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Pine River Fire Department Annual Pig Roast a success

In addition to all the locals, Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate Michels stops in to support firefighters

The Pine River Fire Department held their Annual Pig Roast and Open House this past Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, an event that attracted nearly 1,000 people from throughout the community.

Besides the public, several politicians stopped by, including GOP gubernatorial candidate Tim Michels and his running mate Roger Roth. "This is far from a political event," Pine River Fire Department Captain Mike Caylor said, "However, we are happy that elected officials and candidates recognize this as a major community event and take the time to stop by and shake some hands, and more important, spend some of their money."



Fireworks Depot put on a spectacular fireworks display at dusk. Photo courtesy of Pine River Fire Department.

Food was available, along with music by Bernie Thompson and the Trigger Trippers to keep toes tapping. A bounce house kept the kids happy.

Numerous activities were held to highlight the department and its work in the community. Visitors got to see displays of fire apparatus along with special displays, and the Lifelink helicopter landing for the occasion.

Local businesses donated prizes, and the afternoon was filled with gun raffles, paddle raffles, and raffle tables in addition to the main raffle event. The annual big-ticket raffle brought in thousands for the Department with numerous prizes including \$5,000 in cash, which was won by a Stevens Point resident, Caylor said.

Pine River Fire Department Chief John Uttech thanked the fundraising committee, the businesses that donated prizes, and most importantly, everyone who came out to support the firefighters and first responders.

Firefighters responded to a smoke

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Merrill native Torkelson to headline comedy show at Les & Jim's



Merrill native Matt Torkelson is excited to be doing a hometown comedy show with some of his favorite comedians at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes, on Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, and this time he's the headliner. The show is billed as "Matt Torkelson & Friends." Doors open at 6:00 p.m., show starts at 7:00 p.m., buying tickets in advance is recommended to ensure you get a seat.

Tina L. Scott photo.

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

"We didn't have cable growing up until I was in the eighth grade, and that's when I first saw stand-up comedy on Comedy Central," said Merrill native Matthew Torkelson. "Comedian Mitch Hedberg was the first guy I saw, and I just thought, 'Oh I want to try that some day.'" The desire to become a comedian never left him. Instead, it just grew, and he dreamed of moving to Los Angeles to give it a go.

A Merrill High School Class of 2006 graduate, Torkelson knew he needed a backup plan, so he went to college, graduated from UW-River Falls in 2011 with a degree in Marketing Communications, and then decided it was "now or never."

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Fallen Leaves, watercolor on arches paper, 10 x 14 by Lisa Krueger, Oak View Studio, Tomahawk. Submitted photo.

North Woods Fall Art Tour is October 7, 8, and 9

Fall in the North Woods is a favorite time of the year for visitors and residents. Mother Nature puts on her best show turning the forests ablaze with bright and deep shades of yellow, red, and orange, against the background of the green pinery, reflecting the images in clear blue lakes and creating tunnels of color along country roads in Iron, Vilas, Oneida, and Lincoln Counties. The North Woods Art Tour on Oct. 7, 8, and 9, 2022, invites guests to get off the beaten track and experience the beautiful backroads where artists live and work. The Art tour is free and open to the public. Member artists are putting their best efforts forth and inviting the public to visit their private studios to see new work.

The 37 selected locations on the North Woods Art Tour will be open to guests Friday, Oct. 7; Saturday, Oct. 8; and Sunday, Oct. 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily. Colorful brochures with location descriptions and driving directions are available at local chambers, visitor centers, and businesses and for download on the tour

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Barleyfest brings in hundreds of attendees for year 14

Best of show winners announced

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The 14th Annual Lincoln Lager Barleyfest "was well attended ... and brought in hundreds of people to the Smith Center for another day of fun, craft beer, wine, music, and smiles!" said Dan Wendorf, City of Merrill Director of Parks & Recreation. "We had 35 breweries offering over 100 different types of craft beer and wine."

While organizers haven't had time to finalize all of the exact numbers yet, as they are getting ready for the ice install at the Smith Center, they were very

pleased with the event and the turnout. "It is always great to see so many people return each year, as well as seeing new faces come out and enjoy the event for the first time," Wendorf said.

"We are very appreciative of all of our patrons and sponsors for supporting Barleyfest for 14 years, and appreciate those who support local events!" he added.

The Best of Show winners from the 14th Annual (2022) Lincoln Lager Barleyfest are:

- Best Beer – "Beast of Bourbon" from Mosinee Brewing Company
- Best Wine – "Frosted Citrus Berry" from Sunset Hollow Ranch Winery (right here in Merrill)
- Best of Barleyfest – Mosinee Brewing Company



2022 Lincoln Lager Barleyfest attendees sampled beer and wine from the 35 breweries/wineries offering more than 100 different kinds of beer and wine last Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at the Smith Center. **Dan Wendorf photo.**

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scare right before the big drawing, giving guests a true look at what the Department does.

The Fireworks Depot put on a spectacular fireworks display at dusk, lasting more than 30 minutes.

Although final numbers will not be available for weeks, Uttech is confident the event could possibly break a record. All proceeds support the Pine River Fire Department and its EMS division.



Tim Michels, Republican candidate for Wisconsin Governor, (standing at the far right in the photo) visits with attendees at the Pine River Fire Department Annual Pig Roast on Oct. 1, 2022.



A number of local government officials and candidates for Wisconsin state offices made appearances at the Pine River Fire Department's Annual Pig Roast this past Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022. From L to R: Roger Roth, candidate for Wisconsin Lt. Governor; Jesse Boyd, Lincoln County Supervisor; Calvin Callahan, current representative for District 35 in the Wisconsin State Assembly, running for re-election; Tim Michels, candidate for Wisconsin Governor; and Steve Hass, Merrill Mayor. **Submitted photos.**

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The Merrill Area United Way's success is because of a wonderful, giving community that has supported the efforts of United Way to aid in funding many agencies throughout the years. This celebration is about community and the incredible supporters.

Tentative Schedule

10:00 - Mayor Steve Hass Proclamation
11:00 - 1:00 Blue Jay Radio Station is broadcasting LIVE

Kids Activities

Pumpkin Giveaway - (until gone)
Bouncy House
Face Painting
Yard games such as cornhole bags, ping pong ball toss, and more
10:15 Walk Starts - but can walk the trail later too.
(Receive a participation token)
10:30-11:00; 12:00-12:30, 1:15 to 1:45 - Story Telling with Mrs. Wilding,
11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Zendor the Comic Magician - Walking, close up magic.

11:30 - 12:00 and 12:45 - 1:15 John Kilgust - Juggling show.
John Kilgust will ride his unicycle with the walkers

Displays

United Way and several United Way funded agencies will have displays to provide information about their agencies and the services they provide to the community. Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Childcaring, Inc., MAC Home, Children's Wisconsin 'Family Resource Center', HAVEN, Christmas Spirit Appeal, United Way and possibly a few more.

Entertainment

10:30 - 11:30 Paul Waid and Matt Waid
12:00 - 1:30 Carl Jackson

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Merrill's Silver "M" Club honors new inductees

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Silver "M" Club, as part of Merrill's Homecoming tradition, held their Annual Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, and honored new inductees into the Club.

"The Silver 'M' Club was established in 1944 and is America's most unique football club," said Kay Klug. "This year it celebrates 78 years, with over 700 men who have been inducted into membership, 25 years after receiving their Varsity letter."

The Club recognizes Merrill High School Football players 25 years after they letter in football as Silver "M" ers and then again recognizes those players 50 years after they first lettered in football as Golden "M" ers.

"This Club is a big deal for these members and their families," Klug said. "To know that you played football for the Bluejays and know you get to join this memorable organization after 25 years is a big deal." Four generations of Klugs have now been inducted into this prestigious group, Klug was proud to add.

Many members "come home" for the Club's weekend festivities from all over the country, she said. "It is truly a real Homecoming."

This year, after the 2022 Merrill High School (MHS) Varsity Football Team played their victory Homecoming game over Hayward, many of the former MHS Varsity Football Team members gathered for the 78th Annual Silver "M" Club Reunion and Banquet and to honor and welcome their newest members into the Silver "M" Club.

This year's incoming Silver "M" ers, from the Class of 1997, are: Lucas Anderson, Gavin Attoe, Ryan Baguhn, Eric Belgram, Stephen Bloechl, Jeff Christiansen, Joseph Colstad, Adam Dotter, Arlo Entenmann, Kevin Harding, Scott Hermanson, Mathew Hooch, Andy Jacobson, Josh Klug, Brian Koehler, John Kollmer, Paul Kufahl, Steven Leider, James Nash Jr., Robert Nowak, Seth Pajtash, Scott Polebitski, Gregory Rajek, Jared Sanders, Richard



2022 Silver "M" inductees, who lettered in 1997: L to R: Paul Kufahl, Seth Pajtash, Scott Polebitski, Kevin Harding, Jeff Christiansen, Richard Seefeldt (w/hat), Chris Zastrow (Manager), Andy Jacobson, Josh Klug, and Jared Sanders.

Submitted photos.



2022 Golden "M" inductees who lettered in 1972: L to R: Jim Richardson (Coach), John Leist, Mark Bubolz, Dave Detert, Paul Kienitz (in orange), John Zimmerman, and Dave Laehn.

Seefeldt, Jay Stewart, Andrew Stimers, Brad Strobel, Kory Waid, and Lucas Zastrow.

This year's incoming Golden "M" ers, from the Class of 1972, are: Gary Baumann, Mark Bubolz, Dave Detert,

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Kenyon Golisch

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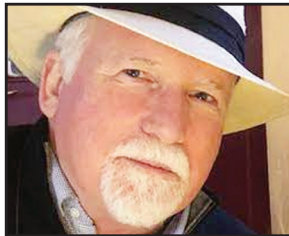
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Throughout our life's journey, we each live in a succession of tightly packed worlds. We experience these worlds one at a time, entering, staying a while, and departing to the next one.

Kids live in a tightly packed world. School, a bicycle, woods to explore, and a park to play in with a handful of adventurous friends could be the full scope of that world. High school is another tightly packed world - classes, plays, chess, sports, and a slow initiation into dating are all a part of it.

Then we go to college, or directly to the workforce depending on one's path. Those years can be filled with the joy of young adulthood in all its experimental, experiential glory. In each of these worlds, the people and events seem larger than life - because they are our life, all of it, at least for



that time.

Then, perhaps reluctantly, we move to a new world of weighty

responsibilities, such as starting a family, caring for elderly loved ones, and trying to make a contribution to society. That can be a tough awakening, as we discover that sometimes it is a dog-eat-dog world, with success going to the fittest... or the luckiest.

Finally, we retreat to the last tightly packed world

of being old. It's been said that aging is not for the faint heart. If we have prepared well for it, the ride can be peaceful and serene. If we have not, it's a grinding and gnashing of teeth until death do we all part into final oblivion.

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

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COMMUNITY REFERENDUM INFORMATION SESSIONS SCHEDULED

October 10

Kate Goodrich Elementary School - 7 p.m.

November 1

MHS Auditorium - 6 p.m.

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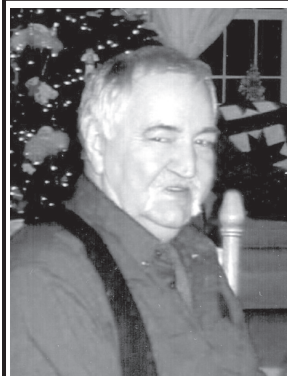
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OBITUARIES

Darlene Velda Marchese (Gerdes) long-time resident of Merrill, passed away peacefully in her home on September 16, 2022. Darlene was a long-time employee of SEMCO windows and was currently employed by Walmart in Merrill. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 19 years, Anthony (Tony) Marchese. She is survived by 3 sisters, 1 brother, and numerous nieces and nephews. Ruth Drew (Gerdes) of Plymouth, WI; Carol Faust (Gerdes) and her partner Mark Leisher of Ringle, WI; Mary Gilsdorf (Gerdes) of DePere, WI and Steven Gerdes and spouse Debra of Sheboygan, WI. Darlene will be cremated according to her wishes. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. She will be greatly missed by family, friends and coworkers. The family is being assisted by Mid Wisconsin Cremation Society of Schofield, WI. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Merrill Police Department and the Lincoln County Human Society for their kindness and help. Online condolences may be expressed at MWCS.WS



George Karl Hanson, age 70, of Merrill, Wisconsin, passed away surrounded by loved ones at Marshfield Medical Clinic in Weston on Friday, September 30, 2022. He was born on April 12, 1952, to the late Willard and Ardena (Winchell) Hanson in Tomahawk, Wisconsin. George grew up in a household with 14 siblings and graduated from Merrill High School. He was a proud member of the union who worked as a laborer for many years at Hurd Windows. He loved to garden, being outdoors in the country, and camping at Otter Lake. He was very social and liked to hang out at Z's Bar and Hub Inn amongst friends. Most of all he loved his grandchildren. George is survived by his children: Nathan Hanson, Damien (Sejin) Hanson, and Ryan (Casey) Hanson, grandchildren: Emily, Scott, Dean, Nichole, Jacob and Reily, siblings: Caroline McKinnon, Audrey Pophal, Diana Earling, Raymond Hanson, Flora Forster, and Paulette Hoffman, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Duane Hanson, Willard Hanson Jr., Janice Crass, Rose McDonald, Norman Hanson, baby girl Hanson, and Suzette Winterfeldt. A celebration of life will be held at Hub Inn on Thursday October 6, 2022 at 2:00pm. 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.



Scott Ray Plum, age 62, of Lomira, WI, previously of Merrill, passed away unexpectedly at his mother's home in Merrill on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. He was born on March 16, 1960, to Duane and Carol (Barker) Plum in Tomahawk, WI. His mother survives. Scott met his soul mate and the love of his life, Sandy Burmeister, and the two joined in marriage on June 1, 2007, in Lomira, WI. She survives. Scott was definitely a "jack of all trades", but especially loved welding. He has a laser table and a whole shop dedicated to his welding projects. Not only did he excel at welding, but he was also an amazing woodworker, making many gifts for his family and friends, including a large wooden Harley - Davidson motorcycle. Scott was passionate about riding motorcycles with Sandy and their club friends and going everywhere together. Recently they took their dream trip Sturgis and Mount Rushmore, as well as the Grand Canyon. He also enjoyed deer hunting and fishing. Scott adored their 3 black long-haired German Shepherds, Kane, Kyle, and Bailey; they were his babies! He was a jokester and had a witty sense of humor. Scott will be sadly missed but never forgotten. Scott leaves behind his wife: Sandy Plum, mother: Carol Leavitt, sister: Beverly (Jeffrey) Bootz, nephews: Mathew and Jesse Bootz, niece: Heidi, as well as many extended family members and numerous friends. He was preceded in death by his bonus father: Lester Leavitt, sister: Elaine Plum, brother: Wayne Plum and nephew: Joseph Bootz. Per family request, no formal services will be held for Scott, rather a Celebration of Life in Lomira, WI at a later date. 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.

Susan Spatz (Lemke)
Date of birth October 1, 1959. Passed away on September 19, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held on October 8, 2022. 1 - 4 PM at the Pine River Town Hall.

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City Hall Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
I. Call to Order: Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The following elected officials, department heads and residents were in attendance:
Elected Officials and Department Heads present: City Attorney Hayden, City Administrator Johnson, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek, Finance Director Unertl, Fire Chief Klug, Police Chief Bennett, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Street Superintendent Bonack, Merrill Enrichment Director Mrachek, Interim Library Director Ollhoff and Merrill Productions.
Residents in attendance: Pastor Mike Southcomb, Bill Bialecki, Clyde Nelson, Sue Kunkel, CLA Representative Amber Danielski.
II. Invocation by Pastor Mike Southcomb - St. Stephens United Church of Christ
III. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
IV. Roll Call was taken and the following alderperson's were in attendance:
Paul Russell - First District Present
Michael "Gus" Caylor - Second District Present
Rick Blake - Third District Present
LaDonna Fermanich - Fourth District Present
Dick Lupton - Fifth District Present
Mike Rick - Sixth District Remote
Mark Weix - Seventh District Excused
Steve Sabatke - Eighth District Present
V. Public Comment-Clyde Nelson, 709 Cottage Street represented the Fair Association. He thanked the City of Merrill for their continued support for the fair. He also thanked a number of city employees and departments for their help during the fair.
VI. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting-August 10, 2022
Alderson Blake made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2022 Common Council meeting. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion passed.
VII. Revenue & Expense Reports:
Alderson Russell made a motion to approve the revenue and expense reports ending August 31, 2022. Alderson Sabatke seconded and the motion passed.
VIII. Board of Public Works:
1. Consider a Street Use Permit from The Haunted Sawmill to close the street in the area in front of the Haunted Sawmill (Hendricks Street from E 7th Street to E 8th Street) from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM on the following dates in October 2022: October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30th, in conjunction with a haunted house event.
Alderson Sabatke made a motion to approve the street use permit for the Haunted Sawmill. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.
IX. Personnel & Finance:
1. Consider non-union holiday hours for employees working a scheduled 10 hour work day to get 10 hours of holiday pay.
After discussion, Alderson Caylor motioned to approve two hours per holiday to each non-union employee's holiday bank. Alderson Russell seconded. Alderson Rick asked to amend the motion to give back the two hours for Labor Day. Alderson Caylor amended the original motion to include returning two hours back to the banks of the affected employees for Labor Day. Alderson Russell seconded the amended motion and the motion carried.
2. Consider approval of the 2023-2024 contract with Bowmar Appraisal, Inc. for Maintenance and Market Revaluation.
Alderson Fermanich made a motion to approve with the stipulation that an RFP would be put out after the 2023/2024 contract. Alderson Caylor seconded and the motion carried.
X. General Agenda Items:
1. **Employee Years of Service Recognition:**
Mayor Hass thanked Tom Hayden and Robert Caylor for their years of service to the City of Merrill.
2. **Presentation and discussion of 2021 City of Merrill Audit Reports by Clifton Larson Allen LLP.**
Amber Danielski from Clifton Larson Allen LLP went through the Governance Communications. She stated this summarizes items to bring to the Council regarding the audit.

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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: Sep 19, 2022
/S/Robert R. Russell
CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22-CV-137
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Sophie Lee Van Groll
By (Petitioner) Kelsey Lee Metz
By (Co-Petitioner) Shane Justin Van Groll
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Sophie Lee Van Groll
To: Sophie Lee Metz
Birth Certificate: Sophie Lee Van Groll
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 Branch 2
1110 East Main St., Merrill, WI 54452
Date: October 18, 2022
Time: 11:10 AM
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (715) 536-0302 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.
Published: 9/22/22, 9/29/22 & 10/6/22
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BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: September 20, 2022
Electronically signed by Robert R. Russell, Circuit Court Judge
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANNY M. THOMAS
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Special Administration (Formal Administration)
Case No. 2022 PR 33
A Petition for Appointment of a Special Administrator was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth 08/07/1969 and date of death 05/07/2022 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 411 N. Prospect Street, Merrill, WI 54452.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The petition be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Branch 2, before Robert R. Russell, Court Official, on 11/09/2022 at 9:00 a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. Notice by publication is required. Publication of this notice is to any interested persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable: Devin Thomas, Dilyn Thomas and Dalie Thomas.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Please check with person named below for exact time and date.
Attorney Timothy B. Melms
7520 Hwy 51 S., Suite A
Minocqua, WI 54548
715/365-1008 /Bar #1021201
Published 9/29/22, 10/6/22 & 10/13/22
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NOTICE OF ELECTION MERRILL AREA COMMON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 8, 2022
Referendum Details
At an election in the Merrill Area Common Public School District on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:
"Shall the Merrill Area Common Public School District, Lincoln and Langlade Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,500,000 per year beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and ending with the 2026-2027 school year, for non-recurring purposes to fund District operational and maintenance expenses?"
A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 1111 North Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.
Additional Information
Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.
Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Shannon M. Murray, District Administrator.
Done in the Merrill Area Common Public School District on October 6, 2022
Kendra Osnes, District Clerk
Published October 6, 2022
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1. Discussion and consideration regarding the recommendation from the August 24th Committee of the Whole meeting. Continue with Carlson Dettmann until the next city administrator is in place. Alderperson Caylor made a motion to refer this to the October 25th P&F Committee for review. Alderperson Sabatke seconded for discussion. After discussion, Alderperson Caylor amended the original motion to refer the continuation with Carlson Dettmann until the next city administrator is in place to the September 27th Personnel & Finance Committee meeting for review. Alderperson Sabatke seconded and the motion carried.

2. Discussion and consideration regarding the agreement for the Urban Search & Rescue Emergency Response Services from the earlier COW. Alderperson Blake made a motion to move forward with the agreement for the Urban Search & Rescue Emergency Response Service. Alderperson Lupton seconded. After discussion, the motion carried on a 6/1 voice vote.

XII. Place Committee Reports on File: 1. Place the following committee reports on file: Redevelopment Authority, Ad-Hoc Committee August meeting, Police & Fire Commission, Airport Commission, Marketing & Communications Committee, Health & Safety Committee, Personnel & Finance Committee August meeting, Committee of the Whole, Board of Public Works, Committee of the Whole August Budget Session, Festival Grounds Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Ad-Hoc Committee September meeting, Personnel & Finance Committee Special Meeting, Community Development Committee, Transit Commission, 2020 minutes Committee of the Whole July 24, September 29 and October 6. Alderperson Russell made a motion to place the committee reports on file. Alderperson Blake seconded and the motion carried.

XIII. Mayor's Appointments: 1. Rebecca Rutkowski to Redevelopment Authority replacing Sheila Polak term to expire 09/01/2027

2. Rick Blake to the Tourism Commission replacing Paul Russell term to expire 05/01/2024 Alderperson Caylor made a motion to approve both appointments. Alderperson Fermanich seconded and the motion carried.

XIV. Mayor's Communications: Mayor Hass had the following communications: He reminded everyone school is open and to be aware. The Fall Ride is this weekend, be diligent and aware. Pork in the Park has been cancelled October Fest is October 24th at the Sawmill Brewery; St. Stephens is sponsoring this event The TB Scott Library has a chat with author Scott Spoolman on September 26th at 5:30 PM Toddler Story Time started on September 12th Family Story Time begins on September 14th at 10:30 AM Monthly Critics Choice Movie is on Wednesday, September 28th at 1:00 PM The Enrichment Center has a craft show on October 1st from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and a retirement workshop on September 22 at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM He attended the ribbon cutting at the Trinity Daycare and toured the facility. He thanked everyone who went to the Community Night Out.

XV. Adjournment: Mayor Hass asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderperson Lupton made a motion to adjourn and Alderperson Sabatke seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L.

DATE SIGNED: September 13, 2022 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Ruth A. Jaeger
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN45

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

2. The decedent, with date of birth July 27, 1946, and date of death July 7, 2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N8540 Lighthouse Lane, Gleason, WI 54435.

3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 30, 2022. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office. Robert G. Blakely, Attorney at Law 1122 Cranston Road, Suite 2 Beloit, WI 53511 (608) 365-4401 / Bar # 1015047 Published 9/22/22, 9/29/22 & 10/6/22 WNAIXLP

DATE SIGNED: September 13, 2022 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
OTTILIE CARLSON
DOD 08/03/2022
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22.IN.44

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

2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/16/1930, and date of death 08/03/2022, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 305 N. Pine St., Merrill, WI 54452. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12/30/2022. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin,

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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

DATE SIGNED: September 22, 2022 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
THOMAS R. BERNDT
DOD: 10/23/21
Notice Setting Time to Hear
Application and Deadline for Filing
Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2022IN47

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

2. The decedent, with date of birth 4/18/1959, and date of death 10/23/21, was domiciled in King County, State of Washington, with a mailing address of 2908 S. 216th Street, Seatac, WA 98198.

3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office, before Becky Byer, Probate Registrar, on October 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 6, 2023.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office. 6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. Please check with person named below for exact time and date. Attorney William A. Grunewald Jensen, Scott, Grunewald & Shiffner, S.C. 128 W. Division Street PO BOX 426 Medford, WI 54451 715-748-2211/Bar #1008196 Published 9/29/22, 10/6/22 & 10/13/22 WNAIXLP

Merrill Area Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
August 17, 2022 - Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Blake at 5:30 PM in the Board Room. Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others Present: Superintendent Murray, Superintendent; twelve people from the staff and public and Recorder Woller.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to proceed with the \$2.5 million, 4-year, non-recurring referendum on the November 8, 2022 election. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$2,500,000 Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to approve the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$2,500,000 Per Year for Four Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Volpe to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000,000. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. The Board reviewed the 2011 Wisconsin Act 125 Seclusion and Restraint Reporting.

MOTION by Osnes, second by Liberty to approve the updates to the 2022-2023 Academic Year Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Osnes to approve the Health Service Agreement between Lincoln County Health Department and Pine River School for Young Learners for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the Lincoln County Health Services Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year, grades 4K-12 and Northern Achievement Center in the amount of \$115,104. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Volpe, second by Gremier to approve the additional special education assistant at Kate Goodrich Elementary School to meet the needs of a student with an IEP. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the project with Systems Technologies to provide an updated paging system and synchronized clock system for Washington Elementary School as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Osnes, second by Liberty to change the September 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting date to September 28, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the attached personnel report, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried with Blake abstaining from the hiring of Casandra and Gavin Wroblewski.

MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to approve consent agenda items a through c, which includes minutes of the July 20, 2022, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$2,523,217.17; and, donations totaling \$200.00. Motion carried with Krueger abstaining from the July 20, 2022 minutes. Blake called for a MOTION to adjourn into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section

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into executive (closed) session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes under Section 19.85(1)(d) Except as provided in s. 304.06 (1) (eg) and by rule promulgated under s. 304.06 (1) (em), considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. The purpose of the closed session is to discuss MAPS safety protocols. MOTION by Volpe, second by Yingling to adjourn into executive session. Motion carried on a roll call vote. MOTION by Volpe, second by Liberty to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Kendra Osnes Board Clerk KO/tlw

(The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Absentee Voting to be Administered
at Bell Tower
9:00 a.m.
October 18, 2022
1500 O'Day St.
Merrill, WI 54452

Special Voting Deputies appointed by the City of Merrill will be administering absentee voting for the residents of this facility for the November 8, 2022 election at the above time and place. Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot.

Only observers from each of the two recognized political parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each facility where absentee voting will take place. The observers may observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common areas of the home, facility, or complex. Each party wishing to have an observer present shall submit the name of the observer to the clerk or board of election commissioners no later than the close of business on the last business day prior to the visit. Family members of residents may be present at the time of voting. If you have further questions, please contact: Lori L. Anderson-Malm - City Clerk 1004 E 1st St, Merrill, WI 54452 (715) 536-5594 lori.anderson-malm@ci.merrill.wi.us Published October 6, 2022 WNAIXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Absentee Voting to be Administered
at Pine Crest
11:30 AM
October 18, 2022
2100 E 6th St
Merrill, WI 54452

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BIRTHS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Girl, Zeldia Gypsy Marie, born to Michaela Hasse and Riley Secora of Merrill.

Boy, Acre Ridge, born to Ashley Kukur and Zach Wendorf of Merrill.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Boy, Watson Anthony, born to Dana Gruling and Alex Gruling of Merrill

Boy, Myles Thomas, born to Montana Vandergeest and Marcus Murphy of Wausau.

Girl, Ainsley Marie, born to Lisa Folta and Dan Folta II of Tomahawk.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Girl, Eleanor Faith, born to Katilyn Lau and Andrew Lau of Merrill.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022
Girl, Amiliona Anne, born to Allyssa Wamega-Buck and Bennie Buck of Merrill.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
Boy, Finlee Adam, born to Jenna Collins and Derrick Stahel of Wausau.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Boy, Duncan Mark, born to Thea Osborne and Keith Osborne of Merrill.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2022
Girl, Aurora Leigh, born to Ashley Hall and Andrew Matson of Mosinee.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
Girl, Isabel Jordan, born to Lizzie Grenwalt and Jordan Grenwalt of Marathon.

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Hot Dogs Turkey Natural - Uncured Frozen 16 oz. ONLY 99¢	American Cheese Yellow - Sliced 5 lbs. ONLY \$9.75	Taco Sauce Mild 16 oz. ONLY \$1.29
Bacon Thick Sliced - Frozen 16 oz. ONLY \$2.89	Butter - Unsalted Quarters 16 oz. ONLY \$2.89	Blue Cheese Dressing 1 gal. ONLY \$3.99
Bacon Hardwood Smoked - Frozen 22 oz. ONLY \$3.99	Cheddar Cheese Deli Sliced 8 oz. ONLY \$1.29	Angel Food Cake Mix 16 oz. ONLY 39¢
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Pork Spareribs St Louis Style Uncooked - Frozen 5 lbs. ONLY \$3.49 a lb.	Pork Roll Ends & Pieces - Frozen 16 oz. ONLY \$4.89	Energy Drink Raspberry Lime 12-12 oz. ONLY \$4.99
Roast Beef Cajun Frozen 8 lbs. ONLY \$1.49 a lb.	Shrimp - Cooked Peeled, Deveined Tail-Off - Frozen 16 oz. ONLY \$5.89	Apple Cider - Fresh 1 gallon ONLY \$7.59 ONLY \$4.59
Honey Ham - Sliced Extra Lean - Frozen 32 oz. ONLY \$2.49	Fish Sticks Crunchy Breaded - Frozen 19 oz. ONLY \$3.49	Apples Honey Crisp 1 lb. ONLY \$1.09

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The Chiropractic Wellness Center Welcomes Dr. Austin Voigt



My name is Dr. Austin Voigt and I've joined the team at The Chiropractic Wellness Center. I am pleased to be in a clinic that believes in the incredible healing power of the body, in wellness care over sickness care, and in whole health over symptom focus.

I sincerely care about my patients, and being from Merrill, I am glad to be back home treating friends and family. I'd love to see you, too! I enjoy seeing kids and adults for both health-related issues and wellness care.

I can't begin to tell you how happy I am to be practicing in my hometown. The only thing that would make me happier is if you stopped in!

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PET OF THE WEEK



Zoe was recently surrendered to the shelter as she does require a special diet as far as wet food (not prescription) to keep up with her dietary needs. (She does not require a special dry food.) She would need to be in a home as an only cat. She has a bit of anxiety and seems to be on the shy side but we have been told that she loves to cuddle her people. She came to us front declawed, is fixed, up to date on her vaccinations and microchip.

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MERRILL FOTO NEWS

Student of the Week



This Week's Featured Student is **Ada Detert**
Daughter of **John Detert & Autumn Erdmann**
Ada is in Kindergarten at New Testament Church Christian Academy. She was nominated by Mrs. Kegler.


What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
My favorite subject is coloring because it's just so fun!

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
My favorite part of school is break time because we can do whatever we want.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
Someday I would like to be a Veterinarian because I love animals so much.

Ada is a very sweet child. She is tender hearted. She always has a smile on her face. Ada loves animals, especially cats! She enjoys learning new things at her school.
- Mrs. Kegler

Student of the Week Sponsored by:
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In Loving Memory of
Diana Latzig
Who Passed Away
Oct. 6, 2017

*I am with God
God looked around his garden
and found an empty place
He then looked down upon this earth
and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
get well on earth again
He saw that the road was getting rough
and the hills are hard to climb
So he closed your weary eyelids
and whispered, "Peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home*

Sadly Missed by Husband Brian,
Children Jonathan & Kimberly,
Grandchildren Braxton & Heidi,
Brother Mike & Sister Bonnie

INDUCTEES from page 3

Scott Diagonstine, Brian Emanuel, Dave Hartwig, Dave Hinke, Paul Kienitz, Jim Kries, Rick Krueger, Dave Laehn, John Leist, Lee Taylor, Jim Richardson (Coach), and John Zimmerman.

As a part of the event, they also lit candles in honor of their deceased teammates.

The Silver "M" Club provides scholarships to graduating MHS football players and also helps support efforts of the current football program. "It has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years in support of the Merrill football program to purchase uniforms, equipment, facilities, etc.," Klug said.



L to R: Golden "M" er Bob Klug and new Silver "M" er, his son Josh Klug; Brad Sanders and son Jared Sanders (Brad becomes a Golden "M" er next year); and new Silver "M" inductee Kevin Harding and his dad, Golden "M" er Jay Harding.

Submitted photo.

TORKELSON from page 1

He moved to Los Angeles in Sept. 2014 "but didn't actually get on stage until mid-2015," Torkelson said, "because I kept chickening out every time I would sign up for an open mic."

Now Torkelson is excited to be doing a hometown comedy show with some of his favorite comedians at Les & Jim's Lincoln Lanes this Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, and this time he's the headliner. The show is billed as "Matt Torkelson & Friends." Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and the show starts at 7:00 p.m.

Torkelson said he absolutely loves doing stand-up comedy in his hometown every chance he gets and even more so doing it with some of his comedian friends.

Despite his love for comedy, it isn't Torkelson's full-time gig-yet.

"I have a job that affords me flexibility in where and what shows I pursue in comedy," he said. "I'm a Global Account Analyst for Graebel out of Wausau. During the pandemic, we went remote like many, and luckily had the option to stay remote."

You need a steady paycheck starting out, he said, because most comedy gigs don't pay much more now than they did back in the '90's. And he enjoys his job for Graebel.

One day, he hopes to be headlining on bigger stages, though. "I'd love to start headlining in the next many years and get to work more comedy clubs across the country," Torkelson said. He hasn't been signed for a Netflix stand-up special yet, but he has had some great opportunities in the last few years, including opening for Charlie Berens (the Manitowoc Minute guy). "[It] sounds overly simple, but I just hope to keep doing stand-up," he said.

"As long as I get to do it on my terms, I'm happy. The second I resigned myself to just getting whatever gigs I could and having fun, that's when some of the more lucrative shows (like opening for Charlie Berens) started happening."

Torkelson's goal right now is to have three weekends out of each month booked with comedy gigs. "Initially I was emceeing, which was about 10 minutes per show," he said, "but I've worked up to feature act, so it's more 25-30 minutes a show [now]. The goal, of course, is headlining, doing more between 45-60 minutes per show." He said his schedule varies month to month. Some weekends are jam packed, and other times he'll go 2-3 weekends without a show. "Post pandemic especially, a lot of people are just finally really getting out there again (comedians and audience members)," he said.

What's so funny?

"I don't know if I was necessarily the class clown [growing up], but you learn the fun dynamic of how to make friends by making people laugh at a young age," Torkelson said. "It's also a decent way to get out of trouble (when it works). In school I'm sure I definitely had a few 'struggles to pay attention' or 'jokes around too much' from teachers, but I was a decent student. I'm an only child, so you equal parts learn how to keep yourself entertained growing up, and there is also a desire to keep your friends entertained."

"My Dad's always been incredibly funny, and so he greatly molded my sense of humor," he said. "Conan O'Brien once said that at a young age he honed in on what made his dad laugh, and I think I definitely did the same. There's a special feeling in really cracking him up."

"My Mom was incredibly sweet, thoughtful, and made sure I grew up as a 'please and thank you' kind guy. Both are truly great," Torkelson said.

The 34-year-old comedian keeps his act pretty clean, he said. Having attended kindergarten through eighth grade at St. John Lutheran School, he has his small-town reputation to protect.

And his small-town and Wisconsin-life experiences often make up a good part of his comedy. "I definitely talk a lot about my Dad, growing up in my family, and small town Wisconsin," Torkelson said. "I touch on just a lot of my own stories and life experience. I'm adopted, for example, so I talk about that a little, among many other things. Any random little thing that makes me laugh will find it's way into my set somehow."

Some of those random things include "Wisconsin stuff" we here in Merrill consider normal. Like deer shining. "When I tried to explain it as a fun activity, all the other comics just looked at me like, 'What on earth are you talking about?'" he said, laughing.

"The classic earliest joke I had was a story about visiting home," Torkelson said. "I come to find my parents' refrigerator is filled with many cans of Mountain Dew Kickstart."

"When I asked my Dad 'When did you start drinking this stuff?' he said it was free at the store."

"I further pressed him: 'That's a lot of cans, did it say free?'"

"And confused," he goes, "Well yeah ... it was by the door.' So, of course, the joke being 'I think my dad accidentally robbed this place.'"

Comedy came pretty naturally to Torkelson. The tough part was getting the courage to stand up in front of people.

Want to be a stand-up comedian?

So what advice would he give to someone else who wants to do stand-up comedy? "Give it a try. Always," he said. Just do it.

"In stand-up comedy especially, there's no map for it, so just write down some stuff you think is funny, go and try it at an open mic in front of an audience," Torkelson said. "Note what works and what doesn't, edit, and before you know it, you'll have a few minutes of material."

"More than ever now, too, it's super accessible to post funny videos on social media if you want to go that route," he added.

"I'm also only (barely) seven years into stand-up," Torkelson said, "So I feel odd trying to give advice, but I grew up in a household that encouraged me to always try stuff that interested me, so I make sure to mirror that encouragement in anyone that ever wants to try something like it."

Taking things day by day, club by club


"Me personally, I'm just a single guy trying his best," Torkelson said. "Stand-up is such a fun and important part of my life."

"In my 30's. I've really gotten into hiking, and I love all things outdoors. Working remotely has afforded me [the opportunity] to travel and see so much of the country in the last couple years. It's been very fulfilling, and I really hope it continues."

"Of course, I'd love to have a family, build a little house, and all that, but for the next five years or so, I plan to continue traveling most of the year as much as possible doing shows wherever I can."

And getting laughs. Hopefully, getting lots and lots of laughs.

FFA MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Bailee Sommer

Bailee Sommer, a Sophomore at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Future Farmers of America (FFA) Member of the Month for September 2022. She joined FFA as a Freshman and enjoys being a member of FFA. "I joined FFA, because I wanted to get the opportunity to get more involved and help in the agricultural community," Bailee said. "I grew up owning and riding horses. I have also been barrel racing for about four years now." Bailee is a member of the Merrill High School Varsity Swim Team and also the Track Team. "I have been swimming for four years and have done track since middle school," she said. "I am both a distance runner and sprinter, but this year I am moving over to more distance for Track. For Swimming, I have always been a sprinter." She participates as a member of relay teams and also competes in individual events for the Varsity Swim Team. At school, Bailee is involved in Student Council, Raise Your Voice, and Junior Optimist Club. In her free time, she enjoys riding her horses and spending time with friends and family.

The daughter of Betsy and Greg Sommer of Merrill, Bailee has a 3.6 GPA. "After graduation, I want to attend UW-River Falls or Iowa State University for Equine Animal Science," she said.

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- As of January 2022, an estimated 3.8 million women in the United States have been diagnosed with breast cancer.
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Cancer Facts and Statistics

U.S. women (about 13%) will develop invasive breast cancer at some point in the course of her lifetime.

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Approximately 43,000 women in the U.S. are expected to die in 2022 from breast cancer.

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Movie Reviews

BY CHRISTOPHER STAMM
GUEST MOVIE REVIEWER

National Lampoon's Vacation

★★★★☆

This film is rated R – for language and adult themes

Hi, all. I'm back! Sorry for missing last week. I, like Clark Griswold, grabbed the wife and headed out into the great American lands for vacation.

The family vacation, the annual ritual that goes one of two ways: awesome memories being made or we create stories that we hope one day we will look back on and laugh. There is seldom an in-between.

For Clark Griswold in the classic *Vacation*, things go wonky, but he struggles through. From Aunt Edna passing away to forgetting he leashed the dog to the bumper, things never seem to go Clark's way. But as we laugh at his misfortune, he perseveres in the attempt to have the perfect family vacation.

We have all (I assume) seen *National Lampoon's Vacation*, so I really do not need to go much more into it other than to say, this movie is hysterical. And at its core, Clark is the quintessential family man who does all for his family, and we love him for it.

National Lampoon's Vacation is a classic that should be viewed before every vacation as a primer and a warning. I watched it before I flew to San Diego to meet up with my wife and then start our vacation road trip back to Merrill. Along the way, we hit 5 national parks, 2 state parks, and Wall drug, and drove over 3,000 miles, all in 8 days. Having watched *Vacation* before we left, I learned what NOT to do from Clark, along with what to do. Although when we stopped



at Monument Valley, we did not drive off the road and go airborne like Clark did. But we did see where they filmed it, which was pretty neat.

The misadventures of the Griswold clan are well known, having been memorialized in four films, all of which are worth watching every once in a while (except *Vegas Vacation*—that was a clunker).

If you ever get the chance, read the source material for this film—an article that appeared in *National Lampoon Magazine* entitled *Vacation '58* written by a then-unknown John Hughes. It is simply hysterical.

National Lampoon's Vacation is a classic comedy well worth four out of five stars, and it also should serve as a warning to us all—on what not to do on a vacation.

For the record, my wife and I made awesome memories and only one that we hope to look back on and laugh at one day. If you see me, ask me about driving Highway 6 in Utah through the mountains at night during nighttime construction. For now, all I will say is I have several hundred new gray hairs.

ART TOUR from page 1

website at www.northwoodsarttour.com with links to each artist and a video overview of what the tour experience is like.

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Many artists consider the tour the highlight of their year. There is time to discuss art ideas, share knowledge, and hear visitors' interests and thoughts about their work and the tour. They enjoy seeing repeat visitors, and making new friends. One visitor commented last year that it is the perfect way to spend a day enjoying the beauty of nature on the drive and the beauty of art in the studios. Whether

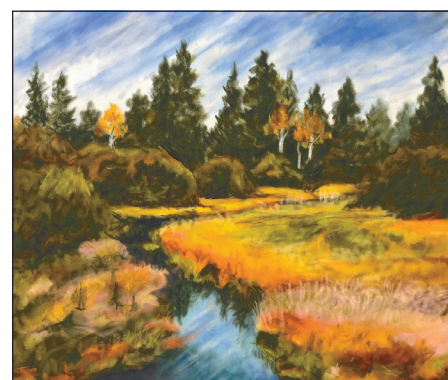


Early stages of an Eagle Carving which will become part of a bench, 4'6", white pine, by Mike Fraboni, Fraboni Chainsaw Art, Lac du Flambeau. Submitted photos.

tour goers are looking for the perfect gift, something special for their home, a better understanding of how and why art is created, inspiration for their own creative spark, or are just curious, they will be welcomed.



Baby Donkey, assorted fibers, crochet, knit, embroidery, approximately 12 inches long, by Katlyn Koester Designs, Arbor Vitae



Glory Meadow, pastel on suede mat board, 11x11, by Andrea Fenner, Swallow Haven Studio, Irma.

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The Merrill Bluejay Marching Band performs during the annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022. **Joseph Frederick photos.**



Preceding the Merrill High School Marching Band, a banner carried by youth thanks local businesses for their financial support making it possible for them to attend the upcoming Rose Parade.



One of the floats carrying Homecoming royalty ... three of the 2022 Homecoming princesses.



Area youth had floats in the Homecoming Parade, like this one for youth flag football.



"The Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS) would like to send out a big thank you to Ari Phelps of Merrill!" said Liz from LCHS. "She had a lemonade stand and made \$120 and donated the money she made to the pets at the shelter! Thank you so much for thinking of LCHS!" In photo: Ari making her donation and spending time with one of the cats at the LCHS. **Submitted photo.**

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Merrill Bluejays win Homecoming Football Game against Hayward

A win at Ashland the week prior netted the same victory score: 28-6

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EDITOR

The Merrill Bluejays were on fire Saturday afternoon, Oct. 1, 2022, at their 1:30 p.m. Homecoming Football Game.

The Merrill Bluejay Varsity Football Team faced off against the Hayward Hurricanes in a heart-pounding game that brought Homecoming fans to their feet and kept them cheering loud and proud for their Bluejays. This is Merrill's second consecutive Homecoming victory, and Merrill High School students and football players are hoping this is the start of a new Homecoming tradition.

"We again jumped out to a fast start this week against Hayward at home," said Merrill's Head Varsity Football Coach Jason Wadzinski. "#25 Nate Brzoznowski (211 rush yds, 3 TD, 2 2Pt) kicked off the first drive with a 59-yard touchdown run, and the Bluejays didn't look back." The Bluejays made the two-point conversion and then went on to score another touchdown on a two-yard run but failed to land that two-pointer. In the second quarter, they grabbed another touchdown (failed two-point conversion), bringing the score to Merrill 20-Hayward 0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Hayward got in their single touchdown of the game (kick no good) bringing their score to 6, and then Merrill landed a touchdown on a 35-yard run and nailed the two-point conversion in the fourth quarter to bring the Bluejays to a victory: Merrill 28-Hayward 6.

"#3 Bradyn Pieper (11 rush yds, 11 rec yds) had two interceptions for the de-



Merrill Bluejays faced off against the Hayward Hurricanes in last Saturday's 2022 Homecoming Football Game. **Joseph Frederick photo.**



Merrill's #10 Brian Ball has the football, but the Hurricanes are all about taking him down. **Angelina Frederick photo.**

fense, and #14 D'Ondre Houghton (3 Tk, 1 Ast, 1 Int, 1 TD) also ran an interception back for a touchdown," Wadzinski said. "It was a great full team effort on the Homecoming victory."

"The Bluejays are now 4-3 on the year and need one more win to clinch a playoff berth," he said.

"They travel to Rhinelander this Friday to face the Hodags at 7:00 p.m.," Wadzinski added.

Bluejay fans with a free Friday night are invited to drive over to Rhinelander to cheer their team on.

Box Score
Hayward 6 @ Merrill 28

Week six of the 2022 football season saw the Merrill Bluejay Varsity Football Team making the trip northwest to Ashland to take on the Ashland High School Oredockers, and it was worth the long drive for the Bluejays to land a game victory.

"Our team this year is predicated on fast starts," Coach Wadzinski said. "When we're able to jump out to an early

lead, we typically are able to stay the course and keep our confidence up."

"We had a huge defensive score in the second quarter on a fumble recovery by #3 Bradyn Pieper (64 rec yds, 4 Tk, 4 Ast, 1 TD)," he said. "Senior #25 Nate Brzoznowski rushed for 247 yards and a pair of touchdowns on the ground. #10 Brian Ball (64 pass yds, 1 TD) also ran for a touchdown and passed for one more to help put the Bluejays over the top of the Oredockers 28-6."

In the first quarter, the Bluejays scored first and had a failed two-point conversion and the Oredockers matched them not long after to tie up the score 6-6. Then Brian Ball made his 41-yard run for a touchdown (failed two-point conversion) to double Merrill's score. In the second quarter, Bradyn Pieper recovered a fumble and landed another touchdown, bringing the score to Merrill 20-Ashland 6 at halftime.

The second half saw only one touchdown which happened in the third quarter. Merrill's Bradyn Pieper took a 63-yard pass from Brian Ball to land the



#14 D'Ondre Houghton and the Merrill Bluejays are all fired up during this Homecoming Football Game 2022. **Joseph Frederick photo.**

touchdown and this time the two-point conversion was good and Merrill won the game by 21 points.

Box Score
Merrill 28 @ Ashland 6



It was the Merrill High School Senior girls (in black) vs. the Junior girls (in blue) in the traditional Homecoming Week Powderpuff Football Game played Monday evening, Sept. 26, 2022. **Angelina Frederick photo.**



The Senior Girls may have the ball, but the Junior girls are in hot pursuit. **Joseph Frederick photo.**



Merrill High School Senior girls have the ball in the annual Homecoming Powderpuff Football game. **Joseph Frederick photo.**



This Junior is about to make a run for it with the ball. Sometimes when you go for it, you miss and land flat, but there's a life lesson here, because this Senior (in black) is about to get back up and get after it again. And the Senior girls won the game. **Angelina Frederick photo.**

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Megan Miles, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS), has been named Athlete of the Week. Megan is on the Merrill High School Varsity Swim Team where she competes individually and as part of relay teams. She learned to swim when she was "still in diapers," she said, and she's been swimming ever since. She started swimming competitively in the third grade in the Tomahawk Swim Club and switched to the Merrill Aqua Jays in fifth grade. She swam on the Tomahawk High School (THS) Varsity Swim Team as a Freshman and then transferred to MHS as a Sophomore and joined the MHS Varsity Swim Team. Megan started running Track competitively in the fifth grade for Tomahawk Elementary School and switched to throwing shot put and discus in sixth grade. She continued on with that at Tomahawk High School on the Varsity Track Team, and in 2020, Megan dislocated her right shoulder during the shot put event, and then COVID pretty much shut that down that year. In Dec. 2021, after transferring to MHS, she injured her knee and tore her right ACL playing floor hockey in gym class. The ACL required surgery to repair that. Last spring she was the MHS Varsity Track Team Manager as she rehabbed her shoulder, but she is back to swimming and plans to get back to throwing shot put and discus again this spring. At school, Megan belongs to Junior Optimists Club and DECA Club. Megan also has numerous jobs. This past summer she was greenskeeper at Pinewood Golf Course and lifeguard at the MARC Aquatic Center. She also works as a lifeguard at the Prairie River Middle School pool and works at Subway in both Merrill and Tomahawk. Megan enjoys spending time with family and friends, camping, swimming, tubing, water skiing, being out on the boat, subathing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, and being outdoors. The daughter of Rick and Dani Miles of Tomahawk, Megan has a 3.2 GPA. After graduation, she hopes to attend UW-Oshkosh to become a physical education teacher.



Megan Miles

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Pickleball courts coming to Merrill in 2023

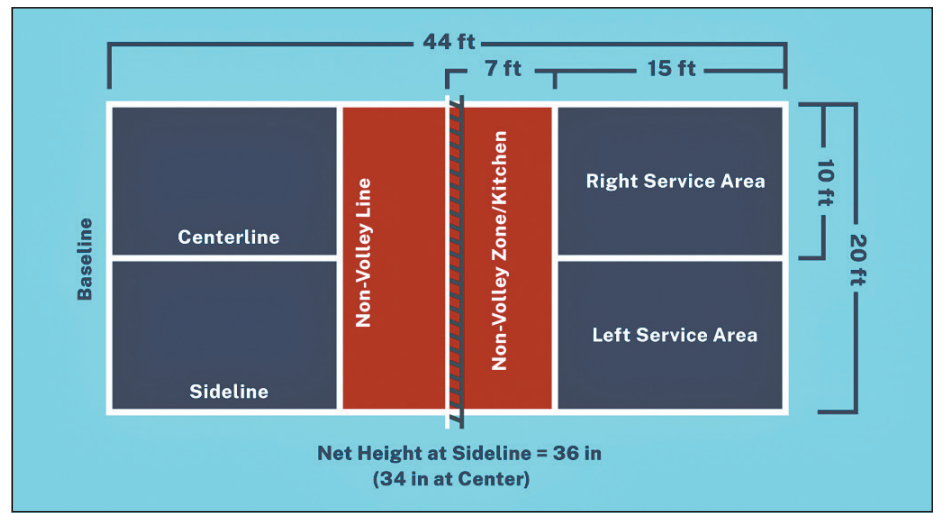
Six lighted pickleball courts will be built in Ott's Park in 2023, thanks to the continuing generosity of the Bierman Family Foundation. Bid documents for construction of the courts will be prepared over the winter, with construction slated to take place in the spring.

Once completed, the new pickleball courts will allow for competition in

leagues and tournaments and playing in singles or doubles just for fun.

"Merrill presently has no dedicated venue for pickleball," said David Johnson, City Administrator. "These courts will provide a new recreation amenity for the City of Merrill."

The game of pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-



pong, and pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America.

In 2021, pickleball grew to 4.8 million players in the U.S., according to the 2022 Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) Single Sport Report on Pickleball.

In 2009, USA Pickleball held the first National Pickleball Tournament in Buckeye, Ariz. Over 400 players participated in divisions for all ages.

In 2021, the Margaritaville USA Pickleball National Championships presented by Pickleball Central were held at the world-renowned Indian Wells Tennis Garden, just outside of Palm Springs, Cal. The event drew more than 2,342 registered players who competed for \$90,000 in prize money.

"Knowing that pickleball courts were on the Parks & Recreation Department's wish list for a future project, I wanted to make this my last project prior to retirement," Johnson said.

Johnson submitted the grant proposal to the Bierman Family Foundation, which was approved.

For those not familiar with the sport, a pickleball court is 20' x 44' for both singles and doubles. Three pickleball courts can fit on one tennis court. The net is hung at 36" at the ends and hangs 34" in the middle. A non-volley zone extends 7



Pickleball is combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, and is played on a court with a net, using a large paddle and a perforated plastic ball. **Stock photo.**

back from the net on each side, commonly called "the kitchen."

Competitive paddles used in pickleball are constructed from a high-tech composite material about twice the size of a ping-pong paddle. An official pickleball is made of plastic, is perforated, and is between .78 to .935 ounces and 2.874 to 2.972 inches in diameter. There are no color restrictions other than the ball must be a single, consistent color. Pickleball can be played as singles or doubles.

2022 Merrill High School Fall Sports Schedules

Football (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Oct. 6	Rhineland (JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Fri. Oct. 7	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Mon. Oct. 10	Rhineland (JV)	Home	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 13	Mosinee (JV2)	Away	5:30 pm

Volleyball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Oct. 6	D. C. Everest (JV, JV2, & JV3)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 6	D. C. Everest (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Sat. Oct. 8	Wausau East (Varsity)	Away	9:00 am
Tues. Oct. 11	Marshfield (JV & JV2)	Away	5:30 pm
Tues. Oct. 11	Marshfield (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 13	Wausau West (JV & JV2)	Home	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 13	Wausau West (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm

Tennis (Varsity and JV)

Please check out wiaawi.org for playoff exact playoff schedules.

Boys Soccer (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

Thurs. Oct. 6	Multiple Schools-Pool (JV)	Home	5:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 6	Multiple Schools-Pool (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 11	Multiple Schools-Pool (JV)	Away	5:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 11	Multiple Schools-Pool (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm

Swimming (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Oct. 6	WI Rapids Lincoln (Varsity & JV)	Away	5:30 pm
Tues. Oct. 11	Lakeland Union (Varsity)	Away	5:30 pm
Thurs. Oct. 13	D. C. Everest (Varsity & JV)	Home	5:30 pm

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