two daughters, Rosezanna (Matt) Pierce and Samantha Pierce of Merrill, WI; one grandson, Hudson Schult; mother, Bertha Kanitz, Merrill, WI; two sisters, Julie (Mark) Kroepelin, Wausau, WI, and Lisa (Randy) Kjellstrom, Middleton, WI; and one brother Walter (Missy) Kanitz, Merrill, WI. She was preceded in death by her father and nephew, Austin Kanitz.

A Celebration of Life for Rose will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 12 noon at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill. Pastor Mike Southcombe will officiate. Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 10am until the time of the service, also at the church. Burial of Rose's cremated remains will immediately follow the service and take place at Snow Hill Cemetery in the town of Scott.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the care team at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and Compassus Hospice Care of Rhinelander.

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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CITY OF MERRILL COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES TUESDAY AUGUST 10, 2021 Regular Meeting City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 PM 1. Call to Order Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Attendee Name, Title, Status, Arrived Paul Russell, Alderperson - First District, Present Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District, Present Rick Blake, Alderperson - Third District, Remote Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District, Present John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District, Present Mike Rick, Alderperson - Sixth District, Present Mark Weix, Alderperson - Seventh District, Present Steve Sabatke, Alderperson - Eighth District, Present Derek Woellner, Mayor, Present 2. Silent Prayer 3. Pledge of Allegiance 4. Roll Call 5. Public Comment Period Nathan Meyer provided verbal information on a "video history" project in which he is currently involved. Bryan Plautz spoke in favor of the two funding requests from the Fraternal Order of Eagles. LaDonna Fermanich spoke in favor of the liquor license application from Boxkar. She hopes that 2020 City Audit information will be available soon. She finished by making comments in response to recent Facebook posts by Mayor Woellner. Michael Porath spoke in favor of the two funding requests from the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He also spoke in favor of the liquor license application from Boxkar. 6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s): 1. Minutes of July 13, 2021 meeting Motion (Osness/Russell) to approve. RESULT: APPROVED 7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s): 1. Revenue & Expense Report for the Period Ending July 31, 2021 Motion (Hass/Rick) to approve. RESULT: APPROVED 8. Communications and Petitions: 1. Insurance claim from Attorney Christine Bremer Muggli, on behalf of Vicki Pfeifer, for injuries from an incident (August 22, 2018), in which Vicki Pfeifer tripped and fell over a piece of concrete

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left in the sidewalk by a contractor. The City's insurance carrier recommends that this claim be disallowed. This is based on the fact that an investigation revealed that the City was not negligent or liable for this incident, as the City did not have prior notice of the condition which allegedly caused this incident. Motion (Hass/Rick) to disallow the claim. RESULT: DISALLOWED 9. General agenda items: 1. Employee Years of Service Recognition: Robert L. Krueger (Street Department), 10 years City Clerk Heideman read a certificate of recognition for Robert Krueger. 10. Board of Public Works: 1. Discussion on Water Tower Repair/Funding. The Board of Public Works recommends approving the low quote (Contractor Quote 1) of \$111,280 from KLM Engineering Inc. to replace two pipes on the Taylor Street Water Tower, using American Rescue Plan funding. Motion (Van Lieshout/Weix) to approve. Motion (Van Lieshout/Weix) to amend by deleting the language that specifies a funding source. Motion to amend carried. RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED 2. Consider Fiber Phase 3 Bids. The Board of Public Works recommends approving the low bid of \$159,277.35 from Underground Systems. Motion (Van Lieshout/Sabatke) to approve the low bid. RESULT: APPROVED 11. Committee of the Whole: 1. The Committee recommends approving the request from the Merrill Baseball Association for \$13,151 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding grant program, to help fund the Merrill Bluejay Baseball Tournament. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [7 TO 1] MOVER: John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District SECONDER: Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District AYES: Russell, Hass, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke NAYS: Blake 2. The Committee recommends approving the request from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Merrill Aerie #584 for \$1,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding grant program, to help fund the Prime Rib Challenge. Motion (Russell/Weix) to approve this agenda item and the next agenda item. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [7 TO 1] AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Weix, Sabatke NAYS: Rick 3. The Committee recommends approving the request from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Merrill Aerie #584 for \$9,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding grant program, to help fund six Pancake Breakfasts. See previous agenda item. 4. The Committee recommends approving the request from the Merrill Lions Club for \$2,835 from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding grant program, to help fund the Merrill Lions Club Labor Day Car Show. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [6 TO 2] MOVER: Paul Russell, Alderperson - First District SECONDER: Steve Sabatke, Alderperson - Eighth District AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Van Lieshout, Weix, Sabatke NAYS: Osness, Rick 5. The Committee recommends approving \$3,000 of the \$8,500 request from the Sawmill Brewing Company (American Rescue Plan Act Funding grant program), to help fund the Race to the Taps. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [6 TO 2] MOVER: Paul Russell, Alderperson - First District SECONDER: John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District AYES: Russell, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Weix, Sabatke NAYS: Hass, Rick 6. The Committee recommends approving \$6,004.67 (American Rescue Plan Act Funding program) for the Merrill Wrestling Club (requested amount was \$17,762). RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [5 TO 2] MOVER: Mark Weix, Alderperson - Seventh District SECONDER: John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District AYES: Russell, Blake, Van Lieshout, Weix, Sabatke NAYS: Hass, Rick ABSTAIN: Osness 7. The Committee recommends approving \$6,004.67 (American Rescue Plan Act Funding program) for the Merrill Football Booster Club (requested amount was \$15,450). RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [4 TO 3] MOVER: Paul Russell, Alderperson - First District

8. The Committee recommends approving \$6,004.67 (American Rescue Plan Act Funding program) for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (requested amount was \$17,500). Motion (Hass/Weix) to approve. On roll call vote, motion failed 3-5. Voting Yes - Alderman Hass, Alderman Van Lieshout and Alderman Weix. 12. Health and Safety Committee: 1. Consider application from Bubba's Pub, LLC, for a Class "B" (beer) and a "Class B" (liquor) license for Bubba's Pub, 405 Grand Avenue, effective August 12, 2021. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval. Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve. RESULT: APPROVED 2. Consider application from Boxkar Rentals, LLC, for a Class "B" (beer) and a "Class B" (liquor) license for Boxkar, 701 East Second Street, effective August 11, 2021. The Health and Safety Committee makes no recommendation on the application. Motion (Blake) to disapprove. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Motion (Sabatke/Van Lieshout) to approve. Alderman Russell requested that floor privileges be granted to anyone who wanted to speak on this agenda item. Without objection, it was so ordered. Police Chief Corey Bennett, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Darin Pagel and Eric Dayton spoke. Roll call vote on motion to approve resulted in a 4-4 tie. Voting No - Alderman Hass, Alderman Blake, Alderman Rick and Alderman Weix. Mayor Woellner broke the tie by voting No. Therefore, the motion to approve failed. 3. Consider application from Trinity Lutheran Church for a temporary Class "B" (picnic) license to sell fermented malt beverages in the parking lot at Trinity Lutheran Church, 107 N. State Street, in conjunction with a Block Party on August 29, 2021. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval. Motion (Osness/Van Lieshout) to approve. RESULT: APPROVED 13. Personnel and Finance Committee: 1. Review of 2021 borrowing plan, including Finance Director proposed revisions. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approving all the revisions proposed by Finance Director Unertl. Motion (Hass/Osness) to approve all proposed revisions. RESULT: APPROVED 2. Consider disposal of Fire Engine #61 via Wisconsin Surplus Auction site. Alderman Hass is bringing this agenda item directly to the Common Council. Motion (Hass/Van Lieshout) to approve. RESULT: APPROVED 14. Redevelopment Authority: 1. Consider TID No. 7 2021 budget amendment of \$175,000 for East Tenth Street (between N. Mill St. & N. Spruce St.) utility infrastructure and gravel base to facilitate new residential development. The Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Paul Russell, Alderperson - First District SECONDER: Mark Weix, Alderperson - Seventh District AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke 15. Placing Committee Reports on File: 1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, City Plan Commission, Committee of the Whole, Health & Safety Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel & Finance Committee and Redevelopment Authority. Motion (Hass/Osness) to place on file. RESULT: PLACED ON FILE 16. Ordinances: 1. An Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-37, to prohibit "Class A" licensees from selling intoxicating liquor between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. This complies with Wisconsin State Statutes 125.68(4) (b) (Ordinance #2021-13). City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading. Motion (Hass/Russell) to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. Carried. City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a second reading and a third reading by title only. RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District SECONDER: Mark Weix, Alderperson - Seventh District

17. Resolutions: 1. Initial Resolution authorizing \$595,000 General Obligation Bonds for Street Improvement Projects (Resolution #2694). BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$595,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of street improvement projects. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District SECONDER: Rick Blake, Alderperson - Third District AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke 2. Initial Resolution authorizing \$45,000 General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Public Grounds Projects (Resolution #2695). BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of parks and public grounds projects. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District SECONDER: Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke 3. Initial Resolution authorizing \$95,000 General Obligation Bonds for Library Projects (Resolution #2696). BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$95,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of library projects. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District SECONDER: Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke 4. Initial Resolution authorizing \$115,000 General Obligation Bonds for Water System Projects (Resolution #2697). BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$115,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of water system projects. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District SECONDER: John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke 5. Initial Resolution authorizing \$830,000 General Obligation Bonds for Community Development Projects in Tax Incremental Districts (Resolution #2698). BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$830,000 for the public purpose of providing financial assistance to community development projects under

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Section 66.1105, Wisconsin Statutes, by paying project costs included in the project plans for the City's Tax Incremental Districts. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Paul Russell, Alderperson - First District SECONDER: John M. Van Lieshout, Alderperson - Fifth District AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke 6. Resolution providing for the sale of not to exceed \$1,680,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds (Resolution #2699). WHEREAS, the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin (the "City") has adopted initial resolutions (the "Initial Resolutions") authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for the following public purposes and in the following amounts: (a) \$595,000 for street improvement projects; (b) \$45,000 for parks and public grounds projects; (c) \$95,000 for library projects; (d) \$115,000 for water system projects; and (e) \$830,000 for providing financial assistance to community development projects under Section 66.1105, Wisconsin Statutes, by paying project costs included in the project plans for the City's Tax Incremental Districts; and WHEREAS, the Common Council hereby finds and determines that the projects described in the Initial Resolutions are within the City's power to undertake and therefore serve a "public purpose" as that term is defined in Section 67.04(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City that: Section 1. Combination of Issues. The issues referred to above are hereby combined into one issue of bonds designated "General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds" (the "Bonds") in an amount not to exceed \$1,680,000 for the purposes above specified. Section 2. Sale of the Bonds. The Common Council hereby authorizes and directs that the Bonds be offered for public sale. At a subsequent meeting, the Common Council shall consider such bids for the Bonds as may have been received and take action thereon. Section 3. Notice of Sale. The City Clerk (in consultation with Ehlers & Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers")) be and hereby is directed to cause notice of the sale of the Bonds to be disseminated in such manner and at such times as the City Clerk may determine and to cause copies of a complete Notice of Sale and other pertinent data to be forwarded to interested bidders as the City Clerk may determine. Section 4. Official Statement. The City Clerk (in consultation with Ehlers & Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers")) shall cause an Official Statement to be prepared and distributed. The appropriate City officials shall determine when the Official Statement is final for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 and shall certify said Official Statement, such certification to constitute full authorization of such Official Statement under this resolution. RESULT: APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Steve Hass, Alderperson - Second District SECONDER: Steve Osness, Alderperson - Fourth District AYES: Russell, Hass, Blake, Osness, Van Lieshout, Rick, Weix, Sabatke 18. Mayor's Communications Mayor Woellner reminded everyone that the Lincoln County Fair will be from August 11th to August 15th. The Northwoods Veteran's Post will have grand opening ceremonies on September 11th. All are invited to attend. Mayor Woellner thanked Nick Wszalek, John Degner and Brad Becker (plus his children) for their work at the Merrill Festival Grounds, particularly their efforts in restoring the Cattle Barn. 19. Adjournment Motion (Hass/Russell) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 8:06 P.M. Published Sept. 9, 2021 WNAXLP

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**
Amended
**Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing**
Case No. 21-CV-100

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Thomas Lee Davis

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Thomas Lee Davis

To: Thomas Lee Raymond Briggs

Birth Certificate: Thomas Lee Davis

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Robert R. Russell

Place: 1110 East Main Street, Branch 2, Merrill, WI 54452

Date: 10/7/21

Time: 10:00 am

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Merrill Foto News, a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.

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CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**
Case No. 21CV42
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PREVAIL BANK
Plaintiff,

v.

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1322 W. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
PIN of 251-3106-104-0198

Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), Block Five (5) of Wisconsin Valley Lumber Co.'s Addition to the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

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GENERAL FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	5,023,606.05	6,077,302.90	6,509,551.71
Ending Fund Balance	6,077,302.90	6,509,551.71	6,509,552.13
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	10,913,187.99	10,826,031.03	9,988,382.40
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	5,500,635.60	7,309,316.22	6,772,977.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	147,778.76	190,773.340	142,260.00
State Sources (Source 600)	20,977,822.95	20,724,038.45	21,518,754.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	624,282.52	1,254,915.13	2,450,201.37
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	182,343.14	228,250.10	336,100.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	182,343.14	40,533,324.27	41,208,674.77
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	17097487.62	17090432.21	18227837.13
Support Services (Function 200 000)	14,793,377.67	15,933,618.99	16,511,999.22
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	5,401,488.82	7,077,024.26	6,468,838.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	37,292,354.11	40,101,075.46	41,208,674.35

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	110,805.26	117,945.49	129,023.49
Ending Fund Balance	191,601.38	117,410.77	129,023.78
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	6,847,577.66	7,280,276.03	7,719,939.27
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	6,766,781.54	7,280,810.75	7,719,938.98

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	94,580.02	82,897.81	85,696.81
Ending Fund Balance	82,897.81	79,794.15	86,096.81
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,759,524.37	571,156.18	547,003.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,771,206.58	574,259.84	546,603.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	160,687.13	160,687.13	190,690.13
Ending Fund Balance	190,842.69	1,991,000.71	2,931,371.71
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	30,155.56	1,800,158.02	940,371.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	191,440.74	162,020.88	469,426.59
Ending Fund Balance	162,020.88	469,426.59	469,427.01
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,193,525.76	1,203,504.46	1,372,418.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,222,945.62	896,098.75	1,372,417.58

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	24,869.95
Ending Fund Balance	120,529.95	24,869.95	37,385.25
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	149,820.50	175,752.50	180,135.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	29,290.55	150,882.55	167,619.70

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	-19.79	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	-19.79	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	64,196.00	19.79	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	64,215.79	0.00	0.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	47,146,794.19	49,003,127.35	51,015,253.61
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	3,957,186.00	5,460,815.85	4,839,349.00
Expenditures (FUND 30)	1,183,351.74	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	42,006,256.45	43,542,311.50	46,175,904.61
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR	0.00	3.66%	6.05%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
General Fund	10,231,050	10,690,224.00	9,713,851.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	582,245.00	570,760.00	546,603.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	138,745.00	166,135.00	166,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	10,952,040.00	11,427,119.00	10,426,454.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		4.34%	-8.76%

The below listed new or discontinued programs have a financial impact on the proposed budget:

DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS	FINANCIAL IMPACT
Closed One Elementary School (Jefferson)	700,000.00
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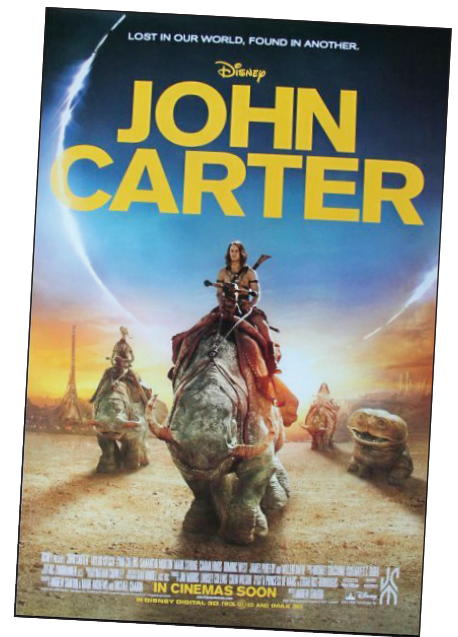
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Movie Reviews

John Carter

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

(Now streaming on many platforms)

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Rated PG-13 – For action peril.

My friends, once again I am giving you a film that may have slipped past you because of an updated deadline due to the holiday and the fact that my beautiful wife was called out of town, and I was forbidden from seeing the new Marvel film, *Shang-Chi: legend of the Ten Rings* without her. But ya know what? That's cool by me, because *John Carter* is a film that deserved a better fate than what it received.

Released in 2012 by Disney and accompanied by what can only be described as the worst marketing campaign I have ever seen, and I would know, because marketing is what I do, *John Carter* flopped like a fish out of water during its all-too-brief theatrical run.

Starring Taylor Kitsch (*Battleship*) as the title character, the film follows the adventures of Captain Carter, a Civil war vet, as he finds himself, much to his surprise, on Mars.

Also starring Lynn Collins (*X-Men Origins Wolverine*) and Willem Defoe (*Spiderman*), *John Carter* is a good old-fashioned adventure with action, intrigue, and just a dash of good humor.

This is one for the family. You can sit and watch this with the kids, who will get a kick out of Captain Carter's exploits and misnaming (watch and you will understand).

Released by Disney and disappearing faster than you can say "Poof!" *John Carter* is worth seeking out if you are looking for a fun film. I give it two out of five stars, because it screams for you to grab the popcorn, dim the lights, and enjoy a great action adventure.

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2021 Fall HOME IMPROVEMENT

Reduce Your Energy Bills This Fall With These Tips

(Statepoint) The updates you make in fall can prepare your home for the long winter months ahead, helping you stay more comfortable all season while reducing your energy bills and other expenditures. Here are some home improvements to consider, as well as tips and insights for making the most of these upgrades:

• Select insulated siding:

Did you know that most wall insulation is placed only between the studs? Since wall studs represent up to 25% of the wall surface of an average home, that's like having one side of your home with no insulation at all! Check out siding that provides continuous insulation, such as CedarMAX insulated vinyl siding from ProVia, which is not only one of the most energy-efficient exterior claddings on the market, but offers enhanced curb appeal and durability.

• Improve windows and sliding glass doors:

New windows can make a substantial impact on your overall energy efficiency, if you select wisely. To identify the most energy-efficient windows for your home, refer to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) climate zone map, which divides the country into four regions. For each region, the agency provides recommended values for the two major characteristics that affect the energy efficiency of vinyl windows: the U-Factor (which measures the window's insulating value) and the Solar Heat Gain Coefficient (which represents the



amount of heat from the sun that passes through the glass). Learn the specs of any windows you're interested in before making a purchase to ensure they're a good fit for your region.

Wherever you live, make sure the windows and sliding patio doors have been independently tested to meet strict EPA energy efficiency standards, and check to see that the windows are ENERGY STAR Certified. The ecoLite, Aspect, Endure and Aeris lines from ProVia all

offer comfort and energy efficiency, as well as optional upgrades that can help make an additional dent in your energy bill or add aesthetic appeal. Some lines come standard with ComforTech Warm Edge Glazing, a high-tech glass package that measurably improves thermal performance for less heat loss, warmer glass temperatures and reduced interior condensation. Finally, be sure any new products are delivering their full value with a proper installation that eliminates drafts.

• Seek further savings:

Did you know that by installing energy efficient products, you may be eligible to receive an energy tax credit? When purchasing products for your home, consider shopping with companies that are clear about the status of their products, as well as provide needed documentation certifying your eligibility.

• Pass it on:

Environmental stewardship is a valuable lesson to impart to the next generation. While you make energy-saving updates to your home, consider checking out free resources that can help your children understand why this matters. For example, the "Sammy the Star" ENERGY STAR Educational Program, found at provia.com/energy-star, teaches children about the importance of saving energy.

Energy savings and environmental protection go hand-in-hand. This fall, consider home upgrades that prioritize both.

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7 uses for fallen leaves

By the time autumn hits full swing, many trees will have shed their leaves for the season, and the last vestiges of red, yellow and orange magic will have faded to brown. Raking, blowing and collecting leaves becomes the primary chores of lawn and yard maintenance, and presents most homeowners with large piles of gathered leaves to tend to. It is impossible to count just how many leaves fall to the ground each year, or just how many pounds of leaves get collected curbside, but the numbers are substantial. Cleaning up leaves is considerable work, but not all of those leaves need to be carted away. In fact, there are several different uses of leaves that can be beneficial.

- 1 Spread leaves as a protective mulch to cover tender perennials or root crops/bulbs in the ground. The leaves will form a natural insulating cover that keeps the soil and the plants within a bit warmer over winter.
- 2 Create a pile of leaves that will break down and form a crumbly, compost-like material called leaf mold. Even though leaf mold may sound like a blight, it's actually a good amendment to garden soil, improving its structure and ability to hold water. Leaf mold also attracts beneficial organisms that are vital in healthy soil.
- 3 Brown leaves can be added to green materials in compost piles to improve the health of the compost being formed. According to the healthy living resource Care2, the ideal ratio is 75 percent brown to 25 percent green materials in compost. Turn compost piles regularly to aerate them.
- 4 Store dried, mulched leaves in a dry spot so they can be used in the spring as a weed barrier for spring plantings. They will keep weeds at bay and help retain soil moisture to ensure small sprouts have the resources to grow.
- 5 Use shredded leaves as a lawn supplement. Pass a lawn mower over leaves left on the lawn to break them down into pieces too small to rake. This will help keep the lawn healthy throughout the winter without blocking out needed sunlight.
- 6 Bag dried leaves and pack them tightly together in cold areas of the home, such as basements or garages. They can act as added insulation. Bags of leaves also can be placed around planting containers to protect them from frost.
- 7 Gather a few of the best-looking leaves and preserve them. Use an iron on a low setting and press leaves between two pieces of waxed paper until the waxed paper seals together. Or use clear contact paper to achieve the same effect. Fallen leaves can be used in many different ways throughout the year.

What to Know When Updating Your Home's Siding

(StatePoint) With climate change spurring an uptick in extreme weather events in recent years, homeowners today know that to keep their property -- and the people in it -- best protected, the siding they select matters.

"Not only will the right materials better insulate against extreme temperatures, but durable materials will also help guard against wicked weather and storms," says Jon Lapp, siding project manager, ProVia. "And of course, siding has a major impact on the look of your home exterior."

The good news is that you don't need to sacrifice curb appeal in the pursuit of high-quality siding. Here's what to know when making this important upgrade:

• Materials:

Your choice of materials can impact how you feel about your house for years to come. To that end, consider the most popular home siding material, which, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Construction, is vinyl siding. First introduced in the 1960s, its popularity is no accident. Thanks to its low cost, ease of installation, minimal maintenance and long-term beauty and durability, it's a favorite choice among installers and homeowners. Just be sure that the siding you select is formulated with weather- and heat-resistant materials, as well as UV blockers to protect against color fade.

• Insulation:

Did you know that most wall insulation is placed only between the studs? Since wall studs represent up to 25% of the wall surface of an average home, that's like having one entire wall with no insulation at all. Insulated siding blankets your home, providing continuous insulation between the studs and exterior wall of your home. Look for insulated siding options that are tested and proven to increase the R-value (a measure of a material's resistance to heat flow) of an exterior wall. One such option is CedarMAX insulated vinyl siding from ProVia. One of the most energy-efficient exterior claddings on the market, it can help reduce your energy bills. It's also built with a strong, rigid foam backing that can bridge



the subtle bows and dips present on almost every wall. This will make for longer, straighter panels for increased curb appeal, as well as greater impact resistance against rain, hail and contact with your child's fastball. And because it resists fading, chalking, cracking, peeling and thermal expansion and contraction, it will have a longer, more environmentally-sustainable life.

• Color:

Color and beauty are huge factors in your home improvement decision. To get it right, start by using the color selection tools on your manufacturer's website. It's important to know that the monitor settings on your device can impact the way the color displays, so contact the dealer to see real color samples made from its actual products before making a final decision. Choose from classic whites, earth tones, bright and colorful shades, or bold, darker hues. Just be sure your beautiful new siding contains anti-weathering ingredients that prevent weather and sun exposure from causing it to fade.

Additional siding information and resources can be found by visiting provia.com/siding.

"Approach this home improvement project carefully. With the power to boost your home's beauty and energy efficiency, new siding can offer a great return on investment and protect your home for years to come," says Lapp.



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- **5:45 a.m.:** Two of the hijackers pass through security at Portland International Airport in Maine. The men will take a short flight to Boston Logan International Airport, where they will join three other hijackers and board American Airlines Flight 11.
- **6:00 a.m.:** In New York City, polling stations open for primary elections.
- **7:59 a.m.:** American Airlines Flight 11 takes off from Boston with 11 crew members, 76 passengers, and 5 hijackers on board. The plane, which will eventually crash into the North tower at the World Trade Center, is filled with more than 76,000 pounds of fuel.
- **8:15 a.m.:** United Airlines Flight 175 takes off from Boston with 9 crew members, 51 passengers, and 5 hijackers on board. This flight also is loaded with 76,000 pounds of fuel.
- **8:19 a.m.:** American Airlines ground personnel are alerted by flight attendant Betty Ann Ong that Flight 11 is being hijacked. This call lasts roughly 25 minutes and Ong reports that the cockpit is unreachable. In the moments before Ong's call, one of the hijackers stabbed Daniel M. Lewin, who was sitting in front of him in first class. Lewin is likely the first person killed in the 9/11 attacks.
- **8:20 a.m.:** American Airlines Flight 77 takes off from Washington Dulles International Airport. The flight has 49,900 pounds of fuel and is carrying 6 crew members, 53 passengers and 5 hijackers.
- **8:21 a.m.:** The transponder on Flight 11 is turned off. This device is meant to allow air traffic controllers to identify and monitor the flight path of a plane.
- **8:24 a.m.:** One of the hijackers of Flight 11 unwittingly broadcasts a message to air traffic controllers alerting them to the attacks. The hijacker was attempting to communicate with passengers and crew within the cabin.
- **8:30 a.m.:** Around this time, roughly 80 people have already begun gathering on the 106th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center for a financial technology conference. The conference is one of many events on the Trade Center schedule that day.
- **8:37 a.m.:** The Boston Air Traffic Control Center alerts the military that a hijacking is under way.
- **8:42 a.m.:** United Airlines Flight 93 takes off from Newark International Airport. The flight was due to take off at roughly the same time as the other hijacked planes, but was delayed due to routine traffic. Seven crew members, 33 passengers and 4 hijackers are on board. The flight is filled with 48,700 pounds of fuel.
- **8:46 a.m.:** Five hijackers crash Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Hundreds, including everyone on board the flight, are killed instantly. The crash severs all 3 emergency stairwells, trapping hundreds of people above the 91st floor.
- **8:46 a.m.:** Police, paramedics, and firefighters are sent to the North Tower.
- **8:50 a.m.:** While visiting an elementary school in Florida, U.S. President George W. Bush is notified that a small plane has hit the North Tower.
- **8:52 a.m.:** A flight attendant aboard Flight 175 reaches a United Airlines operator in San Francisco and reports the flight is being hijacked. By 9:00 a.m., various passengers on Flight 175 have called family members.
- **8:55 a.m.:** The Port Authority informs people inside the South Tower via a public address system that the building is secure and there is no need to evacuate.
- **8:59 a.m.:** The Port Authority Police Department orders both towers evacuated. One minute later Captain Anthony Whitaker expands the order to include all civilians in the entire World Trade Center complex.
- **9:02 a.m.:** An evacuation order is broadcast in the South Tower.
- **9:03 a.m.:** Five hijackers crash Flight 175 into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower. All onboard the flight are killed, as are an unknown number of people inside the building. Two of the three emergency stairwells are impassable and most elevator cables are severed, trapping many people above the impact zone and inside elevator cars.
- **9:03 a.m.:** A second call for mobilization brings the total number of New York City Police Department officers responding to the scene to roughly 2,000. In addition, the New York City Fire Department issues a fifth alarm and deploys several hundred additional firefighters to the scene.
- **9:05 a.m.:** President Bush is informed that a second plane has crashed into the World Trade Center.
- **9:12 a.m.:** Flight attendant Renée A. May calls her mother and tells her that hijackers have seized control of Flight 77. When May's call is disconnected, she calls American Airlines.

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"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is not time for hate."

Sandy Dahl,
wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl

President George W. Bush's address to the nation on September 11, 2001

On the evening of September 11, 2001, United States President George W. Bush addressed a nation that earlier that day witnessed the deadliest terrorist attacks in world history. That morning, hijackers took control of four airplanes, ultimately crashing two into the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center in New York City and another into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A fourth hijacked plane crashed in a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers and crew attempted to regain control of the plane from the hijackers. All passengers and crew on board all four flights died on September 11, and thousands of others on the ground lost their lives that day, as well. It was under those conditions that President Bush delivered the following speech to a shaken nation.



“ Good evening. Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts. The victims were in airplanes, or in their offices; secretaries, businessmen and women, military and federal workers; moms and dads, friends and neighbors. Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror.

The pictures of airplanes flying into buildings, fires burning, huge structures collapsing, have filled us with disbelief, terrible sadness, and a quiet, unyielding anger. These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. But they have failed; our country is strong.

A great people has been moved to defend a great nation. Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.

America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining.

Today, our nation saw evil, the very worst of human nature. And we responded with the best of America — with the daring of our rescue workers, with the caring for strangers and neighbors who came to give blood and help in any way they could.

Immediately following the first attack, I implemented our government's emergency response plans. Our military is powerful, and it's prepared. Our emergency teams are working in New York City and Washington, D.C. to help with local rescue efforts.

Our first priority is to get help to those who have been injured, and to take every precaution to protect our citizens at home and around the world from further attacks.

The functions of our government continue without interruption. Federal agencies in Washington which had to be evacuated today are reopening for essential personnel tonight, and will be open for business tomorrow. Our financial institutions remain strong, and the American economy will be open for business, as well.

The search is underway for those who are behind these evil acts. I've directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice. We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.

I appreciate so very much the members of Congress who have joined me in strongly condemning these attacks. And on behalf of the American people, I thank the many world leaders who have called to offer their condolences and assistance.

America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world, and we stand together to win the war against terrorism. Tonight, I ask for your prayers for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security has been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us, spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me."

This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time. None of us will ever forget this day. Yet, we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.

Thank you. Good night, and God bless America.




Did you know?

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, were perpetrated on American soil and in American airspace, but the tragedy that unfolded on 9/11 affected countries across the globe. The attacks on 9/11 claimed the lives of citizens of 78 countries. People around the world mourned those who perished in the attacks, and various world leaders made comments that reflected the global impact of the senseless acts of violence that were perpetrated on 9/11. The comments from then-German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder reflect how shaken the world was in the aftermath of the attacks. "They were not only attacks on the people in the United States, our friends in America," Schroeder said, "but also against the entire civilized world, against our own freedom, against our own values, values which we share with the American people."

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- **9:30 a.m.:** Amidst reports of additional hijacked planes, the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management at 7 World Trade Center is evacuated.
- **9:37 a.m.:** Hijackers crash Flight 77 into the Pentagon. All 53 passengers and 6 crew members perish, and 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground are killed in the fire caused by the crash.
- **9:42 a.m.:** The Federal Aviation Administration grounds all flights, ordering all civilian planes in United States airspace to land. Departures also are prohibited.
- **9:45 a.m.:** Evacuations at the White House and the U.S. Capitol begin. Both the House of Representatives and Senate are in session at the time the evacuation begins.
- **9:58 a.m.:** Flight 93 is flying so low to the ground that passenger Edward P. Felt is able to reach an emergency 911 operator in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.
- **9:59 a.m.:** The South Tower collapses after burning for 56 minutes. The tower collapses in just 10 seconds.
- **9:59 a.m.:** Continuity-of-government procedures are implemented for the first known time in American history.
- **10:03 a.m.:** Four hijackers crash Flight 93 into a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. All 33 passengers and 7 crew members on board perish. Passengers and crew had stormed the cockpit, and the plane ultimately crashes just 20 minutes' flying time from Washington, D.C.
- **10:15 a.m.:** The E Ring of the Pentagon collapses.
- **10:28 a.m.:** The North Tower collapses after burning for 102 minutes. More than 1,600 people are killed as a result of the attack on the North Tower.
- **11:02 a.m.:** New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani urges the evacuation of lower Manhattan.
- **12:16 p.m.:** The last flight still in the air above the continental United States lands. Within two and a half hours, U.S. airspace has been cleared of roughly 4,500 commercial and general aviation planes.



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The 9/11 Memorial

Among the more indelible images to emerge on September 11, 2001, was the sight of two planes crashing into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center. Still photos and video footage of those planes flying into the Twin Towers were the first images of the attacks many Americans saw, and no one who watched events unfold that morning will ever forget those images.

Though both the North and South Towers fell on that day, today the site where each tower once stood is a serene retreat in the bustling lower Manhattan neighborhood that was shaken to its core on the day of the attacks. The 9/11 Memorial was designed by architect Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter Walker. The 9/11 Memorial and Museum notes that Arad and Walker's proposal was chosen in a design competition that featured 5,201 submissions from 63 countries.

The 9/11 Memorial is located on the western side of the former World Trade Center where the Twin Towers once stood. Two enormous reflecting pools are part of the Memorial Plaza, which is where the North and South Towers once stood. The pools feature the two largest man-made

waterfalls in North America. Around the edges of the pools, the names of people who were killed in the 9/11 attacks in New York, the Pentagon, on Flight 93, and in the 1993 bombing at the World Trade Center are etched in bronze.

In recognition of the crash sites, 400 swamp white oak trees were selected from nurseries located in New York, Pennsylvania, and near Washington, D.C. These trees are located throughout the Memorial Plaza, providing a peaceful respite separate from the surrounding city. The Memorial Plaza also includes one Callery pear tree. That tree was discovered at Ground Zero weeks after the attacks and it was severely damaged. The tree, now known as the Survivor Tree, was nursed back to health by members of the New York City Parks and Recreation Department and returned to the World Trade Center site in 2010, where it still stands as an enduring symbol of resilience and perseverance.

The 9/11 Memorial is free and open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. More information about the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum can be found at www.911memorial.org.

Remembering the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center



Among the more indelible images to emerge from the terrorist attacks on September 11 are the photographs and video footage of two airplanes flying into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. At 8:46 a.m. on the morning of September 11, 2001, 5 hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower. Seventeen minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175 was crashed into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower. Both buildings would ultimately collapse, killing untold numbers of innocent people. The attack on 9/11 was the second terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in less than a decade. On February 26, 1993, approximately 1,200 pounds of explosives in a rental van parked in the underground parking garage of the World Trade Center was detonated by a small cell of terrorists linked to a local radical mosque and an Islamist terror network. The 9/11 Memorial & Museum notes that the explosion created a 5-story, 150-foot-wide crater. The attack injured more than 1,000 people and killed 6, including Monica Rodriguez Smith, who was pregnant. The day of the attack was her last day of work before maternity leave. Two memorials, a fountain, and a brass plaque bearing the names of the victims of the 1993 attack, were ultimately created to commemorate those who lost their lives. Each memorial was destroyed in the attacks on September 11, 2001, but a small piece of the fountain was recovered in the aftermath of 9/11. That piece was rededicated on February 26, 2005.



The Pentagon Memorial

At 9:37 a.m. on September 11, 2001, five hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia. All 53 passengers and 6 crew members perished in the crash, and an additional 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground were killed in the fire caused by the crash.

The hijacking of Flight 77 was part of the broader attack on 9/11, which remains the deadliest terrorist attack in world history. The Pentagon Memorial was created to honor the 184 people whose lives were lost at the Pentagon on 9/11, as well as their families and all those who sacrifice to protect and preserve the freedom of Americans.

The design of the Pentagon Memorial was developed by architects Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman. Their design was chosen from 1,100 submissions.

The Pentagon Memorial sits on two acres of land just outside where Flight 77 struck the building. The memorial includes 184 benches that are dedicated to each of the victims. The benches are organized in a timeline of their ages, stretching from the youngest victim, 3-year-old Dana Falkenberg, to the oldest, 71-year-old

John Yamnicky. Each bench is engraved with a victim's name and arches over a shallow reflecting pool of water, lit from below. The benches for the passengers who were aboard the plane at the time of the crash are positioned so visitors will face the sky when reading the victim's names. The benches dedicated to the victims who were inside the building are positioned so their names and the Pentagon are in the same view.

A curved wall known as the Age Wall also is a significant part of the memorial. The wall increases in height from 3 inches to 71 inches to represent the ages of the victims.

Eighty-five paperbark maple trees were clustered throughout the memorial, and these trees feature foliage that changes to orange and red each fall. The trees will eventually grow to 30 feet, providing a canopy of shade over the memorial.

The Pentagon Memorial is free and open seven days a week year-round, though visitors are urged to contact the Memorial in advance due to potential restrictions or closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information about the Memorial is available at <https://www.washington.org/find-dc-listings/national-911-pentagon-memorial>.

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How communities can commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11



It's been 20 years since the terrorist group Al-Qaeda coordinated a series of four terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. The attacks claimed the lives of more than 2,900 individuals, making them the deadliest terrorist attacks in world history. Despite the tragic loss of life on 9/11, millions of people also drew inspiration from the efforts of heroic first responders who did anything they could to get people to safety. Many of those first responders perished while saving countless lives, and thousands more have suffered long-term health problems related to the attacks. This fall, communities can come together to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 in recognition of both the lives lost and the sacrifices made by first responders and their families.

The 20th anniversary of 9/11 will no doubt evoke responses that span the emotional spectrum. Sadness may dominate such responses, but the anniversary of 9/11 is also a great time to reflect on the efforts of first responders. First responders played a vital role on 9/11, and many lost their lives and/or suffered long-term health consequences resulting from their selfless efforts to save innocent victims of the attacks. In the two decades since the 9/11 attacks, first responders have continued to make countless sacrifices to ensure their communities are safe and peaceful places to call home. The 20th anniversary of 9/11 is a great time to recognize the efforts of all first responders and honor them for all they do.

The Flight 93 National Memorial

At 10:03 a.m. on September 11, 2001, the last of four planes that were hijacked earlier that morning crashed into a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The people behind the 9/11 attacks later claimed the hijackers who commandeered the plane intended to crash it into the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., but passengers and crew stormed the cockpit, prompting the hijackers to crash the plane into the field, which is less than 20 minutes' flying time to Washington, D.C.

The efforts of passengers and crew onboard Flight 93 were nothing short of heroic. Though everyone aboard the flight perished in the crash, the attack on the U.S. Capitol was thwarted, saving untold number of lives. All passengers and crew on board Flight 93 were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal on September 11, 2014.

The Flight 93 National Memorial is located in Stonycreek Township in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, roughly two miles north of Shanksville. The

memorial was opened to family members of the victims on September 10, 2015, and is now open to the public 7 days a week, 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset, though visitors are urged to contact the Memorial in advance due to potential restrictions or closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In September 2005, the Flight 93 Advisory Commission, which included family members of the victims, as well as design and art professionals and community and national leaders, chose a design proposal submitted by Paul Murdoch Architects and Nelson Byrd Woltz Architects from among 1,100 entries.

The Flight 93 National Memorial includes the Tower of Voices, a 93-foot-tall musical instrument that holds 40 wind chimes, one to represent each of the 40 passengers and crew members who perished in the crash. The tower is located on an oval concrete plaza that includes two curved concrete benches facing the opening of the tower. The tower is surrounded by concentric rings



of white pines and deciduous plantings. A live webcam of the Tower of Voices can be viewed at <https://www.flight93friends.org/plan-your-visit/webcams>.

Visitors to the Flight 93 National Memorial can also visit the Memorial Plaza. The Memorial Plaza features the Wall of Names, which is made up of 40 white polished marble stones inscribed with the names of the passengers and crew who were aboard Flight 93 on 9/11. The

Memorial Plaza extends one-quarter mile alongside the area where Flight 93 crashed. Visitors can walk along the Memorial Plaza and view the impact site, including a grove of eastern hemlock trees that were damaged by the crash. A gap in the tree line is still visible and serves as a lasting "scar" of the crash.

More information about the Flight 93 National Memorial is available at <https://www.nps.gov/flni/planyourvisit/index.htm>.



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- Clean your air filters monthly. Dirty filters make HVAC equipment work harder and cause more wear and tear on your system. They also increase your energy bill and reduce indoor air quality.
- Compare the Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency of your heating system with newer models. If it's below 13, you may want to consider a new, more efficient system. Remember, the higher the rating, the less wasted energy for a reduced carbon footprint. Be sure to choose equipment bearing the ENERGY STAR logo. High-efficiency systems reduce your impact on the environment and can also save you money. You may also be eligible for a Federal Tax Credit if you select a qualifying model.
- Use a humidifier during colder months. It not only adds moisture to your home, it can actually make it feel warmer. In turn, you'll be more apt to lower your thermostat, saving money and consuming less energy.
- Check and maintain your insulation. Improperly insulated walls, floors, attics, basements and crawlspaces drain away heat and can also lead to moisture imbalance. Adding weather stripping and caulk around windows and doors can also go a long way to improving your home's insulation.
- Turn down your thermostat. Keeping your thermostat five degrees cooler can lower your heating bills without affecting your home's comfort. Install a programmable thermostat to regulate temperatures.
- Clean the furnace area. Don't keep chemicals or cleaning products near your heater, and don't store anything next to it that could impede ventilation. Keep vents and returns free of obstructions. Don't lay carpet over vents, place furniture over or in front of them, or obstruct the flow of air.



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DIY projects that can conserve energy around the house

Home renovation projects can pay numerous dividends. Renovations can have a positive effect on resale value, make homes more livable for residents and, in some ways, make homes more affordable. Renovation projects that aim to conserve energy can save homeowners substantial amounts of money. Such projects don't often require considerable effort or even sizable finan-

cial investments, which can make homeowners skeptical as to just how much they can save after completing the project. But the scale of a project may have little to do with how much homeowners will save. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy notes that a relatively effortless task like turning back a thermostat between 7 and 10 degrees F for eight hours per day can save homeowners as

much as \$83 per year. A more labor-intensive task like planting shade trees saves homeowners an average of between \$35 and \$119 per year. When looking for ways to conserve energy around the house and save money, homeowners need not necessarily commit to expensive projects. The DOE notes that the following are some energy-saving projects and details what homeowners can expect to save after completing them. While each individ-

ual project may not result in jaw-dropping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recommendations may end up saving more than \$1,000 per year. Project: Install exterior low-e storm windows. What is it? Low-e windows reflect infrared heat back into a home. Such windows are coated with an ultra-thin layer of metal that improves the window's insulation ability. How much can I save? Homeowners who install low-e windows can save

between 12 and 33 percent on their annual heating and cooling costs. Project: Seal uncontrolled air leaks. What is it? Air leaks let cool air in during winter and warm air in during summer. Caulking, sealing and weather stripping all cracks and large openings can cut back on air leaks that are costing you money. The DOE recommends hiring a contractor to seal any leaks on heating and cooling ducts. How much can I save? Homeowners who seal uncontrolled air leaks can save between 10 and 20 percent on their annual heating and cooling bills. Project: Plant shade trees. What is it? If you plant a deciduous tree between six and eight feet tall near your home, it will begin to shade your windows with-

in a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the tree and the home, the shade tree will begin shading the roof within five to 10 years. The DOE notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce air conditioning costs. How much can I save? Properly planted shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent. Project: Insulate the water heater tank. What is it? New water tanks are likely already insulated. But homeowners with older hot water tanks can insulate their tanks with a water heater insulating blanket kit. How much can I save? Insulating a water heater tank can save homeowners as much as 16 percent on their annual water heating bills. Even the smallest DIY projects can produce big savings. More information about energy-saving home improvement projects can be found at www.energy.gov.



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Actors ran through their lines at a rehearsal for *Over the River and Through the Woods*, in preparation for their performances. **Ed Kemery photo.**

Merrill Community Theater presents *Over the River and Through the Woods*

Dinner theatre production brings a little bit of Italy to Merrill

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Merrill Community Theater, which was on hiatus during COVID, returned with a dinner theatre play that brought a little bit of Italy to Merrill, with two shows each on Aug. 22 and Aug. 28. Held at the Sawmill Brewery in Merrill, the group presented *Over the River and Through the Woods*, described as a heartwarming play about the three F's of first-generation Italian grandparents – faith, family, and food.

Written by Joe DiPietro and directed by Larry Kirchgassner of Wausau, at its heart, the play was about relationships between first-generation Italian grandparents and their grandson, Nicky.

The play's cast included Chris Hahn [as Nicky], Aaron Kremin, Jeff McDonald, Darlaen Jansen, Kevin Erickson, Alyssa Hahn, and Rachel Bergmann.

Theater spokesperson, Ed Kemery, shared the plot: Nicky received a job offer that would require a move far away

from them [to Seattle]. Not wanting him to leave [New Jersey], the family concocted a scheme to entice him to stay. "They set him up with the lovely Caitlyn and use all the Italian charm they can muster to convince their darling Nicky to stick around," Kemery said.

"As he wrestles with his decision to stay or go, he faces the tough question of 'How much do you owe the people who care for you? How much is enough?'" the show's teaser read.

The play also explored the generational differences related to the characters' concepts of family and home and what Italians mean by "Tengo Familia."

The dinner events included delicious Italian food and non-alcoholic beverages, along with a cash bar.

The early shows featured an Italian brunch prior to the show and Italian desserts during intermission including: cannoli, tiramisu cupcakes, and angineti cookies. [All taste-tested by cast members.] The later shows included antipasto hors d'oeuvres – Italian kabob, smoked deviled eggs, and a cucumber rye sandwich – with the same Italian desserts at intermission.

The first show completely sold out, with the third coming very close, and the other two shows were well attended, as well.

PORK IN THE PARK

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per person. So even if they aren't competing, attendees will have an opportunity for a short ride.

Gun show Friday and Saturday, too

The 53rd Annual Fall Gun Show organized by the North Central Wisconsin Gun Collectors Association will be held at the Merrill Enrichment/Expo Center on Friday, September 17, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and also on Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you're into guns for hunting or a hobby, this is a great opportunity to see what they have to offer. Admission is \$5.00, but youth under 14 are free with a paying adult.

"Take advantage of the history of firearms displayed, both military and civilian, that have been used by men and women in this great country," said Fred Yulga, one of the event organizers.



"We are the only country in the world that has established the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in a Constitution. There are firearms, ammo, and knives and other sporting equipment that are for sale or trade, but more than that there are stories behind many of those items. Be curious. Learn. Ask questions. You never know, it might be the beginning of a good relationship with firearm."

End of summer fundraising

"Pork in the Park & More is one of the larger fundraiser events of the year for the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce,

so we encourage the community to come out and have a great lunch and enjoy the events going on that day," organizers said.

Pork in the Park & More is also a great opportunity for fun and fundraising for other Merrill organizations, who may not have had a chance to do much fundraising last year either, and a great way to end the summer.

This will truly be a "Family Fun day down at the Merrill Festival Grounds," the Chamber said. "We have entertainment, food, shopping, and the Gun Show all in one location."

End of Summer SAVINGS at Dave's

Spring Hill Natural Juice Boneless Smoked Hams
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Beef Stock Up Sale

Grass Fed Whole Top Sirloins

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Grass Fed Whole Ribeyes

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GROCERY

- 6 pack bottles, Assorted Varieties Snapple **2/\$10⁰⁰**
- 18 oz. Bottle, Assorted Varieties Bai **2/\$3⁰⁰**
- 6-10.75 oz. Bags, Assorted Varieties Doritos **2/\$5⁰⁰**

FROZEN

- Stone Ridge, 48 oz. Ice Cream **2/\$6⁰⁰**

LIQUOR

- 1.75 Liter, Spiced Rum Captain Morgan **\$26⁹⁹**
- 4 pk., 12 oz. Cans Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine **\$12⁹⁹**
- 750 ml., Assorted Varieties Woodbridge Wine **\$4⁹⁹**

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- Kretschmar Oven Roasted Turkey ... **\$7⁴⁹** lb.
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Estate Sales 7208

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Auctions 7282

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Guns 7264



53 ANNUAL NCWGA Fall Gun Show Merrill Expo Building (Lincoln Co. Fairgrounds) 303 N. Sales St, Merrill, WI September 17th & 18th, 2021 Hours Open to Public: Friday 3pm-8pm Saturday 9am-4pm Admission \$5. Youth under 14 free (with paid adult) Sponsored by: North Central WI Gun Collectors Assoc. Inc For information only call Fred 715-443-2825

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Preventive patrol, traffic enforcement, investigations, enforce local and state laws, court duties, civil process and any other duty assigned by the Sheriff.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Eligibility for Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board certification; minimum 60 college credits; vision correctable to 20/20; no felony convictions; no domestic-related convictions, free from any condition which might limit ability to perform essential functions of a Deputy Sheriff; must possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license, ability to drive safely and to use all police-related equipment; strong written and oral communication and interpersonal skills; experience with and knowledge of computers. Must complete a one year probationary period.

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Applications must be made on Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board form DJ-LE-330, obtainable from the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Ste. 205, Merrill, WI 54452, the County's website address at www.co.lincoln.wi.us, or by calling 715-539-1010 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. M-F. Complete applications must be returned to the Administration Department by **Friday, September 24, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.** A release of information form must be completed and returned with each application. All application materials noted above must be submitted to be considered for this position. Job description is available upon request.

NOTE: Candidates are required to successfully complete all of the following: oral interview, psychological testing, and physical examination including drug screen, background investigation, and pre-employment agreement.

Completed applications may be mailed to: Lincoln County Administration Department
801 N. Sales Street, Ste. 205, Merrill, WI 54452
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Check our Classified Section for even more sales.



City Wide Rummage Sale 7000

01. 104 East Blaine Street Large furniture, dressers, night stands, end tables, mostly men's clothes, filing cabinets, toys, large displays, racks, glassware, large desks, pictures, bunkbeds, games, gazebos, theatre chairs, mirrors, decorations. A must see! September 9th-12th 8am-5pm. For a later time or date call 715-218-2625.

02. 1211 E. 9th St., Sept. 10 & 11. 8-4:30. Screen tent, bike seat, antique & pine coffee tables, stamp collection, jewelry, metal fence posts, child's desk, large tomato stake, clothes, glassware, holiday décor, books, Fenton Cat & More!

03. NEW ITEMS: IN THE BOX, NEVER USED. 5 NEW PURSES. 9-5 September 11th only

04. Garage Sale: **508 South Foster** September 9th-11th. 9am-5pm. Christmas, Avon, tools, baby clothes, end tables, tv stand, household misc., kerosene heater and lamps, hunting stuff, Nascar, 100's of books - 25¢ to 50¢ each.

05. HUGE SALE 1305 East 2nd street. Thurs - Saturday 8-4pm, furniture, refrigerator, kid's clothes, toys, baby clothes, snow blower, tools, beer signs, books, toboggan, pans, sporting goods, Misc.

06 Garage Sale 208 W. 8th Street. 9/9 (8-3), 9/10 (8-3), 9/11(8-2.) Clothes, tools, kitchen and household items, and much more.

07. 2712 Glen Drive September 9th, 10th and 11th, 8-5p. Holiday items, books, shoes, baby changing table (clean and in excellent condition, misc items

08. Multi-Family CRAFT SALE: Jam, Scones, Cookies, Jewelry, Wreaths, Ornaments, walking sticks and more. 707 Schulz St. Fri, 9/9, 9-4pm, Sat, 9/1, 9-1pm

09 Moving Sale: 13495 N. 12th Ave, Merrill (Off of Rainbow Dr.). Fri., Sept., 10, 9-5 & Sat., Sept. 11, 8-2. Brand name kids clothes, boys 3T-6, Girls 2T-juniors, Kids toys, Lawn & garden, Patio items, Wine fridge, Pet items, crafting supplies, Thirty-One, Tupperware, Girls 23 inch bike, Twin Bed, Household items.

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10. ESTATE/MOVING SALE: 2106 E. Main St. Furniture, Jim Beam, Home/Holiday Décor, Vintage, Women's clothing, Tools, Fabric, Yard goods, Craft supplies Galore, NIB's. Sept. 10 & 11 • 9-4

11. 506 E. Nineth St., Men's XL clothing & size 13 shoes, Women's clothing & Accessories. Kitchen & household items. Books, holiday items & Misc. Sept 9, 1-4; Sept 10-11, 8-4.

12. RUMMAGE SALE: 209 Curran St behind old Kwik Trip. Sept. 9 & 10, 8-5. Sept 11, 8-7 Beer collectables, rare Matt Kenneth coat, full size 4 in feather mattress topper-clean, full size magnetic mattress topper, 800 magnets - clean, art prints, Antiques, Lamps, Knives, Books, outdoor rocking chair

13. Multi-Family Garage Sale: 1810 E 1st St. 9/8-9/12. hours 8-5. Tools, men's & women's clothes, audio equipment, bikes, collectables, something for everyone.

14. Multi-Family Sale 1901 High Ridge Road in barn. Thurs. 8-6, Friday 8-6. Sat. 8-3. Gun cabinet, furniture, crafts, antique glassware, doll collection. Sept. 9th -11th.

15. Moving Sale: Sept 11,12,18,19 N2541 Norwegian Rd 9-4, furniture, items, Elvis memorabilia, Nascar, tools, New 1/2 Hp sump pump, tool chest, file cabinet - too many items to name.

16. 802 W. 10th Street Friday 9-5, Saturday 8-4, Cross bow, Canning Jars, Boys 8-12, Junior girl's clothes, Dishes, Toys, a lot of household and misc.

17. Mult-Family Garage Sale Wide variety of items for everyone. Home décor, Housewares, Furniture (Desk, dresser, headboard, etc.) Mountain bikes. Sat. & Sun. 8-5 1.5 miles East of High School. W4231 Co Rd. G, Merrill.

18. Mult-Family Sale Great Prices. Something for everyone. 1901 Arthur St. Sat. 9/11, 8a-5p

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19. N1311 Golf Drive Sept. 9 Noon to 5, Sept. 10 8-5, Sept. 11 7-10. Dresser mirror, wood frame mirror 30x35, metal frame mirror 28x32, Bridgestone tire P285-45PZZ, dining room chandeliers, bar clocks, mirrors, signs, antiques, fall-Christmas decorations, cabinet knobs, Ivory wall plates-switches-outlets, name brand women's clothing size 2 to 16, boys 8-12, winter coats, boots galore, food saver, lamp, Dynatrap-1 acre, dance and Halloween costumes, 3 TVs, children books, pictures, treadmill, 5x7 indoor/outdoor rug, 9x12 indoor/outdoor rug.

20. Large Garage Sale: 712 Superior Street. Household items, clothing, sporting goods, collectables. All items priced to sell. Thur - Sat, 9 am-5pm. Free items Available.

21. Large Multi-Family Rummage Sale September 11th, 8 til 4. Ku's Restaurant Parking Lot, 900 North Center Avenue, Household Items, Computers, Clothing, Small Furniture, Plants and so on.

22. Multi-family Rummage Sale: Sept. 10th & 11th. 8am-4pm. 2004 Sturdevant. Newly crocheted doilies & kitchen hang towels. Antiques. Vintage glassware & linens. Baseball cards. Elvis & OZ collectables. Church cookbooks. New crochet thread & buttons. Crochet & knit pattern books. Chainsaw. Furniture & misc.

23. 1005 Cottage Street September 9-10, 8-5. Dresser, Loveseat, vacuum, comp. miter saw, plant, CD's, lawn chairs, corningware, misc. CASH only.

24. N2021 Farmingdale Road Friday, 9-4. Saturday 9-5. Tools, Fishing stuff, Propellers, Household items, Recliner, Buffet, ATV Bag - rear mount storage, boots and more!

25. N6680 Schooley Road, Irma: Straight down dead end. Sat & Sun 8-6. Construction Building Supplies, Tools, Household, Boat, Riding Lawnmower, young women's clothes

26. W5242 Hillside Dr. Sept. 9-10-11th. 8am-4pm bikes, household, furniture and men's items.

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27. 2709 Crescent Drive, Thursday, September 9th to Saturday September 11th. Hours 9-5. Baby and Toddler clothes, misc., tons of unopened Amazon overstock items.

28. Multi Family Garage Sale: 903 Adams Street, Thurs - Sat. Sept. 9-11, 9am-5pm. Clothing, Toys, Bikes, Air Fryer, Nascar cars, Stroller, car seat.

29. 1803 E. 6th Street Thursday & Friday, Sept 9th & 10th, Dining room table w/ 2 leafs, chairs, radio - record player, kitchenware, hand tools, NordicTrack, coolers, plastic storage bins and MORE!

30. W6118 Forest Drive. Fri 8-4, Sat 8-3, housewares, bikes, sporting goods, lawn & garden, furniture, baby clothes & more. Nice clean items priced to sell!

31. 1303 Cedar Street 7-2 Sat. Girls shoes/clothes 2-7; bikes, ride toys, wagon, EBauer stroller, Queen bdr set, twin hutch beds, Womens XL, Misc.

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32. Multi Family Sale! 9/10/21 - 9/11/21, 8am - 5pm. Both families downsizing after combining three homes into one. A bit of everything including estate items.

33. 2800 Thielman St. Units 14A-D Fri 9/10 Noon-4 & Sat 9/11 8-4. Something for Everyone!

34. Sept 10-11 8:00-5:00 Women's clothes, pants 10-12, shirts L-2XL, puzzles, rugs, blankets, vac. cleaners, bag chairs, too much to list! 1 1/4 miles past KFC to Apartment Street

35. Exceptional Sale! 1220 A Johnson Street. Friday, September 10th 9am - 5pm, Saturday, September 11th 9am - 5 pm, Longaberger Baskets and Pottery, Entertaining and baking items, Women's Plus Size clothing, Gardening supplies, Home decor.

36. N2432 Airport Rd Bargain Hunters Dream Garage Sale. 3 Car Garage and Trailer Overflowing with Items. Seasonal and Household Items, Women's Clothing, Tons of Toys/Pretend Play, Strollers, Car seats, Changing table, Infant-5T Boys and Girls Clothing. Friday, September 10th 8-5, Saturday, September 11th 9-2

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37. 305 Hendricks St. Multi-Family, Cubs, Bears clothing most sizes up to men's XL. Lots of misc. household, something for everyone. Thurs-Sat.

38. 301 N. State Street Friday, Sept. 10, 12-5 and Saturday Sept. 11, 8-5. Houseplants, Avon, Christmas lights and decorations, Large print romance novels, misc

39. W6915 Georges Rd Newborn - 3T boy & girl clothing, adult M-XXL, small appliances, wardrobe dresser w/mirrored doors. Priced to sell! Sept 11 8am-4pm.

40. 9/10 & 9/11 - 9am - 4pm N3203 County Road K; 4 pc twin bedroom set, 5 pc oak dining room set, coffee table, 3 pc outdoor bar, over and under 410 shotgun, Bowtech compound bow, household misc., ice fishing gear, some kid's clothes, juniors XS-M, men's S-XL, shoes, toys, etc.



River Country Co-op Board members, VPs, and vendor reps gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new River Country Co-op CENEX C-store on Center Avenue in Merrill on Wednesday, August 25. Merrill Chamber Ambassadors; Ken Neff (in blue) representing the Merrill Chamber of Commerce; and Bruce Mlnsa, CEO/General Manager of River Country Co-op [holding the scissors] held a ribbon cutting to join in the celebration. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

Board of Public Works recommends City relinquish claims to former Legion Building for \$10,000

Merrill City Common Council still needs to vote on their recommendation

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The City of Merrill Board of Public Works met on Wednesday, Sept. 1, and once again considered how to best resolve the City's interest in the former American Legion Building (now known as the Livingston Center) across from the T.B. Scott Library.

The Merrill Historical Society currently owns the building, but the City has a reversionary clause whereby the property reverts back to the City if the Historical Society vacates the property. The Historical Society is on the verge of doing so and already has an Agreement with Jonathon Malm who has proposed to purchase the property and both preserve the building and develop it as a non-profit center for the arts, hoping to create a venue that will both benefit community residents and draw visitors to the community.

The City has received a couple of legal opinions from outside counsel on the City's interest in the property, and both the Board of Public Works and the City Council, as well as others the Mayor said he has spoken with, are divided on the best way to go forward, the Mayor said.

Most recently, the Historical Society proposed to essentially purchase that reversionary clause from the City for \$10,000 by paying the City \$10,000 from the proceeds of the sale to Malm in exchange for the City relinquishing any future claim on the property.

At this Sept. 1 Board of Public Works meeting, the group initially considered a Motion by Alderman Steve Sabatke to remove the City's claim on the property on the condition that the Historical Society sell the property to a non-profit or an organization in the process of becoming a non-profit. While the motion did receive a second from Alderman John Van Lieshout, after in-depth discussions, when it came to a vote, the motion died.

Several other options were considered, including the City sending a formal letter to the Historical Society kindly asking them to vacate the property so the City could take official reversionary ownership and then put the property up for bid, possibly to non-profits only. Another option was putting it up for bid with all of the proceeds going into some kind of grant program to be used for the arts. But concerns were also noted that no other non-profits have expressed an interest in purchasing the building and there is a bona fide offer on the table. In the end, Mayor Derek Woellner made a

new motion, seconded by Alderman John Van Lieshout, to do exactly what the Historical Society had proposed: to relinquish all future claims to the former American Legion property in exchange for \$10,000, payable at the time the Merrill Historical Society sells the property.

"There's a value in that building being used for what has been proposed," Woellner said.

It can be good for the community not only currently monetarily, but also for the future both monetarily and culturally, he said.

"Removing ourselves from it isn't going to cost us anything, and it's potentially an amenity to the City," another Board member said.

The current Commander of American Legion Post 46, [and also Alderman] John VanLieshout, said he has asked other members of the American Legion for their opinions, and he is hearing they would all be happy to see Malm use the building for the art center purpose he has outlined.

City Administrator Dave Johnson said this isn't much different than other instances where the City has given away a property to see it developed in a particular way, to which Woellner said that if the City would consider giving it away, he'd rather just get the \$10,000 and then be done with it. He described the motion as the best compromise. Let's get something for our claim. We're getting something for everyone. Then get rid of the reversionary clause, he said.

"We've been playing pingpong for two months now. I think this is the compromise that we can settle on," the Mayor said.

Most Board members agreed it was highly doubtful anyone would be willing to purchase the property and invest money into it if the reversionary clause stays with the property.

City Building Inspector Darin Pagel also pointed out that, due to current zoning, the property would have to stay a non-profit. If it were to be used for anything else, it would need to be re-zoned. Thus, the Council has the authority to keep the property use as non-profit or public use.

In the end, the majority ruled in favor of the motion on a voice vote, with Alderman Mike Rick being the lone "no" vote.

The matter will now go to the Common Council for a final vote. If passed, that will mean the City will receive \$10,000 from the Merrill Historical Society's sale of the property and the Historical



A full frontal view of the former American Legion building. Jonathon Malm has an agreement to purchase the building from the Merrill Historical Society if the City of Merrill will vacate its interest in the reversion clause that was a part of the sale of the building to the Historical Society back in 1999.

Tina L. Scott photo.

Society will retain the rest of the net proceeds of the sale.

Board approves Haunted Sawmill's request

The Board unanimously approved the Haunted Sawmill's Street Use Permit requesting to close the street in the area in front of the Haunted Sawmill

(Hendricks Street from East Seventh St. to East Eighth St.) from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the following dates in 2021: Oct. 8, Oct. 9, Oct. 15, Oct. 16, Oct. 22, Oct. 23, Oct. 29, Oct. 30, and Oct. 31, in conjunction with a haunted house event.

Other business

In other business, the Mayor introduced discus-

sion regarding potential RV sites with the idea of creating an RV park within the City limits, hopefully in relatively close proximity to the downtown to draw more business in for merchants. The Merrill Festival Grounds is currently developing 18 sites that will be used for rodeos, carnivals, and such most often. There is a good deal of planning and infrastructure that would have to go into such an endeavor, to develop other such sites within the City, the Board determined, and some members didn't feel there are enough activities to draw families in to camp within the city limits of Merrill.

Moving on, the Board discussed possible peti-

tions, projects, and capital requests for 2022 and started the preliminary 2022 planning process.

They finished up by reviewing reports from department heads.

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Bluejay Girls Tennis Team takes on Wausau West Warriors

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Varsity Tennis Team traveled to Wausau West for a match against the Warriors on Thursday, Sept. 2. The Warriors lived up to their name when Wausau West beat Merrill 7-0.

Despite the loss, Merrill Girls Tennis Coach Brad Barton had positive things to say about the match: "I was very proud of Lauren Belsky and Sarah Rell's performances today. This is the first time Lauren Belsky had played number one singles, and she played one of the top players in the state. Sarah Rell also moved up in the lineup to number three singles. They each played their best matches to date."

"As a team we played a little flat today but give the credit to Wausau West," Barton said. "They are one of the top teams in the state."

Singles: 1) Lauren Belsky lost to Mia Bailey 6-0, 6-0; 2) Lauren Cohrs



One of the Merrill Bluejays Tennis doubles teams is Amelia Skoviera (on the right) and Tessa Wheat.

Colleen Skoviera photo.

lost to Lexi Kloth 6-0, 6-0; 3) Sarah Rell lost to Quin Babiarz 6-0, 6-0; and 4) Anika Bartz lost to Ruby Edmundson 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles: 1) Amelia Skoviera/Tessa Wheat lost to Katie Meyer/Anika Etter 6-0, 6-1; 2)

Lydia Burrows/Courtney Schneider lost to Ashley Zoborowski/Mollie Lemke 6-1, 6-2; and 3) Mariah Jacoby/Chloe Belant lost to Kaydee Rennie/Lily Wittwer 6-1, 6-4.

Merrill Boys Soccer starting slow

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

With four games in, the Merrill Bluejay Boys Varsity Soccer Team has yet to land a win. That being said, on Thursday, Sept. 2, they traveled to Marshfield for a game and "showed great improvement over their past two Valley opponents," according to Coach Ryan Schroder.

"Joshua Henderson (Freshman, Goalkeeper) continued his great play in net, giving up 6 goals on 26 shots and a penalty kick," Schroder said. "Our offense had their best showing to date, led by Matt Rydeski (Senior, Striker), Mark Ladewig (Junior, Midfielder), Aaron Hipke (Sophomore, Midfielder), and Jaden Bush (Sophomore, Striker/Midfielder), recording a total of seven shots, all in the second half.

On the defensive side of the ball, Mike Nofsinger (Senior, Defender) and Jonathon Kracht (Sophomore, Defender) played big



Merrill High School Freshman Joshua Henderson plays hard in the game against Marshfield on Thursday, Sept. 2.

Submitted photo.

minutes for the Jays once again and worked to keep the ball out of the back of our net.

Coach Schroder said he and all of the coaching staff are very excited about the direction the team is headed and are looking forward to gaining a few more key players back in the near future.

"Other key players

from the game were Angel Maldonado Nava (Junior, Midfielder) and Corbin Jones (Junior, Midfielder)," Schroder said.

Box scores:

- Sept. 2 Wausau West 10 @ Merrill 0
- Aug. 31 Merrill 0 @ Marshfield 6
- Aug. 26 Merrill 0 @ Lakeland 10
- Aug. 24 Newman 2 @ Merrill 0



Merrill High School Senior Bailey Orzech pushes hard to the finish to win the 100 yard Breaststroke event.

Submitted photo.

Bluejay Girls Varsity Swim Team sweeps it with first place finishes

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill High School Girls Swim Team had their first dual meet on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Medford and made a clean sweep.

"We were able to take first place in each of the Varsity events with many close thirds," Coach Kristie Winters said. "We had a great first dual of the season. Our team leaders posted some great finishes, and many of our Freshmen had new personal best times."

First place finishers for Varsity:

Event 2 - Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay: Grace Schultz, Amber Winter, Bailey Orzech, and Claire Schultz (1:58.38)

Event 4 - Girls 200 Yard Freestyle: Claire Schultz (2:11.08)

Event 6 - Girls 200 Yard IM: Grace Schultz (2:17.08)

Event 8 - Girls 50 Yard Freestyle: Claire Schultz (26.66)

Event 10 - Girls 100 Yard Butterfly: Amber Winter (1:06.15)

Event 12 - Girls 100 Yard Freestyle: Grace Schultz (57.79)

Event 14 - Girls 500 Yard Freestyle: Olivia Pajdash (5:58.67)

Event 16 - Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Bailee Sommer, Bailey Orzech, Ahna Wilde, Emma Pajdash (1:55.88)

Event 18 - Girls 100 Yard Backstroke: Amber Winter (1:09.17)

Event 20 - Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke: Bailey Orzech (1:15.93)

Event 22 - Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay: Grace Schultz, Ahna Wilde, Amber Winter, and Claire Schultz (4:01.45)

"The entire team came together and worked hard in all of their races," Winters said.

Box Score

(Combined Varsity through Event 22)
Merrill 111 @ Medford 59

2021 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedule

Football (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Thursday, Sept. 9th	Mosinee (JV2)	Away	5:00 pm
Friday, Sept. 10th	Mosinee (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 13th	Mosinee (JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 16th	Hayward (JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Volleyball (Varsity, JV, & JV2)			
Thursday, Sept. 9th	Stevens Point (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 9th	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Saturday, Sept. 11th	Multiple Schools (Varsity & JV)	Home	9:00 am
Tuesday, Sept. 14th	Eau Claire North (JV & JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 14th	Eau Claire North (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tennis (Varsity & JV)			
Thursday, Sept. 9th	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 14th	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Boy Soccer (Varsity & JV)			
Thursday, Sept. 9th	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 9th	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Saturday, Sept. 11th	Rhineland (JV)	Home	10:00 am
Saturday, Sept. 11th	Rhineland (Varsity)	Home	12:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 16th	D.C. Everest (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thursday, Sept. 16th	D.C. Everest (JV)	Away	7:00 pm
Cross Country (Varsity & JV)			
Saturday, Sept. 11th	Standing Rock (Varsity & JV)	Away	10:00 am
Swimming (Varsity & JV)			
Thursday, Sept. 9th	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:30 pm
Saturday, Sept. 11th	Lodi (Varsity)	Away	10:00 am
Thursday, Sept. 16th	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Elizabeth Schmidt, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Schmidt runs on the Merrill Bluejays Cross Country team, is now in her fourth year running Varsity, and started off the season with a first place finish for the ladies at the opening meet on Aug. 26 in Rhineland with nine schools/teams represented. She is a top runner on both the Cross Country Team and on the Bluejay Track team, has broken numerous school records, and spent a good deal of her summer training, as she continually strives to beat her own personal records.

Elizabeth is President of DECA club, the PR Representative of Junior Optimist Club, a member of Student Council, is in Link Crew, a member of Raise Your Voice Club, is in the National Honor Society, and is a member of the River Bend Trail Board.

In her free time, she loves visiting with family, her grandpa in particular; kayaking and hiking; and just staying active, she said.

Lauren is the daughter of Jenny and Chad Schmidt of Merrill and maintains a 4.0 GPA. After graduation, she plans to attend college, majoring in business and/or finance or accounting, while continuing to run collegiately.

Elizabeth Schmidt

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