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Lincoln County addresses election integrity

County takes action to prevent election interference, puts advisory referendum on Nov. ballot

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

At their July 19, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting, Lincoln County Supervisors took two steps to address election integrity issues. First, the Board passed a resolution prohibiting the accepting of donations or grants from “any person or nongovernmental entity for the purpose of elections administration, including but not limited to, collection of ballots or voter registration.”

The resolution further stated “Election officials are prohibited from soliciting or using private funds, technology, or services from special interest groups, people, or private entities for the purpose of administering elections and referendums.”

The purpose of the resolution, which passed unanimously at the July 6, 2022, Administrative & Legislative Committee meeting and was recommended to the greater Board at the July 19 meeting, was stated simply: “Voters need to be able to trust their elected officials are acting in a non-partisan capacity and not under the influence of private resources that may impact how an election is administered.”

A motion to adopt the resolution as Lincoln County Ordinance 2022-07-723 was carried by a voice vote.

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Annual MASH community blood drive



Three young Merrill men help set the scene for the MASH themed blood drive each year. L to R: Kurtis Schulz, Ricky Smith, and Marshall Dymora have been coming out for 7, 10, and 3 years, respectively, using their personal collections of military gear, memorabilia, and reproductions. All three men share a love for military history and enjoy the chance to get together for this and other reenactment events. Schulz and Smith remember playing military video games and reenacting them as young kids playing together in their neighborhood.

The annual MASH community blood drive was held at the Northwoods Veterans Post on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, and drew a pretty steady stream of donors who came to give a life-saving blood donation. **Tina L. Scott photos.**



Donors give blood at Merrill's MASH community blood drive event.

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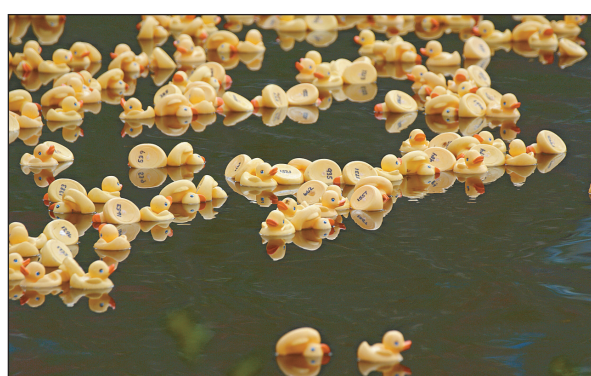
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Bayne-Allison sworn in as Lincoln County Judge

First duties in his new role: to swear in two others

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EDITOR

Galen Bayne-Allison, elected to be the next Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge in the April 2022 election, was legally sworn in on Monday, Aug. 1, 2022, just after 8:00 a.m. by retired Marathon County Circuit Judge Greg Grau.

Bayne-Allison fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Jay Tlusty.

Immediately afterward, Judge Bayne-Allison performed his first official act of duty, swearing in Michelle Livingston as his court stenographer.

Bayne Allison said today's swearing in was the legal event, but his ceremonial investiture will take place on Friday, Sept. 9.

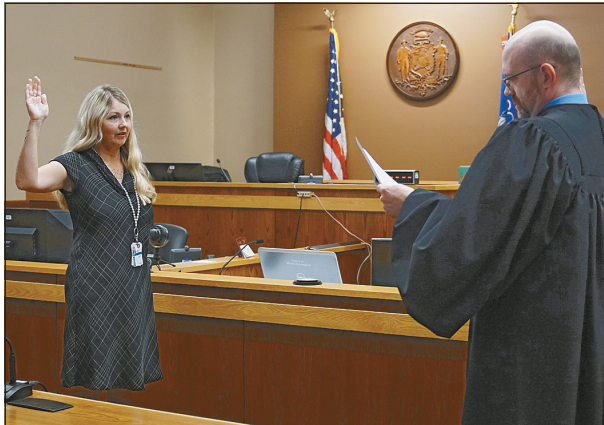
"Thank you for coming this morning. I deeply appreciate it," he said to the small crowd of friends, colleagues, courthouse staff, and well wishers who came to watch the event. "I look forward to working with all of you.



Judge Greg Grau swears in new Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Galen Bayne-Allison on Monday, Aug. 1, 2022. Tina L. Scott photo.

Later that same day around noon, Judge Bayne-Allison also swore in Kristopher Ellis as the new Lincoln County District Attorney. Ellis was appointed to fill the vacancy in the DA's office created when Bayne-Allison himself left to become

Judge. Ellis had been an Assistant DA in Lincoln County since just June. Ellis will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term that ends Jan. 2025. He was appointed by Governor Tony Evers.



Newly sworn in Judge Bayne-Allison swears in Michelle Livingston as his court stenographer. Tina L. Scott photo.



Lincoln County's newest Judge, Judge Galen Bayne-Allison administers the oath of office to newly-appointed Lincoln County District Attorney Kristopher Ellis. Michelle Livingston photo.

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City Council appoints Bennett and Akey as interim co-City Administrators

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On Aug. 3, 2022, Mayor Steve Hass announced the appointment of Merrill Police Chief Corey Bennett and City Engineer and Public Works Director Rod Akey to the position of interim co-City Administrators for the City of Merrill.

In the wake of current City Administrator Dave Johnson's announcement that he will retire in early Oct. 2022, the Common Council met and decided that they

would seek internal candidates to act as interim City Administrator. The Common Council also agreed to set up an ad hoc committee to review the role and corresponding responsibilities and to determine if any changes should be made to the job title or description prior to recruiting for a new hire.

Prior to the announcement on Aug. 3, the Merrill Common Council met in closed session to interview three candidates who applied internally for the position of interim City Administrator and then voted to appoint Bennett and

Akey jointly as co-Administrators of the City.

"Both will act as a team during the transition of the current City Administrator and until a new person is selected to fill the lead role," Hass said. "Both Bennett and Akey expressed their desire to involve other department heads and City employees to keep the City moving forward."

"Both of these men have the experience and skills to provide a seamless transition," he said. "I look forward to working with them both."

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Cordovas file wrongful death lawsuit against Lincoln County

Court documents allege son, Owen Cordova, died in a car crash last Sept. swerving to avoid head-on collision with County dump trucks

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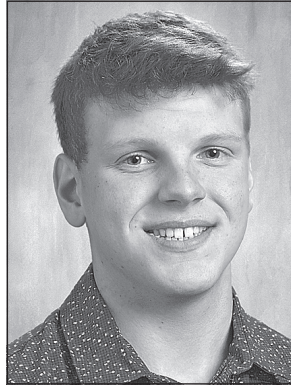
Jeremy and Carrie Cordova, of Tomahawk, parents of Owen Cordova, a 16-year-old Merrill High School Junior who died on September 30, 2021, in an automobile accident, filed a personal injury and wrongful death lawsuit against Lincoln County, the County's insurance carrier, and two Highway Department employees on June 21, 2022.

The couple, represented by Attorney Randy Frokjer of Tomahawk, previously filed a Notice of Claim and Circumstances with Lincoln County in January 2022 but received no response from the County. They are making a claim to Lincoln County for \$500,000.00 for loss of society and companionship of a minor pursuant to Sec. 895.04(4), Wis. Stats., and for \$9,531.12 for the costs of their son's funeral, for a total of \$509,531.12.

In their notice, the Cordovas allege that Lincoln County has the appearance of, or an actual, conflict of interest because the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) completed the Motor Vehicle Crash Report for the accident which involved a fatality and two Lincoln County employees. "The accident was not independently investigated, and access to key witnesses by the Cordovas and by West Bend Mutual Insurance Company, their insurance carrier, were denied," the Notice of Circumstances filed in conjunction with the lawsuit reads.

The Notice further alleges that the accident involved two Lincoln County dump trucks, operated by Lincoln County Employees, that were northbound on State Highway 107 north of Merrill near the Grandfather Dam. Owen Cordova was driving southbound on the same highway when his vehicle left the roadway, striking two trees. The Notice alleges a pedestrian was walking on the east shoulder of the northbound lane and that the presence of the pedestrian and the two dump trucks factored into the crash.

A September 30, 2022, press release issued by the LCSO described the accident as a "one vehicle crash" and said: "The vehicle was reported to have left the road and collided with a number of trees. Speed is believed to be a factor in the crash." It further said "The crash remains under investigation ..."



Merrill High School student Owen Cordova, age 16, was killed in a car accident on Hwy. 107 on his way to school on Sept. 30, 2021, when his vehicle left the roadway and struck two trees.

Photo courtesy of Jeremy and Carrie Cordova.

The Cordovas say an independent investigation and accident reconstruction should have been conducted by the Wisconsin State Patrol. This was not done. Rather, the LCSO completed the crash report. Jeremy Cordova described this as "gross incompetence and negligence" on the part of the LCSO. The Cordovas also question why there was no follow-up with the media and why the LCSO release to the media never mentioned a pedestrian or the dump trucks at all.

The Cordovas hired their own accident investigator, Jeremy Cordova said, to do an independent accident reconstruction since the LCSO failed to do so. "Nothing about the accident and the shoddy police report made sense, so we had to contract a private firm to do an accident reconstruction," he said. "This reconstruction showed at least one of the Lincoln County Highway Department dump trucks were operating almost fully in Owen's lane on a blind corner and forced him off the road."

"When we investigated the accident scene, forensic evidence tells us that one or both Lincoln County dump trucks were negligently traveling in the opposite (southbound) lane on a hill and corner at the accident scene," the Notice of Circumstances further reads.

"Recent, noticeable braking marks for a truck with double/dual tires, matching the braking system for the Lincoln County dump trucks, was readily observed at the accident scene. None of the brake marks, showing braking for both sides of the vehicle, are in the northbound lane. The Lincoln County dump truck or trucks were traveling in the southbound (opposite) lane. The brake marks actually moved somewhat to the west as they proceed north in the southbound lane."

The Notice continues: "Owen Cordova, operating a vehicle in the southbound lane, had a choice of either hitting the dump truck or trucks head-on, or taking evasive action and trying to avoid the accident by hitting the shoulder/ditch."

"The latter action, taking evasive action to avoid the accident, was taken by Owen Cordova. The shoulder/ditch of the southbound lane was more level where Owen Cordova left the highway, but became steeper as his vehicle went south, eventually pulling the vehicle off of the shoulder/ditch area and into two trees."

The next two paragraphs summarize the alleged

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Lincoln County Veterans Service Office back to being fully staffed

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Lincoln County Veterans Service Officer

At the July 19, 2022, Lincoln County Board of Supervisors Meeting, John B. Olson, Jr., was officially and unanimously elected as the County's Veterans Service Officer, notwithstanding he had already been hired and operating in the role.

"Before being hired for this role, I worked at Social Security Administration as a Customer Service Representative, RecruitMilitary as a Senior Sales Specialist, and FootLocker Inc. as a Recruiting Supervisor," John said.

He was also in the United States Marine Corp. "My military career as a United States Marine spanned 26 years, which included 2 1/2 years in the Marine Corps Reserve," he said. "The first third of my [military] career was spent as an Infantryman and Security Forces Marine. The second third of my career was spent in a variety of roles including recruiting, unit training coordinator, and instruction and curriculum development specialist. I finished my career working as a Staff Officer at a Recruiting Headquarters where I oversaw training operations and staff development."

"My highest enlisted grade was E-7, Gunnery Sergeant," John said. "I received a Commission in 2010 and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 3."

John is an Antigo High School graduate with a Bachelor's Degree from City University of Seattle and a Master's in Business Administration from UW-Stevens Point.

He is married to his wife, Tracie, and the couple has



John B. Olson, Jr.



Tiffany Daigle

three children - daughter, Andi, and twin sons, Jared and Benjamin.

"My youngest son is enlisted in the US Air Force, and my other son plans on pursuing a commission when he completes college," John said.

When he is not at work, you can find John outdoors - riding his mountain bike, hunting, fishing, camping, or "whatever the season brings."

Deputy Veterans Service Officer

Tiffany Daigle joined the Veterans Service team in June 2022 as the Deputy Veterans Service Officer. Previously, she worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant, Correctional Officer, and, most recently, at Lincoln Hills as an Operations Office Associate.

"I applied to become the Deputy to help veterans and their families receive the benefits and care they deserve for serving their country," Tiffany said. "I understand how difficult it is for veterans to receive the care and benefits they need, based on my observations and experiences of my friends and family. I am passionate and dedicated to doing the best job possible for the County's veterans and their families."

"My husband, Benjamin Daigle, served in the Army 2005-2012 as an Infantryman," she said. And both grandfathers also served in the armed forces. "Richard Priewe served in the United States Air Force 1953-1957 as an Airman Basic, and Raymond Towne served in the Army 1953-1955 as a Generals Clerk."

Tiffany's family is from Rhinelander, but she currently

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OBITUARIES



Linda L. Brickner, age 80, of Marathon passed away on Sunday August 7, 2022, at Marshfield Medical Center Weston surrounded by her family. Linda was born in Wausau to Anton and Myrtle (Bromstead) Jirgl on November 6, 1941. She grew up on a farm in the town of Berlin. She was united in marriage to Raymond T. Brickner on January 8, 1966. He preceded her in death on May 8, 1977. She married Lyle R. Lueschow on October 24, 1987. He preceded her in death on July 21, 2002.

Linda graduated from Wausau Eastst High School in 1960. She worked at Marathon Cheese Corporation for over 40 years until her retirement in 2010. Upon her retirement she volunteered at New Life Pet Adoption Center where she spent many hours walking and loving up on all the dogs. She especially loved her border collie, Kayleigh.

She was a talented artist who loved to paint ceramics. This took her to many craft shows where she shared her treasures with everyone. She loved to garden and bake, but most of all she loved to eat all of the sweet treats! She was a proud member of the Apron Strings Homemakers club for over 50 years.

Linda loved all of her children and grandchildren accepting all in-laws as her own. She is survived by her three children James (Maria) Brickner, Sherrie (Richard) Schumacher, Mindy (Brad) Slominski. Eight grandchildren Katrina (Kia) Aftahi, Miranda (Dan) Sullivan, Jameson (Destiny) Brickner, Jennifer (Eric) Vande Boom, Thomas Schumacher, Brianna Schumacher, Derek Slominski, Devan Slominski. Three great grandchildren Camran Aftahi, Emmett Brickner, Josie Vande Boom.

She is further survived by her five siblings Diane (Leander) Rauen, Helen (Ken) Opichka, Mary (Alan) Kleinschmidt, David (Rose) Jirgl, Donna (John) Paul. Seven sisters-in-law Lorraine Wilichowski, Grace Brickner, Romayne (Joe) Breman, Virginia Weiks, Carol (Jim) Studzinski, Gail (Steve) Studzinski, Vicky Ramsey.

Besides her parents and spouses Linda was preceded in death by her brothers-in-law Gerry Wilichowski, Jerome Brickner, and Robert Weiks.

The family would like to thank the staff at Copperleaf Assisted Living of Marathon for all the love, kindness and compassion you have given to our mother over the last 4 years.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday August 11, 2022, at 11:30 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church Marathon, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Diermeier will preside. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be at the church from 9:30 until the time of service. Pallbearers will be Jameson Brickner, Thomas Schumacher, Derek Slominski, Devan Slominski, Eric Vande Boom, and Dan Sullivan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed in Linda's honor to New Life Pet Adoption Center or St. Mary's Catholic Church.



Sharon Rae Mundt, age 87 died unexpectedly at her home, Wed. 8-3-22. She is now resting and awaiting the return of Jesus her Savior. Sharon was born 12-8-34 at home in Lincoln Cty., to Earl and Leona (Zastrow) Layman. She married Raymond (Shorty) Mundt on 4-11-53. They have one daughter Candee (Darrell) Kuhn, Irma, WI.

Sharon worked as a "Domestic Engineer" for most of her adult life. She was active in her church where ever they needed her. She played her auto harp, sang and read stories, on a regular bases, at most of the nursing homes and elderly housing units in Lincoln Co. Sharon was very artistic. She wrote songs, did paintings and carvings. She enjoyed collecting miniature perfume bottles and tiny figurines. She loved gardening and looking for agates at Lake Superior. Sharon made many trips to the western states, where she and Shorty put countless miles on their 90CC motorcycles traveling the mountain back roads. After retirement, Sharon, along with her husband volunteered her time and talents every summer, at the 7th Day Adventist church camp, Wakonda, in Westfield, WI.

She was always at her husbands side. She was truly a help-mate. Her husband, daughter, son-in-law and dog "Buddy", were her life. But her greatest love was her Savior, Jesus. She lived her life to serve and praise Him.

Sharon is survived by her husband "Shorty", Tomahawk, daughter Candee (Darrell) Kuhn, Irma, brothers, Jack Layman, Antigo, Don Layman, Rothschild, Allan Layman, Slinger, Sister-in-laws, Dora Raddatz, Little Chicago, Elaine Barry, Merrill, Jean Henke, Irma, many nieces and nephews and of course her church family

She was preceded in death by her parents and in-laws, Clarence and Sylvia (Schmidt) Henke, Carl Mundt, Brothers, Bob, & Maurice, sister Janice Berdan and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held Aug. 21st at the Tomahawk Community 7th Day Adventist Church, 1529 East Somo Ave. Visitation will be from 9am - 11:am. Service will begin at 11:00am. Mid-Wisconsin Cremation Society assisted in the cremation. In lieu of flowers all Memorials received will go to her favorite mission out reach.



Carol Sue Severt, 73, of Merrill, WI, was taken home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus, on August 1st, 2022. She was born in Merrill, WI on April 24th, 1949, daughter of Earl and Sylvia Zoellner. Carol graduated from Merrill High School in 1967, and married her high school sweetheart, Bruce Severt, on July 19th, 1969. Together, they proudly raised their family on a dairy farm in the Town of Pine

River. Carol was also an Executive Secretary for Church Mutual for many years, before retiring to cherish being a grandma.

Faith and Family was everything to Carol, and she lived it well. Supporting her husband, children and grandchildren was a blessing that filled her heart with joy. Gatherings with her brothers, sisters, in-laws, and church family, kept the calendar full for decades. Holding her newborn great-grandchildren was one of her last treasured moments. She will be dearly missed.

Carol is survived by her husband of 53 years, Bruce Severt, and their three children, Scott (Paulette) Severt, Merrill; Connie (Dave) Schwandt, Merrill; and Brian Severt, Rice Lake. She is further survived by 4 grandchildren, Cole (Makenzie) Severt, Waukesha; Sierra (Jesiah) Bell, Merrill; Kaden Schwandt, Merrill; Jake Schwandt, Merrill; and two great-grandchildren, Nora Bell and Eliza Severt. Carol is also survived by her siblings Sandy (Roger) Monti, Merrill; Greg (Carol) Zoellner, Merrill; Debby (Ron) Langer, Janesville; Rick (Patti) Zoellner, Wausau; sister-in-law Jean Zoellner, Adamsville, TN; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Earl "Dick" Zoellner.

A celebration of her life was held on August 8th at Highland Community Church in Merrill. Visitation was from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, with service beginning at 4:00 pm.

Mid Wisconsin Cremation Society is assisting family at this time. Online condolences may be expressed at MWCS.WS



Otilie "Tilie" Mary Carlson, age 91 passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, in Merrill, Wisconsin. She was born on September 16, 1930, to the late Anton and Elizabeth (Mueller) Carlson in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Otilie graduated from St. Francis Catholic School and Holy Cross in 1948 in Merrill. She then went on to become a registered nurse graduating with a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Milwaukee. She worked in the burn center and later in kidney dialysis before retiring after 38 years at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee. She loved to read, enjoyed gardening and was an avid polka music lover. She was a very quiet, private person who was very involved in church and recited the rosary daily.

Otilie is survived by her brothers: Gustave "Bill" Carlson and Carl "Joe" (Barbara) Carlson, sister-in-law: Christine Carlson, and 15 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Dorothy (Gerald) Kretschmer, brother Anton "Tony" R. Carlson and nephew Richard Kretschmer.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 11:00 am at St. Francis Catholic Church in Merrill. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, from 10:00 am to 10:50 am at Waid Funeral Home. Interment at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Francis Catholic Church in loving memory of Otilie Carlson.

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.



Donna M. Neumeyer, 80, of 204 N. Tomahawk Avenue, Tomahawk, passed away Wednesday, August 3 in Tomahawk.

Donna was born February 18, 1942 in Merrill, Wisconsin to Clarence and Julia (Basel) Zoellner. She had been a resident of Tomahawk for many years and had worked as a CNA at Sacred Heart Hospital and later worked at SEMCO Windows in Merrill for many years. Donna enjoyed baking, cooking shows, and was an avid bird watcher. She had been a member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

Surviving Donna Neumeyer is her daughter, Renee (Glen) Toth, Merrill. Two brothers, Ronald (Grace) Zoellner, Tomahawk, and Gerald Zoellner of Florida. Donna is further survived by 6 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Joy Erickson and a sister, Phyllis Fehr.

A Funeral Service for Donna Neumeyer will be held on Friday, August 12, 2022, 11:00 a.m. from Krueger Family Funeral Home. Deacon Dave Bablick will officiate. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery in the town of Skanawan. The family will receive friends at the Krueger Family Funeral Home Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. until the time of services at 11:00 a.m.

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Wayne P. Horgen, 75, Green Bay, passed away Friday, July 22, 2022. He was born on September 8, 1946 to Patricia (Parshall) Horgen and Lester Horgen. Wayne was a dependable and dedicated employee. He worked at Larson Canning Company and a few gas stations in Green Bay. He enjoyed communicating on his Ham Radio, watching John Wayne movies and spending time with his family and friends.

Wayne is remembered by his uncle and aunt, Dennis and Darlene Parshall; a niece, Heather Pycha; and cousins who he spent many deer hunting seasons with on the family property in Irma where his great-grandfather settled after immigrating from Germany at the age of 20.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Patricia and Lester Horgen; sister, Susan Pycha; nephew, Frank Pycha.

Private family services will be held at a later date. He will be laid to rest at Merrill Memorial Park. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.

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Merrill Area Public Schools Annual Legal Notices

NOTICE OF CHILD FIND ACTIVITY

Merrill Area Public Schools locates, identifies, and evaluates all resident children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. The school district has a special education screening program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are residents of the district and who have not graduated from high school. Upon request, the school district will screen any resident child who has not graduated from high school, to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting the Director of Special Education.

Annually the district conducts developmental screening of preschool children. Each child's motor, communication, and social skills are observed at various play areas. Each child is weighed and measured, and the child's hearing and vision is checked. The information is used to provide the parent with a profile of their child's current development and to provide suggestions for follow-up activities. Parents learn about community services available to them, and speak with representatives of agencies serving families. The information from screening is also used to determine whether a child should be evaluated for a suspected disability. When school staff reasonably believes a child is a child with a disability, they refer the child for evaluation by a school district Individualized Education Program (IEP) team. Developmental screening will be part of the kindergarten registration this spring.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency, who reasonably believes a child, brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability, has a legal duty to report the child to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made. The referral must be in writing, and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. Others who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child to the school district in which the child resides.

STUDENT RECORDS

The school district maintains pupil records, including information from screening and special education referral. All records directly related to a student and maintained by the school district are pupil records. They include records maintained in any way including, but not limited to, computer storage media, video and audiotape, file, microfilm, and microfiche. Records maintained for personal use by a teacher and not available to others, and records available only to persons involved in the psychological treatment of a child, are not pupil records.

The school district maintains several classes of pupil records.

- "Progress records" include grades, courses the child has taken, the child's attendance records, immunization records, required lead screening records, and records of school extra-curricular activities. Progress records must be maintained for at least five years after the child ceases to be enrolled.

- "Behavioral records" include such records as psychological tests, personality evaluations, records of conversations, written statements relating specifically to the pupil's behavior, tests relating specifically to achievement or measurement of ability, physical health records other than immunization and lead screening records, law enforcement officers' records, and other pupil records that are not "progress records". Law enforcement officers' records are maintained separately from other pupil records. Behavioral records may be maintained for no longer than one year after the child graduates or otherwise ceases to be enrolled, unless the parent or adult student specifies in writing that the records may be maintained for a longer period of time. The school district informs parents when pupil records are no longer needed to provide special education.

At the request of the child's parents, the school district destroys the information that is no longer needed.

- "Directory data" includes the student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, photographs, degrees and awards received, and the name of the school most recently, previously attended by the student.

- "Pupil physical health records" include basic health information about a pupil, including the pupil's immunization records, an emergency medical card, a log of first aid and medicine administered to the pupil, an athletic permit card, a record concerning the pupil's ability to participate in an education program, any required lead screening records, the results of any routine screening test, such as for hearing, vision, or scoliosis, and any follow-up to the test, and any other basic health information, as determined by the state superintendent. Any pupil patient health care records under sections 146.81 to 146.84, Wisconsin Statutes. Any pupil record concerning HIV testing is treated as provided under section 252.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and section 1118.125, Wisconsin Statutes, afford parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") the following rights with respect to education records:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of receipt of the request.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. The school district will comply with the request without unnecessary delay, and before any meeting about an individualized education program, or any due process hearing, and in no case more than 45 days after the request has been made. If any record includes information on more than one child, the parents of those children have the right to inspect and review only the information about their child or to be informed of that specific information. Upon request, the school district will give a parent or eligible student a list of the types and locations of education records collected, maintained, or used by the district for special education.

The school district will respond to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of the records. A representative of the parent may inspect and review the records.

- **The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading.** Parents or eligible students may ask the school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the district decides not to amend the record, the district will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA and state law authorize disclosure without consent.

The exceptions are stated in 34 CFR 99.31 and section 118.125 (2) (a) to (m) and sub. 2(m), Wisconsin Statutes. One exception that permits disclosure without consent is disclosures to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the district discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. Also, the district discloses "directory data" without consent, unless the parent notifies the district that it may not be released without prior parental consent. Directory information may be disclosed to any person after October 15 th, unless any parent, legal guardian or guardian ad item, or eligible student, informs the district that all or any part of the directory information may not be released without prior consent of the parent, legal guardian or guardian ad item, or eligible student.

- **Access By Military Recruiters – (Additional Release Notification)** MAPS shall provide, upon a request by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to high school student names, addresses, and telephone listings, referred to as directory data under s. 118.125, Wis. Stat. A high school student or the parent/guardian of the student may request that this information not be released without written parental consent.

- **The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA.** The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20202-4605.

SPECIAL EDUCATION, SCREENING & REFERRAL PROCEDURES

Any person aware of a child between the ages of birth through 21, who may be experiencing physical, mental, emotional, or learning problems, may contact their respective Director of Special Education to initiate screening services that will determine if a referral for special education is appropriate. In addition to the director, any teacher or administrator would be able to assist in making a referral. **Referral Procedure:** The school district shall solicit and receive referrals of students with suspected special educational needs from all persons who have reasonable cause to believe that such needs exist. Specific state criteria will be adhered to in determining eligibility for specific impairment. Referrals of suspected special education children shall be referred to the Director of Special Education. **IEP Evaluation:** Whenever a child is referred who is suspected of having a special educational need, the school district shall establish an Individual Educational Plan team of evaluators (IEP team). The appointment of this team shall be the responsibility of the Director of Special Education. Parents/Guardians are included in the IEP process, including decisions related to the review of existing data and determination of what, if any, additional data may be needed in the evaluation.

Procedural safeguards for evaluation include the following:
The notice of intent to evaluate shall be provided to the parents at each annual IEP, Evaluation or Re-evaluation meeting that will include:

- A full explanation of the due process/procedural safeguards;
- A description of the evaluation proposed, an explanation of why the evaluation is proposed, any options that were considered, and the reasons why those options were rejected;
- A description of each evaluation procedure used as a basis for the evaluation;
- The type of professionals conducting the evaluation;
- A description of any other relevant factors.

Written parental/guardian consent shall be obtained when a child is being evaluated for the first time within the district. This consent form shall include:

- A statement documenting that the parent understands the content of the notice;
- Information on the general areas to be evaluated;
- Information on the general types of procedures to be used.

Each school district provides programming for the students exhibiting any of the following impairments: autism, cognitively disabled, emotional behavioral disorder, hearing impaired, learning disabled, orthopedically impaired, other health impairment, physically impaired, speech and language, traumatic brain injury, and visually impaired.

Revoking Consent for Services

You may revoke consent for your child to receive special education and related services at any time.

If you revoke consent, the school district will provide you with a prior written notice explaining when it will stop providing special education and related services to your child. Once special education and related services end, your school district:

1. Is not required to make a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) available to your child;
2. Is not required to have an individualized education program (IEP) meeting or develop an

IEP for your child;

3. Is not required to offer your child the discipline protections under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

4. Is not required to amend your child's special education records to remove any reference to your child's receipt of special education and related services.

SPECIAL NEEDS VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) allows a student with a disability, who meets certain eligibility requirements, to receive a state-funded scholarship to attend a participating private school. Information on the program can be accessed on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/special-needs-scholarship>.

EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS

Homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children residing in the district and be provided with comparable services. Homeless children/youth will not be required to attend a separate school or program for homeless children and will not be stigmatized by school personnel.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE EXCEPTION

Upon a child's/parent's or guardian's request of the Merrill Area Public School Board and with written approval of the child's parent or guardian, any child who is 16 years of age or over and a child at risk, as defined in Wisconsin State Statute 118.153 (1) (a), may attend, in lieu of high school or on a part-time basis, a technical college if the child and his or her parent or guardian agree, in writing, that the child will participate in a program leading to the child's high school graduation.

PUPIL NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

It is the policy of the public schools that no person may be denied admission to any public school in the district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability, or any other category protected by state or federal law as required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stats. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Each district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available to address allegations of violations of the policy in the school district.

ACCOMMODATING A STUDENT'S RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Merrill Area Public Schools Board of Education recognizes that reasonable accommodations with regard to examinations and other academic requirements may have to be made from time to time because of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs.

Parents/Guardians may make requests regarding the above to the building principal. All requests shall be judged individually, based upon state and federal guidelines. The principal shall inform the parents/guardians in writing of his/her decision in a timely manner. If a parent/guardian is not satisfied with the building principal's decision, he/she may appeal to the District Administrator and, if necessary, to the Board. Appeals beyond the Board may be made to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with provisions of state law.

Accommodations made under this policy shall be provided to students without prejudicial effect. Please reference Policy 5110, Equal Educational Opportunities.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

School districts are required by [section 118.16 \(4\) \(d\)](#) of the state statutes to provide each student enrolled in district schools with a copy of established school attendance policies. In addition, school districts are required by [section 118.15 \(1\) \(f\)](#) of the state statutes to notify students and their parents/guardians of the following at the beginning of each school term:

- (1) their right to request the school board to provide the student with program or curriculum modifications as outlined in [section 118.15 \(1\) \(d\)](#) of the state statutes, and
- (2) the decision-making process to be used in responding to such requests under sections 118.15 (1) (dm) and (e) of the state statutes.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

Any complaint regarding the interpretation or application of the district's student non-discrimination policy shall be processed in accordance with the following grievance procedures:

1. Any student, parent/guardian or resident of the District complaining of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability in school programs or activities shall report the complaint in writing to the District Administrator.
2. The District Administrator, upon receiving such a written complaint, shall immediately undertake an investigation of the suspected infraction. The District Administrator will review with the building principal, or other appropriate persons, the facts comprising the alleged discrimination. Within 30 days after receiving the complaint, the District Administrator shall decide the merits of the case, determine the action to be taken, if any, and report in writing the findings and the resolution of the case to the grievant.
3. If the grievant is dissatisfied with the decision of the District Administrator, he/she may appeal the decision in writing to the School Board. The School Board shall hear the appeal at its next regular meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose of hearing the appeal. The School Board shall make its decision in writing within 15 days after the hearing. Copies of the written decision shall be mailed or delivered to the grievant and the District Administrator.
4. If the grievant is dissatisfied with the School Board's decision, he/she may, within 30 days, appeal the decision in writing to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
5. Discrimination complaints relating to the identification, evaluation, educational placement or the provision of free appropriate public education (FAPE) of a child with special educational needs shall be processed in accordance with established appeal procedures outlined in the District's Special Education Handbook.

6. Discrimination complaints relating to programs specifically governed by federal law or regulation shall be referred directly to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Copies of these complaint procedures shall be included in staff and student/parent handbooks.

2009 WISCONSIN ACT 96 - INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Merrill Area School District would like to inform staff, students, parents, and the public of the district's indoor environmental quality (IEQ) management plan. The plan was initially developed in 2013 and is reviewed as necessary. The plan was developed as deemed appropriate for the district. Questions and concerns should be directed to the IEQ Coordinator, Dale Bergman, 715-536-7383. Copies of the plan are available at the district office for a fee. The district office is located at 1111 N Sales St., Merrill WI 54452-3198.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

In compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), this is notice that the Merrill School District has an Asbestos Management Plan at the school district office. The plan is available for inspection by the public, parents, and district employees. The district performs six month periodic surveillance of asbestos in February and August and full re-inspections every three years. For more information please contact the district office at 715-536-4581 ext. 10100.

STUDENT BULLYING

Merrill Area Public Schools is required to distribute the district's policy prohibiting bullying to all students enrolled in the school district and to their parents and guardian annually. They must also provide a copy of the policy to any person who requests it.

STUDENT LOCKER SEARCHES

Merrill Area Public Schools has adopted a locker search policy specifying that the board retains ownership and possessory control of all student lockers and designating the school official, employee or agent positions that may conduct locker searches are required by section 118.325 of the state statutes to provide each student enrolled in the district with a copy of the district's policy (Rule 446.0). Designated school officials, employees or agents may search a student's locker without the consent of the student, without notifying the student and without obtaining a search warrant.

YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM

The district is required to provide information about the Youth Options Program annually to all students enrolled in the school district in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades. This notice must be given prior to October 1. (Policy 343.42)

Merrill Area Public Schools administers a Youth Options Program in accordance with state law and regulations and Board Policy (343.42). The high school guidance office shall be responsible for administering the Youth Options Program.

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION

If requested, parents/guardians will be provided with an outline of the human growth and development curriculum used at their child's grade level and information about how they can inspect the complete curriculum and instructional materials.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

The district is required to provide an annual notice to each household in the district informing parents/guardians of the child nutrition programs offered in the district and eligibility requirements for free or reduced price meals/milk. An application form must also be included with the notice. This information should be provided at the beginning of the school year.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The school board is required to notify, by January 1 each year, the parent/guardian of each student enrolled in the district of the right to request a school and school district performance report. The report must be distributed to those parents/guardians who request it by May 1 each year. If the district maintains an Internet site, the school and school district performance report must be made available to the public on that site.

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

Annually, each public school, including a charter school, and private school participating in a parental choice program, must provide to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in or attending the school a copy of the school's accountability report including the most recent school accountability performance category. Annually a list and description of educational options available to pupils must be provided to parents and guardians. These reports and options are available on the district website at <http://www.mapsedu.org/district/district-profile.cfm>

NOTICE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES

The school board must annually inform its professional staff of the resources available from the DPI and other sources regarding suicide prevention. Information describing the suicide prevention resources and services and how staff can access them, along with model notices, are available on DPI's website.

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE INFORMATION

The school district must provide the parents/guardians of students enrolled in grades 6-12 in the district with information about meningococcal disease, including: (a) the causes and symptoms of the disease, (b) how it is spread, and (c) how to obtain additional information about the disease and the availability, effectiveness, and risks of vaccinations against the disease.

TITLE I PROGRAMS

Merrill Area Public Schools is required to notify parents of their parent involvement policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. Parents are to be notified at the beginning of the school year that they may request and obtain information regarding:

- (1) The professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers, including the following: (a) whether the teacher has met state licensing criteria for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) taught; (b) whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status through which state licensing criteria have been waived; and (c) the undergraduate degree major of the teacher, and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, including the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- (2) The professional qualifications of paraprofessionals providing instructional-related services to their child.

The above notification must be given to the parents of each student attending a school in the district that receives Title I funds, not just to the parents of students participating in the Title I program. Parents who request teacher and/or paraprofessional qualification information must be provided the information in a timely manner

School Report Card – Districts must publicly disseminate a report card to parents and the public that includes the following information at the district and school levels: (1) aggregate student achievement at each proficiency level on state tests, including comparisons to state averages; (2) disaggregated student achievement at each proficiency level on state tests by race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency, and status as economically disadvantaged (the local data must also show a comparison to state averages); (3) comparisons of student achievement by subgroup to the state's annual measurable objectives for each group on each test; (4) the percentage of students not tested disaggregated by the above subgroups; (5) the most recent two-year trend in student achievement in each tested subject area and grade level; (6) graduation rates for high school students by subgroup and compared to state averages; (7) the professional qualifications of teachers (aggregate and disaggregated comparing high-poverty to low-poverty schools); (8) the percentage of teachers teaching with emergency or provisional licenses (aggregate and disaggregated, comparing high-poverty to low-poverty schools).

School report cards must be disseminated to all parents of students attending district schools and be in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. Districts must also make the report cards widely available to the public through means such as posting on the Internet, distribution to the media, and through public agencies.

In addition to the above notifications, a school receiving Title I funds must:

- Notify parents if their child is assigned to, or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher(s) who is not "highly qualified." This provision applies to all teachers in a school that receives Title I funds, including substitute teachers, not just those who work in Title I programs.

- Provide each parent information on the achievement level of their child on each of the state academic assessments as soon as is practically possible after the assessment is taken.

Wisconsin's ESEA Flexibility Waiver requires school districts to notify parents, when applicable, that their child's school has been named a Title I Priority School or Title I Focus School. School districts with one or more Priority Schools must:

- (1) Seek input from families and the community in selecting meaningful interventions aligned with the turnaround principles to be implemented in these schools and
- (2) Include in Priority School interventions ongoing mechanisms for family and community engagement.

In the case of a school identified for school improvement, for corrective action or for restructuring, a district must notify the parents of all students enrolled in the school of their option to transfer to another public school served by the district. This notification must be given at least 14 days before the start of the school year. The district must also notify parents of eligible students of the availability of supplemental education services in a manner that is clearly distinguishable from other school improvement information that parents receive. The notice must inform parents of the benefits of supplemental education services and indicate providers who are able to serve students with disabilities of limited English proficient students.

PROGRAM FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

The district must, no later than 30 days after the beginning of the school year, give the parent(s) of each child identified for participation or participating in such a program the following information: (1) why the child is placed in the program; (2) the child's level of English proficiency; (3) how that level was determined and the status of the child's academic achievement; (4) methods of instruction in the program in which their child is placed and those of other available programs; (5) how the program will meet the educational needs of their child; (6) how the program will help their child learn English and meet age-appropriate achievement standards for grade promotion and graduation; (7) the specific exit requirements for the program; (8) in the case of a child with a disability, how the program meets the child's IEP objectives; and (9) information about parental rights. For a student not identified as limited English proficient prior to the beginning of the school year, the district must notify parents within the first two weeks of the child being placed in such a program.

STUDENT PRIVACY

Merrill Area Public Schools shall protect the privacy rights of parents/guardians and their children. The District shall also comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding the administration of student surveys. This applies only to surveys containing the students' personally identifiable information.

No student shall be required to participate in any survey associated with a school program or the District's curriculum, or which is administered by a third party in the schools, if the survey includes one or more of the following items:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent/guardian;
- Mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- Sex behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom students have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent/guardian; or
- Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program.

The building principal shall notify parents and guardians at the beginning of each school year of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when such survey activities are scheduled involving their children. Parents and guardians shall be given the opportunity to request that their child not participate in a survey containing the above information. If a survey containing any of the above information is funded in whole or in part by a program administered by the U.S. Department of Education, written consent shall be obtained from the student or, in the case of a minor student, the student's parent/guardian before the student participates in the survey.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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The Board of Education recognizes the importance of protecting the privacy interests of the District's students and is committed to safeguarding students' privacy in the locker room facilities.

As required by law, the Board establishes the following locker room privacy policy.

To protect the privacy of students, non-staff access to locker rooms for the purpose of interviewing or seeking information from any student in the locker room is prohibited.

Video recording devices of any type may be used in the locker room provided that no students are present in the locker room when the recording device is being used.

Parents may enter the locker room on a limited basis, with prior approval of the coach or teacher. The parent is not permitted to interview or seek information from any student or use a recording device to record or transfer images. A "recording device" means a camera, a video recorder, cell phone with video and/or photograph capabilities, or any other device that may be used to capture, record or transfer images.

No images of a nude or partially nude person in the locker room may be captured, recorded, or transferred under any circumstances by any individual.

To protect the privacy of the District's students, parents, other adult residents of the community, and any public that may utilize the locker room facilities, no person may use a cell phone to capture, record, or to transfer a representation of a nude or partially nude person in the locker room.

Furthermore, the Board believes that safety is of the utmost importance. Therefore, notwithstanding the provisions of this policy, if necessary, emergency rescue personnel will be permitted into the locker room and will be given access to any tools necessary to do their job.

District officials may refer any violations of this policy to law enforcement for possible criminal prosecution who violate State law. This policy shall be publicized annually and posted in each locker room in the District.

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VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL NOTICE

The governing body of a virtual charter school is required by section 118.40(8)(f) of the state statutes to inform the parent/guardian of each student attending the virtual charter school, in writing, at the beginning of the school year of the following information:

- (1) The name of the members of the school board that contracted for the establishment of the virtual charter school and the administrators of that school district, and how to contact them.
- (2) The names of the members of the virtual charter school's governing body, if different than the persons in item (1) above, and how to contact them.
- (3) The names of the members of the virtual charter school's parent advisory council, and how to contact them. Each virtual charter school is required to have a parent advisory council that meets on a regular basis.
- (4) The names of the staff of the virtual charter school, and how to contact them.

LEGAL REF: Wisconsin Statutes, Section 118.13

Wisconsin Administration Code, PI 9 Title IX, Education Amendments Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964 Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of Under Wisconsin Statutes Section 118.15 (1) (b)

Any questions concerning these policies should be directed to: **Merrill Area Public Schools**
Karen Baker, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services
1111 N Sales Street
Merrill WI 54452
(715) 536-4581, Ext 10008
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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: Alyssa Leigh Seamans
To: Iann 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:
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: August 3, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Lewis Elwood Bailey, deceased
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN35

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

2. The decedent, with date of birth 11-11-1940, and date of death 6-30-2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N7980 Goehle Rd, Gleason, WI 54435.
3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 25, 2022.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
Daniel E. Bailey
410 Canterbury Rd
Plover, WI 54467
715-367-6695
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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
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CLAIMS DEADLINE NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF MARY M. DENK AND THE BMD INCOME TRUST
DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §701.0508, Wisconsin Statutes, Germaine A. Huebner, as Trustee of the BMD Income Trust Dated September 13, 2010 with the power to pay the debts of Mary M. Denk (deceased 11/20/21) hereby provides notice that the deadline for filing for payment of debts of Mary M. Denk and/or the BMD Income Trust Dated September 13, 2010 being the date for (4) months after the date of first insertion of this notice.

Legals 7700

Germaine A. Huebner
Trustee
Address: c/o Houghum Law Firm, LLC
305 South 18th Ave., Suite 200
Wausau, WI 54401
Published August 4, 11 & 18, 2022
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DATE SIGNED: August 2, 2022
Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOYCE BACHER
DOD 09/22/2021
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022 IN 34

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

2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/04/1932, and date of death 09/22/2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1604 Mathews St., Merrill, WI 54452.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11-25-2022.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
James Wedemeyer
204 N. Van Rensselaer St.
Merrill, WI 54452
715-536-8135 /Bar #1004552
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DATE SIGNED: July 25, 2022
Electronically signed by Robert R. Russell, Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Gail Lynn Henry Hernandez
By (Petitioner) Gail Lynn Henry Hernandez

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Gail Lynn Henry Hernandez
To: Gail Lynn Henry Hernandez
Birth Certificate: Gail Lynn Birnbaum

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: Lincoln County Courthouse
1110 E Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452
Date: September 9, 2022
Time: 10:30 a.m.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA SCHUSTER
DOD 05/04/2022
Notice to Creditors for Summary Assignment (Formal Administration)
Case No. 2022 PR 25

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. A petition for Summary Assignment was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/15/1945 and date of death 05/04/2022, with a mailing address of 1703 Mathews St., Merrill, WI, 54452, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin.

3. The right of a creditor to bring an action terminates three months after the date of publication of this order. Creditors may bring an action by

A. filing a claim in the Lincoln County Circuit Court before the property is assigned.
B. Bringing a suit against the assignee(s) after the property is assigned.

4. The property may be assigned to the creditors and interested persons after 30 days have elapsed following the publication of this notice.
James Wedemeyer
204 N. Van Rensselaer St.
Merrill, Wis. 54452
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

On Soulmates

DEAR READER,

Recently someone asked me if a person can have more than one soulmate. In thinking about it, I tend to lean towards yes. For example, if you didn't end up with your current life-mate, you probably would have found a choice of one or two others who could have been different flavors of a soulmate—meaning perfectly suited for you just with a different tweak or two.

But then again, I have witnessed the unique soulmates married to each of our three daughters and I have to believe



there is no other version available beyond what they have chosen. These appear to be exclusive lifelong bonds that are deeply connected to one another without any possibility of substitutes.

Having a soulmate to reflect and share in the wonders of life is one of the greatest gifts we can have as we navigate through the lands, waters and sky.

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.

one float the ideas that taxpayer dollars and relying on more foreign oil are the solutions to help Americans pay the bills.

So, while our family, friends, and neighbors in Wisconsin lose more of our hard-earned paychecks to Biden's taxes, I ask President Biden to reverse course on his destructive policies. I believe Congressman Tom Tiffany was correct when he said "Instead of further digging our nation deeper into debt, Congress should focus on a spending measure that will decrease the federal deficit, cool down the inflation crushing hard-working Americans, and lower energy prices. It is time for President Biden and the Democrats to start making the same

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Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

Luck

(Streaming on Apple TV)

★★★★☆

Rated G – Suitable for everyone

You ever feel that the world is just out to get ya? That if it wasn't for bad luck, you would have no luck at all?

We all have, but for Sam Greenfield, it's true! This hapless character has nothing but bad luck. And for we, the viewer, watching as her luck tortures her day after day in every imaginable way, that is very very funny.

Having aged out of the foster system without ever finding her forever family, Sam is struggling along to build a life while worrying that a young orphan named Hazel will never find her forever home either.

Then one day Sam meets Bob, a black cat she shares a meal with, and when he leaves, she finds a lucky penny, and her reality is forever altered.

Luck is a sweet film with some genuine laughs and a heartfelt message about caring for others and learning how to pivot when the world you are in seems out to get you.

I went into this one with the mindset that it would be a pleasant watch and a good way to kill an hour and a half, but I was pleasantly surprised at its content and




message. It moved briskly with no one set piece going on and on (Marvel movies, I'm looking at you). The kids will love this one, and it will keep their attention, and for the parents, you will not feel trapped in a dystopian hades as you wait for the blessing of the end credits. Simply put: you're going to like this one as much as the kiddos.

Rated G for everyone, there is nothing offensive or scary about *Luck*. I give it a solid three out of five stars.

We should all be so lucky as to learn the lesson this film gently teaches us. The message is there, but delivered without grabbing you and holding you down to ram it down your throat as you beg for mercy, like so many other movies. I loved it!

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LETTERS
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kind of tough choices that the American people make every single day. It is time to put America first."

— Sincerely,
Kayla Alf
Merrill, Wis.

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*Letters must be 250 words or less. (There will be no exceptions to this. Any letter longer than 250 words will not be printed.)

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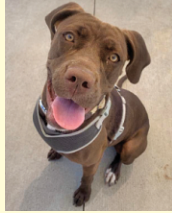
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moving over for the pedestrian. The narrative alleged by Lincoln County does not match the forensic evidence on-site. The braking marks occur for a considerable distance in Owen Cordova's southbound lane immediately before Owen Cordova's vehicle tracks show that his vehicle took evasive action by driving onto the shoulder/ditch to avoid a head-on collision."

"Both Lincoln County employees were negligent in not slowing down on a corner, with a hill, when confronted with a pedestrian on the highway edge. Their negligence caused the accident. Lincoln County is legally responsible for the actions of their employees in the course of employment."

This narrative forms the basis of the allegations that make up the lawsuit.

The defendants in the case, represented by Attorney Thomas J. Donnelly of the Grady, Hayes & Neary LLC law firm of Waukesha, filed an Answer and Affirmative Defenses on July 1 saying they "deny the characterization of the accident is accurate" and "deny allegations of negligence and causation." The Answer assigns the blame for the accident to 16-year-old Owen Cordova who died in the crash. That Answer also alleges that "by the negligence of other individuals/entities" ... "plaintiffs have failed to join all necessary and indispensable parties" to the suit "with the result that plaintiffs' Complaint must be dismissed," among other defenses. The Answer asks the court to dismiss the case and award them costs, disbursements, and attorney fees.

Lincoln County Corporation Counsel, Karry A. Johnson, declined to comment on the case saying, "It is the County's policy not to comment on pending litigation matters."

Lincoln County's newest judge, Judge Galen Bayne-Allison, has been assigned to the case.

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Rummage Sales Upcoming 7202

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8/12-8/14/22
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- NO EARLY SALES. We DO NOT give out prices or information prior to the sale. Please do not text, call or email requests.

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MAC Home logo/mural painting on Merrill's west side

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill's homeless and transitional housing shelter, the MAC Home, located on Merrill's west side at 407 W. Main St. in Merrill, is fairly inconspicuous. But the first week in August, the MAC Home became much easier to find. Local artist and college student, Bailey Iwen, spent hours painting the side of the two-story building with the MAC Home's updated logo in its new color scheme. Now the MAC Home is bound to get noticed.

On the wall, the words "MAC Home" stand about 2 feet tall and the mural/logo itself is about 11 feet x 13 feet, Iwen said.

The MAC Home Board opted to use new colors for the logo to convey "inclusivity amongst diverse populations," she said. "The MAC Home wants people to know their doors are open for those in need, so we all decided on the slogan 'Offering Hope and Compassion' to encapsulate their message."

They also added the MAC Home phone number to the wall.

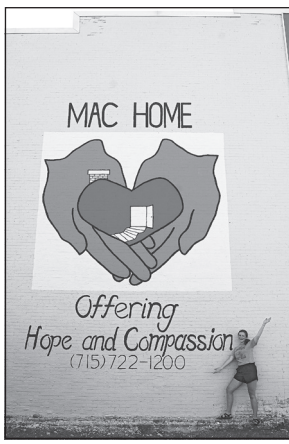
Iwen, who agreed to do the painting after being asked by MAC Home Board Member Dee Olsen, is entering her last semester of college this fall, will continue in spring 2023 with student teaching placement, and will graduate in May from UW-Stout. She plans to pursue a career as an art teacher after graduation, hopefully locally. "My goal is to be hired close to home in the community I grew up with as an elementary art teacher," she said.

The MAC Home paid for the paint and materials and will also extend a gratuity to Iwen for her talent and labor, Olsen said.

Carl Theorin and John Theorin of Wausau Sales Corporation donated the use of the scissor lift, Jim Turenne of Turenne Construction helped coordinate getting the lift, Reindl Printing provided paper to transfer the design, and the painting supplies came from Ace Hardware.

Using the lift enabled Iwen to get 25 feet up into the air to paint, but the process began long before the lift and paint brushes came into play.

"First we took a picture of the empty wall and



Bailey Iwen stands beneath the MAC Home mural she painted on the side of their building, showcasing a message of hope and compassion.

used a digital painting to make a mock-up of what it could look like," Iwen said. "Using my mom as a scale for reference, we calculated the dimensions of the wall to determine how big it would be and where on the wall it needed to be placed."

Then Iwen spent about 22 hours transferring the design and creating a huge, life-size stencil of the design. She then taped the huge stencil to the wall to create the outline, and the rest was a matter of filling in the outline with paint and doing the detail work. In total, it took Iwen about 45 hours to complete the project, and that's not including the time her parents, Doug and Pam Iwen, spent helping her. They especially helped painting and filling in the big areas of the design, Iwen said.

"The mural turned out beautifully," said Theresa Anthony, Executive Director at the MAC Home.

Anthony said the idea for the mural came as the result of two things. First, "Whenever someone calls, whether it is a potential client or someone dropping off donations, they ask if we have a sign on our building, and I always say we are at 407 W. Main and we have the two stained glass windows next to the door, but only a small sign on our door saying MAC Home; I told everyone to look for the stained glass windows." Nevertheless, the building didn't have high visibility.

Then, "in the spring we were approached by someone in the community to paint a mural on our building because they saw it as a beautiful blank canvas," she said. "After discussing it at the Board meeting, it was decided that we would paint



Bailey Iwen stands on a scissor lift painting the updated MAC Home logo 25 feet from the ground.

our logo on the building so everyone would know where we were."

"Bailey was chosen because she has done other

murals in the community," Anthony said.

"I was grateful for the opportunity to be asked for such a big project and

love to spread art for a good cause," Iwen said.

The Board opted to tweak their original logo "to make the heart red

and the hands orange," Anthony said. "This change made the steps into the heart and the chimney stand out more so that the heart looks like a home, as intended. It was a group effort by all of our Board members making the changes."

"Our Board President, Mike Ravn, spoke with Darin Pagel [City of Merrill Building Inspector] when we were beginning this project and explained our ideas," she said when asked about sign ordinances and permits. "Mike was told it is a mural and we wouldn't need a permit."

"I'm excited to say you can see our sign from a block away [now]," Anthony said. "But you can [also] still look for the stained glass windows."

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Treasure Chest Storage opens in Merrill

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

On July 19, 2022, the Merrill Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Treasure Chest Storage LLC at 2404 Jackson St. in Merrill.

Treasure Chest is the newest business venture owned by Tina and Jess Dengel of Merrill and offers thirty 10x20' storage units. Those units have already begun renting and the Dengels anticipate being located across the street from the Jackson Street Apartments will make it a great storage option for renters there.

The Dengels purchased the land in Oct. 2021 and broke ground on May 2, 2022. Construction began on June 7, and the units were completed on July 12.

"Jess has always wanted to do the storage units, but it was hard to find any facilities to purchase, and finding land was a challenge," Tina Dengel said. However, not long after they purchased this land, they were also able to purchase an existing facility at 1204 River St. in Merrill with eight 10x20' units.



L to R: Michael Manning from S.C. Swiderski; Sue Kunkel, Chamber Ambassador; Clyde Nelson, Chamber Director; Tina and Jess Dengel, owners; Sarah Sturm, Chamber Marketing Director; and Kurt Rust, Chamber Board Member.

Tina L. Scott photo.

Now the Dengels have a number of options to offer those in need of storage space, including a large open area warehouse space suitable for camper, boat, and/or trailer storage at 143161 County Rd. FF.

In addition to storage rentals, the Dengels own

Riversbend Realty Group LLC, Dengel Dumpsters, and a number of residential rental properties.

"The storage units are definitely a good fit for us and complements the other businesses we have," Jess said. "All of our businesses provide a service or fill a need for the Merrill community and surrounding areas."

Dengel Dumpsters is approaching 3,000 deliveries and donates \$5 for each dumpster delivered to Jessi's Wish, a local organization that helps those who are battling cancer, to assist with expenses such as gas, food, and hotel costs associated with going for treatment, he said.

All of their businesses also help support community projects such as the Riverbend Trail, the Dengels added.

Tina and Jess have five grown children and six grandchildren plus one more "on the way." Their "spare time," which is "usually 20 minutes sitting on our deck," is spent camping once or twice a year and mowing the lawn, they say with a laugh.

In The Lite of Merrill wins 2022 Badger Craftsman Award

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

In The Lite of Merrill recently won a 2022 Badger Craftsman Award for Best Home Technology from the Wisconsin Builders Association (WBA). The WBA recognizes top construction projects throughout the state. This was the first year for the next category recognizing home technology and smart homes.

"We are so honored to have won the prestigious 2022 Badger Craftsman Award for Best Smart Home!" a press release from In The Lite said. The award is a big deal because winners are "chosen from projects completed all across the state of Wisconsin," it said. The home showcased and for which the award was won was a local home.

Members of the WBA submit projects in various categories, such as New Construction, Remodels, Interior Design, Smart Home, etc., sharing photos of the project, blueprints, and a description of the project. "The top projects are then voted on to determine the winner," said Sasha Everett, In The Lite Communication

Director.

"Most of the award winners are from larger cities in the southern portion of the state. We are truly proud to represent central and northern Wisconsin and showcase the amazing building projects happening here," said Daniel Langhoff, co-owner of In The Lite.

"We are honored to have won the first ever Badger Craftsman Award for this category and are excited that more people are seeing the amazing possibilities smart home technology provides," said Brittney Petroske, Home Automation Specialist. "No matter the size of your project, adding smart home technology is a great addition."

Daniel Langhoff, Brittney Petroske, and Sasha Everett attended the Celebration of Housing event on June 22, 2022, in Spring Green, Wis., to accept the award.

The description of the award-winning project on the WBA website reads:

"Located in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, this is an all-inclusive smart home. This project is a 12,347 square foot residential home with an attached office space. The home includes an indoor pool, hot tub, sunken



In the Lite staff were in Spring Green, Wis., accepting a Badger Craftsman Award from the Wisconsin Builders Association.

Submitted photos.

bar, elevator, master suite, dog grooming room, bed and breakfast, seven bathrooms, and two garages. There are numerous smart systems including a smart lighting system, automated shades, a smart security system including indoor and outdoor security cameras, smart thermostats, and a smart sound system. In addition, we also found several unique applications. Both the owner's indoor hot tub and outdoor fountain are able to be turned on/off via an app or keypad in the home. All smart elements including the lighting, shades, speakers, security cameras, and thermostats are connected with the Google and Alexa assistants. This allows each individual component to be voice controlled or several devices at once with a large variety of integrated "scenes." In total, there are more than 250 smart devices incorporated in the home including 154 lighting devices (switches, dimmers, wall and tabletop keypads), 31 automated shades, 6 security cameras, 4 thermostats, 11 smoke detectors, 20 speakers, 5 Google speakers, 3 smart displays, 17 smart televisions, and 8 routers. This project truly showcases what smart home technology can do as it is integrated into every part of this home. Each device works together to create a convenient, efficient, secure, and entertaining Northwoods retreat.

"We are so honored that our work was recognized on a statewide level and that we could represent the amazing projects being completed right here in north central Wisconsin," the release from In The Lite said.

Nomination for international Lutron Excellence Award

In The Lite's smart home was also nominated for an international Lutron Excellence Award. The Lutron Excellence Awards program recognizes the world's best projects using Lutron lighting and shading control solutions. This award is given out for excellence in home automation, specifically home automation in lighting and shades. To be considered, In The Lite submitted a five-minute video, photos, and a detailed written description of the project. "We are very honored to represent Merrill, Wis., on an international stage!" Everett said. The winners of the international Lutron Excellence Award will be notified later this year.

In The Lite is a full-service electrical contractor specializing in residential and commercial projects, standby generators, solar, and smart home systems, serving north central Wisconsin for more than 20 years. www.inthelitelc.com

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WBA Semi-Finals to be held at Merrill's Athletic Park

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

Merrill's Athletic Park will be a host site for the Wisconsin Baseball Association (WBA) Semi-Finals in the Merrill Regional Bracket.

Beginning on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, the Merrill Rangers will play the Jim Falls Sturgeons at 7:30 p.m.

Semi-Final games will continue through the weekend, with the Everest Merchants playing the Spring Valley Hawks on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 12:00 noon. The loser of the Friday night game will play the Hayward Hawks at 3:00 p.m. The loser of the noon game between Everest and Spring Valley will play the Eau Claire Cavaliers at 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday at 12:00 noon, the winner of the Friday night game will play the Hayward Hawks, and then at 3:00 p.m. the winner of Saturday's 12:00 p.m. game (either Everest or Spring Valley) will play the Eau Claire Cavaliers.

Two teams will advance to the WBA Finals being held on Aug. 19-Aug. 21, 2022, in Onalaska.

The WBA is a non-profit organization comprised of six adult amateur baseball leagues in Central, Western, and Northern Wisconsin. This includes the Chippewa River League, the Independent League, the Mississippi Valley League, the St. Croix Valley League, the Upper 13 League, and the Dairyland League.

The Merrill Rangers are a part of the Dairyland League, along with the Abbotsford Merchants, Everest Merchants, Interwald Woodticks, Marshfield Chaparrals, Medford Mood Dogs, Minocqua Wood Ducks, Pittsville River Bandits, Rib Lake Osprey, Spirit Twins, Tomahawk Titans, Wausau River Hawks, Westboro Trojans, and Whittlesey Reds.

Merrill Rangers finished the Dairyland season 10-3.

The lineup for the Rangers includes:

#1 Brad Kanitz OF/1B; #3 Alex Gehrke P; #5 Caleb DeJong OF; #9 Casey Hoffman IF/C; #12 Peyton Becker SS/2B; #13 Brody Gehrke P; #14 Isaac Sutton OF; #15 Garrett Pagel C; #16 Dakota Ress OF; #19 Alex Mann IF; #21 Spencer Schneider P/IF; #22 Chase

Bonnell IF/P; #23 Pierson Pyan OF; #27 Shawn Schultz P; #33 Zach Kriegel P/1B; #34 Trevor Asmundsen SS/2B; #35 Justin Pyan 1B/OF (Coach); #44 Rondae Donahue OF; and #69 Tyler Westfall 3B.

2022 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedules

Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Fri. Aug. 12 D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV) Away 10:00 am

Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Practice begins Monday, August 15th.

Tennis (Varsity and JV)

Sat. Aug. 13 WI Rapids Lincoln (JV) Away 9:00 am

Mon. Aug. 15 Wausau West (Varsity) Away 9:00 am

Tues. Aug. 16 Wausau West (Varsity) Away 9:00 am

Boys Soccer (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Practice begins Monday, August 15th.

Swimming (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Aug. 18 Multiple Schools (Varsity) Home-MARC 5:00 pm

Cross Country Boys (Varsity and JV)

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Cross Country Girls (Varsity and JV)

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ELECTION

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County to add "Private funding of election administration" advisory referendum question to Nov. ballot

Second, in a separate action, the Board considered Resolution 2022-7-24 for an advisory referendum regarding private funding of election administration and voted 15-4 (Elizabeth McCrank, Greta Rusch, Brian Hafeman, and Julie Allen voted against the resolution) to place the following advisory referendum question on the Nov. 8, 2022, General Election ballot:

"Should the State of Wisconsin prohibit election officials from soliciting or using private funds, technology, or services from special interest groups, people, or other private entities for the purpose of administering elections and referendums? Yes or No."

The language in the

resolution supporting the referendum question, as recommended and unanimously passed by the Administrative & Legislative Committee during their July 6, 2022, meeting, included the following preambles:

"WHEREAS, During Wisconsin's 2020 General Election a private, non-profit entity, the Center for Tech and Civic Life, funded in part by Facebook Founder Mark Zuckerberg, furnished approximately \$8.5 million to five Wisconsin cities and an additional \$1.6 million to over 200 other Wisconsin municipalities.

"WHEREAS, By accepting these grants municipalities agreed to certain conditions related to election administration which directly impacted the procedures adopted by municipalities who were recipients of the grant funding while other municipalities that did not receive the grants did not implement the same measures.

"WHEREAS, By accepting these grants municipi-

palities granted special access to voter data to agents of the special interest group, including the ability to manage municipal staff and special access to ballots.

"WHEREAS, Voters need to be able to trust that their local election officials are acting in a non-partisan capacity and are not under the influence of private resources that might impact how an election is administered.

"WHEREAS, The ability to accept private funds for election administration can be used by any political party or special interest group to improperly influence the outcome of elections.

"WHEREAS, The ability of a privately-funded special interest to participate in an election in this manner allows for circumvention of campaign finance laws and creates the appearance of unfairness in election administration.

"WHEREAS, In order to have a well-functioning election, voters need to have trust in the fairness of the process.

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors insists upon the prohibition of the use of private donations from special interest groups, people, or other private entities by government for the purposes of election administration."

VETERANS

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resides in Tomahawk with her husband, Benjamin; three daughters - Hailey and twin daughters, Savannah and Deanna; and their German shepherd where they own and operate a beef farm. Tiffany's hobbies include hiking, hunting, fishing, camping, boating, dancing, going to music festivals, reading books, and playing with her daughters.

The mission of the Lincoln County Veterans Service Office

The mission of the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) is to serve as the liaison between veteran benefits and those who may be entitled to them, acting as advocates to assist Lincoln County veterans and their dependents in any way possible. Of utmost importance is raising the profile of the veteran's issues within the community and educating the public on the contributions and benefits of veterans, alongside service organizations and community leaders; and we will responsibly manage our limited resources and leverage what we have to serve the citizens of our county.

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