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Ward and District lines have changed

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

As a result of the 2020 Census, City of Merrill and Lincoln County Ward and District lines were changed, along with some legislative and congressional District lines. This process happens every 10 years when population counts and changes are considered and the appropriate lines are redrawn, with the intent to create equitable representation in governmental elections at all levels. It is often a contentious process, and this year was no different.

In the end, on Thursday, March 3, 2022, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled by a slim majority, 4-3, to adopt the "least change" legislative and congressional redistricting maps submitted by Gov. Tony Evers.

In our readership area, while most line changes were minimal, it is possible you may now reside in a different Ward or District than in the past. If so, your voting location may also have changed.

Before the Spring Election Day on April 5, 2022, go to www.myvote.wi.gov and click on "Find My Polling Place" to confirm your Ward/District and to confirm your voting location. Or, in the city of Merrill, call the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 715.536.5594. In rural areas, call your Town Clerk to confirm your voting location.

"Help each other"

Wise words from Heinie will live on ...

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Elroy Lemke, known affectionately as "Heinie" to most for the last 80+ years, died on Saturday morning, March 12, 2022, at the age of 98, just weeks shy of his 99th birthday. Heinie was one of Lincoln County's last World War II veterans and was the "Last man standing" from F Battery 120th Field Artillery, 32nd Division, Pacific Theatre, World War II – the last man living who had joined the unit, trained with it, and deployed into the South Pacific to fight with the unit.

As a radio operator and lineman, Heinie was on the front lines of World War II in the South Pacific and in New Guinea, and saw the horrific side of man's inhumanity to man. He seldom spoke of the horrors that he saw, and then in only general terms, but after receiving a VFW Post 1638 Auxiliary Quilt of Honor on Jan. 6, 2022, and being lovingly wrapped in its warmth, then sleeping beneath it, he told Cheryl Coyer, one of the quilt's makers, that it helped him heal from those war memories. "I don't have nightmares no more," he told her. That quilt was so much more than fabric, thread, and batting.

"I joined the Army," Heinie said, "The best thing I ever did."

It was his ticket out of farming – both the family farm and his work on neighboring farms since his teen years. He made no secret of the fact that farming was "nothin' but work" and he didn't miss that lifestyle one bit.

When asked his favorite part of growing up on a farm as a child, Heinie laughed out loud. "There was no favorite memory with that," he

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Heinie is wrapped in and receives the VFW Post 1638 Auxiliary Quilt of Honor in Jan. 2022 by the ladies who made his quilt: Sam Krause (far left) and Cheryl Coyer (far right). **Tina L. Scott photo.**

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April 5 Spring Election coverage

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, residents in Lincoln County and the City of Merrill will go to the polls to elect County Board Supervisors, a new Mayor and a new City Clerk for the City of Merrill, Aldermen for the City of Merrill, and MAPS Board members. Many of these races are contested, with a much-larger-than-average number of candidates running for local offices.

Voters will also decide whether to approve a referendum put forth by the Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS). [The March 10 edition of the Foto News included complete referendum information.]

This edition begins introductions to some of the candidates running for election in key City of Merrill races.

City of Merrill - Mayor

Steve Hass and William R. Bialecki will compete in the race for Merrill Mayor.

William Bialecki

William (Bill) Bialecki
Age: 76
Family: Spouse Judy, 9 children, 4 grandchildren
Employment/position: Part-time Director of Lincoln County Development Corp., retired master electrician and state certified commercial electrical inspector
Past/present elected offices: Two terms as Mayor, one term on City Council, three terms on County Board.
Other memberships/offices: Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund Board Member, Grow North Board Member, Wisconsin County Forest Association Board Member and Treasurer, Lumberjack Research & Development Council Member, ex-officio member of Merrill Chamber of Commerce Board, 54-year member of VFW, past Post Commander, 6 years US Army active duty (3 tours in Vietnam), 1 year Wisconsin National Guard, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (retired), member Merrill Optimists, member of St. Francis Parish,

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Eagle River woman dies in Lincoln County crash

Amber L. Shea, age 22, of Eagle River suffered fatal injuries as the result of a two-vehicle crash on USH 8 at McCord Rd. near the Town of McCord, northwest of Tomahawk in Lincoln County, on March 15, 2022, at approximately 7:45 a.m. Shea was driving a black Chevrolet Malibu eastbound on USH 8 when her vehicle crossed the centerline into the path of a westbound semi-tractor trailer unit. The driver of the semi was uninjured. The Wisconsin State Patrol and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office responded, and USH 8 was closed for several hours due to the crash investigation. The Wisconsin State Patrol is investigating the crash.

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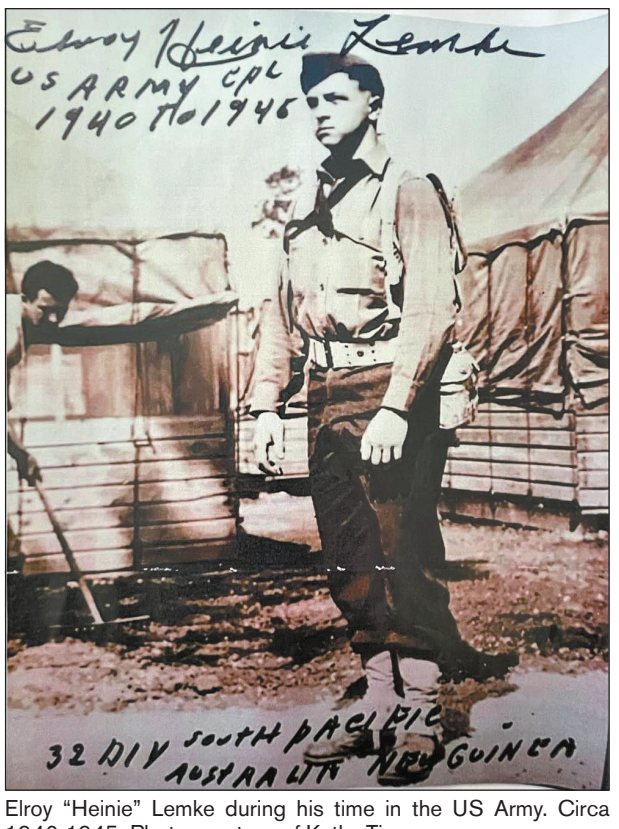
said. "The only good thing was my trapeze up in the barn. That was the best!" His childhood dream, Heinie said, was to be a trapeze artist in the circus.

While he never did achieve that dream, he found a career doing one of the next best things: climbing poles and trees and anything that would stand still, first stringing lines in the Army and later working for Wisconsin Public Service, where he worked for 39 years. He had no fear of heights and was still climbing the windmill at the Lincoln County Sports Club (which he maintained) at the age of 92.

Heinie often spoke with pride of serving his country, of his work bringing electricity to people's homes, of his work for Crime Stoppers in Merrill (he came to be known as "Mr. Crime Stopper" locally), of his passion for crafting things with wood (furniture, crosses, the patch board case at the Northwoods Veterans Post, a table at the Lincoln County Sports Club, and so much more), and of the people in his life. He was an encourager. He told people how he felt about them and that they were doing a good job, and not just once, but every chance he got. He wanted people to know they were loved and encouraged.



Elroy "Heinie" Lemke during his time in the US Army. Circa 1940-1945. Photo courtesy of Kathy Timmerman.

Last summer, at age 98, Heinie flew in a Boeing Stearman biplane, the same aircraft used to train many military aviators in the late 1930's and early 1940's, as part of the Dream Flights program to honor military veterans. Though he had never flown in the military – trains and a boat were his transportation in the service, he said, recalling the 28-day trip on a ship from California to South Australia in the Army – he absolutely loved that flight. Immediately after he climbed out of the biplane, he pronounced it, "Wonderful! I just think it's wonderful! ... Flying was just as smooth as can be."

In his 98 years, Heinie did many things, but the thing he did best was to be a friend. He talked with people. He helped people.

When asked to impart some of his years of wisdom in a recent interview, such as advice he would give newlyweds, he said, "They should love each other. And help each other. Absolutely help each other. I'm a great believer in that."

Some of the last words I ever heard him speak were: "You should always help people. You should always do something free to help others." Heinie believed in giving, whether it be of time or money or just doing something for someone, without expecting anything in return. He believed in encouraging words. And he believe helping was the answer to everything – the best marital advice, the best advice for parents and kids alike, and the best way to build a community. "Help each other. That's what you need. You really do need that," he said. "Everybody needs help."

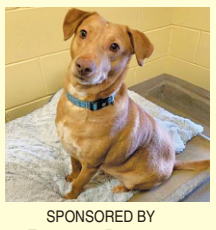
Wouldn't the world be a better place if everyone followed that advice? Certainly Heinie's world was a wonderful place to be, with a wonderful life well-lived. He knew it, he said it, and he shared it – with everyone he connected with, and that was pretty much everyone he met.

"I'm just a happy man, that's all," Heinie said. And his words were genuine, as evidenced by his ready laughter and good-natured demeanor whenever anyone saw him or spoke with him.

He took the time to talk to everyone, and everyone who took the time to talk with him in return, came away with a story and fell under his trance of joyfulness. It was infectious, and a blessing.

How does one summarize such a life, and all the stories, and all that he did, and the lives that he touched?

Perhaps it is best said in his own very recent words, said with joy and his ever-present laughter: "I'm really so thankful. I have a good life. I really do." Heinie said. "I don't have a thing to complain about. My God, I couldn't ask for a better life!"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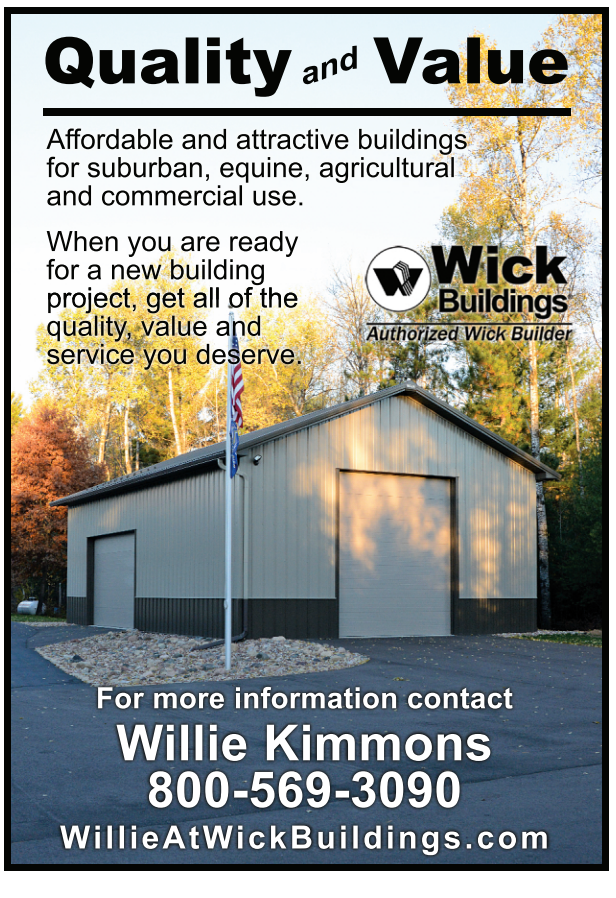

Two arrested on drug and related charges in the Town of Scott

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

According to a press release issued by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), Jean Daley, age 39, and Danny Green, age 37, were taken into custody after authorities executed a search warrant at a residence on Creek Ave. in the Town of Scott on Monday, March 14, 2022.

The LCSO, together with the Central Wisconsin Narcotics Task Force [consisting of agents from the FBI, LCSO, Marathon County Sheriff's Office, Wausau Police Department, Everest Metro Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation], the Lincoln County Special Response Team, and the Marathon County SWAT Team together executed the warrant.

Left: Danny Green, age 37, and Jean Daley, age 39.
Photo courtesy of Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Nine firearms were seized, along with methamphetamine and marijuana.

Daley was charged with: harboring or aiding a felon, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Green was charged with: felon in possession of firearm, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both parties appeared before a Lincoln County judge on Tuesday where Daley was released on a $7,000 signature bond, while Green is being held on a $25,000 cash bond.

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25-year member of Lincoln County Sports Club, 11 years as President, and 43-year member of Ducks Unlimited, Annual Fund Raiser Chairman.

Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek: In my two prior terms as Mayor, I worked with our management team to foster development that brought new businesses to Merrill and expanded existing businesses. We worked to increase the City's tax base. We worked to maintain and replace infrastructure. We added new amenities for our residents. There is work that began while I was Mayor that continued on through Mayor Woellner's term, and that work has not yet been completed. I want to see that work move forward. In addition, I intend to address the lack of affordable housing in our community. I will, as well, be working with Tomahawk and the County to expand broadband. Quality childcare will get my attention, as well. My platform also includes: Continued economic development, expansion of City's tax base, and attraction of labor for our business community. Thank you.

Steve Haas

Steve J. Hass

Age: 52

Family: Wife – Lisa; Son – Andrew

Employment: Miller Home Furnishings 30 Years

Past/present elected offices: City Council 2004-2014, October 2018-Present, City Council President 2008-2014, Personnel and Finance Committee Chairman, Health and Safety Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals, City Plan Council Representative, Water and Sewer Committee, Board of Public Works

Other memberships/ offices: Member at St. Francis Catholic Church (Lifetime), Mitten Tree Coordinator (2021-Present)

Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek: There are several reasons that I have chosen to run for Mayor.

First and foremost is that Merrill needs a fresh outlook in City government and not a return to the same ideas and structures we have had in the past.

Secondly, Merrill must continue to move forward with responsible growth. While everyone wants to see Merrill grow and prosper, we have to approach it in a fiscally responsible way. Also, spending must be controlled. Budget limits must be recognized and maintained. The City must borrow carefully, as we are deep in debt. This will also help to restore our bond rating which has fallen significantly.

Next, transparency in government must be restored. The citizens of Merrill need to be informed of what is going on in our City. People must be able to have an active voice in their government. We also need to work towards returning to civility in the City. I would like to bring morale back to the City's great employees and keep an open line of communication between them and City Hall. The Mayor needs to work with everyone and have a more open dialog.

Additionally, we need to encourage affordable housing. My plan is to create a program that would work with local landlords and contractors to remodel properties, rather than demolishing houses and leaving empty lots, which would be beneficial to everyone. We would be saving a property, retaining a tax base, and giving people an opportunity to find housing they can afford.

Lastly, the City of Merrill is a great place to live, work, and play. We must market it to be successful in bringing in new residents. People need to know about our great parks, high quality of life, and services we offer.

We need to move forward and not go back. Please show your support and keep Merrill moving in the right direction. VOTE APRIL 5, 2022.

City of Merrill - City Clerk

Lori L. Anderson-Malm and John Guenther will compete in the race for Merrill City Clerk.

Lori Anderson-Malm

Lori L. Anderson-Malm

Age: 58

Family: Spouse – Eric; two step-children – Brittany and Austin; one grandchild – Forest; and two Miniature Dachshunds – Lady and Abby.

Employment/position: Accountant for a not-for-profit insurance company.

Past/present elected offices: I have not been elected to an office previously.

Other memberships/ offices: Member of St Stephens Church; Friends of the Library Board Member and Treasurer since 2011; Volunteer at St. Francis Friday Night Fish Fries for 13 years; Committee member of the O'Tannenbaum Tour; and Redevelopment Authority Commissioner since 2019.

Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek: I chose to run for City Clerk because I believe in due diligence, integrity, and transparency in all City government operations.

As an active City Council citizen attendee and participant, I have seen a steady decline in ethics and civility since 2011. Information isn't provided to the public in a concise and readily available format. Too much power has been given to administrators, people in appointed positions, and department heads, who are not directly accountable to the citizens. This needs to change.

Elected officials, as well as the public, should be treated with respect and civility. If information is requested, it should be provided without condescension or argument. Reports, documents, audits, and financial statements should be easy to find on the City website so elected officials and citizens can access that information when needed. The job of the City Clerk is to provide complete, understandable information to taxpayers, officials, and regulators. This is the only way to provide accountability and to provide long-term growth and harmony in a community.

I was born and raised in Merrill; moved back because my husband and I wanted to come back to our home town. We appreciate what we have in Merrill after living other places. I love this city and know Merrill has a lot of potential. I want to be part of creating a new City leadership team who will listen to, respect the citizens, and earn back their trust.

John Guenther

John Guenther

Age: 49

Family: Wife – Staci; Children – Coty, Philip, and Savannah

Employment/position: Estimator at Wausau Tile

Past/present elected offices: None

Other memberships/ offices: --

Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek: When I saw the article in the paper that the office of City Clerk was open and anyone interested should pick up paperwork at City Hall, I saw it as an opportunity to make the City I live in a better place. I will be honest, I have lived in Merrill my whole life and have worked out of town for most of my life. It wasn't till I started to work with churches and other non-profits in the area that I started to realize what we have. This area is full of passionate people who care and we can accomplish anything if we work together. I want to serve the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, to the best of my abilities. I want to know when you come to City Hall you will have the best experience you can. And when you leave, I want you to say, I live in the greatest city.

Those who know me understand my values: Hard

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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR II
STATE OF WISCONSIN,
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Amended Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22-CV-26
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Christopher John Olson
By (Petitioner): Christopher John Olson
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Christopher John Olson
To: Christopher John-Sean Taylor
Birth Certificate: Christopher John Olson
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: April 4, 2022
Time: 1:15 pm
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call _____ prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the _____, a newspaper published in _____ County, State of Wisconsin.
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: 3/9/22
/s/ HONORABLE
ROBERT R. RUSSELL,
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR II
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22 CV 34
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Kelsi Morgan Chaney
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To: Kelsi Morgan Faust
Birth Certificate: Kelsi Morgan Chaney
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BY THE COURT:
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Kevin Bolling
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CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022
Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.
1. Mayor Woellner calledthe meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members:
Paul Russell – First District, Present
Steve Hass – Second District, Present
Rick Blake – Third District, Present
Steve Osness – Fourth District, Present
John M. VanLieshout – Fifth District, Present
Mike Rick - Sixth District, Present
Mark Weix – Seventh District, Present – Arrived at 6:05 p.m.
Steve Sabatke – Eighth District, Present
Derek Woellner – Mayor, Present
2. Invocation through Silent Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment Period:-
Staff member from U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany read letter offering to assist veterans while waiting for the Lincoln County Veterans Services Officer position is filled.
Heather O'Neil commented on motivations for elected officials and expressed support for City of Merrill revitalization efforts during the past ten years.
5. Minutes of previous Common Council meetings – February 8 and March 1 - Motion (Osness/Rick) to approve. Carried.
6. Revenue & Expense Reports for period ending February 28 -Motion (Hass/Blake) to approve. Carried.
7. Placing Committee Reports on File:
Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Board of Public Works, Personnel & Finance Committee, Festival Grounds Committee, T.B. Scott Free Library Board, Historical Preservation Committee, Enrichment Center Committee, Transit Commission, Health & Safety Committee, City Plan Commission, Redevelopment Authority, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Merrill Area Housing Authority Board
Motion (Russell/Osness) to place committee reports on file. Carried.
8. Ordinances:
1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article I, Section 30-1 through 30-30 and Article II, Section 30-31 through 30-35 Solid Waste and Recycling (No. 2022-03)
City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading by title only, followed by a synopsis.
Motion (VanLieshout/Hass) 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 third reading by title only.
Motion (Rick/VanLieshout) to adopt the ordinance. Carried on 8-0 roll call vote.
2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 16-1, 30-31 through 30-32, Solid Waste and Recycling (No. 2022-04)
City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading by title only, followed by a synopsis.
Motion (VanLieshout/Blake) 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 third reading by title only.
Motion (Hass/VanLieshout) to adopt the ordinance. Carried on 8-0 roll call vote.
9. Resolutions:
1. Final Resolution of intent to exercise Special Assessment Powers by Police Power under Section 66.0703 of the Wisconsin Statutes (No. 2719)
WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin held a Public Hearing in the City Hall, Merrill, Wisconsin, for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the matters contained in the preliminary resolution of the City of Merrill, of its intent to exercise special assessment powers pursuant to Police Power under Sec. 66.07 Wis. Stats., all as set forth below, and the reports of the City Public Works Director/City Engineer and City Building Inspector mentioned therein on the following proposed projects and other matters, to-wit:
Preliminary Resolution of February 8, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto, on which a hearing was held on the 23rd day of February, 2022;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 8th day of March, 2022, to complete the following public works projects in the City of Merrill:
1. Sidewalk inspection pursuant to sidewalk inspection program. Sidewalk maintenance area is generally city wide as needed:
a) Isolated sidewalk repairs requested or needed.
b) Driveway approaches requested or needed.
c) Curb and gutter requested or needed.
d) New sidewalk extensions as requested and/or approved by Board of Public Works.
2. Reconstruction of Michler Crest involving:
a) Replacement and upgrade of existing sanitary sewer and water main.
b) Curb and gutter and pavement replacement.
3. Paving of Alley, the 200 block between N Center Ave, and Park St. (between E. 2nd St. and E. 3rd St.) involving:
a) Grading existing alley.
b) Asphalt paving.
Said public improvements shall include, where appropriate:
1. The grading of said street.
2. The surfacing of said street with asphalt.
3. The installation of curb and gutter on said street.
4. The installation, removal or replacement of sidewalk, driveway and curb and gutter on said street.
5. The installation of water main and water laterals on said street.
6. The installation of sanitary sewer and sewer laterals on said street.
7. The installation of storm sewer on said street.
8. The necessary landscaping on said street.
9. All improvements shall be completed to plans and specifications prepared or approved by the Public Works Director and recorded in the office of the Public Works Director/City Engineer.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin,
1. That the reports of the City Public Works Director/City Engineer or City Building Inspector pertaining to construction of said improvements, including the plans and specifications are hereby adopted and approved.
2. That the Board of Public Works shall cause the improvements to be made by City employees or it may advertise and let any part or all of the same out on bids.
3. That payment for said improvements be made by assessing the costs to the property benefited as indicated in said report, as an exercise of the Police Power.
4. Those benefits shown on the reports are true and correct, having been determined on a reasonable basis and are hereby confirmed.
5. That the assessments for all projects included in said reports are hereby combined as a single assessment but any interested property owner shall be entitled to object to each assessment separately or any assessment jointly for any purpose or purposes.
6. The assessment against any parcel may be paid in cash not later than November 1 of the year such improvements are made, or in installments as provided by City Ordinance, and if not so paid, shall be extended upon the tax roll as a delinquent tax against said parcel and all proceedings in relation to the collection, return and sale of property for the delinquent real estate taxes shall apply to such assessment except otherwise provided by Statute.
7. The City Clerk is directed to publish this resolution as a Class 1 notice in the official newspaper.
8. The Clerk is further directed to mail a copy of this resolution and a statement of the final assessment against the property to every property owner whose name appears on the assessment roll whose post office address is known or who can with reasonable diligence be ascertained.
Motion (VanLieshout/Weix) to approve. Carried.
2.A Resolution approving a Planned Unit Development and Construction of Duplexes on Webster Street Between Eugene & Alexander Streets (No. 2720)
WHEREAS, S.C. Swiderski, LLC has requested a Planned Unit Development pursuant to the Merrill Zoning Code Chapter 113, Article III, Section 113 for the purpose of constructing duplexes on the following described property:
A parcel of land on Webster Street, between Eugene and Alexander Streets, comprising approximately 4.3 acres on the East ½ of Lot #3 of Certified Survey Map #2855, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin,
Commonly known as Webster Street herein referred to as the "Premises"; and,
WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission scheduled a hearing on the application on March 1, 2022, due public notice having been given and opportunity given to those interested to speak on the application; and,
WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has reviewed the application, found that it does meet the requirements of Merrill Zoning Code, Chapter 113, Article III, Section 113 and has recommended approval of said application;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 8th day of March, 2022, that a Planned Unit Development consisting of duplexes on the above described premises is approved.
Motion (Hass/Blake) to approve. Carried.
9. Mayor's Communications – None.
10. Motion (Rick/Osness) to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Carried.
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CITY OF MERRILL
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 - Synopsis:
Amending Chapter 30, Article I, Section 30-1 through 30-30 and Article II, Section 30-31 through
30-35. Solid Waste and Recycling
Changes were made related to roll out carts and automated trucks.
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 - Synopsis:
Amending Chapter 16, Section 16-1, 30-31 through 30-32, Solid Waste and Recycling
Changes were made to fees related to roll out carts and automated trucks.
The complete Ordinances are available on the City of Merrill website: https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us/
Katherine Unertl, Deputy City Clerk
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 16, 2022 – Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the MHS Auditorium.
Board members present: Ashbeck, Gremler, Krueger, Liberty, Volpe, Woller, Yingling and Blake. Board members absent: Osness. Others Present: Dr. Sample, MAPS Administrators, Rell, Skoviera, people from the staff and public and Recorder Woller.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Woller to approve the CESA 9 2022-2023 shared service contract as presented with a projected cost of $307,287. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Woller to approve the revisions and second reading of Policies 3120/4120 Employment of Staff and to recommend administration make corresponding changes as presented to the administrative guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Woller, second by Liberty to approve the purchase of SpringBoard Language Arts resources for grades 6-8 in the amount of $10,058.13 to be paid from the 2022-2023 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Woller to approve changing the April 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting date to April 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
Osness joined the meeting at 6:01 p.m.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Ashbeck to approve the donation of funds from Incredible Bank valued at $3,400.00 for Washington Elementary students to attend the production of Cats at the Grand Theater in Wausau. Motion carried with Osness abstaining.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to remove the Personnel Report from the Consent Agenda and make it a stand alone item (beginning next month). Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Krueger to approve consent agenda items a through e, which includes the second reading of Policy 8510 Wellness; minutes of the January 26, 2022, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling $3,278,371.24; the personnel report as presented, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable; and, donations totaling $310.00. Motion carried with Ashbeck abstaining from the January 26, 2022 minutes.
Blake called for a MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1) (c); and, (f) except where par. (b) applies. The purpose of the closed session is to consider and act upon parental requests for student opt out of state assessments, including the potential for a closed session(s) to review the specifics applicable to the affected student(s) if the discussion of such in open session would be likely to have an adverse effect upon the reputation of such student(s) pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats. Any such closed session(s) shall be immediately followed by reconvening in open session for further consideration and, ultimately, action upon the parental requests; and, to discuss the status of an administrator currently on paid administrative leave.
MOTION by Yingling, second by Ashbeck to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried on a roll call vote.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Osness, second by Liberty to approve the parental request for Student A to opt out of state assessments. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Yingling, second by Ashbeck to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Liberty
Board Clerk
RL/tlw
(The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.)
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
February 23, 2022 – Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.
Board members present: Ashbeck, Gremler, Krueger, Osness, Volpe, Woller, Yingling and Blake. Board members absent: Liberty. Others present: Dr. Sample.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Woller to approve the personnel report as presented, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried unanimously.
President Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1) (c); (e); (f) except where par. (b) applies; (g). The purpose of the closed session is to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation format, artifacts and goals. MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully submitted,
Maria Volpe
Acting Board Clerk
MV/tlw
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
Notice is hereby given that public testing of the DS200 Tabulating Equipment and the AutoMARK machines being used in the City of Merrill for the April 5th, 2022 Spring Election is scheduled to begin at 9:00A.M. on Tuesday, March 29th, 2022. The testing will be conducted in the City Hall Common Council Chambers, 1004 East First Street.
Katherine G. Unertl
Deputy City Clerk
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Notice To Creditors 7735

DATE SIGNED: March 17, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PETER J. TURNER
DOD: 10/19/2021
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN15
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 15, 1962 and date of death October 19, 2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N3352 Elm Road 107, Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 8, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Register in Probate Office.
Mary M. John
Eaton Jon Overbey Jackman, LLP
513 Grant St., Wausau WI 5440
715-843-6700
Bar No. 1019515
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ATTENTION CITY OF MERRILL VOTERS

The Ward and District lines were changed after the 2020 Census and it is possible that your voting location has changed.

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CITY OF MERRILL
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Merrill Public Works Department will accept bids for the following work at the Merrill City Clerk's Office, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452, until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday March 31st, 2022. Project details may be obtained from the Street Superintendent at (715) 536-4222 or dustin.bonack@ci.merrill.wi.us.

Micro-surfacing of Various City Streets

The City of Merrill reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid they deem advantageous to the City of Merrill.

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Dustin Bonack
Street Superintendent
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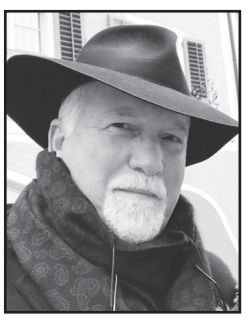
PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Saint Patrick's Day



DEAR READER,

Unsurprisingly, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. Festivities generally involve parades and parties. Everyone celebrating dons green attire, whether it be a hat, belt, shirt, socks, or something more creative. The day itself is a religious and cultural event held on March 17th to commemorate the death in 461 of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

St. Patrick's feast-day lands smack in the middle of Lent. Lent is historically known for restrictions on alcohol and other sacrifices, but these restrictions usually are lifted for this saint's day to properly share in the drinking tradition of the holiday. These days the celebrations among the Irish diaspora are bigger than those in Ireland itself.

Many wear a shamrock, a three-leaved plant that St. Patrick used to explain the Holy Trinity to the Irish. In some places, there is the custom of "drowning the shamrock," which entails putting a shamrock on the bottom of a cup, filling it with a libation, and toasting to Saint Patrick and all present. The shamrock is either swallowed as the cup is emptied or tossed over the shoulder for good luck.

While St. Patrick's day is a good day to celebrate "Irishness" and Irish heritage, it's also important to remember to do it with disciplined moderation. One can still partake in the happy-go-lucky joys of the day. Yet with an eye toward temperance, one can forgo potentially adverse after-effects the following morning like a throbbing head or a stay in the local hoosegow.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

BIRTH

MARCH 7, 2022

Boy, Otis Allen Orion, born to Kaylyn Hommrich of Fifield.

Please send news briefs, announcements, photo submissions and letters to the editor to:

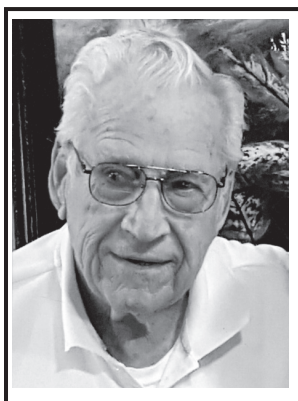
tscott@mmclocal.com

Letters to the Editor

A note from the Editor:

Due to the number of candidates running for election in the April 5 Spring Election, and the amount of space required to publish each of their candidate profiles, this week's Letters to the Editor can be found online at: https://merrillfotonews.com/2022/03/22/letters-to-the-editor-88/.

OBITUARIES



Carl Randolf Westberg Sr., age 92, of Merrill, Wisconsin, passed away surrounded by his family on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, Wisconsin. He was born on January 31, 1930, to the late Randolf and Marie (Daren) Westberg in Wausau, Wisconsin.

On May 10, 1952, Carl and Mary Jane Eckes were united in marriage. She precedes him in death.

Carl was a counselor at the boy's school for many years. On the side, he liked shopping for cars and reselling them. He was a part of the VFW and the Eagle's Club.

Carl was a very outgoing, funny man, who kept everyone's schedules in line. He was a master at grilling hamburgers, and an avid walker. He loved camping, hunting, fishing, and most of all spending time with his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchild. Every time his grandchildren walked in the room his face would light up. He was a very caring person and made sure everyone was taken care of. He will be dearly missed by those who knew him.

Carl is survived by his children: Carla (Marty Rajek) Hartwig, Paula (Bob Myers) Molitor, Lisa (Jim Butler) McAllister, and Carl (Randy) Westberg Jr., grandchildren: Amanda Molitor, Paul (Stacy) Molitor, and Shawn McAllister, step grandchildren: Laura Butler and Kelly Butler, great grandchildren: Jerrissa Konyn, Jerrick Konyn, Vanessa Birch, David Woller, Taylor Woller, Nora Molitor, and Oliver Molitor, step great grandchild: Amelia Thompson great-great grandchild: Preston Stevens, sister: Nancy Sprotte and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, son-in-law Kelley Hartwig, grandchildren Jessica Hartwig, Jerrica Woller, siblings Russel Westberg, Alice Koppa, and Joan Westberg.

A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 12:00 pm at St. Francis Catholic Church. A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Waid Funeral Home. Inurnment at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

Waid Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.

Nick (Geno) Meyer passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Nick was born August 18, 1978, at Memorial Hospital in Sheboygan, WI to mother Patty (Meyer) Halbach and Randy Halbach, Sr. Nick graduated from Merrill Senior High School Class of 1996. He was a beloved father to Zander Meyer and dog dad to (Bubba) his faithful dog and companion. Nick looked forward to spending quality time with his son Zander playing video games, shooting hoops, watching movies, and cheering for the Packers together. If the team wasn't doing well, they would get the "what's up" thru the T.V. from the two couch coaches, Nick and Zander. Nick also enjoyed traveling holding a fabrication job Weisgram in Fargo, North Dakota, also traveling to South Dakota, Atlanta, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Colorado, and many other states. Nick was also an avid sports enthusiast knowing off the top of his head wins, losses, and player statistics. Nick also enjoyed a good time out at bars with all of his friends (and he knew many) and loved socializing! Nick also fancied himself as a king chef in his own kitchen taking out bound orders from his son Zander and faithful companion (Bubba) who was known for getting a package of hotdogs for his birthday.

Nick S. Meyer was preceded in death by his (Grandfather) Walter Meyer; (Uncle) Jeff Meyer; (Grandfather) Claude S. Halbach, Sr; and (Grandmother) Marge Halbach.

Survivors include: Patty Halbach (Mother); Randy Halbach, Sr. (Father) both of Merrill, WI; Randy Halbach, Jr. (Stepbrother) of Kronenwetter, WI; Ashly Halbach (Sister) of Dober, Tennessee; Timothy Scheller (Brother) of Arizona; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

At Nick's (Geno's) request and respect for the family, we will not be holding a traditional funeral. Instead, at Nick's request, we will keep all close friends posted when we have an all-out celebration of life for all who knew (Geno) and "All will be welcome" to share your wonderful stories with his family.

A GoFundMe page will be set-up for donations to cover funeral costs and celebration of life also for his Son Zander.

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

Stephen "Steve" John Blake, age 81, of Merrill, WI passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau, Wisconsin. He was born on December 8, 1940, to the late Cella Emmett and Eleda Candace (Severson) Blake in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

On September 10, 1966, Steve married Linda L. Hojan at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill, Wisconsin. Steve worked as a manager at Woolworths for 11 years and owned and operated Club Modern supper club for 45 years.

Steve loved hunting, fishing, and watching all the Wisconsin State sports teams. He especially loved watching football and enjoyed going to all the high school sports games. He loved solving newspaper crossword puzzles and planning annual fishing trips to Canada and rifle season in Pine River.

Steve is survived by his wife of 55 years, Linda Blake, children: Kevin (Christina) Blake, Jason (Emilia) Blake, and Darren Blake, grandchildren: Casandra Blake (Gavin), Kobe Blake (Annie), and Azalea Blake, step grandchildren: William, Aidan, Mia, Henry, and Ian, siblings: Ruby Vaningan and Dennis (Dolores) Blake, and brother-in-law: Bill Henderson. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother Irene, son Shannon Blake, sister Barbara Henderson, and brother-in-law Joe Vaningan.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Merrill at 2:00 pm. A visitation was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at Waid Funeral Home from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and again on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, from 1:00 pm until the time of service also at the Church. Interment at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in memory of Steve to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and/or the Merrill Athletic Department.

Waid Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.

Nancy M. (Kolka) Pophal, age 84, of Eagle River passed away peacefully at her home Sunday March 13, 2022. Nan was born May 31, 1937 daughter of the late John and Ann (Tutt) Kolka in Merrill, WI.

Nan graduated from Merrill High School in 1955, attended Elkhart Dental College and married Paul Pophal January 19, 1957 in Merrill. The family moved to Eagle River in December of 1966 as Paul was given a managerial position with Northern Auto. Getting settled in a new community was important, but Nan was not one to remain idle for very long. She started working at the Gambles Store on Railroad Street, until they closed their doors. She did some seasonal work at the Cranberry Plant as well. Next, she was a vital friendly face at the Eagle River Information Bureau for many years working side by side with Sharon Congleton Benda. In September of 1998, a secretarial position opened up at the United Church of Christ, which she thoroughly embraced. She was the welcoming face at the top of the stairs, helping both ministers and the congregation with a myriad of details and duties. All told she worked with 13 different pastors/interims within the church before retiring on December 31, 2021.

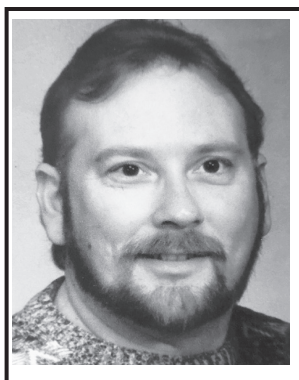
A great cook, and amazing baker, she was known far and wide for her lavish and varied Christmas cookie boxes each and every year. She loved to crochet, making many prayer shawls, lap robes for the elderly and Beanie Baby cuddlers for children. She often helped organize her high school reunions, fascinated by stamp and coin collections, and a member of FLOCK within the UCC church. Nan was also a voracious reader and had an extensive home library.

Nan is survived by her daughter: Kim (Claude Ceniceros) of Albuquerque, NM; son: Jay (Karen Brechlin) of Norway, MI; granddaughter: Alexis of Portland, OR; sister-in-law: Helen Kolka of Mosinee, WI; many nieces and nephews, extended church family and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her husband: Paul on August 7, 2008; brother: Ted of Mosinee; and parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Thursday March 24, 2022 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, in Eagle River, WI. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers a donation in Nan's name can be made to your local animal shelter or the Arbor Day Foundation.

Arrangements by Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home, Eagle River. Online condolences may be expressed at gaffney-busha.com



Paul A. Tudor, age 62, of Merrill, passed away on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at the Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield from complications due to COVID-19. He was born on May 7, 1959, to the late Frederick and Marion (Wilson) Tudor in California.

Paul worked at Wausau Tile as a graphic designer, which he had done for many years. He looked forward to going hunting and fishing and enjoyed his RC planes. Paul was a quiet and private man and will be missed dearly by his siblings: Alan (Debbie) Tudor, Sandra Tudor, Derrick (Darlene) Tudor, John (Sharon) Tudor and Steve (Wendy) Tudor, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother: Fred Tudor.

A memorial service for Paul will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 11am at Bible Presbyterian Church in Merrill. Pastor Andy Perry will officiate. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 9am until the time of the service, also at the church. A luncheon at the church will immediately follow the service.

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Memory Bear Workshop
Please join us for a time of healing as we create huggable bears from your loved one's clothing. This event will be held at Waid Funeral and Cremation Service, 301 Eagle Drive, Merrill, WI.
CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO FREE SESSIONS:
Friday, April 22, 2022 • 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
or
Saturday, April 23, 2022 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Refreshments will be served on both days. Each day will start punctually as it takes the entire scheduled time to design, cut and sew the bears. One bear per family will be made at this event. We do have volunteers who can create additional bears outside this workshop. Contact Anna Winningham for more details.
WAID FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICE
To reserve your spot, RSVP before April 8 by calling 715-536-4646.

National Honor Society students at St. John Lutheran School organized a one-week canned food drive at their church and school for the Community Food Pantry. The students collected and donated 650 pounds of food! "We are very thankful," said Tammy Cohrs Merrill Community Food Pantry Co-Chair. From L to R: Keeley Benedict, Adde Ineichen, Lexi Kropp, and Sherry Koch.

Submitted photo.

Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Cheaper By the Dozen 2022

(Now streaming on Disney)

★☆☆☆☆

Rated PG – because it's painful to watch

This week's review is available on our Merrill Foto News website at: https://merrillfotonews.com/2022/03/22/movie-reviews-54/.

DINNER @ FIVE
A Community Table at Saint Stephens
Join us every Monday at 5:00PM for a community meal open to all.
Saint Stephens United Church of Christ
903 E 2nd Street, Merrill.
Free will donations accepted.
Monday, March 28th Menu:
Corned Beef with Cabbage, Carrots and Potatoes.
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work, respect, and kindness. I will treat everyone with respect and kindness because you deserve it. Everyone in Merrill has a voice. I want to hear it. I want to meet you. I am here. I will talk to anyone who wants to talk. Contact me and let's go get a coffee at one of Merrill's hidden treasures. I want to find out about you, your family, what you see, what you want to see here in town. My contact information is available on my Facebook page.

I encourage you to step outside your comfort zone. Say hi to someone you don't know. Tell someone you normally don't talk to, "Have a good day." If you're in line at a drive through, pay for the meal for people behind you, help someone with groceries. Why? The better question is why not. It doesn't matter who you are or what you do. We all deserve respect and kindness. My campaign is less about me and more about how I can serve the great people of Merrill, Wisconsin. I know politics is messy at times and leaves us with questions that don't get answered. I believe every question has an honest answer, I believe every road block has a path. I believe every conflict can have a peaceful resolution. I believe that a team of people can solve anything. IF WE WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!!!

Street and Weed Commissioner - City of Merrill

Incumbent Ronald Liberty is running unopposed.

City of Merrill District 1

Incumbent Paul Russell is running unopposed for the position of Alderman for District 1.

City of Merrill District 2

Michael J. Caylor is running unopposed for the position of Alderman for District 2.

City of Merrill District 3

Incumbent Rick Blake is running unopposed for the position of Alderman for District 3.

City of Merrill District 4

LaDonna Fermanich will be listed on the ballot for Alderman for District 4. However, Clyde R. Nelson is challenging Fermanich as a registered write-in candidate.

LaDonna Fermanich

LaDonna Fermanich

Age: 58

Family: Husband – Dave Fermanich. We have been married 36 years and have lived in Merrill 28 years. Adult children – Hannah & Raymond Yeager II and Gretta Fermanich.

Employment/position: Currently bookkeeper for private Wausau business. Prior employment includes 5 years with Wynn O. Jones & Associates of Schofield; 10 years with Merrill Housing Authority, including 3 years as Executive Director; 12 years with Church Mutual Insurance as a Rating and Statistical Analyst; plus multiple bookkeeper and administrative jobs while raising my children.

Past/present elected offices: None – however I was significantly involved with the Merrill Recall Committee and have been actively monitoring and providing public comment at various City meetings ever since. I am also attuned to other local, state, and federal political matters, including limiting government overreach and election integrity.

Other memberships/offices: Served 10 years as a volunteer for the Merrill Relay for Life including 3 years as chair/co-chair. Attend Downtown Mission Church. My public accolades are few. I prefer to help individuals one-on-one behind the scenes.

Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek: As a concerned citizen, I can no longer sit by and do nothing! I'm concerned by the number of TIDs in Merrill. The demand for "affordable housing" is being met with new rental units costing $1,200 to $1,500/month. MAPS is seeking a $2.5 million referendum to maintain a system with a declining enrollment. Any business growth and expansion in Merrill has essentially been offset by those forced out of business due to COVID. The TIDs are long-term payoffs at best, and in the meantime, taxpayer money is being tied up in offsetting the deficits created by them.

Every housing expansion comes with the need for additional services, including police, fire, street department, etc. These services also come with the highest personnel related expenses. I don't know if those additional costs are being taken into consideration for future budgeting, but we all know costs for everything have and will continue to rise. Who builds a house without first counting the cost? We need wise stewards of our tax dollars. There's no such thing as free money, yet some people feel if it isn't a direct City tax, that it's just that – free money.

I am also concerned with the open-ended contract with the City Administrator which has basically handcuffed the

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Dean's, 24 oz. French Onion Dip ..... 2/$5.00

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Tombstone 12" Pizza..... 3/$10.98
Mr. Dee's, 24 oz. Rounds, Fries or Shredded Potatoes $2.49
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18 pk., Bottles or Cans Coors Light or Coors Banquet..... $4.00 SAVE INSTANTLY when you purchase 2
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GROCERY

Folgers, 24.2-30.5 oz., Assorted Variety Coffee $7.99
Kraft, 5.5-7.3 oz., Assorted Variety Macaroni & Cheese... 10/$10.00
7.5-8.75 oz., Assorted Variety Bugles, Gardetto's or Chex Mix..... $2.66
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Mechanical Drafter

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Badger State Highway Equipment is seeking a **Mechanical Drafter** who will be excited to join a small business in North Central Wisconsin and be part of a team dedicated to being the best at what it does every day. You will be responsible for creating and updating fabrication drawings and purchasing materials and intermediate parts. You will regularly communicate with welders/fabricators to ensure adherence to drawings and to identify potential improvements and efficiency opportunities. Additional responsibilities will be assigned over time as you become familiar with our equipment manufacturing and repair operations. You will report directly to the General Manager of Manufacturing.

Qualifications & Requirements:

- Minimum associate degree in a design or engineering related field required, or equivalent work experience
- Education background must include formal AutoCAD training or equivalent software proficiency
- Proficient in Microsoft Outlook, Excel and Word
- Knowledge of MIG welding mild steel and AR400 (flux core and solid wire), carbon arc gouging, plasma cutting, and oxy-acetylene cutting
- Experience with manufacturing of equipment is preferred
- Understanding of electrohydraulic systems is preferred
- Strong organizational and communication skills and a desire to keep learning
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Dedication to working safely in a manufacturing environment

Principal Duties & Responsibilities:

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Antiques and Collectibles 7214

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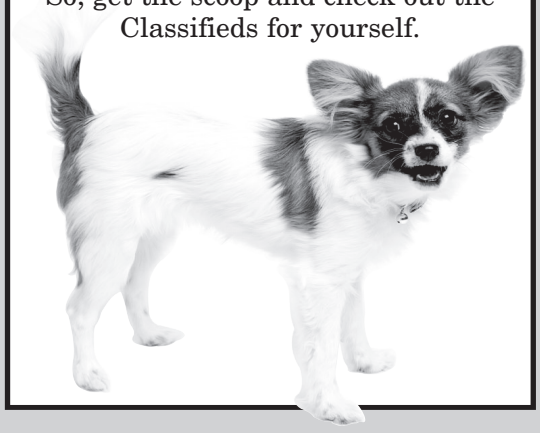
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current City Council from having any meaningful oversight or disciplinary control over the position. This issue alone has proven problematic several times over the past 3-4 years and needs to be addressed.

I'm a proponent of less government, more transparency, accountability, and integrity. I believe it's time to replace the entrenched and well-connected with new faces and common sense administration. It would be my honor to represent the 4th District in that fashion.

Clyde Nelson

Clyde R. Nelson
(Write-In Candidate)

Age: 67

Family: Married to Wendy; three adult children – Stacy, Craig, and Scott; eight grandchildren.

Employment: Executive Director of the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce (part time); Moved to Merrill in 2014 to become President of Lincoln Community Bank (Retired)

Past/present elected offices: None

Other memberships/ offices: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, member of Finance Council 2019–Present; Father Rene Menard Council 1133 Knights of Columbus 2015–Present, Financial Secretary 2016–2020, Deputy Grand Knight 2020–2021, Grand Knight 2021–Present; Lincoln County Fair Association Board, 2015–Present; Merrill Area United Way, 2014–Present, Vice President 2016-2018, President 2018–2019, Executive Board 2014–2020; Habitat For Humanity, 2015–Present, Merrill FFA Alumni, 2016–Present; Merrill Area Food Pantry Volunteer 2016–Present; Ascension Northwoods Board representing Good Samaritan Hospital, 2016–2019, Vice President 2018–2019; Merrill Rotary, 2014–2019, Vice President 2016-2017, President 2017-2018; Junior Achievement Volunteer at Kate Goodrich School, 2016–2018; June Dairy Month Breakfast, 2015–2019.

Why have you chosen to run for office you seek: I am seeking the Office of Alderperson for District 4 to "Be the Change." I want to bring back a sense of professionalism and decorum to City Government that we haven't seen in a while. We need to work together for the common good of the citizens of Merrill and specifically, for me, those that live in the 4th District. We can disagree on ideas, but we must have an open dialogue about those ideas without taking things so personal. Just because you disagree with someone or an idea that they have, it doesn't mean that you lash out at them. To a certain degree, we must check our egos at the door and work for the betterment of Merrill and its citizens. It's not constructive to lash out, berate people, and have a "get in your face" attitude. We need to "Be the Change" if we want to change. It needs to start at the local government level and then flow upstream to other elected officials.

I want to continue the hard work that has taken place to make Merrill a community that welcomes individuals and businesses. We have a great community to live and work in. Whether you are an individual with a dream of starting and owning a small business and being your own boss or a multimillion dollar company that wants to expand or relocate here, we need to continue to utilize the tools we have to make that happen. Growth of both small and large businesses are the lifeblood of this community. It provides for countless employment opportunities for all of its citizens and it can make Merrill a "go to" destination. Without that growth we are destined to die a slow death. In order for the growth to occur, we must continue to utilize our Tax Incremental Districts (TID) and offer Tax Incremental Funding (TIF) to help those businesses grow and create more jobs in Merrill. With the continued growth there comes an increase in Equalized Value and greater tax revenues generated for the City. It is vitally important that these incentives are provided in a fiscally responsible way.

With more jobs, we need more housing. We need to draw more people/families to this great community by providing the necessary housing for them. Whether it's Section 8 or a market rate apartment or a home that they can afford based on their current employment status. To quote the Field of Dreams, "if you build it, they will come." In my opinion, Merrill needs to continue to provide opportunities for a diverse population so we can all live and thrive as a community. These are hard tasks to accomplish while working to keep the tax burden of the citizens as low as possible.

Thank you for your support, and I would be honored to serve you as your District 4 Alderperson.

City of Merrill Spring Election candidates to be continued next week ...

MERRILL FOTO NEWS

Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is

Christian Voigt

Son of
Adam and Erika Voigt

Christian is in the 4th Grade at St. John Lutheran School.
He was nominated by Mrs Breitwisch.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?

Science, because I like doing experiments and it just has a lot to do with life.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?

Lunchtime, because our food is delicious and I like talking to my friends.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?

I want to be an astronaut, because I want to see the world, and also see it from space.

Christian Voigt is such a fun guy to have in class. He is the perfect blend of someone who wants to do well in school but is also able to not stress if every assignment is not perfect. He loves to laugh, read, and play video games with his friends. He fills my days with stories of how crazy video games can get!

~ Mrs. Breitwisch

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2022 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

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	Baseball-Boys (Varsity, JV & JV2)		
Sat. March 26th	Adams-Friendship (Varsity & JV)	Away	10:00 am
	Softball-Girls (Varsity & JV)		
Tues. March 29th	Lakeland Union (Varsity)	Home	4:30 pm
	Soccer-Girls (Varsity & JV)		
Thurs. March 31st	Antigo-Scrimmage (Varsity)	Home	5:00 pm
	Track & Field-Boys (Varsity & JV)		
Tues. March 29th	Invite-Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	4:00 pm
	Track & Field-Girls (Varsity & JV)		
Thurs. March 31st	Invite-Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	4:00 pm
	Golf-Boys (Varsity & JV)		

Practice Begins Monday, March 28th.

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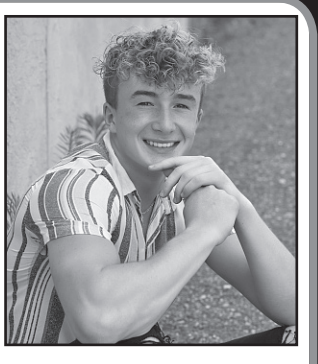
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cayden Diels, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Cayden is a point guard/guard on the Merrill Varsity Boys Basketball Team. In the fourth grade, he started playing basketball on the traveling team and played basketball all through middle school, then played on the Freshman team at MHS, played JV and played on the AAU traveling team his Sophomore year, and moved up to Varsity his Junior year. Cayden is also a running guard on the Merrill Varsity Football Team. He started playing football at PRMS in the sixth grade, played on the JV team as a Freshman, and moved up to Varsity his Sophomore year. In his free time, Cayden volunteers for basketball and football camps working with younger students.

At MHS, Cayden said he really enjoys history class a lot, and he also enjoys taking woodworking and graphics classes.

In his free time, he likes to hang out with friends, working out at Anytime Fitness, and during the summer they go out on the boat a lot. He said he really likes water sports like wake boarding and surfing. He also enjoys bow hunting for deer.

The son of Courtney Diels-Osness and Dan Osness, Cayden has a 2.7 GPA and, after graduation, plans to pursue a degree in Business Management at UW-Stevens Point where he will also play football.



Cayden Diels

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