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# April 5 Spring Election - MAPS Board of Education race

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
 EDITOR

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, residents in the Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) District will go to the polls to elect three individuals to the MAPS Board of Education. Five candidates are in the running for those three spots. Candidate profiles for each of those five candidates follow. Reminder: Voters will be asked to VOTE FOR UP TO THREE candidates.

*Paul C. Proulx and Robert Wegner are challenging incumbents Norbert "Nubs" Ashbeck, Jacqueline L. Gremler, and Linda Yingling for three positions on the MAPS Board of Education.*



Paul Proulx

**Paul C. Proulx**

**Age:** 74  
**Family:** Wife - Cheryl Proulx; three daughters; four granddaughters; and two grandsons.

**Employment/position:** Currently the Lincoln County Coroner and owner of Proulx's Professional Services.

**Past/present elected offices:** Sheriff of Lincoln



Robert Wegner

County 1997-2001, Merrill City Council 2002-2008 (Two-year Chair of Personnel and Finance Committee), Lincoln County Coroner 2007-Present, Merrill Area Board of Education 2016-2019, Northcentral Technical College Board of Trustees 2005-Present (Three terms as Board Chairperson; two terms as Vice Chair of the Board)



Norbert Ashbeck

**Other memberships/offices:** Member of Father Menard Council Knights of Columbus, member of the Lincoln County Sports Club, member of Sheriff's and Deputy Sheriff's Association, member of Association of Community Colleges, member of Wisconsin Technical College Association, and a member of the Wisconsin



Jacqueline Gremler

DNR Safety Instructors and have been an instructor in multiple programs (This has been for more than 40 years).

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am running to try and use the experiences I have to help make the school system a wonderful opportunity for learning. High school should not



Linda Yingling

be the last time a person learns something. It should be a lifelong process. How we prepare students at these levels to a point may dictate how they will do with life. I feel that I can offer a unique approach to education and am willing to try. Also, we cannot forget our younger students. The preparation we do at

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# April 5 Spring Election - City of Merrill candidates continued ...

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
 EDITOR

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, City of Merrill residents will go to the polls to elect a new Mayor, new City Clerk for the City of Merrill, and Aldermen for the City of Merrill. Last week's March 24, 2022, edition of the Foto News began introductions to the candidates, with

complete candidate profiles of the candidates running in contested races. This edition continues with introductions to the remaining candidates, who returned their completed profiles, who are running for election to contested races in the City of Merrill. [Candidate profiles of ALL candidates, including those running in uncontested races, are included on our website: www.mer-

rillfotonews.com but could not be included in the print edition due to space constraints.]

**City of Merrill District 5**

*Richard A. Lupton is challenging incumbent John VanLieshout (candidate questionnaire not returned) for the position of Alderman for District 5.*

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# April 5 Spring Election - Lincoln County races

**TINA L. SCOTT**  
 EDITOR

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, residents of Lincoln County will go to the polls to elect County Board Supervisors and a Multi-Jurisdictional Municipal Judge for Merrill and Tomahawk. Many of these races are contested, with a much-larger-than-average number of candidates running for offices. This edition includes introductions to candidates running for election in contested races. Our www.merrillfotonews.com website includes profiles of all candidates (running in both contested and uncontested races), for all candidates who returned their completed questionnaires.

**Lincoln County Board of Supervisors race**

**Lincoln County District 1**

*Incumbent William R. Bialecki is running unopposed in Lincoln County District 1.*

**Lincoln County District 2**

*Lori L. Anderson-Malm is running unopposed in Lincoln County District 2.*

**Lincoln County District 3**

*Incumbent Elizabeth McCrank is running unopposed in Lincoln County District 3.*

**Lincoln County District 4**

*Steven L. Osness, Jr., is running against Derek Woellner (did not return candidate questionnaire) for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 4.*

**Steven L Osness**

**Age:** 43  
**Family:** Married to Kendra Osness for 17 years. Have two daughters: Payge and Raya.

**Employment/position:** Employed at the Merrill Area Public schools in the Maintenance Department.

**Past/present elected offices:** City Council Alderman for the City of Merrill from April 2018-April 2022. While holding office as an Alderman, I held the following positions: Chairperson for Sewer and Water, Personnel & Finance Committee, Airport Committee, and Board of Review.

**Other memberships/offices:** Currently I am a member of Saint Stephens Church, I coach the Merrill area traveling girls 8U Softball team. City Council Alderman for the City of Merrill from April 2018- April 2022.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I have chosen to run for County Board for the people of District 4 to be their voice. Since being on City Council from 2018-2022, I have not voted on one budget that would raise the citizen's taxes. I do believe in

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**LaDonna Fermanich**  
District 4

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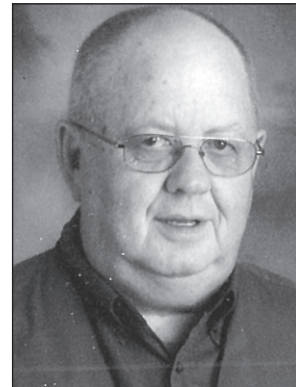
the growth of a community and building a better place to live. I heard many concerns in my district about: Property Tax, Wheel Tax, roads, County workers not receiving raises while the administration has. This is to name a few of the many concerns I have heard. I believe the people in my District need someone to stand up for them and to let their voices be heard. As difficult as public office is, I will continue to work diligently for the people in my district and the County by bringing truth to the Board and supporting and addressing the citizens' concerns. I will not bring a personal agenda to this position, this will be an agenda by the people and for the people.

**Lincoln County District 5**  
*Incumbent Nathan Peterson is running unopposed in Lincoln County District 5.*

**Lincoln County District 6**  
*Landis Paul Holdorf is challenging incumbent Norbert "Nubs" Ashbeck for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 6.*



Landis Holdorf



Norbert Ashbeck

**Landis Paul Holdorf**  
Age: 25  
Family: Wife – Jewell Holdorf; Son – Landis David Holdorf  
Employment: District Outreach Specialist at the Office of Congressman Tom Tiffany  
Past/present elected offices: No prior elected offices held.

**Norbert "Nubs" Ashbeck (Incumbent)**  
Age: 78  
Family: I have been married to Anne (Dirkx) Ashbeck for 53 years and have 3 children – Paula (Eric) Doty, Chad (Jenny) Ashbeck, and Renee (Chad) Krueger and 7 grandchildren.

**Other memberships/offices:**  
• Member at large at Nicolet Student Leadership Council, 2016-2018  
• Governor at Wisconsin Student Government, 2017-2018  
• Associate Budget Director at UWSP Student Government, 2018-2019  
• Elders Guild at Zion Lutheran Church, 2020-2021  
• City of Merrill Community Development Committee, 2020-Present

**Employment/position:** I have retired as the Director of Radiology, Good Samaritan Health Care Center, where I worked for 41 years.  
**Past/present elected offices:** I have lived in Merrill for over 50 years and have been honored to serve as the 7th District Lincoln County Supervisor for the last four years as well as serving on the MAPS School Board for the last 9 years.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am running for this office because, as a lifelong resident of Lincoln County, I want Merrill to continue to be a great place to live, work, and raise a family. I believe I

can help the County achieve this as a member of the County Board. I will work with other supervisors, local business and community leaders, and my constituents to promote fiscal responsibility, reduce regulations, and promote opportunities for growth within the county. I believe, if done correctly, we can achieve these goals without losing the culture and small-town values that make Lincoln County a special place to live.

Vietnam Veteran.  
**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am running for re-election for the Merrill Board of Supervisors 6th District. Over the last few years, the current Board has been working to address several issues, mostly due to lack of funding to continue to sustain our current level of services in Lincoln County. Some of these efforts have included transferring the administration of Pine Crest and Lincoln Industries to North Central Health Care due to substantial financial loss. This transition has been challenging due to the pandemic, but there have been some improvements and we would like to continue to be part of the monitoring and planning to maintain these services for our community. Additionally, Lincoln County owns 100,000 acres of land, most in forest. The Forestry Department has received over \$2 million per year in pulp sales. With the closing of the paper mills, we have lost a big share of the market and will need to continue to address potential losses in revenue as a result. Lincoln County, as well as every business nationally, is struggling to retain and recruit employees. We need to support our workforce so that we have the experience necessary to have quality services. I also serve as a committee member for the ADCRC Regional Board and North Central Community Action Program. It is important to me that our most vulnerable in our community have a voice.

**Lincoln County District 7**  
*Wallace Jay Downey is challenging incumbent Greta Rusch for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 7.*



Jay Downey

**Jay Downey**  
Age: 54  
Family: Married to my beautiful wife Lori for 33 years. We have two kids, one daughter age 32 and one son age 29.  
**Employment/Position:** Sun Chemical/Business Development Manager for

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Jeremiah 33:10, 11

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Christopher Heller - District 8	Steve Sabatke - District 8	
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**Past/present elected offices:** Elected Team captain of the UW Stevens Point college football team for 2 years (1988-1989). Elected Vice President of GCIU (Graphic Communication International Union) local union and served over 100 members for four years (1993-1997). Elected chair to the sustainable and wide web leadership councils of the Flexographic Technical Association that serves over 30,000 members nationwide and served six years on both councils (2009-2015). Elected as co-chair of the Executive Board to the SGP (Sustainable Green Printer) Association that serves over 8,000 members nationwide and served for six years (2009-2015). Recently appointed as a member of the UW Stevens Point Academic Advisory Board for the Paper Science Program (2021-Present).

**Other memberships/offices:** Flexographic Packaging Association (2002-Present), Flexographic Technical Association (2002-Present), Sustainable Green Printer (2009-Present), Confectionary Association (2003-Present), Salted Snack Association (2005-Present), Digital Printer's Association (2014-Present), Midwest Converter's Association (2002-Present), Who's Who of Flexographic Packaging Association (2022-Present), Wisconsin Waterfowl Association (2019-Present), Ducks Unlimited (2008-Present), Packaging Professionals (2014-Present), Coatings World (2014-Present), and National Rifle Association (2019-present) and Wisconsin Football Coaches Association (1997-2002).

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am running for County Board Supervisor for District 7 to bring accountability and transparency between our County Board and the voters who elect them. An example of the lack of accountability and transparency back to the voters who elect those to serve them, is the Wheel Tax our County has implemented over the last couple

of years. The Wheel Tax has become the "moving, mystery fund" on where and what it does for the County and those who are required to pay it. This example demonstrates the need to become more accountable and transparent to the voters who entrusted those they have elected; we all should know where money is going when a new tax is being asked to be paid. This should not be done by following personal agendas, operating within silos within the Board itself, or to serve personal or group interests. When one is elected by the voters, that is where your responsibility is, to the voters! We also need to continue to explore and grow the recreational opportunities we have in our County, which will help grow different segments of the food service, manufacturing, and housing industries that we currently have within our County. Our County needs a fresh voice, an experienced leader, and a vision to move the County forward. My experience leading other organizations to define and scope out a new vision to grow and move forward and that impacted all positively, will help in moving that vision for our County forward. I ask for your vote for that new leadership, new vision, and new voice on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Thank You!



Greta Rusch

**Greta Rusch (Incumbent)**

**Age:** 85  
**Family:** Widow - Three children - four grandchildren  
**Employment/position:** Retired.  
**Past/present elected offices:** Lincoln County Board Supervisor - District 7 - 2006-Present  
**Other memberships/offices:** Member of St.

John Lutheran Church, Merrill

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am running for the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors office because I would like to continue serving Lincoln County residents.

I have lived and worked in the area for the majority of my life and am familiar with the community and its concerns.

I started serving Lincoln County residents as an employee of the County. First, I worked as a Public Health Nurse and then became the Director of the Health Department and first Health Officer for the County. This commitment and dedication continued for 30 plus years.

After retirement from the Health Department, I served Lincoln County residents by becoming a County Board Supervisor for District 7. My experience as a Supervisor is reflected by serving on the following Committees: Administrative and Legislative, Finance and Insurance, Land Services, and Social Services.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the voters of District 7 for your past and continued support.

By continuing my passion to serve and by listening to my constituents: Together we can keep Lincoln County a safe and stable community.

**Lincoln County District 8**

*Laurie J. Thiel is challenging incumbent Christopher Heller for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 8.*



Laurie Thiel

**Laurie J. Thiel**  
**Age:** 61  
**Family:** Husband - Roy

Thiel; son and daughter-in-law, Tyler and Colie Thiel and their son Beckett; Son and daughter-in-law, Lucas and Liz Thiel, and their children, Harper and Grayson Lennox and baby girl who could be here by the time this is published.

**Employment/position:** I am a Field Support Assistant with Church Mutual Insurance Company.

**Past/present elected offices:** I have never held an elected office.

**Other memberships/offices:** I am a member of Preceptor Alpha Beta Sorority, currently Co-secretary. When the boys were in school in the 90's into the 2000's, I was involved with the Merrill Youth Hockey Association as a Board member and Treasurer, and I was also involved with the Merrill Youth Hardball Association, and have participated on the Relay for Life Team through Church Mutual.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am running for office because I have seen the financial burden on the citizens of this County change, and I want to see if I can help make a difference in some of the decisions that are made.

We, as elected officials, need to all work together to start living within our means, just as we all do in our personal lives. We need to re-evaluate some of our spending and ask ourselves, "Do we really need this, and at what cost?" If we determine that it is a necessity, then we need to make sure that we have the means to fund it, without placing additional burdens on the taxpayers.

I also believe that it is very important to be transparent and held accountable for the decisions we are making on behalf of the citizens of Lincoln County. We need to be better at communicating with each other and with the citizens. Remember, at the end of the day we are working for them. We are their voice, and they deserve to be heard.

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For more information and/or an application, please call Pine River School for Young Learners at (715) 536-2392. You can also find the application on the MAPS website.

Once your application is completed, please call to set up an appointment to drop the paperwork off.



OBITUARIES



**Donald (Don) R. Hanson**, 94, of Watertown passed away peacefully on March 21st, 2022 surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born on July 1, 1927 in Merrill, Wisconsin, son of Rex and Anna (Stimers) Hanson. He married Phyllis D. Goecke on June 9, 1951 at the First Congregational Church in Watertown. They had two children and raised their family in Watertown.

He was a graduate of Merrill High School and the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

During WWII, he served in the U.S. Navy on a destroyer escort with the 7th Fleet in the Pacific. Throughout his life, he remained an active member of the American Legion Post 189 and was a proud veteran.

He worked for Equifax of Atlanta for 32 years as a field office operator. After retirement, he worked for Kottwitz Electric Motors in sales and as a bookkeeper for 8 years.

Don had many hobbies and enjoyed staying active in local organizations. Throughout his life he was a charter member and former officer of the Watertown Humane Society, member and former officer of the Izaak Walton League and a member of the Rock River Rescue. He was also Regional Vice President of Roadtrek International, a travel organization.

Don enjoyed anything to do with the outdoors and conservation projects. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, birdwatcher and gardener. He and his wife did extensive traveling, visiting all 50 states as well as making many trips to other countries. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his son, Alan Hanson, his brother, Richard Hanson and his grandchildren, Abigail and Adam Borck. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Phyllis, his daughter Kristin Borck, and his sister Jane Leasum.

Don was so special to so many people. A heartfelt thank you to the special angels at Highland House and Rainbow Hospice who oversaw Don's care during the last years of his life. And to his dear friends Karen Sherry, Dawn Justman and Sue Heider, thank you for all the love and friendship you gave Don, you meant so much to him.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date via the Pederson-Nowatka Funeral home website.

Pederson-Nowatka Funeral Home is caring for the family. To place an online condolence please visit, [www.pn-fh.com](http://www.pn-fh.com).



**Genevieve Hollenback**, age 85 of Appleton, passed away at Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton on March 14, 2022. Gen was born in Merrill, Wisconsin on March 11, 1937, daughter of the late Adam and Anna (Kordus) Sczygelski. She attended Holy Cross High School for a short time, and then was called back home to help care for the family. In 1956 she moved from the farm in Merrill to Appleton, where she met Jerome while working at Appleton Papers. She married the love of her life on February 1, 1958. Jerome preceded her in death in 2007.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband, volunteering in the Gift Shop at St. Elizabeth Hospital and with the Ladies of Sacred Heart, and was also a Cub Scout Den Master.

Genevieve is survived by four children: Matt (Christi Nelson) Hollenback, Joe (Tina) Hollenback, Penney Hollenback, and Steve (Shauna) Hollenback; six grandchildren: Jeff (Amy Zimmerman) Hendrickson, Debbie (Luke) Grix, Laura Webb, Crystal Hollenback, Terry (Brianna) Hollenback, and Sienna (Gustavo) Bedolla; and her great-grandchildren who lovingly called her "Grandma Sweetie": Austin, Kyria, Tiana Nolan, Bennett, Kinley, Liam, Brody, Naomi, Rowan, Mauricio, Shandi, and Raquel. There are also two sisters: Rosemary Eckardt and Esther Ament, and a brother John (Helen) Sczygelski and sister-in-law, Corrine (Anthony) Sczygelski. Gen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, brothers Charles (Joyce), Lawrence (Vivian), and Anton, a sister Regina (Norman) Roets, and brothers-in-law Bob Eckardt and James Ament. She was also preceded in death by Curly's family: Betty (Bob) Hickenbotham, Fran (Mickey) Hollenback, Jean (Red) Falk, Marie (Leroy) Heimmerman, Marge (Bob) Balza, and Joe (Dolores) Schmidt.

A memorial service for Genevieve will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the Wichmann Funeral Home, located at 537 N. Superior Street in Appleton. She will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery with her husband Jerome. Visitation will begin on Saturday morning, April 9, from 9:00 AM until the time of the service.

Genevieve was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who will be missed by all, especially her little sweeties whom she loved to spend time with.



**Sarah Jean (Lange) Kitchen** of Schofield, WI, passed away unexpectedly at St. Clare's Hospital, Weston, on March 24, 2022, at age 49. Sarah was a gentle and kindhearted wife, daughter, sister, auntie, and friend. Sarah was born on July 31, 1972, to Arnold and Elizabeth Lange in Merrill, WI. She graduated Wausau West High School and attended Rasmussen College to earn her associate's degree in health information and medical billing and coding certificate. Sarah

worked as a lead advanced medical support assistant at the Wausau Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic. Sarah adored cats, worked for The Fix is In, Inc., was a member of the Central Wisconsin Cat Club, and secured homes for many cats and kittens during her short life. On July 31, 2019, Sarah married Brian Kitchen, and operated S&B Scents and More and sold vintage Pyrex with Brian, enjoying weekends at local craft shows and flea markets. Sarah was also a regular, cooking or clerking, at Lange Auction Center. She loved hot air balloons, speedy NASCAR and local races (serving as president of the Women Concerned for Auto Racing group), and baking Christmas cookies.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Brian; her six cats; her parents, Arnold & Elizabeth Lange; three sisters, Linda (Kyle) Shimek, Laura (Dave) Eastman, and Cynthia (Todd) Mattson; nephews (Patrick and Eli); and nieces (Jennifer, Paige, Elizabeth, Lauren, and Adaline).

Visitation will be held at Waid Funeral Home, Merrill, WI, on Friday, April 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Service to follow at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the humane society of your choice.

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](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Judy E. Esser**, 79, of Merrill passed away Sunday, March 20, 2022, at Woodland Court.

Judy was born May 14, 1942, in Tomah, Wisconsin, daughter of the late Harry and Mary Eleanor (Dickhut) Wildes. She married John Esser on June 21, 1968, at Luther Memorial Church in Milwaukee. Judy was a member of Beta Sigma Phi.

Judy is survived by her husband, John Esser of Merrill; daughter, Christi (Dan) Slowey and three grandchildren of Appleton; and son, John W. Esser of De Pere. Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Mary Eleanor Wildes; and brother, Richard Wildes.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

The family requests memorials be given to the Lincoln County Humane Society in remembrance of Judy Esser.

Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com)



**Mary Jean Raasch (Daley)** who was 72 has passed away unexpectedly at her home on Sunday, March 20, 2022 in Merrill, WI. Mary was born April 17, 1949 to the late Earl and Virginia Hinz. She also joins her late son Daniel Erickson.

Mary is survived by Michael Daley, 82 of Merrill. Her two daughters Laura Erickson, 52 (Kenny Brewington Jr) and Jean Daley, 39 (Danny Green) both of Merrill. Her grandchildren Heather Halbach, 22 of Merrill, Lazlo Kiesling, 17 of Jefferson, WI, Leilend Eggebrecht, 14 of Merrill, Denver Acuram Erickson, 10 of Philippines.

Mary enjoyed helping her youngest daughter build and make things new. She was a funny, crazy down to earth woman cheerfully humming away, not a care in the world. Always put a smile on your face. Always ready to help you out. She also enjoyed going to garage sales and finding Coke-a-Cola memorabilia. In her spare time she enjoyed coloring in her coloring books.

Her celebration of life will be held at a later time due to her request of not wanting a big production. A "Go Fund Me" page for her has been set up on Mary's behalf.

She is and will be missed by many.



**Douglas "Doug" Ray Sprague**, age 63, of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away surrounded by his family on March 23, 2022, after battling cancer for 26 years. He was born on August 29, 1958, in Champaign/Urbana, Illinois to the late Robert Ray and Myrna Florence (Williams) Sprague.

Doug grew up in Clinton, Illinois. He was united in marriage to Debra "Debbie" Lee Raether on March 15, 1980, at Keeneyville Bible Church in Keeneyville, Illinois.

Doug worked as a printing pressman for a commercial printing company for over 20 years. He also drove truck and welded. He was part of the Montello Yetis snowmobile club and helped with the mowing and signage for the trails.

He grew up around airplanes and drop zones (skydiving). He packed a lot of parachutes and made gear bags. He loved old cars and working on them. Doug was always willing to help anyone fix their cars. He also hot rods, drag racing, and snowmobiling. He will be missed by those who knew him.

Doug is survived by his wife Debbie Sprague, son Christopher (Colleen) Sprague, sister Linda (Mark) Gable, and Aunt Carol Hamm. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 11:00 am at St. John Lutheran Church in Merrill. A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 10:00 am until the time of service also at the church.

In lieu of flowers monetary contributions may be made to the family.

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](http://www.waidfuneral.com).

**Susan J. Hinz** was welcomed into heaven on March 26th, 2022. Sue was born June 4th, 1961, to Hobart and Joan (Edbauer) Hinz. She was very loved by her family and will be sadly missed.

Sue spent most of her career as a CNA at Pine Crest, retiring just last year. More recently, she worked at Wal-Mart in Merrill.

Sue enjoyed spending time outside, taking long walks in the sun, and the challenge of a good puzzle, but especially Sue loved spending time with her family.

Sue is survived by her mother, Joan Hinz, her siblings Sherry Riddle, Joleen (Bryan) Buehler, her twin Scott Hinz, Steve Hinz, Greg Hinz, Tammy (Kevin) Cohrs, and Dan Hinz, as well as nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father Hobart Hinz and her nephew Jordan Buehler.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Thursday, March 31st at 1:00pm at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. A visitation will be from 10:00am -12:00pm at Waid's. Arrangements are being handled by Waid Funeral Home in Merrill.

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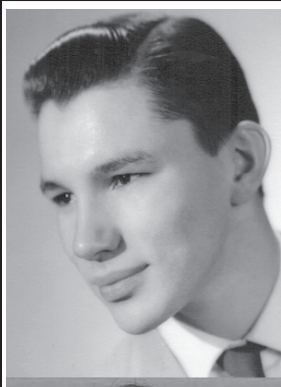
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**| OBITUARIES |**



**Roland "Rolly" James Schmidt** passed away at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Albany, Oregon, with his family by his side, on March 17, 2022 at age 78. He was born and raised in Merrill, Wisconsin. Rolly had quick battle with an aggressive metastatic kidney cancer. Prior to falling ill a month earlier, he enjoyed a full life: traveling, chopping wood, reading, cooking, and taking walks.



He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Cathy, in September 2020. Rolly and Cathy were married for 52 years. In retirement, they were often found traveling or square dancing or visiting friends/relatives – all three at the same time if they could arrange it! Rolly served his country in the U.S. Army for two years and, later, in the National Guard. He attended Foothill College and San Jose State University with Cathy and became an elementary school teacher for a short period.

He switched careers – and owned the Myrtle Point Chevron station for 27 years. Had you stopped by the gas station, you would have found him in the service bay fixing cars or at the gas pump offering to wash your windshield and check your oil. His customers will remember him as fair, kind, and dedicated to his job.

His friends and family will remember Rolly as honest, straightforward, and volunteering his time to help others. Rolly was someone who always saw the best in others – he was critical only of himself and only on occasion.

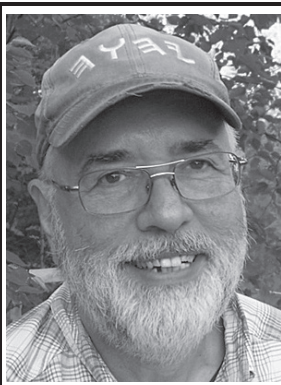
Rolly was an avid reader and he formed strong opinions, which he liked to share. If you knew him, you likely had the opportunity to engage in spirited debates with him. Despite his diehard and energetic commitment to his own point of view, his strongest viewpoint was that everyone has a right to their own opinions.

Rolly enjoyed the outdoors. His hauling and chopping of firewood gave him plenty of time to enjoy vigorous exercise and nature. For leisure, Rolly enjoyed camping in remote campgrounds, hiking, and skinny-dipping when given proper solitude.

Rolly is survived by his sister Joanne Rowse, his brother Walter (Marilyn) Schmidt, his sister Barbara Chellberg, and is predeceased by both his brother Jerry Schmidt and sister Georgia Hoffman. He is survived by his three children, Christine (Todd) Smith, Eileen (Mike) Frey, and Steve (Courtney) Schmidt and 5 grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Holy Name Catholic Church in Coquille, Oregon on March 25. Later he will be interred with Cathy at her family plot in Wausau, Wisconsin.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to the Samaritan Evergreen Hospice in Albany, Oregon. Or consider donating to Pacific Home Health & Hospice in Coos Bay, Oregon, which recently supported Cathy's care. Please support hospice care everywhere, so they can continue their invaluable mission to families.



**Joseph Duane Kovacich** died from a stroke on 3-19-2022 at home with his wife, Regan Eve, and their daughter, Andrea, beside him. He has laid down the Word (Bible) to be with the Word (Messiah).

Joe was born to Joseph and Theresa (Czapiga) Kovacich on 12-3-1952 in Stambaugh, MI under the dash of a Ford. He married Regan Eve Trombley on 8-24-1974 in Iron River, MI. Joe graduated from West Iron County High School Class of 1971 and completed

his BSME degree from MTU. He completed his requirements for Professional Engineer in 1985. He worked in the Wausau area for Drott, JI Case, Greenheck Fan, Wausau Metals, C Tech, and SSI, before starting his own company, Intelligent Design Engineering & Solutions, LLC.

Joe fiercely loved his daughters, Kara (Michael) Stewart, Joyce (Ricardo) Siqueira, and Andrea (Nathan) Kovacich and his grandchildren, Cayla Siqueira, Philip Siqueira, and Alexander (nicknamed Dude) Stewart. He is survived by his sisters, Carol Busakowski, Joann (Don) Sebo, and Beth Ross, and his brother, David Kovacich, many special nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Joe loved figuring out problems. He was a true Engineer. He was always ready to help. He enjoyed hunting and archery with the gang at Rib Mountain Bowmen's Club. He was an active member with the Lake DuBay Sailing Association in the 1990's. His greatest adventure was taking his family on a 43' sailboat named NeverLand for several years around Florida and the Bahamas. It was an Awesome Adventure.

A celebration will be held 4-1-2022 at Sylvan Hill Park, 1329 Sylvan Street, Wausau, WI 54403 from 2:00-7:00 PM with stories at 3:00 PM. A light luncheon will be provided for additional fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, please bring a written story or short note for a memory book for Joe's young grandchildren, so they will get to know their Grandpa. Thank you!

Joe's love and obedience for YHWH (YAHUAH) was first in his life which spilled over into a beautiful relationship with his family and all who knew him.

Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1302 Sixth Street, Wausau, WI 54403 assisted with the cremation, www.petersonkraemer.com.

**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**On Marriage**

**DEAR READER,**

What is marriage? What can it be, for good or bad?



For some of us, it is a dull and soul-crushing grind that sometimes devolves into cataclysmic destruction and cruelty. But for others, it is a necessary precondition for a happy life.

Almost all human beings feel that our lives are meant to be shared, or living would be devoid of truth, beauty, or meaning. Marriage often meets that need.

In a broad sense, we may feel married to our families, our friends, and our communities. We are intertwined with them, enmeshed and joined so that it is hard to separate oneself without creating a wound.

In a singular sense, many of us are married to that one shining person we discovered recently or long ago. We have chosen among the multitude of shapes, sizes and colors of God's designs; we have decided with whom we will bond with for the rest of our lives. Choosing may not seem easy since it is a value judgment – do we value personality and character; or power and leadership; or mon-

ies and resources? It can be any of these, all of these, or possibly none of these and something else altogether, such as a laughing spirit and a mischievous twinkle in the eye.

If it works out well, we may experience a true, unadulterated fusion of souls, pure and clean, free of the limits of physical plans and needs. We may then experience the agape love for our beloved without regard for the circumstance, environment, or physical realities of the world.

When one has chosen and embarks on a journey with his or her beloved, the world makes sense. You are together and will always be together; in body, in mind, and in soul. That initiation and commitment and promise of oneness seals two into a greater one forever.

Enjoying a fulfilling and happy marriage is a blessing. Living together in the present has its joy of all joys; it also has its challenges. Most will agree there is no perfect marriage because there are differences, divergences, and conflict. While these vicissitudes can be difficult to endure, the deeper bonding and understanding in the aftermath make the struggle worthwhile. Not every day or encounter comes easy, but the rough patches can

be smoothed out with a tranquil mindset.

A starter-list of spiritual tenets for the marital journey follows:

1. Place the essence of your attention and focus on her well-being.
  2. Share a sense of humor since most of the outlooks and quibbles inherent in day to day living are laughable.
  3. Walk the fine line of leadership with both confidence and humility, knowing that one day you will be a ghost.
  4. Listen intently with both eyes focused and refrain from expressing the majority of your opinions since most things need little or no comment or judgement.
  5. Be true to your own goodness and spread your generosity to all as a testament to her influence on you for the betterment of your spirit.
- When you put that ring on her finger, you are giving the entirety of yourself to her, now and through eternity. Cherish the days as they pass one by one down the trail of time.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
PUBLISHER

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

**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/2022/03/29/letters-to-the-editor-89/>.



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# LEGAL NOTICES

## Notice of Spring Election and Sample Ballots (April 5, 2022)

### OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER CLERK TO THE VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the School District of Rhinelander on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

#### Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using a tactile ballot marking device (Vote-PAD) to mark a paper ballot, the voter shall obtain from the inspectors, the assistive device and any audio or dexterity aids if required. The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of a person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

#### Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

#### Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

The voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in casting his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

#### Spoiled Ballot

If the voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

#### After Voting the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall leave the booth, deposit the ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Merlin Van Buren  
School District of Rhinelander Interim Board of Education Clerk

The following is a facsimile of the official ballot:

### OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY 2 ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR THE DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, make a cross (X) in the square at the RIGHT of the name of the person for whom you desire to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the name in the blank space provided for that purpose.

School Board Member	Vote For Not More Than Three
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Judy Conlin .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ronald Lueneburg .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Peterson.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Legals 7700

**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

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Kelsi Morgan Chaney

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Kelsi Morgan Chaney  
To: Kelsi Morgan Faust

Birth Certificate: Kelsi Morgan Chaney  
**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: 4/11/22  
Time: 2:00 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 \_\_\_\_\_, State of Wisconsin.

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**BY THE COURT:**  
**DATE SIGNED:** March 7, 2022  
Electronically signed by  
Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Notice to Creditors**  
**(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2022 IN 12

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Rose Bolling

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 1/3/1953 and date of death 1/27/2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1803 East Ninth St., Merrill, WI 54452.

3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 24, 2022.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

Kevin Bolling  
N1176 State Hwy 64, Merrill, WI 54452  
715-432-9844  
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**DATE SIGNED:** March 22, 2022  
Electronically signed by  
Robert R. Russell, Circuit Court Judge

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING (FOR PUBLICATION)**  
Case No: 22-JG-11

IN THE INTEREST OF:  
R.W.W.

Date of Birth: 04/02/2017  
TO: George R. Hill  
a/k/a Kenneth W. Engle  
Merrill, WI 54452

**IT IS ORDERED:**  
That this Notice be published advising you that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian (pursuant to §48.977, Stats.) has been filed regarding the above-identified child. The Petition was filed by Lincoln County Department of Social Services, 607 N. Sales Street, Merrill, WI 54452, whose phone number is 715-536-6200. The Petition will be heard on

### Legals 7700

April 5, 2022 at 11:00AM at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Circuit Court Branch 2 Courtroom, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452.  
The Petition filed in this case alleges that your child was previously adjudged to be in need of protection or services pursuant to Wis. Stats. §48.13(10) and that the appointment of a guardian is appropriate for your child.

**IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR,** the Court will enter a no contest plea on your behalf to the request for the appointment of a guardian. The Court will find that you have properly served in this case and, by your failure to appear, that you have waived your right to contest the allegation that a guardian should be appointed for your child. The Court will find that you have waived your right to have the County prove its allegations by clear and convincing evidence. The Court will schedule the matter for a dispositional hearing (or may proceed immediately to a dispositional hearing if the matter is uncontested and any party requests immediate disposition), at which time evidence will be presented as to the disposition of the case.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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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.

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## ATTENTION CITY OF MERRILL VOTERS

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Please visit [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov) and click on Find My Polling Place or contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office to confirm your voting location. (715) 536-5594

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## TOWN OF MERRILL MERRILL, WISCONSIN

### TOWN OF MERRILL ANNUAL MEETING

THE **MONTHLY BOARD MEETING** FOR THE TOWN OF MERRILL WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER **TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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THE **ANNUAL MEETING** FOR THE TOWN OF MERRILL WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER **TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022, FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING.**

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOT

(April 5, 2022)

TO: Electors of the Merrill Area Common Public School District

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Merrill Area Common Public School District that a spring election will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 2022, at which the offices named below shall be nominated.

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS

(a) Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote.

(b)(i) At the spring election, where paper ballots or lever machines are used, the voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote.

When using a tactile ballot marking device (Vote-PAD) to mark a paper ballot, the voter shall obtain from the inspectors, the assistive device and any audio or dexterity aids if required.

(ii) Where optical scan voting is used, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote.

(c) The vote should not be cast in any other manner. If the elector spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place.

(d)(i) After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show.

(ii) After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit.

(e) A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot.

(f) The following is a facsimile of the official ballot:

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY 2 ELECTION INSPECTORS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the RIGHT of the name of the candidate for whom you desire to vote.

- School Board Members at Large Vote For Not More Than Three (3)
Robert Wegner.....
Linda Yingling .....
Jacqueline L. Gremler .....
Norbert "Nubs" Ashbeck .....
Paul C. Proulx .....
(Write In)
(Write In)
(Write In)
(Write In)

MERRILL AREA COMMON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Ron Liberty
School Board Clerk

EXHIBIT B
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
MERRILL AREA COMMON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 5, 2022

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the Merrill Area Common Public School District on April 5, 2022, the following proposed Revenue Limit Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$2,500,000 PER YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Merrill Area Common Public School District, Lincoln and Langlade Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 per year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and ending with the 2025-2026 school year, for non-recurring purposes to fund District operational and maintenance expenses.

Ballot Text

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Merrill Area Common Public School District, Lincoln and Langlade Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 per year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and ending with the 2025-2026 school year, for non-recurring purposes to fund District operational and maintenance expenses?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to authorize the Merrill Area Common Public School District budget to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 per year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and ending with the 2025-2026 school year, for non-recurring purposes to fund District operational and maintenance expenses.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the Merrill Area Common Public School District the authority to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 per year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and ending with the 2025-2026 school year, for non-recurring purposes to fund District operational and maintenance expenses.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 per year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and ending with the 2025-2026 school year, for non-recurring purposes to fund District operational and maintenance expenses; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 1111 North Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Table listing municipal clerks: Cynthia Lokemoen, Rick Hass, Kristy Ament, Kathy Voermans, Kay Tautges, Amanda Herdt, Diane Chambers, Amy Brown, Becky Dallman, Becky Byer, Dawn Moller, Tammy Hitz, City Clerk, and others with their respective addresses and phone numbers.

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Information to Electors

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, an elector shall:

- state their name and address
show an acceptable form of photo identification\*
sign the poll book\*\*

\*If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

\*\*If the elector is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If an elector is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the elector provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied.

An elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot on referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used

On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiling Ballots

If an elector spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The elector may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Referendum Ballot April 5, 2022

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: [ ] To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: [ ]

School District

Question: Shall the Merrill Area Common Public School District, Lincoln and Langlade Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 per year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and ending with the 2025-2026 school year, for non-recurring purposes to fund District operational and maintenance expenses?

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. John Sample, District Administrator.

Done in the Merrill Area Common Public School District on March 31, 2022 Ron Liberty District Clerk





Scott Doerr, on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, recently presented a \$1,000 grant check to the Merrill Enrichment Center for their quilting program. Quilts made by volunteers at the Enrichment Center have comforted countless individuals in Wisconsin and overseas. They have also been provided to Fort McCoy, Quilts for Africa, Little Lakes Memories, Special Olympics, Relay For Life, and local churches. Fraternal Order of Eagles grants must be used for materials or services and cannot be used for administrative expenses. Grant requests may be made through Merrill Eagles Aerie #584. Requests must include a letter explaining the need, certification of tax-exempt status, and the agency's Tax ID number. Contact Scott Doerr (715.536.7471) at the Merrill Eagles Club for more information. Pictured L to R: Scott Doerr, Merrill Eagles #584, and Roselin Hagedorn (displaying a quilt) with Annie Amenson, volunteers at the Merrill Enrichment Center.

Submitted photo.

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Richard Lupton

### Richard (Dick) Lupton

**Age:** 64  
**Family:** Wife – Debra for 41 years; Children – Two daughters, Stacey Hoff and Sara Lupton; grandchildren – two granddaughters, Hailey and Jasmine.

**Employment/position:** Retired from City of Merrill on Dec. 31, 2015.

**Past/present elected offices:** Merrill Street Commissioner from May 2010 through Dec. 31, 2015, when I retired.

**Other memberships/offices:** Member of St. Stephens United Church of Christ

**Why you have chosen to run for the office you seek:** I have chosen to run for 5th District Alderperson because I love the city of Merrill and, if given the chance, would like to make it even better. I served the City of Merrill for 37 1/2 years, first working on the Street Department crew, until I was elected Merrill Street Commissioner in April of 2010. With the time that I spent serving Merrill as its Street Commissioner, I was a voting member on the Board of Public Works and managed all functions of the Street Department. This included developing and working with the Street Department annual budgets, recommending street repair and replacement projects, and assisting in the planning of those projects. I oversaw

the day-to-day operations of the Garbage and Recycle Collection, Street Maintenance crew, and Equipment Maintenance crew. I feel this gives me both the experience and skills needed to serve the City well.

Some issues I feel are important are affordable housing, maintaining the city infrastructure, city growth, public safety, and attracting and retaining employees.

I always enjoyed serving the Merrill community, and it would be a privilege to serve Merrill as its 5th District Alderperson.

### City of Merrill District 6

*Kyle Gulke is challenging incumbent Mike Rick Jr. for the position of Alderman for District 6.*



Kyle Gulke

### Kyle Gulke

**Age:** 30

**Family** (spouse, children, grandchildren): --

**Employment/position:** Helene's Hilltop Orchard, Apple Picker/Bartender

**Past/present elected offices:** --

**Other memberships/offices:** Aware and Active Citizens, Friends of the River Bend Trail, Ice Age Trail Alliance

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** Some of the experience I have that make me qualified for Alderperson are serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Plan Commission. I understand how the govern-

ment operates, and I know how to get things done. I have also been involved with various community groups, Aware and Active Citizens and Friends of the River Bend Trail to name a few. I grew up in the sixth District so I know why it's a great place to live, but I'm also aware of the areas that could use improvement. It's a phenomenal neighborhood to grow up in, I always felt safe and had friends to hang out with. Some skills that make me qualified are excellent reading, math, and problem solving skills as well as logic, critical thinking, and common sense. I also have a good memory and pay attention to the details.

One of the biggest issues the City of Merrill needs to address is the declining population. The declining population trend can be reversed by increasing tourism and providing more affordable housing options. Increasing tourism will highlight the advantages of living in Merrill, attract new residents, and create new jobs. I have witnessed the impact tourism has on the Merrill area while working at Helene's Hilltop Orchard. Hundreds of visitors every weekend supporting a small business and stimulating our local economy! Providing more affordable housing will make it easier for these visitors to make the decision to move here.

**Parks!** We are known as the City of Parks for a reason. The River Bend Trail has been a huge addition to our park system and has helped unite the community! It has attracted new visitors in the past few years and will continue to attract more for a long time. The next step is to get it in the state trail system by connecting to the Mountain Bay and Hiawatha-Bearskin trails. The M.A.R.C. hosts baseball tournaments that fill our hotel rooms and puts the spotlight on our fantastic athletic facilities. The Merrill Memorial Forest attracts mountain bikers from across the state and has been hosting the Badger State Games winter bike races for the past few years. Prairie Trails Park is a beautiful space to do some birdwatching, and the Prairie River is a Class "A" trout stream for the fishing enthusiast. We already have a lot to offer, we just need to do a better job of advertising it to the rest of the state.

My plan is to have block parties twice a year to answer questions and concerns. The main point of these block parties will be to get everyone together to have some fun and to get to know their neighbors a little better. I will do my best to keep the public updated via Facebook and letters to the editor. I will also be available via email, phone, and Facebook. I will only make one promise. I promise to do my best!

### Michael Rick, Jr. (Incumbent)

**Age:** 52

**Family:** Spouse – Teri; children – Michael, Nick, Bryce, Andrew, and Kelsey; and grandchildren – Lucy and Raelynne.

**Employment/position:** Employed with Lincoln County Highway Dept as parts clerk for 17 years; recently started at Napa as a

parts counter person.

**Past/present elected offices:** Currently 6th Ward Alderman City of Merrill appointed Sept of 2019; elected April 2020 to present; Town of Merrill Supervisor April 2016-2018

**Other memberships/offices:** --

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I have chosen to run for re-election as Alderman to keep the city moving forward while keeping the borrowing to a minimum. Keep taxes as low as possible while keeping the current services we have. I have always listened to the citizens and will continue to do so if elected. Since being elected, I have voted against a budget that has included borrowing funds and will continue doing so if elected. There is a lot of wasteful spending and I will continue to vote against that. That needs to be done to keep taxes at bay.

### City of Merrill District 7

*Incumbent Mark Weix, Jr., is running unopposed for the position of Alderman for District 7.*

### City of Merrill District 8

*Ann Heller is challenging incumbent Steve Sabatke for the position of Alderman for District 8.*



Ann Heller

### Ann Heller

**Age:** 44  
**Family:** Spouse – Christopher

**Employment/position:** UMR – Senior Enrollment Specialist

**Past/present elected offices:** I have not held any prior elected offices.

**Other memberships/offices:** I am a member of St. Francis Xavier Church.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I was born and raised in Merrill, which was and still is a great place to grow up. I met my husband while working and attending school in Milwaukee. We moved back to Merrill in 2007. I have many family members and some childhood friends here. I adore Merrill and it would be nice to see others return, as well. I want people to experience all that Merrill has to offer and cherish our city.

Before I tell you why I am running, I first want to share with you that I am not running for personal gains, for a power-trip, for name recognition, or a title. I am not running to further my own business or to favor a friend with their agenda.

I am running for City Council to listen to my community members, to learn how to improve the quality of all our lives, and to serve the citizens of Merrill as those in public office should. I have a desire to help solve is-

issues and to make critical, thought-out decisions needed for the city. I care about my neighbors, and I want to represent them respectfully.

I am running because I want to assist businesses and families. I want to promote the City, support development, and enhance our neighborhoods. We must all work together to improve and grow. There will be disagreements, however, our duty and concern should be for the people. We need to do what is best for the citizenry as a whole and not take matters personally.

If elected, I will work hard to find common ground and make well-informed decisions. The choices we make today are going to have significant impact on the livability of Merrill for the future. I want to help ensure generations to come don't bear unnecessary burdens from our actions.

I believe I would bring new perspectives and ideas as a member of the City Council. I will be committed to do what is right and work towards our goals that benefit all of us.

Merrill is a wonderful place to live, to work, to raise a family, and to retire. This is where our children can receive a good education, where you can enjoy the outdoors and feel a part of an awesome community.

I am running for District 8 Alderperson to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Merrill, give back to the city I love, and make a difference for the better. I would be honored to receive your support and your vote.



Steve Sabatke

### Steve Sabatke (Incumbent)

**Age:** 68

**Family:** My wife of 46 years and I were born and raised in Merrill. After relocating for assignments over 17 times, we chose to settle back in Merrill to raise our three daughters. They have given us five wonderful grandchildren.

**Employment/position:** Most of my career involved the building industry. I have worked every stage of construction from being a carpenter to home center manager, national sales rep, real estate agent, and selling high end equipment.

**Past/present elected offices:** Alderman of Merrill's 8th District for the last three years. The first year I won in a recall election and then I was elected to a full two-year term in the next regular election. Effective Aldermen need to be experienced in City Committees. My background includes three years being the lonely voice of reason on the following: Board of Public Works, Historical Preservation, Redevelopment Authority and the Festival Grounds

(Fair Grounds) Committee.

**Other memberships/offices:** As a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and AMVETS, much of my spare time is devoted to veteran causes and supporting fellow war veterans and families in need. I am a long-term Eagles Club member. Over the years, I have belonged to way too many other organizations to mention here.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** My name is Steve Sabatke and it would be an honor to continue to serve you as Alderman of Merrill's 8th District.

There is great concern about all the spending and borrowing on recent building projects in Merrill. We thank the manufacturers and businesses who put in their own funds and hard work for Merrill to prosper. It is necessary to honor all spending (TIF/TID) projects Merrill has committed to so far. However, all this "Development & Progress" has come at a price.

Merrill is in financial trouble. Just the payments on our existing loans are over \$3 MILLION A YEAR. Increased tax revenue from the recent building projects will take years to recover. Due to overspending, our long-standing AA Credit Rating has dropped to a substandard BBB. This poor credit rating raises our interest rates on future loans and makes it less desirable for bond holders to finance us.

A select few city officials now run the show and have been giving away money, land, and services through inadequate negotiations and awarding City funds in unbalanced proportions. Our City Council and current Mayor normally vote to go along with any spending and any new borrowing proposed. The result is you hear much fanfare about successes but nothing about many "investments" that have been overfinanced or outright failures.

We must make better spending decisions that do not favor a select few. Most 8th District residents are a thrifty working class that in many cases live on a fixed income. The unfortunate future is high inflation that turns our concerns more to putting gas in the car and buying groceries rather than borrowing to finance another high-rent apartment complex. That being said, we will still need to invest in AFFORDABLE housing.

In closing, I must point out that too much of Merrill's history has been demolished in recent years. I will continue to fight for preservation of our historic structures. This will be accomplished by promoting pride in home ownership by assisting residents and businesses rather than bulldozing them. We need to invest in and protect our common citizen's needs.



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make changes, cut waste, and at the same time listen to what the citizens of the County are saying. As your District 8 County Board Supervisor, I will do my very best to be those eyes and ears for you, to help make changes that will keep Lincoln County great. Please remember to take time to visit the polls on April 5 and make your voice heard.



Christopher Heller

**Christopher Heller (Incumbent)**

**Age:** 42  
**Family:** Wife – Ann  
**Employment/position:** The Pool People – Warehouse Manager  
**Past/present elected offices:** District 8 County Board Supervisor 2016-Present

**Other memberships/offices:** St. Francis Xavier Church, Knights of Columbus

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am running for reelection because I still feel that the voters need a hard-working and reliable candidate to represent them.

Over the past six years, I have listened to the resi-

dents of Lincoln County on their needs and what they would like done. I do not let my personal beliefs do the voting. I do what is right for the people of the County.

I serve on four committees; I am the Chair on both the Highway and Land Services Committees and Vice-Chair on Public Property and Solid Waste Committees. I take my role seriously and put in a lot of time with my position. I take calls from my constituents to hear concerns and ideas. I respond to them in a timely fashion, as well. I take pride in my position on the County Board, and I always do my research.

While being a Lincoln County Board Supervisor, I have pushed for the wheel tax NOT to be permanent. I do not believe the County utilizes this tax correctly. Our Highway Department's budget gets short-changed by \$560,000. Their budget is then supplemented with the wheel tax money.

I have also helped push for Lincoln County to collect more on the delinquent property taxes. I do not want the people who are paying property taxes to suffer and the County to take on this debt. The County has been doing better with recouping delinquent taxes, but there is still room for improvement.

Working alongside the Department heads, which my Committees oversee, I have a "call me anytime" approach. They know I am available to them no matter the time of day. The job does not stop after meetings.

Lincoln County is a great place to live. We have some

of the best ATV/UTV trails in the state. The people and the abundance of activities to enjoy make it an amazing County to be in.

I ask that people get out and vote. I would like to ask for your vote on April 5 so I can keep Lincoln County moving in the right direction. Thank you.

**Lincoln County District 9**

*Incumbent Don Friske is running unopposed in Lincoln County District 9.*

**Lincoln County District 10**

*Jesse Boyd is challenging incumbent Judy Woller for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 10.*



Jesse Boyd

**Jesse Boyd**

**Age:** 39  
**Family:** Spouse – Ashley Boyd, three daughters.

**Employment/position:** County Materials Corporation as a Project Manager: Providing superior products in wastewater management.

**Past/present elected offices:** –

**Other memberships/offices:** My family and I are members of Trinity Lutheran Church

of Merrill for 28 years. I have an Associate degree in Mechanical Design Technology from Northcentral Technical College, then continued to receive a Bachelor of Science in Management from Upper Iowa University. I served 16 years as a member of the United States Army Reserves, 428th Engineer Company out of Wausau. I retired from the military in February 2016. I have two deployments – one in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 -2004 to New York and Texas. The other in 2010-2011 to Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom). It was there we provided route clearance for 101st Airborne and 10th Mountain. We suffered sustainable losses, but we did it to serve our country.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I'm looking to continue supporting our County by providing trusted leadership, encouraging innovative ideas and forward-thinking in partnership with our taxpayers, the business community, and all levels of local services to achieve a collaborated vision for Lincoln County. Currently, Lincoln County has no written vision statement. A vision statement is an inspirational statement that expresses a direction one would like to achieve. We, as a community, need to have a collaborated idea of what we want Lincoln County's future to look like. My thought is a central Wisconsin manufacturing hub, to provide parts and services needed in forestry, dairy process, food service, and trucking. We obviously don't limit the potential of

other manufacturing entrepreneurs, but at least direction. I'm not opposed to other ideas, but we need to clarify our direction. Either we send out surveys, or we trust our District Supervisors to collaborate and come up with a vision; this needs to happen.

There also must be accountability and open communication. Unless you show up to Board meetings or review and understand the agenda items, you are left to interpret on whether your representative is doing right by the individuals they are representing. I will be looking for opportunities to broadcast the Lincoln County Board Meetings (LCBM) like the Merrill Common Council Meetings. I will also be looking at restructuring the Committees so the Committee Chair will represent the Committee at the LCBM giving reports to the LCBM on agenda items.

I believe the direction of Lincoln County is going the wrong way. For instance, if you ask for more money as in form of a wheel tax, what is the benefit? What benefit/improvements have we seen in the last four years to our roads that couldn't have been done without the wheel tax? If the Highway budget stays the same, with or without the wheel tax, then what was the benefit? What has the \$2,159,229 been used for in that last four years? This started in 2018, what is the end date? Is there an option to end? These are questions needing answers. These are questions District 10 has been asking me. The overwhelming concern is what are we going to about it and when will it end. It all begins with change.



Judy Woller

**Judith Rose Woller (Judy) (Incumbent)**

**Age:** 75

**Family:** Divorced. Son – Frederick Karl Gruetzmacher; Daughters – Tanya Rose Stege, Margo Woller-Carter. Grandchildren – Taylor Rose Stege, Megan Jordan Labine, Jonathan Gruetzmacher. Great-Grandchildren – Twins Christian Stege and Nathaniel Stege.

**Employment/position:** Retired after 30 years as the Executive Director of Household Abuse Victim's Emergency Network, Inc. (HAVEN, Inc.)

**Past/present elected offices:** Presently Board Supervisor representing District 10, Pine River, since March 2021.

**Other memberships/offices:** Member of St. Stephens United Church of Christ since 1964. Taught Vacation Bible School – St. Mathews, Merrill, 1959-1962. Taught Sunday School from 1976-1986 at St. Stephens United Church of Christ. Boy Scout Leader Webelos 1975-1978. Positive Youth Development 1985-1989.

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## Bill Bialecki for Mayor

### Experience Counts

**Experience**  
2 terms as Mayor  
1 term on City Council  
3 terms on County Board  
3 years as Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Director

**Other Experience**  
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

**Other Affiliations**  
54 year member of VFW, past Post Commander  
6 years U.S. 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  
25 year member of Lincoln County Sports Club, 11 years as President  
Ducks Unlimited 43 year member, Annual Fund Raiser Chairman

**Education**  
NTC Electrical Apprenticeship Program graduate

**Work Experience**  
Retired State Certified Master Electrician  
State Certified Commercial Electrical Inspector

**Platform**

- Continued economic development
- Expansion of City's tax base
- Affordable Housing
- Childcare
- Attraction of skilled labor for our business community

**Rather than stay retired Bill chose to work for our City and for our future as your Mayor and Director of the Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation.**

**Bill has been working for our future.**

**If elected, Bill pledges to continue working for our future!**

**Bill's two terms as Mayor and 3-year tenure as Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Director brought Merrill the following development:**

- Sierra Pacific
- Walmart Supercenter
- Los Mezcales Restaurant
- Highway 64 and Pine Ridge Ave. intersection reconstruction
- NTC Public Safety Center of Excellence EVOC Track
- NTC Public Safety Center of Excellence training village
- NTC Training Facility for CDLs
- Purchased Festival Grounds from the County
- New Central Fire Station
- New Apartments on Semling Dr. (12 units)
- New Arby's
- New Eastside Kwiktrip
- Demolition of blighted Anson Gilkey property
- River Bend Trail (2 sections City funded)
- City adopted River Bend Trail as a linear park
- Blighted former Wire Products building demolition
- Sawmill Brewery
- New Airport terminal building
- Blighted Page Milk Plant demolition
- Rock Ridge Apartments (72 units)
- McCoy John Deer
- Purchase of Fox Point Property for future development
- Addition to AmericInn
- 3000-grandstand at Festival Grounds
- Enrichment Center & Expo Hall at Festival Grounds
- New Restrooms at the Festival Grounds
- New Aquatic Center
- Renovation of former Badger Hotel
- Golden Harvest
- K-9 Unit added to Police Department
- Dedicated Drug Officer added to Police Department
- Nelson's Powerhouse Expansion
- One-Way Collision/Brickner Motors Expansion
- New Park City Credit Union Headquarters
- Banker's Square Park
- Steckling & Sell Buildings renovated at Festival Grounds
- Festival Grounds Historic Livestock Barn renovation
- New Dollar Tree Store
- MAHA Stone Bridge Apartments
- New Cooper Insurance Building
- Fox Point Apartments
- Champagne Park subdivision
- Rock Ridge Park subdivision
- Weinbrenner Shoes Bought Former Hurd Property
- 518% increase in equalized value in TIDs because of TIF
- Designation of City Bike Routes
- Dog Park at the MARC
- Lion's Park Improvements
- New Shelter in Stange Park
- Superior St. and Webster St. extended for new housing
- Grand Ave. Reconstructed
- Pine Ridge Ave extended to McCoy John Deere
- Jackson St., Heldt St. and Alexander St. Reconstruction
- E. 6th St., E. 10th St., and Thielman St. Reconstruction
- Many other street, sewer, and water projects

**Looking to the future we need:**

- Continued economic development
- Expansion of the City's tax base
- Affordable workforce housing
- Additional affordable childcare options
- A larger labor pool for our businesses

**Without continued economic development we cannot grow our tax base. Without affordable housing where will many in our workforce live? Without affordable childcare options how can many families work? Without new housing of all types how can we expand our labor pool?**

**The City of Merrill needs to continue investing in our future, our children's future, and our grandchildren's future.**

**Where do we want Merrill to be 5, 10, 25 years from now? Think about the future!**

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**MAPS**  
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that level will help them at the next level of their lives. You need to be open to suggestions to make school not only a great learning environment but a fun place to learn. A School Board member must be able to listen, but not interfere with the operation. A member must be able to think first about our stakeholders – the students – and work to ensure we give them the best chance for success in whatever they want to do.

Thank you for your support.

**Robert L Wegner**  
Age: 51  
Family: Wife – Mary; 7 children; 10 grandchildren  
Employment: Drafter at Kolbe Windows & Doors  
Past/present elected offices: No prior elected offices held  
Other memberships/offices: Member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Life Member of VFW since 1997, Worked in maintenance for 10 years at Pinecrest nursing home

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am running for this office because, I disagree with the consolidation of

schools, mask mandates, and many other items that have been decided without the consent of parents, students, and the taxpayers of Lincoln County. I grew up in the Merrill School District (Class of 1989). My kids went to Merrill Schools. Because of this, I felt the need to run for school board. I believe with hard work we can reverse the downward trend we are seeing in enrollment, grades, and the general performance of MAPS.

**Norbert "Nubs" Ashbeck (Incumbent)**  
Age: 78  
Family: I have been married to Anne (Dirkx) Ashbeck for 53 years and have 3 children – Paula (Eric) Doty, Chad (Jenny) Ashbeck, and Renee (Chad) Krueger, and 7 grandchildren.  
Employment/position: I have retired as the Director of Radiology, Good Samaritan Health Care Center, where I worked for 41 years.  
Past/present elected offices: I have lived in Merrill for over 50 years and am honored to have served the community as a School Board Member for the last 9 years. I have also served as a Lincoln County Supervisor for the last four years.  
Other memberships/offices: I have been a member of Lincoln County Crime Stoppers (20 years); Merrill Evening Lion's

Club (10 years); Youth Softball, Baseball, and Basketball Coach; Jefferson School Parent Teacher Organization; and am a Vietnam Veteran.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I ran for the School Board nine years ago for the purpose of moving MAPS from paper to electronic. I asked the Board to consider putting laptops in the hands of every student and teacher. To my surprise, the rest of the Board was receptive but had some reservations. One concern was whether we could afford it. Two teachers recommended a pilot for two grades at Washington School to do this project. As a result, these students showed a greater interest in learning. We were able to accomplish meeting the goal of every student having access to an i-pad/chrome book over several years. When the pandemic hit, we were well-equipped to make the transition when other schools were forced to close. I have continued to try to look outside of the box for solutions to ongoing issues. While not every suggestion has been the answer, this was an example where, as a Board, we were able to be proactive. We need to take a moment to thank all of our employees for the success of educating our students over the last two years, going above and beyond to

provide in-person, virtual, and hybrid opportunities. Without their dedication, a difficult time would have been impossible.

The Board continues to be faced with difficult decisions due to declining enrollment, which results in less funding. I continue to advocate for big picture thinking and best interest of students. It is my expectation that our schools prepare our students to be equipped for changes. Also, it is important that we continue to provide the wide range of educational opportunities for our students, including advance courses and trade courses.

Thank you for your time and I appreciate your consideration for your vote.

**Jacqueline L. Gremler (Incumbent)**  
Age: 38  
Family: Husband – Bob Gremler, Jr. (39), Owner of Bob's West 64; Children – Abner Gremler (8) and Milo Gremler (5)  
Employment/position: I have a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Human Services from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and a Master's of Science Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with an emphasis in Children, Youth, and Families from Southern New Hampshire University. I am also a Certified Social Worker in the State of Wisconsin. I have been employed at

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Children's Wisconsin, Child Advocacy Center of North Central Wisconsin for the past 10 years as a Forensic Interviewer. As a Forensic Interviewer, I am responsible for conducting developmentally sensitive, legally sound, and trauma focused, video and audio recorded interviews of children, adolescents, and delayed adults who are alleged victims of abuse, maltreatment, and/or are witnesses to criminal activity. In addition to interviewing, I facilitate and coordinate best practice responses in criminal and child abuse investigations, provide training and education to professionals and community members on topics related to abuse and maltreatment, coordinate and facilitate case reviews and multidisciplinary team meetings, and routinely provide fact and expert testimony during court proceedings.

**Past/present elected offices:** I was selected and appointed by the Merrill School Board in December of 2021 to fill the vacant position due to an early resignation. December 2021-Present.

**Other memberships/offices:** Currently serving on the following: MAPS School Board, MAPS Policy Committee, St. John's Eagle's N.E.S.T., American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Lincoln County Multidisciplinary Team, Marathon County Sexual Assault Intervention TEAM (MC-SAIT), Marathon County Sexual Assault Response Team (MC-SART), Marathon County Multidisciplinary Team (MC-MDT), Marathon County Anti-Human Trafficking/At Risk Youth Task Force, Marathon County Drug Endangered Children Team, Portage County Multidisciplinary Team (M-Team)

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." -Nelson Mandela

This quote is a beautiful reminder that each of us has a responsibility to humanity, to create a better world for our children. As the world and our community adapts to changes during these unprecedented times, now, more than ever, we need leaders that are collaborative, innovative, and rooted in strong values and morals to keep building our tomorrows.

I have two children that are growing up and embarking on their educational journeys in this district. Investing in our youth, public service workers, and community is where my passion and heart lie. As a parent and child advocate, it is my top priority to ensure that students are served in the best capacity based on their individual needs; understanding that providing support to our school employees is the foundation for student success. As a social worker, I recognize that meeting individual needs ultimately serves the preservation and perseverance of our community. I believe I can use my unique skill set to help our Administration and School Board think strategically about the long-term growth of our students and district, but also balance the needs of the short term.

I come to this position with an open mind, objectivity, fresh perspective, and the energy to fulfill my duties as a member of this Board. I am prepared and committed to put in the work and time to provide opportunities for the success and growth of our students, MAPS, and our community.

**Linda M. Yingling (Incumbent)**

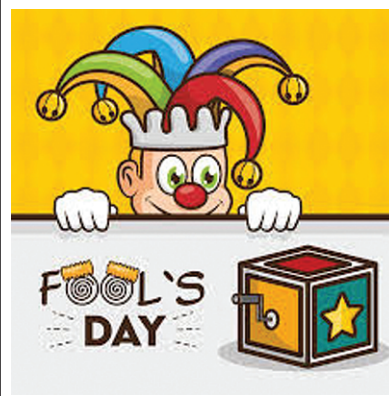
**Age:** 37  
**Family:** Husband, Bryan Yingling; daughter, Hailey Brooks, age 18, graduating from Merrill High School this year; and son, Hunter Yingling, age 13, seventh grader at Prairie River Middle School

**Employment/position:** Church Mutual Insurance Company-Claim Assistant  
**Past/present elected offices:** MAPS Board of Education September 2013-Present

**Other memberships/offices:** --

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** As a current Board member I love being able to go in and visit the schools and sitting in on classes. All four of our schools have a lot of exciting things happening. A lot of hard working and caring teachers are in our buildings, along with all of our other staff members that are working hard, so that our kids get a great education. I also want to give back to the community that I grew up in. I want the kids in our District to have a great education that will help them succeed in life. Tough decisions are going to come up and will have to be made, and I will do what I think is right and do my best to make my community proud. I want to hear what our community has to say, have conversations with our teachers, and most importantly listen to our kids. These are the reasons that I joined the Board of Education.

Thank you.  
**Referendum reminder:** 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.]



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The Antigo Construction Family of Companies manufactures Badger Breakers (high-production concrete pavement breakers) and operates them as a specialty subcontractor on construction projects across the USA and worldwide. The manufacturing facility and corporate headquarters are in Antigo, WI, and additional operating offices are in Boise, ID, and the United Kingdom. Antigo is a small (45 employees), family-owned business that has grown over 40 years to be the worldwide leader for concrete pavement breaker manufacturing and operating. Learn more about us at [www.antigoconstruction.com](http://www.antigoconstruction.com).

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:**

- Update existing fabrication drawings and create new fabrication drawings for equipment modifications, improvements, and R&D
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- Competitive salary commensurate with experience
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**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** During my employment at HAVEN, INC., I was able to develop the skills, knowledge, and connections needed to provide a strong basis to meet the challenges of a County Board Supervisor.

At HAVEN, the focus of the services included improving the safety for women and children in their own homes. Trained Advocates were available to provide court accompaniment and medical advocacy. They collaborated with medical facilities, law enforcement, the legal system, schools, landlords, and Social Services. Several of these agencies have been assigned their own Committees at the County Board.

It is important to understand the financial documents and procedures before voting on expenditures and proposals. At HAVEN, my responsibilities included planning and adhering to a Board-approved budget, including a projection of increases for the coming year, financial planning and preparing for an annual Certified Audit, grant writing and adhering to grant requirements, fundraising, plus hiring and training staff after developing the training materials for employees and for members of the Board of Directors.

Agencies which collaborated with HAVEN included the Lincoln County Judges, District Attorney and the Court System, Tomahawk and Merrill Law Enforcement, the Health Department, Social Services, Merrill and Tomahawk Schools, and Clergy plus area medical facilities. During my tenure, my staff and I were instrumental in informing and educating professionals, parents, and students about domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and the impact of trauma on children. As a Supervisor, I am working with many of these same agencies.

Statewide connections, including serving on the Governor's Council Against Domestic Violence, End Abuse Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Balance of State Committees, and Housing and Urban Development. I have experienced testifying at hearings in Madison for HAVEN, Inc., and look forward to the opportunity to represent Lincoln County at future hearings, also.

Currently, I am a member of the newly-formed Broadband Committee, the Forestry, Land, and Parks, the Social Services Committee, the Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, Judicial and Emergency Management Committee, and the Board of Health. My past work experiences prepare me for making cost effective, commonsense decisions required.

My past work history and contacts have prepared me to serve as Board Supervisor. I encourage open communication in an effort to consider all possible options in order to make difficult commonsense decisions. My accumulated knowledge and experiences have formed a strong basis

to address the following priority issues.

- Continuing services for the elderly and disabled through Pine Crest. Do we need to revamp our services? How do we best serve this population?

- The high cost of out-of-home placements for children in need of protection. What can we afford?

- How can we create a safe place for consumers and employees as they access services at the Court House?

- Focus on expanding Broadband service throughout Lincoln County. I am excited to serve on the Broadband Committee to improve access for everyone.

I ask for your vote of confidence on April 5, 2022.

### Lincoln County District 11

*Randal John Detert is challenging incumbent Hans Breitenmoser, Jr., for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 11.*



Randal Detert

### Randal John Detert (Randy)

Age: 60

**Family:** Wife - Jane, Sons - John and Jeffrey

**Employment/position:** Storeroom Supervisor

**Past/present elected offices:** I have not held a public office.

**Other memberships/offices:** Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles Club Member, Prior Cub Master for Cub Scouts, Prior Church Day School Board.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I would have to say the way that the government is treating citizens. It seems to me that people who question what our government officials are doing are many times being treated poorly. Citizens have a right, in fact a responsibility, to ask questions of our government.

I graduated from Merrill in 1980, and I went into the Navy that year. When I was out of the Navy, I came back and went back to school. I received a degree in electronic circuit design from North Central Technical Institute. There I met my wife of 33 years.

I did electrical design and built machines for material handling companies. This work took me all over the United States and Europe.

My wife and I chose to raise a family here, and that is when I started with my current employer. I have 27 years with my company. The people of this County are honest and very hard working. People here still care about each other. I think that is important.

The Lincoln County Board has a few challenges in the next few years. The debt has been increasing, the County has added new taxes, and some on the Board want to look at spending money on items like solar energy (for carbon credits). That is something that

people need to be aware of. I think that the citizens of the County need to be part of that decision. I don't see the current Board allowing that debate or allowing that opposing viewpoint.

There are areas that the Board needs to work on in this year. They are: Tax, Accountability, and Transparency. The County has a wheel tax that goes to the road work that needs to be done. That is over \$500,000 per year. If you look at the budget for that department, it did not increase. The same amount of money that the Highway Department had come in from the wheel tax is about the same amount that was moved to other departments. That is not Transparency. That is what some call a shell game.

We reduced 1/2 employee in the Veteran's Service Office. That person worked directly with the veterans of this County. At the same time, the Health Department is looking to add two people that may be used to assist with tracking people for the compliance with mandates. There is some federal money to start but then what? This is what people believe amounts to the people working for government and not the other way around.

When the state or federal government gives money, there are strings attached. My question is simply, what is needed? Nothing is free.

I am running for District 11, Towns of Scott and Corning, I would like your vote on April 5. If elected, I will work to bring an end to the wheel tax and help the Board be more accountable to the citizens of Lincoln County. Our governments must live within OUR means. Let's take our County back.

### Hans Breitenmoser, Jr. (Incumbent)

Age: 52

**Family:** Wife - Katie, Five children

**Employment/position:** Self-employed dairy and crop farmer

**Past/present elected offices:** County Board 2012-Present

**Other memberships/offices:** Wisconsin Farmers Union

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I'm running again for County Board Supervisor because Lincoln County is a great place to live and raise a family, and I feel like this is a way for me to give back to my community.

As your County Board Supervisor, I've served on multiple committees. I currently chair the Public Property Committee and serve on the Land Services, Economic Development, and Administrative and Legislative Committees. In addition, I represent Lincoln County on the North Central WI Regional Planning Commission, the WI Counties Association Agriculture and Environment Committee, and the WI PACE Commission.

Some of my accomplishments include introducing a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) ordinance. As a result of its passage, Lincoln County businesses have access to commercial bank loans specifically for energy conservation. On the Public Property Committee, I helped negotiate with the City of Merrill to allow the Fair Grounds to be owned

by the City. This allowed the Fair Grounds to stay alive and get much-needed improvements while taking it off the County books where it could no longer be afforded. I also introduced a successful voter referendum allowing Lincoln County voters to have a say in how their legislative and congressional districts are drawn.

Lincoln County has opportunities that some other counties don't have because of resources such as our county-owned forest land, not to mention that we've kept the budget balanced, which keeps us in the driver's seat with respect to our credit rating. Looking forward, your Board is going to have to continue to deal with rising costs while working under State-imposed levy limits. We will have to make decisions on how best to utilize limited federal dollars in ways that reduce operating costs, make our infrastructure more resilient, and improve roads and broadband access. In other words, we will have to make solid long-term decisions and have some creative vision. It's what I've tried to do, and I hope I've earned your vote. Thank you.

### Lincoln County District 12

*Julie DePasse and Jon K. Weiler will compete for the position of Supervisor for Lincoln County District 12, having both won in the Feb. Primary Election. Incumbent Paul Gilk was defeated in the Feb. Primary but has since filed paperwork to run as a registered write-in Candidate.*



Julie DePasse

### Julie DePasse

Age: 57

**Family:** I met my husband, Tom DePasse, while serving in the Army and we have been married for 35 years. We have two wonderful children and both are married to incredible people. We have one grandchild, a foster grandchild, and two new grandbabies due in October.

**Employment/position:** I am the CEO of a not-for-profit risk management association, which is run similar to a traditional insurance company.

**Past/present elected offices:** I have never held public office.

**Other memberships/offices:** My husband and I are very active in our church, Immanuel Lutheran, in the Township of Corning. He is currently an Elder and I am the Financial Secretary, and we have served in other capacities there over the years.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** Thomas Jefferson once said, "When you abandon freedom to achieve security, you lose both and deserve neither." For decades, politicians, bureaucrats and judges, at every level of government, have slowly (and

lately, not so slowly) eroded our liberty. The government tells us we will be safer as a result, as governments have been doing for hundreds of years. It is a lie.

I believe nothing poses a greater threat to our liberty than government's ever-increasing spending and debt.

Lincoln County has a population of 28,415, with 12,625 households. That is not a lot of people, yet our County budget is over \$45 million and our County debt is over \$30 million. This does not include the spending in Merrill, Tomahawk, and our two school districts, collectively more than \$90 million, or their combined debt, in excess of \$40 million. We are making indentured servants of our children and grandchildren, consuming resources they will never have, but are now obligated to pay for.

I am the CEO of a not-for-profit risk management (insurance) program and, before being promoted, I was its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). I have a degree in finance, a master's degree in business administration, and am 12 credits short of a degree in accounting. I developed the budgeting, pricing, and accounting systems for the company I now run, and continue to manage them. This is not written to boast, but I have had the opportunity to build a unique skill set and these are skills we need on the County Board.

In order to tackle the budget, we need Supervisors who not only understand it, but are willing to dig into the data and look for ways we can do things more efficiently. To properly manage our financial resources, we need a representative that is well-versed in our financial statements, notes and all. I have been digging into the numbers of our County for months, have studied the budgets and financial statements, and have attended both County Board meetings and Finance Committee meetings. If elected, I will be ready to work on the 2023 budget, which starts next month.

Admittedly, there are a host of things I know nothing about, like forest management or highway maintenance. There is much to learn, but we already know that we need money to pay for it all. Your money. We have to quit spending it like it is a resource that will never run out.

No city, no county, no state, no nation has ever taxed and borrowed its way to freedom and prosperity. The course we are on only leads to suffering and pain. That is the truth and the truth is all we have, but it is everything.

I am anxious to serve you and am asking for your vote on April 5.



Jon Weiler

### Jon Weiler

Age: 54

**Family:** My beautiful wife, Sabrina, and I have

been married for nearly 32 years. We believe in strong Christian and family values, which we have passed on to our three adult children and one granddaughter, all of whom reside in Lincoln County.

**Employment/position:** I am currently employed as a government contractor for the US Army. I am also a part-time substitute teacher for Athens School District. I was previously employed as the Executive Director at The Highground Veterans Memorial Park. I am a disabled veteran and retired from the US Army in 2017.

**Past/present elected offices:** No prior experience as an elected official.

**Other memberships/offices:** My wife and I are regular attendees at First Baptist Church, Medford, and I am a Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Mar-Lin Post 10203). I am also a member of National Rifle Association (NRA). I am a passionate outdoorsman, hunter, sportsman, and ardent supporter of 2nd Amendment and the right to bear arms. I previously served as the President of Peyton Panthers Booster Club from 2010 -2015 in Peyton, CO.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** When we relocated to Lincoln County, we immediately realized that this was the place that we wanted to call our "forever home." We fell in love with the people and the area, and it was apparent to us that this place is special.

Not long after moving, it became apparent that there were several issues not being efficiently managed by County officials. A few examples are the obvious lack of professional career opportunities for our children and grandchildren, the increase in the crime and decrease in public safety, the County's ever-increasing debt, the wheel tax, and Pine Crest Nursing Home.

The obvious question was, "Why has no one stepped up to hold these elected and appointed officials accountable?" With no apparent answer, I decided at the first available opportunity, and appropriate time, I would do what I have done all my life, fight for what I believe is right and do what needs to be done. I am certain the time is now, and the County Supervisor is that opportunity.

I am running because I believe that our elected and appointed officials MUST be held accountable, be accessible, and do what is best for Lincoln County. This is not happening, and change is needed now!

Our goal must be to positively impact Lincoln County and Central Wisconsin, so our families will be proud to call our County "home" well into the future.

Not being accountable, accessible, nor transparent are some of the more prominent complaints I hear from residents. The residents of Lincoln County deserve better, and I am confident that I am the best choice for Lincoln County and District 12.

If elected, I will utilize my extensive experience as a proven and trusted leader to encourage transparency and communication with residents, the business community, and all levels of local services to achieve



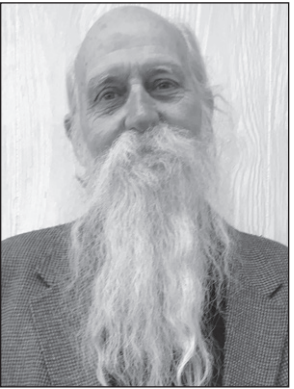
what we all know Lincoln County is capable of.

As District 12 County Board Supervisor, I guarantee that no one will work harder to ensure that Lincoln County is the best place to live, work, and raise a family. I will put an emphasis on holding elected and appointed officials accountable, accessible, and be truly transparent with the residents. I will concentrate my efforts on developing innovative ways to increase business opportunities for current and future residents, help ensure the safety of residents by supporting the necessary needs of Law Enforcement, concentrate on reducing taxes, establish a fiscally balanced and more importantly justifiable budget, safeguard the care and services of veterans, and come to an effective and sustainable resolution to the County's involvement with Pine Crest, just to name a few.

We all have an opportunity to change direction of Lincoln County in 2022. We can and will create a better future for our children and grandchildren. That opportunity comes in the form of voting at every level.

I am asking for your vote on April 5, 2022.

If you would like to contact me, please email me at [weilerforsupervisor@gmail.com](mailto:weilerforsupervisor@gmail.com) or check out my website at <https://sites.google.com/view/weilerforcountyboard/home>.



Paul Gilk

**Paul Gilk  
(Write-in Candidate)**

**Age:** 75

**Family:** Wife Susanna, children Tobias, Hannah, and Woody

**Employer/position:** Author, musician

**Past/present elected offices:** Town of Harding Supervisor, Lincoln County Supervisor

**Other memberships/offices:** —

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** Some of what I'll say was spelled out in greater detail in my Foto News letter of Jan. 27, specifically my involvement as a Supervisor with Pine Crest, North Central Health Care, HAVEN and Social Services, T. B. Scott Library, and various Countywide referenda. There were accomplishments in all those areas.

But there were (and are) hard fiscal limitations. The tax levy limit is the big one. Right after that is the refusal of the state legislature to index the gas tax. The results of levy limit and frozen gas tax butt up against County employee wage increases (including health insurance costs), the general rise in expenses across the board, and a Highway Department that's pleaded for what's called the wheel tax as a way to plug part of its budgetary hole—and fill potholes, grade gravel, and plow snow.

I doubt if we've done more with less, but we've

tried (and so far succeeded) to keep the wheels from falling off.

Two projects I'm working on (and there are others, like carbon credits related to the County forest) are historical murals on interior Service Center walls and a housing "summit" exploring low-income housing needs in the County.

It frankly takes a lot of patience and persistence to be a County Supervisor. Hotheads get nothing useful done and tend to slow everything to a crawl. At 75, I believe I've outgrown my hothead phase and am more into attentiveness and patience and persistence. I don't think I'll want to be on the County Board all that much longer, but another term or two seems right.

**Lincoln County  
District 13**

*Alan Bishop is challenging incumbent Calvin Thomas Callahan for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 13.*



Joseph Bishop

**Alan Joseph Bishop**

**Age:** 67

**Family:** Widowed. Two daughters, three stepsons, and seven grandchildren.

**Employment/position:** Retired, 39+ years of federal employment including Postmaster of Tomahawk.

**Past/present elected offices:** —

**Other memberships/offices:** Air Force Veteran, life member Disabled American Veterans, member American Legion.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** To work for the people of my district and Lincoln County with emphasis on road and bridge maintenance, broadband access, veterans issues, and maintain fiscal responsibility.



Calvin Callahan

**Calvin Callahan  
(Incumbent)**

**Age:** 23

**Family:** —

**Employment/position:** Wisconsin State Representative

**Past/present elected offices:** Wisconsin State Representative (2021-Present). Lincoln County Supervisor (2018-Present). Town of Wilson Supervisor (2019-2021).

**Other memberships/offices:** Board Member of North Central Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (2021-Present). National Rifle Association

(Life Member). Somo Area ATV Club (2020-Present). Somo Fish and Game Club (2020-Present). The Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association (2020-Present). Wisconsin Trappers Association (2017-Present). Wisconsin ATV/UTV Association (2020-Present).

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am running for reelection because we need to continue to build on the economy we have, continue to create new jobs, and continue to create opportunities for the businesses we have now to grow. There should be no reason why your kids, grandkids, and great-grandchildren can't raise their families here at home, in Northern Wisconsin and Lincoln County.

As a current Supervisor on the Lincoln County Board and a former Supervisor for the Town of Wilson, I have the experience and tools as well as the relationships needed to build a better Lincoln County and a Northern Wisconsin that will promote job growth and raising families here, at home.

Keeping our communities safe is one of my top priorities. I will fight to make sure law enforcement has the resources they need to do their jobs and keep us all safe. And they know that. I am the only candidate endorsed by our local Sheriff.

It is time for more opportunities! High-paying new industry jobs should be at the forefront of any economic plan. We live in an environment that should attract small industry and technology firms, but until we can have ample internet access to tie us in with the rest of the world, these companies won't move here. Bringing Lincoln County up to speed is necessary to the success and prosperity of our local business, attracting new businesses, and the ability to raise a family here in our County.

I will continue to fight for our County and preserve our way of life while promoting a vision to move the County FORWARD! On April 5, I ask for your vote.

**Lincoln County  
District 14**

*Marguerite Lyskawa is challenging incumbent Brian Hafeman for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 14.*



Marguerite Lyskawa

**Marguerite Lyskawa**

**Age:** 45

**Family:** I am married to Paul Lyskawa and have two daughters (27 and 17).

**Employment/position:** I have 20+ years of employment dedicated to the service and tourist industry. I'm a former Tomahawk business owner, and I am currently employed by The Happy Snapper Bar and Grill in a management and service position that I've held for over 12 years.

**Past/present elected offices:** —

**Other memberships/offices:** —

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** My motivation to run for office is fueled by my desire to represent the core values of my district by being an engaged and present voice on the County Board.

I am a long-time resident of Lincoln County, and I have lived in my District for over 20 years. I have loved raising both of my children in our friendly and close-knit community, and I have a vested interest in supporting the success of Lincoln County and District 14. It's apparent to those who have been following the County Board meetings that we need in-person representation and someone who will vote in a fashion that represents the interests and opinions of the residents in this District. I also believe that a County Supervisor should be engaged and in touch with the people living in the District. My goal is to be accessible and transparent. I believe people should know their representative by name and feel comfortable contacting them. I feel strongly that should be a basic goal that's addressed throughout the term, not just over a few weeks during an election cycle.

By taking an active and informed role in the issues and decisions facing our community and engaging with the residents in District 14 to support their interests accurately, I hope to influence positive changes and help ensure that our children and grandchildren will be able to have a quality lifestyle and fully enjoy the freedom and beauty of Lincoln County.



Brian Hafeman

**Brian Hafeman  
(Incumbent)**

**Age:** 61

**Family:** Spouse - Cherie Hafeman (married 39 years); two children; and five grandchildren.

**Employment/position:** 29-year employee of PCA Tomahawk Mill - Electrical Supervisor

**Past/present elected offices:** Lincoln County Supervisor District 14 for the past 3 terms (6 years) - Chair of Solid Waste Committee

**Other memberships/offices:** —

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** As your District 14 County Board Supervisor, I have worked on several Committees and voted on many issues that affect the voters of the District, and the County. Balancing key issues is critically important in the role of a County Board Supervisor. I have done my best to look at both the long and short-term outcomes of all issues affecting Lincoln County residents and the future of Lincoln County. While no one can be certain of the future, especially in the rapidly changing times we live in today, it is important to try to look

ahead to see how the decisions you are making today will affect the County in 5-10 years, or even farther into the future. This is not an easy task, but a necessary one. In many of the decisions made concerning a vote, I have reached out to local leaders and officials, including law enforcement officials, the corporation counsel, as well as other elected officials, who, because of their positions, have expertise in a subject at hand. I have also done research on my own to become educated prior to voting. It is the job of a County Board Supervisor to be as knowledgeable as possible on concerns prior to voting.

Each year the Board is presented with a financial report from an outside auditor. We have always had positive audit results. This is in large part due to wise decision making by the Board, but also by the excellent work of our finance department. The Finance Director does a very good job of informing the Board on the status of our finances at each and every meeting. There is a lot of planning that goes on by all involved to come to a balanced budget for the upcoming year. This can be complicated, but we always manage to balance the budget.

Over the past few years, we have welcomed a new Administrative Coordinator and a new Corporation Counsel. Both positions are crucial to a successful and smoothly operating County government. A lot of focus was placed on filling these positions.

I am proud of the work the County Board has done over the past six years. I thank you for your support and ask for your Vote on April 5.

**Lincoln County  
District 15**

*Marty R. Lemke is running unopposed in Lincoln County District 15.*

**Lincoln County  
District 16**

*Sarah Ann Miller is challenging incumbent Michael Loka (did not return candidate questionnaire) for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 16.*



Sarah Miller

**Sarah Miller**

**Age:** 46

**Family:** Spouse - Dana, Children - Jacob, Trey and Sadie

**Employment/position:** Second grade teacher at Tomahawk Elementary School and eighth Grade Volleyball Coach; Small business owner - Fit Factory, Tomahawk (for over 15 years)

**Past/present elected offices:** —

**Other memberships/offices:** I attend church at The Well in Tomahawk and currently serve on the Leadership team.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** As a long-time

resident of Tomahawk, I am honored to be running for Lincoln County Board Supervisor, District 16. We have a great community, and I think we can all agree we want to continue to see it thrive, prosper, and grow. This is why I have decided to get involved. I was not happy about the County imposing a wheel tax. The wheel tax is supposed to be temporary, but the County Board is considering making it permanent. Why? When I tried to get information from the County Board, it was difficult to find and not clear. We need transparency and accountability in our government, as well as easier access to information. We need to make sure there is fiscal responsibility and all options are explored when making decisions. I believe I can bring new and creative solutions, as well as commonsense leadership to the Board. Thank you for your vote on April 5!

**Lincoln County  
District 17**

*George Brixius (did not return candidate questionnaire) is challenging incumbent Kevin Koth for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 17.*



Kevin Koth

**Kevin Koth  
(Incumbent)**

**Age:** 61

**Family:** Three daughters and six grandchildren

**Employment/position:** Retired for 2 1/2 years from Packaging Corporation of America Tomahawk Mill

**Past/present elected offices:**

- Lincoln County District 17 Supervisor 2014-Present
- Lincoln County Board Chairperson 2020-Present
- Administration and Legislation Committee Chairperson 2020-Present
- Law Enforcement, Medical Services, Judicial, & Emergency Management Committee 2020-Present

- Oversees all of the County Committees 2020-Present
- ARPA Committee Member 2021-Present
- Lincoln County Highway Committee Secretary 2014 - 2020
- Lincoln County Forestry Committee Member 2014 - 2020
- Lincoln County Railroad Committee Member 2014 - 2020
- Wisconsin County Highway Association Chairperson 2020-Present
- Wisconsin County Highway Association Executive Board 2020-Present
- Town of Bradley Chairperson 2009-Present
- Town of Bradley Supervisor 2002-2008
- Wisconsin Towns Association Executive Board 2003-Present
- Lincoln County Unit Chapter Chairperson of the Wisconsin Towns Association 2003-Present



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**Other memberships/offices:**

• Tomahawk Lions Club President 2014-2018 and 2020-Present

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** Presently I'm the Chairperson for the Town of Bradley and Lincoln County Board Supervisor and County Board Chairperson since 2020; I believe that I have done a respectable job representing my Town and County residents. In my seven years on the Lincoln County Board as Supervisor and currently Chairperson, I have always had an open door policy and have listened to my constituents before making my decisions or recommendations pertaining to County issues, and I will continue that policy if I'm re-elected to the Lincoln County Board.

With the current State budget, County budgets will be challenged for the next few years pertaining to the services that they provide. With the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), we will decide how those funds will be distributed that will benefit Lincoln County and other County programs.

The county's road infrastructure is one of my top priorities, and with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant program, for the next five years it will help maintain our 275 miles of roads as needed. However, we still have to do more chip sealing which is only a band-aid. This helps us stay on our yearly road schedule, so that the County can maintain more miles of roads per year.

High speed internet is another priority of mine, and we just formed a Broadband Committee for Lincoln County. The State and Federal Governments have been putting more grant money into our state for the next few years to try and get more people high speed internet. This would

attract businesses, benefit our children for educational purposes, individuals can work from their homes, and also its huge for tourism; stats show that people will stay longer if they have access to high speed internet, which will bring more money into the County.

The last priority of mine is to try and provide all of the other services that we currently provide to the individuals of Lincoln County, and we will do that within the restraints that we are under from the state.

I look forward to your support in the upcoming election which will be held on Tuesday, April 5.

**Lincoln County District 18**

*Kenneth L. Wickham is challenging incumbent Patricia Voermans for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 18.*



Ken Wickman

**Kenneth (Ken) Wickham**

**Age:** 63

**Family:** Married for 43 years; three adult children and seven grandchildren

**Employment/position:**

• 2000 to 2022: Wisconsin Department of Transportation. In my final assignment as Director for the North Central Region, I led 130 staff and managed over \$100 million annually for highway design, construction, maintenance, and operations.

• 1976 to 1999: U.S. Navy. Retired as a Lieutenant Commander after 10 years enlisted and over 12 years

commissioned service. Excelled in positions that demanded the highest levels of leadership, responsibility, and authority with significant consequence of decisions. Commanded organizations in the U.S. and overseas and made extended deployments aboard combat ships.

**Past/present elected offices:** I have never sought or served in an elected office or position.

**Other memberships/offices:** Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Rhinelander (1999-Present); Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association (1992-Present); and National Rifle Association (2006-Present)

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** In recent weeks, I've knocked on nearly 700 doors to talk with, and more importantly listen to, the residents of District 18. I heard repeatedly that: Lincoln County taxes are too high, County spending is out of control, internet connectivity and performance are insufficient, and elected officials in general place their own politics and partisanship above the interests of those they were elected to represent.

These conversations confirmed my belief that it's time for new and strong leadership, vision, and cooperation to provide common sense, fiscally responsible, and non-bureaucratic government that works for Lincoln County.

I want to continue to serve and make a positive difference as I've done for my entire adult life. If elected, I'll utilize my skills and experience to:

- Work to develop short- and long-term plans and priorities to move Lincoln County forward, guide budgeting, lower taxes, and decrease bureaucracy. Future County spending and initiatives should fit into the plan and not incur irresponsible long-term costs for County taxpayers.

- Push to eliminate the wheel tax which cost vehicle owners in Lincoln

County more than \$500,000 annually since it was implemented in 2018. When voters rejected last April's referendum that asked for \$700,000 per year for five years, the Board ignored their constituents and voted to extend the wheel tax through 2022. Some even suggested raising the tax to \$25 per vehicle to get the \$700,000 that voters disallowed. No means no and this must stop.

- Call for an impartial, objective, thorough, and transparent review of the County-owned Pinecrest Nursing Home to determine why the facility operates at a loss of over \$1 million per year. The facts and recommendations must be presented to the public, and our citizens need to have a say in the course forward.

- Pursue options and funding to bring high-speed internet to all areas of Lincoln County. Reliable, fast, and affordable connectivity is essential for businesses, economic growth, education, commerce, medicine, recreation, and practically every other aspect of our lives. After years of inaction, the County Board finally formed a Broadband Internet Committee in February 2022.

- Facilitate stewardship, cooperation, accountability, and transparency on the County Board, including explaining "the what and why" behind my own and Board proposals, actions, and decisions. An immediate step should be to live cast County Board meetings and also post the videos online so that citizens can observe the workings of the Board and how their own County Supervisor represents them.

- Restore trust and confidence in government. I'll continually reach out to the residents of District 18 for feedback and direction to ensure that I represent their needs and priorities.

Finally, I'll always honor the oath that I first swore 45 years ago to support and defend the U.S. Constitution. I'll fight any

effort to concede to any person, institution, or other level of government, the County Board's responsibility to protect the rights of our citizens. I refuse under any circumstance to negotiate the liberties and freedoms guaranteed by our constitution.



Patricia Voermans

**Patricia Voermans (Incumbent)**

**Age:** 80

**Family:** I have a wonderful family - two children, six grandchildren, and one great grandson.

**Employment/Position:** Retired Nurse Practitioner

**Past/present elected offices:** 2016-Present Lincoln County Board Supervisor, District 18; 2021-Present Regional Broadband Committee member. Grow North Regional Economic Development Corporation

**Other memberships/offices:** 2010-Present: St. Augustine's Church; 2015-Present: Pickeral Lake District Advisory Board; 2013-2020: Treehaven Advisory Committee; 2011-2013: American Nurses Association (ANA) representative to the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCCHC) Board of Directors; and 1980-Present: American Nurses Association.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** During the last six years on the County Board, I've had the opportunity to work on projects that maintain services and balance budgets. This past year I've been working to improve access to quality broadband in Lincoln County. With my initiative and leadership, our County Board has approved the creation of a Broadband Committee. We are actively pursuing methods to identify areas that need improvement. Internet connectivity emerged as an indispensable need in the last two years. Many of us were forced to rapidly switch to and rely on a virtual world to carry out work, schooling, business, clinic visits, etc. The remote worker is now common. Yet, 34% of our residents are either unserved or underserved. Quality high speed internet is essential for a successful

economic future, as well. Businesses and financial transactions and many personal functions are becoming increasingly electronic. Additionally, with a decrease in Lincoln County population of primarily young people, it is important to note that studies have shown young people tend to remain in rural areas with quality internet. Federal and State have allocated funds for broadband expansion and other infrastructure projects such as highways. In order to capture the dollars, specific criteria must be met. To apply for broadband funds, we will need to obtain reliable data Countywide which is an immediate priority as a first step. Broadband planning will be a long-term process and require experts, funding, and community support. If re-elected, I will continue to work diligently to make our County initiative successful.

A strict tax levy limit imposed by the State combined with rising program costs and unchanged mandates pose enormous challenges for service delivery and balancing budgets. Counties, as an arm of the State government, are required to administer State-mandated services such as public health, child welfare, behavioral health services, and juvenile corrections. These services are important to protect our community; however, State aids continue to decrease and costs of services keep increasing. In 1987 State aid to counties for mandated programs was 46%. In 2019 State aid to counties accounted for 26% of County revenues. As a member of the Social Services and Public Health Committees, we've made decisions to make this work by implementing efficiencies in service delivery and staffing to reduce costs. This isn't sustainable and, if not addressed either through changing mandates or increasing funding, taxes will be affected.

I also serve on the North Central Health Care Board which provides our behavioral and mental health-care through a Tri-County Agreement with Langlade, Marathon, and Lincoln Counties. Services and revenues were negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic and administrative turnover. We made improvements to the oversight process and accountability to improve services.

Other work in my Supervisor role includes Law Enforcement, Emergency Services, Judicial, and Public Health Committees. The work is

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**Student of the Week**



This Week's Featured Student is **Blake Schneider**  
Son of **Tim & Naomi Schneider**  
Blake is in 2nd Grade at New Testament Church Christian Academy. He was nominated by Mrs. Nelmark.


**What is your favorite subject in school? Why?**  
My favorite subject is Social Studies. I like to read the stories and learning about different places and people.

**What is your favorite part of school? Why?**  
I like doing my school work. I enjoy learning.

**What would you like to do/become someday? Why?**  
Some day I want to become a farmer, because there is a lot of equipment on a farm and I like riding and working on the equipment.


Blake is kind hearted and always willing to help others. He always goes above and beyond what is asked of him. Hi is very creative and uses that to help others.  
- Mrs. Nelmark

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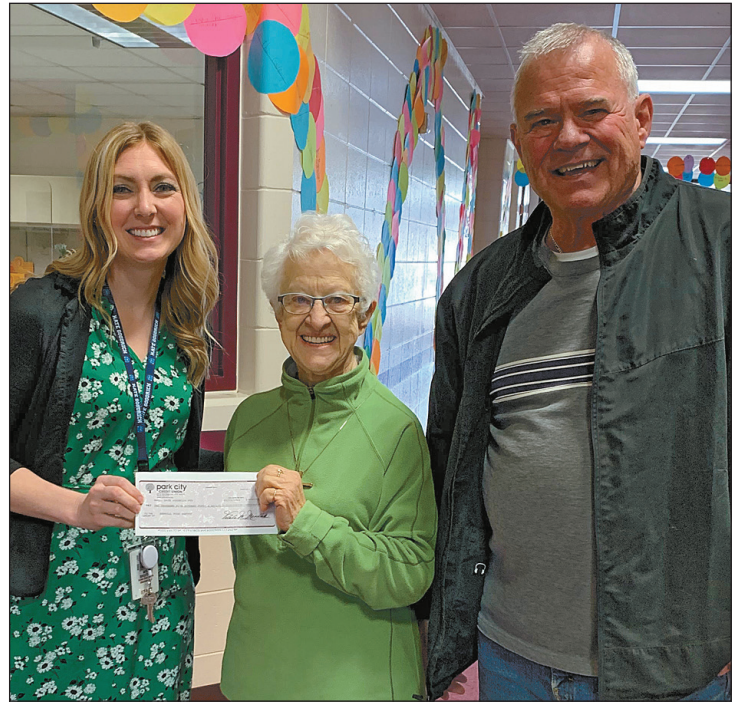
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Correction: The Merrill Eagles Club Pool Team placed 1st in the post-season tournament following the 2021-22 Thursday night Division A season. The Eagles Club Pool Team finished the season in 4th place overall in the Thursday night Division A pool, with a record of 77-67. In photo: The Northway Club "Regulators" took first place in the Thursday night Division A pool league, with a record of 93-51. The Regulators finished 2nd in the post-season Division A tournament. The Division A Champs are pictured from L to R: Mort Sukow, Pete Borchart, John Frazier, Dan Barz, Jeff Belant, and Dan Matz. Missing from the photo: Jake Frazier and Bob Latzig. The Regulators want to thank Tripp and Kim Woller from the Northway Club for sponsoring them through the years. **Submitted photo.**



During the month of February, the students at Kate Goodrich Elementary School focused on kindness. To culminate the month's activities, students participated in a coin drive to raise money for the Merrill Food Pantry. Over the course of one week, the students raised \$2,550.42. They are excited to give back to the Merrill community to help others. From L to R: Kate Goodrich Principal Heather Skutak, and Merrill Food Pantry Managers Al Crevier and Sister Celine. **Submitted photo.**

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interesting, I've worked hard, and I would like to continue for another term.

**Lincoln County District 19**

Matthew Webb is challenging incumbent Julie L. Allen for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 19.



Matthew Webb

**Matthew Webb**

**Age:** 43  
**Family:** My wife's name is Megan, and we have four children: Morgan, Merlin, Magnus, and Minerva.  
**Employment/position:** I am retired from the US Military.  
**Past/present elected offices:** None  
**Other memberships/offices:**  
 • Member of Trinity Lutheran Church Merrill, Wisconsin  
 • Commissioned United States Army (USA) Signal Corps (communications) Officer 2010-2018  
 • Charter member of UW Whitewater Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society  
 • Enlisted machinist/welder United States Air Force (USAF) 1997-2009  
**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:**

• First, I want to ensure that Lincoln County is a welcoming place for my children when they grow up.

• Second, I have served all my life and want to continue to serve and give back to the community.

• Lastly, I wanted to bring balance back to the County Board by drawing from my experiences from around the world.



Julie Allen

**Julie L. Allen (Incumbent)**

**Age:** 56  
**Family:** Husband - Wayne Allen  
**Employment/position:** Computer Programmer/Analyst with Oneida County  
**Past/present elected offices:** Town of King Treasurer 1997-Present  
**Other memberships/offices:** --  
**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am honored to be your representative in Lincoln County for eight years. I currently serve on the Finance Committee, Administrative and Legislative Committee, and the Land Services Committee. I review the meeting packets and ask questions to staff prior to the meetings so I am prepared to make well-educated decisions. I am well respected by both

Supervisors and County staff.

I bring county knowledge and experience with my employment at Oneida County Information Technology Services (IT) where I maintain and support County applications for Land Records, Zoning, County Treasurer, Finance, Highway, Solid Waste, Forestry, and Law Enforcement. My service to the Town of King for over 25 years as Treasurer brings in more public engaged experience and verification of trustworthiness with the public.

I am always available to the citizens, diligently working with you on resolving your concerns, as my history speaks for itself. I believe County decisions should be made in an open, financially sound manner.

Countywide broadband access for Lincoln County is a major priority. I am currently serving on the newly-formed Broadband Committee where my IT knowledge and skills will be invaluable. Availability to Countywide broadband has now become a necessity, as many of us now rely on virtual and remote access for our schooling, work, and health care needs. I am excited and dedicated to successfully deliver Countywide broadband to all of Lincoln County. It is not that easy to just tap into all the Broadband monies available in our state budget. The process involves applying for grants in conjunction with an internet service provider (ISP). Our first steps will be to gather information on what areas are unserved and underserved. This information will be gathered by all County residents and land owners by participating in a speed test. The speed test

link will be available on the Lincoln County Website by the end of March. Please help us by spreading the word and participating in the speed test.

Our biggest challenge is successfully crafting and passing a balanced budget. We have been functioning under a 15-year tax levy freeze and decreasing state aids. Less revenue, increasing prices has created bare bones staff and bare bones state and federal mandated services, frequently unfunded. Lincoln County

has done a great job operating within these very tight constraints to deliver quality services. As prices increase, the County Board will be faced with cutting services, tough decisions. These decisions must come from experienced and educated Board members.

I believe in and practice open government, and if I am re-elected, I will pursue public availability to recorded meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you and work for you. I enjoy

engaging in the community to listen to your concerns and work to solve your issues. Can I count on your vote April 5?

**Lincoln County District 20**

Angela Marie Cummings is challenging incumbent Dora Gorski for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 20.

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**2022 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule**

**Baseball-Boys (Varsity, JV & JV2)**

Tues. April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rhinelander (Varsity &JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Medford (Varsity, JV, & JV2)	Away	5:00 pm

**Softball-Girls (Varsity & JV)**

Fri. April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Antigo (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Tues. April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 7 <sup>th</sup>	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm

**Soccer-Girls (Varsity & JV)**

Thurs. March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Antigo-Scrimmage (Varsity)	Home	5:00 pm
Tues. April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mosinee (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Tues. April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mosinee (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Thurs. April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Waupaca (JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Waupaca (Varsity)	Away	6:30 pm

**Track & Field-Boys (Varsity & JV)**

No Scheduled Events For This Week.

**Track & Field-Girls (Varsity & JV)**

Thurs. March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Invite-Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	4:00 pm
Thurs. April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm

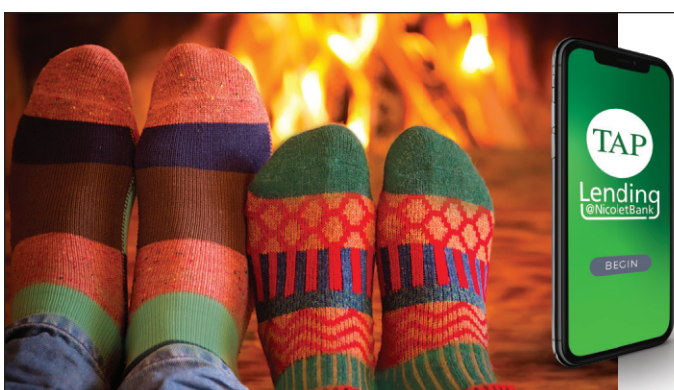
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Angela Cummings

#### Angela Cummings

Age: 58

**Family:** I am happily married to Eugene Cummings, and we have four grown children – Jerry, Kyle, Sheila, and Kimberly. Another son, Bobby, died at age 17. We have one grandchild, Daniel, born Feb. 6.

**Employment/position:** I was formerly employed by both the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service. I am now retired after 36 years of service. During my tenure, I received many awards, served on countless committees, worked across division lines, worked on training teams, developed new procedures, worked closely with the legal department, worked on new legislation, and interacted with taxpayers always showing respect and compassion. I was able to research very complex issues and work with a lot of diverse groups. These are the skills I will be bringing to the Board.

**Past/present elected offices:** None

**Other memberships/offices:** I am very active in my church and have been for years including serving on the Parish Council and

teaching Sunday School. I have delivered Meals on Wheels. I participate in the Joseph Project. I have volunteered a great number of hours at Stable Hands equine horse therapy center. I volunteer at Newman Catholic High School by assisting in the office, and at athletic events and booster clubs. I volunteered at St. John's Lutheran School in various functions for Mother's Club, athletics, and field trips. I participate in an annual drive, Christmas for Heroes, where boxes are made and shipped to our active military serving overseas.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I reside on a hobby farm in Gleason and have lived in Lincoln County for 19 years.

I am running for County Board Supervisor to bring transparency and accountability to the Board. I also would like to see a better working relationship between Supervisors. I am diligent and have a strong work ethic. I have traditional values and will work to enhance the lives of all the citizens in my district.

I would like to see a long-term vision and a plan for moving Lincoln County forward. I would like to do this by being fiscally responsible and bringing fresh, new ideas to the discussion. I also would like to include more public input. I can meet deadlines. I pledge to review and research all items placed before me.

I love spending time with my family, horseback riding, baking, and reading. Our animals include two horses, two goats, nine chickens, a dog, and a cat.

I would be honored and humbled to serve as your

County Board Supervisor. I respectfully request your vote on April 5, 2022.



Dora Gorski

#### Dora Victoria Gorski (Incumbent)

Age: 75

**Family:** Husband – Kennan Purdy, 4 Daughters in Wausau and California, 13 Grandchildren, 13 Great-Grandchildren.

**Employment/position:** Most recent: Retired Social Worker, Prior employment: Computer Systems Manager

**Past/present elected offices:**

- Chair Social Services Committee April 2010-Present

- Vice Chair Board of Health April 2010-Present

- Vice Chair Aging & Disabilities Resource Center April 2010-Present

**Other memberships/offices:** Gleason Area Lions Club 2010-Present; VFW Women's Auxiliary 2000-Present

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I am a retired Social Worker with experience creating problem-solving task forces in many of the counties in the northern half of the state. I want to continue that work to improve the lives of the people living here. Now I have the time to dedicate to solving issues in

Lincoln County.

While employed, I focused on the health and safety of children and educating parents regarding child rearing and reducing suicide. As a Supervisor, I am also invested in the following:

The continuation of the existence of Pine Crest Nursing Home. We have a moral responsibility to provide for the needs of the elderly and disabled. We cannot rely on private for-profit businesses to provide the standard of care that our loved ones need. At this time, Pine Crest is not financially sound, and I feel compelled to do what I can to turn this around.

We have some incredible employees serving Lincoln County, but we cannot afford to pay them competitive wages. As dedicated staff are retiring, it is more and more difficult to attract applicants to fill open positions at the Sheriff's Department, hire social workers, find nurses and CNAs for Pine Crest and Public Health. Highway Department workers are underpaid. Somehow our pay rates must be increased.

Obviously, this boils down to finding increased revenue without burdening Lincoln County residents with higher taxes. I believe the State must release more of its excess revenue to the County.

Our roads and highways and bridges in the County are long past the point that they should be renovated, but there just isn't the revenue to complete the necessary projects. The Highway Department is constantly patching what they need to rebuild. If the State would relegate gas tax funds to the County, a lot more work could be done. Instead, the State spent \$70 million build-

ing roads for Foxcom. I am a member of a new Broadband Committee which is analyzing the existing services (or lack) in this County, then applying for grants, and improving service in neglected areas of the County.

#### Lincoln County District 21

*Incumbent Eugene Simon is running unopposed in Lincoln County District 21.*

#### Lincoln County District 22

*Greg Hartwig is running unopposed in Lincoln County District 22.*

#### Race for Multi-Jurisdictional Judge for the Municipal Court for the cities of Merrill and Tomahawk

*Robert W. Lass (did not return candidate questionnaire) is challenging incumbent Ned R. Seubert for the position of Multi-Jurisdictional Judge in Lincoln County and the City of Merrill.*

#### Ned Seubert (Incumbent)

Age: 68

**Family:** My wife, Kathy, and I have raised two sons who now have their own families and their own careers.

**Employment/position:** I retired from the Merrill Police Department with 36 years of service. I began my career as a Patrol Officer, was then appointed to Juvenile Officer, working with the area's juveniles and also with the Merrill area schools. Later I was appointed to Investigative Lieutenant, and I ended my career as the Chief of Police

for the City of Merrill.

**Past/present elected offices:** I am a member of the Wisconsin Municipal Judge Association. I have received annual Municipal Judge training keeping me current in changes in the Wisconsin Statutes.

**Other memberships/offices:** I enjoy working with people and being involved in our community. Currently, I am Treasurer for the Merrill Eagles Club Aerie 584 and a lifetime member of the Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association. In the past, I have served as President of the Merrill Noon Optimist Club, Campaign Chair for the Merrill Area United Way, President of the Central Wisconsin Criminal Investigators Association, and President of the Wisconsin Juvenile Association.

**Why have you chosen to run for the office you seek:** I have been a resident of Merrill for the past 46 years.

When the Municipal Court was first formed, I was involved in the initial discussions to create the court. During the past eight years as the Municipal Judge, I strived to make the court more accessible to the public and will continue to do so. The Municipal Court should be a court for the people.

I believe that my experience has given me the knowledge to thoroughly understand the Municipal Code as it pertains to ordinance violations. I have worked with both adults and juveniles in many and difficult circumstances. I will not form an opinion before a case is tried and will listen to all the facts before passing judgment.

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