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Mental health matters awareness walk is May 1 at the MARC

The Raise Your Voice Club (RYV Club) at Merrill High School (MHS), along with Tyler's Playground and the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Northwoods (NAMI Northwoods), will hold their Second Annual "Raise Your Voice for Mental Health!" Walk on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

This year's event will be held at the Merrill Area Recreation Complex (MARC) and will begin with registration at 11:30 a.m. and food, face painting, yard games and other activities, an art station, music, and silent auctions which will end at 2:00 p.m. The walk itself will begin at 1:00 p.m. and walkers can choose from a long or a short walking route.

Participants can register to walk as an individual, with their family, or as an organization. Cost is \$20 for each individual adult and \$10 for individual youth, or \$50 per family of up to 4 members or \$75 per family of up to 8 members. Registration is required online at: <https://12vt0rya.paperform.co/>

While early registration was requested to guarantee shirts and sizes, some shirts are still available and will be given to participants on a first-come first-serve basis according to availability.

Donations will also be accepted. Advance donations can be mailed to: Extension Lincoln County, ATTN: RYV Mental Health Walk, 801 N. Sales St. Suite 101, Merrill, WI 54452, and checks should be made payable to: Extension Lincoln County. Please notate on the check that the donation is for the Mental Health Awareness Walk. All advance donors will be included on a banner at the walk.

The RYV Club is a student-run organization at MHS with the goal to end the stigma around mental health, advocate for change, share resources, and support others.

First annual event a success

The First Annual "Raise Your Voice for Mental Health!" Walk was held on Sunday, May 2, 2021, with 240 individuals participating. The community and local businesses and organizations, along with many individuals, supported the walk with donated items for the silent auction, advertising, monetary donations, and/or items for the participant bags. Due to the tremendous support of the community, the walk raised \$6,200. Half of the funds raised in 2021 were donated to NAMI Northwoods. The other half was designated to fund improvements at Tyler's Playground, a play area along the River Bend Trail dedicated to Tyler

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Newly-elected and seated Mayor Steve Hass presides over the business of the April 19, 2022, Special City Council meeting.

Tina L. Scott photo.

Newly-elected Mayor and City officials sworn in, Council and Committees reorganized

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The City of Merrill Common Council met Tuesday evening, April 19, 2022, and newly-elected Mayor, Steve Hass; City Clerk, Lori Anderson-Malm, and Alderpersons, Michael "Gus" Caylor, Jr., LaDonna Fermanich, and Richard Lupton were all sworn in for the first time by Judge Russell, along with re-elected incumbents renewing their terms of office.

Among the first orders of business, the new Council elected

Alderman Paul Russell to serve as the Council President and elected Alderman Steve Sabatke to serve as the Council representative on the City Plan Commission. The new Mayor presented his appointments to City Committees, Boards, and Commissions, to include Council members and citizen members. Many of these were reappointments, but a few appointments included new faces or some re-shuffling. The City Council unanimously approved Mayor Hass's appointments.

Those appointments are as follows, including Alderpersons and

citizen members:

- Personnel & Finance Committee: Chair Paul Russell, LaDonna Fermanich, Michael "Gus" Caylor, Jr.

- Board of Public Works: Mike Rick, Steve Sabatke, Dick Lupton

- Health & Safety Committee: Chair Mark Weix, Mike Rick, Michael "Gus" Caylor, Jr.

- Marketing & Communications: Chair Rick Blake, Mark Weix, LaDonna Fermanich

- Community Development Committee: Mark Weix, Chris Malm

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8-year-old addresses City Council

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

In one of his final acts as Merrill's Mayor at the April 19, 2022, Special Council Meeting, Derek Woellner called for public comments at the beginning of the meeting (members of the public are allowed to make comments of up to five minutes at each Council meeting), and a young speaker boldly stepped up to the podium, to the surprise of everyone but her father.

Raya Osness, age 8, a second grader at Kate Goodrich Elementary School in Merrill, had a question, and her father, Steve Osness, who had been a City Alderman but did not run for re-election to the position, didn't have an answer for her.

When Raya approached the podium with a small note in her hand,

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Raya Osness.

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CORRECTION to the "New Letters to the Editor policy" printed in last week's edition:

The cost for Paid Letters to the Editor is \$40.00 per letter of up to 250 words, plus \$10.00 per additional 50 words.

DECA-sponsored Job Fair at MHS

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

Marketing and DECA students at Merrill High School in partnership with the Merrill Chamber of Commerce, will hold a Spring Job Fair on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, and they're dubbing it "May the Workforce be With You."

The purpose is to connect students with local employers who are hiring, but also to connect residents of all ages with opportunities for new jobs.

The Spring Job Fair will be held at Merrill High School, and attendees should enter from Doors #1 or #22 only. The event will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for students only, and is open to the general public from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Interviews will be available for many positions on the spot, and door prizes will be available.

New City Council approves resolutions for continued redevelopment

Tractor Supply Company coming to Merrill, The Loft Apartments undergo renovations

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

During the April 19, 2022, meeting of the Common Council, the new and reorganized City Council approved a resolution to provide an additional \$50,000 incentive payment to the current owner (MEND Merrill LLC) of the former Piggly Wiggly store at 3402 E. Main St. in Merrill, which closed in June 2019 and has been vacant ever since, upon the completion of construction of a new 3,672-square-foot greenhouse to the west of the existing 25,697-square-foot building along N. Pine Ridge Ave. This is in addition to the \$75,000 incentive payment which will be payable after the repair/replacement of the roof on the former Piggly Wiggly building which was approved in Oct. 2021 and will be payable upon the completion of those repairs.

These incentives are part of an agreement with the developer who purchased the building and will invest approximately \$600,000 in renovating the building and another estimated \$450,000 to construct

the greenhouse. In addition to roof replacement, renovations to the building will include installing new HVAC with high efficiency, updating the restrooms with new and touchless fixtures, building a pet wash room, installing all new LED lighting, painting interior and exterior of building, removing the tile floor and grinding and polishing the concrete floor, removing all cooler pads and replacing with new concrete, building a new manager office, installing a new fire alarm and security system, installing a new overhead door, resealing and restriping the parking lot, installing a propane tank for customer sales area, and installing a fenced outdoor display area.

Once construction and renovations are completed, the developer will lease the building and greenhouse to Tractor Supply Company, bringing a new business and more jobs to Merrill. Tractor Supply Company is anticipated to open sometime this summer of 2022 in that location.

The Council also approved

the Community Development Committee's recommendation to subordinate The Lofts at City Hall's development loan of \$200,000 to Fortress Bank for up to \$800,000. After discussion, it was determined this will enable the current owner to obtain additional financing from Fortress Bank for continued apartment renovations. The City is not granting any additional funding but simply agrees Fortress Bank will have first place in terms of loan priority.

Mark Rein, the owner of The Lofts at City Hall, has been working locally with Lincoln Windows to have custom windows built for the historic property, as each window is a custom size. All the windows will ultimately be replaced, and Rein is renovating each apartment as it becomes vacant. Alderman Paul Russell reported renovations in 6 of the 16 apartment units have been completed.

The apartments rent at affordable housing rates, and this is an area of great need in the Merrill community.

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(replacing Don Peterson, ending 5/1/2025), Dan Schneider (reappointment, ending 5/1/2025)

• Airport Commission: Mark Weix, Joseph Malsack (reappointment, ending 10/1/2027), Gary Schulz (reappointment, ending 10/1/2026)
• Festival Grounds Committee: Mike Rick,

Steve Sabatke, Michael "Gus" Caylor, Jr.

• Park & Recreation Commission: Mark Weix, Chad Krueger (reappointment, ending 5/1/2027), Joan Tabor (reappointment, ending 5/1/2027)

• Housing Authority: Dick Lupton

• Enrichment Center Committee: Rick Blake, Jennifer Clerk (ex-officio/non-voting ADRC, ending 5/1/2023), and Rose Akey, Sharon Anderson, Josh

Jaeger, Sharon Harvey, Gene Bebel, and Laura Bertagnoli (all reappointments, all ending 5/1/2023)

• Tourism Committee: Chair Dan Wendorf, Paul Russell, Jeremy

Ratliff (replacing Rebecca Roberts, ending 5/1/2023), Sue Kunkel (replacing Ryan Schwartzman, ending 5/1/2023), Sarah Gilbert (Wisconsin DNR Rep, ending 5/1/2023), (hotel representative not yet named)

• Redevelopment Authority: Steve Sabatke, Mark Bares (replacing Val Mindak, ending 9/1/2026), Jim Koppelman (replacing Lori Anderson-Malm, ending 9/1/2023)

• Historic Preservation Committee: Chair Michael "Gus" Caylor, Jr., Steve Sabatke, Elizabeth McCrank (reappointment, ending 5/1/2025), Bill Heideman (replacing Mike Caylor who was a citizen member and is now an Alderperson member, ending 5/1/2024)

• Board of Review: Paul Russell, Dick Lupton, LaDonna Fermanich, Rick Blake

• Transit Committee: Rick Blake (ending 5/1/2024), Sue Kunkel (reappointment, ending 5/1/2025), Denise Ziech (reappointment, ending 5/1/2025)

• Police & Fire Commission: Jeremy Thompson (replacing Don Heyel, ending 5/1/2027), Eric Malm (replacing Paul Russell, ending 5/1/2023)

• Zoning Board of Appeals: Jeremy Thompson (reappointment, ending 5/1/2025), Rebecca Rutkowski (replacing Steve Hass, ending 5/1/2024), Eric Dayton (replacing Mike Rick, ending 5/1/2025)

The Council also unanimously passed resolutions honoring former Mayor, Derek Woellner, and former Aldermen, Steve Osness and John VanLieshout, for their extended service and great contributions to the City of Merrill.

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Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) Mission and Forum in Merrill

Learn more about the organization's mission to protect children

Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) is a national organization focused on protecting children. As a part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the T.B. Scott Free Library Adult Services Department is hosting a BACA Mission and Forum meeting in the Community Room at the Library (located at 106 W. First St. in Merrill) on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. This meeting is open to the public and anyone who wants to learn more

about the BACA organization and the part they play in preventing and supporting children of child abuse both locally and nationally.

The forum panel will include representatives from BACA as well as HAVEN, Lincoln County Social Services, the Merrill Police Department, and other professionals who work to protect children. Look for the blue pinwheels on display at the Library in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, go to the online events calendar at www.tbsscottlibrary.org, visit the Library's social media accounts, or call 715.536.7191.

Eleven new Lincoln County Supervisors take oaths of office Friske elected as board Chair, newcomer Boyd Vice-Chair

BY JALEN MAKI
MMC STAFF

MERRILL – Eleven new members of the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors took their oaths of office during the Board's meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

The new Supervisors, who make up half of the 22-member Board, will serve two-year terms.

The Board elected its new Chair and Vice-Chair during the meeting.

District 9 Supervisor Don Friske and District 14 Supervisor Brian Hafeman each received nominations for the position of Board Chair. Friske received 15 votes, securing the Board Chair position, while Hafeman tallied nine.

The vote for Vice-Chair was between new District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd and District 21 Supervisor

Eugene Simon after several Board members declined nominations. Boyd emerged with 13 votes to become Vice-Chair, while eight votes went to Simon.

After being elected Board Chair, Friske thanked outgoing Supervisors Ann Nelson, Timothy Panfil, Robert Weaver, Joshua Wendt, Christopher Heller, Judy Woller, Hans Breitenmoser Jr., Paul Gilk, Kevin Koth, Patricia Voermans, and Dora Gorski.

"There is a significant number of years of service and experience that is leaving the Board," Friske said, adding that he appreciated the skill set the departing Supervisors brought to the Board, as well as the time they dedicated to being on the Board.

Members of the Board's elected and appointed committees were also chosen during the meeting.

Elected committees
The Administrative and Legislative Committee will be made up of Chair Friske, Vice-Chair Boyd, Lori Anderson-Malm, Julie DePasse, Calvin Callahan, Angela Cummings, and Greg Hartwig.

Gene Simon will serve as Chair of the Highway Committee, with Boyd, Randy Detert, George Brixius, and Ken Wickham rounding out the Committee.

The Social Services Committee will be comprised of Chair Cummings, Anderson-Malm, Greta Rusch, Laurie Thiel, and Marty Lemke.

Appointed committees
Finance and Insurance – Chair DePasse, Anderson-Malm, Norbert Ashbeck, Cummings, Simon.

Forestry, Land and Parks – Chair Bill Bialecki, Ashbeck,

Callahan, Wickham, Hartwig.

Land Services – Chair Lemke, Bialecki, Elizabeth McCrank, DePasse, Rusch, Detert, Hartwig.

Law Enforcement and EMS/Judicial – Chair Mike Loka, Steve Osness Jr., Thiel, Boyd, Callahan.

Solid Waste – Chair Nathan Peterson, McCrank, Brian Hafeman, Loka, Julie Allen.

Public Property – Chair Bialecki, Peterson, Detert, Hafeman, Lemke.

Broadband – Chair Callahan, Thiel, Wickham, Cummings.

Board of Health – Chair Loka, Osness Jr., Allen, Thiel, Cummings.

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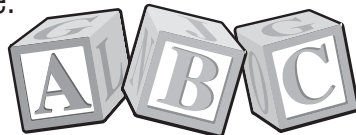
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Merrill Area Public Schools Head Start

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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.

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Harriet Pope Olivotti
January 26, 1921 -
February 25, 2022

Our mother, Harriet Esther Pope Olivotti, was born on January 26, 1921, in Merrill, Wisconsin, where her parents owned and operated Pope's Dairy Farm. After graduating from Merrill High School, Harriet attended Lincoln County Normal School, a two year teachers' college receiving her degree in 1940. For six years, she taught grades one through eight in rural schools.

Harriet often told stories about her father traveling to the school on a snowy Sunday night to start the fire in the old pot belly stove, so the students would be warm on Monday morning.

When Harriet was 7, she met a young boy her age - Liveo Olivotti. He was helping his brother deliver milk for her parents' dairy. Liveo took one look at Harriet and said to his brother, "I'm going to marry that girl!" On September 7, 1946, after Liveo returned from the war and after spending three and a half years in a Japanese prison camp, our parents married. Our dad was always a man of his word!

The Air Force stationed the new couple in various bases, and Harriet continued to teach in Tennessee and New Mexico. In 1959, she earned her Bachelor's Degree from San Francisco State. When the family moved to Fairfield, California, Harriet taught kindergarten and primary grades for eight years. When she moved to Livermore, she taught for twenty more years. In the Livermore School District, Harriet was well-loved and an expert Miller Unruh Reading Specialist, and she used her Learning Disability Credential to teach LDG. Although she officially retired in 1981, Harriet volunteered in her two daughters' kindergarten and first grade classrooms at Croce School for another twenty-one years (1996- 2017)! At age 96, and after eight and a half decades in education, our dear mom finally retired. She touched and enriched the lives of thousands of children, and for that we are grateful and proud.

Besides teaching and volunteering, Harriet enjoyed square dancing with the Eagle Squares for twenty-five years. She volunteered at Senior Services in Livermore - we used to tease her that at 96 years old, she would help the 70 year kids! Always one to keep her mind keen and sharp, she loved doing crosswords, reading as many books as she could, and crocheting.

Harriet was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Delta Kappa Gamma, California Retired Teachers' Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, (Cecelia McKie chapter) and the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. At 101, she had outlived the two military organizations as they disbanded as membership dwindled.

Her husband Liveo died in 1995. She was loved beyond compare by her daughters, Christine Mercer (Dave) of Ben Lomond, Patricia Gephart (Doug) of Pleasanton, and Mary Triassi (Gary) of Pleasanton. "GG" was also adored by nine grandchildren, and sixteen great grandchildren. She brought love, light and laughter into all our lives, and she will be forever missed. Harriet will be buried with Liveo at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. on June 1, 2022.



Marian M. Kottke was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. She passed away on April 22, 2022, at the age of 82 after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by a constant stream of loving family and friends. She was even blessed to enjoy her last Easter celebration surrounded by more than 70 family members.

She was born to Clarence and Madelia Hanson on November 17, 1939, in Wausau, WI. After graduating Wausau High School, she had met the love of her life, Loyd Kottke and the two ran off to elope in Minnesota on August 15th, 1958. Together they built a life in Hamburg, WI raising nine children on a family farm where family members still live to this day. During that time, she could constantly be found baking, tending her vegetable garden, and fishing.

A great passion of hers was the chance to win. She loved playing card games and watching the Game Show Network (particularly her favorite: The Price is Right). She almost never turned down a trip to the casino (even winning a few hundred dollars on her last family casino trip just a few weeks ago) and constantly received scratch-off tickets as gifts from her family.

The thing she cherished most of all was quality time spent with family and friends, whether it was going to church, attending family get-togethers, baking sweet rolls with her grandchildren, or enjoying her girls' night out. Her smile and snort-filled laughter will be deeply missed at all these gatherings.

Marian leaves behind her children Terry (Joan) Kottke, Tamara Kottke, Kevin (Kim) Kottke, Brad (Debbie) Kottke, Kent (Laura) Kottke, Audra (Daniel) Kalepp, Craig (Trisha) Kottke, and Corey (Stephany) Kottke; three siblings John (Joan) Hanson, Sue (Clarence) Degner, and Darrell (Marion) Dehlinger; 21 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren (plus two more on their way) and many brother and sister in-laws and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Loyd Kottke; her children, Keith, Dale, and Wade Kottke; two grandchildren; Titus Kottke and Baby Kalepp; her parents and stepfather Clarence Hanson, Madelia and Al Dehlinger; and her siblings Dori Beckman and Larry Hanson.

The funeral service for Marian will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hamburg. Pastor Joel Danner will officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 29, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Waid Funeral Home in Merrill, with a prayer service from 7:30 pm until 8:00 pm. There will be an additional visitation on Saturday morning from 10:00 am until the time of the service, at the church. Burial will immediately follow the service and take place in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

The family would also like to extend a special thank you to Pastor Danner, the staff of Merrill Aspirus ER, Marshfield Medical Center in Weston, Pine Crest Rehab, and Compassus Hospice Care for their compassionate care during the last few months.

The service will be recorded and can be found under her obituary on the funeral home website. It will be available for viewing after 5/1/22.

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



Marie A. Leopold, age 98, of Merrill, died Monday, April 25, 2022, at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Merrill.

Marie was born November 14, 1923, in Merrill, daughter of the late Albert and Pauline (Tobalski) Strasser. She married William 'Bill' Leopold on September 16, 1944, in Merrill. He preceded her in death on September 19, 2013.

Marie had worked at Weinbrenner Shoe Company, Merrill, and retired after many years of employment. Marie

spent her entire working career with Weinbrenner. Marie enjoyed spending time at the family cottage in the Boulder Junction area and spending time with family at the farm. She loved her grandchildren and looked forward to visiting with them.

Survivors include her son, Jerry Leopold, Merrill; one grandson, Jeremy (Melissa) Leopold, Wisconsin Rapids; two great-grandchildren, Peyton and Chloe; three step great-grandchildren, Riley, Maddie, and Katie; one brother, Edward Strasser; and many nieces and nephews. Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Leopold; parents, Albert and Pauline Strasser; and siblings, Walter Strasser, Albert Strasser, Raymond Strasser, Joseph Strasser, George Strasser, Lawrence Strasser, Orville Strasser, Dorothy Koppa, and Lucille Strasser.

The funeral service will be at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, April 29, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:00 A.M. Friday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

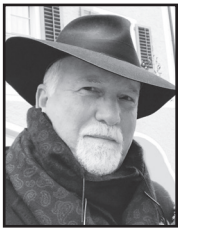
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Renewal

Dear Reader,

If we could live life all over again, would we? Would we avoid some of our poor choices, pitfalls, and shortcomings, so that we could become a better person going through life? Would we jump on opportunities and choices we previously passed on? Would we still be married, have the children we have, traveled to wherever?



I probably would do it all over again. I'm glad for those family and friends in my life that make my world spin around well. Maybe I'd tweak it a bit around the edges by asking for forgiveness in some of the stupid things I did (college comes to mind), but not for much. Everything I did or didn't do led me to my space in the here and now. It's hard to beat that.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome letters to the Editor, a chance for members of the community to comment on issues of concern to them. All letters must be original, not duplications of letters addressed to public officials or written by others. The views and opinions expressed are those of the letter writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication, its publishers, Editor, or staff.

TO THE EDITOR:

How we care for our earth will surely have an impact on our children. Do we care? Of course we do! But then it's only logical that we change our behavior in regard to how we care for the only place, the earth, where future

generations will live.

How much do we care? Do we care enough to turn off our car engines instead of letting them idle? Do we care enough to take containers along when we get takeout food? Do we care how many plastic bags end up in lakes, streams, and landfills? Do we really need curling irons, toasters, leaf blowers, decorative lights, four wheelers, dryers? Can we limit our fascination with the newest electronics? Can we whip cream by hand, do dishes in the sink? Do we know how to compost food waste? Teach our children how to make soil instead of smelly garbage? Do we need to wear fresh clothes and shower every day? Do we need a V8 engine, to redecorate our houses every few years with new stuff, eradicate the dandelions in our lawns with poison? Can we put on that old wool sweater instead of cranking up the thermostat?

Do we care? Oh, don't get me wrong. I'm guilty, too. So I have to tell myself quite often: We are borrowing the earth from our children, and my footprint has to become lighter and less destructive.

- Susanna Juon-Gilk
Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR:

Dismay, but not surprise resulted from this past April County Board meeting.

Four speakers, and three letters, offered opposing commentary on the wolf resolution cap of 350, sponsored by its promoter who won its support. Just two of us needed a small time extension beyond the five-minute limit in order to counter years of outdated and misleading information.

The Chair by-passed the option, provided by code, of an additional three minutes, but instructed us to wrap up instead.

My commentary centered on the premature nature of that resolution as the state nears completion of a management plan, based on current science and the results of the disastrous February 2021 wolf hunt.

The other opposing commentary stressed the fact that

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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: 4/21/22
/s/ Jay R. Tlusty
CIRCUIT JUDGE/
COURT COMMISSIONER
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
 Case No. 22CV56

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
 Oaklynn Grace Blaibach
 By (Petitioner): Samantha Lyn Landwehr
 By (Co-Petitioner): Daniel Richard Landwehr

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above.
 From: Oaklynn Grace Blaibach
 To: Oaklynn Grace Landwehr
 Birth Certificate: Oaklynn Grace Blaibach

IT IS ORDERED:
 This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.
 Judge's Name: Jay Tlusty
 Place: Branch 1, Lincoln County Courthouse
 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, WI 54452
 Date: 6-8-22
 Time 1:15 PM
 If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call _____ prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Merrill Foto News, a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.
 Published: Apr. 28, May 5 & 12, 2022
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: 4/5/22
/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-48

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
 Melody Starr Lynn Nelson
 By (Petitioner): Melody Starr Lynn Nelson

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
 A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above.
 From: Melody Starr Lynn Nelson
 To: Maxwell James Nelson
 Birth Certificate: Melody Starr Lynn Nelson

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: May 4, 2022
 Time: 1:15 pm
 If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, Please call _____ prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
 Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the _____, a newspaper published in _____ County, State of Wisconsin.
 Published: Apr. 14, 21 & 28, 2022
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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452-2586
NOTICE OF ACTION ON AN
ALLEY VACATION

Notice is hereby given that a Resolution to vacate an Alley is to be acted upon by the Common Council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, at the meeting of the Common Council commencing at 6:00 p.m., June 14, 2022, at City Hall, Merrill, Wisconsin, on the following proposed Vacation Resolution, to wit:

1. Vacating that portion of an alley described as follows:
 A part of H.W. Wright Lumber Company's Addition of Section Eleven (11) located in Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Six (6) East, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin; more particularly described as follows:
 All that part of Chippewa Street Beginning at the North Corner of Lot Four (4), Block Six (6) of H.W. Wright Lumber Company's Addition, thence S 46°32'41" W along the South Right-of-way of Chippewa Street 136.08 Feet, thence N 41°23'08" W along the West Right-of-way of Chippewa Street 30.02 Feet, thence N 46°36'52" E along the North Right-of-way of Chippewa Street 136.08 Feet, thence S 41°23'08" E along the West Right-of-way of West Street 30.02 Feet to the Point of Beginning.
 This Notice of action is being taken pursuant to a recommendation of the Board of Public Works on February 23, 2022 and the City Plan Commission on April 7, 2022.
 Any questions, please call City Attorney Thomas N. Hayden at 715-539-3510.
 Dated: April 8, 2022
 CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN
 BY: Katherine Unerth
 Deputy City Clerk
 Published Apr. 14, 21 & 28, 2022
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CITY OF MERRILL
COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 - MINUTES
Special Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.
 1. Mayor Woellner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members:
 Paul Russell – First District, Present
 Steve Hass – Second District, Present
 Rick Blake – Third District, Present
 Steve Osness – Fourth District, Present
 John M. VanLieshout – Fifth District, Present
 Mike Rick - Sixth District, Present
 Mark Weix – Seventh District, Present

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Steve Sabatke – Eighth District, Present
 Derek Woellner – Mayor, Present
 2. Silent Prayer
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Public Comment Period:
 Alderperson Steve Osness assisted his daughter with her request to pave her neighborhood streets.
 5. Consider appointment of City Clerk effective April 25 (instead of May 1) – Motion (Osness/VanLieshout) to appoint Lori Anderson-Malm as City of Merrill City Clerk effective on Monday, April 25, 2022. Carried.
 6. Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Robert Russell administered Oath of Office for and Oaths were signed for the following Elected Officials:
 Mayor, Alderpersons, and City Clerk.
 Joint Municipal Court Judge Ned Seubert took his Oath of Office at the City of Tomahawk on Monday, April 18, 2022.
 Street & Weed Commissioner Ron Liberty will take his Oath separately before May 1.
 7. Roll Call for newly-elected Common Council
 Paul Russell – First District, Present
 Mike "Gus" Caylor – Second District, Present
 Rick Blake – Third District, Present
 LaDonna Ferminich – Fourth District, Present
 Dick Lupton – Fifth District, Present
 Mike Rick - Sixth District, Present
 Mark Weix – Seventh District, Present
 Steve Sabatke – Eighth District, Present
 Steve Hass – Mayor, Present
 8. Elections and Mayor's Appointments
 a. Elect President of Common Council:
 Motion (Sabatke/Blake) to nominate Paul Russell. This was the only nomination. Carried.
 b. Elect Alderperson member of the City Plan Commission:
 Motion (Russell/Caylor) to nominate Steve Sabatke. This was the only nomination. Carried.
 c. Mayor's Appointments:
 Motion (Blake/Weix) to approve the Mayor's Alderperson and Citizen Appointments. Carried.
 9. Placing Committee Reports on File:
 Board of Canvass, Community Development, and Redevelopment Authority.
 Motion (Russell/Rick) to place the Committee Reports on file. Carried.
 10. Community Development Committee:
 Consider recommendation to subordinate The Lofts at City Hall's development loan of \$200,000 to Fortress Bank for up to \$800,000 - Motion (Rick/Blake) to authorize the Subordination of The Lofts at City Hall's development loan of \$200,000 to Fortress Bank for up to \$800,000. Carried.
 11. Resolutions:
A Resolution designating official newspaper for the City of Merrill – No. 2723.
 WHEREAS, Section 985.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the designation of an official newspaper for the printing of all the City's Official Business; and,
 WHEREAS, the Merrill FotoNews has qualified for such designation.
 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 19th day of April, 2022, that the Merrill FotoNews of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, shall be and is hereby designated, until further action, as the official newspaper for the City of Merrill.
 Motion (Russell/Lupton) to adopt the resolution designating Merrill FotoNews as official newspaper. Carried.
A Resolution designating official depositories for the City of Merrill – No. 2724.
 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 19th day of April, 2022, that the following financial institutions shall be qualified as public depositories under Chapter 34 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and shall be and hereby are designated until further action as public depositories for all public monies coming into the hands of the Treasurer for the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin:
 BMO Harris Bank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
 Nicolet Bank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
 incrediblebank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
 Local Government Investment Pool, State of Wisconsin Department of Administration
 Merrill Community Bank – Branch of Tomahawk Community Bank, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
 Park City Credit Union, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
 Associated Bank, N.A., Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
 Edward Jones, Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin
 Motion (Lupton/Blake) to adopt the resolution designating official depositories. Carried.
A Resolution authorizing development agreement by and between the City of Merrill, Wisconsin and MEND Merrill, LLC (for Tractor Supply Company) – No. 2725:
 WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Merrill created Tax Increment District (TID) No. 4 on September 11, 2007 and the redevelopment site is within TID No. 4; and,
 WHEREAS, Resolution No.2709 adopted on October 12, 2021 authorized \$75,000 for replacement of the roof on the former grocery store at the 3404 E. Main St. for new commercial operations and this work will be performed by the new property owner, MEND Merrill LLC; and,
 WHEREAS, a new greenhouse facility will be constructed on the west side of the existing building, along N. Pine Ridge Ave. and commercial business leased to Tractor Supply Company; and
 WHEREAS, the City of Merrill finds that the proposed development and the fulfillment of the items and conditions of the attached Development Agreement are in the vital and best interest of the City of Merrill, the Merrill Redevelopment Authority and City residents and serves a public purpose in accordance with State law; and,
 WHEREAS, additional new retail jobs

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will be generated by the new commercial businesses and property taxes will be maintained through these redevelopment projects; and,
 WHEREAS, MEND Merrill, LLC has negotiated the development agreement to provide an incentive payment not to exceed \$75,000 for roof replacement and \$50,000 for the new greenhouse facility; and,
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 19th day of April, 2022, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the development agreement by and between the City of Merrill and MEND Merrill, LLC and to facilitate the implementation thereof.
 Motion (Blake/Weix) to adopt the resolution authorizing the development agreement with MEND Merrill, LLC. Carried.
A Resolution honoring Derek Woellner for his extended service and great contribution to the City of Merrill – No. 2726:
 WHEREAS, Derek Woellner is retiring as Mayor of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, having served in that capacity with distinction since April 17, 2018; and,
 WHEREAS, the City of Merrill and its citizens have benefitted from his guidance, unselfish dedication and unwavering commitment to bettering our city; and,
 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the City of Merrill has seen much growth in Tax Increment Financing for economic development, the design of a proposed skateboard park including user groups, Marketing and Communications Committee formation, all while maintaining an unequalled commitment to economic growth and prosperity; and,
 WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid and stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Derek Woellner's dedicated service; and,
 WHEREAS, citizens of Merrill and Lincoln County have benefitted from his

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service to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors;
 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 19th day of April, 2022, that the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Derek Woellner has given to the City of Merrill and commend him for those years of service, and wish him the very best that life has to offer.
 Motion (Common Council) to adopt the resolution. Carried.
A Resolution honoring Steve Osness for his extended service and great contribution to the City of Merrill – No. 2727:
 WHEREAS, Steve Osness is retiring as Fourth District Alderperson of the City of Merrill; and,
 WHEREAS, Steve Osness has served as an alderperson for the City of Merrill since April 17, 2018; and,
 WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication Steve Osness has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,
 WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid and stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of Steve Osness' dedicated service; and,
 WHEREAS, Steve Osness' cheerful manner and hard work has been missed at the Merrill City Hall;
 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 19th day of April, 2022, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service Steve Osness has given to the City of Merrill and commend him for those years of service.
 Motion (Common Council) to adopt the resolution. Carried.
A Resolution honoring John VanLieshout for his extended service and great contribution to the City of Merrill – No. 2728:
 WHEREAS, John Van Lieshout is

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retiring as Fifth District Alderperson of the City of Merrill; and,
 WHEREAS, John Van Lieshout has served as an alderperson for the City of Merrill since April 17, 2018; and,
 WHEREAS, the personal commitment and unselfish dedication John Van Lieshout has put forth has contributed greatly to the growth, progress and stability of the City of Merrill; and,
 WHEREAS, the City of Merrill offers a solid and stable community environment for all of its citizens in part because of John Van Lieshout's dedicated service; and,
 WHEREAS, John Van Lieshout's cheerful manner and hard work will be missed at the Merrill City Hall;
 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 19th day of April, 2022, that the Common Council, and the people of Merrill officially acknowledge with deep appreciation the dedicated and faithful service John Van Lieshout has given to the City of Merrill and commend him for those years of service.
 Motion (Common Council) to adopt the resolution. Carried.
 12. Mayor's Communications – Mayor Hass announced:
 High School Job Fair on May 4
 City of Merrill still recruiting for lifeguards for Bierman Aquatic Center
 Volunteers are needed for Special Olympics on May 14
 13. Motion (Lupton/Rick) to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Carried.
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 16, 2022 – Minutes
 The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the MHS Auditorium.
 Board members present: Ashbeck, Gremler, Krueger, Liberty, Osness, Woller, Yingling and Blake. Board members absent: Volpe. Others Present: Dr. Sample, MAPS

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Administrators, Rell and Skoviera; approximately 14 people from the public and Recorder Woller.
 MOTION by Woller, second by Krueger to approve the Head Start 2021-2022 Community Assessment. Motion carried unanimously.
 MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Osness to approve the 2022-2023 Federal Head Start Grant. Motion carried unanimously.
 MOTION by Osness, second by Krueger to approve the Head Start Cost Allocation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
 MOTION by Woller, second by Osness to approve the schedules, course offerings and registration materials for the MAPS Summer School Enrichment 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
 MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Osness to approve the MHS Spanish immersion trip to Costa Rica as presented for March of 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

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NOTICE
Springbrook
Cemetery
Association
Annual Meeting
 May 6, 2022
 7 PM
 Pine River Town Hall

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW TOWN OF SCOTT, LINCOLN COUNTY, WI

Notice is hereby given that Pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. stats., the Town of Scott assessment roll for the year 2021 assessment will be open for examination on the **4th day of May, 2022, at the Scott Town Hall, N563 Lake Road, Merrill, WI, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Instructional material about the assessment, how to file an objection, and board of review procedures under Wisconsin law will be available at that time.

Notice is further given that the Board of Review for the Town of Scott, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on **May 16, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Scott Town Hall, N563 Lake Road, Merrill, WI.**

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 Scott 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.
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 April, 2022.

By: Becky Byer, Town of Scott Clerk

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MOTION by Ashbeck, second by Osness to approve the Merrill High School English immersion trip to Greece as presented for March of 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

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approve Policy 5722 School-Sponsored Publications and Productions as a first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

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MOTION by Osness, second by Yingling to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Merrill Area Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting April 11, 2022 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: Ashbeck, Gremier, Krueger, Osness, Volpe, Woller, Yingling and Blake.

Merrill Area Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting April 5, 2022 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the Board room. Board members present: all. Board members absent: none.

MOTION by Osness, second by Volpe to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Merrill Area Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting March 30, 2022 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:10 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: Ashbeck, Gremier, Krueger, Osness, Volpe, Woller, Yingling and Blake.

PAID LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome letters to the Editor, a chance for members of the community to comment on issues of concern to them. All letters must be original, not duplications of letters addressed to public officials or written by others.

TO THE EDITOR

I want to thank the people of District 18, Town of Harrison and Town of King, for their support during my term as County Board Supervisor and for their encouragement and help in my recent election campaign.

In the past six years of service, I found the work very rewarding, particularly the non-partisan aspects, cooperative discussions, and deliberations in problem solving with many fine fellow supervisors and County Staff.

County services provide law enforcement, public health, social services, roads, solid waste, land services, forest and trail management, to name a few. All are critical to keep our communities safe, strong, healthy, and growing.

Times have changed for me. I congratulate my successor, Ken Wickham, and wish him well in his service.

In closing, I am deeply honored for the privilege to have served you in this position for the past six years.

- Pat Voermans Gleason, Wis.

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LETTERS from page 4

no other state wildlife has population caps, in spite of the fact that they cost the state far more financially and do more damage than wolves.

The worst damage to democracy took place during the morning session where Supervisor Calvin Callahan authored and submitted a code revision that ultimately granted the Board Chair more powers without Board discussion.

All committee chair appointments now fall to the Board Chair. The Board Chair now replaces the Corporation Counsel as Parliamentarian. The rewrite transferred new resolution review and recommendation by oversight committees to a new, Chair-appointed committee.

New Board members won their seats with the promise of more transparency, accountability and public input, but I think the voting public will find out that is not going to be the case.

- Diana C. Smith Tomahawk, Wis.

COUNCIL from page 1

Steve stepped up to meet her at the podium and held the microphone and the note for her so she could read her question aloud. Raya asked: "If you can pay for everything else, why can't you pay for yellow lines on every street? Thank you."

Amid chuckles from a nearly-full room, Raya skipped back to her seat.

"We'll have to bring that one to the Board of Public Works," Woellner said.

Raya's dad, Steve, shared the background. "Raya and the family and I were driving into town on Pier St., we made a turn onto our road, and Raya turned to me and said, 'Dad if the City pays for everything else, why can't they paint yellow lines on all the roads?'"

"The question caught me off guard and I had to think quick!" he said. "However, I had no answer for her. I didn't know what to say. So she asked again."

"Knowing how tenacious she is and won't quit asking until she receives an answer, I proceed to tell her she needs to contact her alderman!" Steve said.

"DAD! I don't have a phone and aren't you my alderman?" she responded to him.

Area blood drives need donors

Organizations and events in the Merrill area are incorporating blood drives. And organizers are calling on the community to become blood donors to give a potentially life-saving gift by donating blood.

On Sunday, May 1, the Community Blood Center will be at the Gleason Lions Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast, N5179 Bradley St., in Gleason, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please call The Community Blood Center at 800.280.4102 to register in advance.

On Thursday, May 5, Park City Credit Union will hold a Merrill Blood Drive at their corporate building at 501 S. Pine Ridge Ave., in Merrill, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To reserve your appointment, call Park City Credit Union at 715.536.8351 or go online to: communityblood.org/donor.

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"I said I would not be after my next meeting, as I have resigned that position," Steve said. "So, to make her feel better and trying to get off the hook to a question I didn't have the answer for, I said, 'Why don't I take you to the next meeting and you can make public comment and ask your question.'"

Steve said he I explained it would be on Tuesday.

"Monday night rolls around and she and her sister, Payge, start a hand written note that Raya could read for public comment," he said.

Tuesday arrives and I'm thinking she will still back out, Steve said. Then he hears the Mayor ask for public comment and she catches his eye from the audience, gets up, and makes her way to the podium. So Steve followed her lead.

"She did a great job and hopefully she gets her answers she is looking for," Steve said.

TOWN OF MERRILL Residents are encouraged to attend board meetings on May 9, 2022 & June 13, 2022 at 6:30PM at the Town of Merrill Community Center to submit suggestions for spending American Rescue Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Bid Notice-Equipment For Sale The Town of Merrill is offering for sale by sealed bids the following equipment: • Husqvarna Mower with 48" deck and 44" blower • Industrial brand compressor with 1 hp motor

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Pierschalla-Zastrow is March Youth Optimist at MHS

Jonnie Pierschalla-Zastrow has been named March Youth Optimist at Merrill High School. She was nominated by Mr. Robert Klug and Mr. Josh Wilson.



Zastrow

"I was Jonnie's Algebra 1 teacher when she was a Freshman," said Mr. Klug. "Jonnie carries herself around school with a smile on her face. She has an outgoing, energetic personality. She is confident in herself. She isn't afraid to go outside of her comfort level. Although she was in my classroom a number of years ago - she makes it a point to say hello in the hall any time that she passes my room. I've noticed the classes that she has taken in my department, and she isn't afraid to challenge herself. Jonnie is a genuine, high-quality Merrill High School student."

"Although Jonnie's academic abilities are evident in her transcript and her success during her time at Merrill High School, what I most admire about Jonnie is her personality," Mr. Wilson said. "I often tell students that, as they move forward in their lives as a student and beyond, they need to be an advocate for themselves. I appreciate Jonnie's assertiveness. She does not hesitate to clearly communicate what she needs in order to be successful. Jonnie does not want to know the 'correct' answer but she wants to know why an answer is correct."

"Jonnie works to turn weaknesses into strengths," he said. "This attitude, combined with her assertiveness and determination to continually seek ways to better herself, will serve her well as she moves forward in a career dedicated to helping others. ... 2019-2020 was my first year teaching at Merrill High School after years of teaching outside of Wisconsin. I was asked to begin an Advanced Placement (AP) United States

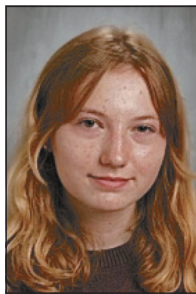
History course which had not been previously offered at MHS. Jonnie enrolled in that first course as a Sophomore. The class can be a challenge for students, and Jonnie made every effort to do well in the course. I was impressed by her commitment to her studies and her determination to improve as a student throughout the course of the year. She sought out help as needed and incorporated feedback in improving her work. Jonnie received high scores on assignments and exams throughout the class and did very well on the end-of-course assessment to earn college credit for completing the course. Jonnie is intelligent, compassionate, and determined. She will do great things as she moves forward and I am excited to see what she accomplishes."

Jonnie has been involved in MHS Dance Team (lettered), Symphonic Band (lettered), Wind Ensemble, Junior Optimist Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, National Honors Society, Student of the Quarter, and Tri-M at school. She has also been actively involved at Brookes School of Dance, and as a Dietary Aide at Pinecrest Nursing Home, a Hospitality Aide at Pinecrest Nursing Home, a Certified Nursing Assistant at Pinecrest, a Bell Ringer for Salvation Army, and helped with Breakfast with Santa, made button headbands for healthcare workers, made cards for nursing homes, and helped with Girl Scout Halloween party, Make a Difference Day, and Highway Clean Up.

After graduation, Jonnie plans to attend Northcentral Technical College to get an associate's degree in nursing, then to work while continuing her education to get a BSN, and ultimately plans to become a nurse practitioner. Jonnie is the daughter of Jessica Pierschalla.

Malinowski is April Youth Optimist at PRMS

Eighth grader Maria Malinowski has been named April Youth Optimist at Prairie River Middle School. Mr. Wadzinski nominated Maria saying, "Maria is an incredibly kind and hard-working student" and "is always on top of her work and is willing to go above and beyond without being asked or called upon."



Malinowski

"Maria is also involved in extracurricular activities ranging from athletics like cross country and basketball to volunteering at shelters and the Salvation Army through church," he said.

"You will never find Maria gloating or calling attention to herself," Mr. Wadzinski said, "however, she very much deserves the recognition, be-

cause she truly embodies what it means to be a Youth Optimist. I am proud to call myself her teacher, and I know she will continue to succeed in life moving forward because of her work ethic and attitude towards others."

At school, Maria has been Student of the Quarter, on the Honor Roll, and took fifth place in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. She is an acolyte at Trinity Church, has made meals for the homeless with her church, and has volunteered at a soup kitchen in Wausau.

Maria enjoys playing guitar and is kind and thoughtful.

She is the daughter of Michael Malinowski of Merrill.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Boesl graduates from UW-La Crosse

UW-LaCrosse announced Shay Boesl of Athens graduated in December 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree, with a Health and Wellness Management Major, during their 57th Annual Winter Commencement held at the La Crosse Center on Dec. 19, 2021.

Ashby appointed to Dean's List at Mount Mary University

Desiree M. Ashby of Gleason is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in English - Creative Writing and was appointed the Fall 2021 Dean's List at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee.

Sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Mount Mary is a diverse and inclusive urban Catholic university located in Milwaukee, Wis., committed to social justice through more than 30 undergraduate majors for women and 10 graduate programs for women and men. Visit mtmary.edu.

Hinner named to MSOE Dean's List for Winter Quarter 2022

Robert Hinner of Merrill was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Dean's List for the 2022 Winter Quarter. Hinner is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.

Thomas named to UW-Stout Women's Track and Field Team

Dalie Thomas of Merrill, a Junior pursuing a degree in Health, Wellness, and Fitness, has been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout 2021-22 Women's Track and Field Team as a Distance runner.

Celebrate with MHS Choirs "OnStage" and the public is invited

The MHS Choir Department will present their final performance of the 2021-2022 school year, "OnStage - Our Journey," on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Merrill High School Auditorium. This performance will feature all three choirs, as well as several talented soloists, all performing music that tells of their journey - whether throughout high school or for the future. Featuring music by Journey, The Beatles, Katy Perry, Elvis Presley, Fleetwood Mac, Billie Eilish, Green Day, and many more, there is sure to be something for everyone to recognize and enjoy during this concert.

This MHS concert is free to attend and is family friendly, so everyone is invited to celebrate another great year of music-making and say goodbye to the graduating Seniors.

For questions, contact Joshua Olson, Choir Director, at joshua.olson@mapsedu.org.

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MERRILL FOTO NEWS

Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is **Brynlee Heidemann**
Daughter of **Dirk & Jessica Heidemann**
Brynlee is in 4th grade at St. John Lutheran School. She was nominated by Mrs. Breitwisch.

Happy Birthday and Retirement

If you see **BRIAN OPPER**, please wish him a Happy Birthday and a Happy Retirement. Plus, CONGRATULATIONS on 39 years of accident free driving of snowplows and graders.

Love, Clayton & Sherri

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What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
My favorite subject is art because it's creative.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
I like spending time with my friends because they are fun.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
Some day I'd like to be a farmer and run my parents farm, or a large animal veterinarian.

Brynlee is someone who is able to take a joke and have fun with it, while still making sure things don't get out of hand. She works hard, plays hard, and is a feisty young lady who is not afraid to state her opinion. Her input and observations always make our class discussions more lively.
- Mrs. Breitwisch

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Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

The Northman

(Now showing in theatres)

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Rated a Hard R – for language, violence, sexual situations, and general nastiness

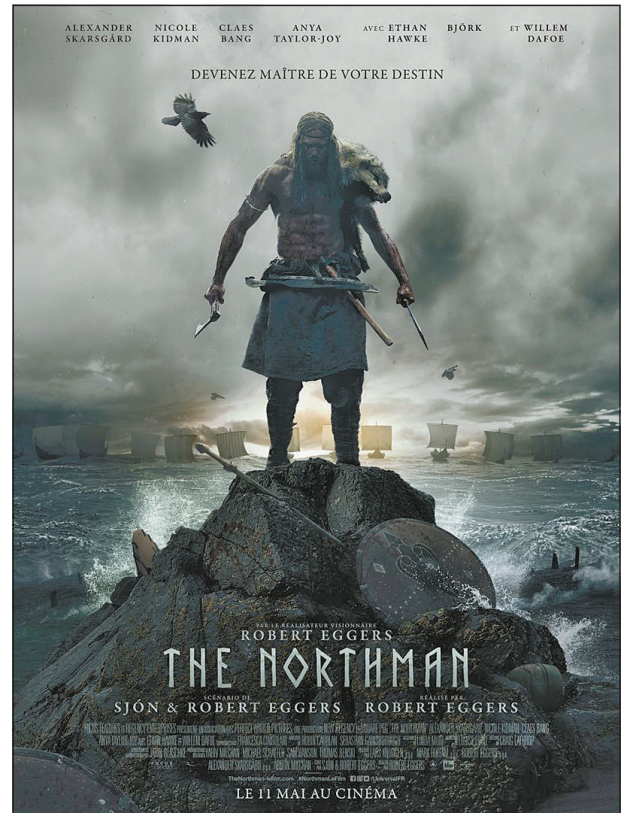
After seeing what I consider to be one of the best films of the year last weekend, this weekend I was subjected to the train wreck that is *The Northman*.

To say I was disappointed would be an understatement. I was very interested and excited for this feature due to the pre-release buzz and trailers.

What I got was a fleecing of my hard-earned money and two-and-a-half hours of my life I will never get back.

The Northman is essentially a revenge story taking some plot elements from *Hamlet*. The formula is simple: take a revenge tale, add in some Norse mythology, an excessive amount of screaming and grunting, some psychotropic drugs, a few nasty bodily functions, and presto, an arthouse movie masquerading as an epic Viking tale.

It's actually amazing that they botched this one up in such an epic fashion. All the pieces for an excellent film are there: a good cast with people like Nicole Kidman, Willem Dafoe, and Alexander



Skarsgård; an accomplished director; amazing cinematography; and great visuals. But it just didn't work.

Overly long, unnecessarily violent, and just plain old nasty in some parts and incomprehensible in other parts, this film is simply a mess.

Oh, and the final fight is straight out of *Star Wars* with a duel in a volcano. No, I am not kidding – two Vikings have a sword fight in a volcano that is erupting. Oh, and one of them has a magic sword he fought a corpse for. Don't ask. It didn't make any sense to me, so I could never explain it to you.

This mess gets one star out of five stars. I almost gave it two due to the excellent visuals, but I do not want to encourage anyone to actually pay money to see this wreck.

Go see *Everything, Everywhere All at Once* instead.



The Lincoln County Humane Society would like to thank Orin Walker for making a donation on his birthday. "Happy birthday, Orin!" **Submitted photo.**



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Please note: The information contained in these presentations does not constitute advice or endorsement of any product by the Merrill Enrichment Center or City of Merrill.

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HEALTH from page 1

Holbach, who died by suicide on Dec. 29, 2017, at age 20. Both organizations support the RYV Club mission and work to make change in the area of mental health.

Help prevent suicide

In 2020, 861 Wisconsin residents died by suicide. If suicide ever crosses your mind, just know people would rather listen to your story than attend your funeral.

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- Call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline (available 24 hours a day in English and Spanish): 800.273.TALK (8255)

- Text HOPELINE to 741741 — from anywhere, anytime, about any type of challenge or struggle. Help and hope is just a text away.™ A live, trained crisis counselor receives the text and responds quickly.

- Go to <https://safespace.vibrant.org/> and start a chat.

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988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. While some areas may be currently able to connect to the Lifeline by dialing 988, this dialing code will be available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16, 2022.

Merrill Rotary Club announces Run for the Roses Charity Watch Party

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Rotary Club will hold its First Annual Run for the Roses Charity Watch Party on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club, 1205 Lake St. in Merrill, where attendees will be able to watch the 2022 Kentucky Derby and also raise money for a great cause.

Tickets are \$50 each and are available at <https://bit.ly/MerrillRotaryTickets>.

This gala event is an invitation for attendees to “don their fancy hats and dapper attire and come grab a mint julep with Merrill Rotary.” The event will include a silent auction, wine and bourbon tasting, prizes for best hats and outfits, live music, and more. All proceeds will benefit the Trinity Daycare Expansion Project.

The Kentucky Derby

The Kentucky Derby, presented by Woodford Reserve (a brand of premium small batch Kentucky straight bourbon whiskey), is a top rank, Grade I stakes race for three-year-old Thoroughbred horses. Run on a dirt racetrack at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, the race is one and one-quarter miles long. The first Kentucky Derby race was held May 17, 1875, and was sponsored by the Louisville Jockey Club. Taking place on the first Saturday in May every year, the Kentucky Derby is now the longest continually held sporting event in America, an American tradition, and one of the most prestigious horse races in the world.

Twenty horses compete, and those horses have earned their spot at the starting gate by acquiring race points from prior races (“the Road to the Kentucky Derby”). The Kentucky Derby winning

purse is \$2 million, and at the end of each Kentucky Derby, the Governor of the state of Kentucky traditionally awards the winner a trophy, and the winning horse is draped with a blanket of hundreds of red roses sewn together. (The red rose became the official flower of the Kentucky Derby in 1904.) In 1925, Bill Corum, a New York sports columnist, dubbed the Kentucky Derby the “Run for the Roses®,” and the name not only stuck but became synonymous with the Kentucky Derby.

Also dubbed “The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports,” (two minutes is the approximate time it takes for the winning horse to run the race from the starting gate to the finish line), the Kentucky Derby is the first of three races within the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing.

The Kentucky Derby typically draws about 155,000 attendees and has also become rich with other traditions, including dressing up for the occasion in stylish attire and a sassy or striking hat and sipping a mint julep. The Merrill Rotary Club is hoping attendees at their event will embrace these traditions, as well.

At Churchill Downs, a mint julep made by Woodford Reserve is rumored to cost about \$1,000, and almost 120,000 of them are served over the two-day weekend of the race. The mint juleps served at the Rotary Club’s Charity Watch Party are guaranteed to be far less expensive, and the profits from this event go to a great cause, to help expand much-needed child care programs in the Merrill area.

Something tells me Dan Fogelberg’s popular 1982 song called “Run for the Roses” will also be played at the watch party at least once, and now I have that song stuck in my head. Thanks, Merrill Rotary Club! (I actually love that song.)



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mark the Club's 50th year. The Stump Jumpers are responsible for 30 miles of trails in the south and west areas of Merrill.

Getting the trails ready for the winter season each year takes a lot of time and dedication from club

members. Each fall, club members volunteer their time to connect with landowners to verify and establish trails. Hours are spent clearing brush, trees, and obstacles from the

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The Lady Jays are 0 for 3 this week in soccer

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On Saturday, April 23, the Merrill Girls Varsity Soccer Team traveled to Rhinelander where the Hodag girls were on the offense. The Lady Jays held them off until almost 10 minutes into the first half, and they made them work hard, but the Hodags had the edge in this game. Rhinelander scored four goals in the first half and three in the second. Merrill's Anne Bowe made 13 saves, but Rhinelander succeeded in getting seven balls through. Merrill had two shots on goal, but Rhinelander blocked them both.

"A tough way to end the week and certainly not the result we were looking for," said Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach Kyle Hahn. "Rhinelander has a solid team, and we were missing a handful of girls again, leaving us with little bench depth for support. We played and defended well in stretches, but giving up 5 of 7 goals in the last 10 minutes of each half seems to

indicate tired legs and minds. We've a few extra days before we head back into conference play against Wausau East, and I'm hoping some extra rest and prep work does us good."

Box Score: Merrill 0 @ Rhinelander 7

A home game on Thursday, April 21, brought DC Everest to Merrill where the Bluejays were definitely on the defense. Everest scored 6 goals in the first half and 3 in the second, took a total of 17 shots on goal including 6 corner kicks, and landed 9 of those. Bowe blocked eight. Meanwhile, Merrill got one corner kick but didn't have any shots on goal.

"This was always going to be a tough game," Hahn said. "DC Everest is a perennial conference powerhouse for girls soccer, and they certainly showed what they're capable of. Pair that with missing four starters for a variety of reasons, and we were up against it."

"I give our girls a lot of credit for battling throughout and finding ways to be



#23 from DC Everest is in pursuit as Merrill's #21 Alissa Kracht is intent on getting the ball.

successful on the night even if the scoreboard indicated otherwise," Hahn said. Reggie Lahti has been real solid for us at left back this season and did a great job containing dynamic players all night long."

Box Score: Merrill 0, DC Everest 9

Tuesday April 19, Merrill hosted the SPASH Girls Soccer Team in a game that saw both teams battling hard. SPASH landed two goals in the first half, one at 5:14 and the other at 19:22, but they took 14 shots on goal during this game, and Bowe blocked 12 of those.

Merrill took two shots on goal but SPASH blocked them both.

"Apart from two unlucky goals scored by SPASH in the first half, this was a very even contest," Hahn said. "Their first goal five minutes in certainly surprised us and seemed to take the wind out of our sails a bit. After their second goal came short of the 20-minute mark, I could sense frustration building within our group."

"We made some adjustments at half-



#5 Faith Zdroik goes after it in the April 21 home game against DC Everest.

Joseph Frederick photos.

time and seemed to have more grit and resolve throughout the second half," he said. "We came close to getting on the board a couple of times and it always seemed like we could get back in the game at any point. Unfortunately, we just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net. Tremendous credit to our girls though for continuing to push hard through the final whistle, though."

Box Score: Merrill 0 @ SPASH 2

2022 Merrill High School Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball-Boys (Varsity, JV & JV2)			
Thurs. April 28	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Fri. April 29	Tomahawk (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Mon. May 2	WI Rapids Lincoln (JV2) DBL	Away	4:00 pm
Mon. May 2	Mosinee (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. May 3	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 5	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Softball-Girls (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. April 28	Marshfield (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Sat. April 30	Multiple-Portage (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Mon. May 2	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Tues. May 3	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:30 pm
Thurs. May 5	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Home	4:30 pm
Soccer-Girls (Varsity & JV)			
Thurs. April 28	Wausau East (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. April 28	Wausau East (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Sat. April 30	Lakeland Union (JV)	Away	11:00 am
Sat. April 30	Lakeland Union (Varsity)	Away	1:00 pm
Tues. May 3	Wausau West (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 5	Marshfield (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. May 5	Marshfield (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Track & Field-Boys (Varsity & JV)			
Tues. May 3	Stevens Point (Varsity & JV)	Away	3:30 pm
Thurs. May 5	Wausau East (JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Track & Field-Girls (Varsity & JV)			
Tues. May 3	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Thurs. May 5	Wausau East (Varsity & JV)	Away	4:00 pm
Golf-Boys (Varsity & JV)			
Fri. April 29	Ridges Golf (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm
Tues. May 3	River Edge Golf (Varsity)	Away	2:00 pm
Thurs. May 5	Indianhead Golf (JV)	Away	3:00 pm

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trails and putting up proper signage. Once the snow comes and the creeks and swamps freeze, many additional hours are put in rolling and panning to get the trails ready for safe riding.

Besides grooming and maintaining the trails, club members feel strongly about supporting the Merrill community. This year the club elected to support four local charities with monetary donations, which included the Merrill Food Bank and the



MACR Board Chair/Co-Founder Jeremy Ratliff accepts a donation check from Laurie Swope of the Devil's Creek Stump Jumpers. Submitted photo.

Veterans Military Ride. The Veterans Military Ride was held on Jan. 17 in Eagle River and is designed to thank Veterans for their service and to grow the sport of snowmobiling by introducing them to a winter sport that is safe and fun for the whole family.

Friday, Jan. 21, the Devils Creek Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club of Southern Lincoln County presented a donation in the amount of \$100, in support of Sleds 'N Jams 2022 and the McCaskill Family of Merrill.

The fourth donation was given to snowmobiler Tyler Siemen who is participating in the Valentine

500 Mile Snowmobile Ride which is a part of Snowball Cancer 2022, a group of volunteers that will attempt to ride 500+ miles in one day! The money raised will go to the Keller Family Community Foundation to support their mission.

In past years, the Devil's Creek Stump Jumpers have also supported the Never Forgotten Honor Flight for Wisconsin's World War II veterans, Kippenberg Creek Kids, and the Wisconsin Special Olympics.

More information about supporting or joining the Devil's Creek Stump Jumpers can be found on their Facebook page or www.devils creek.org.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ellexa Emmer, a Sophomore at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Ellexa competes as a member of the MHS Track and Field Team in the shot put and discus events. She started as a Freshman on the JV team for discus and Varsity for shot put and is now Varsity for both. Ellexa also plays volleyball. She played fourth through eighth grades on the Trinity Lutheran School Volleyball Team and has played for the MHS Volleyball Varsity Team the last two years. In the off season, she plays Club Volleyball for Medford Storm.

At school, Ellexa's favorite classes are choir and chemistry, and she is involved with Class Council, Student Council, Raise Your Voice, Junior Optimists, several choirs, and Merrill Theatre Jays, and she was just accepted into LINK Crew. In her free time, she helps with youth at Hillside Church and heads up a hospitality team there. She enjoys being outdoors, practicing for volleyball, taking care of her sheep and other animals on their hobby farm, singing in her church choir at Hillside Church, baking, and reading.

The daughter of Carla Emmer and Chad Emmer of Merrill, Ellexa has a 3.953 GPA and plans to attend college to become a wildlife biologist after high school.



Ellexa Emmer

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