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# Merrill Fire Department hosts fourth graders

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EDITOR

On Thursday, March 16, 2023, the Merrill Fire Department (MFD) hosted a lunch and tour for Mrs. Lisa Hass's fourth grade class from Washington Elementary School in Merrill. The tour was part of a bigger fire prevention and fire safety education program.

"In October, Merrill Firefighters visited every kindergarten to fifth grade class in Merrill to provide them with fire safety education," Mrs. Hass said. "Each class was assigned homework to complete with their families, with tasks ranging from checking smoke detectors to practicing a home escape drill. If all the students in class completed their fire safety homework, the class was entered into a drawing to win lunch and a firehouse tour."

That homework is important, and working with young students who share what they are learning about fire prevention and safety with their families expands the reach of fire education in the community. It increases the number of families in the Merrill area who are taking critical steps—like ensuring there are working smoke detectors throughout their homes, having home evacuation plans and a meeting place established and known by all family members, and taking other fire safety measures. It also helps children become comfortable with fire fighters and emergency personnel so that, in the case of an emergency, they do not fear them but recognize them as being the people who are there to help.

"We utilize these firehouse tours and lunches as a way to motivate the students to complete their Fire Safety homework," said John Kraegenbrink, MFD Division Lead for Public Education. "We give students tasks including a



Firefighters and students from Mrs. Hass's fourth grade class at Washington Elementary School.

Kelli Morgan photo.

Home Safety Checklist, smoke detector checks, and fire evacuation plans as a vital way to keep our community safe. The students work their way through fire safety education and they become our Jr. Firefighters. They bring our message into their homes to their families. When we ask students to create a home evacuation plan and practice it with their families, moms and dads are happy to jump in and do it with their kids."

Mrs. Hass's class was thrilled to learn they were the winners of the drawing for lunch and the MFD tour.

During the tour, kids got the opportunity to explore and learn more about the life of firefighters and emergency medical personnel who serve the Merrill community and surrounding area, as well as the equipment they wear and use to perform their duties. They got to see and learn more about the jaws of life, and they explored fire trucks, ambulances, and emergency vehicles at the station. They got to see, explore, ask questions about anything and

everything, and learn in an up-close and personal way, the way most kids learn and retain information the best.

"The students were interested to see where the firefighters sleep and eat while they are on duty," Mrs. Hass said. "They were really impressed when they were allowed to crawl through the emergency vehicles in the truck bay."

"The fire station was awesome," said Christopher, a fourth grade student in the class. "They let us get in the emergency vehicles. My favorite was the giant ladder truck!"

Students also learned that firefighters and EMT's respond to more than just fires.

Firefighters demonstrated how the jaws of life can crush something huge or be very precise and crush a little pop can. "The kids thought it was very cool!" said

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## Friske appeals to Evers for Pine Crest Nursing Home support

County being asked to pay \$1.1 million+ 2022 operating shortfall due to changes in State revenue

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On March 17, 2023, Lincoln County Board Supervisor Don Friske sent a letter to Gov. Tony Evers in Madison appealing to him for support for Pine Crest Nursing Home.

Friske's letter explained that on March 3, North Central Health Care (NCHC) submitted a request to the Lincoln County Finance Committee for more than \$1.1 million to cover 2022 calendar year losses incurred operating Pine Crest Nursing Home.

While Lincoln County maintains actual ownership of Pine Crest, on Sept. 17, 2019, the County passed a resolution to outsource the administration and management of the nursing home. Lincoln County subsequently contracted with NCHC to manage the nursing home's operations starting in 2020. As part of the arrangement, Lincoln County as the property owner is still responsible for maintaining the building and grounds and must also make up any budgetary shortfall incurred in operating

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## Arraignment for Merrill man set for March 28

Lahti charged with felony Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle (2nd+) and other charge related to crash that took the life of an 8-year-old Gleason boy in Sept. 2022

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EDITOR

John James Lahti, age 42, of Merrill will be formally arraigned in Lincoln County Court on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, charged with Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle (2nd+) and Causing Injury/Operating While under the Influence (1st) (PAC<0.15), the first a felony charge and the second a misdemeanor. The charges are the result of a crash that occurred early the evening of Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, when the truck Lahti was driving hit another vehicle head-on, on State Hwy. 17 near Sunset Rd. in the Township of Merrill. That second vehicle was occupied by a family of four, and the collision resulted in the death of an 8-year-old Gleason boy and serious injury to his mother, who were

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# Trinity hosts Walk to Easter event

Trinity Lutheran Church located at 107 N. State St. in Merrill, will host a free family-friendly Walk to Easter event on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. "We look forward to welcoming families of our community to walk through and experience seven major events of the Bible and how they continue to apply to our lives today," said Britnee Hartwig, Director of Communications at Trinity Merrill.

"While walking through the stations, children and family members will join in interactive activities while listening to our guides tell the story of the Bible that led to Jesus' victory over death. At the end of the walk, children will take home a meaningful keepsake that will continue to remind them of the promise of the Resurrection," she said.

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Kelli Morgan, MAPS Social Worker.

They learned about what EMT's do in an emergency situation and what it's like to be in an ambulance.

"I enjoy introducing the kids to things in the ambulance that might seem scary at first," said MFD firefighter Corey Nowak. "By learning more about the ambulance, the kids become desensitized to that initial fear, and it might help them to handle



The jaws of life are a powerful tool in a firefighter's hands. Students were awed when it crushed a pop can like it was nothing. Kelli Morgan photo.

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an emergency situation better."

For instance, "I like to show them how the cardiac monitor works," he said. And, "Kids are surprised when I show them that when an IV catheter is in your body, the sharp part is gone."

Knowledge is power. Students also learned a little bit about history, including the history of the MFD as it relates to their teacher.

"We thought it was so cool when we saw our teacher, Mrs Hass's dad's badge and his helmet on the wall!" said Lilian, another fourth grader on the tour. "Her grandpa and her great-grandpa were firefighters, too!"

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# Tomahawk man, 93, facing four felony charges related to child sexual assault

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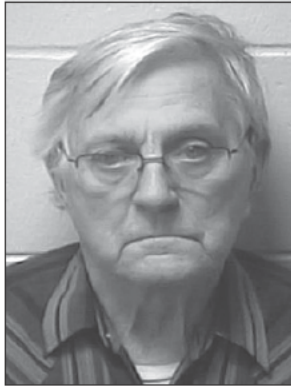
A Tomahawk man is facing four felony charges related to child sexual assault.

Glenn C. Wagner, 93, was arrested on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, as part of a Tomahawk Police Department investigation into incidents of sexual assault that reportedly occurred at a private property near Birchwood Ave. in the City of Tomahawk.

Wagner is charged with felony counts of first degree child sexual assault, repeated sexual assault of the same child, child enticement, and exposing genitals to a child.

According to court records, the offenses occurred on June 1, 2018.

Wagner appeared in Lincoln County court on Wednesday, March 15, where Judge Robert R. Russell determined that there is enough evidence for the case to proceed to trial.



Wagner

In a post on the Tomahawk Police Department's Facebook page, Chief Al Elvins said several other victims have been identified, and the department is "seeking additional information regarding those incidents and victims."

Elvins said his "primary goal" is to "always protect Tomahawk residents and provide a safe community."

"The Tomahawk Police Department would like to thank everyone for their continued support and cooperation," the post stated.

Individuals with information regarding these incidents or similar activity that has occurred within the City of Tomahawk are asked to contact Detective Matt Gorell at the Tomahawk Police Department.

Wagner was scheduled to be back in court at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, for an arraignment.



On Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, Perseverance Lodge 1836 #366, a traveling lodge of Freemasons chartered by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, presented a Fire Suppression Device to the Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) at the Berlin Community Center. The emergency-use device, when triggered, releases a non-toxic vapor that will drop the ambient temperature of a room in flames by up to 1000 degrees in just a few seconds. It does not deplete the oxygen in the room and may allow rescue of persons trapped by the flames. In photo, from L to R: Ryan Debroux, Chief of the Hamburg VFD; Ryan Mayrand, District 7 Deputy Grand Master; and Jay Oestreich, Master of Perseverance Lodge.

Submitted photo.

## Merrill former owner and CEO/CFO of recycling company sentenced to 33 months for federal tax crime

MADISON, WIS. – Timothy M. O'Shea, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wis., announced that Kevin Shibilski, 61, of Merrill was sentenced on Feb. 21, 2023, by Chief U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson to 33 months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for failure to pay \$858,101 in employment taxes to the IRS for tax years 2014-2016. On May 16, 2022, Shibilski pleaded guilty to failing to pay over employment taxes to the IRS from Pure Extractions Inc. and Wisconsin Logistics Solutions LLC.

Shibilski was a minority owner and CEO/CFO of 5R Processors (5R), which had locations in Ladysmith, Catawba, Glen Flora, Wis., and Morristown, Tenn. 5R was involved in the recycling of electronic equipment and other assets. Pure Extractions Inc. (Pure Extractions) was created by Shibilski in June 2014 to handle 5R's recycling operations. Pure Extractions took on all of 5R's recycling customers, warehouses and equipment, income flows from recycling, most of 5R's recycling employees, but none of 5R's debts. Wisconsin Logistics Solutions

LLC (Wisconsin Logistics) was created by Shibilski in February 2015 to handle 5R's trucking and logistics operations. Wisconsin Logistics took on most of 5R's trucks and equipment, drivers, dispatchers, pick-up routes, licenses, and all of 5R's income flows from trucking and logistics, but again, none of 5R's debts.

At sentencing, Judge Peterson found that the government presented overwhelming evidence showing that Shibilski had been in charge of 5R's operations and finances since March 2013, and had been the primary decision maker on which bills to pay and not pay, including not paying the employment taxes for 5R, Pure Extractions, and Wisconsin Logistics. Judge Peterson found that Shibilski had not sincerely accepted responsibility for his actions, noting that Shibilski kept blaming everybody else, including the IRS, his co-defendants, and other 5R employees for the nonpayment of the employment taxes. Judge Peterson added that as the CEO/CFO and part-owner of 5R, Shibilski was the person in charge

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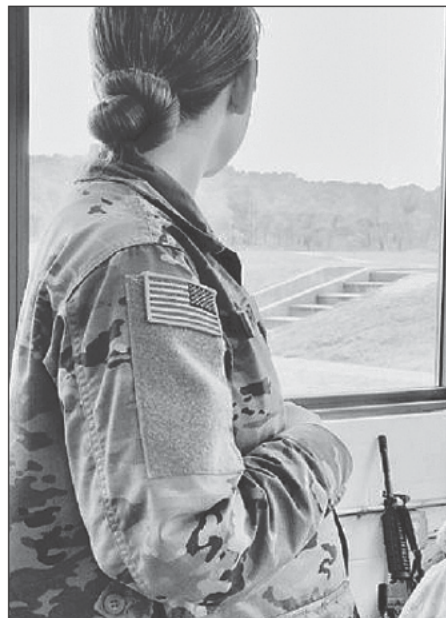
## Reserve Component Maternity Leave (paid) available to Wisconsin Soldiers

"In a big win for Soldiers, Reserve Component Maternity Leave (RCML) is now available to Wisconsin National Guard Soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Alice Ripberger, in a press release on March 20, 2023.

"RCML authorizes traditional Soldiers to be paid for 12 unit training assemblies (UTAs) post childbirth, and they may use it flexibly in the year that follows. This leave is available for future drills and can be applied retroactively back to June 9, 2022, for any Soldiers who gave birth, did not attend drill, and did not get paid by their unit," she said.

Sgt. 1st Class Savannah Wanek — a state training manager and Parenthood, Pregnancy and Postpartum (P3) non-commissioned officer in charge — said she is excited to see this policy implemented into the day-to-day operations of units. On the surface, this change may appear to be minor in the grand scheme of policy changes, but the Wisconsin National Guard has never been able to pay its traditional Soldiers for maternity leave until now. By providing paid time off from drill requirements, the Wisconsin National Guard better supports Guard families, alleviates some financial strain, and reduces stress on its female Soldiers.

"Wisconsin immediately hit the ground



The Wisconsin National Guard's Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jordan Pitzer observes a rifle range during her pregnancy. Unknown

running to implement RCML after the National Guard Bureau published the policy in December 2022," Wanek said. "February drill marked the first

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passengers, along with minor injuries to a sibling and the boy's father who was driving.

Lahti sustained minor injuries from the accident, was treated at Aspirus Merrill Hospital, and was then arrested by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Lahti made his initial appearance on Sept. 19, 2022. At that time, Lahti appeared from the Lincoln County Jail via video conference and Judge Robert Russell ordered Lahti be held on \$500,000 cash bond and cited additional restrictions in the event he is able to post bond and be released.

Since that time, Lahti retained legal counsel and petitioned the court for a modification of his bond, but in a Dec. 21, 2022, hearing on the matter, the Court denied Lahti's request. On March 13, 2023, Lahti waived his preliminary hearing. On March 17, 2023, Judge Russell granted a motion for Lahti and his attorney to appear remotely at the March 28 arraignment.

If convicted of the first charge, Lahti faces a fine of up to \$100,000 and up to 40 years in prison, or both, plus revocation of his operating privileges for five years. The penalties, if convicted of the misdemeanor charge, include a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$2,000 and not less than 30 days or more than 1 year in county jail.

The Criminal

Complaint on record said an eye witness saw Lahti's truck cross the center line, coming straight at the vehicle it struck, and while the driver of the second vehicle took evasive action, trying to swerve into the other (oncoming) lane to avoid a crash with Lahti's truck, the front passenger side of both vehicles took the brunt of the impact.

The Complaint also said Lahti displayed many signs of being impaired by alcohol use when questioned on site, but declined to participate in standard sobriety testing and at times failed to respond at all. Ultimately, he consented to a preliminary breath test, registering .290 Breath Alcohol Concentration (BrAC) at 7:55 p.m., approximately 30 minutes

after the crash, which put him at more than three times the legal limit at the time of the crash. A second test taken later registered .223 BrAC at 11:45 p.m. The legal limit in Wisconsin is .08 BrAC or Blood Alcohol Content (BAC).

The Complaint also stated, "In John's vehicle, Law Enforcement located a 1 liter Korbel Brandy bottle that was slightly over half full. The cap was unsealed and the liquid inside was dark and appeared to be brandy. Law Enforcement unscrewed the cap and smelled the liquor inside and it appeared to be consistent with intoxicating beverages."

Lahti was previously convicted of Operating While Intoxicated, first offense, on February 24, 2004.



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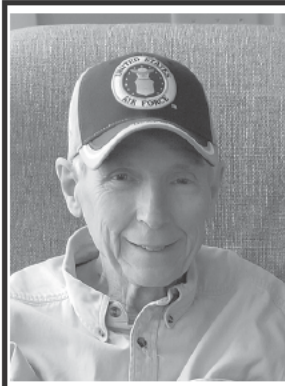
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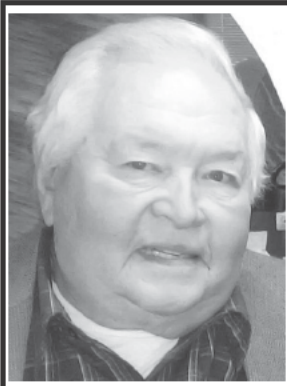
**Thomas J. 'Tom' Schneider**, 74, of Merrill, passed away Friday, March 10, 2023, at his home under hospice care, surrounded by family.

Tom was born February 19, 1949, in Merrill, son of the late Joseph and Mae June (Hertell) Schneider. He married Georgine Hartwig on October 14, 1978. She preceded him in death on July 6, 2019. Tom was a Journeyman Millwright at the Wausau Paper Mill for over thirty-eight years. He also served as President of Local 1260. Tom served in the U.S. Air Force for three years and seven months and was stationed in Rhein-Main AFB, Germany. Tom enjoyed hiking, canoeing, kayaking, motorcycling, and extreme skiing. He volunteered over 4000 hours for the Ice Age Trail Alliance and was the 79th person to hike the entire 1200-mile trail.

Tom is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Jo Schneider of Frankfurt, Germany; son, Bernd (Lisa) Schneider of Wausau; grandchildren, Laura, Landen, and Parker; sister, Jolene (Jim) Schneider-VanRyzin of Black Creek; brothers, Dennis (Linda) Schneider of Irma, Steve (Mary) Schneider of Menomonee Falls, Jeff (Nancy) Schneider of Merrill, and Robin (Cindy) Schneider of Green Bay; brothers-in-law, Jerome Hartwig, Gerald Hartwig, Gary Hartwig, and Duane Hartwig; and sister-in-law, Clarice Carstensen. Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Georgine Schneider; parents, Joseph and Mae June Schneider; and brother, Arthur Schneider.

A memorial service for Tom will be held at 8:00 P.M., Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Taylor-Stine Funeral Home, Merrill. Rev. Greg Laska will officiate. The family will receive friends beginning at 4:00 P.M. Saturday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com)



**Leroy N. Woller**, 85, of Merrill, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Woodland Court Elder Services, Merrill. Leroy was born December 26, 1937, in Merrill, son of the late Norman and Loma (Hinz) Woller. He married Joyce Zogg on September 14, 1957, at St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Merrill. She preceded him in death on February 19, 2022. Leroy was a dairy farmer, he also worked at Fromm Brothers Mink Farm, Northern Door, and logged,

which he enjoyed very much. Leroy enjoyed being outside with his dogs, fishing, visiting neighbors, family reunions, participating in tractor pulls, and Polka Time.

Leroy is survived by his daughters, Lynn (Dave) Wegner of Merrill, Cindy (Darrell) Steen of Dorchester, and Laurie (Scott) Wegner of Merrill; sons, Evan (Dawn) Woller, and Marlon Woller both of Merrill; nine grandchildren, Adam (Stephanie) Wegner, Amber Wegner, Neil Duranceau, Justin (Nikki) Duranceau, Breanna (Kyle) Hoffman, Katelynn Woller, Cordell Woller, Grant Woller, and Elena Woller; ten great-grandchildren; sister, Vernette Wendt; brother, Larry (Lois) Woller; Sister-in-law, Alice (Ervin) Steen; brothers-in-law, Andrew Zogg, Paul Zogg, and Eugene Stahel; and many nieces and nephews. Leroy was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-four years, Joyce Woller; parents, Norman and Loma Woller; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Orville Wendt, Victor and Betty Lipka, and Mary Stahel.

The funeral service for Leroy will begin at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Berlin. The Rev. Andrew DeGier will officiate. Burial will follow in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, Town of Berlin. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday at the church. Taylor-Stine Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Merrill, is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorstinefuneralhome.com)



**James 'Jim' R. Erno**, age 81, of Merrill, passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the Marshfield Medical Center in Weston. He was born to the late Rolland and Betty (Gorham) Erno on October 21, 1941 in Ashland, WI. Jim attended and graduated from the Rochester Agriculture School, and went on to join the 32nd division of the Army National Guard. He was honorably discharged.

Jim worked in construction for the majority of his life. Working for SGS Construction, he had many responsibilities, including removing gas tanks from gas stations. He also drove trucks and buses; he just loved driving! Jim appreciated and enjoyed the beauty of the Wisconsin Northwoods, and would spend a lot of time outdoors, whether it was walking the trails, hunting or fishing. He was a long-time member of the Merrill Eagles Club and enjoyed the friendships he developed there. Jim will be sadly missed, but never forgotten.

Jim leaves behind his children: Dean (Karen) Erno of South Milwaukee, WI, daughter: Londa Garrow of Los Angeles, Phil Erno of Superior, WI, Jill (Mike) Mlinar of South Milwaukee, WI and step-daughter: Jennifer (Tony) Blank of Superior, WI, grandchildren: Haley (Austin) Schuls, with their sons: Bentley and Mason, Joie Erno, Whitney Baker, Samantha Mlinar and James Tirrell, brother: Tom (Sue) Erno, sister: Donna (Delroy) Doriott, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per family request, no services will be held for Jim. 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](http://www.waidfuneral.com).

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Is the hardest part of all.  
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When we were all together.  
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You walk with us forever.

Loved and sadly missed by,  
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**Roger James Writz**, age 70, of Merrill, Wisconsin passed away on March 15, 2023 at Marshfield Medical Center in Weston, Wisconsin. He was born on November 25, 1952 to Florian and Elmira (Matysik) Writz in Kansas. On October 2, 1981, Roger married June Gluch in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Roger grew up in Athens, WI, then later moved to Merrill where he bought a house in the country and raised his family. He worked as a salesman for Frito Lay until he retired.

Roger loved nature, was a passionate deer hunter, and enjoyed going fishing in Canada. Gardening, playing cards and golfing were also some of his favorite hobbies. He was a great cook and was quick witted. He will be deeply missed.

Roger is survived by his wife, June Writz, daughter: Jenny (Chad) Teigen, grandchildren: Kinsley and Harrison Teigen, mother: Elmira Writz Makowski, brother: Rick (Judy Walton) Writz, uncle: Danny (Mary) Writz, aunts: Bernice Passchl and Mary Ann Lindstrum, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Florian Writz, and step-father, Jim Makowski.

A gathering of friends and family will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm to visit with one another and share memories of Roger at Waid Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Roger. 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](http://www.waidfuneral.com).



**Leila May Pilhofer**, 89 years, of Gleason passed away March 17, 2023 at Care Partners - Antigo under the care of Le Royer Hospice.

Leila was born February 22, 1934. She was born at home in Langlade County, daughter of the late Gordon and Marie (Hoecherl) Marshall.

On April 11, 1953, she married Walter Pilhofer at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Doering. He preceded her in death on March 6, 2015.

Following marriage, Leila and her husband farmed and logged in the Township of Summit. She was devoted to working on the farm and drove log truck for the Pilhofer Logging business.

Leila was a professional homemaker, seamstress, played the accordion, bowled, made many crafts, gardened and enjoyed many other activities. Leila prided herself in hard work and dedication to her family.

Survived by three daughters, Mary Ann (Ed) Standell, Deerbrook, Patty Michiel, Gleason, and Nancy (Dale) Fronck, Antigo, 7 grandchildren, Heather, Holly, Ashley, Jerrad, Marie, Matt and Mary Lynn, 10 great-grandchildren, Morgan, Taylor, Holden, Jazz, Luna Mae, Alexaiver, Huntley, James, Sawyer, Mason, brothers, Harold (Kathy) Marshall, Deebrook, James (Lorraine) Marshall, Gleason, Gordon Marshall JR, Antigo and sister, Linda (John) Ingram, Antigo. She has many nieces and nephews.

Leila was preceded in death by a brother, George and 3 sisters, Joanne Teal, Shirley Wild, and Arla Oelke.

In accordance with Leila's wishes a private family service will be held.

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PAID LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome letters to the Editor, a chance for members of the community to comment on issues of concern to them.

TO THE EDITOR

Shameless

A peculiar thing about gerrymandering is its shamelessness. Its shamelessness is underrecognized and underappreciated in the sense of refusing to see itself for what it is, how proud it is of its morality.

Gerrymandering is inherently undemocratic. It stacks the electoral deck. Wisconsin is so thoroughly stacked as to be a scientific experiment in political engineering.

What can possibly justify a deliberately imposed constriction of a more inclusive and participatory democracy?

Here we need to swing back to shamelessness itself in order to assess its morality. That is, gerrymandering is so patently immoral that the only way to deflect its immorality is to use political descriptors that portray gerrymandered voters as evil.

This shamelessness—and the strut and swagger that celebrate shamelessness—is what happens when a deeply immoral thing is “justified” (and therefore made “moral”), when those who want the immoral thing call themselves moral.

Gerrymandering is most immoral when it protects minority rule, neo-aristocratic wealth, and racial dominance. Understanding this evil requires careful examination. But advocates of the immoral thing call their effort good and

they call evil those who want this immoral thing undone. Gerrymandering is itself the immoral thing. Why is it so difficult to recognize this truth and vote accordingly?

— Paul Gilk, Merrill, Wis.

TO THE EDITOR

Janet Protasiewicz says she’s concerned about the safety of young children. But in her world many of those same children would have never been born. If Protasiewicz becomes a Supreme Court Justice, Wisconsin’s abortion law would be replaced with unrestricted abortion rights upon demand ... right up to the moment of birth.

Mary Felzkowski’s bill that would amend Wisconsin’s 1849 abortion law with sensible, limited regulations is a great piece of legislation. Unfortunately, it’s about 6 months too late. It should have been on last fall’s ballot as a binding, stand-alone referendum.

Janet Protasiewicz is a mortal danger to Wisconsin’s future. If you know what’s right, vote for Dan Kelly on April 4. If you don’t, may God have mercy on your soul.

— Jeff Krall, Merrill, Wis.

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

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

A Call To Help Afghan Women

DEAR READER,

Recently I watched a heart-wrenching report on 60 Minutes regarding SOLA (School Of Leadership Afghanistan), a girl’s school in that country.

When the United States pulled out of Afghanistan in August of 2021, the Taliban took over governing the country. One of the first things they did was to ban girls from going to school beyond sixth grade.

Afghanistan is the only country on the planet that will not allow girls to gain an education. This is just one of many practices designed to reduce women to second class citizens.

We live in a world of multiple hurts, and there are many causes trying to help in one way or another. This is a good one to get behind with a donation. You can give to SOLA with a visit to the globalgiving.com website.

Thank you in advance for your support.

PATRICK J. WOOD, Publisher Author of “Dear Reader” and “Tapestry of Love and Loss”



Legals 7700 BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: 3/3/23 /S/Robert R. Russell CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Petition for Name Change for Minor Child under 14 Case No. 23-CV-32 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF James Nolan Glitz By (Petitioner) Claire Monica Barker NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: James Nolan Glitz To: James Nolan Barker Birth Certificate: James Nolan Glitz IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin. Judge’s Name: Honorable Robert Russell Place: Lincoln County Courthouse Branch 2 1110 East Main St., Merrill, WI 54452 Date: 4/18/23 Time: 2:45 PM If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin. Published: 3/16/23, 3/23/23 & 3/30/23 WNAXLP

Legals 7700 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/11/1952 and date of death 2/13/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N1037 Cty Rd W, Merrill, WI 54452. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is 06/16/2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate. Mason Bronson 3919 9th Ave. Anoka, MN 55303 715-9661402 Published March 9, 16 & 23, 2023 WNAXLP BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: March 7, 2023 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES D. HALL AKA CHUCK HALL Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2023 IN 11 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/30/1958 and date of death 02/20/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W7472 Mathews Rd, Merrill, WI 54452. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is June 16, 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office. Daniel Hall W7446 Mathews Rd. Merrill, WI 54452 715-370-6767 Published March 16, 23 & 30, 2023 WNAXLP DATE SIGNED: March 14, 2023 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD O. LOKEMOEN Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2023 IN 14 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/22/1938 and date of death 1/28/2023, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N2950 State Highway 107, Merrill, WI 54452. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is June 23, 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office. ATTORNEY Andrew W. Schmidt, SCHMIDT & SCHMIDT, S.C. PO Box 146, Wausau WI 54401 715-845-9621 Bar No. 1030985 Published 3/23/23, 3/30/23 & 4/6/23. WNAXLP

Legals 7700 Nays - Woller, Proulx, Liberty and Blake.) MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the Head Start 2022-2023 Community Assessment. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Liberty, second by Woller to approve the new 2022-2023 MAPS Head Start point sheet to include the addition of SNAP as an automatic qualifier for MAPS Head Start. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the 2023-2024 MAPS Head Start Self Assessment. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Gremler, second by Krueger to approve the 2023-2024 MAPS Head Start Five-Year Strategic Goals. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Liberty, second by Proulx to approve the Head Start evidence-based COVID-19 Mitigation Policy. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Woller, second by Proulx to approve to advance staff through their respective compensation plans and schedules for the 2023-2024 school year and to increase compensation for non-classified staff by 2.7%. Motion carried on a roll call vote (Ayes - Woller, Yingling, Proulx, Liberty, Gremler, Volpe and Blake. Nays - Yingling and Krueger.) MOTION by Woller, second by Liberty to approve the revised administrator contract template as presented for the 2023-2025 contract cycle. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Woller, second by Proulx to approve the ESSER-related reductions for the 2023-2024 budget year, as identified on the 23.24 Budget reduction table, specifically items E1-E3. After discussion, Proulx CALLED THE QUESTION. Motion carried on a roll call vote (Ayes - Woller, Proulx, Liberty, Gremler, Volpe and Blake. Nays - Yingling and Krueger.) MOTION by Woller, second by Liberty to approve the declining enrollment and right sizing reductions for the 2023-2024 budget year, as identified on the 23.24 Budget reduction table, specifically items D1-D7. Motion carried on a roll call vote (Ayes - Woller, Yingling, Proulx, Liberty, Gremler, Volpe and Blake. Nays - Krueger.) MOTION by Woller, second by Liberty to approve the reductions due to budget restraints and revenue limits for the 2023-2024 budget year, as identified on the 23.24 Budget reduction table, specifically items R1-R11. After discussion, Proulx CALLED THE QUESTION. Motion carried on a roll call vote (Ayes - Woller, Proulx, Liberty,

Legals 7700 Gremler, Volpe and Blake. Nays - Yingling and Krueger.) MOTION by Woller, second by Proulx to table R12-R17 to be brought up at a second meeting as the administration deems necessary. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to approve the attached personnel report, contingent upon the satisfaction of the appropriate liquidated damages for resignations, if applicable. Motion carried. MOTION by Liberty, second by Volpe to approve consent agenda items a through c, which includes minutes of the January 25, 2023; and, January 30, 2023, meetings; claims, vouchers and receipts totaling \$3,533,298.12; and donations totaling \$1,648.97. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Woller, second by Krueger to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Maria Volpe Acting Board Clerk MV/tlw (The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.) Published March 23, 2023 WNAXLP Merrill Area Public Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting March 6, 2023 - Minutes The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Blake at 5:30 p.m. in the MHS Auditorium. Board members present: All. Board members absent: None. Others present: Superintendent Murray, Superintendent (virtually), Dr. Strike, approximately 8 people from the staff and public and Recorder Woller. MOTION by Proulx, second by Liberty to change this meeting from a compensated meeting to a non-compensated meeting. Motion carried unanimously. MOTION by Proulx, second by Volpe to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Kendra Osnes Board Clerk KO/tlw (The official minutes in their entirety are available by calling (715) 536-4581, by visiting www.mapsedu.org, or by visiting the MAPS District Office at 1111 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.) Published March 23, 2023 WNAXLP

Legals 7700 STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Dale W. Heinz Notice to Creditors for Summary Assignment (Formal Administration) Case No. 2023PR04 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. A petition for Summary Assignment was filed. 2. The decedent, with the date of birth 09/17/1936 and date of death 10/30/2022, with a mailing address of W6535 Joe Snow Road, Merrill, was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of WI. 3. The right of a creditor to bring an action terminates three months after the date of publication of this order. Creditors may bring an action by A. filing a claim in the Lincoln County Circuit Court before the property is assigned. B. bringing a suit against the assignee(s) after the property is assigned. 4. The property may be assigned to the creditors and interested persons after 30 days have elapsed following the publication of this notice. Dean R. Heinz 908 Townline Rd. Wausau, WI 54403 715-574-1633 Published March 23, 2023 WNAXLP STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLICATION SUMMONS CASE NO. 23-CV-28 HON. GALEN BAYNE-ALLISON Money Judgment: 30301 The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00 Other Contracts: 30303 Wis.Stat. §810 Replevin COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION PO BOX 107 ANTIGO, WI 54409 Plaintiff, v. CIANNA R. FRICK 501 BLAINE ST. MERRILL, WI 54452 Defendant. THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint,

Legals 7700 which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within 40 days after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 839 North Jefferson Street, Suite 200, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 9, 2023. GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, S.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff /S/Electronically Signed Joshua J. Brady WI State Bar No. 1041428 P. O. Address: 839 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 200 Milwaukee, WI 53202 Telephone: (414) 271-5400 Published March 16, 23 & 30, 2023 WNAXLP

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: 3/3/23 /S/Robert R. Russell CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY Petition for Name Change for Adult or Minor Child under 14 Case No. 23-CV-33 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Elizabeth Marie Glitz By (Petitioner) Claire Monica Barker NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: From: Elizabeth Marie Glitz To: Elizabeth Marie Barker Birth Certificate: Elizabeth Marie Glitz IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin. Judge’s Name: Honorable Robert Russell Place: Lincoln County Courthouse Branch 2 1110 East Main St., Merrill, WI 54452 Date: 4/18/23 Time: 2:45 PM If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Foto News a newspaper published in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin. Published: 3/16/23, 3/23/23 & 3/30/23 WNAXLP

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: March 6, 2023 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF David Brown Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2023 IN 10 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

TOWN OF PINE RIVER Notice is hereby given that the April 4, 2023 Town Board meeting for the Town of Pine River will be held at the Pine River Volunteer Fire Department N1622 Rangeline Road at 7:00PM www.townofpineriver.com \*Please Recycle\* Amanda Herdt, Clerk Published March 23, 2023 WNAXLP

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### MATERNITY

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opportunity for M-Day Soldiers to be excused but marked present under RCML.”

Wanek said that Soldiers who qualify for retroactive RCML should talk to their unit's readiness non-commissioned officers who will submit a WING Form 8 on their behalf. Unit P3 advisors are available to assist with creating a leave plan, coordinating approval from the command team, and ensuring that everyone is on the same page. Soldiers will work with their units to identify how to allocate their 12 unit training assemblies (each drill day is two UTAs) within the year following a birth event.

Wanek said that she personally supervised a Soldier who chose not to drill in January, anticipating the RCML policy.

“Once that guidance was published, we were able to retroactively pay her which meant that she used eight UTAs, leaving her with four to use for the February drill weekend,” she said. “At any given time, the number of Soldiers who fall under RCML is small, but it is important to the Wisconsin Guard that no birth parents fall through the cracks.”

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# Experts reveal five best ways to stay fit working from home

With more people working from home these days, staying active can be more of a challenge. Research conducted by online fitness resource Total Shape found the five best ways to keep active while working from home.

Since COVID swept across the globe, many industries have shifted to fully remote or hybrid working. During COVID, 70% of the workforce was working from home (WFH) and since then, 61.9% of companies have planned to incorporate remote work, be it fully remote or hybrid.

With more and more people working from the comfort of their own home, a Health Impact Assessment found that home working may be associated with more sedentary lifestyles and in turn increased risk of obesity. Most of our calories throughout the day are burned through non-exercise activity thermogenesis, such as walking and other basic activities. When working from home, sometimes our activities can be even more limited.

This guide from Total Shape includes some great ways to stay fit even when you are working from home, even on a budget.

## Standing desk

Standing desks have gained popularity over the last few years and have been proven to provide many positive health benefits. One benefit of a standing desk is that standing burns more calories than sitting, even if you simply stand still. Research has also shown that 66% of workers felt more productive and 87% felt more energized, working while standing. Standing activates the muscles in your legs and core while stimulating circulation, which can help you to burn extra calories and build your strength. Standing desks come in a range of styles and prices, meaning this is an accessible option for all.

**Cost:** \$150 - \$600  
**Calories burned per hour:** 60 - 90

## Desk Treadmill

Although it is a more expensive option, this is one of the most effective ways to stay fit while working at home. It essentially takes the standing desk a step further by adding the walking element. Studies have shown that walking between 1 and 2.5 mph can lead to an extra 170 - 240 calories burned per hour. Not only have people encountered the physical benefits of getting more exercise, but walking helps to oxygenate the brain by stimulating

blood circulation. So, we think better and more efficiently when we walk. With most people having busy schedules outside of work, it can make getting the recommended amount of physical exercise difficult, which makes this a great way to stay fit while working from home.

**Cost:** \$200 - \$800  
**Calories burned per hour:** 170 - 240

## Under desk bikes

A very similar concept to the desk treadmill, an under the desk bike features a small set of pedals that can slide under your desk so that you can pedal while sitting. The small machines can be altered to have more resistance which makes it harder or easier to pedal. This type of aerobic exercise is good for staying fit and can help strengthen your legs and joints. Studies estimated that peddling while seated can burn up to 10 calories per minute depending on the intensity, which means you could burn up to 600 calories an hour. However, the average gentle peddling will most likely burn 100-300 an hour.

**Cost:** \$50 - \$200  
**Calories burned per hour:** 100 - 600 (depending on intensity)

## Resistance bands

Resistance bands are an affordable option to help train your body and get fitter. You can perform



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plenty of more passive resistance band workouts even when you're doing something at your desk. This means that in between typing and during brainstorming sessions, your body can keep active along with your mind. Exercises could include bicep curls, overhead tricep extensions, and shoulder raises. However, there are many variations and other exercises that can be done with resistance bands.

Resistance bands can help you build muscle and burn calories while seated at your desk. A study published in 2022 showed that resistance band training lowers body fat in people who are overweight better than other forms of training, including free weights and body weight exercises.

**Cost:** \$15 - \$40  
**Calories burned per hour:** 180 - 252

## Seven-minute workout

Searching "seven-minute workout" on the app store will reveal an app that guides you through various workouts you can do in your home, each of which take just seven minutes at a time. The best thing about the seven-minute workout app is that its programs are designed especially for people who are doing the workouts at home and who have no special equipment. While there are some in-app purchase options, you can use the app completely free - so there's no cost to getting started.

The seven-minute nature of these workouts allows

people with busy schedules to fit in exercise and breaks up the work day, which can also increase productivity. Building muscle also helps burn more calories which will help you stay fit and healthy.

**Cost:** Free  
**Calories per 7 minutes:** 20 - 50

## Diet

Exercise and living an active lifestyle are obviously important in staying fit and healthy; however, diet is a key contributor to overall health and fitness. People with few distractions at home may find that they are more aware of hunger than they would be at the workplace, which can lead to more snacking and possibly an unhealthier diet. By focusing on eating

healthy foods and healthy snacks, people who work from home can ensure that they are staying fit and keeping their bodies healthy. Studies show that both the overall composition of the human diet and specific dietary components have been shown to have an impact on brain function. This means that diet isn't only going to keep you fit, but it's going to improve cognitive function, and thus the quality of work produced.

A spokesperson from Total Shape said: "Roughly two in three people in the U.S. are overweight, and with many aspects of life becoming more sedentary, it's important that people try to find new ways to keep fit and healthy. Life has become busy and more expensive, meaning that it's harder to find the time and money to attend gyms or activities that help us to remain fit."

This guide provides a plethora of choices for people on various budgets and with specific preferences to ensure we are keeping ourselves healthy."

The study was conducted by Total Shape, which is a fitness resource site providing information about workouts, supplements, and fitness to help reach your goals.

Article courtesy of Total Shape (<https://totalshape.com>).

**MERRILL FOTO NEWS**

## Student of the Week

This Week's Featured Student is  
**Addelyn Ineichen**  
Daughter of  
**Matt Ineichen and Breanna & Joe Becker**  
Addelyn is in 7th Grade at St. John Lutheran School. She was nominated by Mr. Daren Catlin.

**What is your favorite subject in school?**  
Why?  
My favorite subject is Religion, because I love hearing about God's word.

**What is your favorite part of school?**  
Why?  
My favorite part of school is hanging out with my friends.

**What would you like to do/become someday?**  
Why?  
I would like to be an occupational therapist or a nurse, because I want to work with and help people.

Adde is always striving to be at her best. She wants to set a good example for those around her; whether it is her classmates or the other students in the school. Adde is an extremely kindhearted person who is eager to please and willing to help.  
- Mr. Daren Catlin

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Sat. March 25	Adam-Friendship (Varsity & JV)	Away	10:00 am
<b>Girls Softball (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Practice began Monday, March 13th First Game will be Tuesday, April 4th.			
<b>Boys Golf (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Practice begins Monday, March 27th First Invitational will be Tuesday, April 18th.			
<b>Girls Soccer (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Practice begins Monday, March 20th First Game will be Thursday, April 6th.			
<b>Boys Track and Field (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Tues. March 28	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	4:15 pm
<b>Girls Track and Field (Varsity &amp; JV)</b>			
Thurs. March 30	Multiple Schools (Varsity)	Home	4:15 pm

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On Jan. 15, 2023, Merrill Eagles #584 held a Pancake Breakfast Benefit for Eric Bushar. Proceeds from the Breakfast were presented to Eric Bushar (center) by Auxiliary representative Sue Heckendorf (right) and Aerie representative Bob Grusnick (left). Submitted photo.

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at 5R, which had a brother-sister relationship with Pure Extractions and Wisconsin Logistics.

Judge Peterson explained that a sentence of imprisonment was necessary in this case to send a deterrence message to two groups. One, business owners who willfully fail to pay their employment taxes and need to know their actions will have consequences and they will go to federal prison. Two, the general public who need to know that prison is not just for the impoverished or drug dealers, and that people who willfully fail to pay the IRS and use the tax funds for other purposes, will go to prison.

As part of the plea agreement, Shibilski agreed to pay monies towards the remediation of the leaded glass storage sites for 5R in Wis. and Tenn. in the amount of: (1) \$100,000 to the Wis. Department of Natural Resources, and (2) \$100,000 to Paint Oak LLC, Knoxville, Tenn.

Shibilski's co-defendant, Bonnie Dennee, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the U.S., relating to 5R's illegal storage of leaded glass. On Jan. 26, 2021, Dennee was sentenced to five months in prison. Shibilski's co-defendant, James Moss, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the U.S. relating to 5R's illegal storage of leaded glass, as well as conspiracy involving the failure to pay over 5R's employment taxes. On Nov. 23, 2020, Moss was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

The charges against Shibilski, Moss, and Dennee were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wis. DNR, Bureau of Law Enforcement, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division, and IRS Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

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Pine Crest Nursing Home. The Nursing Home Management Agreement specified everything is "done on behalf of the County and all related obligations incurred shall be at the ultimate expense of the County."

Gary D. Olsen, MPA, NCHC Executive Director, explained the reason for the \$1,126,328 (unaudited) shortfall for 2022: "This loss was due to the State changing how the Supplemental Payments were distributed and the reduction in the Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) payments," he said. "Without the loss of these revenue sources, Pine Crest Nursing Home would have ended the year with a gain."

"There is currently an effort to request the State reimburse county nursing homes the amounts of Supplemental and CPE funding as was received the previous year," Olsen said.

Friske's letter to Evers signifies Lincoln County is enjoining this effort.

"The request for over a million dollars from NCHC was generated from the elimination of an annual payment from the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Certified Public Expenditure payment (CPE), as well as a substantial reduction in the Medicaid Supplemental Payment program (SP)," Friske wrote to Evers.

"The budgeting process for county run nursing homes operated on a calendar year," he said. "Thus, the 2022 budget operational budget, as well as the 2023 budget, was contingent on anticipated funding based on prior years and anticipation to increased Medicaid reimbursement and no additional communication regarding any foreseeable impact. The loss of these funding streams this late in the calendar year left the nursing homes unable to make necessary adjustments to remedy the operational loss."

Friske said NCHC and Lincoln County are making adjustments to absorb this loss for 2023, but that still leaves the County with the more than \$1.1 million dollar loss for 2022.

"A request for an additional \$1,126,328 million dollars out of our (tax) levy of just \$15 million will be nearly impossible for our local taxpayers to cover," Friske said, "especially given the inflationary strains on all of the other services provided by counties on behalf of the state."

"Pine Crest Nursing home is home to over 85 individuals, each with specific care requirements and families counting on our staff to provide that care," he said. "Lincoln County has provided a nursing home facility for over 60 years positively impacting thousands of families. The cost of providing that care is becoming increasingly difficult and the elimination of the CPE payment and the reduction in the SP funding to rural Lincoln County makes it next to impossible."

"County-operated nursing homes are required to provide care under payment from Medicaid," Friske said. "The supplemental payment is intended to address low reimbursement rates and help make up shortfalls to the county budget ensuring continued operation of county

owned nursing homes. The counties who had to make substantial changes to operations during COVID due to the financial inability to supplement losses through other means, were penalized as a result of the increased rates to the supplemental payment formula."

"To add a little salt to the wound, Dane County Nursing Home received a \$7 million dollar increase," he said.

"I do not believe it was the intent of your administration to target rural Wisconsin nursing homes," Friske wrote to Evers, "but intended or not, it impacts us the same."

He went on to request Evers' help with the dilemma this presents to Lincoln County, asking Evers to direct the Department of Health Services to reallocate the Supplemental Payment or in some other way make Lincoln County whole for the 2022 and 2023 annual county budget cycles.

"Additionally, I am asking that you provide clear guidance in an urgent timeframe on what counties can expect so we, as a county board, can make well-informed decisions regarding the feasibility of continuing to provide care for our residents," Friske said.

Olsen said NCHC is requesting payment from Lincoln County if these funds are not received from the State by July 2023.

"If the State does not increase the amounts of Supplemental or CPE funding by the July notice, then NCHC requests that Lincoln County pay \$1,126,328 (or the final audited amount) by July 31, 2023," he said.

Ad Hoc Committee on Pine Crest to report at March County Board meeting

On June 21, 2022, the Lincoln County Board created an Ad Hoc Committee on Pine Crest, as recommended by the Administrative & Legislative (A&L) Committee, to "1) Review the existing financial obligations concerning Pine Crest, and to review the prudence of any future contractual obligations concerning Pine Crest made by either signed contract or County Board resolution; 2) Review the original and current use of the Pine Crest building and grounds; 3) Review the Nursing Home Management Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding (repair and maintenance of durable medical equipment and removal/rearrangement of furniture) between Lincoln County and North Central Health Care as such documents relate to the building and bed licenses; 4) Provide a report to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors outlining the past and current successes, failures and status of Pine Crest Nursing Home; and 5) Provide recommendations to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors for consideration, detailing areas of improvement for Lincoln County's overall position concerning Pine Crest Nursing Home."

The Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of Ken Wickham (Chair), Marty Lemke, Bill Bialecki, Greg Hartwig, and Angela Cummings, has been reporting to the County Board monthly and was scheduled to present their findings at the March 21, 2023, County Board meeting.

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