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Schneider wins re-election as Lincoln County Sheriff, voters again say No to MAPS referendum

In statewide races, Lincoln County resoundingly voted Republican but that didn't necessarily correspond with tight statewide numbers/results

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

- Voter turnout in the Tuesday, November 8, 2022, mid-term general election was at 59.27 percent in Lincoln County.
- Republican candidates had a clean sweep in Lincoln County, with the majority of residents voting for the Republican candidates in all races and clearly preferring Tim Michels and Roger Roth

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Wednesday morning fire destroys garage in Merrill



Merrill Fire Department fire fighters extinguished a garage blaze early Wednesday morning, Nov. 9, on E. Seventh St. in Merrill. **Tina L. Scott photo.**

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 EDITOR

An early morning fire on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, destroyed a garage on E. Seventh St. in Merrill, along with the convertible car inside, and also damaged a truck parked outside and melted some of the siding on the nearest neighbor's garage.

The garage, though located only about five feet from the house, was not attached to the home, and the

home escaped damage.

The occupants of the property, Bob and Michele Duranceau, who have been renting for nine years, were home at the time. They heard a lightning strike close by during the early morning thunderstorm that moved through the area, but they were unaware just how close it was until they heard a pounding on their door sometime later and emerged to find firefighters on the scene and their garage fully engulfed in flames. They do not know who

called 911, but believe it was likely a neighbor or passerby who noticed the smoke and subsequent fire. The Duranceaus believe a lightning strike caused the fire, but that has not yet been officially confirmed.

No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

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Winter wins State Championship in the 100 Yard Breaststroke event

She also took 7th in the 200 Yard IM, and Merrill's Relay Team placed 13th in the 200 Yard Medley Relay

TINA L. SCOTT
 EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Team is celebrating a school record-breaking swim and win at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) State Competition last Friday, Nov. 11, 2022.

A pep rally at the high school started the day off, and then the Lady Jays boarded the bus for a mini parade going past several area schools including Prairie River Middle School and Trinity Lutheran School where students cheered them on, escorted by the Merrill Police Department and Merrill Fire Department.

Then it was off to the competition. The entire team went along to cheer on four swimmers competing in three events at State: Megan Miles, Amber Winter, Addison Jirovec, and Bailee Sommer. All four Lady Jays



Amber Winter at the start of the 200 Yard IM at WIAA State competition. **Ginger Kanitz photo.**

were there to compete in the 200 Yard Medley Relay. Miles swam the backstroke in the first leg of the race, followed by Winter swimming breaststroke, then Jirovec swimming the butterfly, and then Sommer swimming freestyle. Their relay team finished in 13th place with a "new season best time of 1:56.04" having

"moved up one spot from their qualifying seed," Merrill Varsity Swim Coach Kristie Winter said.

Amber Winter was the standout competitor who was there to compete in all three events starring Merrill swimmers—in the relay as one-fourth

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Cameras installed at Normal Park to crack down on vandalism

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New cameras providing 24/7 surveillance of Normal Park, including the Gazebo and the all-access playground, were installed the first week of November, said Dustin Brown, Information Technology Manager for the City of Merrill.

Dan Wendorf, Merrill Area Parks and Recreation Director, confirmed the camera installation was completed on Nov. 3, 2022, and is in direct response to vandalism at the park.

The all-access playground at Normal Park in Merrill, which opened in October 2019 alongside the picture-perfect Gazebo at the park, was the result of a nine-year plan by the Merrill Optimist Club, extensive volunteer hours, contributions from Merrill area businesses, and a grant from the Bierman Family Foundation. At a total cost of nearly \$300,000 (which would have been even more without assistance from the community), the playground is frequently used and highly visible, and yet it, along with other playgrounds, bathrooms, and park properties in Merrill, have been the recent target of vandals.

In reference to vandalism, "We've had way too much in way too many locations all year long," Wendorf said. Specifically in Normal Park, "it has been vandalized dozens of times causing damage to the new playground,



The all-access playground at Normal Park.

Tina L. Scott photo.

restrooms, Gazebo, etc."

"We've had vandalism just about everywhere this year, and we cannot afford to keep paying to fix/replace/repair all of the damage all of the time, so we need to try and crack down," he said.

Merrill Police Chief Corey Bennett confirmed. "We've had a smattering of vandalism throughout some parks this past year. There have been some arrests or citations for specific events at Stange's, and maybe some at Normal. Certainly not all events," he said. Unresolved events are still under investigation.

Over the summer, a blue egg-shaped piece of playground equipment at the park was broken off and is now unusable. That one piece of equipment costs \$2,000 to replace, said Randy Wixon, a member of the Merrill Optimist Club who was instrumental in helping with the all-access playground.

Without cameras, some damage can be difficult to isolate. For instance, "the Normal Park playground equipment has been hard to prove it's not improper use vs. over use vs. criminal damage," Bennett said. "Looking at the hardware that was broken, it was almost impossible to determine it just didn't fail on its own."

"On the same subject, there have been clear acts of vandalism, too," he said. Railings on the Gazebo being

broken off are one such example, and whether deliberate acts or as the result of horseplay, the new video surveillance will certainly help resolve those kinds of cases, Bennett added.

Vandalism is difficult to remedy, Wendorf said. "... It starts at home with families knowing where their children are and what they are doing. Merrill Police Department can only cover so much ground throughout the course of their shifts, and we haven't had very many people call the Police Department when they have observed people doing the wrong thing in our parks."

"[Vandalism] is something that every community deals with, and we have been dealing with it for a very long time," he added. It just varies from year to year, he said.

Due to the ongoing issues, there is a plan to get cameras at multiple parks, Bennett said.

"We asked for cameras in two other parks through the 2023 budgetary process," Wendorf confirmed, "but that hasn't been finalized yet," he said at the time of the interview. "If we don't receive funding for the two other locations, we will have to wait until the next budget cycle."

Merrill residents can thank the Merrill Optimist Club for the installation of the new cameras at Normal Park, as they were entirely funded by the Merrill Optimists, Wendorf confirmed.

Though not cheap, they were a necessary addition to the park to keep the park safe and to protect the community's investment for the benefit of the community, Wixon said. The network of cameras installed can also be expanded if additional cameras are warranted in the future.

As a reminder, anyone who witnesses acts of vandalism or inappropriate behavior of any kind on park property is asked to please call the Merrill Police Department immediately.

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Student of the Week
This Week's Featured Student is
Landry Martinovici
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Landry is in 1st Grade at
Kate Goodrich Elementary School.
She was nominated by Mrs. Schenck.

What is your favorite subject in school? Why?
My favorite subject in school is music because I like learning to sing Christmas songs for our holiday concert with Mrs. Worlin.

What is your favorite part of school? Why?
My favorite part of school is recess because I like to play with my friends. Swinging on the monkey bars is my favorite activity. I love being at school, playing and learning with my friends, and helping my classmates and my teacher.

What would you like to do/become someday? Why?
Someday I would like to become a doctor because I want to help people.

Landry is a kind and helpful student who always goes above and beyond in our classroom. She is a good friend who helps her peers when someone is in need. Landry is a positive role model and leader because of her ability to follow the expectations even when she thinks no one is watching. Landry comes to school each day ready to learn. She is an incredibly hard worker who pushes herself to do better each time. Success will continue to follow Landry through her life because of her perseverance, positive attitude, and loving heart.
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Hwy. 107 in Lincoln County to receive state funded repairs in summer 2023

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Improvements and repairs to portions of Wis. State Hwy. 107 in Lincoln County are planned for next summer, according to a Nov. 3, 2022, press release from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Governor Evers signed a \$1.1 million contract for the improvements, with Pfeifer Brothers Construction being the prime contractor. The work will take place between Swede Rd. and Cty. Hwy. S in the Towns of Bradley, Merrill, and Rock Falls, and will include:

- Replacing the culvert pipes.
- Repaving the roadway at locations 0.6 miles north of Eggert Drove and 0.2 miles north of Rock Falls Dr.
- Repairing structure and improving the pavement at Joe Snow Creek.
- Replacing structure and pavement replacement at Skanawan Creek.

Work is scheduled to begin in June 2023 and be completed by Sept. 2023, weather permitting.

State transportation funds will pay for 100 percent of the improvements, the release said.

Two Hintze grandsons follow in retired Captain Emil Hintze's footsteps to become Police Officers

One right here in the Merrill community, the other in Marshfield

Dennis (better known as "Emil") Hintze started on the Merrill Police Department (MPD) on Dec. 1, 1967, and retired from the Department on April 30, 1997. He then joined the Transport Team for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office which he did for 21 years.

Little did Emil know when he did his best to keep the Merrill community safe as a Police Officer, that he would see the day when his own grandson would also join the MPD set on doing the very same thing. And he certainly couldn't have imagined that two of his grandsons would follow in his footsteps to become Police Officers.

Benjamin Hintze, son of Steve and Dawn Hintze, was installed as an Officer for the MPD on Aug. 1, 2022, by Merrill Police Chief Corey Bennett and given badge number 159. It was pure coincidence, but that had also been Emil's badge number when he retired more than 25 years prior. Emil and family were all there for the occasion.

Ben previously worked for the Ashland Police Department and moved back to Merrill along with his wife,



L to R: Benjamin Hintze, Emil Hintze, and Hunter Hintze at Hunter's installation ceremony. Submitted photos.

Nicole, and baby son, Blade, settling down to raise their family in the Merrill community just three houses down from Ben's grandparents.

Just a little more than one month after Ben was installed with the MPD, on Sept. 13, 2022, a second grandson, Hunter Hintze, son of Jeff and Connie Hintze, was installed as an Officer for

the Marshfield Police Department. Marshfield Police Chief Jody Guerink looked on as retired Captain Emil Hintze was given the honor of pinning the badge on his youngest grandson's uniform. Hunter had recently completed courses at the technical college and police academy and was embarking on his first job as a new Police Officer.

It's enough to make a grandpa downright proud. Emil Hintze most definitely is, and so is grandma, Barb.

Emily reflects that things are a lot different now than when he was a Police Officer. "In those days," law enforcement officers were treated with respect and appreciated, he said. He said he prays that our country will go back to those "old ways," respecting and honoring them once again, not defunding the police, and doing what is necessary "to help make America great again and safe again!"

Merrill Police Department promotes Caylor to Patrol Lieutenant

Effective Nov. 7, 2022, Robert Caylor of the Merrill Police Department was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant overseeing one of the four patrol shifts. Robert (also known as JP) recently competed in a promotion process that was very competitive across the measured categories, the Merrill Police Department shared, and he was the candidate that rose to the top of the ranks, so to speak. He will take over command of his current dayshift and then transition to night shift at the beginning of 2023. His first order of business the week of Nov. 7



Robert Caylor.

Photo courtesy of Merrill Police Department.

was attending FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute training at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy.

"Robert has 10 years of experience with Merrill PD, is an active volunteer Fire, is an active licensed paramedic, a field training officer, and an instructor," the Merrill PD shared.

"He is also one of the few 'legacy' employees we have, as he comes from a line of public servants. Needless to say his father would be proud and I'm sure JP will wear his old Lt. bars. Congratulations JP!" Police Chief Corey Bennett said.



Marshfield Police Chief Jody Guerink shakes hands with newly installed Marshfield Police Officer Hunter Hintze.



Merrill Police Chief Corey Bennett (left) with new Merrill Police Officer Ben Hintze.

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OBITUARIES



Geraldine L. 'Dolly' Peterson, age 90, of Merrill, passed away Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at her home under the care of her family and Compassus Hospice.

Dolly was born February 18, 1932, in Merrill, daughter of the late James and Eda (Thoresdahl) Kimmons. She married Dale 'Sonny' Peterson on January 6, 1951, at the former Bethany Lutheran Church in Irma. He survives. Dolly and Sonny moved to Beloit in 1965. Upon retirement in 1991, they returned to the Merrill area. Dolly worked at Regal Beloit for many years and worked as a daytime bartender at a supper club in the Beloit area. In retirement, they enjoyed wintering in Arizona and Texas.

Dolly was an excellent athlete and enjoyed playing softball, golfing, bowling, and racing stock cars. She enjoyed the outdoors especially grouse hunting, and bass fishing. She was a great cook and baker and will be remembered for her chocolate pies and banana cream pies. Dolly was a longtime member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Irma.

Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Dale 'Sonny' Peterson; children, Cheryl (Jim) Losey of Irma, Cindy (Mike) Meier of Irma, Dale W. 'Pete' (Diane) Peterson of Corpus Christi, TX, and Bruce (Debbie) Peterson of Beloit; grandchildren, Matthew, Joel, Sara, Josh, Lisa, Ryan, Liz 'Myrt', Chad, Michelle, and Shannon; twenty great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; sister, Shirley (Jim) Martin of Bakersfield, CA; sister-in-law, Judy Kimmons of Irma; and many nieces and nephews. Dolly was preceded in death by her parents, James and Eda Kimmons; siblings, James (Marion) Kimmins, Leonard (Harriet) Kimmons, DeLores 'Dee' Kimmons, Donald Kimmons, Dale Kimmons, and Robert (Janice) Kimmons; and brother-in-law, Jim Ford.

The visitation for Dolly Peterson will be held from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M., Sunday, November 13, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. The memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, November 17, 2022, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Irma. Rev. David Sutton will officiate. Visitation will begin Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at the church. Interment will take place at Bethany Cemetery, Town of Birch, Lincoln County. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com



Joyce Elaine (Beaudry) Doering, 86, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, formerly of Merrill, WI, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 31, 2022, in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

Joyce was born on November 24, 1935, in Merrill, WI, where she later met the love of her life, Harry Doering. They were married on October 22, 1955, and they recently celebrated 67 years of marriage. Joyce was the daughter of the late William and Martha (Dorn) Beaudry. She was enjoying retirement after working many years as an Elementary and Middle School Secretary.

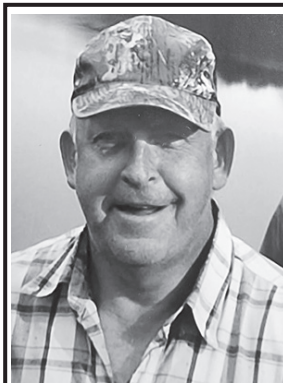
Joyce was a lifelong learner with a deep interest in the arts and philosophy. She was an avid reader and enjoyed completing daily crosswords from several newspapers. She had a curiosity for other cultures which she fulfilled through extensive travel with her husband, children, and grandchildren. Trips included visits to Russia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France, Netherlands, Switzerland and many other amazing destinations throughout the world.

Joyce is survived by her devoted husband, Harry D. Doering of Elk Grove Village, IL; children: Rick (Cindy) Doering of Barrington, IL & Debbie (Kerry) Field of Elk Grove Village, IL; grandchildren: Kelly Doering, Dan (Shana) Doering & Tyler (Kelly) Doering; Jaime (Greg) Painter & Nick (Ashley) Andriopoulos; Ryan (Lauren) Field, Emily (Alex) Smolan, & Alec Field; great-grandchildren: Avery, Harper Field; Evelyn, Luke, Eli Doering; Grace, Heidi, James Doering; Sophie Painter; and Colton Andriopoulos; sister, Joan Schroeder of Merrill; brother, Bill (Sandy) Beaudry of Merrill; and son-in-law, Bill Andriopoulos of Elk Grove Village, IL.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, William and Martha Beaudry; daughter, Cheri Andriopoulos; and siblings, Jackie (Bill) Meyer and Janet (Ken) Martin.

Visitation began at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill, WI. The funeral service followed at 11:00 a.m. The Rev Scott Gustafson officiated. Burial took place in Doering Cemetery, Town of Schley, Lincoln County.

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Michael P. Kufahl, age 67, of Merrill, left us way too early from a short but courageous battle with cancer on November 6, 2022, at his home under the care of his family and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice Services.

Mike was born March 1, 1955, to the late Melvin Sr. and Fern (Whitney) Kufahl. Mike grew up in the Merrill area and attended and graduated from Merrill High School with the class of 1973. On September 24, 1977, he married Cindee Barry, they recently celebrated 45 years of strong and loving marriage.

Mike worked at Wausau Papers for 32 years. After that, he became a self-employed carpenter and handyman for 14 years. Mike was a man of many talents, a MacGyver of sorts, he could fix or put things together with the many parts he saved from other jobs. Mike was also a talented woodworker, building many pieces of furniture for his home and for others. Mike would also spend hours on his scroll saw making wall decorations and such.

Mike's greatest love in life was his wife, children and grandchildren. He loved to be out in the woods with his tractor, cutting firewood, watching nature or cutting lumber with his sawmill. Deer hunting was his favorite time as he got to spend time with his sons, wife and other family members.

Mike leaves behind his wife, Cindee of Merrill; sons, Paul (Jessica) Kufahl of Weston and Joshua (Amanda) Kufahl of Green Bay; and granddaughters, Kinley and Johanna. He is further survived by siblings, Betty Tewes, Robert (Stephanie) Tewes, Marilyn Hodgson, Melvin Jr. (Sharon) Kufahl, Chris Kufahl; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Susan Kufahl; and brother-in-law, James Hodgson.

A memorial service for Mike was held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, November 14, 2022, at Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. Greg Laska officiated. Visitation began at 9:00 A.M. Monday at the funeral home. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made in Mike's name to the Lincoln County Humane Society.

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Keith Brooks, 91, of Merrill, passed away Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at Tomahawk Health Services.

Keith was born February 27, 1931, in Buena Vista, Wisconsin, son of the late Harold and Lydia (Bennett) Brooks. He married Lois L. Waldburger in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in July of 1953. She preceded him in death in 1993. Keith worked at Wire Products in Merrill for over 30 years. He enjoyed deer hunting, camping, traveling to Idaho, and watching football, especially the Packers.

Keith is survived by his son, Steve (Tammy) Brooks of Irma; grandchildren, Kyle (Jennifer) Brooks, Lindsay (Eli) Knoblock, Stacy Maner, Cole Brooks, and Jeremiah Brooks; eight great-grandchildren and one on the way. Keith was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Brooks; parents, Harold and Lydia Brooks; sons, Fred Brooks and Randy Brooks; sister, Beatrice Bauman; and brother, Sonny Brooks.

A private graveside service for Keith was held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Town of Rock Falls, Lincoln County. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

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Sally J. Saal, 87, of Merrill, passed away Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at Mountview Care Center in Wausau.

Sally was born June 7, 1935, in Merrill, daughter of the late Joseph and Marion (Fleischfresser) Semling. Sally was a homemaker for most of her life. She enjoyed playing cards and games, camping, bowling, cooking, and reading. She especially enjoyed having sleepovers with her grandchildren.

Sally is survived by her daughter, Mary Jo (David) Beyer of Merrill; sons, Michael (Tammy) Saal, David (Sheila) Saal, and Steve Saal all of Merrill; grandchildren, Kate (David) Drewek, Jillian (Chip) Gilliard, Jeffrey Saal, Jennifer (David) Disterhaft, and Elizabeth (Joe) Breaman; great-grandchildren, Lane, Maren, and Eva; step-grandchildren, Nichole (Leroy) Miller and Ryan (Valerie) Sabatke; and 4 step-great-grandchildren. Sally was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Julie Jo; sister, Coreen (Robert)Grefe; brother, Joe (Sherry) Semling; and infant brother, David Semling.

Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

The family would like to thank North Central Health Care Facility for the wonderful and compassionate care they provided Sally for the last 25 years.

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In Memoriams

In Loving Memory of
JOHN DOE
 Apr. 9, 1954-Aug. 6, 2014



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BY THE COURT
DATE SIGNED: October 25, 2022
 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer
 Probate Registrar

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 John W. Peters

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
 Case No. 2022 IN 48

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

2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-17-47, and date of death 6-2-22, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W4872 Spruce Road, Merrill, WI 54452.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 24, 2023.

5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

Jesse Peters
 102 Kelvington Dr.
 Sun Prairie, WI 53590
 920-296-7696
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CITY OF MERRILL
1004 EAST FIRST STREET
MERRILL, WI 54452

AN ORDINANCE: By Common Council Re: Adopting the 2023 City of Merrill Budget and Establishing the Tax Levy for Year 2022

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12
 Introduced: 11/09/2022
 1st Reading: 11/09/2022
 2nd Reading: 11/09/2022
 3rd Reading: 11/09/2022
 Committee/Commission Action:

AN ORDINANCE
 The Common Council of the City of Merrill, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. 2023 Budget. That the proposed 2023 budget of the City of Merrill, a summary of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and dated November 9, 2022, be and is hereby adopted.

Section 2. Non-Union Compensation. Included within said budget is a 2.5% wage increase effective December 21,

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2022 for Non-Union employees. Seasonal Limited Term Employee (LTE) compensation will be increased \$3.00 per hour effective December 21, 2022. Election Officials compensation will be increased \$2.00 effective December 31, 2022.

Section 3. Tax Levy. There is hereby levied a tax of \$5,853,781 upon all taxable property within the City of Merrill as returned by the City Assessor in the year 2022 for the uses and purposes set for in said budget, plus the tax incremental levies associated with the City of Merrill's Tax Increment Finance Districts No. 3 through No. 14.

Section 4. Tax Roll. That the City Clerk shall be, and hereby is, authorized to prepare a tax roll for the City of Merrill for 2022 and spread the above stated tax upon said tax roll together with the tax levy amounts approved by other governmental units authorized to impose said tax levies on taxable properties within the City of Merrill. The City Clerk is further directed to sign a warrant for the collection of said tax.

Section 5. Expenditures. There is hereby appropriated out of the receipts of the City of Merrill for the year 2022 including monies received from the property tax levy, to the various funds and purposes set up in said 2023 budget, the sum of \$17,029,811 as more fully set forth in said budget, exclusive of amounts budgeted for Tax Increment Finance Districts No. 3 through No. 14 and the Landfill, Water, and Sewer Utility Funds.

Section 6. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance. It is the legislative intent of the Common Council that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal provision had not been included or any illegal application had not been made.

Section 7. Repeal and Effective Date. All ordinances or parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage

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and publication.
 Moved by: (Russell/Weix)
 Adopted: November 9, 2022
 7-1 Roll Call
 Approved: Steve J. Hass, Mayor
 Attest: Lori L. Anderson-Malm,
 City Clerk
 Published November 17, 2022
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City of Merrill
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13 – Synopsis:
 An Ordinance amending Chapter 38, Division 2, Section 38-149 Sewer Service Charges

The complete Ordinances are available on the City of Merrill website:
<https://www.ci.merrill.wi.us/>
 Lori L. Anderson-Malm – City Clerk
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PA DELANEY & COMPANY, LLC makes application to the Town Board of the Town of Russell for a Class B Beer License for sell intoxicating liquors and fermented malt beverages for the period of December 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, at RATTLIN BOG BAR W1859 CAMP DOERING RD GLEASON, WI – Amy Brown, Town Clerk
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY
 Case No. 20CV24
 Code No. 30404
 Foreclosure of Mortgage
 Dollar Amount Greater Than \$10,000.00

WISCONSIN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
ROUDY R. ARNDT and UNKNOWN SPOUSE
 of Roudy R. Arndt; and
TARA LYN STAHNKE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE of Tara Lyn Stahnke; and
WISCONSIN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of

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a judgment of foreclosure entered on March 25, 2020, in the amount of \$183,350.34, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: November 30, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
TERMS: 1. 10% down in cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.

2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
 3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax, costs of recording and all costs of sale within 10 days of confirmation of sheriff's sale.
PLACE: Main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI
DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1:
 The North One-half (N1/2) of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4 NE 1/4), Section One (1), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Four (4) East, Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin; AND

Parcel 2:
 The North One-half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4), Section One (1), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Four (4) East, Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: N2481 Wegner Road, Town of Corning
TAX KEY NO.: 006-3104-011-9995 and 006-3104-011-9993

Ken Schneider
 Sheriff of Lincoln County, WI
O'DESS AND ASSOCIATES, S.C.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 1414 Underwood Avenue, Suite 403
 Wauwatosa, WI 53213
 (414) 727-1591

O'Dess and Associates, S.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

If you have previously received a Chapter 7 Discharge in Bankruptcy, this correspondence should not be construed as an attempt to collect a debt.

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TOWN OF MERRILL
NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election to be held in the Town of Merrill on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, the following officers are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

OFFICE	INCUMBENTS
Two (2) Town Supervisors	Darrel Dengel Mike Hass
Town Board Chairperson	Scott Streich

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Town Caucus will be held in January for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the Spring Election Ballot for the above listed offices. Notice of caucus date to be published and posted at a later date.

Kay Tautges Clerk/Treasurer
www.townofmerrillwi.gov

RECYCLING COLLECTION ON 1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS
 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
 COMMUNITY CENTER GARAGE

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
WI Statute s. 10.01(2)(a) and s. 120.06(6)(b)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT that a School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, to fill the following Board positions:

- Three (3) MEMBERS AT LARGE**
 (three 3-year terms)
- Terms of office for the following members-at-large expire on April 24, 2023:
- Kevin Blake
 - Ron Liberty
 - Maria Volpe

An elector desiring to be a candidate for a position on the School Board of the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT must file a **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY and CAMPAIGN REGISTRATION STATEMENT** at the MERRILL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE, 1111 NORTH SALES STREET, MERRILL, WI 54452, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2022.

Kendra Osness
 School Board Clerk
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OBITUARIES



Fern D. Woller, age 94, of Merrill, Wisconsin, passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Pine Crest Nursing Home. She was born on January 21, 1928, to the late Bert and Emma Hunt in Merrill. She married Clarence Fitzgerald Woller who preceded her in death in 1963.

Fern was a homemaker, but she also worked at Merrill Cannery, Merrill Wire Works, and babysat. She enjoyed plastic canvas crafts, gardening, and travelling with her sister

Lila to visit her niece.

Fern is survived by her son, Rodney (Donna) Woller of Wausau, WI, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sons: Bernie (1990), and Michael (2019), and siblings: Lila, Dorothy, Florence, Murial and Leslie.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thank you and appreciation to all the staff at Pine Crest Nursing Home, Compass Hospice, and Palliative Care for the care given to Fern.

Inurnment will take place at a later date at Merrill Memorial Park Cemetery.

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.

www.merrillfotonews.com

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
TOWN OF PINE RIVER
April 4, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election to be held in the Town of Pine River on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years beginning on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Office	Incumbent
Town Board Chairperson	David Breunig
Town Board Supervisors (2)	Steve Uttech Raymond Zastrow
Town Clerk	Amanda Herdt
Town Treasurer	Donna Opper
Constable	Marilyn Zastrow

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled during the month of January, 2023. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus.

Please recycle. Amanda Herdt, Clerk
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BIRTHS

OCTOBER 24, 2022
 Boy, Myles Joseph, born to Brandy Tallman and Adam Tallman of Medford.

OCTOBER 25, 2022
 Boy, Tripp Samuel, born to Lindsay Doescher and Michael Doescher of Wausau.

OCTOBER 28, 2022
 Girl, Paxton Kay, born to Kaci Kalbes and Coletan LeDue of Wausau.

OCTOBER 29, 2022
 Girl, Kinsly Rayne, born to Stacey Wallace and Matthew Wallace of Merrill.

OCTOBER 31, 2022
 Girl, Elizabeth Lillie Ann, born to Tiffany Ahrens and Adam Ahrens of Merrill.

YA STUDENT STARS
These students were chosen because of their exemplary performance at their place of employment. CONGRATULATIONS!

NATHAN BRZOZNOWSKI
 Goetsch's Welding & Machine

"YA has allowed me more time to work during the school day. I would highly recommend this program to other students." Nathan Brzoznowski

"Nathan's a hard worker, always polite and respectful and has a great willingness to learn. He has the best attributes any employer is looking for in an employee." Sara Riebe, Goetsch's Welding and Machine

CATHERINE MOYER
 Walmart

"YA is a fantastic way to earn money, get work experience and school credits. I would recommend this program to teens with jobs." Catherine Moyer

"Catherine is very skillful in all areas of her job duties. She's dependable, uses her resources and always communicates where she is at with her work load." Mary Kromholz, Walmart

TANNER HANNEMANN
 Brickner's Park City

"YA has helped me get more hours in at work so I can afford things easier. And I get school credits which count towards graduation." Tanner Hannemann

"Tanner has made steady progress, is courteous, works hard and is willing to take on new challenges. He will become a very valuable asset wherever he ends up after high school." Jim Brickner, Brickner's Park City

MERRILL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP
 To find out how you can get involved in the YA program contact Linda Murray at linda.murray@mapesedu.org

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CITY OF MERRILL COMMON COUNCIL Tuesday, November 9, 2022 MINUTES Regular Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers 7:00PM
I. Call to Order: Mayor Hass called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following elected officials, department heads and residents were in attendance:

Elected Officials and Department Heads present: Mayor Hass, City Attorney Hayden, City Clerk Anderson-Malm, Facilities Maintenance Manager Wszalek, Finance Director Unertl, Fire Department Wegner, Police Chief Bennett, Park & Recreation Director Wendorf, Utility Operations Manager Steinagel, Street Superintendent Bonack, Public Works Director/City Engineer Akey and Library Director Olhoff.

Others in attendance: Sister Pam from Holy Cross Sisters, Brian Riley from Ehlers & Associates, Jay Humphrey, Laurie Humphrey and Merrill Productions.

II. Invocation by Sister Pam from the Holy Cross Sisters

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 (remote)
LaDonna Feranich – 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—There was no public comment.

VI. Public Hearing:
Alderson Caylor made a motion to open the public hearing on the proposed 2023 budget. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

There was no public comment on the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderson Rick made a motion to close the public hearing on the proposed 2023 budget. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

Without objection, the budget Resolutions and Ordinance was moved up after the public hearing. This is reflected in the video. The minutes follow the prepared agenda.

VII. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting—October 11, 2022

Alderson Russell made a motion to place the minutes from the October 11th, 2022 Common Council meeting on file. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

VIII. Revenue & Expense Reports:
Alderson Caylor motioned to place the October 2022 Revenue & Expense reports on file. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

IX. Health & Safety Committee:

1. Consider a Temporary "Class B" license to sell wine for the Merrill Historical Society for December 2, 2022 at the Expo Center in conjunction with "Holiday Shop, Sip and Support".

Alderson Rick motioned to approve the temporary "Class B" license for the Merrill Historical Society on December 2, 2022 at the Expo Center. Alderson Weix seconded and the motion carried.

2. Consider an alcohol beverage retail license for Humphrey's Gin Mill, LLC.

Alderson Caylor made a motion to approve the alcohol beverage retail license for Humphrey's Gin Mill, LLC. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

X. Personnel & Finance Committee:

1. Consider the agreement between the City of Merrill and Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation.

Alderson Caylor motioned to approve the agreement between the City of Merrill and Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation. Alderson Weix seconded and the motion carried.

XI. 2023 Budget:
Finance Director Unertl stated the reports included in the agenda packet were informational. There were no questions from the council.

XII. Place Committee Reports on File:
Alderson Russell motioned to place committee reports on file. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

XIII. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 38, Division 2, Section 38-149 Sewer Service Charges (Ordinance #2022-12)

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading by title only, followed by a synopsis.

Alderson Caylor motioned to

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suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second and third reading by title only. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a second and third reading by title only.

Alderson Caylor motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderson Lupton seconded. The motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

2. An Ordinance adopting the 2023 City of Merrill Budget and establishing the tax levy for year 2022 (Ordinance #2022-13)

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a first reading by title only, followed by a synopsis.

Alderson Russell motioned to suspend the rules and give the ordinance a second and third reading by title only. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

City Attorney Hayden gave the ordinance a second and third reading by title only.

Alderson Russell motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderson Weix seconded and the motion carried on a 7-1 roll call vote.

XIV. Resolutions:

1. A Resolution approving a planned unit development and construction of a multifamily development on Webster Street, in the City of Merrill (Resolution #2742)

WHEREAS, S.C. Swiderski, LLC has requested a Planned Unit Development pursuant to the Merrill Zoning Code Chapter 113, Article III, Section 113-66 to 113-69 for the purpose of facilitating a multifamily development on the following described property:

Lots 2 and 3 of Certified Survey Map Number 2855, recorded July 1, 2021, in Volume 177, page 77, as Document No. 552477, in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, being a part of A.P. 617, located in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 15, Township 31 North, Range 6 East, City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, the "premises".

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission scheduled a hearing on the application on November 1, 2022 due public notice having been given and opportunity given to those interested to speak on the application; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has reviewed the Application, found that it does meet the requirements of Merrill Zoning Code, Chapter 113, Article III, Section 113-66 to 113-69 and has recommended approval of said application;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN this 9th day of November, 2022 that a Planned Unit Development consisting of multifamily development on the above described premises is approved.

A motion was made by Alderson Russell to approve the resolution. Alderson Rick seconded and the motion carried.

2. A Resolution authorizing a loan from the State of Wisconsin Trust Fund (Resolution #2740)

WHEREAS, by the provisions of Sec. 24.66 of the Wisconsin Statutes, all municipalities may borrow money for such purposes in the manner prescribed; and

WHEREAS, by the provisions of Chapter 24 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin is authorized to make loans from the State Trust Funds to municipalities for such purposes. (Municipality as defined by Sec. 24.60(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes means a town, village, city, county, public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district, town sanitary district created under Sec. 60.71 or 60.72, metropolitan sewerage district created under Sec. 200.05 or 200.23, joint sewerage system created under Sec. 281.43(4), school district or technical college district.)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN, this 9th day of November, 2022, that the City of Merrill, in the County of Lincoln, Wisconsin, borrow from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$552,000.00) for the purpose of financing TID #4 land purchase and TID #10 development incentive and for no other purpose.

The loan is to be payable within 10 years from the 15th day of March preceding the date the loan is made. The loan will be repaid in annual installments with interest at the rate of 5.25 percent per annum from the date of making the loan to the 15th day of March next and thereafter annually as provided by the law.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that there shall be raised and there is levied upon all taxable property, within the City of Merrill, in the County of Lincoln, Wisconsin, a direct annual tax for the

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purpose of paying interest and principal on the loan as they become due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no money obtained by the City of Merrill by such loan from the State be applied or paid out for any purpose except financing TID #4 land purchase and TID #10 development incentive without the consent of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that in case the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin agrees to make the loan, that the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Merrill, in the County of Lincoln, Wisconsin, are authorized and empowered, in the name of the City of Merrill, to execute and deliver to the commission, certificates of indebtedness, in such form as required by the Commission, for any sum of money that may be loaned to the City pursuant to this resolution.

The Mayor and Clerk of the City will perform all necessary actions to fully carry out the provisions of Chapter 24, Wisconsin Statutes, and these resolutions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this preamble and these resolutions and the aye and no vote by which they were adopted, be recorded, and that the Clerk of this City forward this certified record, along with the application for the loan, to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands of Wisconsin.

Alderson Blake motioned to approve the resolution. Alderson Russell seconded and the motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

3. A Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$3,005,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and the issuance and sale of a \$3,005,000 Note Anticipation Note, Series 2022A in anticipation thereof (Resolution #2741)

Finance Director Unertl stated the amount will be \$3,004,000. City Attorney Hayden read the resolution by title A.

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Merrill, Lincoln County, Wisconsin (the "City") hereby finds and determines that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the City to provide interim financing for public purposes, including street improvement projects, grandstand lighting, IT equipment and project costs in the City's Tax Incremental Districts such as utility and street improvements and providing development incentives to developers (collectively, the "Project");

WHEREAS, cities are authorized by the provisions of Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue general obligation promissory notes for such public purposes;

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Common Council that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the City to authorize the issuance of and covenant to issue general obligation promissory notes (the "Securities") to provide permanent financing for the Project;

WHEREAS, the Securities have not been issued or sold;

WHEREAS, cities are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(1) (b), Wisconsin Statutes, to issue note anticipation notes in anticipation of receiving the proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Securities;

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Common Council that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the City to authorize the issuance and sale of a note anticipation note pursuant to Section 67.12(1) (b), Wisconsin Statutes (the "Note"), in anticipation of receiving the proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Securities, to provide interim financing to pay the cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Common Council that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the City to sell the Note to Nicolet National Bank (the "Purchaser") pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in the Preliminary Term Sheet (the "Term sheet") and the proposal (collectively, the "Proposal") attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. Ehlers & Associates, Inc. ("Ehlers"), the city's municipal advisor, has recommended that the City accept the Proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY that:

Section 1A. Ratification of the Term Sheet. The Common Council of the City hereby ratifies and approves the details of the Note set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto as and for the details of the Note. The Term Sheet and any other offering materials prepared and circulated by Ehlers are hereby ratified and approved in all respects. All actions taken by officers of the City and Ehlers in connection with the preparation and distribution of the Term Sheet, and any other offering materials are hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

Section 1B. Authorization and Issuance of Securities. The City hereby authorizes the issuance and declares its intention and covenants to issue the Securities pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, in an amount sufficient to retire the Note. There is hereby levied on all the taxable property in the City a direct, annual, irrepealably tax sufficient to pay the interest on said Securities as it becomes due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof.

Section 2. Authorization and Sale of the Note. In anticipation of the sale of the Securities, for the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, there shall be borrowed pursuant to Section 67.12(1) (b), Wisconsin Statutes, the principal sum of THREE MILLION FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,004,000) from the Purchaser. To evidence the obligation of the City, the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make, execute, issue and sell to the Purchaser, on behalf of and in the name of the City, the Note in the principal amount of THREE MILLION FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,004,000) for a purchase price equal to the principal amount of the Note. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Proposal.

Section 3. Terms of the Note. The Note shall be designated "Note Anticipation Note, Series 2022A"; shall be issued in

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the principal amount of \$3,004,000; shall be dated its date of issuance; shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or more; shall be initially numbered \$-1; shall bear interest at the rate of 4.75% per annum and shall mature on November 1, 2024. Interest shall be payable annually on November 1, 2023 in the amounts set forth on the Debt Service Schedule attached as Exhibit B hereto. Interest shall be computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Section 4. Redemption Provisions. The Note is subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the City, on any date. Said Note is redeemable as a whole or in part, at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Section 5. Form of the Note. The Note shall be issued in registered form and shall be executed and delivered in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 6. Security. The Note shall in no event be a general obligation of the City and does not constitute an indebtedness of the City nor a charge against its general credit or taxing power. No lien is created upon the Project or any other property of the City as a result of the issuance of the Note. The Note shall be payable only from (a) any proceeds of the Note set aside for payment of interest on the Note as it becomes due and (b) proceeds to be derived from the issuance and sale of the Securities, which proceeds are hereby declared to constitute a special trust fund, hereby created and established, to be held by the City Clerk or City Treasurer and expended solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note until paid.

The City hereby agrees that, in the event such monies are not sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Note when due, if necessary, the City will pay such deficiency out of its annual general tax levy or other available funds of the City; provided however, that such payment shall be subject to annual budgetary appropriations therefor and any applicable levy limits; and provided further, that neither this Resolution nor any such payment shall be construed as constituting an obligation of the City to make any such appropriation or any further payments.

Section 7. Segregated Debt Service Fund Account. (A) Creation and Deposits. There be and there hereby is established in the treasury of the City, if one has not already been created, a debt service fund, separate and distinct from every other fund, which shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Debt service or sinking funds established for obligations previously issued by the City may be considered as separate and distinct accounts within the debt service fund. Within the debt service fund, there hereby is established a separate and distinct account designated as the "Debt Service Fund Account for Note Anticipation Note, Series 2022A" (the "Debt Service Fund Account") and such account shall be maintained until indebtedness evidenced by the Note is fully paid or otherwise extinguished. There shall be deposited into the Debt Service Fund Account (i) all accrued interest received by the City at the time of delivery of and payment for the Note; (ii) any proceeds of the Note representing capitalized interest on the Note or other funds appropriated by the City for payment of interest on the Note, as needed to pay the interest on the Note when due; (iii) proceeds of the Securities (or other obligations of the City issued to pay principal of or interest on the Note); (iv) such other sums as may be necessary at any time to pay principal of and interest on the Note when due and which are appropriated by the Common Council for that purpose; (v) surplus monies in the Borrowed Money Fund as specified below; and (vi) such further deposits may be required by Section 67.11, Wisconsin Statutes.

(B) Use and Investment. No money shall be withdrawn from the Debt service Fund Account and appropriated for any purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Note until all such principal and interest has been paid in full and the Note canceled; provided that such monies may be invested in permitted municipal investments under the pertinent provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes ("Permitted Investments"), which investments shall continue to be a part of the Debt Service Fund Account. Said account shall be used for the sole purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Note and shall be maintained for such purpose until the Note is fully paid or otherwise extinguished, and shall at all items be invested in a manner that conforms with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and any applicable Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations").

(C) Remaining Monies. When the Note has been paid in full and canceled, and all Permitted Investments disposed of, any money remaining in the Debt Service Fund Account shall be transferred and deposited in the general fund of the City, unless the Common Council directs otherwise.

Section 8. Covenants of the City. The City hereby covenants with the owners of the Note as follows:

(A) It shall issue and sell the Securities as soon as practicable, as necessary to provide for payment of the Note;

(B) It shall segregate the proceeds derived from the sale of the Securities into the special trust fund herein created and established and shall permit such special trust fund to be used for no purpose other than the payment of principal of and interest on the Note until paid. After the payment of principal of and interest on the Note in full, said trust fund may be used for such other purposes as the Common Council may direct in accordance with the law; and,

(C) It shall maintain a debt limit capacity such that it's combined outstanding principal amount of general obligation

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bonds or notes or certificates of indebtedness and the \$3,004,000 authorized for the issuance of the Securities to provide for the payment of the Note shall at no time exceed its constitutional debt limit.

Section 9. Proceeds of the Note; Segregated Borrowed Money Fund. The proceeds of the Note (the "Note Proceeds") (other than accrued interest which must be paid at the time of the delivery of the Note into the Debt Service Fund Account created above) shall be deposited into a special fund (the "Borrowed Money Fund") separate and distinct from all other funds of the City and disbursed solely for the purpose or purposes for which borrowed or for the payment of the principal and interest on the Note. Monies in the Borrowed Money Fund may be temporarily invested in Permitted Investments. Any monies, including any income from Permitted Investments, remaining in the Borrowed Money Fund after the purpose or purposes for which the Note has been issued have been accomplished, and, at any time, any monies as are not needed and which obviously thereafter cannot be needed for such purpose(s) shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund Account.

Section 10. No Arbitrage. All investments made pursuant to this Resolution shall be Permitted Investments, but no such investment shall be made in such a manner as would cause the Note to be an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code or the Regulations and an officer of the City, charged with the responsibility for issuing the Note, shall certify as to facts, estimates, circumstances and reasonable expectations in existence on the date of delivery of the Note to the Purchaser which will permit the conclusion that the Note is not an "arbitrage bond", within the meaning of the Code of Regulations.

Section 11. Compliance with Federal Tax Laws. (a) The City represents and covenants that the projects financed by the Note and the ownership, management and use of the projects will not cause the Note to be a "private activity bond" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Code. The City further covenants that it shall comply with the provisions of the Code to the extent necessary to maintain the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Note including, if applicable, the rebate requirements of Section 148(f) of the Code. The City further covenants that it will not take any action, omit to take any action or permit the taking or omission of any action within its control (including, without limitation, making or permitting any use of the proceeds of the Note) if taking, permitting or omitting to take such action would cause the Note to be an arbitrage bond or a private activity bond within the meaning of the Code or would otherwise cause interest on the Note to be included in the gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes. The City Clerk or other officer of the City charged with the responsibility of issuing the Note shall provide an appropriate certificate of the City certifying that the city can and covenants that it will comply with the provisions of the Code and Regulations.

(b) The City also covenants to use its best efforts to meet the requirements and restrictions of any different or additional federal legislation which may be made applicable to the Note provided that in meeting such requirements the City will do so only to the extent consistent with the proceedings authorizing the Note and the laws of the State of Wisconsin and to the extent that there is a reasonable period of time in which to comply.

Section 12. Designation as Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation. The Note is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" or purposes of Sections 265 of the code, relating to the ability of financial institutions to deduct from income for federal income tax purposes, interest expense that is allocable to carrying and acquiring tax-exempt obligations.

Section 13. Execution of the Note; Closing; Professional Services. The Note shall be issued in printed form, executed on behalf of the City by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk, authenticated, if required, by the Fiscal Agent (defined below), sealed with its official or corporate seal, if any, or a facsimile thereof, and delivered to the Purchaser upon payment to the City of the purchase price on the Note, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery (the "Closing"). The facsimile signature of either of the officers executing the Note may be imprinted on the Note in lieu of the manual signature of the officer but, unless the City has contracted with a fiscal agent to authenticate the Note, at least one of the signatures appearing on the Note shall be a manual signature. In the event that either of the officers whose signatures appear on the Note shall cease to be such officers before the Closing, such signatures shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes to the same extent as if they had remained in office until the Closing. The aforesaid officers are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and execute and deliver the Note and all such documents, certificates and acknowledgements as may be necessary and convenient to effectuate the Closing. The City hereby authorizes the officers and agents of the City to enter into, on its behalf, agreements and contracts in conjunction with the Note, including but not limited to agreements and contracts for legal, trust, fiscal agency, disclosure and continuing disclosure, and rebate calculation services. Any such contract heretofore entered into in conjunction with the issuance of the Note is hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

Section 14. Payment of the Note; Fiscal Agent. The principal of an interest on the Note shall be paid by the City Clerk or City Treasurer (the "Fiscal Agent").

Section 15. Persons Treated as Owners; Transfer of Note. The City shall cause books for the registration and for the transfer of the Note to be kept by the

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Fiscal Agent. The person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes and payment of either principal or interest on any Note shall be made only to the registered owner thereof. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Note to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

Any Note may be transferred by the registered owner thereof by surrender of the Note at the office of the Fiscal Agent, duly endorsed for the transfer or accompanied by an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon such transfer, the Mayor and City Clerk shall execute and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Note or Notes of a like aggregate principal amount, series and maturity and the Fiscal Agent shall record the name of each transferee in the registration book. No registration shall be made to bearer. The Fiscal Agent shall cancel any Note surrendered for transfer.

The City shall cooperate in any such transfer, and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute any new Note or Notes necessary to effect any such transfer.

Section 16. Record Date. The 15th day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date shall be on the record date for the Note (the "Record Date"). Payment of interest on the Note on any interest payment date shall be made to the registered owners of the Note as they appear on the registration book of the city at the close of business on the Record Date.

Section 17. Payment of Issuance Expenses. The City authorizes the Purchaser to forward the amount of the proceeds of the Note allocable to the payment of issuance expenses to a financial institution designated by Ehlers at Closing for further distribution as directed by Ehlers.

Section 18. Resolution a Contract. The provisions of this Resolution shall constitute a contract between the City and the owner or owners of the Note and after the issuance of the Note no change or alteration of any kind in the provisions of this Resolution may be made, until the Note has been paid in full as to both principal and interest. The owner of the Note shall have the right in addition to all other rights, by mandamus or other suit or action, in any court of competent jurisdiction, to enforce his or their rights against the City.

Section 19. Record Book. The City Clerk shall provide and keep the transcript of proceedings as a separate record book (the "Record Book") and shall record a full and correct statement of every step or proceeding has or taken in the course of authorizing and issuing the Note in the Record Book.

Section 20. Conflicting Resolutions; Severability; Effective Date. All prior resolutions, rules or other actions of the Common Council or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof shall be, and the same are, hereby rescinded insofar as the same may conflict. In the event that may one or more provisions hereof shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions hereof. The foregoing shall take effect immediately upon adoption and approval in the manner provided by law.

Alderson Russell motioned to approve the resolution. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried on an 8-0 roll call vote.

XV. Mayor's Communications
Mayor Hass thanked the department heads, the Finance Director, interim City Administrators and the Council for working together for the budget.

November 11th – Veteran's Day program at Cenotaph Park at 11:00 am

November 17th – a Town Hall meeting is scheduled for citizens to ask questions regarding the City logo and tag line.

November 24 – 27th – City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Expo Center.

Mayor Hass thanked the street crew for cleaning up the streets with leaves in anticipation for snow.

December 3rd – the Christmas Parade

XVI. Adjournment
Alderson Rick motioned to adjourn. Alderson Lupton seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori L. Anderson-Malm – City Clerk
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently read the article in the Foto News titled "Merrill puts new logo on hold, seeks public input" in regard to the rebranding of our community to attract new families and businesses to Merrill. The following is my public input: Marketing is only one piece of the puzzle to accomplish that goal after action has been taken to address current community issues or at the very least communicate what issues are actively being worked on. The Merrill community recently voted NO (again) to invest in our MAPS system leaving many community parents uncertain about what

programs, classes, and staff will remain in the future year/s for their children. Our current area leaders proposed a cut to a century-old youth program, 4-H, which would have eliminated that program entirely. The article mentions attracting new daycare options, but what is being proposed or worked on to resolve that issue now? There have been families without daycare options for years with no resolution in sight. The Wheel Tax ended this year which provided \$500,000 to address road maintenance for our community. How is that hole going to be filled in the budget going forward? What incentives are given to businesses to come to this community? Merrill residents appear to not want to invest in anything to help it grow (in a positive way). Merrill will start to deteriorate without investments. Re-branding is not going to fix those mentioned community issues. How do you market that?

- Courtney (Oberg) Busterud
Merrill, Wis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

*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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*In fairness to all, and due to space constraints, there is a limit of two letters per year from an individual writer. Additional letters may be submitted to our Paid Letters to the Editor column and will require payment in full prior to publication at the same rate as Political Letters to the Editor (see policy below).

POLITICAL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY:

All letters submitted as an endorsement for a political candidate, referendum, or political agenda will carry the same guidelines as above; however, they will be charged \$40.00 per letter of up to 250 words in length. Longer political letters will be accepted but will be charged \$10.00 per additional 50 words. All political letters must be prepaid prior to printing. Letters to the Editor will not be accepted from candidates running for election or representatives of an organization endorsing their own referendum, as these are clearly advertisements and not opinion letters; those submissions will be referred to our Advertising Department to be run as paid ads.

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(59.64%) in the race for Wisconsin Governor and Lieutenant Governor. However, those results did not necessarily correspond with the statewide results. Tony Evers/Sara Rodriguez had 51% of the votes statewide, and Michels conceded to Evers early Wednesday morning.

In the race for Secretary of State, 59.54% of Lincoln County voters preferred Republican challenger Amy Loudenbeck by a 7,944-4,946 vote over Democratic incumbent Doug LaFollette. Statewide, however, LaFollette had an extremely slim lead over Loudenbeck, with LaFollette getting 48.3% of the vote and Loudenbeck garnering 48%.

In the race for State Treasurer, 61.34% of Lincoln County voters chose Republican John Leiber by a 8,136-4,773 vote over Democrat Aaron Richardson. Statewide Leiber took the win over Richardson with Leiber getting 49.6% of the vote and Richardson garnering 48.2%.

The races for Wisconsin Attorney General and U.S. Senate were tight. While Lincoln County voters clearly preferred the Republican candidates in both of these races (59.81% voted for Eric Toney for Attorney General and 63.31% voted for Ron Johnson for U.S. Senate), statewide the results weren't quite as obvious. Democratic incumbent Josh Kaul took the win over Republican challenger Eric Toney in the race for Attorney General, with Kaul getting 50.7% of the vote. Republican incumbent Ron Johnson took the win over Democratic challenger Mandela Barnes, by a slight margin, with Johnson getting 50.5% of the vote.

For the 7th Congressional District seat, Republican incumbent Tom Tiffany held his seat with 61.9% of overall votes. In Lincoln County, Tiffany garnered 62.95% of the votes, with voters casting 8,483 votes for him versus 4,985 votes for Democratic challenger Richard Ausman.

Republican Calvin Callahan will hold his seat as Representative to the Assembly for the 35th District of Wisconsin. Nearly two-thirds (65.14%) of Lincoln County voters cast ballots for Republican incumbent Calvin Callahan

by a 8,530-4,544 vote over Independent challenger Todd Frederick. The votes in the other counties in the 35th District similarly showed Callahan with a majority of votes.

Lincoln County Races

Republican incumbent Sheriff Ken Schneider won his bid for re-election as Lincoln County Sheriff with 63.68% of the vote. Schneider garnered 8,238 votes to Independent challenger Garrett Dinges' 4,271 votes. Write-in candidates for Sheriff received 428 votes.

Unopposed Republican candidates Valerie Caylor and Thomas Barker won their bids for Lincoln County Coroner and Lincoln County Clerk of Circuit Court, respectively.

Referendums

The MAPS \$2.5 million per year for four years operational referendum once again failed to get voter approval. This time 8,574 voters cast ballots on the question and 52.24% of voters said No. (In the April 2022 election, only 4,145 voters voted on the question, and 56.91% voted No.)

On the Lincoln County referendum question asking if the State should prohibit election officials from soliciting and using private resources from special interest entities for the purpose of administering elections and referendums, Lincoln County voters (84.05%) resoundingly said Yes, it should be prohibited.

In the Town of King, in response to their referendum question, 55.38% of voters said No, the person holding the office of Clerk in the Town of King should not be appointed by the Town Board.

Regarding the Rhinelander School District operational referendum, in which Lincoln County Town of Harrison voters were asked whether the District should be authorized to exceed the revenue limit by \$4 million per year, 56.19% of the 194 Town of Harrison voters who cast ballots said No. Similarly, Langlade County Town of Parish voters responded with 40 voters saying No and 25 voters voting Yes. However, it was Oneida County voters that had the majority of this vote, and a large majority (5,698-3,844) of Oneida County voters said Yes, so the Rhinelander Schol District referendum did pass.

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

On Giving Thanks

DEAR READER,

As we round the corner to the Thanksgiving holiday, we take pause to recognize the blessings of the previous year. For centuries now millions of Americans have been prayerfully thinking about all for which they should be thankful. 2022 should be no exception.



This annual tradition finds its origins in the year 1619 in what is now the Commonwealth of Virginia when thirty eight English settlers arrived by way of the Atlantic Ocean and the James River. The more popular narrative traces back to the Pilgrims in 1621 when they celebrated in Plymouth, Massachusetts with the Wampanoags. The Wampanoags were a Native American tribe with whom they had an alliance and protection against the Narragansett tribe in exchange for food.

Thanksgiving has always been a religious holiday which George

Washington, America's first President, proclaimed the first nationwide celebration in November 26th, 1789. He said "... a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of

Almighty God..." It has since become more secular with activities surrounding the weekend such as Black Friday shopping and NFL football games.

Looking back, this year has been one of joy and anguish. When we sit down for dinner on Thanksgiving Day, let's pray that next year is one filled with more joy than anguish. And then let's work to make it that way in whatever big or small ways that are at our disposal.

PATRICK J. WOOD
PUBLISHER

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

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Jadon Van Der Nest

PRMS September Youth Optimist

The Prairie River Middle School (PRMS) September Youth Optimist of the Month is **Jadon Van Der Nest**. Jadon has had a terrific start to the 2022-2023 school year. Academically, Jadon always puts his best effort forward and is willing to participate and help peers in class, his teachers and principal say. Jadon is involved in football this fall, in addition to playing soccer and baseball. He is also in band. In addition to Jadon's competitive spirit and involvement in sports, Jadon is also actively involved in his church as a candle lighter. When asked about some of his other favorite things to do, Jadon simply said, "I like helping people."

That encompasses what being a Youth Optimist of the Month is all about!

Jadon is the son of Charl and Jennifer Van Der Nest.

MHS September Youth Optimist

The Merrill High School (MHS) September Youth Optimist of the Month is **Amber Winter**. "Amber is the driving force of positivity and community service in our DECA club (President), leading by example and inspiring others to do the same," said Mrs. Olivia Dachel in her nomination. "Her optimistic attitude speaks to her leadership ability through positive performance and a community-oriented spirit dedicated to making the world a more positive place.... Through her leadership, DECA members and business students understand business is not simply for just making a profit, but also a force for good through ethical practices and social responsibility. Amber single-handedly created, organized, and marketed a homecoming spirit event for high school Business students and DECA members to connect Washington elementary students."

Amber received a 2022 National Center for Women in Technology Aspirations in Computing Award and was inducted into the Computer Science Honors Society (CSHS). First introduced to technology in ninth grade by her mom, Amber loves it and sets an example for other women by taking Computer Discovery classes, AP CS Principles, and Code Café. In addition, Amber is active in Track and Field, Swim (Captain), National Honor Society, Link Crew, and Math League. She is a Wisconsin State Swimming Representative and also volunteers at Trinity Church.

The daughter of Chris and Kristie Winter, after graduation, Amber plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for a degree in Elementary Education and to join their swim team.



Amber Winter



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Dan Wendorf photo. Courtesy of Merrill Area Park and Recreation Department.

Beyond Books: "Rocks, Canvas, and Coasters, Oh My!"

Community ArtShare exhibit

The T.B. Scott Library Community Artshare Exhibit will feature the work of local area artist, Tom Lambrecht, during the months of Nov. and Dec. 2022. Entitled "Rocks, Canvas, and Coasters, Oh My!" the exhibit will be on display in the Carnegie Wing on the second floor.

Lambrecht resides in Rib Mountain and has worked at Reindl Printing in Merrill for 24 years as a graphic designer. He also currently serves on the Board at the Center for the Visual Arts - Wausau. Lambrecht knew already in kindergarten that he liked drawing. He graduated from UW Stout with a degree in graphic design, and he took classes in studio art, sculpture, and oil painting, but acrylics became his favorite medium.

More recently, Lambrecht began creating amazing chalk art, for which he has received recognition. Drywall is painted with chalkboard paint, and then he uses colored chalk to create dynamic illustrations. You can see his creations on the walls at Tribute Golf Course, Greenheck, and Wausau Surgery Center. He and his children, Ella and Jack, also participate in yearly sidewalk chalk competitions, and have won the Artist Choice Award at Wausau's Chalkfest four times, first place at Merrill's Chalk It Up, and Group Jury Prize at Chalkfest Eau Claire.

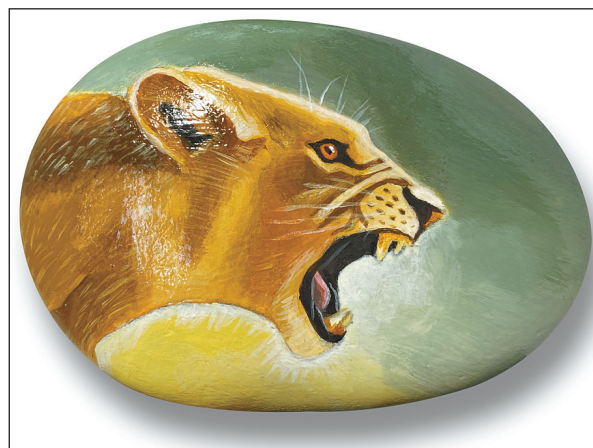
During the pandemic, there wasn't much to do, so Lambrecht and his family started painting rocks to hide in the surrounding areas and really enjoyed



This Eagle with American flag is one of Tom Lambrecht's works of art in acrylic. **Submitted photos.**



Lifelike autumn leaves are painted on coasters Lambrecht sells on Etsy.



Tom Lambrecht's painted rocks are miniature works of art.

the time spent together. Lambrecht continues to paint rocks and has now branched off into painting coasters which can be found on Etsy. You can see his available creations at Lambrechtart.com or "Tom Lambrecht Art" on Facebook.



2022 DEER HUNTING Guide



Gun Deer Hunt – Nov. 19-27, 2022
Muzzleloader – Nov. 28-Dec. 7, 2022
Statewide Antlerless Hunt – Dec. 8-11, 2022
Antlerless-Only Holiday Hunt –
 Dec. 24, 2022-Jan. 1, 2023

Hunting safety refresher

- Any time a firearm deer season is taking place, at least 50% of all hunters' clothing above the waist must be blaze orange or fluorescent pink. This requirement includes archery hunters and small game hunters who are hunting during a firearm deer season.
- Always keep firearms (whether pistol, rifle, crossbow, or muzzle loader, etc.) pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your trigger finger outside the trigger guard and off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
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Alex Neumann, 10-year-old son of Kristy and Rick Neumann who live in the Town of Merrill, got his first bear in September while hunting on their land. The bear weighed 218 lbs. He hunted with his dad while his mom acted as chauffeur, Kristy said. Rick transferred his bear tag to Alex, and Alex baited near his stand every day beginning in July.



10-year-old Alex Neumann also shot his first buck, a fork, during the October youth hunt. He shot his buck on his food plot on their land in the Town of Merrill, which he helped plant in the summer. His dad hunted with him for the deer hunt, as well. **Submitted photos.**



One: Abby Jaeger, 12-year-old daughter of Samantha and David Jaeger, shot her first deer while sitting with her mom on the opening morning of the youth hunt. This was her second year hunting. Little brother Aaron is next to her. **Two:** Aaron Jaeger, age 9, the son of David and Samantha Jaeger, shot a spike buck opening night of the youth hunt while sitting with his dad. **Three:** The next evening, 9-year-old Aaron Jaeger shot a doe while sitting with his dad again. **Four:** David Jaeger shot this big buck on Nov. 6, 2022. The 12-pointer had a 19" spread. **Five:** David Jaeger filled his lifelong dream of trapping a bobcat on Oct. 29, 2022. This was his first year trapping, and he caught this big 35-pound female bobcat. He was really excited that he got to experience this moment with his wife and son. **Submitted photos.**

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Above: Gracin Bloch, the 12-year-old son of Kyle and Samantha Bloch of Merrill, was hunting with his dad during the youth hunt when he shot this nice 8-point buck with a 16" inside spread in Marathon County on Oct. 8, 2022, during the youth hunt. **Below:** Mason Bloch, age 14 and also the son of Kyle and Samantha Bloch of Merrill, also harvested a nice 6-point buck on Oct. 8, 2022, during the youth hunt. Mason shot his deer while hunting with his uncle, Korey Bloch. **Submitted photos.**



Aubrie Zortman, the 8-year-old daughter of Alex Zortman and Marissa & Joel Prah, all of Merrill, shot this 8-pointer on a Sunday morning during the youth hunt in October. Aubrie was hunting with her father on their land. This was her first hunt and her first kill - and a great buck at that! She is so proud, as is her family. Nice buck, Aubrie!
Submitted photo.



Katrina Woller shot this 7-point buck with a 17" spread on Nov. 8, 2022, at about 3:20 p.m. with a Center Point crossbow. This is her fourth year hunting. "I had only been in my stand about two hours, and probably only the fifth day in the stand this season," Woller said. "I had been seeing a lot of bucks that I let pass me by, but when he came in with a huge body, I knew I had to take him."
Submitted photo.



Left: Carolyn Hoffman got her first deer with a bow this year, in the fall of 2022. Congratulations on your buck, Carolyn! **Right:** Joe Hoffman of Merrill harvested this 335-pound bear on the first successful bear hunt of his life. The bear was shot on Sept. 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Joe wants to thank the land owner who allowed him to hunt on his property and also thank everyone who helped him get the bear to the processor.
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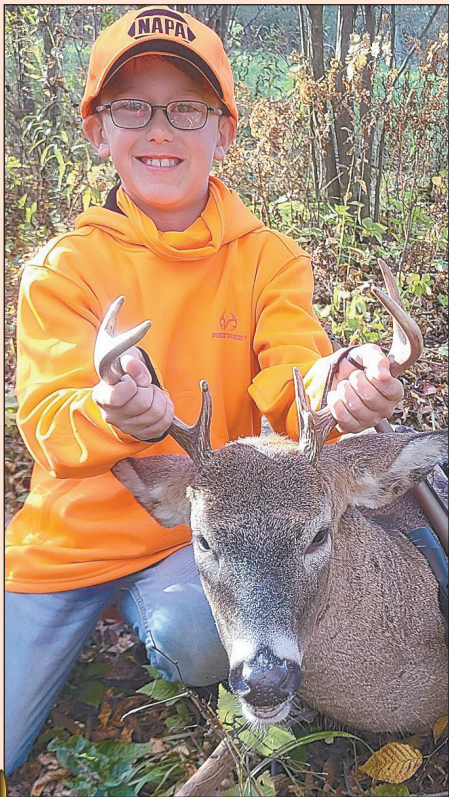
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Dave and Roxie Johnson submitted this photo to congratulate Fred Will from Merrill on the 10-point buck he shot with a crossbow on Sept. 28, 2022. Fred is 94 years young!

Submitted photo.



Drew Kaminski, age 9, got this 7-point buck on Oct. 9, 2022. It was his first youth hunt, and he got his first deer. He was hunting west of Merrill with his dad, Dan Kaminski. Nice buck, Drew!

Submitted photo.



Left: Cambria Rice, age 7, and the daughter of Justin Rice and Carey Fox of Merrill, shot her first deer, a nice 5-point buck, with a crossbow in October 2022 while hunting with her dad. Above: Cambria Rice, now age 7, of Merrill shot a bear with a crossbow last year at age 6. The bear was 230 pounds.



Quicklinks to the hunting info. you need

TINA L. SCOTT EDITOR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is a great resource for all the information hunters need. Whether it's licensing information, how to register the kill, where to hunt, or any of a multitude of other related questions, online resources make it quick and easy to handle the details so hunters can get out in the field or the woods and back to hunting.

To find public land where hunting is permitted, use the Public

Access Lands Mapping Application online at: https://dnrmapping.wisconsin.gov/H5/?Viewer=Public_Access_Lands.


Or look at publicly available land at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/lands>.

A quick link to all 2022 hunting season dates is available at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/dates>.

2022 Hunting Regulations are available at: https://widnr.widen.net/s/pdq5r2sdqc/2022wi_huntregulations.

To purchase hunting licenses and stamps, apply for a drawing, or make a donation, go to: <https://gowild.wi.gov/>.

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Know your target: Don't accidentally shoot elk or moose this hunting season

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters to know their target before they shoot and understand the difference between elk and white-tailed deer this hunting season.

Archery and crossbow deer seasons will soon be underway. Elk sometimes venture outside of the elk management zones, especially during the breeding season, so hunters are reminded to properly identify their target. Any elk taken without a tag may result in a fine and a revocation of your hunting license.

How To Identify An Elk:

- Adult elk are larger than adult deer. An adult elk stands about 1-2 feet taller than an adult deer at the shoulders. An elk calf will be about the same size as an adult white-tailed doe but will display similar coloration to adult elk.
- Spot the difference in the antlers. White-tailed deer antlers curve forward, whereas elk antlers are larger and sweep back from their heads.
- Look for color markings. Elk have a tan rump patch, black legs and a dark brown mane. Deer have legs the same color as their bodies, a white throat patch and a fluffy white tail.
- Additional markers. Elk moving throughout the state may have noticeable markers including colored ear tags or tracking collars. These collars are fixed around the neck and are typically orange in color, sometimes with a visible printed number.
- Learn about the differences between elk and white-tailed deer below using the DNR's comparison guide.

Although Wisconsin has not reintroduced moose, there are several verified moose sightings across northern Wisconsin each year. A few hunters may even be lucky enough to see one this fall. Once widespread across North America, elk were eliminated from Wisconsin in the 1880s. Thanks to the support of many partners and the backing of Wisconsinites, elk were reintro-



DON'T SHOOT AN ELK!
Elk have been reintroduced to Jackson County
Watch for similarities and differences between elk and white-tailed deer

ELK: COLORED	WHITE-TAILED DEER/ELVEN	Similarities and differences
		ELK CALVES & WHITE-TAILED DOES: A 5-6-month-old elk calf will be about the same size as an adult white-tailed doe.
TAILS: Elk have a short tail; Deer have a long tail with a white underside.		
SIZE: Adult Elk stand 4-5 feet at the shoulders; Deer stand 3-3 1/2 feet at the shoulders.		
COLORING: Elk have a tan rump patch, black legs and dark brown, furry neck. Deer have legs the same color as their bodies, and a white throat patch.		
ANTLERS: Elk antlers sweep back; Deer antlers curve forward.		
JEWELRY: Most elk have been marked with collars and ear tags.		

ALWAYS BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND BEYOND!

duced within the state in 1995. Through DNR efforts to reestablish the species, the elk herd continues to expand, making it essential for hunters to know their target to protect this growing population. Currently, there are two herds containing a total of more than 450 elk in Wisconsin reintroduction areas: one in the north including Ashland, Bayfield, Price, Rusk, and Sawyer counties, and one in the area surrounding Jackson County. Occasionally, elk can roam beyond these areas, so it is important for deer hunters statewide to be sure of their target. Observations of elk outside of the management zones, or moose can be reported to the DNR through the Large Mammal Observation Form.

Consider donating your deer to help stock area food pantries

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages hunters to donate Wisconsin-harvested deer to the department's Deer Donation Program. The program helps stock food pantries for the upcoming holiday season and supports residents in need throughout the state.

Since the program began in 2000, hunters have donated almost 100,000 deer, totaling more than 3.8 million pounds of venison distributed to Wisconsin food pantries.

Through the Deer Donation Program, the DNR works with partnering meat processors to distribute thousands of pounds of donated venison to Wisconsin food pantries. (Learn more at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/donation.html>)

"Wisconsin hunters have an important opportunity to support families in their communities during the deer season through the Venison Donation Program," said Brad Koele, DNR Wildlife Damage Specialist. "Whether you harvest an extra deer or donate the only deer you shoot, we thank all deer hunters, meat processing and nonprofit partners who help make this program a success for those in need."

Those looking to support the Deer Donation Program can also do so through a monetary donation when purchasing a hunting or fishing license or a Wisconsin State Park pass.

Food insecurity in Wisconsin

Approximately one in 12 Wisconsin households did not have enough food before the COVID-19 pandemic began in early 2020, and research shows this number continues to rise, according to the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Food Security Project. (Learn more at: [\[foodsecurity.wisc.edu/background\]\(https://foodsecurity.wisc.edu/background\)\) Additionally, the Wisconsin Food Security Project reports that food insecurity makes it harder for children to thrive in and out of school, increases the risk of health problems for children and adults, makes it more difficult to manage chronic conditions, and contributes to short-term and long-term stress for children and families.](https://</p>
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How to donate Wisconsin-harvested deer

Hunters interested in donating a Wisconsin-harvested deer to the DNR's Deer Donation Program can follow these steps:

- Field dress your deer. Handle the carcass with care.
- Register your deer through Game Reg at: <https://gowild.wi.gov/wildlife/harvest>. Make a note of your registration confirmation number and keep it on hand when dropping off your deer.
- Test your deer for CWD if harvested from a CWD-affected county (<https://p.widencdn.net/kv6vws/surveillance-plan>) that requires testing before taking the deer to a processor. To find a CWD sampling location near you to submit samples from Wisconsin-harvested deer free of charge, visit the DNR's "Sampling For Chronic Wasting Disease" webpage at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/register/sample.html>. Test results are usually available from the DNR within two weeks.
- Call ahead. Contact one of the participating processors before dropping off your deer to make sure they have space to accept it. Participating processors are

See **DONATING** page 19

Help stop CWD

This deer season, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks hunters to participate in the ongoing effort to monitor for chronic wasting disease (CWD) and help prevent its spread.

CWD testing is available to every hunter in the state, and there are focused CWD sampling efforts in many counties where CWD has already been found. Check the map on our website to see where CWD testing is available near you at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/register/sample.html>. Locations will be added as the season progresses, so check back before you head afield.

Four ways to have your deer tested, one easy online form

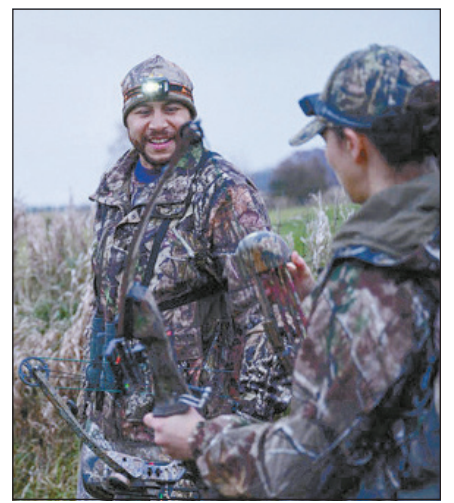
- The DNR offers four easy ways to submit a sample:
- Self-service kiosks open 24/7
 - Locations are added throughout the season, with many popping up ahead of the nine-day gun deer season. Hunters can drop off their adult deer's head with 5 inches of neck attached for testing. Check the DNR's CWD sampling page before your hunt to find a location near you.
 - In-person with cooperating meat processors, taxidermists and other businesses
 - You can get assistance with CWD testing by visiting a cooperating partner. Use the same interactive map to find their locations.
 - At-home lymph node sampling following our instructions online at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/register/sample.html>.

Hunters can extract the retropharyngeal lymph nodes using a kit provided by the DNR and return them to the DNR for testing. Contact your local wildlife biologist to get a kit.

Hunters can contact their local wildlife biologist to schedule an in-person appointment.

Whichever way you submit your sample for testing, try out the DNR's new online CWD form. You can find the link in your Go Wild harvest history after you register your deer.

The online form automatically fills in your name, contact information, customer ID number and harvest registration number, and includes an interactive map to drop a pin on your harvest location.



Archery and crossbow deer season is under way, and the gun deer hunt begins Nov. 19, 2022.

Nick Berard/Wisconsin DNR photo.

Follow baiting and feeding restrictions

While planning your hunt, be sure to check baiting and feeding restrictions in your county. An online resource is available at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/bait.html>.

Even where baiting and feeding is allowed, the DNR encourages hunters to reconsider using these practices to reduce the risk for disease transmission. As with any animal, concentrating them increases the risk of a disease spreading from animal to animal.

Proper deer carcass disposal can help prevent the spread of CWD

Once hunters have finished processing their harvested deer, they can safely dispose of deer carcass waste in deer carcass dumpsters provided in partnership with individuals and organizations around the state. A link to more info. is available online at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/carcass.html>. Proper carcass disposal helps slow the spread of CWD by removing potentially infected deer waste from the landscape.

What else can hunters do to slow the spread

The DNR's guide to slowing the spread of CWD goes in-depth on the disease and provides even more ways hunters can help. Check out best practices that can fit into your hunt this season. More information is available at: <https://widnr.widen.net/s/jvtgjqtmv/2019cwdbrochure>.

REPORTS

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

WRAP UP FOR THE PERIOD OF: 10/31/2022 - 11/06/2022
In the early morning hours of Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, deputies took a 23-year-old Tomahawk man into custody following a traffic stop in the City of Tomahawk. During contact with the man, he became verbally and physically resistive with deputies, before attempting to flee on foot. As a result, the man now faces a charge of Resisting/Obstructing an Officer.

A 22-year-old Michigan man was cited for Trespassing on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 31, after a deputy discovered the man hunting on state-owned property near Lincoln Hills School. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office would like to remind hunters of the consequences of hunting on private and state-owned property, without proper authorization.

On the evening of Thursday, Nov. 3, deputies took a 36-year-old Glenwood City man into custody following a vehicle check in the Town of Scott. After receiving information of an unknown vehicle parked at a residence, deputies responded and found the man asleep in the vehicle. During contact with the man, deputies learned his driver's license had been revoked and he had driven to the residence after consuming alcoholic beverages. He was found to be armed with two knives and had multiple warrants for his arrest from three different counties. As a result, the man faces charges of 2nd Offense-Operating a Motor

Vehicle while Intoxicated, 2nd Offense-Operating a Motor Vehicle after Revocation, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

A 20-year-old Merrill woman sustained non-life threatening injuries as a result of a one-vehicle crash in the Town of Pine River, on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 5. The vehicle the woman was driving was eastbound on State Road 64, before it went off the road and struck the embankment. The woman was later transported by ambulance to a local hospital. Deputies do not believe alcohol was a factor in the crash. 22 motorists reported striking deer this past week. On the evening of Saturday, Nov. 5, a motorist reported striking a bear on US Hwy. 51 near Tomahawk.

MERRILL FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS

FOR PERIOD ENDING NOV. 13, 2022

Assist invalid	1
Building fire	1
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	18
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
Rescue or EMS standby	1
Standby for Tomahawks E.M.S.	2
Total Incidents This Week:	26
Total Incidents/ Calls for 2022:	1,853

MERRILL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

11-07-22
At 1:07 p.m. a caller reported a

domestic disturbance between her, her boyfriend, and her cousin. The boyfriend and girlfriend got into a disagreement concerning ownership of their dog, which escalated to the boyfriend making threats to harm the girlfriend and her cousin. The male was arrested for disorderly conduct.

At 1:23 p.m. a male was arrested for a probation violation at the request of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

At 3:55 p.m. a marijuana pipe was located at the library. Investigation is ongoing.

At 6:21 p.m. a caller reported she received videos from a family member showing acts of domestic violence. Contact was made with the victim who confirmed she had video evidence showing historical acts of domestic violence. Officers learned that an act of domestic violence had happened on 11-07-22. As a result of the investigation, the male was arrested for domestic battery, two counts of disorderly conduct, strangulation/suffocation, and criminal damage to property. After being arrested, he was found to be in possession of a vape containing THC and, as such, was additionally charged for possession of marijuana.

At 9:20 p.m. a caller reported her daughter discovered someone had struck her vehicle while at the high school parking lot and left without reporting the incident. Investigation is ongoing.

11-08-22
At 10:20 a.m. a caller reported two males fighting, with one

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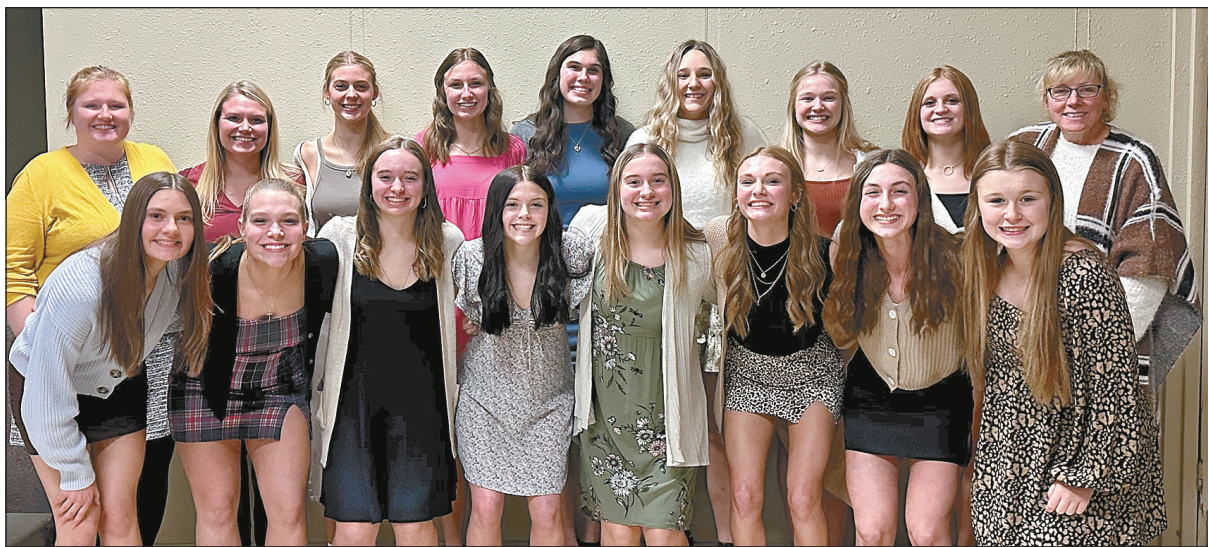
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The Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Team and Coaches at their end-of-season banquet. Submitted photos.

Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball Team recognizes players

TINA L. SCOTT
EDITOR

The Merrill Girls Varsity Volleyball team held their banquet on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, and recognized players for outstanding achievements during the 2022 Volleyball season.

Avery Hoff was named Second Team All Conference, and Maddy Ott and Elexa Emmer received All Conference Honorable Mention.

The coaches also made awards to key players.

Avery Hoff was recognized for Most Assists, while Chloe McRae was named Best Blocker and Most Valuable Player. Maddy Ott was named Best Defensive Player and Best Server, while Elexa Emmer was recognized as Best Spiker.



From L to R holding their awards from the coaches, Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball players: Maddy Ott, Avery Hoff, Chloe McRae, Elexa Emmer, and Olivia Troyer.

Jalie Severt received an award for Most Improved, and Olivia Troyer got the Bring It Award.

“Congratulations to all of our

award winners and to the rest of our Merrill Volleyball players on a great season!” the coaches said.



Left: L to R: Merrill Varsity Volleyball players Maddy Ott, All Conference Honorable Mention; Avery Hoff, Second Team All Conference; and Elexa Emmer, All Conference Honorable Mention. Right: Merrill Varsity Girls Volleyball award winners Jalie Severt, Most Improved Player (on left) and Chloe McRae, Most Valuable Player.



Middle swimmer: Megan Miles ready for the start of the 200 Yard Medley Relay at State. Ginger Kanitz photos.

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of the Medley Relay swimmers, and in two individual events—the 200 Yard IM and the 100 Yard Breaststroke.

Winter finished 7th place in the 200 Yard IM with her own personal best time of 2:12.43. But the all-star finish and real claim-to-fame for Merrill was Winter’s first place finish and Division 2 State Championship win in the 100 Yard Breaststroke, the culmination of her own personal best time and setting yet another Merrill High School record with a time of 1:04.45.

“When I touched the wall, I realized that I had gotten first, and I couldn’t believe it,” Amber Winter said. “So when I turned around and looked at the end of my lane, I saw my mom and Ginger [Kanitz, Assistant Swim Coach] crying. That’s when it hit me that I had done it ...”

Scott Arneson, Activities Director at Merrill Area Public Schools, was really proud to see Amber take the win for Merrill. “She is a great student athlete,” he said. “She is one of the kids that has been super dedicated in the pool, in sports, and in academics; is well liked; volunteers; and it is awesome to see it all end with an individual State Championship. Good things do come to those that work hard. Well deserved, Amber!”

Coach Winter couldn’t be much prouder of her team and of the State Championship win either. Merrill’s all-star first place swimmer, Amber Winter, is also her eldest daughter.

“My Mom has always been my coach,” Amber said. “I couldn’t have done any of this without her.”



Left: Amber Winter swimming the 100 Yard Breaststroke at WIAA, the event she would win with a first place finish in Division 2, with a time of 1:04.45. Right: Amber Winter on podium in first place with the WIAA Division 2 State Championship.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Amber Winter, a Senior at Merrill High School (MHS) has been named Athlete of the Week. Amber swims on the Merrill Girls Varsity Swim Team and has been winning awards and breaking records most of that time, most recently taking the State Championship in the 100 Yard Breaststroke on Nov. 11. Amber has been on the Varsity Swim Team all four years at MHS. She began swimming competitively at age eight for the Aqua Jays and still swims with the club. Amber is also on the Varsity Track and Field Team, doing discus and shot put, and figure skates. At MHS, Amber is on Link Crew, in National Honors Society, in DECA, and in Computer Science Honor Society. Outside of school, she participates in Swim Club, Figure Skating Club, and church bell choir at Trinity Lutheran Church. Amber enjoys camping and anything outdoors, hanging out with friends, and lifeguarding. She works as a lifeguard at the Merrill outdoor pool and the MAPS indoor pool, a swim coach, and a figure skating coach. In her free time, she enjoys working out, playing board games with family, and going out to eat and shopping with friends, as well. The daughter of Chris and Kristie Winter of Merrill, Amber has a 3.8 GPA. She was just accepted to UW-Eau Claire and plans to continue both Swimming and Track and Field at the college level while pursuing a degree in education to be either an elementary school teacher or a high school math or science teacher.



Amber Winter

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"The Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS) would like to thank this great group of kids. They had a lemonade stand and used the money to buy supplies for the pets here at the shelter! Thank you for thinking of the pets!" LCHS staff and volunteers said. In photo: Kenzingtyn Adams, Graycen Graap, Hudsyn Adams, Emersyn Graap, and Brianna Boyd. **Submitted photo.**



Adelyn Forster of Merrill made baked goods and sold them to the staff at Prairie River Middle School to raise money for the pets at the Lincoln County Humane Society. Adelyn raised \$50 as a result of all her hard work that she donated to the shelter. On behalf of the LCHS, manager Liz said, "Thank you, Adelyn!" **Submitted photo.**

St. Stephens United Church of Christ of Merrill chose the Lincoln County Humane Society (LCHS) to be the recipient of their monthly mission offering for July. The congregation raised \$975 for the animals calling the shelter their temporary home. "Thank you, St. Stephens!" said Liz from the shelter. In photo: Liz from LCHS with Terra Holdridge of St. Stephens. **Submitted photo.**



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MAPS accepts October donations

The following donations were approved and/or accepted at the Oct. 19, 2022, Merrill Area Public Schools (MAPS) Board of Directors meeting:

A donation of a Can Am UTV from the Friends of the Forest valued at \$30,895 for use at the Nels P. Evjue School Forest; a check from Chad & Kris Glaze of Vine Vest North, Inc. valued at \$250 for the Merrill High School Cheer Team Camp; funds from the Gleason Community Club valued at \$2,000 for the Tech Ed Program; a check from Stacy Literski valued at \$45 for the Merrill Tennis Team; funds from Church Mutual colleagues of Pam Stamper valued at \$125 for the MHS Vocal Jayz Choir in memory of Pam's father, James George Spice, and his love for choirs and singing; two library books from Marie Rein valued at \$40 for Washington School in memory of Scott Krenz and Jeff Peterson (former Washington students); hats, mittens, and shoes from Renea Frederick valued at \$100 for students in need at Kate Goodrich and PRMS; and a book from the Gamma Chapter/WI State Organization/Delta Kappa Gamma Society International valued at \$25 for Washington School in memory of Lorraine Muschinske, a dedicated educator who taught at Washington, was Merrill Teacher of the Year in 1978 and 1987, and was Wisconsin Elementary Teacher of the Year in 1987.

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armed with a baseball bat. Contact was made with one of the involved parties. The other male involved in the fight had fled the scene prior to the arrival of officers. In the course of the investigation, a female involved in the incident was found to be in possession of a vape containing marijuana and was issued a citation. The investigation into the fight is ongoing.

At 11:06 a.m. a caller reported someone had entered his unlocked vehicle sometime within the last two days and stolen property and cash.

At 11:51 a.m. a convenience store reported a female had stolen some food while in the store. The officer will be attempting to identify the female from the surveillance video.

At 12:29 p.m. a caller reported a domestic disturbance at a neighboring apartment, which sounded physical in nature. Upon arrival, nobody would answer the door. A male leaped from the second story apartment and was apprehended nearby. He was found to have warrants for his arrest. Another male, who finally came to the door, stated nobody else was inside the apartment. He was found to have three warrants for his arrest. A female was found hiding in the shower and was found to have a warrant for her arrest. It was determined that the male who leaped out of the window and the female found hiding had caused the disturbance, which was reported. Both were charged with disorderly conduct and multiple counts of bail jumping. The male who answered the door was charged with obstructing an officer and multiple counts of bail jumping.

At 12:51 p.m. a caller reported he received collections notification on a loan made by someone else

using his information. Investigation is ongoing.

At 2:11 p.m. a caller reported someone put what appeared to be superglue in the ignition of her vehicle. She suspected an ex-boyfriend. Investigation is ongoing.

11-09-2022

At 7:08 a.m. officers and the Merrill Fire Department responded to a residence after multiple reports had been made of smoke coming from the garage. A fire was located in the garage and extinguished by the fire department.

At 11:03 a.m. an individual reported front end damage to her vehicle. It was unknown what exact day or where the damage would have occurred.

11-10-2022

At 7:20 p.m. a female was taken into custody after an officer observed her walking and knew that she had an active warrant. The female was then found to have methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia on her when she was searched after the arrest. Charges were filed on the drug offenses.

At 1:40 p.m. officers responded to a report of a male walking in and out of traffic on a road and yelling at cars. A description was provided of the male, but officers were unable to locate him after searching the area.

At 6:34 p.m. officers responded to a report of a male walking in and out of traffic on a road and yelling at cars. A description was provided of the male, but officers were unable to locate him after searching the area.

11-11-22

At 5:52 a.m. a caller reported a male attempted to gain entry to her residence earlier in the morning. The suspect was captured on surveillance video and identified. He was arrested for attempted burglary and possession of an electronic weapon after a search of him revealed the electronic weapon concealed in his pocket.

At 10:51 a.m. a caller requested a welfare check on a male, after the male communicated a threat to kill a specific individual. This individual was a previous crime victim of the male and had a Protective Order in place. Contact was established with the man; however, he refused to exit the residence. A search warrant was obtained, and officers arrested the man for disorderly conduct and bail jumping.

At 5:49 p.m. a caller reported someone stole a package that was delivered to his residence. Investigation is ongoing.

11-12-22

At 9:47 a.m. an officer investigated a crash on Mill St. at E 3rd St. It was found a driver had failed to stop at the stop sign on Mill St. and crashed into a vehicle on E 3rd St. The offending driver was cited for failure to stop at stop sign, and a crash report was completed.

11-13-22

At 4:38 p.m. a crash was reported on St Paul St. at Monroe St. The driver admitted to attempting to "drift" his vehicle around a corner by rapidly accelerating, which caused him to lose control of the vehicle and strike a tree, causing minor injury to a juvenile passenger. The man was also found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated causing injury with a passenger under age 16 and reckless driving causing injury. A crash report was completed.

At 5:45 p.m. a caller reported hearing a female screaming inside a residence. It was found a male and female were involved in a domestic disturbance with both becoming physical with each other. Both were arrested for domestic disorderly conduct. While inside the residence during the investigation, marijuana and paraphernalia were observed. A second male in the residence was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

2022-2023 Merrill High School Winter Sports Schedules

Boys Basketball (Varsity, JV, and JV2)

No Scheduled Events For This Week.

Girls Basketball (Varsity & JV)

Thurs. Nov. 17	Shawano (JV)	Away	5:45 pm
Thurs. Nov. 17	Shawano (Varsity)	Away	7:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 22	Medford (JV & JV2)	Away	5:45 pm
Tues. Nov. 22	Medford (Varsity)	Away	7:15 pm

Boys Hockey (Varsity and JV)

Thurs. Nov. 17	Rhineland (Varsity)	Away	4:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 22	Chequamegon (Varsity)	Home	7:00 pm

Girls Hockey (Varsity and JV)

No Scheduled Events For This Week.

Boys Wrestling (Varsity and JV)

No Scheduled Events For This Week.

Girls Wrestling (Varsity)

No Scheduled Events For This Week.

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