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Supervisors approve resolution allowing wheel tax to sunset at end of 2022

BY JALEN MAKI
 TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, during its meeting in Merrill on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, voted to formally allow the County's annual \$20.00 vehicle registration fee, known as the "wheel tax," to sunset on Dec. 31, 2022.

The Board voted 14-3 to pass a resolution that instructs the County to notify the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) of the fee's expiration. In April 2021, the Board voted to extend the wheel tax through 2022 and add the Dec. 31, 2022 sunset.

An ordinance creating the \$20.00 vehicle registration fee was approved in Sept. 2017, and the fee went into effect on Jan. 1, 2018. The ordinance included a Dec. 31, 2018, sunset. However, the fee was extended multiple times as a means of generating funds for the

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Republican candidate for Governor, Rebecca Kleefisch, spoke to a crowd of about 50 people who gathered at the new headquarters for the Lincoln County Republican Party [in the former First Street Coffee Station location on E. First St.] in Merrill.

Tina L. Scott photo.

Kleefisch campaigns for Lincoln County votes in Aug. 9 primary

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

Rebecca Kleefisch, one of four Republican candidates competing to run for Governor of Wisconsin, visited Merrill on Tuesday evening, July 19, 2022.

Speaking before a group of about 50 area residents at the new Lincoln County Republican Party Headquarters office at 809 E. First St. (formerly First Street Coffee Station), Kleefisch emphasized the importance of voting in the upcom-

ing Aug. 9, 2022, Partisan Primary Election and said she isn't just looking for Republican votes; she's asking independents to vote for her, too.

During her meet-and-greet, Kleefisch emphasized her experience as former Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin and said if Wisconsin residents aren't happy with the way things are currently being run in Wisconsin, she is the candidate who can turn things around for the state.

"I am the only one who can beat Tony Evers this fall," Kleefisch said. "I am the only PROVEN conserva-

tive fighter in this race ... And I ask you to check out my record."

"I think what the people of Wisconsin are hoping for right now is someone with the proven leadership experience, who has actually understudied this job for eight years and understands what it is like to be there after a deep recession," she said. "After the '07 to '09 recession, ... our economy had been decimated."

"Jim Doyle had essentially closed

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Trinity Merrill Childcare Center set to open in September

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TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill (Trinity Merrill) is set to open a new and expanded childcare facility in mid September 2022 to help address the shortage of available childcare in the area.

Currently known as Trinity Christian Daycare at 501 W. Main St., the daycare will soon have a new location and a new name: Trinity Merrill Childcare Center (TMCC) will be located at 201 Stange St. in the former Hurd office building, located near several manufacturing



The new Trinity Merrill Childcare Center will be located in the former Hurd office building on South Stange Street.

Tina L. Scott photo.

facilities.

Located right off the Riverbend Trail, removed from busy main streets, and yet easily accessible from W. Main St., "Trinity Merrill believes this location provides a safe and convenient spot for children to be cared for," said Pastor Adam Rodriguez, Associate Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Merrill and the spokesperson for the project.

The new facility will be consider-

ably larger than the current daycare and will provide the opportunity to care for more children. "Capacity at the new TMCC will be approximately 90, based on final configuration of the remodel," he said.

TMCC will care for children from infants to age 5 and will also provide "wrap around care" for school age children, before and after school.

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Relay for Life to honor cancer survivors on Aug. 5

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill Community

Relay for Life will honor cancer survivors in a Relay for Life Ceremony on the Lincoln County

Courthouse lawn [1110 East Main St. in Merrill] on Friday, Aug. 5, at 6:00 p.m.

Cancer survivors are encouraged to register in advance at www.cancer.org/involved/

event-search, and early registrants will receive a Survivor shirt from the American Cancer Society

by mail. Other attendees are also encouraged to register as walkers, although they will not receive shirts. Survivors and attendees can also register at the actual event. The registration table will be set up at the northeast corner of the Courthouse lawn nearest to the roundabout.

Lights of Hope [solar lights] will be set up on the Courthouse lawn the night before the event and stay there commemorating the fight against cancer for the night of Aug. 5, as well.

On Aug. 5 at 6:00 p.m., there will be ceremonies to recognize and celebrate cancer survivors, to celebrate caregivers, to remember those lost to cancer and to reflect on the journeys of survivors, and to come together as a community to "fight back" against cancer.

The event will include a walk around the Courthouse square, and water and cookies will be available.

There will also be a ceremony for attendees to hang a heart on the Tree of Hope in memory of or in honor of a friend, family member, or loved one who has, or is currently, battling against cancer. The hearts will be available for purchase in advance or the evening of the event.

Merrill Community Relay for Life has set a goal to earn \$30,000. Donations help fund cancer research, patient care programs, and make a difference in communities. "With every donation, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives."

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Rathke of Merrill named Wisconsin VFW State Commander

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Michele Rathke of Merrill was elected as Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) State Commander at its 101st State Convention on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino in Milwaukee. Rathke, a 20-year active duty U.S. Air Force veteran, is the third female to be elected as State Commander and also third to hold membership in both the VFW and its Auxiliary.



Michelle Rathke.

In her terms of active duty, Rathke served at Kelly Air Force Base (AFB) in Texas; Randolph AFB in Texas; Offutt AFB in Nebraska; Warner Robbins AFB in Georgia; RAF Upper Heyford in England; Keflavik Naval Air Station in Iceland, and also served in numerous conflicts including in the Republic of Korea, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Shield, and at Al Jaber Air Base in Kuwait.

Here in Merrill, she has been active in the local VFW for more than 17 years since retiring from the Air Force in 2007. She has also been active in the local VFW Auxiliary. Rathke was an All-American Post Commander for two years at Schmitt-Manecke-Donner VFW Post 1638 here in Merrill. She was elected District 7 Commander for two years. District 7 includes 30 VFW Posts in Central Wisconsin. Rathke also served as Chief of Staff for All American State Commander Donald Lynch from 2019 to 2020.

Commander Rathke has adopted a motto for this year: One T.E.A.M. To her, T.E.A.M. stands for "Together Everyone Achieves More."

"All members of the VFW Department of Wisconsin are veterans that have deployed, and the families kept the fires burning at home," Rathke said. "We all identify that teamwork is necessary to make gains and move forward. We aim to continue service to veterans while making sure the newest generation of eligible veterans knows we are here for them. We are one team."

Rathke officially took on her new role during a formal change of command ceremony on June 11. VFW State Commander 2018-2019, Gundel Metz, was the installation authority, and VFW Commander 2013-2014, Renee Simpson, was Aid-de-Camp. Rathke replaces former State Commander 2021-2022, Cory Geisler. The Department also celebrated 100 years of VFW service to veterans, military, and their families across Wisconsin.

In the coming years, the VFW will work together as it transitions from a current population comprised of 60 percent Vietnam Veterans to turn over leadership to the next generation, those service men and women returning from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Successful VFW Posts identify the leaders of tomorrow and leverage the mentorship of our Vietnam

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Michele Rathke, holding Wisconsin sign by bicycle rear tire.

Submitted photos.



Michele Rathke with her parents and siblings.



Female line officers. Michele Rathke, new Wisconsin VFW State Commander, is in the center in the back row.



Michele Rathke, front row far left, is the new Wisconsin VFW State Commander.

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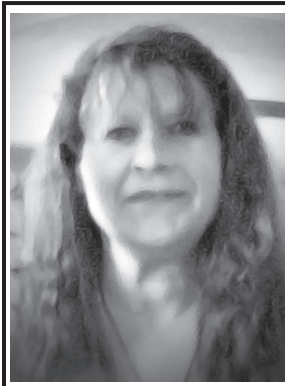
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Laura Leigh Thomas passed on July 15, 2022 at Aspirus Plover Hospital.

Laura was born on January 19, 1968 in San Jose, California to Danny and Margaret Thomas.

She was a true animal lover. Besides growing up with cats and dogs, she had birds, rats, and a snake. She participated in Future Farms of America (FFA) while in high school and raised a lamb, which she proudly sold at the Santa Clara County Fair (CA).

Laura is survived by her sons Craig Thomas (Sarah Smith), Merrill and Thomas (Amber) Chisholm, Florida; grandchildren: McKenna, Owen, Landen and Bryleigh Thomas, all of Merrill; siblings: John (Cori) Thomas, CA; Lisa (David) Pritchett, Appleton; Jack Thomas, CA; nieces and nephews: Jon (Kelly) Crawford; Jordan (Dustin) Fraser; Devin Thomas; Kamryn Sims (Courtney Carr); Hannah Thomas; Dylin Thomas; Kayleigh Sims; Dalie Thomas and Julian Thomas; many cousins and friends.

Laura was preceded by her parents, her brother Danny, grandparents and many aunts and uncles.

Laura has been cremated and a memorial service is planned in California during the summer of next year.

In lieu of flowers and because of her love for animas, please make a donation to the local shelter or the animal rescue of your choice in her memory.



Robert Gene Boquist, age 71, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 24, 2022, surrounded by his family in Gleason, Wisconsin. He was born on July 6, 1951, to the late Carl and Dorothy (Mosser) Boquist in Merrill, Wisconsin.

He was a proud union laborer, he especially enjoyed working on the Alaskan pipeline. He was also the Union President of Laborers Local 1359 for many years and spent the last few years before he retired as Business Manager of Local 1359, Business Rep of Local 268, and Delegate and Trustee on many Wisconsin Laborers Funds. "United We Bargain, Divided We Beg" was one of his favorite quotes.

He enjoyed hunting, gardening, woodworking, camping, spending time outdoors and at the cabin, and spending time with his family.

Robert is survived by his wife Rose Ann Boquist, children: Laura (Pat) Beyer, Aaron (Krissy) Boquist, and Carl (Ranee Lott) Boquist, grandchildren: Tricia (Doug) Evans, Travis Beyer, Emma Boquist, and Ally Boquist, great grandchildren: Tyson and Violet Evans, siblings: Elaine Boquist, Carol Boquist, Betty (Dan) Walrath, Don (Jenilyn) Boquist, Sandy (Bill) Koutnik, and Karla Boquist. He was preceded in death by his parents, son: Lucas Boquist, siblings: Walter Boquist and Jerry Boquist, father-in-law: Bud Walrath, step father-in-law: John Knapek and brother-in-law: Danny Joe.

A private interment will take place at Forest View Cemetery in the Town of Vilas.

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.



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MAY 13, 2022

Boy, Keelyn Ravn, born to Trisha Kubichek and Zach Kubichek of Merrill.

Girl, Elsie Autumn Brzezinski, born to Felisha Brzezinski of Merrill.

MAY 18, 2022

Boy, Cash Lee, born to Charlotte Krause and Tyson Krause of Merrill.

MAY 19, 2022

Boy, Hunter Lee, born to Crystal Zernicke and Daniel Zernicke of Merrill.

MAY 23, 2022

Girl, Leah Jean, born to Stephanie Johnson and Hunter Johnson of Merrill.

MAY 31, 2022

Girl, Laylah Rayne, born to Emily Potter and Cardell Potter of Wisconsin Rapids.

JUNE 13, 2022

Boy, Jackson Williams, born to Samantha Collado of Marathon.

JUNE 19, 2022

Girl, Carlee Rayne, born to Ayla Karau and Zach Runge of Gleason.

JUNE 24, 2022

Boy, Isaac Dawayne, born to Stacey Dahlke and Dustin Dahlke of Athens.

Girl, Elaina Rain, born to Amber Kottke and Cody Kottke of Athens.

JUNE 26, 2022

Girl, Elora Jean, born to Rachael Waldburger and Michael Waldburger, Jr., of Merrill.

JULY 6, 2022

Boy, Rhett Craig, born to Melissa Wilson and Luke Woller of Merrill.

JULY 8, 2022

Boy, Eland Wayne, born to Taylor Everett and Scott Steckbauer of Wausau, AND Girl, Ember Rayne, born to Taylor Everett and Scott Steckbauer of Wausau.

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Oliver K. Allen, Age 13. Was unexpectedly called Home to be with his gracious Heavenly Father and his Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 16, 2022. Beloved son of Jason and Charlotte (nee Krug). Cherished brother of Daelynn. Grandson of Carol and the late Jack Allen, Michael and Susan Krug. Nephew of Sheri (Peter) Weix and Calvin (Keri) Krug. Beloved cousin of Angela, Timothy, Brianna and Samantha Krug.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday August 4, 2022 at Gospel Fellowship of Sussex, N74 W25332 Howard Ln. at 1pm. Reception to follow the service from 2-4pm.

Oliver was a wonderful son and brother. He was also a kind and loving friend to all. He had an infectious smile and an energetic, confident way about him. This past year, Oliver enjoyed playing football, acting in theater, and doing any activity that included his friends. He and his sister had just spent a week at camp together. Many examples have been shared with the family of the ways Oliver was growing in his faith, providing great encouragement. He truly loved the Lord.

A Special Thank You...

I would first of all, like to thank all of my family and their families for the great party that celebrated my "90th" birthday. To all of my relatives and great friends who came to celebrate with me, thank you for the beautiful cards and gifts I received. Especially the video of Brett Favre singing 'Happy Birthday' to me, and wishing me the best. WOW! What a surprise that was. Thanks again to each and every one of you. Especially my family and their families, grandkids & great-grandkids.

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Highway Department's budget.

The roughly \$560,000.00 generated annually from the wheel tax could be allocated to road maintenance, new construction, snow removal and other Highway Department operations.

The resolution passed last week was authored by District 13 Supervisor Calvin Callahan and co-sponsored by District 9 Supervisor and Board Chair Don Friske, District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd, District 11 Supervisor Randy Detert, District 12 Supervisor Julie DePasse and District 18 Supervisor Ken Wickham.

In the resolution, Callahan said the multiple extensions of the wheel tax "(eroded) public confidence in the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors."

During discussion, numerous Board members voiced their concerns that it was unclear what the wheel tax funds were being spent on and said they had spoken with constituents who wished to see the fee done away with.

With the sunset officially in place, the Board will be tasked with filling a \$560,000.00 hole in the 2023 budget.

The preliminary 2023 budget is anticipated to be presented to the Board in August, with the final budget expected to be approved in November.

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Merrill Chamber hires new Marketing Director

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Sarah Sturm of Merrill was recently hired as the new part-time Marketing Director at the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce. In her new role, she will work to enhance the experience of the Chamber's members, "showcasing the great business community," and "bring awareness to all Merrill has to offer," including "the activities and opportunities that are great for all ages!" Sturm said.

Specifically, "I will be running the social media channels, continuing the Merrill Member Moments videos and creating newsletters and emails that go out to our email list," she said. "I will also be doing things for the visitor's side of things and making sure we are keeping our vestibule stocked with guides and

attraction information."

Sturm was born and raised in Wabasha, Minn. [population 2,655 in 2020], where she worked part-time at the town's Chamber of Commerce during the summers while attending college.

She is a 2013 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse with a degree in Organizational and Professional Communication, with minors in Professional Technical Writing and Photography. While in LaCrosse, Sturm also volunteered with the LaCrosse Area Chamber of Commerce as a Chamber Ambassador.



Sarah Sturm is the new part-time Marketing Director at the Merrill Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tina L. Scott photo.

She held a number of positions while living in LaCrosse, including "sales and marketing positions," "Recruiting and Marketing Coordinator for Coldwell Banker River Valley, REALTORS," and "Direct Mail Specialist for The Buyers Express."

Most recently in Merrill, Sturm was employed at "Park City Credit Union [PCCU] as their Business Development Manager, overseeing the Marketing Department." "PCCU was a great place to work and was a great opportunity, getting me instantly actively involved with the Merrill com-

munity," Sturm said. She is a member of the Merrill Noon Optimists and was a Merrill Chamber Ambassador prior to leaving PCCU.

"I left to pursue this part-time opportunity at the Chamber so I would have more time with my family!" Sturm said. She and her husband, Ben, [a Merrill native] moved to Merrill together in 2018, and are now parents to their 18-month-old son, Lincoln. This part-time position allows her more time with her son and to explore the Merrill area, she said. She looks forward to fostering "the growth of the city by promoting all there is to do" through her work at the Chamber, she added.

Sarah, Ben, and Lincoln live in Merrill along with their cat, Indy, and dog, Junior.

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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: 07/08/22
/s/ HONORABLE JAY R. TLUSTY
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BR I
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22-CV-100

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Addisynn Marie Mae Bohman
By (Petitioner) Stephanie Rose Williams
By (Co-Petitioner) Brandon Michael Thompson
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above.

From: Addisynn Marie Mae Bohman
To: Addisynn Marie Mae Thompson
Birth Certificate: Addisynn Marie Mae Bohman
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Honorable Greg Grow
Place: Lincoln County Courthouse Branch 1
1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
Date: 08/11/2022
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 Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: 07/21/22
Honorable Robert R. Russell
CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT
COMMISSIONER
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22-CV-82

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Alyssa Leigh Seamans
By (Petitioner) Alyssa Leigh Seamans
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above.

From: lann Lee Nicholson-Seamans
Birth Certificate: Alyssa Leigh Seamans
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Honorable Robert R. Russell
Place: Lincoln County Courthouse
1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
Date: 09/08/2022
Time: 2:00 PM
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: 6/30/22
/s/ HONORABLE ROBERT R. RUSSELL
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, BRII
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22-CV-98

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF
Kayley Mae Bean
By (Petitioner) Kayley Mae Bean
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above.

From: Kayley Mae Bean
To: Joseph Alexander Bean
Birth Certificate: Kayley Mae Bean
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 Branch 2

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Merrill, WI 54452
Date: August 12, 2022
Time: 11:00 AM
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: July 5, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Ralph J. Wozniak
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN27

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth December 5, 1936, and date of death May 16, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO Box 917, Merrill, WI 54452-0917.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is October 28, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Kimberly K. Heller
417 Alfred
Athens, WI 54411
715-870-5824
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: July 7, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Max Bachi
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022-IN-30

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth October 3, 1936, and date of death January 5, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5135 Sunset Dr., Merrill, WI 54452.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is October 28, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Sabrina Bachi
702 N. State St.
Merrill, WI 54452
Phone 715-921-4128
Published DATE, 2022
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: July 7, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Brian Jaeger, Deceased
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN25

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10-02-1962, and date of death 1-24-2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N4875 Town Hall Rd.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 4, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Rachel Zwicky
P.O. Box 353
Iron River, WI 54847
715-292-7586

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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452-2586

AN ORDINANCE:
Re: Adding Sec 36-95: The parking of unregistered motor vehicles prohibited on highways, to Chapter 36, Article II, Division 3, System of Parking and Safety Zones
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10
Introduced: July 12, 2022
1st Reading: July 12, 2022
2nd Reading: July 12, 2022
3rd Reading: July 12, 2022
Committee/Commission Action:
Recommended for passage
AN ORDINANCE

The Common Council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:
Section 1. Chapter 36, Article II, Division 3, Section 36-95: The parking of unregistered motor vehicles prohibited on highways, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Merrill is to read as follows:
(a) The City of Merrill adopts WI Statute 341.65 by reference.
(b) The City of Merrill prohibits any unregistered motor vehicle as defined by 341.65 from being located on any highway or street within the City of Merrill.
(c) A traffic officer or parking enforcer upon discovering an unregistered vehicle in violation of 36.95(b) may take enforcement action by one or more of the following means:
(1) Issue a non-moving parking citation up to once a day.
(2) Immobilize or impound the vehicle under the process as described by WI Statute 341.65
(d) The Chief of Police or his/her designee may determine at any time that an immobilized vehicle should also be removed from the highway where it is immobilized and impounded.
(e) The Immobilization fee shall be \$25.00 per day.
(f) The Impoundment fee shall be \$25.00 per day.
(g) The owner of the vehicle may secure release of the motor vehicle as described by WI Stat. 341.65.
(h) The City may dispose of any vehicle which has been immobilized or impounded as described by WI Stat 341.65.
(i) No person except as authorized by the Chief of Police or his/her designee may remove, disconnect, tamper with or otherwise circumvent the operation of an immobilization device which has been placed on a vehicle as authorized by this ordinance.
Section 2. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. It is the legislative intent of the Common Council that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal provision had not been included or if any illegal application had not been made.
Section 3. Repeal and Effective Date. All ordinances or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.
Moved by: (Caylor/Weix)
Adopted: July 12, 2022 Roll Call 8-0
Approved: Steve J. Hass, Mayor
Attest: Lori Anderson-Malm, City Clerk
Published July 28, 2022
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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452
AN ORDINANCE: By Common Council Re: Amending Ordinance No. 2021-18 – Section 2: Non-Union Compensation in the 2022 City of Merrill Budget and Establishing CDL Step (After Step 11)
ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 09
Introduced: July 12, 2022
1st Reading: July 12, 2022
2nd Reading: July 12, 2022
3rd Reading: July 12, 2022
Committee/Commission Action:
Recommended for Passage
AN ORDINANCE
The Common Council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:
Section 2. Non-Union Compensation. Included within said budget is a 1.0% wage increase effective December 20,

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2021 and June 20, 2022 for Non-Union employees, except for Election Officials. The compensation adjustments also include a December 20, 2021 Step increase for Transit, Street, and Parks & Recreation Department employees whom have not yet reached Step 11 and whom have Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDL) and an additional CDL Step (After Step 11) for Transit, Street, and Parks & Recreation Department employees whom have Commercial Drivers Licenses (CDL). Seasonal Limited Term Employee (LTE) compensation will be increased \$1.00 per hour effective December 20, 2021.
Section 6. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. It is the legislative intent of the Common Council that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal provision had not been included or if any illegal application had not been made.
Section 7. Repeal and Effective Date. All ordinances or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.
Moved by: (Rick/Fermanich)
Adopted: July 12, 2022 – Roll Call 8-0
Approved: Steve J. Hass, Mayor
Attest: Lori Anderson-Malm, City Clerk
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 15, 2022 – Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Board Room. Board members present: Gremler, Liberty, Osness, Proulx, Woller, Yingling and Blake. Board members absent: Krueger and Volpe. Others present: Dr. Sample, Oginski, Murray, one person from the staff and Recorder Woller.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the purchase of BenQ Panels for Kate Goodrich and Washington Elementary in the amount of \$145,600.00 to be paid from the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Woller, second by Osness to approve the continuation of the contracts with vendors and purchases as presented for the 2022-23 fiscal year with cost variances not to exceed the lower of 5% or \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the FY23 preliminary budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Osness, second by Gremler to approve the addition of a part-time AV Coordinator position with the job description as presented for FY23. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Osness, second by Gremler to approve the Insurance Exclusion & Reimbursement Awareness policy created by Boardman and Clark effective June 15, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the Future Ready Library Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Gremler, second by Liberty to approve the Schoolwide Title I Plans for Kate Goodrich Elementary and Washington Elementary as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the AGR End of Year Report. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Osness, second by Proulx to approve Taher as the district's food service management company for they 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Woller, second by Yingling to approve the donation of funds from the Merrill Lions Club valued at \$2,500 for the purchase of an ice machine at Jay Stadium. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the attached personnel report, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Osness, second by Proulx to approve consent agenda items a through d, which includes second reading and approval of Policy 2414 Human Growth and Development; minutes of the May 18, 2022, and May 31, 2022, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,142,606.40; and, donations totaling \$2,682. Motion carried with Woller abstaining from the May 18, 2022 minutes; Yingling abstaining from the May 18, 2022 and May 31, 2022 minutes; and, Blake abstaining from the May 31, 2022 minutes.
Blake called for a MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(f) except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; and, 118.125. The purpose of the closed session is to review the pre-expulsion history; and, under Section 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of discussing and considering a request for reimbursement of attorney fees related to an investigation of employee conduct which may include the social and personal history of the employee and confidential information about students under Wis. Stat. s. 118.125, and which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputations of the individuals discussed. MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Woller, second by Liberty to reconvene into open session for the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Woller to approve the Malina Piontek invoice number 1639. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Proulx, second by Woller to have our insurance company who represents and protects our employees be in attendance at the August meeting for a presentation. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Woller to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Osness
Board Clerk

Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
June 22, 2022 – Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: Krueger, Liberty, Proulx, Osness, Woller, Yingling and Blake (a quorum was present). Board members absent: J Gremler and Volpe. Others present: Murray.
Blake called for a motion to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sections 19.85(1) (c). The purpose of the closed session is to conduct final interviews for the middle school principal position and the possible selection of Prairie River Middle School principal. MOTION by Proulx, second by Woller to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
MOTION by Liberty, second by Woller to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Osness
Board Clerk
KO/tw
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Merrill Area Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
July 18, 2022 – Minutes
The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:05 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others present: Murray and Recorder Woller. The Board and Superintendent discussed Board of Education/Superintendent relations, including the related MAPS Board Policies; roles and responsibilities; school board operating protocols, Board goals, and communication expectations and plan.
The Board and Superintendent continued their discussion regarding the Superintendent Evaluation Tool and related topics.
MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Osness
Board Clerk
KO/tw
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Special Board of Education Meeting
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Respectfully submitted,
Kendra Osness
Board Clerk
KO/tw
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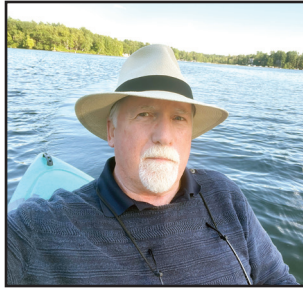
The Asset of Time

Dear Reader,

Time is our greatest asset.

Health, family, friendships, wealth, mental acumen – while these and other endowments are truly valuable assets to have, without time we could not enjoy or use them.

In aging, we begin to realize the importance of time as a dimension that governs our lives. As our allotted portion dwindles, we begin to appreciate this most precious of gifts. Let us go forth and squeeze the joy out of each day!



PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

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Veterans that led for many decades," said Rathke.

Rathke said she is looking forward to the impact she can make during her time as State Commander. Her goals for her time in the office are to:

- Preserve the legacy of the past by assuring a successful future of the VFW.
- Implement actions to inspire veterans to become members of the best Combat Veteran Organization.
- Continue the cohesive relationship between the VFW and Auxiliary. We are STRONGER together!
- Ensure inclusion of families in VFW functions and always honor and recognize them for their tireless support and dedication to their veterans.

Rathke is also working to push Assembly Bill 245, the Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit Fairness Act, to provide property tax relief for disabled veterans and their spouses to help enable them to remain in their own homes. This legislation reduces the eligibility threshold for an eligible veteran or the unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran to claim the veterans and surviving spouses property tax credit under the individual income tax system.

"I'm looking forward to getting out and seeing what the posts and districts do across the state. I've been out quite a bit and have met a lot of phenomenal people across the state," Rathke said.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Wisconsin has 245 Posts in 10 districts with more than 25,000 members and 8,500 members in its Auxiliary. "No one does more for Veterans."



Left: Rhett Knospe (left) and Ruby Gronke (right) sold cookies and water for Rhett's 5th birthday at their grandma's garage sale. All money was given to Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS) along with some needed supplies. In photo: Rhett, Wes, and Ruby. "Thank you so much for thinking of the shelter!" the LCHS staff said.

Right: Bryce and Audrey Lemke, for the fourth year in a row, raised money to buy supplies for the Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS) by selling lemonade during the 4th of July parade in Tomahawk. "Thank you so much!" shelter staff said.

Submitted photos.

City of Merrill hires Communications Consultant

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

In June 2022, the City of Merrill hired Chantel Kuczarski to work as a Communication Consultant for the City, working as an independent contractor.

Earlier this year the City formed a Marketing Committee to address issues related to the City's image and branding, and the Common Council approved Kuczarski's hiring to help improve both internal and external communications for the City. Ultimately, Kuczarski said, the goal is to also help the City attract and retain talent for both the City and Merrill area employers.

Kuczarski said first she will focus on communicating branding changes as they are developed, gaining knowledge about all of the City's pertinent projects, and helping to update the City's website.

Kuczarski has prior experience as a print journalist and has also worked in corporate, agency, and non-profit communications. She has experience managing marketing budgets, social media platforms, media rela-



Chantel Kuczarski is the new Communication Consultant for the City of Merrill.

Tina L. Scott photo.

tions, digital marketing, internal communications, and events. Kuczarski has a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from UW-Madison.

After growing up in Peoria, Ill., Kuczarski moved to Wisconsin in 2002. She and her husband purchased an auto body shop for collision repairs in Eagle River in 2017, and they moved to the Northwoods shortly after. They currently live in Three Lakes with their son. Kuczarski will travel to Merrill frequently in her new role, as well as work remotely.

"It's a very exciting time to be a part of Merrill's branding and marketing efforts," Kuczarski said. "This community is one-of-a-kind, and has so much to offer.

From its small town charm, plentiful jobs, and incredible schools to miles of recreational trails, public parks, and access to the Wisconsin River, Merrill is an ideal location for outdoor enthusiasts and families. It just needs to be communicated better, and that's what I'm here to do."

PAID LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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TO THE EDITOR

Ken Schneider is Lincoln County's Sheriff. He is running for re-election and is on the ballot for the August 9 primary. When asked what the most important part of being Sheriff is, his response without hesitation was, "Protection of the people." Ken has dedicated 32 years to just that. He started in Corrections. He then subsequently held the positions of Patrol Officer, Communications Lieutenant, and Special Response Team Commander. He was also the Firearms Instructor, Taser Instructor, and Active Shooter Instructor. The past 3+ years he has been your Sheriff. This is not always a popular position. He has made tough decisions, but he has always put the safety of the citizens and visitors of Lincoln County first.

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– Donna Plautz
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Merrill's Square 'Em Up dance club has 70 members and the largest number of youth members of any club in Wisconsin. Submitted photos.



Youth members of Merrill's Square 'Em Up dance club wear fun hats at a dance practice session.

Merrill Square 'Em Up dance club to attend State Convention

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill's Square 'Em Up dance club, unique in that it is made up almost entirely of youth, will attend the 63rd annual Wisconsin State Square and Round Dance Convention on Aug. 5, 6, and 7, 2022, at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center in Rothschild. The State Convention rotates between four areas of the state. This year the Central Northwest Area is the host and selected Rothschild for the location. Four years ago the Central Northwest Area hosted the convention in Marshfield.

With a Western theme, this year's convention is subtitled "Back on the Dance Floor Again" and already has nearly 300 dancers already registered from Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, and New Hampshire, as well as Wisconsin. Attendance is anticipated to be 300-350. Of those registered dancers, 19 are youth, 16 of which are from Wisconsin and a large number of those are from Merrill. The recent National Convention in Indiana drew 2,041 attendees.

The committee with input into this year's State Convention includes three Merrill-area residents: Jessie Gruetzmacher, Youth Chairman; Amanda Gruetzmacher, Secretary; and Tracy Nickel, Publicity Chairman / State Convention Website.

Jessie Gruetzmacher is also the primary contact for Merrill's Square 'Em Up club, while Nickel helps maintain the Square 'Em Up Facebook page and is also the web-



Youth members of Merrill's Square 'Em Up dance club practice at Pine River School for Young Learners.

master for a number of square dance websites.

Square 'Em Up holds weekly dances on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m., usually at the Pine River School for Young Learners just west of Merrill on Hwy. 64. The Merrill club has the largest number of youth in a single club in the state of Wisconsin. There are 70 members of Merrill's Square 'Em Up club, comprised of 27 area youth who are age 18 and younger and 43 adults/young adults. Eleven members are already registered for the State Convention.

For those who would like to learn more about or get involved in circle or square dancing, visitors are welcome to come and watch the dancing at Square 'Em Up on Friday nights.

The club also offers lessons for \$6, and lessons run in 12-week sessions. The first couple of lessons are always held for free, so there is no obligation when trying it out, members say. There is nothing to lose for anyone who is interested.

Typically, a new session of 12 lessons starts in September. The first Friday will be lessons for the entire 2 1/2 hours, and then the next week will be 30 minutes of lessons along with a regular dance night where the

group tries to incorporate the new dancers. And this alternates like this from week to week. Alternating helps keep the experienced dancers involved in the club and encourages the new dancers to become a part of the group, as well, members said. Many of the evenings/dances have themes to keep it fun for the youth.

How quickly the new members learn the calls dictates the group's progress and the number of sessions of lessons held during the year, along with determining the group's level of interest. Typically, there is a short break from lessons after the first 12-week session, during which time regular Friday night dances are held every Friday. Then lessons resume in January or February for another 12 weeks or so. If there is enough interest, another session can even be scheduled before summer.

This past summer, there was enough interest to do a crash course lesson session so the students could be ready to dance by convention in August.

For more information about Merrill's Square 'Em Up dance club, contact Jessie Gruetzmacher at 715.297.1838 or jessiegruetz@gmail.com.

MEC to hold Merrill's First Festival of Quilts

The Merrill Enrichment Center (MEC), 303 N. Sales St. in Merrill, will host its First Festival of Quilts on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person and is good for both days.

The Festival of Quilts will showcase approximately 100 quilts of all sizes—from mini quilts to king size—all made by local quilters.

As part of the event, a quilt entitled "Fly with Me" measuring 52"x76" will be raffled off. Quilt raffle tickets are available at the MEC and are \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for six tickets. The raffle drawing will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6. The winner need not be present to win.

Quilting vendors will also be on site selling quilting supplies, sewing and quilting machines, fabrics, patterns, and more. Registered vendors include:

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cited to host a quilt show in the city of Merrill for the first time ever, and we hope to make this an annual event," said Tammie Mrachek, MEC Director.

For more information about the show, follow MEC's Facebook page

The gift shop at the MEC will also be open during the show. Attendees can browse through and purchase arts and crafts made by local artisans.



Church Mutual Insurance Company held a Community Closet Clothing Drive during June at its home office in Merrill. Employees donated their unneeded professional clothing and accessories, filling 18 boxes for donation to St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) outreach. The clothing will be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul to those who need it in the Merrill community. Pictured from L to R: SVDP staff and volunteers Tammy Burnett, Theresa Sousek, Sue Norenberg, Sally Rubenstein, Theresa Monti (SVDP Thrift Store manager), Deb David, and Mary Ann VanDerGeest; Church Mutual representatives T.J. Brunett, Kelly Deering, and Ryan Krueger; and SVDP's Greg Hinz. Submitted photo.

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BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Nope

(Now showing in theatres)

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This film is rated PG-13 – for language and violence



Well, everyone, I have to say I was pretty interested in this week's title: *Nope*. There has been a lot of buzz around this one, and the previews actually made it seem interesting. Commercials made the claim that it was the number one reviewed film in America, so yes, the hype has been significant.

Nope = Nope.

I always refrain from spoilers, so if you are eager to sacrifice your hard-earned cash and two hours of your life, stop reading now and flip to the obituaries, because I am about to break my own rule on this one.

*** SPOILERS AHEAD ***

Ok, you have come this far, so you know I am about to spoil the film for you. . . . Here goes:

To sum up *Nope* as simply as possible, I would describe the plot as this: "Killer jellyfish from planet X."

Yep, it's that dumb. But wait, just when you thought it sounded dumb, get ready for this: If you do not look at the killer jellyfish as it flies over you, well, you're safe; it will not eat you. Oh, yeah, it also gets indigestion from eating flags. No, I am not kidding.

Also, there is a subplot about a 1996 sitcom about a chimp named Gordy that one day flipped out and killed and then ate some of his sitcom cast mates. . . . Again, not kidding.

Take my advice: Ignore the hype. This movie is simply terrible.

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Rebecca Kleefisch shakes hands and talks with supporters in Merrill at a meet-and-greet appearance the evening of Tuesday, July 19, 2022. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

KLEEFISCH from page 1

Wisconsin for business, and what we came into was a promise that we were gonna open Wisconsin for business again, create certainty and stability, and that's exactly what we did. Under the Walker-Kleefisch administration, we made promises and then we kept them," Kleefisch said.

"During our administration, we did concealed carry. We did photo ID, castle doctrine, prevailing wage reform, right to work, we defunded Planned Parenthood of all State dollars, we shut down five Planned Parenthood Clinics and ended tele-abortions in the state of Wisconsin, we took school choice and expanded it across the state, we did more robust programs in Milwaukee and Kenosha and Racine, and we didn't stop there. ... We condensed and dropped tax rates, saving taxpayers \$13 billion, and the granddaddy of them all, Act 10 which has now saved \$15 billion," she said. She cited her contribution to Act 10, creating and passing a balanced budget, saving "countless thousands of jobs," and making Wisconsin "one of only three fully-funded pension systems in the entire United States of America."

"We in Wisconsin, we fought like dogs for that victory, and we got it," Kleefisch said. "I've been up against the mob that they're gonna throw at me, [and] I've been up against all the money that they're gonna throw at me, before. And I've won. Statewide. Four separate times. I am the only one ready to take this on, because I've done it before. And I have won. I am the only one who knows how to take on this job, because I have been there and done that during the darkest circumstances."

"If you guys are ready to run fast again, I'm ready to lead," she said. "Because I've been tested, and I have proven to you that I make promises and I keep them. And here are the promises I'm making to you today."

"As your Governor, we're gonna make Wisconsin affordable again," Kleefisch said. "As your Governor, we're gonna make Wisconsin safe again. And as your Governor, we're actually going to have good education where our children can go to school, in person, without masks, and no [required] COVID-19 vaccinations."

"That was the ultra Cliff Notes version of things, but I want you to know why we are going to win," she said. "All of the momentum is with us right now. You know, I understand that I am not a millionaire. But I can also tell you ... I am going to be the hardest working person out there."

"You guys know that I can't be out-worked. I mean the talk show hosts joke wherever two or more are gathered, Rebecca Kleefisch is there. And that's how it's always been. I've spent 12 years building relationships in this state, and relationships still matter."

Kleefisch called upon supporters to use their own personal relationships to help get out the vote to help her succeed in the primary. "... This race is far too important. We can't lose this," she said.

"If we lose this, look forward to another four years of Tony Evers steam roll-

“... I make promises and I keep them.”

- Kleefisch

ing your individual lives and liberties, our Constitution and our very hopes and dreams, a generation of children—and I know that sounds dramatic, but I am one of the moms whose kids were literally locked out of their classrooms and sent home to homeschool on their stupid Chrome books while sitting on their beds. ... [without] rural broadband, and they had to use their cell phones as hot spots," Kleefisch said.

There is no one better equipped to take on Evers than me, she said—"Somebody who has actually been harmed by his policies"—and no one better to take on the abortion issue—"than an actual woman, and I'm not a biologist, but I'm pretty sure I'm a woman. And I am the only one in this race who actually understands how to speak with compassion and empathy - not sympathy - empathy about Roe," she said.

One man in the crowd spoke up. "People are not informed," he said. "Get on her website. Read her story. ... She's a wonderful lady. She's pro-life. She's pro-family. She's pro-gun. She's pro-business. She's pro-America."

Kleefisch fielded questions from those gathered and said, in response to anyone who thinks she can't win: "You know, that's the same story that they told back in 2010 when I ran for Lieutenant Governor ... I mean, the Republican Party hated me. I was a tea party mom with a small business, I was pushing a baby carriage speaking at tea parties across the state, and I was running at that time against five men ... All of these guys had much more experience than me, and the Republican Party loathed me. I was the one voted OFF the endorsement ballot at the Republican Party State Convention FIRST. I mean, they really did not want anything to do with me. I mean, it was a rotten year! And despite it all, despite even being diagnosed with full-blown cancer two weeks before my primary and having to have emergency surgery, despite getting out of the hospital on election day in order to have just enough time to go vote for myself—and maybe to my victory party. I beat all of those guys—all five of them—by 21 points. You punch me 9 times, I get up 10!"

"And this is what we need. We need a proven conservative fighter who's already run and won. Statewide, four times. Twice all by myself - no Scott Walker, just me."

"... Look at my record. Because I made promises and I kept them, and the best indication of what you will do in the future is what you have done in the past. When someone shows you who they are, believe them. I have shown you who I am. Others in this race, ... are just now TELLING you who they are, but what we have seen over the last two weeks is when you actually look, and SEE, they've shown them someone completely different. I ask you to do your research ..."

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Merrill Eagles #584 Aerie and Auxiliary award scholarships

On July 18, 2022, the Merrill Eagles #584 Aerie and Auxiliary awarded scholarships to three individuals. Jordyn Leopold received a \$1,000 scholarship from both the Aerie and Auxiliary, totaling \$2,000 total.

Danielle Kottke received a \$1,000 scholarship, and Cali Brown also received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Merrill Eagles #584 Aerie and Auxiliary want to congratulate the scholarship recipients and wish them all the best as they pursue their continued education.

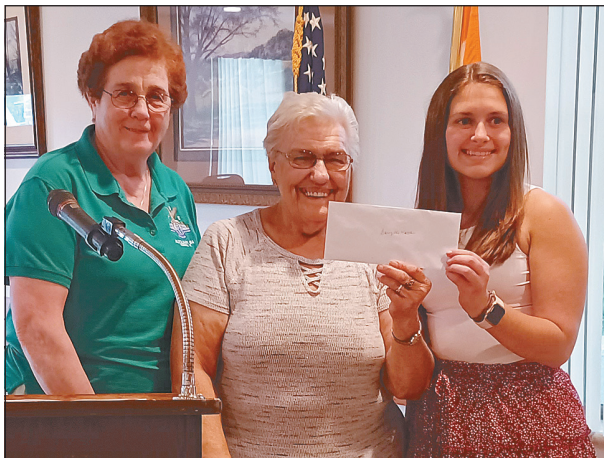


From L to R: Cabe Palmer and Ned Seubert present a scholarship check to Jordyn Leopold, shown accepting the award with her parents, David and Mary Leopold.



L to R: Linda Blake and Barb Middelstad present Jordyn Leopold with the Eagles Auxiliary Scholarship.

Submitted photos.



L to R: Eagles Auxiliary members Linda Blake and Barb Middelstad present Danielle Kottke with a \$1,000 scholarship award.



From L to R: Linda Blake and Barb Middelstad present Cali Brown with a \$1,000 scholarship check.

MAPS accepts June donations

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the July 20 Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Directors meeting:

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Merrill students graduate from University of Wisconsin-Stout

The following Merrill students graduated in May 2022 from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis.

- Zachary Boehm, BS Computer Science
- Kate Peterson, BS Psychology
- Hunter Resch, BS Psychology
- Tristan Swiechowski, EDS School Psychology

Area students named to UW-La Crosse Spring 2022 Dean's List

The following area students were named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year, ending May 2022.

Qualification for the Dean's List is limited to students who have attained outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

- Kenadi Diedrich, Athens, Psychology Major
- Zandria Lukes, Athens, Psychology Major
- Haley Reed, Athens, Accountancy Major
- Nicole Zoellner, Gleason, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science - Pre-professional Track
- Jayda Bushor, Merrill, Early Childhood through Middle Childhood Education Major
- Taylor Cichy, Merrill, Therapeutic Recreation Major
- Cody Depies, Merrill, Communication Studies Major: Media Studies Emphasis
- Andreou Goetsch, Merrill, Political Science Major
- Stephen Koch, Merrill, Statistics Major: Actuarial Science Concentration
- Aliyah Pillai, Merrill, Biochemistry Major with American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (ASBMB) Certification
- Sophie Schalk, Merrill, Broadfield Social Studies Education Major
- Jacob Schnabl, Merrill, Communication Studies Major: Organizational and Professional Communication Emphasis
- Lydia Schult, Merrill, Biology Major

Area students named to UW-Platteville Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Dean's List, honoring the following full-time students who earned high honors in the spring 2022 semester.

- Isaac Bixby, Gleason, Civil Engineering
- Kimberly Cummings, Gleason, Criminal Justice
- Drew Hoff, Merrill, Health and Human Performance College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and

above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

Area students named to UW-Platteville Chancellor's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring the following area students who had perfect 4.0 grade-point averages for the spring 2022 semester.

- Isaac Bixby, Gleason, Civil Engineering
- Drew Hoff, Merrill, Health and Human Performance

Gruetzmacher graduates from South Dakota State

South Dakota State University (SDSU) announced Jonathan Frederick Gruetzmacher of Merrill, WI, has graduated following the spring 2022 semester with a Bachelor of Science in SDSU's Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering.

Vogel is named to ECC 2022 Spring Term Dean's List

Katrina Vogel of Merrill was named to the Spring 2022 (January to May) Dean's List at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have earned a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester (a full-time class load) and had at least a 3.5 grade point average for the Spring 2022 semester.

Merrill students receive honors at UW-Green Bay

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, including the Green Bay, Marinette, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan campuses, announced two Merrill students received honors for spring 2022 semester academic achievement. Students who earn a 4.0 GPA receive highest honors, who earn 3.99 to 3.75 GPA receive high honors, and who earn 3.74 to 3.50 GPA receive honors.

Carter Clausen received semester Honors and Jack Zamzow received semester High Honors.

Area students named to Dean's List at UW-Milwaukee

The following area students were named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) for the Spring 2022 semester.

- Abraham Miller, Athens, Architecture Undergraduate

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Sports

12U Allstars battle it out in summer ball



Front L to R: Coach Steve Detert, Wil Detert, Eli Boehm, Ethan Spade, Easton Simon, Wes Ochodnicki, and Jackson Seliger. Back L to R: Coach Andy Simon, Andrew Josiger, Zander Meyer, Alex Bushar, Conner Josiger, Jamis Hanson, Kaleb Suwyn, Brodie Isaacson, and Coach Craig Josiger. **Submitted photos.**

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill 12U Allstars have been battling it out playing ball this summer. Merrill won their first game against Antigo 6-4 on Tuesday, July 5, 2022. "Bats were hot and defense was good, along with good pitching," said Coach Andrew Simon.

On Wednesday, July 6, Merrill lost 5-15 to Wausau. "They had bases loaded four times, but the bats couldn't get going with boys in scoring position," he said.

"Thursday's game was a hot one against Rhinelander," Simon said, "but the Merrill boys' bats were cold, leaving them with a loss of 0-7."



Easton Simon scoring a run on a base hit to the infield.



Kaleb Suwyn up to bat.



Charlie Hoffman of Merrill got his first-ever hole-in-one on Hole #17 at the Merrill Golf Course on July 19, 2022, while golfing with friends from high school that he golfs with every Tuesday since "forever," Charlie's wife, Marge said. Paul Bjerke, PGA Professional at Merrill Golf Club, said the shot was from 140 yards, using a seven iron, and confirms Charlie's hole-in-one was witnessed by Steve Ott, Tom Dotter, and Rick Bonnell. "It just happened so fast," Charlie said. "Congratulations to my husband," Marge posted on Facebook that day. "I don't think that smile is coming off his face for a good long time." "He's still smiling," Marge confirmed on July 25. **Submitted photo.**



The 1976 and 1977 Bluejay Baseball Teams were honored at the Class of 2022 Induction Ceremony and Hall of Fame Game on Friday, July 8, 2022, at Merrill's Athletic Park. First row: Russ Radloff, Dave Pyan, Craig Schielke, Mike Simon, and Bill Boyd. Second Row: Marybeth Grisa, Fred Krueger, Doug Grisa, Dale Elliott, Jay Manthei, and Dave Wendorf. **Todd Annis photos.**



The 2022 inductees into the Merrill Baseball Hall of Fame. From L to R: Tom Cornelius, Steve Dahm, and Kent Reinhardt.



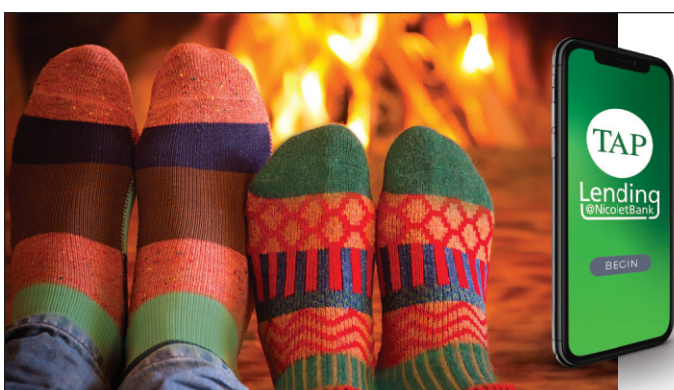
The Lake Alexander Club made a generous \$1,000 donation to the Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS). "We greatly appreciate the support of our shelter pets," LCHS staff said. Pictured: Mary Leyk representing the Lake Alexander Club and Tiffany from LCHS. **Submitted photo.**

2022 Merrill Summer Baseball Schedule

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Their summer program also provides care for children ages 5-12. “We will continue this service in the future,” Rodriguez said.

Hours of operation will be 5:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

“Cost will stay the same when we move to the new building. It will vary by age level, with infants and toddlers one rate, and children age three and older another,” Rodriguez said. While the program does not currently accept subsidized daycare funding, they are working to make that possible for low income working families in the future. “We will not accept government payment when we first open,” he said, “but it is our goal to make steps forward to be able to accept this form of payment.”

Once the new location is ready for occupancy, Trinity Christian Daycare will vacate their current space next to Trinity Lutheran School on W. Main St.

“We will be able to relocate all students to the new childcare center AND expand at the same time,” Rodriguez said.

“We are thankful that God opened our current space up to us for the past 10+ years and the ministry He allowed to operate there. We are also excited for what God has in store at this new building,” he said.

Fulfilling a mission to assist the community and help Merrill flourish

Nearly three years ago, Rodriguez attended a planning meeting for the city. At that meeting, the city’s strengths and weaknesses, threats and opportunities, were openly discussed, and since then, the city as a government and individual citizens and citizen groups have been working to celebrate and promote those strengths and opportunities while also seeking solutions to shore up the city’s weaknesses and negate the threats.

“When asked what the biggest threats to Merrill were, the top two were housing and childcare,” Rodriguez remembers. Merrill needed more housing and

more childcare, and without them, it limited the city’s ability to focus on many opportunities.

“Ever since that meeting, Trinity Merrill has been looking for ways to assist the community and help Merrill flourish,” he said.

And since that time, Rodriguez said the need for more childcare has become even more evident. “I distinctly remember a conversation I had with someone who said that when they found out they were pregnant, they called their childcare provider before their parents, because finding childcare in Merrill is that difficult,” Rodriguez said.

Trinity Merrill as a congregation began looking at research and having conversations within the community, trying to figure out how they could help the Merrill community with this great need. The church already operated Trinity Daycare in the building next to their school, but they wanted to do more.

Initially, the congregation thought Park City Credit Union’s former building on E. Second St. might be the solution. However, despite great efforts to make that project work, on the parts of both Trinity and Park City, the cost of renovations to make the property suitable as a childcare facility to meet regulations deemed the project unworkable.

When one door closes, God opens another

“As the calendar year turned and that project started to hit a wall, Tim Zimmerman, President of Mitchell Metal Products, approached Trinity Merrill about the potential of using the building at 201 Stange St. for our childcare expansion efforts,” Rodriguez said. “With a renewed vigor, the people of Trinity Merrill started to quickly explore this ministry opportunity. With a concerted effort from both Trinity Merrill and Tim Zimmerman, we both quickly realized that this building was exactly what we were looking for.”

“This building has some pretty essential things that we were looking for, including proximity to Trinity Merrill’s current campus, an elevator, and a fire

suppression system,” he said. “Couple that with approximately 8,800 square feet of building space [compared to the 2,915 square feet in the current facility], and an extensive amount of green space for a playground and an outside play space, and this building and property was the perfect fit for us.”

The building is one story with a basement with “natural light throughout” enabling the entire building to be used for childcare, he said.

“After much prayer, discussion, and investigation, Trinity Merrill unanimously approved the purchase of the building at the spring Congregation Meeting on April 24, 2022, for the use of childcare expansion for the needs of her community,” Rodriguez said. “Trinity Merrill has found joy in meeting the needs of her community, just as Jesus continues to come to us to meet our needs.”

The church and Zimmerman worked together to develop lot lines and easements and then with the City of Merrill to get the property properly zoned.

Trinity Merrill closed on the deal on June 28, 2022, and renovations are well under way now that they own the building.

“The building is in great shape,” Rodriguez said. Since the building was formerly an office, they removed walls to expand childcare room size, took down fencing and put fencing up around the green space playground area, and are acquiring permanent play structure equipment to create an area that will “provide a wonderful outside play space.”

They are also updating the existing kitchen area and some of the HVAC system and will install a camera system “and other security features for the safety of the children,” he said.

“Our General Contractor, Jim Turenne, has provided great oversight for us. His knowledge and his own desire to see childcare expand in Merrill has been a true blessing for us,” Rodriguez added.

Kathy Yahr, the Principal of Trinity Lutheran School, served as interim Director of Trinity Christian Daycare during the expansion project from Jan. through May 2022, and “Her expertise guided us well in the process,” he added.

“Tim Zimmerman and Mitchell Metal Products have been wonderful to work with,” Rodriguez said. “From the very beginning, Tim said that he would do everything in his power to make sure that this project was successful for the betterment of Merrill. He has certainly kept his word on that promise.”

Prayer, passion for community, and hard work pays off

“The people of Trinity Merrill have been excited and passionate about childcare expansion since we started talking . . . They know and understand the need for childcare in Merrill. They also understand the unique position that the church has in service to her community. Trinity Merrill does this not only to fill a deep need in the community, but also to be the love of Jesus to our community. Without the help and support of the people who call Trinity Merrill home, this

project would not be possible,” he said.

Originally, the goal was occupancy by Oct. 1, 2022, but now, despite supply chain issues, “We will be in by September 12,” Rodriguez said.

“As the date gets closer and the work is close to done, we will host open houses for parents and children to come see the future TMCC,” he said.

“This project is finally coming together because of the grace of God given to all of us. The end goals of Trinity Merrill are stated like this, ‘As a result of the ministries of Trinity, through God’s grace, the community of Merrill will flourish and individuals will be transformed by the Gospel as they embark on a life journey to love, learn, and live like Jesus.’ We truly believe that this project is a great way to help Merrill flourish while helping people embark on a life journey to love like Jesus,” Rodriguez said.

TMCC is hiring

As with many area businesses, staffing is a challenge, and staffing will dictate whether the new facility is able to operate at full capacity.

“Staffing this expansion has been the hardest part,” Rodriguez said. Their childcare facility follows Wisconsin Daycare licensing ratios to provide the appropriate number of staff according to the number of children of each age level. “We have 55 children currently in Trinity Daycare, though that number fluctuates in the summer,” Rodriguez said. However, the current facility is not operating at full capacity due to staffing shortages there. “We could care for more children if we had more staff,” he said.

Deb Weasner has now been hired as the Director of the new childcare center, and TMCC is hiring. Anyone interested in applying can call 715.536.4011 for more information.

Merrill community invited to get involved

Trinity Merrill’s commitment to expanding childcare in Merrill is all about helping the community of Merrill flourish, and they want to invite the Merrill community to get involved.

Trinity Church will hold their Merrill Block Party on Aug. 28 and plans to offer golf cart rides from Trinity Church down to the childcare center for tours. The community is invited.

“On September 11, we will dedicate the building after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will process down from the church to the childcare center,” Rodriguez said. Again, the community is invited.

Additional open house dates will soon be finalized and open to parents, children, and the Merrill community.

To make a donation to support this project, go to www.trinitymerrill.com/give, click on “Give Now,” and select the drop-down option for “Childcare Expansion Project.” Donations may also be mailed to: Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church, 107 N. State St., Merrill, WI 54452. Be sure to note the donation is for the Childcare Expansion Project.

For more information or for questions, contact Pastor Adam Rodriguez at pastorrodriquez@trinitymerrill.com.

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- Daniel Zoromski, Athens, Health Sciences Undergraduate
- Shania Hornischer, Merrill, Social Welfare Undergraduate
- Raelynn Stubbe, Merrill, Nursing Undergraduate
- Scott Wallace, Merrill, Business Undergraduate

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Groth graduates from Alexandria Technical & Community College

Aeden Groth of Merrill graduated with a Mechatronics Associate of Applied Science Degree from

Alexandria Technical & Community College of Alexandria, Minn. Groth was honored during the May 11, 2022, commencement ceremony.

Hommerding graduates from Upper Iowa University

Joyce Hommerding of Merrill graduated in May from Upper Iowa University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Admin.

Palazzo graduates from UW-River Falls

Joshua Palazzo of Merrill graduated and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in June 2022.