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St. Paul's on P offers free Thanksgiving Day dinner

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TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, W2604 County Hwy. P, Merrill, is offering a free Thanksgiving Day dinner with all the trimmings, available for takeout or delivery on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, cranberries, squash, and pie. Advance registration is appreciated, especially for those needing delivery. For more information or to register, whether for pickup or delivery, call Joe at 715.297.4237.

"We started with an idea to give back to the community by offering a free Thanksgiving Day meal," said Joe Schiefelbein, St. Paul Lutheran Church President. "I brought this idea up to the St. Paul's Church Council and was given the go-ahead to put it together. We asked for donations from the congregation for the food items needed to be able to prepare meals or cash to be able to buy needed products in excess of the donations. The meals were dine-in, in the old school building that was torn down several years ago now. The first year we served around 75 meals. That was 11 years ago."

"After the first year, we have always served over 150 meals, but last year we served 225 meals," he said. "Unfortunately, we ran out of food and had to turn many people away. In fact, many of the volunteers did not even get any turkey!"

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A car parked outside Merrill's old City Hall, now The Loft Apartments, shows snow is beginning to accumulate Saturday night. Merrill would receive about four inches of snow by the time it stopped Sunday morning. **Michael J. Caylor Jr. photo.**

Statewide Gun Deer Hunting Season begins this Saturday

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Wisconsin's annual gun deer hunting season begins this Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021. The nine-day season is akin to a holiday in many areas of the state, so revered is this annual tradition of spending time outdoors, hunting and harvesting wild game, time spent with family and friends, and the competition for who will get bragging rights to the biggest buck. In Wisconsin, deer hunting is a part of the culture of our state, a part of a way of life for many. For some it is about putting meat on the table, for others it is a sport dictated by a lot of luck and a really great shot, and for still others it is all about the camaraderie of hanging out with other hunters. For many, it is all of these things.

But it's also much more than that. Deer hunting, from mid-September when the archery/crossbow season begins, through the end of January when it ends, and including all of the hunts in between – special hunts for hunters with disabilities, youth hunts, the gun season, muzzleloader season, antlerless-only hunt, and the holiday hunt – involves more than 876,000 participants each year, drawing hunters from all 50 states in the



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union and 14 different countries in 2020.

By comparison, the Wisconsin State Fair draws about 840,000 participants each year, and the Green Bay Packer Stadium at Lambeau Field, at full capacity, can only hold 81,441 and is the largest venue in the state of Wisconsin. Picture a packed Lambeau Field times nearly 11. That's how many people deer hunt in Wisconsin during deer hunting season.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 220,000 licenses will be sold for the gun deer hunting season in this week leading up to opening day alone, and that's not counting all the people who have already purchased their license. [For those who haven't

yet purchased their hunting license, all licenses, stamps, and hunting permits can be purchased at <https://gowild.wi.gov>.]

Only Texas has more hunters that come from out of state than Wisconsin. Wisconsin is the number two destination in the U.S. for non-resident hunters.

The economic benefits of deer hunting to our state are huge, contributing \$235 million to our state and local economies, according to the DNR.

Before the hunt begins, here are a few reminders and tips for a safe, ethical, and successful deer hunting season.

Always practice the four firearm safety rules:

1. Always treat every gun as if it were loaded. (It might be, even if you think it isn't.)
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction. (At ALL times.)
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot. (This is the best way to prevent an accidental discharge.)
4. Always be sure of your target and beyond. Know your target and what's BEHIND your target. (Make sure you have an adequate backstop)

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As a loyal supporter of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP), Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill recently donated \$12,500 to SVDP. The funds will go toward St. Vincent de Paul's annual Matching Funds Campaign starting in mid-November. The funds raised will help SVDP to provide for the many needs in our community with assistance in the coming year. Pictured are Jim Rell, Lisa Carlson, and Tom Muller, SVDP Conference Members; Sue Norenberg, SVDP Outreach Manager; Jeff Peterson and Rev. Patricia Schutz from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church; and Freida Swanson, SVDP Conference President. **Submitted photo.**

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DINNER

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"This year, we have increased the amount of meals we are preparing for and are looking forward to feeding many hungry people on Thanksgiving Day," Schiefelbein said.

He said they have received donations from Thrivent and Pine Ridge Restaurant, and individuals donate food and send money to help with the purchase of food items, from other congregations and even other cities. The event has also turned into more than just a St. Paul's event. "Volunteers from not just our congregation, but other congregations, neighbors, and friends" and even "a family from Wausau helping with deliveries," he said.

Schiefelbein describes the annual free Thanksgiving Day dinner as a "very worthy cause ... showing God's grace and bountiful goodness he has bestowed on us and sharing with those in need!"

"Our delivery drivers have come back with many stories of how the meals delivered are truly needed, how grateful the recipient was, and [it] made them happy that they could help out in that way!" he said.

Since 2013, up until last year, the church had served the meal in the newly-built Fellowship Hall. "However, last year, due to COVID-19, we were only allowed to have take-out or delivery with limited hours of 11:00 to 1:00, and it worked very well," Schiefelbein said. "So well, in fact, that we are planning to do the same thing this year again!"

BIRTH

OCTOBER 26, 2021
Girl, Nicole Paige, born to Gian Weber and Tanner Kahlenberg of Merrill.

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City Administrator takes heat for insulting word choices aimed at Alderman Sabatke

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Johnson's word choice deemed insulting

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Merrill City Administrator Dave Johnson sent out his summary of the "highlights" of the Common Council Meeting of Monday, Nov. 9, via email, to a list that included many City of Merrill department heads, local media, aldermen, and others. The final paragraph of that report read, "In a final action, after the budget had already been passed, Alderman Sabatke ignominiously made a motion to defund the City Administrator position for 2022. This motion died for lack of a second."

The report was also published on the City's Facebook page and the home page of the City of Merrill website.

The report sparked a Nov. 10 email response from City of Merrill 8th District Alderman Steve Sabatke. "For the record and to be corrected on this report: Please note that in this report the reference to Alderman Sabatke 'ignominiously' presenting a report is a personal insult to myself and a violation of the nine rules of civility passed by the Common Council," Sabatke said.

Sabatke's email to local media, City Attorney Tom Hayden, and other Aldermen, with a copy to Johnson, said: "This is an official protest to the libelous email sent out by David Johnson to City

employees, the media, and numerous others."

"Please note that in this report the reference to Alderman Sabatke 'ignominiously' presenting a report is a personal insult to me and a violation of the nine rules of civility passed by the Common Council," Sabatke's email continued. In addition, the email erroneously reported that this presentation was out of order in the process of the meeting.

"To present this to the public and media is inexcusable, and I demand a correction of this report and a public apology," he concluded.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary online defines ignominious as: 1: HUMILIATING, DEGRADING: an ignominious defeat; 2: deserving of shame or infamy: DESPICABLE; and 3: marked with or characterized by disgrace or shame: DISHONORABLE.

Johnson dodges the elephant in the room

Later that day, on Nov. 10, Johnson sent out an email that said: "In the report that I sent out earlier today, I erroneously reported that Alderman Sabatke made his motion to defund the City Administrator position after the budget was passed when in fact his motion was made as the last action before the budget was passed. For this error in order of occurrence I apologize."

His email detailed: "The report should have read: In a final action, prior to the budget being passed,

Alderman Sabatke ignominiously made a motion to defund the City Administrator position for 2022. This motion died for lack of a second."

He did not, in that email, address his word choice in the report or Sabatke's objection to what he perceived as an insult. He repeated that word choice in his correction.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 10, both the Facebook post and Johnson's report on the City's website were edited to eliminate the entire paragraph referencing Sabatke and his motion, along with the offensive wording.

Late the evening of Nov. 10, Sabatke filed a formal letter of complaint against Johnson with the Personnel and Finance Committee protesting the "libelous email sent out by David Johnson" and "also posted on the City's website and Facebook page."

"These disrespectful and damaging comments potentially have been broadcast to thousands of citizens," Sabatke said. "To present this to the public and media is inexcusable ..."

Sabatke also cited a list of synonyms for the word "ignominious" to demonstrate the level of insult leveled at him by Johnson. That list included: "humiliating · undignified · embarrassing · mortifying · shameful · disgraceful · dishonorable · discreditable · ignoble · inglorious · abject · sorry · wretched · miserable · pitiful · humiliating"

Residents react to rift at City Hall

In response to Johnson's summary report of the Nov. 9 Council meeting, and the publication of that summary in the previously outlined places, area residents reacted, criticizing Johnson – on social media, verbally, and in some cases, in writing. One resident sent an email to the members of the Personnel and Finance Committee the evening of Nov. 10 and then copied in the Council President and the Mayor.

"This is the last straw of disrespect, defamation, and dishonesty shown by City Administrator Dave Johnson," resident Lori Anderson-Malm said, going on to suggest that Sabatke would be within his rights to file a defamation of character and libel suit against Johnson and that Johnson should be terminated for the incident. "This type of libel would not be tolerated at any company when an employee defames a member of the board. The last paragraph of Mr. Johnson's summary

is false and disrespectful, he not only violates the 'Values Statements for City Government,'

the 'Rules of Civility,' but section 23-10-2 in the City

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Thanksgiving is a unique time to truly focus our attention on the most meaningful things in our lives. Of course, a loving and caring family; close friends; good health; having a job; having a place to call home; and having enough money to cover the things that make life comfortable are some of the many things we are grateful for. Developing leadership, strong values, responsibility, skills, and character in our children and teens through Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs. Mentoring youth through Big Brothers/Big Sisters, teaching through Safety Patrol that we must lookout for others, and helping with parenting through the Family Resource Center.

We are thankful every time someone is helped with the very basic of needs such as food, shelter, having a safe and secure place to stay. Our agencies help direct people to the resources to make certain no one goes hungry; they stay warm and have a roof over their head. They guide them into areas of financial management to help sustain self-sufficiency.

The staff at our funded agencies and the hundreds of volunteers that participate in the work of these agencies are giving all the time. They work with a passion for others. For these wonderful people we are most grateful. Merrill fortunately is a great community that stands and works together whether its churches, organizations, businesses and business leaders, government leaders and protective services; they all play a role in making this community a "Giving Community." There is so much to be grateful for.


Of course, there is always more to be done. During this holiday season people can find ways to help others by volunteering, i.e., ringing bells with the Salvation Army, giving to Food For Kids, dropping off extra food (or donations) to the Merrill Food Pantry or your church food pantry, providing children Christmas gifts through the Christmas Spirit Appeal program to ensure a Christmas for children that would not otherwise have a Christmas. There are families in need. Find them through the local churches, St. Vincent DePaul, perhaps a teacher who knows someone. Reach out! Watch and listen to the area media for additional opportunities. Consider making HOLIDAY GIVING a family event so all can get involved to volunteer or give from the heart this Holiday Season.

If you want to give a gift that gives all-year round and covers many services to people – then consider donating to the Merrill Area United Way campaign. The campaign is winding down, but it is not too late. We take donations year-round. Mail donations to our P O Box 813, Merrill, WI 54452. **All donated dollars stay local.** United Way cares and is driven to make a positive difference in the Merrill area. Our website is www.merrillareaunderway.org where Pay Pal donations can be made. For further information email us at Delores.Olsen@merrillareaunderway.org; or call our part-time office at 715-536-2016.

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Danyelle plans on attending UW-LaCrosse. She is the daughter of Ryan and Chad Kottke.

Isabella is a YA student working at **Incredible Bank**.

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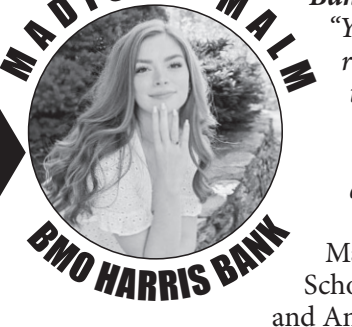


ISABELLA HOFF
INCREDIBLE BANK

Bella plans on attending UW-Eau Claire. She is the daughter of Nate and Jessica Hoff.

Madison is a bank teller at **BMO Harris Bank**.

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MADISON MALM
BMO HARRIS BANK

Madison plans on attending a UW School. She is the daughter of Andrew and Angie Malm.

To find out how your business can get involved in the YA program contact Linda Murray, YA Coordinator 715-536-4594 Ext:18039 Linda.murray@mapsedu.org

Support for this project was provided through the Merrill Community Foundation Beyond Crayons & Computers Grant program and also from the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship Grant.

OBITUARIES



Edward 'Ed' E. Leavitt, age 84, passed away on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at the Marshfield Hospital in Weston. Ed was born on February 1, 1937, to the late LeRoy and Alice (Plautz) Leavitt in Merrill, WI. He enlisted and served in the United States Army, where he enjoyed visiting the European countries. Ed then met the love of his life, Carol Plautz, and the two lovingly exchanged marriage vows on

September 9, 1961, in Merrill, a union lasting over 60 years. She survives.

Ed worked in construction as a laborer for most of his adult life and was the President of the local 1359 Laborers Union for 25 years. He was very good at fixing things and very creative when it came to making things work. He looked forward to going camping, fishing, deer and bird hunting; he was an outdoorsman that loved and appreciated being outdoors. Ed meticulously worked in his yard and canning vegetables. He is remembered as a very patient man that was always calm and mild mannered. Ed was also an avid Green Bay Packers fan. He will be missed but kept in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

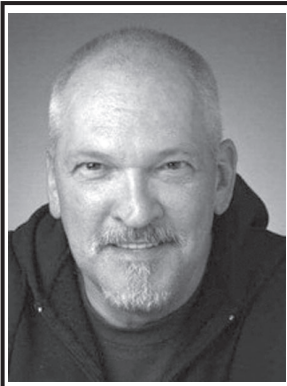
Ed leaves behind his loving wife: Carol Leavitt, sons: Brian (Vicky) and Brent (Carolyn), grandchildren: Kayla (Trevor), Amber and Reno (Mace), great granddaughter: Nora, sister: Karen Van Slate and brother & best friend: Lester (Carol) Leavitt. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandson: Derek Leavitt, brothers: Harold and Tom Leavitt and sisters: Nancy Travis and Lucile Haw.

The funeral service for Ed was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 11am at Waid Funeral Home. The Rev. Mike Southcombe will officiate. Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, from 9am until the time of the service, also at the funeral home. Burial at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery immediately followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, family requests that donations in Ed's name be directed to the Lincoln County Humane Society.

Ed's family wishes to thank the doctors and staff at the Marshfield Hospital in Weston for their care and compassion shown to them and Ed in his last days.

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.



Gerald (Gerry) Zahn
Our Beloved Brother Gerald (Gerry) Zahn passed away unexpectedly on October 11, 2021 due to a fall at his home in Long Beach, CA. He was born on September 25, 1949 in Greeley, NE to Stanley and Eileen (Murphy) Zahn.

His early school years were at Jefferson and St. Francis Xavier schools. He graduated from MHS in 1967 and went on to attend UW-Superior graduating with his bachelors degree in Political Science and History in 1971. In 1972 he joined VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) serving one year as a community organizer in Cleveland, OH, focusing on housing and setting up a food co-op for families in need. In 1973 he returned to UW-Superior and graduated with his masters degree in Sociology. Gerald worked for many years as a transportation representative for Southern Pacific Railroad; as an account rep at Levi's; as a marketing researcher at Cultural Access Group; and at ISA as a project manager. He happily retired in 2012.

His pastimes were many and varied. He loved to travel, having gone to Europe many times. His favorite countries to visit were Ireland, Germany, and France. Another favorite of Gerry's was to drive across the country, stopping along the way to visit friends and family. Occasionally he would invite a sister or two along for the trip. There would always be lots of singing, laughing, and storytelling on those "Travels With Our Brother." Gerry was an avid reader, he had an extensive library filled with subjects ranging from art to politics. He was also a self taught artist and mosaicist, sharing his masterpieces with friends and family. His travels took him around the world, making friends everywhere he went. Remarkably, he was remembered by everyone that he met, and even more remarkably, he remembered everyone that he met. He had a great sense of humor and there was always laughter wherever he was. He had a keen interest in his family genealogy. He knew all the ancestors, where they were from, and how they fit into the family. He often told us that his role in life was to educate and entertain, and that he did, very well. Gerry was a true and loyal friend, loved by everyone that knew him.

He is survived by his 7 sisters that loved him dearly, Mary (Marvin) Doering, St. Germain, WI, Diane Henson, Folsom, CA, Rosalie (Terry) Roberts, Medford, OR, Theresa (Allen Ovsak) Zahn, Pensacola, FL, Veronica Zahn, Palm Springs, CA, Ardina (Kerry Millerick) Sterr, Sherman Oaks, CA, Sheila (Dave) Saal, Merrill, WI. 8 nieces and nephews, Christopher Henson, Kevin (Jessica) Henson, Zara (Tate) Scharf, Noah (Rosalie) Doering, Kari (Adrian) Roberts, Thomas (Lisa) Roberts, Ryan (Valerie) Sabatke, and Nichole (Leroy) Miller. 16 great nieces and nephews, Dorothea and Violet Scharf, Camille and Mitchell Doering, Dean and Connor Henson, Kallen and Cody Henson, Jacob and Vincent Roberts, Rowan and Kaden Roberts, Olivia and Avery Miller, Adelyn and Hannah Sabatke. He was preceded in death by his parents and his much loved brother Tommy.

To his loved ones he was many things, a son, a brother, an uncle, a favorite nephew, and a friend, we will all miss him very much.

Per Gerald's wishes there will be no memorial service. Those wishing to make a donation in his memory, can contribute to The Merrill Historical Society.



Titus Terry Kottke
Our beloved son and brother Titus Terry Kottke, 27, Athens, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

He was born November 10, 1993 in Wausau, son of Terry and Joan (Jeske) Kottke of Athens. At the age of 15, he received the Lord as his personal savior and later followed the Lord in believer's baptism in the Eau Claire River in Weston, WI. Titus was a 2013 graduate of the Athens High School. His lifelong dream was to own and operate his own business. In 2020, Titus, along with his two brother's Luke and Ben opened Black River Meats LLC in Withee. This business was his pride and joy!

He was a joyful person, truly loved everyone he met and was the life of every occasion. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include, his parents, Terry and Joan; three brothers, Luke Kottke, Athens, Ben (Lindsey) Kottke, Athens and Joe (Shelby) Kottke, Medford; two nephews, Eli and Wyatt Kottke; his paternal grandmother, Marian Kottke, Merrill; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Loyd Kottke; his maternal grandparents, Allen and Verna Jeske; and his uncle, Wade Kottke.

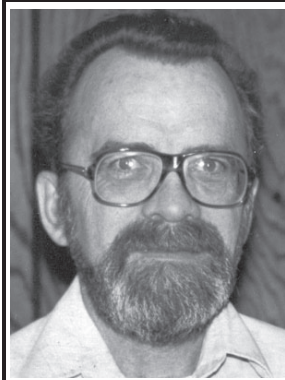
Pallbearers will be Luke, Ben, Joe and Cody Kottke, Zach Hierominus, Adam Lassa and Jeremy Jeske.

Titus had two favorite bible verses: Luke 23:43- And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. Romans 10:13- For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Funeral services will be at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Northside Baptist Church, 1719 N. Third Avenue, Wausau. Pastor Weng Liew will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Hamburg. Visitation will be on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until time of services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Kottke family.

Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, Athens is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com



Frank Norman Kloth Jr., age 89, passed away in Wausau, Wisconsin on November 7, 2021. He was born on October 10, 1932 in Tripoli, Wisconsin to Frank N. Kloth and Rhoda S. Cottrell.

He was a parts manager for Wilroy and Sharon Chevrolet.

He is survived by his children: Susan Kloth, Abbie Leopard, Frank "Bud" Kloth III, Penny Kloth, Bonnie (Rich) McDonald, Jennifer Roggenbuck, and Jeffrey Kloth, Siblings: August Kloth, Nile Kloth, Rosalie (Ronald) Jaeger, Ronald (Gloria) Kloth, and Carol (Robert) Kloth. He was preceded in death by his son, Benjamin Kloth, siblings: Lorna Moll, Roger Kloth, Deanna Kloth, and his first wife Patricia R. Kloth.

The funeral service took place on Friday, November 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Waid Funeral Home. A visitation took place on Friday, November 12, 2021 from 12:00 pm until the time of service also at the funeral home.

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.

Roman Lane, age 78, of Tomahawk, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Roman "Romie" was born on January 9, 1943 in Merrill to Elbridge & Barbara (Lapinski) Lane. He was married to Cynthia "Cindy" Linn on December 11, 1980 in Merrill.

The Funeral Service with Military Rites for Romie Lane took place at 6:00PM on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Krueger Family Funeral Home. Deacon Dan Towle officiated.

Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com.



Ellen J. Gilliard, of Gleason, died Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. She was 90 years old. She was born on December 2, 1930, in Wauwatosa.

Ellen worked for the Leonard Wild Potatoes Farms and for Friendly Village Nursing Home in Rhinelander doing laundry.

She liked to spend time on the internet and going to casinos. She enjoyed following the Milwaukee Brewers and Wausau Wood Chuck Baseball teams, camping, gardening and caring for her pets.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Nicholson, Merrill, Cindy (Tim) Hanson, Gleason; a son, Jerry (Sally) Gilliard, Merrill; ten grandchildren Andrea (fiancée Shannon), Tamara (Mike), Ben (Lauren), Nick, Ted, Aimee (Jon), Dustin (Ken), Chase (fiancée Elise), Becky (Dusty), Chip (Jill); 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Fran; and two brothers, Charles and Russell.

She was preceded in death by her mother Florence; a son, Robert Gilliard; a daughter, Linda Gilliard; sisters, Patsy, Ruby and Ella Mae; and the father of her children, Anton "Tony" Gilliard.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at Bradley Funeral Home.

Procession to Forestview Cemetery in the town of Vilas followed the services.

Visitation took place on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home.

Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com

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Linda Kay Wichman

At sunrise on Monday, November 8, 2021 Linda Kay Wichman went home to be with Jesus. She was born in Appleton, Wisconsin to Otto and Margaret Brinkman on April 16, 1948. Linda was united in Marriage to Kenneth Gary Wichman January 7, 1967.

A strong, resilient, dedicated mother, who lovingly raised 5 children, 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. For 25 years she helped manage her

husband Kenny's construction company, until his death in 1993. For twenty-years, following the death of her husband, she was a smiling face at Walmart in Merrill.

She had many dear friends and neighbors throughout her life with whom she always enjoyed sharing a cup of coffee and a bit of gossip. She enjoyed gardening, playing Kings Corners with her children and grandchildren (Always holding her kings for the unfair advantage). She loved getting lost in a good book, and having long, happy conversations with her wonderful brothers and sisters.

She is greatly loved and missed by her children; Julie (Mike Berens) Wichman with Ashly (Aaron) Korbish and Banks, Joshua, and Katie (Colton) Drinville; Jason (Kim) Wichman with Maria, Monika and Kevin; Mary Cohrs (Chad Miller) with Hayes and Ava; Adam (Mary) Wichman with McKayla; Amy (Gary) Moyle with Marissa (Gary Barton), Dayton and Blake. Her sisters Carol Hemmen, Janice (Nick) Wohlt, Barb (Tom) Oswald. Her brothers Charles, Dennis, and David (Pat) Brinkman. Her brother-in-law Bob Wichman and sister-in-law, Jeanette (Fred) Wolff; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband and parents, Linda was preceded in death by her brothers Jack and Larry Brinkman, sister and brother-in-law Betty and John Best and sisters-in-law Barb Brinkman and Nancy Brinkman, Mother and Father in-law, Reuben and Verna Wichman, and sisters in law, Vern Hubbard and Rose Wichman.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Town of Summit Cemetery, Summit, WI, at 1:00 pm. A celebration of life will follow the service at the Eagles Club in Merrill, WI from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

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.



Lorraine Mae Muschinske, age 91, of Bell Tower Residence, Merrill, passed away Thursday, November 4, 2021.

Lorraine, the daughter of the late Arthur and Ella (Gruetzmacher) Hagedorn, was born on November 22, 1929, in Merrill. She was baptized in St. James Lutheran Church in the Town of Pine River and affirmed her faith in Jesus on May 17, 1942, in St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the Town of Pine River.

She was raised on the family farm in the Town of Pine River, attended the Goettchel Elementary School, Merrill Senior High School graduating in 1947, and Lincoln County Teacher's College graduating in 1949.

On June 2, 1951, she married Gerald A. Muschinske in St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Pine River.

She continued to pursue her education and received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. She took post graduate courses at UWSP.

Lorraine taught a total of 39 years: teaching at French Ridge School (1949-1951), Brickyard School (1951-1960), Irma State Graded School (1961-1968), and Washington School (1968-1989). She retired in 1989.

She was dedicated to her teaching profession and received numerous awards for her achievements. Among them were Merrill Teacher of the Year Awards (1978 and 1987), UWSP Outstanding Practitioner in the Field of Education Award (1980), Liberty Bell Award (1983), CESA 9 and Wisconsin Elementary Teacher of the Year Award (1987), and the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Award (1993).

Following retirement in 1989 Lorraine became involved with the Merrill Historical Society and the Brickyard School Museum. From 1993-1996 she served as Co-Director of the school museum and was its Director from 1997-2009. Beginning in the year 2000 the Brickyard School became the site of a living history lesson for Merrill area first graders. Lorraine orchestrated the program lessons and visitations from 2000-2009.

A highlight of Lorraine's teaching career came in 2010 when she was selected as a participant in the documentary - County School: One Room-One Nation which was produced and filmed by Fourth Wall Films Moline, Illinois.

Lorraine was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society (being inducted in 1964), Sigma State Chapter, Alpha Omicron Chapter (serving as president for five years) and Gamm Chapter.

She was a member of Lincoln County Retired Educators, Wisconsin Retired Educators Association, Merrill Lioness Club, Merrill Historical Society serving on the Board of Directors and as Director of Brickyard School Museum.

Lorraine was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Miriam Circle, Altar Guild and WELCA. She served on the Church Council and various church committees.

She enjoyed doing volunteer work, gardening, reading, music and travel. She and her husband Gerald were avid travelers which took them to all 50 states and 67 countries on all seven continents. She and Gerald enjoyed sharing their travel experiences by presenting travelogues to various clubs and organizations.

Lorraine is survived by two nieces, Nancy (Phil) Woller of Plover and Joan Hagedorn of Madison; a nephew, Richard (Hannah) Hagedorn III of Monroe; sisters-in-law, Nathalie Muschinske of Stevens Point and Doris (Gerald) Schield of Stevens Point; and other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Lorraine is preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Muschinske in 2015; her parents, Arthur and Ella Hagedorn; her brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Dolores Hagedorn, Sr.; three nephews, Richard Hagedorn, Jr., Mark Hagedorn, and Daniel Hagedorn; two brothers-in-law, George and Walter Muschinske; a sister-in-law, Mae Muschinske; and a niece, Beth Schield.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, November 13, 2021, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Merrill. The Rev. Patricia Schutz officiated. Burial took place in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation began at 9:30 A.M. Saturday at the church. The Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Marjorie J. Hovind, age 98, of Wausau, passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at Wausau Manor.

Marjorie was born February 18, 1923, in Wisconsin Rapids, daughter of the late Frank and Edna Kandzora. She married Neil Hovind on January 18, 1947, in Wausau. He preceded her in death in 2010. The couple lived in Minneapolis for 11 years prior to Neil's retirement. Marjorie thoroughly enjoyed life in the Twin Cities. They moved to Merrill in 1980 and

made this their permanent home. Marjorie moved to Apple Gate Terrace Assisted Living in 2017. Marjorie was a homemaker. She enjoyed learning about and investing in the stock market, sketching and painting, cooking and baking, and her homemaker's club. Marjorie was an excellent seamstress.

Survivors include her sister-in-law, Irene Kreis of Eau Claire; nieces and nephews, Ann (Todd) Anderson of Wausau, Bob (Kay) Kries and John (Pat) Kries, both of Eau Claire, and her niece Amy Otis of Malibu, California; two great nephews, Richard Anderson of Wausau and Whitman Otis of Malibu; and a great niece, Amy (Andy) Sondelski of Edgar. Besides her parents and husband, Marjorie is preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Mildred and Glen Martin, and a nephew, Greg Martin.

The Funeral Liturgy began at 11:00 AM Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Deacon Jim Arndt officiated. Burial followed in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Wausau. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM Tuesday at the funeral home.

The family wishes to thank the staffs of Wausau Manor and Apple Gate Terrace for their compassionate care of Marjorie.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com.



John Conrad Heggblom

passed away peacefully at the age of 73 at his Scottsdale, Arizona home on October 22, 2021, after a five-year battle with cancer. John was born April 18, 1948 in Miami, Florida to Julius Conrad & Dorothy McDermid Heggblom. The youngest of three children, he spent most of his youth in various countries in Africa and Denmark. He attended high school at Trinity Pawling

School in Pawling, New York, and college at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Following college, he joined the Army Reserves. June 19, 1971, he married Lorinda Jill Holloway and they had two daughters (Erin D'Lorah and Johanna Katherine). John enjoyed taking his daughters to see airplanes at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and traveling around Arizona to learn the state's history. He travelled to Merrill, Wisconsin, on a regular basis with his daughters and helped his mother drive to and from Arizona and the family cabin on Lake Pesobic in Merrill after his father passed away. He enjoyed spending time with his daughters, grandchildren, and great-granddaughter at fairs and events around Phoenix, Arizona, and traveling with friends. After retiring in 2018 he received recognition for his 34 years of service with the United States Postal Service. He lived in Scottsdale, Arizona, until his death.

He is survived by his daughters and their spouses, Erin D'Lorah & Stephen L. Toth and Johanna Katherine & David J. Holloway; grandchildren, Stephen H. Toth and Victoria M. Toth; great-granddaughter, Lacey L. Toth; two siblings and their spouses, Allan G. & Frances H. Heggblom and Carol A. & Bruce T. Murdoch, and nieces & nephews Eric, Ellen, Vanessa, and Robert. He was preceded in death by his parents Julius Conrad (April 6, 1989) & Dorothy McDermid Heggblom (September 25, 2017).

John will be interred in Merrill, Wisconsin, with his parents and a Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held in Scottsdale in late November.

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Hand Book; Social Media Policy."

"It's bad enough this summary was emailed to a number of citizens, radio, and television stations, but it was posted on the City's Facebook page as well as on the front page of the City website," she said. "This shows utter disrespect by a City employee, when ironically, in a few paragraphs before Mr. Johnson's opinion, the Council passed numerous incentives to attract and maintain City employees. How in the world does the City expect to attract and maintain employees when the City Administrator acts in an unprofessional manner?"

"As one last slap in the face," Malm said, "Mr. Johnson revised his original statement on Facebook and put his opinion at the bottom of the paragraph regarding the budget issues. He had the opportunity to apologize and retract his statement regarding Mr. Sabatke but he did not."

She went on to describe other issues. "Mr. Johnson ... has been disrespectful and condescending when speaking to City Council members. He has had numerous complaints regarding his communication skills and nothing has been done. ... This behavior is unacceptable for any City employee," she said. "There needs to be total agreement in how employees, citizens, committee members, and Council members are treated. Without respect by upper management, there isn't much chance of attracting employees or the ability to keep employees."

Two days later, Johnson emails apology

Two days later, on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2021, Johnson emailed Sabatke [and copied in what appears to be the list of those who received his original summary report via email] saying, "I have admitted and publicly apologized for my error in the sequence of events concerning your motion to defund the City Administrator position at the Nov. 9, 2021 Common Council Meeting."

"I further apologize for any misunderstanding over my use of the term ignominiously, and it's meaning, in my Common Council report dated Nov. 10, 2021," he said.

Johnson went on to share definitions of the word ignominious from four dictionaries: Collins Dictionary, Macmillan Dictionary, Free Dictionary, and another definition that was not specifically cited.

"Your failed action to defund the City Administrator position does fit the definition and was not meant to be demeaning or disrespectful," Johnson said to Sabatke in his apology email. "I trust that this puts this misunderstanding to rest," he concluded in his email to Sabatke.

When asked for further clarification about his word choice, Johnson said his use of the word ignominiously was intended to mean "It was an unsuccessful attempt at an action that garnered no support."

In an email reply to Johnson, Sabatke did accept the apology saying, "David, I accept in the spirit of cooperation and projecting a positive image for the City."

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For comfort and to carry on
 -Lynda Van Wyk

Carol, Al & Julie, Gary & Bonnie, Sue & Mike

LEGAL NOTICES

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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452

AN ORDINANCE: By Common Council Re: Adopting the 2022 City of Merrill Budget and Establishing the Tax Levy for Year 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-18
 Introduced: November 9, 2021
 1st Reading: November 9, 2021
 2nd Reading: November 9, 2021
 3rd Reading: November 9, 2021
 Committee/Commission Action: **RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE**

AN ORDINANCE
 The Common Council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:
Section 1. 2022 Budget. That the proposed 2022 budget of the City of Merrill, a summary of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and dated November 9, 2021, be and is hereby adopted.
Section 2. Non-Union Compensation. Included within said budget is a 1.0% wage increase effective December 20, 2021 and June 20, 2022 for Non-Union employees, except for Election Officials. The compensation adjustments also include a December 20, 2021 Step increase for Transit, Street, and Parks & Recreation Department employees whom have not yet reached Step 11 and whom have Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDL). Seasonal Limited Term Employee (LTE) compensation will be increased \$1.00 per hour effective December 20, 2021.
Section 3. Tax Levy. There is hereby levied a tax of \$5,831,281 upon all taxable property within the City of Merrill as returned by the City Assessor in the year 2021 for the uses and purposes set for in said budget, plus the tax incremental levies associated with the City of Merrill's Tax Increment Finance Districts No. 3 through No. 14.
Section 4. Tax Roll. That the City Clerk shall be, and hereby is, authorized to prepare a tax roll for the City of Merrill for 2021 and spread the above stated tax upon said tax roll together with the tax levy amounts approved by other governmental units authorized to impose said tax levies on taxable properties within the City of Merrill. The City Clerk is further directed to sign a warrant for the collection of said tax.

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Section 5. Expenditures. There is hereby appropriated out of the receipts of the City of Merrill for the year 2021 including monies received from the property tax levy, to the various funds and purposes set up in said 2022 budget, the sum of \$14,109,866 as more fully set forth in said budget, exclusive of amounts budgeted for Tax Increment Finance Districts No. 3 through No. 14 and the Landfill, Water, and Sewer Utility Funds.
Section 6. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. It is the legislative intent of the Common Council that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal provision had not been included or any illegal application had not been made.
Section 7. Repeal and Effective Date. All ordinances or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.
 Moved by: Alderman Van Lieshout
 Adopted: November 9, 2021 5-4
 Approved: Derek Woellner, Mayor
 Attest: William N. Heideman,
 City Clerk
 Published Nov. 18, 2021
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DATE SIGNED: November 11, 2021
 Electronically signed by
 Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
 Case No. 2021 IN 48
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 CHERYL ANN WEEGE
 DOD 10/16/2021
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/06/1966 and date of death 10/16/2021, was domiciled in Lincoln

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County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 309 E. Riverside Ave., Merrill, WI 54452.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03-11-2022.
 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
 James Wedemeyer
 204 N. Van Rensselaer St.
 Merrill, Wis. 54452
 (715) 536-8135 Bar Number 1004552.
 Published 18, 25 & Dec. 2, 2021
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RAZE ORDER
 (Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0413)
 TO:
OWNER: Donald and Edith Townsend
603 Cotter Ave
Merrill, WI 54452
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
1905 Jackson Street
Merrill, WI 54452
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 Land described as O Rourk and Rodden's Addition to the City of Merrill, West 60' of the East 140' of Lot 4, Block 4, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Merrill, by its Building Inspector, hereby declares that the building located on the above described property is old, dilapidated or out of repair and, consequently, dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human habitation and unreasonable to repair.
THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Owner of said building located on the above described property shall raze the building on or before **December 5, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.** To raze a building means to demolish and remove the building and to restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition. If the building on the property described herein contains personal property or fixtures which will unreasonably interfere with the razing of the building or if the razing makes necessary the removal, sale or destruction of the personal property or fixtures, the City of Merrill Building Inspector hereby Orders the removal of the personal property or fixtures on or before **December 5, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.**

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Dated and effective this 26th day of October, 2021.
City of Merrill
 Published Nov. 4, 11 & 18, 2021
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/s/ Robert R. Russell
 10/22/21
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
 Case No. 21CV148
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
 Jessie Allen Weso
 By (Petitioner) Jessie Allen Weso
 By (Co-Petitioner) Jessie Allen Weso
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
 From: Jessie Allen Weso
 To: Jesse Allen Weso
 Birth Certificate: Jessie Allen Weso
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, Br. 2, Merrill, WI 54452
 Date: 11-24-21
 Time 11:00 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.
 Published Oct. 28, Nov. 4 & 11, 2021
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

One-Dimensional Living

Dear Reader,
 Sometimes I think I am living this world in only one dimension. I plow through a day addressing patterns, people and routines I've established over time. It is rare that I attempt to pierce the veil of bigger thinking and philosophies regarding the roles we play, and the whys, and the end-game antics to a greater universe of the soul.



Is this world a sanctuary or a prison? It seems to depend on the day. Is there meaning in each moment, or does that appear at certain engagements with certain people in our orbits? It's hard to find a consistent pattern. Is there another dimension of thought we barely scratch that might be reachable to those who seek? That is the quest.

There are many living situations whence we trek this road. Whether single, married, or in some other unique situation, we experience special challenges and charms. In all cases, it seems we are meant to make ourselves whole through interactions with others who are sprinkled in and out of our day-to-day life.

When we transcend to the other side, our souls, once fueled by our bodies, power on to their eternal destiny of being. The one dimension of the curiosities and delights of physical living has been shed, transcended to the ultimate destiny of God. So we hope, so we hope....

PATRICK J. WOOD
 PUBLISHER

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
WILL LINCOLN COUNTY SURVIVE? - Part 2
 At the last Lincoln County Board (LCB) meeting, a 134-page survey was presented and it was suggested to REDUCE the available beds by 40 beds OR down to 120 beds to save money. Pine Crest (PC) is now under the

See LETTER page 14

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT that due to a resignation, there is a limited-term vacancy on the School Board until the April 2022 election.

An elector desiring to be a candidate for this position must file a **letter of interest and resume at the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE, 1111 NORTH SALES STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452, PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021.** Two written questions will also be asked to be completed before the interviews to be held on December 9, 2021.

Any qualified elector of this District who has filed a resume and letter of interest before the deadline, shall be required to submit to a criminal background check. Persons convicted of felonies will not be considered for Board appointments.

The Board of Education will interview and name the individual to fill this position until April 22.

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TOWN OF MERRILL MERRILL, WISCONSIN

TOWN OF MERRILL NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN OF MERRILL ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022, THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS ARE TO BE ELECTED TO SUCCEED THE PRESENT INCUMBENTS LISTED. ALL TERMS ARE FOR TWO YEARS BEGINNING ON **TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022.**

OFFICE	INCUMBENTS
Two (2) TOWN SUPERVISORS	CUTLER NOWAK TIM MUESKE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Town Caucus will be held in January for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring Election Ballot for the above listed offices. Notice of caucus date to be published and posted at a later date.

Kay Tautges Clerk/Treasurer
www.townofmerrill.net

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

CITY OF MERRILL
APRIL 5, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the City of Merrill, on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The terms for mayor and alderperson begin on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022. The terms for all other offices begin on May 1st, 2022. The terms for all alderpersons are two years, and the terms for all other offices are four years.

Office	Incumbent
Mayor	Derek R. Woellner
City Clerk	Bill Heideman
Street & Weed Commissioner	Ronald R. Liberty
Joint Municipal Court Judge	Ned R. Seubert
Aldersperson, District 1	Paul Russell
Aldersperson, District 2	Steve J. Hass
Aldersperson, District 3	Rick Blake
Aldersperson, District 4	Steve Osness
Aldersperson, District 5	John Van Lieshout
Aldersperson, District 6	Mike Rick
Aldersperson, District 7	Mark Weix, Jr.
Aldersperson, District 8	Steve Sabatke

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is Wednesday, December 1st, 2021, and that the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022, in the Clerk/Treasurer office at City Hall, 1004 East First Street.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 15th, 2022.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the City of Merrill on November 18th, 2021

William N. Heideman, City Clerk
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NOTICE CITY OF MERRILL

GARBAGE AND RECYCLE COLLECTION

Garbage and Recycle collection for **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 25th** will be picked up in a combined collection on **Wednesday November 24th** Garbage and Recycle collection for **Friday November 26th** will be picked up in a combined collection on **Monday November 29th.**

Please have you items curbside by 6 am on your collection day.

Call the City Garage at 715-536-4222 with questions.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Dustin Bonack, Street Superintendent

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

WI Statute s. 10.01(2)(a) and s. 120.06(6)(b)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT that a School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, to fill the following Board positions:

Three (3) MEMBERS AT LARGE
 (three 3-year terms)

Terms of office for the following members-at-large expire on April 25, 2022:

Nubs Ashbeck
Jon Smith
Linda Yingling

An elector desiring to be a candidate for a position on the School Board of the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT must file a **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY and CAMPAIGN REGISTRATION STATEMENT at the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE, 1111 NORTH SALES STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022.**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2021.

Ron Liberty
 School Board Clerk
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MERRILL FOTO NEWS Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is **Colby Goetsch**
 Daughter of **Shayna and Marcus Goetsch**
 Colby is in the 1st grade at Kate Goodrich Elementary School. She was nominated by Ms. Zocher.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
 My favorite subjects in school are math and reading. In math, I like to learn numbers and in reading I like to learn new words and read a lot of different stories.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
 I like recess because I like to play outside and be with all of my friends.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
 When I grow up I would like to be a babysitter because I like to meet new people and help people too.

Colby is a wonderful student who is kind and respectful to everyone. Every day she comes to school with a smile on her face and is ready to learn. Colby works incredibly hard in all academic areas to always do her best. She is an active listener and demonstrates patience as she waits her turn. Colby is a friend to everyone and a positive asset to our classroom and school community!
 - Ms. Zocher

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— don't shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.)

Dress for warmth and safety

In addition to dressing in layers for warmth and to prevent hypothermia, during the gun deer hunting season, at least 50 percent of a hunter's outer clothing above the waist must be high-visibility blaze orange or fluorescent pink in color. In addition, any hat or head covering must likewise be at least 50 percent blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Faded or stained clothing, even in these colors, may not meet legal requirements and is not safe. Camo-blaze clothing, of which 50 percent is blaze orange or fluorescent pink, may meet the legal requirement but is not as safe. The DNR recommends 100 percent solid blaze orange or fluorescent pink for optimum safety.

Know your species and your tag limitations

Before heading out for the hunt, be sure you know how to identify the difference between a whitetail deer and an elk.

- An adult whitetail deer has legs the same color as its body and a white throat patch. Its tail is large with a white underside and a white rear under its tail, and it has a white underbelly. An adult elk has a dark throat area, black legs, a dark brown mane, and a tan rump patch.
- An elk calf is about the same size as an adult whitetail doe. Know how to tell the difference.
- An adult elk stands 1-2 feet taller than an adult whitetail deer at the shoulders.
- A whitetail buck has antlers that curve forward. An elk has antlers that sweep back.

Check the harvest authorization on your deer hunting license. The number and types of harvest authorizations may vary based on where in the state you are hunting and whether you have a bonus antlerless deer harvest authorization. All harvest permits are for use in the zone specified on the authorization.

Shooting a deer with a collar or ear tags

Deer (or other wildlife) wearing a tracking collar or ear tags are part of a DNR research project and are legal for harvest. However, if you harvest a marked deer, you are asked to call 608.935.1940 and to leave a message with the tag or collar numbers and your contact information. [In addition to registering your deer online.]

Know your hunting regulations

It is every hunter's responsibility to have a good understanding of hunter's safety, how to safely handle a weapon, and the regulations that apply to the game the hunter intends to hunt. For hunters who are hunting with a parent or guardian or mentor, the parent, guardian, or mentor assumes responsibility for teaching these

things to the hunter. Education helps ensure a safe, legal, ethical hunt.

Wisconsin's gun deer hunting regulations are too numerous to encompass in a single article. Complete 2021 Wisconsin hunting regulations can be found in published format at DNR ranger stations and some local businesses and gas stations. Wisconsin's deer hunting regulations are also available on the DNR website at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/deer>. Here you'll find information on everything from Chronic Wasting Disease (and testing) to carcass movement regulations, from shooting hours to baiting restrictions, and everything in between. Whether you're planning to hunt alone or as part of a group, it never hurts to brush up on current regulations and check out what's new for the year.

Harvest registration

Don't forget to register your deer online at: <https://gowild.wi.gov/wildlife/harvest> after the kill. Deer must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after the deer carcass is recovered.



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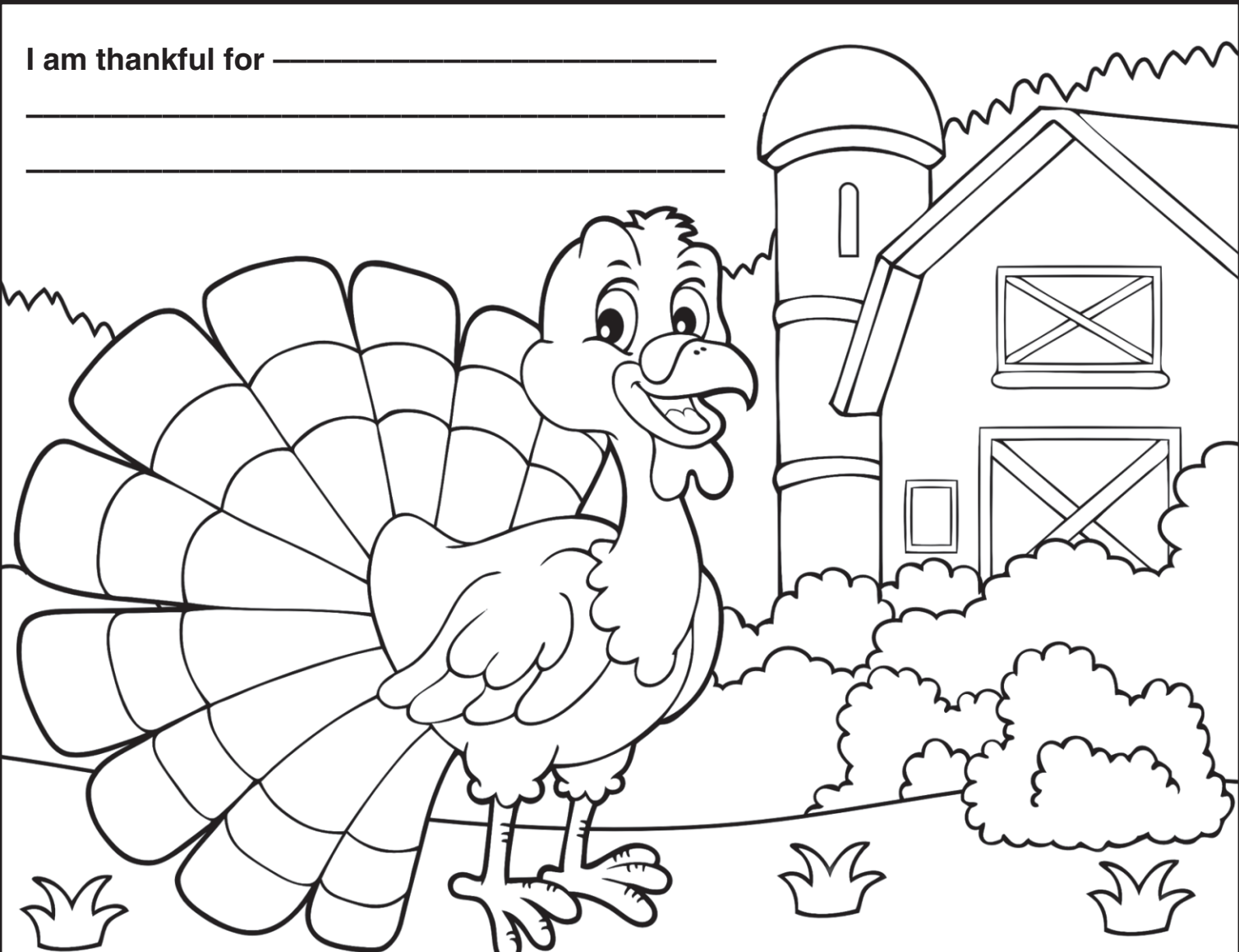
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December 10, 2021

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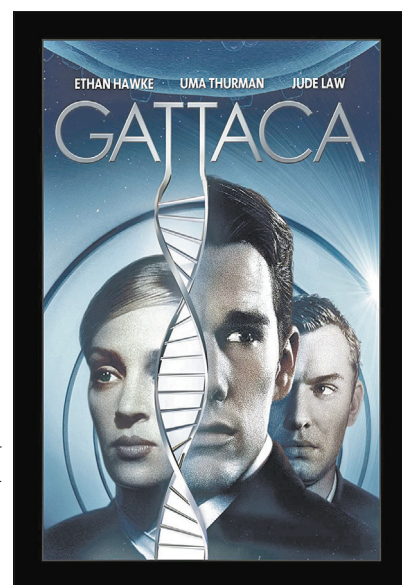
Movie Reviews

BY **CHRISTOPHER STAMM**
 GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Gattaca

(now streaming on multiple platforms)

★★★★★
 Rated PG-13 – for language and adult themes.



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Greetings, dear readers. Nothing new hit cinemas this week except for *Clifford the Big Red Dog*, and as a middle-aged man, I thought attending a kids movie solo would be, shall we say, creepy (and I had no interest in it anyway).

So, I went back into the way-back machine and pulled another gem out that you may have missed.

Gattaca arrived on screens in 1997 and was quickly forgotten. It received wonderful reviews praising its look, performances, and score, but did not find its audience. And that is a crime.

Gattaca has since gone on to be one of the best-regarded films of the 90's, and the sad fact is, in today's market, it would never be made, and we would be all the lesser for that.

Taking place in the near future, *Gattaca* is about a society where genetic manipulation is the norm. Where soon-to-be-parents choose the traits they want their child to have and do their best to eliminate undesirable traits.

Children born without this manipulation are referred to as "love children" and have become second class citizens. As the lead character states in one memorable line, "I belonged to a new underclass, no longer determined by social status or the color of my skin. No, we now have discrimination down to a science."

The lead character, Vincent, played to perfection by Ethan Hawke, decides he will not be limited by and to his genetic makeup and games the system. How he does this is the story, so I will not go into it. Suffice to say, its enthralling!

The cast is amazing. Ethan Hawke, Uma Thurman, Jude Law, and Alan Arkin all lend their considerable talents to this story.

Five out of five stars for *Gattaca*. This is one of the best films you will ever see.

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MERRILL FOTO NEWS

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with disabilities. There is no cost for participation in the summer camp program, so contributions are vital to the operation of Lions Camp.

Merrill Lions are also collecting deer antlers to be

used by Leader Dog Puppy Raisers for puppies to chew on, deer hearts to be donated to the Wildlife Refuge in Antigo, and tails.

For more information, contact Dennis Knott of the Merrill Lions Club at 715.218.1525.

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Marshfield Clinic Health System



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Monday thru Friday
Hand Packing Fruit Gift Boxes
 7:00am until approx. 2:00pm
 (Must be detail oriented)

Starting wage is **\$12.00 per hour**

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Skoviera is named September Youth Optimist of the Month

The Merrill Noon Optimist Club selected Amelia Skoviera as the September Youth of the Month. Amelia was nominated by Ms.

Morgan Wilde, who wrote: "Amelia is my student in Anatomy and Physiology, also a member of the tennis team that I coach. Amelia is Captain of the Girls Tennis Team, for very good reason. Her positive attitude and outlook on life are the perfect example for players that are

younger. Tennis is a mentally tough sport. There are no loud crowds to cheer you on as you play; it all falls on the players to encourage themselves. Amelia's positive self-talk and her positive encouragement with her doubles partner never stops during a tennis match.



Skoviera

NOT compliment Amelia and her partner on their positive attitudes."

Ms. Wilde also stated: "Being optimistic does not always come easy for Amelia. It's something that takes effort at times. What makes her stand out is her ability to overcome negativity by putting in the concerted effort and choosing to still have a positive outlook. Having a positive outlook is a choice, and Amelia chooses to be positive every day, no matter how hard it may be. An optimistic attitude like Amelia's is hard to come by. It is incredibly consistent from the tennis courts to the science classroom; since it is consistent between those two, I can only imagine how much positivity she is able to spread with the other handful of school organizations she is deeply involved in."

Amelia has been active in Varsity Tennis (MVP and 1st Team All-Conference), Soccer, and as a Link Crew Leader, LEAD member, Youth Optimist (member & Secretary), National Honors Society (member & President), Bluejay Beat writer, and member of Raise Your Voice, The Nest, Student Council and as Student Representative for the Board of Education.

Outside of school, Amelia is a 4K Soccer Coach and Sunday School Teacher.

After high school graduation, Amelia is planning to attend UW Eau Claire to get her degree in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Aaron and Colleen Skoviera.

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management of North Central Health Care (NCHC) so LCB doesn't have much input anymore (although I find three LCB members serve on NCHC board) BUT they still have to pay the bills! The October 8, 2021, NCHC reports PC shows a loss YTD \$1,173,487 (get this--\$412,070 worse than budgeted). In layman's terms, this means when the budget is approved, PC is known to be in the RED! Lincoln County taxpayers have to come up with this difference by giving up services, road improvements, etc.

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Merrill High School and Antigo High School football players prepare to compete in the Quarterback Challenge at Lambeau Field during the Packer game on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2021.

Submitted photos.

Three Merrill Varsity Football players win Quarterback Challenge at Lambeau Field

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Sunday, Nov. 15, the Green Bay Packers beat the Seattle Seahawks 17-0 at Lambeau Field, and the hometown crowd went wild. But for three Merrill High School (MHS) students, the highlight of that win may have been slightly eclipsed by their own victory winning the Quarterback Challenge.

The High School Quarterback Challenge at Lambeau Field began in 2015 and is an on-field competition between two Wisconsin high schools held during half-time. Each high school's quarterback and two wide receivers compete in a test of their passing and catching skills. The schools alternate, and each of the school's two wide receivers has one opportunity to catch a pass from their respective quarterback.

"I received an email from the Packers' front office saying Merrill and Antigo have been selected to compete in the Halftime Quarterback Challenge at Lambeau Field," said Merrill Varsity Football Head Coach Jason Wadzinski. It doesn't get much better than that: Rival teams [the "War on 64"] pitting off against one another for bragging rights at Lambeau Field in front of a Packers' home-



From L to R, proudly enjoying their moment in the limelight at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Head Varsity Football Coach Jason Wadzinski, Brian Ball #10, Cayden Diels #2, and Bailey Turenne #5.

town crowd. That sealed the deal and the competitors and their cheering sections were headed to Green Bay for a Packer game!

"Each team gets two throws from the 20-yard line to different receivers," Wadzinski explained. "The longest completed pass wins the challenge."

He replayed Sunday's halftime action: "Quarterback Brian Ball threw passes to Cayden Diels and Bailey Turenne. Antigo threw first, and the pass fell incomplete. Brian threw to Cayden Diels then, and that ball, too, was off the mark and fell incomplete. Antigo threw next and completed

a 30-yard pass to take the lead. Brian then completed a 34-yard pass to Bailey Turenne for the win!"

Merrill quarterback Brian Ball described the experience of walking onto Lambeau Field in front of a packed stadium as "unreal."

"I was in awe as I walked onto the field with all of the lights and cameras facing me," he said. "Especially being on the big jumbotrons, everything moved pretty fast. The challenge was done at halftime in front of over 78,000 people."

"It felt amazing to win

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Lady Jays perform well at State competition and break more school records

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The 52nd Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Girls Swimming and Diving Championships were held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13, at the Waukesha South High School Natatorium. Four Merrill Girls qualified for the State competition: Amber Winter, Bailee Sommer, Grace Schultz, and Claire Schultz. The Merrill Girls competed on Friday in Division 2.

In Division 2, each event winner and the next 12 fastest times or scores from all the 4 sectionals combined qualified to compete at the State level.

According to the WIAA, the WIAA began girls swimming and diving championships in 1970 and moved to a two-division format in 1992.

The 200 Yard Medley Relay team of Amber Winter, Bailee Sommer, Grace Schultz, and Claire Schultz took eighth place at State and set another new school record with a time of 1:50.11 [after just setting a new school record during Sectionals with a time of 1:51.12].

The same team of four girls also took seventh place in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay at State with a time of 1:40.52, beating their time at Sectionals by more

than two seconds.

Senior Grace Schultz took seventh place at State in the 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 57:41, beating her Sectional time by more than two seconds, and setting a new school record.

Senior Claire Schultz came in eighth place at State in the 50 Yard Freestyle with a time of 24.38, improving on her time at Sectionals, which was 24.70, and also set a new school record.

Grace Schultz also came in 10th place at State in the 200 Yard IM and set a new school record with a time of 2:09.76 [after just setting a new school record during Sectionals with a time of 2:12.15], beating her Sectional time by more than two seconds. Junior Amber Winter competed in the same event and beat her own qualifying time at Sectionals with a time of 2:15.94 at State, putting her in 15th place at the finish. [Her time at Sectionals was 2:16.41.]

Amber Winter came in 11th place at State in the 100 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:08.15.

Merrill Girls Varsity Swimmers, as a team, came in 13th place out of 33 teams with a total score of 84, representing the total score the Lady Jays racked

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2021-2022 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedule

<u>Basketball Girls (Varsity, JV, & JV2)</u>			
Thurs. Nov. 18	Wittenberg-Birnamwood (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Thurs. Nov. 18	Wittenberg-Birnamwood (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
Tues. Nov. 23	Medford (JV & JV2)	Home	5:45 pm
Tues. Nov. 23	Medford (Varsity)	Home	7:15 pm
<u>Basketball Boys (Varsity, JV, & JV2)</u>			
No scheduled events for this week.			
<u>Ice Hockey Boys (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Thurs. Nov. 18	Scrimmage (Varsity)	Home	4:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 23	Shawano (Varsity)	Marathon	7:05 pm
<u>Ice Hockey Girls (Varsity & JV)</u>			
Sat. Nov. 20	Northland Pines (Varsity)	Eagle River	6:00 pm
<u>Wrestling Boys (Varsity & JV)</u>			
No scheduled events for this week.			

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Merrill Varsity Girls Tennis players receive awards. Amelia Skoviera (left) was named Most Valuable Player, and Tessa Wheat was named Most Improved. They also received 1st Team All Conference Award this year in the Wisconsin Valley Conference. Submitted photo.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Bailee Sommer, a Freshman at Merrill High School (MHS) has been named Athlete of the Week. This is Bailee's first year swimming on the Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Team. She learned how to swim just four years ago and has been swimming competitively ever since, and this year she swam her way to State where she helped set a new school record when she and her three teammates swam the 200 Medley Relay with a time of 1:50.11 and finished in 8th place. She and her teammates also advanced to State in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay and took 7th place in that event with a time of 1:40.52.

Bailee ran Track in Middle School but said she isn't planning to do that this year. At school, Bailee belongs to Raise Your Voice Club, Student Council, and FFA. Outside of school, Bailee enjoys barrel racing and has been riding since she was really little. Typically Bailee rode her horse, Val, in barrel racing competitions. Recently, Val was retired and she is now working with her new horse, Quinn, to get her ready for barrel racing.

The daughter of Betsy and Greg Sommer of Merrill, Bailee hopes to attend UW-River Falls initially and then Texas A&M, as both schools have really good veterinary programs, and Bailee aspires to be a large animal veterinarian.

Bailee Sommer

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Dated this 10th day of November, 2021
 Mary Peterson, Board of Education Clerk

Published November 18, 2021

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Honoring Veterans in Merrill



VFW Post 1638 held a ceremony honoring all veterans at 11:00 a.m. on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2021, at the Cenotaph Memorial Park on 301 Grand Ave, Merrill. Despite the cold and rain, some citizens came out to see the ceremony and listen to the words of Paul Russell and Brigadier General Covington. Thank you to all of our Veterans! You are the reason we live in a free country, and we deeply appreciate your service.

Joseph Frederick photos.



The Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball Team raised funds to make a \$1,518 donation to Mighty Maddy's Mission. Mighty Maddy's Mission is a non-profit named in honor of Maddy Odegard who lost her three-year battle with cancer on Aug. 15, 2017, at the age of nine. The organization's mission is to create smiles for those affected by childhood cancer by providing birthday boxes for the child and their siblings who are forced to spend their birthdays admitted in the hospital, as well as to provide end of treatment party boxes. Maddy's grandmother, Flori Jespersen, is pictured in the back row (purple shirt) accepting the check on behalf of Mighty Maddy's Mission.

Tina L. Scott photo.

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in front of all of those people while representing Merrill," Ball said. "It was an honor for me, Cayden, Bailey, and Coach Wadzinski to go to

the game and represent Merrill as a whole."

"I want to thank the Merrill community for supporting Merrill Football and other Merrill athletics," he added.

"There was no award per se, but the chance

to compete at Lambeau was rewarding enough," Wadzinski said.

"Being able to step onto Lambeau Field with snow coming down, and the lights, in front of almost 80,000 fans, was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I'm incredibly proud of our boys and their composure throughout the entire event. It was a memorable moment, one none of us will forget for a long time," Wadzinski said.

It was also a fine, proud moment for the families of the three Merrill football players who made the trip to see their boys compete and the other Assistant Coaches who got tickets to the game to witness the Merrill Bluejays' victory over the Red Robins in this special competition.

Go, Bluejays! And go, Packers!

SWIMMING
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up in their individual and team events. In first place and 2021 State Champions, Edgewood High School Girls racked up 394 points to take the title.

"The State Swim Meet is always a high energy fast-paced meet with amazing talent from around the state," said Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Coach Kristie Winter. "The girls stepped up to the challenge and swam great, even after a very long day and quick turnaround between their events."

"As a team, we finished in 13th place, 5 spots ahead of Rice Lake who got us at Sectionals," she added. "The girls really swam well at their last meet of the season."



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