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Mayor Elect Hass plans to immediately work on some of Merrill's most pressing issues

Affordable housing and local business needs among top priorities

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

As a result of the April 5, 2022, election, the City of Merrill will hold a Reorganizational Meeting on April 19, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Merrill City Council Chambers. The new Mayor and new Alderpersons elected to the City of Merrill Common Council will be sworn in at that time and begin their terms effective April 20, 2022. The new City Clerk will also be sworn in at that time but will begin her first day of work on April 25, 2022.

For Mayor Elect Steve Hass, he plans to begin immediate work on some of Merrill's most pressing issues. "My first order of business is to be brought up to speed by the City Administrator on the current status of things happening in Merrill that I may not have been privy to as a Council member. I also want to meet with the Lincoln County Economic Development Director to be brought up to speed on projects that affect Merrill," Hass said. "Lastly, I want to meet with all Department Heads, start visiting various City Departments to see how they operate, and begin exploring Merrill businesses."

When asked to identify his top three priorities, he responded: "The first priority is getting up to speed on everything happening in Merrill."

"Secondly, I want to ensure the new Common Council is set up for success with training on how to do business as an elected official and conduct ourselves in a civil and professional manner."

"Lastly, I want to set up a meeting with local developers/contractors and landlords to see how we can

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Merrill elects Steve Hass as the City's new Mayor

Lori J. Anderson-Malm emerges the winner in the race to fill Merrill's vacant City Clerk position; and Merrill elects three new Alderpersons

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

In the 2022 Spring Election on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the city of Merrill turned out to vote in healthy numbers for many contested races in the election, most notably Mayor and City Clerk.

Five new faces will soon join the ranks at Merrill City Hall. (Counting Steve Hass who isn't a new face but he will be a fresh face in the new position.)

In the Mayoral race, as of the evening of April 5 with all eight precincts counted, Merrill residents elected Steve J. Hass to be their new Mayor, with Hass receiving 69.23% of the votes. Hass garnered 1,357 votes, while his opponent, William R. Bialecki, received 599 votes.

In the race for Merrill City Clerk, Lori L. Anderson-Malm was elected to fill the vacant City Clerk position in Merrill City Hall. Anderson-Malm received 69.14% of the votes cast in the race. She collected 1,295 votes, while her opponent, John Guenther, received 576 votes.

Incumbent Ronald R. Liberty ran unopposed in the election to continue on as Merrill's Street and Weed Commissioner and was re-elected with 1,419 votes.

In the races for Alderpersons in the City of Merrill, Incumbent Paul Russell ran unopposed in District 1



Steve Hass celebrates with friends late the evening of April 5 after learning he was elected to be Merrill's future Mayor.

Tina L. Scott photo.

and was re-elected to the position with 243 votes.

In Merrill District 2, Michael J. "Gus" Caylor ran for Alderperson unopposed and was elected to the position with 219 votes.

Incumbent Rick Blake ran unopposed for the position of Alderperson of Merrill District 3 and was re-elected with 135 votes.

In Merrill District 4, LaDonna Fermanich ran on the ballot, with Clyde Nelson running against her as a registered write-in candidate. Fermanich won the race, receiving 146 votes – 66.67% of the ballots cast. Write-in candidate(s) received 73 votes in the race.

The District 5 race for Merrill Alderperson was a hotly-contested race. As of 10:05 p.m. on April 5, the final count showed 113 votes for chal-

lenger Dick Lupton and 112 votes for incumbent John M. VanLieshout, with Lupton winning the race in an upset by a single vote. A Board of Canvass meeting was scheduled for 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, to recount Aldermanic District 5 votes. Any change in the results of this race as a result of that recount will be immediately reported on social media and on the www.MerrillFotoNews.com website and, as well as in next week's print edition of the Foto News.

In Merrill District 6 incumbent Michael Rick emerged the winner in another tight race, winning by just 5 votes; Rick received 88 votes, while his challenger, Kyle Gulke received 83 votes.

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Spring 2022 Election Fast Facts

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EDITOR

- Lincoln County registered voters: 23,017
- Lincoln County ballots cast on April 5, 2022: 7,511
- Lincoln County voter turnout: 32.63%
- City of Merrill population per April 1, 2020 census: 9,347
- City of Merrill population over age 18 per April 1, 2020 census (82.2%): 7,683

- City of Merrill registered voters (including election day registrations): 4,769
- Percentage of adult residents registered to vote: 62.07%
- City of Merrill ballots cast on April 5, 2022: 1,935
- Percentage of City of Merrill ballots cast by absentee ballot: 19.6%
- City of Merrill voter turnout: 40.57%

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April 5 Spring Election Results: Voters replace 50% of Lincoln County Board

11 fresh faces are elected to the Lincoln County Board

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EDITOR

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, residents of Lincoln County went to the polls to elect County Board Supervisors and a Multi-Jurisdictional Municipal Judge for Merrill and Tomahawk.

Many of these races were contested, and as a result of the election, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors is going to look quite different very soon. While 11 incumbents retained their roles as Board Supervisors, 11 newly-elected Supervisors will be joining the Board as representatives of their Districts.

Five incumbent Board Supervisors were re-elected when they ran unopposed, and six other incumbent Supervisors defeated their challengers to win another term on the County Board.

Three new Board Supervisors were elected for their Districts when they ran unopposed: Lori L. Anderson-Malm, Marty Lemke, and Greg Hartwig will be fresh faces on the Board.

Two Board Supervisors were newly elected when they defeated other candidates (not incumbents) for the

positions: Steven L. Osnes, Jr., and Julie DePasse.

Then there were the upsets. Six new candidates challenged incumbent candidates and won their races: Laurie J. Thiel, Jesse Boyd, George Brixius, Kenneth L. Wickham, Randal John Detert, and Angela Marie Cummings. They will also be new faces joining the County Board.

Lincoln County Board of Supervisors race

Lincoln County District 1

Incumbent William R. Bialecki ran unopposed in Lincoln County District 1. Bialecki was re-elected with 244 votes.

Lincoln County District 2

Lori L. Anderson-Malm ran unopposed in Lincoln County District 2. Anderson-Malm was elected with 234 votes. She will be new to the Board.

Lincoln County District 3

Incumbent Elizabeth McCrank ran unopposed in Lincoln County District 3. McCrank was re-elected with 132 votes.

Lincoln County District 4

Steven L. Osnes, Jr., ran against

Derek Woellner for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 4.

Osnes was elected with 217 votes (74.06%). Woellner received 75 votes.

Lincoln County District 5

Incumbent Nathan Peterson ran unopposed in Lincoln County District 5.

Peterson was re-elected with 203 votes.

Lincoln County District 6

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

Ashbeck was re-elected with 116 votes (58.59%). Holdorf received 82 votes.

Lincoln County District 7

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

Rusch was re-elected with 211 votes (54.10%). Downey received 179 votes.

Lincoln County District 8

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

Thiel defeated incumbent Heller

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MAPS Superintendent to retire

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EDITOR

At a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the Merrill Area Public Schools Board of Education ap-

proved the retirement of Superintendent Dr. John Sample.

Dr. Sample has served the district as Superintendent for six years. Prior to this role, he was the Director

of Special Education/Pupil Services for the district for eight years. "After 34 years in public education, I knew it was time to make this personal transition," said Sample. "While I was hoping to



Dr. John Sample, MAPS Superintendent.

Submitted photo.

leave with our students receiving additional referendum support, I am still proud of the partnerships our district has established and maintained."

Sample said June 30, 2022, will be his last day worked in the MAPS District, so July 1, 2022, will be his first official day of retirement. "I will remain involved in the community and plan to enjoy my hobbies and my privacy," Sample said. "Otherwise, I have no specific plans other than supporting my wife, as she will remain working next school year."

"I would like to thank Dr. Sample for his leadership and guidance of the Merrill Area School District," said Board President Kevin Blake. "We wish him the very best in his upcoming retirement."

Sample said the MAPS Board of Education plans to fill his position and that both internal and external candidates will likely have the opportunity to apply. Postings are made public.

Happy 49th Birthday Mike



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Voters say "No" to MAPS referendum, elect two incumbents and one challenger to the School Board

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EDITOR

Voters in the Merrill Area Public School (MAPS) District turned down the referendum that was on the April 5, 2022, Spring Election ballot wherein MAPS asked voters to exceed the revenue limit specified in State Statutes by \$2.5 million per year for four years beginning with the 2022-2023 year.

The 2018 referendum for similar funding, which passed in the 2018 election, will expire at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. However, this time around, voters didn't support the District's request for funding. Of the 4,145 votes cast in response to the referendum question, 2,359 voters (56.91%) said No and 1,786 voters (43.09%) said Yes.

That means taxes will go down in the District when funding for the 2021-2022 school year expires and MAPS will be challenged to adjust spending accordingly for future years.

In a statement released on April 6, 2022, MAPS Superintendent John Sample expressed his disappointment that the referendum did not pass and said the Board of Education would review the district budget and discuss how to proceed without the additional revenue as soon as practical.

MAPS School Board race

In the race for MAPS School Board, Paul C. Proulx and Robert Wegner challenged incumbents Norbert 'Nubs' Ashbeck, Jacqueline L. Gremler, and Linda Yingling for three available spots on the School Board.

Gremler had been appointed and was seeking election to the Board, and she succeeded, collecting 2,732 votes in the election.

Challenger Proulx was elected to the School Board with 2,492 votes, the next highest number of votes.

And incumbent Yingling was re-elected to the MAPS School Board with 2,047 votes.

Incumbent Ashbeck lost his bid for re-election with 1,879 votes, and challenger Wegner also lost the opportunity to serve on the MAPS School Board this term with 1,765 votes.

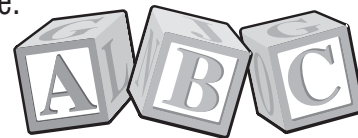
The new Board Members will take their oath and begin their terms of office at a Special Meeting of the MAPS Board of Education on Monday, April 25. (This Special Meeting is always scheduled for the fourth Monday in April.) This will also be the new Board's Organizational Meeting.



Do you have a Child who will be Four Years Old on or before September 1, 2022?
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MAPS Head Start has openings for the 2022-2023 school year. This program is for children of low income families who will be three or four on or before September 1, 2022. In addition, if your child turns three during the school year, your child can be enrolled after their third birthday.

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.

More Lincoln County temporary weight restrictions

Lincoln County Highway Commissioner, John Hanz, advises that temporary weight restrictions went into effect as follows, until further notice:

- On April 7, at 12:00 noon, temporary weight restrictions on County Road U will be 18 ton maximum/6 ton per axle.

- On April 11, at 12:00 noon, emergency temporary weight restrictions on County Road K ****North**** between Larson Lake ****North**** and US 51 will be 18 ton maximum/6 ton per axle.

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Bill Bialecki

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Darlene J. Graap, 75, formerly of the town of Harding, Lincoln County, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at Marshfield Medical Center-Weston.

Darlene was born on September 8, 1946, in Wausau, daughter of the late Martin and Edna (Goetsch) Mootz. She graduated from Wausau West High School in 1964. Darlene married Donald Graap Sr. on February 19, 1966, he preceded her in death on December 5, 2020.

Darlene worked for Wire Products for twenty-seven years, she also spent eleven years at Lincoln Wood, and worked in the Weinbrenner Outlet Store for a few years. Darlene enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed hunting, fishing up north at the lake, gardening and flower gardening, and painting ceramics. Darlene received lots of joy from all of the pets she cared for throughout her lifetime.

Darlene is survived by her daughter, Jeanne (Randy) Schmidt of Gleason; sons, Jeffrey (Michelle) Graap and Donny (Bonny) Graap, Jr. both of Merrill; grandchildren, Emily (Jordan) Baumann, Joshua Schmidt, Derek Graap, Dustin (Brittany) Graap, Dylan (Rhyle) Graap, Brittany Graap (Chris Chiapuzio), and Jacob Graap; great-grandchildren, Everett Baumann, Kylee Graap, and Emery Jo Graap; and stepsisters, Mrs. Audrey Ziegel of Wausau, and Mrs. Beatrice (Frank) Nerad of Menomonie Falls. Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Graap Sr.; parents, Martin and Edna Mootz; stepmother, Clara Dahm; sisters, Diana (Norbert) Merklein, and Phyllis Mootz; brothers, Clifford (Virginia) Mootz, and James 'Jim' Mootz.

A private family service and burial will take place at a later date in Maple Grove Cemetery, village of Maine. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

Donald William Fechtner, age 86, died Tuesday, April 6, 2022 at home surrounded by family.



Don was born on February 5, 1936 in Madison, WI to Irma (Zimpel) and Norman Fechtner. He was baptized, had his early education, and was confirmed at St. John's Church in Merrill, WI. He graduated in 1954 from Merrill High School.

In 1954 he enlisted in the US Navy, attending boot camp at Naval Station Great Lakes, IL and then reported to California for duty. He quickly became a Quartermaster and spent much of his service years as a navigator. During his 20 years in the Navy he was stationed in California, Oregon, Washington, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Connecticut and served in the Vietnam War. During those years he had many adventures and special moments.

One of those moments occurred when he met the love of his life, Marlene Pankow, while home on leave in 1964. After about a year of a long distance courtship, Marlene agreed to marry Don. Marlene traveled to CA where they were married on September 18, 1965 in Imperial Beach, CA. In 1973 the family moved back to Merrill while Don finished up his last year in the Navy on the East Coast. Back home he began working with his father and later took over Lincoln County Abstract, retiring in 1998.

Don played on slo-pitch softball teams within the local bar league for many years. When he felt he was "too old" to play anymore he continued on as a manager and coach for both women's and men's teams in the league. He also sponsored teams for the MDA Firefighters softball tournaments for many years. Don played on various local dart teams for many years. Don enjoyed cookouts with family and friends, going to Hodag, traveling to see his grandkids in Missouri, and attending trips for the USS Southerland ship reunions. Don also loved being outdoors with visits to the camper up north and attending the Zimpel family reunions that gave him many cherished memories.

Don was an extremely avid reader who insisted on buying his books, so of course the bookstores loved him. Although he was not fond of the cold he enjoyed deer hunting for many years. Don was a huge Packer, Badger, and Brewers fan. He was a member of the VFW Post 1638 and the American Legion since retiring from the Navy.

Don was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Marlene; his parents, Norman and Irma Fechtner; mother-in-law and father-in-law Ruth and Leslie Pankow; brother and sister-in-law, Mike (Faye) Fechtner; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Nancy (Roger) Kunkel; and a grandson, Deven Schopper.

Don is survived by his three children: Lesley (David) Schopper, Patrick (Dawnn) Fechtner, and Candy Fechtner; grandchildren: Brittany Schopper and Dylan (Rachel) Schopper with a great grandchild on the way. Step grandchildren: Ciji (Tyler) Becker, Mitchel (Jenny) Becker, and Johnathon (Amie) Becker. Step great grandchildren: Avah, Wyatt, Demi, Lydia, and Daxon Becker.

Don is further survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Steve (Bonnie) Fechtner; nieces: Tina (Joel) Loomis and Tricia (Tom) Blum; nephews: Kevin (Cindy) Kunkel and Kalen Kunkel; step nephews: Levi Laine and Bruce Laine; step nieces: Evelyn Laine and Melody Laine; many great nieces and nephews and cousins.

A Memorial Service for Don will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. David Szeto will officiate. Burial will take place at St. Francis Xavier Veterans Memorial, Merrill, with graveside military rites conducted by V.F.W. Post 1638, Merrill. The visitation will be Wednesday, April 20, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and again after 10:00 a.m. Thursday all at the funeral home. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Debbie K. Bernhard, 58, of Merrill, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill.

Debbie was born September 10, 1963, in Merrill, daughter of the late John and Ellen (Wegner) Neuwirth. She married Jay Bernhard on May 2, 1998. He survives. Debbie graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a degree in Psychology. She was employed for several years at Lincoln Hills School in Irma. Debbie eventually took a job at Wal-Mart in

Merrill and retired in 2017 after being with the company for over 20 years. She had worked in the jewelry department and the apparel department.

Debbie's biggest interest was horses. She enjoyed watching horse races, but even more so, she enjoyed researching the background of the horses involved in the races. For her 50th birthday, Debbie and Jay traveled to Kentucky and visited 'Claiborne Farms' where the Kentucky Derby winner Secretariat lived and was laid to rest. Debbie also took great interest in Tinners Way, the last of Secretariat's sons. While in Kentucky, Debbie and Jay also visited 'Old Friends Thoroughbred Retirement Farm,' where thoroughbred racehorses would spend their last years.

Debbie loved all animals, especially her dogs, cats, and birds. She was a big supporter of the Lincoln County Humane Society and the ASPCA. Debbie also enjoyed watching investigative shows on T.V. She was a huge Wisconsin Badger Football fan and loved watching the games and listening to them on the radio. She followed several of the former Badgers players on their journeys into the N.F.L. Debbie loved jewelry and for a time, she enjoyed watching NASCAR races.

Survivors include her husband, Jay Bernhard of Merrill; son, Caiden Bernhard (Tyler Herdt) of Merrill; sister, Shari Crowell of Lafayette, Indiana; brother, John (Lee Ann) Neuwirth of Mundelein, Illinois; and half-sister, Kathy Tyrrell of Merrill. Debbie was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ellen Neuwirth; sister, Robin Lynn Neuwirth; and brother-in-law, John Crowell.

Per Debbie's wishes no service will be held. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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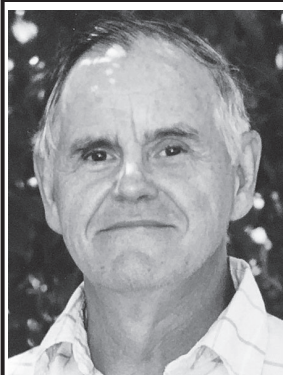
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Marc E. Wood, 87, passed away Monday, April 4, 2022 at Pine Crest Nursing Home after an illness. He was comforted in his last days by his wife Jeannette (also a Pine Crest resident) and children.

Marc was born April 10, 1934 in Moline, Ill. He married Jeannette Young in 1955 and they raised four children together. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957-1960, stationed in Hawaii. He worked at

American Air Filter in Moline for 30 years before moving with his wife and youngest son to Irma in 1985. After moving to Wisconsin, he worked as a manager at Bradfish True Value Hardware in Tomahawk, then later at Drew's East and West supermarkets in Merrill. He was always proud to support his family through his work, but in these later jobs, he also was able to make many acquaintances in the community, and engage with customers and employees in a positive, respectful way.

Marc loved fishing and made annual trips with his family to the Willow Flowage Scenic Area for 25 years before moving permanently to the Northwoods. He was an avid sports fan who spent many afternoons and evenings watching games on TV (especially the Chicago Cubs), often with a radio broadcast tuned in at the same time. He also enjoyed gardening and raising animals on his five-acre property in the Town of Birch where he lived until 2017.

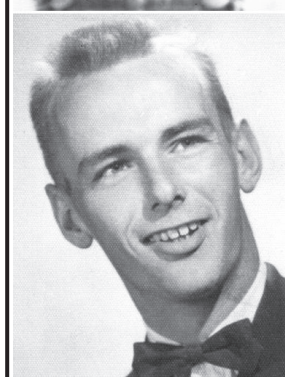
Marc is survived by his brother Jim Hooven of Roanoke, Va., wife Jeannette (Young), son Jeff (Beth) of Virginia Beach, Va., daughter Cheryl (David) Schillinger of Colona, Ill., daughter Laura (Joseph) Sierra of East Moline, Ill., son Marc R. (Jill Pearson) of Minneapolis (MHS Class of '89), five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements.



Dale ("Jerry", "Riley") Jerome Rasmussen 82, of Merrill, passed away on April 4, 2022, under the care of family, and hospice at Pine Crest Nursing Home (Special Care).

Dale was born on August 27, 1939, in Green Bay, son of the late Charles and Georgia (Arnett) Rasmussen. Jerry grew up in the Pine River area of Merrill and graduated from Merrill High School in 1957. He married his high school sweetheart (and neighbor girl) Audrey Karau October 8, 1960. Jerry served in the US Army during the Berlin Crisis. After his service, Jerry worked at Brokaw Paper Mill for 37 years until his retirement. He enjoyed the friendships of his co-workers and his time there.



Jerry and Audrey owned a farm right down the road from where they both grew up. He enjoyed raising beef cattle, horses, and chickens. Jerry appreciated visiting with family and neighbors and sharing farming equipment and stories. He was a wonderful father and grandfather and incredibly supportive of his children's, grandchildren's, and foster children's many activities and interests.

Upon retirement, Audrey and Jerry spent winters in Kearny, Arizona. He enjoyed the warm weather, golf, and the companionship of many friends in their park and surrounding area. His grandchildren grew up in Merrill and spent a lot of time at "the farm" where they learned to hunt, fish, care for animals, and love the land they grew up on. He enjoyed fishing for trout in the Pine River that flows through their land, working in the woods and was proud of their pond where the family spent many happy hours picnicking, swimming, and enjoying campfires.

Dale was a quiet and hardworking man, anyone who knew him was touched by his mild temperament, humor, and kindness. He will be missed. Dale is survived by his wife of 61 years, Audrey; two children, Dale (Christy) Rasmussen and Dorinda (Boyd) Gustke; four grandchildren James Riley Rasmussen, Cole J. (Cidney) Gustke, Benjamin Dale Rasmussen, and Ally J. Gustke. Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Georgia Rasmussen; two sisters Jane & Phyllis; and brother, Leslie.

The Family would like to thank Good Samaritan ER/Hospital-Merrill and Pine Crest Nursing Home and staff for the wonderful care they gave "Jerry" in recent months.

A private memorial service will be held. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

The family has requested that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin at www.alz.wisc.org

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

On travel

DEAR READER,

The world offers a full menu of locations to visit. In fact, the menu is too full for even the longest of lifetimes. Thus, travelers, even the most ambi-

tious ones, are compelled to be choosy about where they want to go. One might want to go to one of the poles, north or south; or go to Narvik, Norway, the Land of the Midnight

Sun; or Machu Picchu, once believed to be the center, the "bellybutton" of the world by the Incas. These, like a multitude of places in the world, all emote a unique cachet of

experience that is worth the effort.

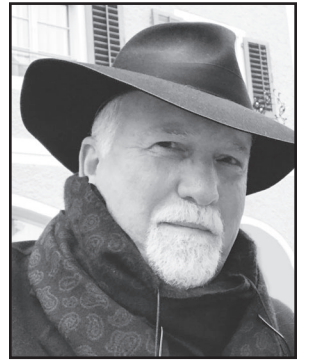
When prioritizing the select "must-see" spots that are worthy of being near or at the top of the list, one might want to consider Granada and Santiago de Compostela, both located in Spain.

Granada offers a wealth of history, literature (Washington Irving - "Tales of the Alhambra"), and bewitching scenery, some man-made and some natural, that will inspire and leave an in-

delible impression on one's mind.

Santiago de Compostela, the city of Saint James and "a field of stars", offers a spiritual awakening that can be further nurtured through sharing with a loved one. One may make a pilgrimage there from 500 miles or 50 steps depending on health, will and stamina, and with the guiding force of the Holy Spirit will stamp the soul with a vision forever imprinted.

Travel is an art. Those



who have trod on the dusty roads, climbed on the steepest mountains, and deftly maneuvered through the busiest of metropolises know that. Some of the finer techniques and concepts that can help a traveler experience success are:

1. Know thyself and how you operate.
2. Be aware of others you meet and sensitive to different languages, mindsets, and cultures.
3. Never go the entire way alone; life is a shared experience for it to be meaningful.
4. Always put your travel companion and his or her needs first.
5. Research and learn prior to, during, and after the journey.
6. Keep a journal since "the faintest ink is more powerful than the strongest memory."
7. Be authentic and true to yourself with all who you encounter.
8. Keep an awareness about you to avoid the danger of the elements and bad actors.
9. Prepare with care yet also be ready to be flexible since sometimes life presents unexpected opportunities.
10. Make merry and have fun each day and night.

This is just a starter-list of places to see and a manner in which to see them. It undoubtedly warrants many additions that each traveler will make while developing a list of one's own. At the final sunset, hopefully in learning so much about the how the world goes around, we will have spent more vibrant, compassionate and dynamic lives enriched by all of God's majesty and gifts He bestowed upon us.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER
Author of "Dear Reader" and "Tapestry of Love and Loss"

NOTICE CITY OF MERRILL TAXPAYERS

The City Assessor will be available, Thursday, May 19th, 2022, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the City Assessor's Office at City Hall. Anyone seeking additional information regarding their assessment may contact the City Assessor, Kitt Koski, at 715-577-1875 to set up an appointment or discuss their assessment.

The Board of Review for the City of Merrill will meet on, Thursday, May 26th, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. This meeting is a statutory meeting to hear appeals from the Assessment Roll of the City of Merrill. The Board of Review will meet for a minimum of two hours. Anyone wishing to appear before the Board of Review shall obtain an objection form from the Clerk/Treasurer's office at City Hall. Objection forms should be completed and returned to the Clerk/Treasurer's office by, Friday, May 20th, 2022. An appointment to appear before the Board of Review will be scheduled for all persons returning a completed objection form.

Katherine Unertl
Deputy City Clerk

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Corning Annual Town Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, for the transaction of Town business as is by law required or permitted to be transacted at such meeting, will be held at the Corning Town Hall, N1569 State Road 64 and 107, on Tuesday April 19th, 2022 at 7:30 PM

Rick Hass, Town Clerk
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NOTICE City of Merrill Residents Garbage and Recycling Collection

Garbage and Recycle Collection for the City of Merrill for **Good Friday, April 15th, 2022**, will be picked up in a combined collection on **Monday, April 18, 2022**.

Please have items out to the curbside by 6:00 a.m.

Please contact the City Garage with any questions at 715-536-4222.

Dustin Bonack
Street Superintendent

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

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609 Douglas St.	25131061110027	71' x 72'
405 N. Genesee St.	25131061130382	50' x 120'
410 N. Prospect St.	25131061130386	50' x 120'

Properties will be sold to the high bidder with approval of the Merrill Common Council. There is a minimum bid requirement of \$250. The City reserves the right to reject any bids.

Buyers are not responsible for delinquent taxes. Property will be conveyed by Quit Claim Deed.

Bids must be received in the Office of the Clerk/Treasurer in City Hall no later than 4:00 pm Thursday April 28, 2022. Bids must include address, bid amount, and signature of bidder in a sealed envelope labeled "Property Bid", along with contact information.

Address questions to:
David Johnson, City Administrator
715-536-5594
david.johnson@ci.merrill.wi.us

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STATE OF WISCONSIN Town of Corning Lincoln County

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on April 28th, 2022, from 5:00-7:00 pm., at the Corning Town Hall, N1569 Hwy 64 & 107

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view the property.
2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board.
3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.
5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s.73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Corning has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court.* The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s.19.35 (1), Wis. stats.
7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.
8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 24th day of March 2022.

Rickey C. Hass,
Corning Town Clerk

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to all the people who came out and voted on April 5th. I am humbled and amazed by everyone who supported me throughout my Mayoral campaign. There are not enough words to express my gratitude to all the people who inspired, encouraged, and assisted in my run for office. Most importantly though, thank you to the voters who had the faith in me to elect me as the next Mayor. I will do my best to bring the core beliefs that you voted for to city government and always be a voice for the people.

Thank you,

– Steve Hass, Mayor Elect
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

To the citizens of Lincoln County District 7,
I would like to personally thank the voters of Lincoln County District 7 first, for signing my nomination papers back in December so I could be added to the ballot and second, I would like to thank those who supported and voted for me in this past Spring election. Having been part of this wonderful County for the last 14 years, your support for me was nothing short of amazing and I appreciate your support so much. We fell a little short, but it was not due to the lack of effort, and it was a great experience!

Congratulations to Greta Rusch for being elected to another term to represent District 7. You have served the District for the last 16 years and I personally wish you the best for your upcoming term, representing all of District 7.

Thank you,

– Jay Downey
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

I have high regard for professional drivers that keep our commerce moving to the right place in a safe time-

ly manner. On the flip side, I have no tolerance for the “convoy” mentality that weaponizes their vehicles to promote some right wing agenda, claiming their rights have been violated.

I have now arrived at senior citizen status and I have gotten there by taking advantage of modern medicine, including vaccines. Think about the act of driving hundreds of miles and spreading the COVID virus every time the trucks needed to stop for fuel. Other collateral issues include wasted costly gasoline or diesel, being part of a deliberate traffic slowdown, causing delays for emergency vehicles, being a general nuisance in residential areas; that type of stupidity won’t help any of us drivers displaying a Wisconsin license plate. The list goes on.

Finally, I am disappointed with the Foto News for this front page support of the “people’s convoy” manifesto. And, to the CDL drivers, keep up the good work and thank you.

– Rich Prange
Rock Falls, Wis.

A note from the Editor: The Merrill Foto News provides hyper local news coverage. When something is happening right here in our community, we provide coverage of that event. We also try to answer the obvious questions people will have such as, “What is that all about?” Including news coverage of any event that happens in Merrill does not constitute an endorsement of that event.

TO THE EDITOR:

As a Merrill parent of two children enrolled at MAPS, I am deeply saddened by the school referendum results of the April 2022 Spring election. This vote is a HUGE loss for MAPS staff, parents, and students. Future generations deserve community support. Additional funding for MAPS education opportunities, sports programs, youth programs, and activities should never be turned down, no matter the cost. An investment in community youth is worth every penny!

The results of the referendum vote tell us that much of the community is not willing to invest in education. This vote should have given area parents a reason to educate their children through MAPS instead of a rea-

son to look for educational and activity opportunities elsewhere.

I encourage my children to join MAPS programs, athletics, and clubs to keep them occupied, out of trouble, and an active member in the community. How many opportunities for our MAPS children will be missed because of this vote? Merrill area parents and students will now have the next four years to see what budget cuts will cost MAPS, not in terms of money, but in our children’s educational experience.

Sincerely,

– Courtney (Oberg) Busterud
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

The voters of District 11 have spoken and most of them said they want someone new to represent them on the Lincoln County Board. I would like to congratulate Randy Detert and wish him all the best.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with my re-election campaign, all the folks who went out to vote, and all the good folks of the 11th District. You are the reason I ran in the first place. It has been an honor to serve you.

I would like to thank those Supervisors with whom I have had the privilege to serve. I very much valued the camaraderie, thoughtful debates, and different perspectives. I would like to thank the great people who work for Lincoln County. I wish more people understood the work the County employees perform and how most have a passion for providing the services we all take for granted. I have gained a great deal of respect for these folks and the work they do.

Last but not least I would like to thank my family, friends, and employees. Being involved in local government takes a fair amount of time, not to mention mental energy. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by great people who kept things running at home and on the farm when I was busy with County obligations and who were there to give advice or just lend an ear.

– Hans Breitenmoser
Merrill, Wis.

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when she garnered 116 votes (53.21%). Heller received 102 votes.

Lincoln County District 9

Incumbent Don Friske ran unopposed in Lincoln County District 9.

Friske was re-elected with 215 votes.

Lincoln County District 10

Jesse Boyd challenged incumbent Judy Woller for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 10.

Boyd defeated incumbent Woller when he collected 218 votes (72.43%). Woller received 83 votes.

Lincoln County District 11

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

Detert defeated incumbent Breitenmoser when Detert received 158 votes (56.67%). Breitenmoser received 130 votes.

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 then filed paperwork to run

as a registered write-in Candidate.

DePasse was elected with 200 votes (47.39%). Weiler received 171 votes (40.52%). Write-in candidate(s) received 51 votes.

Lincoln County District 13

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

Callahan was re-elected with 255 votes (59.16%). Bishop received 176 votes.

Lincoln County District 14

Marguerite Lyskawa challenged incumbent Brian Hafeman for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 14.

Hafeman was re-elected with 233 votes (51.32%). Lyskawa received 220 votes.

Lincoln County District 15

Marty R. Lemke ran unopposed in Lincoln County District 15.

Lemke was elected with 227 votes.

Lincoln County District 16

Sarah Ann Miller challenged incumbent Michael Loka for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 16.

Loka was re-elected with 223 votes (60.76%). Miller received 141 votes.

Lincoln County District 17

George Brixius challenged incumbent Kevin Koth for the position of Supervisor of Lincoln County District 17.

Brixius defeated incumbent Koth when Brixius received 237 votes (53.14%). Koth received 209 votes.

Lincoln County District 18

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

Wickham defeated incumbent Voermans when he received 375 votes (64.21%). Voermans received 208 votes.

Lincoln County District 19

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

Allen was re-elected with 210 votes (50.85%). Webb received 202 votes.

Lincoln County District 20

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

Cummings defeated incumbent Gorski when Cummings received 155 votes (63.79%). Gorski received 87 votes.

Lincoln County District 21

Incumbent Eugene Simon ran unopposed in Lincoln County District 21.

Simon was elected with 229 votes.

Lincoln County District 22

Greg Hartwig ran unopposed in Lincoln County District 22.

Hartwig was elected with 237 votes.

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MERRILL FOTO NEWS

Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is **Kolton Faber**
Son of Travis & Dawn Faber
Kolton is in the 3rd Grade at Washington Elementary School. He was nominated by Ms. Yang.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
Math is one of my favorite subjects. I enjoy math class because I like to learn about measurements and fractions. I also like CKLA class because I get to read about new things like space.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
I have many favorite parts of the school day. Getting to see all my favorite teachers. Going to recess and lunch and being able to sit and talk to my friends. I really enjoy all parts of the school day.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
I see myself going to college to become a scientist. I want to be a scientist because it will be very interesting and challenging and fun at the same time. My goal would be to create things like robots that are helpful to everyone.

Kolton is a student leader who is positive and sees the bright side of every situation. He always has a smile and asks how everyone's day is going. He cheers others up by telling jokes and giving compliments. When things get challenging, he perseveres and does his best. Kolton is a great role model for his peers. -Ms. Yang

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New County Supervisors take office

On Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., new and returning County Supervisors will be sworn in and begin their terms on the Lincoln County Board. That is also the Reorganizational Meeting at which a new Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected, along with Committees. A Committee on Committees will place members in the appointed Committees.

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

Robert W. Lass challenged incumbent Ned R. Seubert for

the position of Multi-Jurisdictional Judge in Lincoln County and the City of Merrill.

Lass's name did not appear on the printed ballot. While Lass filed the necessary candidacy paperwork with the Lincoln County Clerk's office, he failed to file the Economic Impact Statement with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission on time, according to the Clerk's office. This was his last step needed to get on the ballot. All candidates for judgeship need to file this document with the State on time to gain access to the ballot, the Clerk's office said. Seubert was re-elected with 2,330 votes (99.57%). There were 10 votes for write-in candidate(s).

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work together to provide some of the affordable housing we need in Merrill," Hass said. "This will need to be a joint effort between the City of Merrill, County, landlords, and developers."

With a new Mayor and new Council members, Committee structures will change, so Hass will be making appointments of both citizens and Council members to the Committees for which he feels they are best suited to serve and benefit the City going forward. This may involve changing some of the current Committee members.

Hass said he is looking forward to getting involved with our City even more actively than he was as an Alderperson.

"I am very excited to work with the new City Council," he said. "The people that have been elected have diverse backgrounds and knowledge. I believe we will be able to work together to continue to grow Merrill and do what is best for its citizens."

"I will be having more of a presence at City Hall," Hass

said. As the new Mayor, he plans to devote Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to City business, he said.

"I also believe in an open door policy and being approachable," Hass added.

"Communication is important to any successful work environment," he said. "To have the working relationships and civility we need in order to move Merrill forward, open, honest communication is the key."

Regarding City employees, if/when issues arise, Hass believes: "It will be important to listen to all sides of issues that arise and work through the proper channels to resolve those issues."

As Mayor, Hass plans to tackle some of Merrill's most pressing issues head on. "I want to meet with all the stakeholders to work to provide the affordable housing we need in Merrill," he said. "I also want to understand our local businesses, see how the City can support their growth, and help them hire and retain workers."

MERRILL from page 1

Incumbent Mark J. Weix, Jr., ran unopposed for the position of Alderperson in District 7. He was re-elected with 287 votes.

In Merrill District 8, incumbent Steve Sabatke won re-election as the District Alderperson, receiving 58.45% of the vote. He collected 121 votes, while challenger Ann Heller received 84 votes.



Right: Lincoln County Clerk Chris Marlowe and other staff from his office were busy into the night on April 5 receiving data and ballots from voting locations throughout the County, then sharing the election results via the Lincoln County website. Here, Marlowe accepts ballots and data from City of Merrill voting Districts. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

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Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Ambulance

(Now showing in theatres)

★★★★☆

Rated R – for language and violence

This week I saw *Ambulance*, the latest release by Director Michael Bay, also known as the guy that made two too many Transformer movies because he needed a summer home in Aspen.

The basic plot: Decent guy needs money for sick wife, brother is bad guy, decent guy joins in on bad brother's bank heist, and, of course, the heist goes funky. That's when the plot gets a little original. They escape in an ambulance with an EMT and a wounded cop, with apparently every single police officer in the Los Angeles



area in hot pursuit. (Meanwhile, everywhere else crime goes berserk, I suppose since everyone is busy chasing two guys in an ambulance. Oh wait – that's Los Angeles every day now. Seriously, it's like that city lives in *Mad Max* times or something.) Honestly, very little new ground is broken here. It is ultra-violent, it has enough cussing in it to make me blush, and from what I can tell, the LA Police Department would need a massive job fair and an increase in their automobile budget by the time this film ended, if this was real. The film is entertaining, though, despite leaving several plot holes behind when it ended. *Ambulance* gets three out of five stars, but only because the action scenes are very well done and for star Jake Gyllenhaal's over-the-top performance as a psycho.

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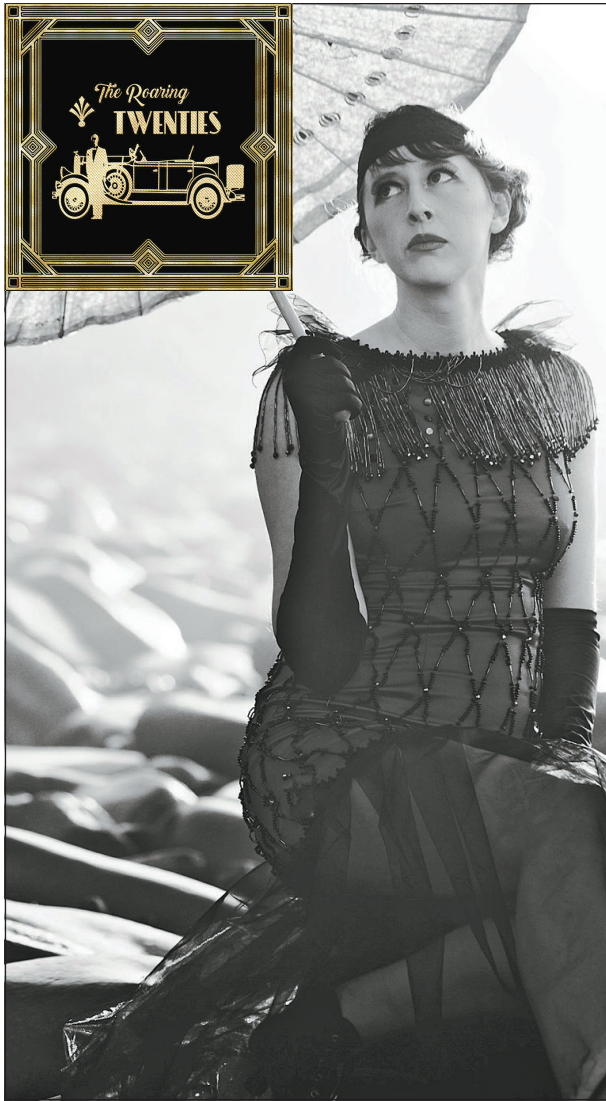
2022 History Hunt registration now open

Registration is now open for the 2022 History Hunt, a fundraiser for the Merrill Historical Society, which will be held Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Registration forms are available at the Merrill History and Culture Center (MHCC), 100 East Third Street, or online at MerrillHistory.org.

Park City Credit Union is the sponsor of this year's History Hunt.

The theme for the 2022 History Hunt is "Merrill in the Roaring Twenties," celebrating over 100 years since that turbulent and pivotal decade began. As part of this celebration, special treats and behind-the-scenes access stops are planned along the scripted route to enhance the day for participants. [Some at locations the public seldom or rarely ever gets to see.] Teams are invited to wear costumes to add to the fun, and there is a prize for best team costume. Also, participants may star in a silent movie – so the costumes will certainly make that more fun, organizers say.

A feature again this year is the inclusion of a guidebook compiled by the History Hunt planners. "Each participant will receive an information book containing pictures and stories which relate to places along the route and life in Merrill in the 1920's," said Bea Lebal, President of the Merrill Historical Society. "This year, a part of the hunt will include uncovering clues to lead hunters to the After Party, where team prizes will be awarded for Best Team Name, Best Team Costume, and Best Social Media Presence. Raffle prizes will be avail-



able. There will also be a special raffle prize to celebrate Merrill's 175th Anniversary – every participant will be included in the drawing for a cash prize of \$175. The minimum team size is two people, because you need a driver and a navigator, but your team can be as large as you would like," Lebal said. Hint: The After Party will be at a "pop-up speakeasy."

The cost is a \$15 Team Fee for each team PLUS either \$5 or \$10 per team member (Merrill Historical Society Members receive a discount). This includes History Hunt driving directions, the guidebook, three raffle prize drawing tickets, and admission to

the After Party. Registration for the 2022 History Hunt closes Wednesday, May 11, and space is limited due to the size of the After Party location.

The History Hunt is a major fundraising activity, supporting programs and operations of the Merrill Historical Society. The Society's mission is to educate the public about our heritage using the unique historical and cultural resources they collect and preserve. For further information on the programs and activities of the Society, or to become a member, call 715.536.5652, email merrillpast@gmail.com, or visit MerrillHistory.org.

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Legion/Livingston Building to be used for Park & Rec purposes

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR



On March 25, 2022, the Merrill Noon Optimists donated \$4,000 to Food For Kids. Food For Kids is a Merrill program that provides bags of food to children in food-insecure households, free of charge, and discreetly placed in student backpacks on Fridays so that students will have food to eat over the weekend when school is not in session and the free and reduced-cost meal programs, are not available to students. In photo: Randy Wixson, President of the Merrill Noon Optimists and Terra Holdridge, representing Food For Kids.

Submitted photo.



The former American Legion building, also known as the Livingston Building, is now a part of the Merrill Parks & Recreation Department. Tina L. Scott photo.

Dan Wendorf, Parks & Recreation Director for the City of Merrill, said the Legion/Livingston Building is in the process of being repurposed for Merrill Parks & Recreation use.

“The Parks & Recreation Commission decided to add/return the building and property into park property (it used to be park property),” Wendorf said. “This was to ensure that we have one contiguous park from the three-arch bridge to Polk St. on the south side of 64.”

In recent weeks, the park’s old tennis courts were removed, adjacent to the skateboard park and the Legion/Livingston Building property. The tennis courts were not being used and were no longer in good condition. Their removal will improve the visual and practical use of that park space.

With reference to the Legion/Livingston Building itself, Wendorf said there may have been a misunderstanding and clarified. “We are not storing anything in there and haven’t discussed using it for storage,” he said. “However we have

discussed potentially utilizing it for some recreation programs and occasionally for our Summer Playground Program.”

“It is a natural fit for us to utilize it in that fashion with its central location, proximity to numerous parks, amenities, and neighborhoods.”

“At some point, we would like to do some interior work and improvements and host more recreation programs and events in there, because we could use it for all four seasons,” Wendorf added.

“We are not actively looking for alternative uses or offers for the building,” he added, “and future decisions will be decided through the



The tennis courts across from the T.B. Scott Library being removed in early March. MMC Staff photo.

Parks & Recreation Commission now that it is a park structure located within a park.”

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Gov. Evers signs into law Callahan-authored SB 520 to close Lincoln Hills

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Friday, April 8, 2022, Gov. Tony Evers signed Senate Bill 520 into law, and it is now known as 2021 Wisconsin Act 252. The Bill was authored by Rep. Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) of the 35th Assembly District, which includes all of Lincoln County and portions of Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties. That bill authorizes over \$41.7 million in bonding/general fund supported borrowing to build a new Type 1 juvenile correctional facility in Milwaukee. Building that facility is the first step in ultimately closing the Lincoln

Hills and Copper Lake facilities in Lincoln County.

“As I’ve stated before, the closing of Lincoln Hills has been a top priority of mine since I was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly,” Callahan said. “Back in February, we passed SB 520 through both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature in a bipartisan manner. Today, I’m proud to see that Gov. Evers has signed SB 520 into law and we can finally move forward with the closure of Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake and repurposing it into an adult facility, and making it a safer environment for the employees within. This is a huge step in the right direction and I’d like to thank everyone who has

helped get SB 520 to this step in the legislative process.”

“For years, legislators have been talking about closing Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake as a juvenile facility ...” Gov. Evers said. “I am glad to be finally signing this bill today that will ensure we can move our kids out of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake safely and responsibly by providing the funding needed to move forward on a Type 1 facility in Milwaukee County. By doing so, these kids will be closer to home, their families, and their support networks, so we can set them up for better success both while they are in our care and when they re-enter our communities.”

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TO THE EDITOR:

Sometimes we forget how doing something small makes a difference. I invite you to join a group that encourages people to each make a small contribution. In combining our small efforts, we make a larger impact. In early December 2020, I searched for a non-profit organization to donate through their Amazon Wishlist. After I picked one, I recruited our three adult children and Mom to support the organization. Together, we purchased 20 items. I realized our small contributions could make a big impact. I wondered if I asked a few friends to support a different Wisconsin non-profit each month if we could make a difference. After contacting my friend Dianne, we started a Facebook Group called Our Monthly Resolution. Each month, we select a small non-profit organization and encourage participants to donate. The response has been fantastic. We’d love for you to join our group. Our April non-profit is Memory Lane Farm in Marshfield, Wis.: <https://www.memorylanefarm.us/>. Their mission is to offer farm-based opportunities to people of all ages to enhance lives through learning, exploring, and self-discovery. They offer a summer farm camp for grades 3-6. And a mentoring program, Cultivating Hope, for ages 5 thru adult. Scholarships are available. To join Our Monthly Resolution, please join our Facebook Group.

– Stacie Prochaska
Arena, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

Last April, I asked the Merrill Historical Society Board to give historic preservation status to the old American Legion building; the Board was NOT interested. I also sent in an editorial saying that the demoli-

tion of the T.B. Scott mansion was a wake-up call, and that it was time to take historic preservation seriously.

Last April, I also spoke at a Historic Preservation Committee meeting and spent a lot of time updating the three historic property lists I was given. In May, I tried to give my comprehensive report, but the Committee was NOT interested in my findings and did not even allow me to finish reading my report.

So now I read in the paper how Historic Preservation Committee member Elizabeth McCrank has come forward to make sure that the American Legion has historic preservation status, telling us that it is time to take historic preservation seriously, and citing the demolition of the T.B. Scott mansion as an example!

Although I am glad that after many years of meetings, the Committee has actually accomplished something, it disturbs me that no one wanted to listen to MY ideas a year ago. However, when someone comes forward who is “from here” and lives “in the city,” those same ideas are taken seriously. It seems that people in Merrill are happy to use MY ideas as long as they can take the credit for them, while ONCE AGAIN, kicking me in the face.

– Heather O’Neill
Town of Harding, Wis.

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Zastrow is February Youth Optimist at MHS

Taylor Zastrow has been named February Youth Optimist at Merrill High School (MHS). In his nomination, Mr. Joshua Olson said: "Taylor is a remarkably kind and caring person. She is a light of optimism during all rehearsals and performances, even as we are doing hard work and being very focused. I know every day that Taylor is going to approach rehearsal with a good attitude and find ways to laugh and engage the people around her. Rehearsals would be far less enjoyable without Taylor being a part of them, and that positive spirit is felt in all of the groups in which she sings."



Taylor Zastrow

people like Taylor in the world, people who are interested in improvement while bringing positive energy and dedication. She is the exemplary model for what I look for in my classes, and I know I can always depend on her in the activities she participates in."

At MHS, Taylor has been active in Junior Optimist, Link Crew, Vocal Jayz, Student Senate, Bluejay Beat, National Honors Society (Secretary), Raise Your Voice, Musical (Lead), The Nest, and Student Council.

When not in school, Taylor participates in Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club (Officer), is a volunteer coach for the Merrill Ice Reflections, and was a volunteer for vacation bible school.

Taylor plans to attend UW-Stevens Point to major in secondary History/Social Studies education. She is the daughter of Terry and Leah Zastrow.

Church Mutual sponsors documentary on sacred architecture



Church Mutual is sponsoring a PBS film/documentary called Revealing Secrets Embedded in American Sacred Architecture. The program will air on PBS stations on April 18, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. and will also air nationally in April.

Sacred buildings are the cornerstone of life for communities all across America, representing some of the greatest feats of innovative engineering and artistic design. Embedded in the architecture of these churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples is a secret language of sorts that influences both the faithful inside, and the broader culture outside. Examples include hidden messages in stained-glass windows; the surprising reason for tall steeples; the influence of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein on gothic architecture and the curious gargoyle on the Washington National Cathedral — that looks remarkably similar to Darth Vader.

"There is so much hidden meaning in every church and synagogue, viewers will never see their local buildings in quite the same way after watching the film," said co-producer Michael Trinklein. "At my own church, dozens of curious design elements suddenly jumped out at me. You just have to know what to look for." Added co-producer Steve Boettcher, "The architecture of these sacred buildings defines our landscape—it's the art and science of awe. We experience awe when we are in the presence of something that is vast and it puts our life into perspective very quickly."

Secrets of Sacred Architecture includes buildings from all across the United States and includes numerous churches from within Wisconsin, as well.

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Pastor Brad Main
Good Friday: 6:09 PM Service
Easter Sunday: 9:09 AM Service

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

N5302 Town Hall Rd, Gleason
Pastor Greg Laska
Maudy Thursday: 7 PM Communion Service
Good Friday: 1:30 PM & 7 PM Service
Easter Sunday: 6:30 AM & 10:30 AM Communion Services
7:30 AM to 10 AM Easter Breakfast between services

New Testament Church

N2519 County Road K, Merrill
Dr. William Hohman
Good Friday: 12:15 - 12:45 PM
Easter Sunday: 9:30 AM Service
8:30 - 9:15 AM Breakfast
8:45 - 9:15 AM Egg Hunt

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

300 Logan Street, Merrill
Pastor Pat Schutz
Maudy Thursday: 6:30 PM
Good Friday: 11 AM & 6:30 PM
Easter Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Park City Baptist Church

216 Grand Ave., Merrill
Rev. Stephen Tiffany
Easter Sunday: 10:30 Morning Worship
9 AM Fellowship Breakfast

Pathway Fellowship

N1769 Hwy 17, Merrill
Pastor Scott Huse
Easter Sunday: 10 AM

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

1708 E. 10th Street, Merrill
Fr. Maria Vallabhaneni
Holy Thursday: 7 PM
Good Friday: 1 PM
Saturday Easter Vigil: 8:30 PM
Easter Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9 AM
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24: 3:00 PM

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church - Hamburg

134058 County Road L, Athens
Pastor Donald Love
Wednesday: April 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM with Holy Communion
Good Friday: 6:30 PM
Easter Sunday: 8:30 AM
Out of doors available - Tune radio to 93.3FM

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church

1104 E. Third Street, Merrill
Pastor David Szeto
Maudy Thursday: 10 AM Worship with Communion
6 PM Worship with Communion
Good Friday: 1 PM & 7:30 PM Worship
Easter Sunday: 6 AM Sunrise Service
8 AM & 10:30 AM Worship with Communion

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church

Hwy 17 & Hwy J, Bloomville
Fr. Maria Vallabhaneni
Good Friday: 6 PM
Easter Sunday: 11 AM

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

N6537 Old Hwy 51, Irma
Rev. David J. Sutton, Pastor
Maudy Thursday: 7 PM Divine Service
Good Friday: 7 PM Tenebrae Service
Easter Sunday: 6:30 AM Sunrise Service
10:30 AM Easter Day Service
A breakfast is being served for one hour after the Sunrise Service, and one hour before the Easter Day Service.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

W2604 Co Rd P, Merrill
Rev. Greg Laska
Maudy Thursday: 5:30 PM with Communion
Good Friday: 5:30 PM
Easter Sunday: 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM both with Communion

St. Stephens UCC

903 East 2nd Street, Merrill
Rev. Michael Southcombe
Maudy Thursday: 6 PM Dinner & Service
Good Friday: Tenebrae Service 6 PM - Livestreamed
Easter Sunday: Worship at 6:30 AM & 9 AM
7:30 AM Brunch
8:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
9 AM Service on WJMT 96.3AM & Livestream on Facebook

Trinity Lutheran Church

107 N. State Street, Merrill
Pastor Scott Gustafson & Pastor Adam Rodriguez
Maudy Thursday: 1 PM, 4:30 PM & 7 PM (Live on Facebook)
730AM & 96.3FM Radio: 6-7 PM (Pre-recorded at 1 PM)
Good Friday: 1PM, 4:30 PM & 7 PM (Live on Facebook)
730AM & 96.3FM Radio: 6-7 PM (Pre-recorded at 1 PM)
Easter Sunday: 6 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & Contemporary at 10:30 AM (All Live on Facebook)
730AM & 96.3FM Radio: 6 AM & 10:30 AM (Live)

Wildwood Chapel

W106 CTH C, Gleason
Rev. Tsuker Yang
Easter Sunday: 9 AM Service

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Merrill Varsity Girls Soccer Team wins one and loses two in three shutout games

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Varsity Soccer Team played Mosinee at home on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, and came away empty. Mosinee won the game 6-0, scoring four shots on Merrill's defense in the first half and scoring two points in the second half.

Merrill Head Girls Soccer Coach Kyle Hahn described the game as "A tough night out and definitely not the result we were hoping for."

"I had a feeling Mosinee was going to be a tough test for us," Hahn said, "but definitely wasn't prepared to be 4-0 down at half."

"Mosinee has a solid team with a few quality players that made the difference. Pair that with our lack of Varsity experience - 7 of our starting 11 were starting in their first Varsity game ever - and it was always going to be a bit of an uphill battle. I'll take the lion's share of the blame for not getting the tactics right, but our girls responded well by only allowing two additional goals in the second half," he said. "Sophomore Goalkeeper Anna Bowe made some good saves throughout the game that kept things



Olivia Stevenson (#2) takes a shot that ends up going in for a goal at last Saturday's game against Antigo. Stevenson had four goals that day. Also shown: Merrill's Morgan Schmidt (#11). Submitted photo.

from ending early."

Box Score
Mosinee 6 @ Merrill 0

On Thursday, April 7, the Bluejay Girls played another tough game and took a loss to Waupaca, this time on Waupaca's turf. Waupaca scored three goals, all in the first half, but Merrill put up a good defense, with Goalkeeper Anna Bowe blocking 10 of their shots on goal. Merrill Girls took three shots, but didn't score.

"Apart from a few passages of sloppy play in the first half, our girls did well to hang tough with Waupaca," Hahn said. "We conceded three in the first half because our

players either didn't close down or failed to communicate with one another. However, we addressed those issues at halftime and let our girls know they needed to be more aggressive. We were hesitant and lost too many 50-50 battles."

"Our girls deserve credit for putting in a much better performance in the second half," he said. "We were on the front foot far more and had a couple of solid chances to get ourselves on the scoreboard, but for some gutsy defending and a good save by Waupaca's goalkeeper. All in all, a step in the right direction as we continue to shake

off the rust and work to impose our style of play."

Box Score
Merrill 0 @ Waupaca 7

Saturday, April 9, was the game where the Merrill Varsity Girls turned it around. This time the Lady Jays had the home field and played a shutout game against Antigo. Merrill's Olivia Stevenson was on fire in the first half, scoring four goals, and McKenna Smith jumped in to shoot and score one at the end of the first half. The Merrill Girls scored 5 of their 11 shots on goal. Antigo scored zip on three shots with Merrill's Anna Rowe there for the blocks.



Waupaca's Alyssa Durrant and Merrill's Morgan Polacek battle for a loose ball April 7 during a nonconference girls' soccer game at Waupaca High School. Greg Seubert Photo

"A great win for us as we head into our first week of Wisconsin Valley Conference play," Hahn said of the game. "Olivia Stevenson had a great game with four goals from a variety of situations in the first half. She made the most of her opportunities and looked to be a threat all game long."

"McKenna Smith got in on the goals by hammering home an effort from

close range off a corner kick. We battled against the wind in the second half and couldn't seem to find the same offensive firepower, but the team did well to keep Antigo off the board. Anna Bowe went from seeing practically no action in the first half to saving three shots in the second half to preserve the clean sheet," he said.

Box Score
Antigo 0 @ Merrill 5

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Adeline Callos, a Sophomore at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. She began wrestling in the eighth grade at Prairie River Middle School and has been wrestling ever since. This year was her first year at the Varsity level as a member of the MHS Girls Varsity Wrestling Team, and Adeline had the opportunity to wrestle at the first ever WIAA-sanctioned Girls State Wrestling Tournament in Jan. 2022. This year, Adeline also joined the MHS Track and Field JV Team. At school, Adeline really likes math and history classes. In her free time, she babysits; hangs out with friends, going out to eat and talking about school and their lives; and enjoys swimming.

The daughter of Brian Callos and Randi Marsh, both of Merrill, Adeline has a 2.632 GPA and plans to attend college after high school graduation. She aspires to do something in the medical field and is considering a career as an EMT/paramedic.

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Merrill Varsity Girls Softball Team takes two wins at Varsity Invitational

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Varsity Girls Softball Team headed to the Woodside Sports Complex in Mauston, Wis., on Friday, April 8, for a two-day Varsity Invitational. "After having barely two practices outside, the girls were so happy to finally be outside playing ball," said Alison Krohn, new Merrill Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach.

In game one against Onalaska, winning pitcher Addy Schmelzter pitched seven strike-outs from the mound. Sophie Wendorf went 3/4 with two singles and a triple; Laney Zuelsdorff went 2/4 with two singles. The Lady Jays won by a six-point lead.

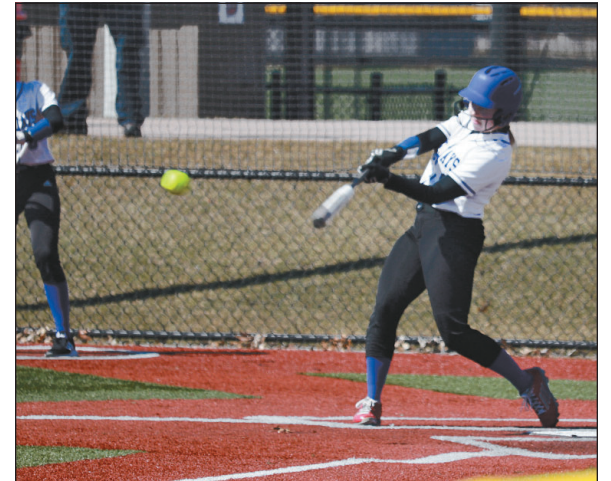
Box Score
Merrill 10 @ Onalaska 4

Game two put the Merrill Girls up against the team from Cumberland.

Despite Cumberland getting a jump on Merrill, the Bluejays "overcame an 8-0 deficit in the first inning, to piece together a 14-11 win," Krohn said. "Everyone had a role, and we never gave up during any part of that game. I am unbelievably proud of their resilience."

Winning pitcher Olivia Pierce struck out six; Addy Schmelzter went 4/5 with two triples and two singles; Sophie Wendorf went 2/4 with two singles and a walk; and Olivia Losee went 2/4 with two singles and a walk.

Box Score
Merrill 14 @ Cumberland 11



Left: Merrill's Nicole Doering is on the run. **Right:** Merrill's Laney Zuelsdorff is up to bat.

Submitted Photos

2022 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball-Boys (Varsity, JV & JV2)			
Thurs. April 14	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Tues. April 19	Stevens Point (JV2) Doubleheader	Home	4:00 pm
Tues. April 19	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 21	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Softball-Girls (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. April 14	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Mon. April 18	Wausau West (JV2) Doubleheader	Away	4:30 pm
Tues. April 19	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Thurs. April 21	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Soccer-Girls (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. April 14	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. April 14	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tues. April 19	Stevens Point (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. April 19	Stevens Point (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. April 21	D. C. Everest (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. April 21	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Track & Field-Boys (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. April 14	Wausau West (JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Tues. April 19	Wausau West (JV & Varsity)	Away	4:00 pm
Track & Field-Girls (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. April 14	Marshfield (JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Tues. April 19	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Golf-Boys (Varsity & JV)			
Tues. April 19	River Edge Golf Course (JV & Varsity)	Away	1:00 pm
Thurs. April 21	Greenwood Hills (Varsity)	Away	8:00 am

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