



A View from the Lake

by Tom Schroeder

President, Beaver Dam Lake Management District

After 15 years in the making, the dredging of Library Lake is finally completed! Last September I announced that Haas Inc. – Thorp, WI. was mobilizing to begin the process of installing sheet piling to block off the channel under the Grove Street bridge between Library Lake and Rabbit Bay. Following the installation of the sheet piling, the process of lowering the Lake by 4 to 5 feet began and the Lake was lowered by Oct. 1st per the WDNR permit requirements. With the perfect weather conditions at the end of Dec. 2024, the preparation work for the dredging of Library Lake commenced. After a week of preparing boundaries and haul roads, the first truckload of sediment was loaded on Jan. 8th. All of the dredging was completed on Wed. Jan. 22, 2025. The sediment that was removed would fill a unit train of coal cars almost 2 miles long. About 50 truckloads of dredged sediment were stored at the east end of the SE Stormwater pond for use this spring to enhance the dirt around the pond areas. Once it is spread and mixed with the existing soil of marginal quality the area will be reseeded. The dirt pile was covered with straw and watered down to prevent wind erosion. The Lake will remain lowered until after the ice is off the lake. There are 4 reasons for waiting; not allowing the existing ice on Library Lake to break lose, not risking the frozen “Bog” to become a drifting island with the rapid rise of the Lake, allowing safe snowmobiling across the Lake, and not disturbing the hibernating frogs, turtles, etc. until spring. When the decision is made to refill the Lake, the event will be well publicized. One surprise as a result of lowering the lake is the appearance of at least 3 springs that will continue to provide fresh water entering Library Lake.

At the 2022 BDLMD Annual Meeting, funding was approved to support the feasibility of dredging the Wickre Harbor area on the western shores of Rabbit Bay by providing financial assistance including the WDNR permitting processes, soil/muck testing, documentation, liaisons for all questions, and updates as required. Originally

dredged in 1963, the permitting process for re-dredging the eastern most channel started in late 2022 to return this area to its original condition. With the support of the WDNR the permit requirements were expedited and approved by mid-Feb. 2023. By late-February 2023, Erickson Excavating of Cumberland, Inc. started dredging the channel, but had to stop after 23 dump truck loads when conditions went “south”. With the favorable weather this winter, Erickson’s restarted the dredging project and finished in early February of this year. The dredging costs were covered by the residents along the channel. It was a long process, but ultimately a successful one – going from a channel filled with up to six feet of muck and no possibility of boat traffic to a channel that will now allow boats in and out!

The Lake District commissioners have reviewed and approved the 2025 Eurasian Water Milfoil-EWM Plan. The Treatment Plan and WDNR permit application includes treating navigation lanes in City and Norwegian Bays later in the season should weeds obstruct watercraft operation.

I want to again thank all those that donated to the Library Lake Restoration Fund. The donations will cover the cost of the dredging, and the remaining funds will be used for additional improvements along the east shoreline of Library Lake. Plans are currently being developed for additional trees and a pathway through the SE Storm water pond using remaining grant dollars.

As we wait for the ice to melt and open the Lake for watercraft use, please be cautious and aware of changing ice conditions. There have been too many vehicles going through the ice and unfortunately some loss of lives.

Once the ice goes out, the stop logs and side boards at the Dam will be lowered so the Lake can be raised to normal level.

Be sure to watch for the refilling announcement of Library Lake. Library Lake is soon going to look a lot different! And, please mark your calendar for the BDLMD Annual Meeting on August 2, 2025.

A Cumberland Tradition!



Roberta Ricci, Tom Ricci, Ann Ricci, Barb Tempesta and Alberta Ranallo preparing pizza's in the new “factory” or “Pizza House” as Bona Casa was referred to in 1950's.

Bona Casa; A Cumberland Landmark Since 1957; “Back Home in the Ricci Family”

by Mark Fuller

On Sunday afternoon, July 14, 1957, the public was invited to an open house for Bona Casa Restaurant in Cumberland, located southeast of the city on County Trunk T. It began as the dream of Ann Ricci, who felt there was a need for good Italian sauces in the Cumberland food market.

Her husband Tom Ricci was the son of Guiseppe “Joseph” Ricci and Louis Ricci, while Ann, was the daughter of Francesco “Skiddy” Tempesta and Josephine Palmer. The Riccis and Tempestas both came to the United States from the Ateleta and Abruzzo regions of Central-Southern Italy.

Ann’s interest in producing Italian flavorings began in their farm home in 1954 leading Tom and Ann to sell spaghetti sauces with meat-

balls, mushrooms, sausage, and eventually chicken sauce to those in the surrounding area. She would say, “From the time I was a little girl, cooking was my favorite pastime. I loved to help my mother who was an excellent cook. Many of these recipes were taught to me by my father, an immigrant from northern Italy.”

Strong business sales soon led the Ricci’s to remodel a kitchen in their basement, where soon new facilities allowed them to produce up to 20 cases of sauce a day. Eventually they added pizza pies to their offerings as new customer requests continued to mount. Pizzas were unique at this time, seldom found in grocery stores.

Tom’s father had passed away at a young age and he was forced to drop out of

school in 6th grade to farm. Ann had dropped out of school after 8th grade and was working at the Company Store. Like her husband, this new venture left little spare time.

Soon the basement was also too small and the Ricci’s decided to build a factory next to their house, intending it to be where pasta and sauce were made and distributed, so as not to continue making sauce in their home. Their pizza production was so large, the nickname the ‘Pizza House’ was fondly given to the building and is still referenced by the generations that grew up then.

As the factory continued to get busier and busier, the Ricci’s could no longer keep up by themselves. To help, Ann gathered a wonderful team of ladies

with their Italian expertise to help make the cavatilli, chicken/cheese and cheese/raisin raviolis. Among those early helpers were Mary Gargaro, JoJo Catlin, Josephine Ricci, and Florence Capra.

The exact origin of their cheese and raisin ravioli is unclear, but believed to come from the region of Liguria, Italy. Raisins could be stored for long periods of time, providing an extended shelf life for the ravioli ingredients. Raisins also provided an essential replacement for meat when it was hard get during the depression years.

The factory was never intended to become a restaurant, but a place to make product and feed delivery people. But a restaurant was Ann’s dream. A deci-

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Broken Water Main!



Crews work to fix a water main break on Main Street Sunday morning. With brutal cold temps for several weeks freeze ups have become more and more prevalent in the area.



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Huber, Carter
Jackson, Carter
Johnson, Kaitlin
Johnson, Naomi
LaBlanc, Arya
Loew, Wylie R
McMillan, Townes W
Odden, Jack
Peterson, Matthew
Peterson, Molly
Riebe, Tani
Willmeth, Torissa
Grade 7 - Honors
Bear, Aria Jade
Brom, Robert P
Hines, Maggie
Jackson, Brady
Mahoney, Rylee A
Miller, Ellie
Muench, Riley
Olson, Natalie
Perez Acevedo, Maria F
Shrum, Brody
Weaver, Griffin
Witthoft, Kinley A
Grade 8 - High Honors
Anderson, Desirae
Avery, Lily A
Bleifus, Kaleigh J
Carlson, Elsa C
Enriquez, Genevy
Fauske, Quinn
Furseth, Reina
Hoisington, Evan
Jain, Elijah
Knutson, Elliot
Lehmann, Miles
Lehmann, Tru V
Loken, Breezlyn M
Manor, Jack
Olson, Andi Mae
Olson, Jordyn R
Paulson, Hailey
Peterson, Audriana M
Riebe, Braxton
Schmidt, Jaxyn
Schwarz, Jena L
Skinner, Jovina
Stuntz, Nevaeh
Stuntz, Scarlett
Talbot, Brett
Grade 8 - Honors
Anderson-Werner, Maci M
Bergstrom, Trevor M
Cook, Caleb Jenkins
Davis, Madeline
Escolano, Aiyana-Chloe C
Flottum, Grace K.
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Gilbertson, Jacob
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Owens, Eli
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Grade 9 - High Honors
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Enget, Jaden K
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Fox, Owen A
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Schultz, Caylin J
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Weaver, Mitchell
Wells, Nicholas J.
Grade 9 - Honors
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Hauser, Ashten
Johnson, Avery Grace
Kenast, Isaac S
Kopp, Evan Aleksandr
Lillie, Dalton
Miller, Jaeger Lee
Murdza, Christopher A
Olson, Lilyja J
Piedrahita, Lia D
Reilly, Owen
Scheeler, Matthew A

Sonora-Barboza, Bryan A
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Grade 10 - High Honors
Albrecht, Braelynn J
Anderson, Natalie M
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Benny, Caylan Diane
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Carlson, Andrew C
Carlson, Kyle R
Daniels, Cash E
Delgado, Jasmine
Fowler, Hunter
Fox, Kiera E
Franc, Willow A
Genatempo, Tyler
Gilbertson, Brody
Gonyer, Isabel L
Graf, Gabriel V
Guerra, Jocelyn
Jackson, Kaylee
Johnson, Braden C
Lokker, Sophia L
Longtine, Ellie G
Lundmark, Blake Lee
McCreary, Lauren E
Mendoza-Galvan, Virginia
Mewes, Emma G
Monchilovich, Mitchell
Neitzel, Isabella
Odden, Max
Peterson, Parker R
Pittman, Brooke
Reinaas, Lawrence R
Rouzer, Cash M
Ruppel, Nautica W
Shaffer, Addison
Shock, Miranda
Small, Violet L
Vargo, Maycee
Willcox, Jared A
Grade 10 - Honors
Capra, Mason M
Corns, Graier D
Grinage, Carter
Guzman, Yoselin
Leonhardt, Ahnika
Moe, Alison Grace
Tahtinen, MaKenzie
Villarreal, Olivia
Weaver, Greta
West, Onesimus A
Yungco, Ashley
Grade 11 - High Honors
Benson, Gavin
Colburn, Brook
Cunningham, Calvin
Donica, Makenzie
Effertz, Addison G
Etna, Eleonora
Fauske, Carter
Gardner, Mya A
Jotanovic, Noah
Majewski, Troy
Maslak, Magdalena Thea
Maudal, Shadow R
Mendoza-Galvan, Rogelio
Mewes, Ellie
Nybeck, Blade
Peterson, Alexis
Peterson, Logan L
Peterson, Maxwell
Potthier, Natalie
Roff, Sara
Schell, Lucy
Sellent, Ian
Stoerberl, Dayne
Wenzel, Kaely Mae
Wicke, Jacob A
Willcox, Ally
Witthoft, Alexis S
Grade 11 - Honors
Avila-Gonzalez, Victor D
Benson, Nadia C
Catlin, Carson
Dimaano, Cassidy Mahriel C
Garling, Audrina
Hines, William B
Hohweiler, Kylie M
Johnson, Camden
Lehman, Miya L
Longtine, Shae E
Olson, Jared
Organ, Emma E
Sanders-Carlton, Cayden M
Grade 12 - High Honors
Anderson, Mya
Beecroft, Macy L
Berghammer, Chayden J
Bloom, Jasmine
Doolittle, Taylor Ann
Fox, Ashton O
Gores, Gavin M
Gowin, Jayden
Haley, Landon
Hauser, Bryden F
Hoff, Max M
Jacobs, Ella Marie
Johnson, Uriah D
Kiekhoefer, Ty D
Lang, Sarina K
Monchilovich, Morgan E
Nelson, Lucas C
Odden, Charlotte

Oduor, Julia N
Owens, Jack L
Paulson, Hunter J
Reidy, Kelsey L
Richter, Jack R
Ruppel, Harrison R
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Small, Theodore R
Stouffer, Baleigh A
Taylor, Melody R
Wickstrom, Landon R
Williams, Sophie A
Grade 12 - Honors
Adascheck, John
Andrada, James V
Chartraw, Brody Jon
Clark, Idella M
Dirksen, Hunter M
Erickson, Gabriel A
Flores, Ismael A
Gallipo, Cole
Guerra Belloso, Marvin E
McCreary, Sloan P
McLemore, Kyleigh A
Mendoza, Alia M
Nowlan, Orion M
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SCHOOL LUNCH

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Monday, February 24
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Tuesday, February 25
Tacos, brown rice, corn fiesta beans, peaches. MS/HS: Hamburger/cheeseburger. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Wednesday, February 26
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FRIDAY, FEB. 21: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5:45-9 pm Boys Basketball Home vs Ladysmith •
SATURDAY, FEB. 22: • 8 am-3 pm HS Wrestling Sectional @ Ladysmith High School • 11 am-1 pm CCE: Pickleball •
MONDAY, FEB. 24 - WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26 • All Day - Dental Clinic •
MONDAY, FEB. 24: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-6 pm CCE: Tabata/Barre Exercise Class •
TUESDAY, FEB. 25: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-7:30 pm MS Girls Basketball Home vs Ladysmith • 5:45-9 pm HS Boys Basketball Home @ St. Croix Falls • 5:45-9 pm HS Boys Basketball Home vs Cameron • 6-8 pm School Board Meeting • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball •

Do you Know of a Cumberland Graduate of Achievement?
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Evening Fitness Class
Attend both nights or choose just one:
• Mondays: **Tabata-style workouts** comprised of 20 seconds of all-out effort (cardio + strength-building exercises) followed by 10 seconds of recovery. Each Tabata consists of 4 different exercises repeated twice lasting 4 minutes.
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Time: 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm
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Date Range: Mondays, February 3, 17, 24, and March 3 Tabata Workouts
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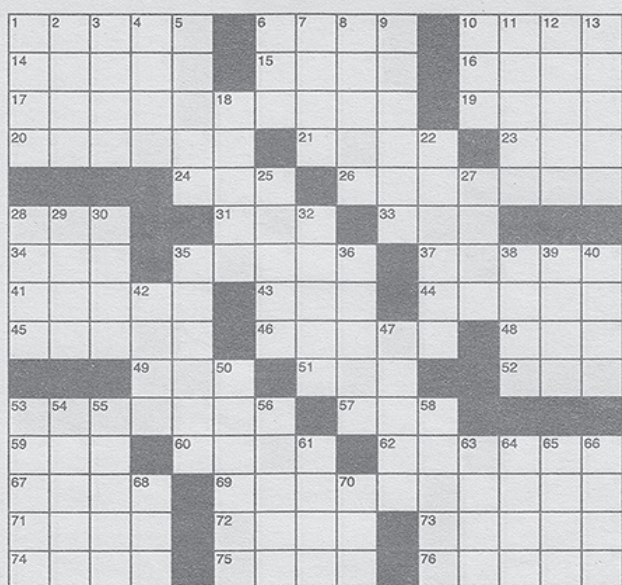
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6 Journalist's question
10 Won
14 Tight at the top, flaring at the bottom (2 wds.)
15 Stay
16 Japanese dress
17 Reminder note
19 Joint
20 Wax ____
21 Spy
23 Fall mo.
24 Extremely high frequency (abbr.)
26 Johns
28 Constrictor snake
31 Bolus
33 Body of water
34 Kimono sash
35 Makes a sound like a lion
37 Limber
41 Approximate date

DOWN

- 43 Snooze
44 What babies do
45 Made lock openers
46 Curtails
48 Aye
49 Pluto
51 Goose egg
52 South southeast
53 Small keyboard instrument
57 Chewy stuff
59 Color
60 Juno
62 Cooks
67 ____ matter
69 High ranking clergy
71 Rivalry
72 Double agent
73 Dard
74 Goofs
75 Moved through the water
76 Kinds

DOWN

- 1 Invent
2 Tub spread
3 Ten cents
4 Tie
5 Eagle's nest
6 Compass point
7 Lurk
8 Scorched
9 Rates
10 Beg
11 Long boat
12 Construct
13 Special menus
18 Sound of a sneeze
22 Relents
25 French money
27 Den
28 Dark beer
29 Off-Broadway award
30 Incorporeal
32 Strength
35 Sharp tasting vegetable

- 36 Small bunch of flowers
38 Children's love
39 Garden tools
40 Otherwise
42 Give
47 Ad
50 Vapors
53 Irritate
54 Swiss mathematician
55 Monkey's cousin
56 Indian weapon
58 Wet
61 Organization concerned with civil liberties (abbr.)
63 Colorless
64 Big boat
65 Firm up muscles
66 Baths
68 Advertisements
70 Skirt edge

Northwoods Notebook: A 30-year Valentine

By Larry Werner

It was 30 years ago last Friday that Ann and I were dining at a French restaurant in downtown Minneapolis with a view of the Mississippi River. We had met just a few months before at a meeting of an over-40 singles group, where Ann, then the principal of a large Twin Cities high school, was the speaker.

I went up to her after the talk to tell her I enjoyed the presentation. Before I left, I asked the leader of the group what she knew about the speaker. She told me she had a four-year-old son. When I called to ask her out, Ann said she had left Zack with a babysitter three times that week.

"So bring him along," I said, and our first date was at Chuck E. Cheese, a pizza place with games for kids.

Three months later, on Valentine's Day 1995, at that restaurant on the river, I popped the question, and nine months later, we were married in a ceremony at which I adopted Zack.

It was our intention to celebrate the 30-year anniversary of our engagement with dinner at one of Cum-

berland's restaurants, perhaps the Five O'Clock Club or Louie's on the Lake. But Ann was home-bound by the flu last week. However, like that Valentine's Day 30 years ago, we did have a gourmet meal with a view of the water, in this case, Beaver Dam Lake down the hill from our Cumberland home.

Our dinner of seafood fettuccinni Alfredo, lobster bisque and tiramisu was prepared by Chef Jenö Herman at Cumberland Healthcare's Harvest Grill. Jenö, who used to operate Bistro 63 with his mom, is director of food service at Cumberland Healthcare, our wonderful hospital and clinic with a great restaurant on one end.

Harvest Grill offered the Valentine's special last week for \$60 a couple, takeout only.

In the afternoon, before dinner, Ann was at the clinic, where she was diagnosed with Influenza A, a virus that, as they say, is "going around." I think I had it earlier and probably passed it on to my Valentine. Sorry, Dear.

In August, we'll have been married 30 years. After

I retired in 2013, we began looking for a lake place. Ann was still working, running a business she started, and I wanted a place where I could do some fishing and boating in summer and cross-country skiing in winter. Through dumb luck, really, we found a place in Cumberland.

It wasn't our intention to make it our primary residence. But I fell in love with this little town and, after Ann retired five years ago, so did she. Ann is active with the Cumberland Woman's Club, and I'm on the board of ETC.

While enjoying that seafood fettuccine on Valentine's Day in our dining room, we could look out at that lake of ours, now snow-covered and occupied by a community of fish shacks that, soon, will be replaced by pontoons and fishing boats.

For 11 years, that's been the view I've enjoyed with the woman I asked 30 years ago to be my Valentine. Not only did she say yes, she was planning to propose that night if I didn't.

Larry Werner's email is lhwner47@gmail.com.

The Red Cedar Symphony Spring Concert Series

The Red Cedar Symphony's Spring concert series, "The Feelings of Life Through Music," travels the spectrum of human emotions during the big moments in life. Concerts will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at Chetek Lutheran Church in Chetek and at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 2, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake. Please note the new time for the Saturday concert in Chetek.

Conductor Adam Bever will lead musicians and audience through the determination of the first movement of Brahms' Symphony No. 1, the impossible sorrow of

Samuel Barber's Adagio for Strings, and the triumphant joy of accomplishment in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 Finale.

These concerts will also feature the two winners of the Red Cedar Symphony's 2025 Concerto Competition: Red Cedar Symphony percussionist Peter Wise, playing the fourth movement of Ney Rosauro's Concerto No. 1 for Marimba and Orchestra, and UW-Stevens Point student Ashley Springer, performing the first movement of Edouard Lalo's Symphonie espagnole on violin.

Come and enjoy performances by two accom-

plished soloists, and a classical music journey through shared human emotions. Admission is \$15 at the door, with those age 21 and under admitted free.

Established in 1983 and housed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, the RCS draws classical musicians from throughout northwestern Wisconsin, including Rice Lake, Osseo, Cumberland, Ladysmith, Spooner, Chetek, Gordon, Trego, Springbrook, Bruce, Hayward, Cable, Winter, Bloomer, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, and Foster. For more information, please visit our website at www.RedCedarSymphony.org.



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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



What in the world is going on with all these air plane crashes the last several weeks? I have always hated to fly and this certainly doesn't help. I know its super safe overall to fly, its just not my cup of tea. Good thing I like winter and don't often head south. My idea of a great vacation is headed north to fish. Summer or winter the farther the north the better. My wife Sarah on the other hand, loves the warm sunny idea much more than I do. She can just sit out in the sun doing not much of anything, reading a book or whatever. Not me! I see the Dairy Queen is back open, it can only mean one thing, spring is on the way and you can get a Butterfinger Blizzard!

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Good luck to all of our high school sports teams as they head into tournament play. Hopefully they can go on a run and make some memories. I've said it before, we have some excellent athletes here, go support them!

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Boy if you're a hockey fan, you surely have been watching the four Nations Face Off Tournament. What a thrill to see the best players in the world go at it. And boy, have they been going at it. There were three fights in the first nine seconds of the USA vs. Canada game. This is no "All Star" game, this means a ton to these guys. The USA took down Canada for the first time in quite some time. Canada rebounded to beat Finland to set up the rematch this Thursday night in Boston. This is must watch TV. Can't wait. USA! USA! USA!

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I know we try to error on the side of caution, but I am really surprised they called off school this morning (Tuesday). It doesn't seem any colder than its been pretty much the whole month. I can hear the old timers grumbling, "Man this is nothing, I remember.....". Does seem like we are getting pretty soft as a whole. Anyway, a little warmer weather would be nice. Have a great week!

LETTERS

Changing Batteries

To the Editor:

When I read the last paragraph of the "Out My Window", about changing the tractor battery, I had to laugh.

Just that week I had to get a new battery for my car (a Dodge Journey).

The battery is under the fender on the driver's side. The book says, just turn the tire and you have access to the battery. It doesn't say anything about having to jack up the car and removing the tire.

Then you take the shield

off and try to undo the cables. There is hardly any space to work or see what you are doing. It's hard to get the new battery back in and to try to get the cables back on.

My son managed to do it so I didn't have to have my car towed to a garage just to change the battery. What a terrible design.

**Gloria Gunderson
Barronett**

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“NIH-funded research produces cures, treatments and jobs, even if it takes time”

MADISON, Wis. — Howard Temin was a UW-Madison scientist who shared the 1975 Nobel Prize for his discovery of “reverse transcriptase,” which described how tumor viruses act on the genetic material of cells to make copies of themselves before integrating into the host genome.

The National Institutes of Health helped to pay for his research, which revolutionized how science approached genetics and treatment of diseases such as cancer. It even has a grant named for him today.

Grants from NIH also prompted the development of Gleevec, a landmark drug that dramatically improved outcomes for many patients with a type of blood cancer called chronic myelogenous leukemia. Over time, more NIH-funded research led to second-, third- and even fourth-generation drugs that changed the face of cancer research.

Appendicitis was once treatable only through painful surgery that left patients slow to recover, if at all. Research funded by NIH led to widespread adoption of laparoscopic appendectomy, a minimally invasive procedure that led to faster recovery times, less pain and fewer complications.

The list goes on. From bipolar disorder to hepatitis, and from strokes to development of magnetic resonance

imaging, research tied to NIH grants has changed life for millions of people over time. So why are some politicians clamoring to slash a part of the NIH grant-making process that has helped health science advance?

That question arose when President Trump’s administration ordered immediate cuts in a part of the NIH grant-making process called “indirect costs.” These are essentially dollars spent so core grants get enough background support – machines, laboratory space and the like – to have a chance for success.

The Feb. 7 effort to cut NIH funding for indirect costs at universities, hospitals and other institutions was delayed by the courts after a suit was filed by the state of Wisconsin and others. That suit showed the program had prior congressional approval. If the original order proceeds, however, it could cause lasting harm to U.S. biomedical research.

It will also weaken one of the nation’s biggest competitive advantages – and open the door for China and other nations to fill the research gap.

No federal program is immune to scrutiny, but the overall track record of NIH when it comes to the nation’s health is hard to beat. Such grants are also job creators. In Wisconsin, for

example, an entire industry can trace its growth to federal grants and related academic support.

Sales of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines made by GE Healthcare in Waukesha had flattened in the early 1990s, largely because the functions of such machines was limited. Over time, university researchers worked alongside GE engineers to develop ways to expand MRI diagnostic power to vascular systems; stroke detection; tumors; head trauma; chronic liver diseases and more.

It prompted a medical need for more scanners. There are about 13,000 such machines in the United States today and perhaps 50,000 GE scanners worldwide. The continuous economic vitality GE created in Waukesha over time began with federal investment in imaging science – and indirect cost allocations helped make it all happen.

Research funded through NIH in Wisconsin 2023 totaled \$654 million, with some of the largest recipients being UW-Madison, the Medical College of Wisconsin, Blood Center of Wisconsin, Marquette University and the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation. These institutions have helped bring discoveries to people close to home and far away. Divide that \$654 million

by Wisconsin’s nearly 6 million people, and it’s less than \$110 per year per capita. That’s an investment in healthy people, not a “fleecing” or “waste, fraud and abuse” as described by some supporters of the administration order.

Jo Handelsman, a molecular biologist who leads the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery, noted “the genius of the last 80 years” of decentralized federal research support has been bipartisan and patient.

“This policy has made the United States the world’s envy as the gold standard of science and fueled the American economy through prosperous industries in health, technology and agriculture,” she said.

Added Dr. Brad Schwartz, a hematologist who heads the Morgridge Institute for Research in Madison: “These federal funds directly benefit regular people across Wisconsin. The United States leads the world; it has improved lifespans and quality of life for people in all parts of Wisconsin ... and it will benefit our children and grandchildren.”

Medical research is already hard and incremental; making it harder is dangerous for people and the economy.

Still is president of the Wisconsin Technology Council. He can be reached at tsstill@wisconsin-technologycouncil.com.

A Look Back

10 Years Ago February 25, 2015

The winners of the Knights of Columbus Diocesan Free Throw Contest Challenge were: Dallas Bazewicz, Toby Kahl, Wyatt Tift, Siri Hyatt, Mandy Becker, Becca Peterson, Nathan Schmidt, Josh Martens, Noah Sellent, Anna Ranallo and Cora Grunseth. The winners will advance to the Regional Competition which will be held in Ladysmith on February 26th.

20 Years Ago February 23, 2005

For the second time in recent months, NAPA in Cumberland was burglarized. According to the police report, a call was received Friday, February 18, reporting a theft of a bank deposit. The report states that \$200 was stolen from a bang bag. It appears that a small tool was used to gain access to the building. This case is still under investigation.

This year’s recipient of the Betty Knutson Memorial Scholarship is Alisa Johnson of Cumberland. She is in her first year of the Associates Degree Nursing program at WITC.

30 Years Ago February 22, 1995

Cumberland High School seniors Katie Skin-

ner and Alia Ricci are among outstanding high school science students from the Upper Midwest who have been chosen to visit 3M Headquarters in St. Paul, MN., to experience firsthand the role of science in industry. The students were chosen to participate by their teachers, because they have demonstrated outstanding achievements in science and have an interest in pursuing science as a career.

40 Years Ago February 20, 1985

The Cumberland Beavers Quiz Bowl Team completed an undefeated season by winning the Championship of the U.W. Barron County Campus Whiz Quiz which was completed last Sunday.

A fire claimed the Bill Ladd home on Sand Lake early Monday. A neighbor saw smoke and alerted the Cumberland Fire Department at about 7:15 am, but the fire had proceeded to far for firefighters to extinguish it. No one was injured during the fire.

50 Years Ago February 20, 1975

Donald M. Clark, Cumberland, was named last week as a recipient of the Lester Patrick Award for 1975, the National Hockey League announced. Clark,

who has been active in establishing the youth hockey program here, is president of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, MN. In addition, he is vice-president of the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States and vice-president and registrar of the Minnesota Amateur Hockey Association.

60 Years Ago February 25, 1965

Cumberland schools will be held next Saturday, February 27th, from regular opening time to 12:15 pm, in order to make up one of two days lost recently because of bad weather. Another Saturday in April will also be in order to make up the other day lost.

A gasoline fire created a two block long ribbon of flame, sometimes 10 feet high along Amery’s main street early Saturday, causing \$400,000 and killing one person. A broken seam in a large elevated storage tank at the S & F petroleum Co., plant sent gasoline gushing into a side street gutter and around the corner to main street.

70 Years Ago February 24, 1955

Ted Zapatka, who has operated Ted’s Electric in town for the past several years and who is widely known, announced that he

had sold the business to Herb Schmidt.

80 Years Ago February 22, 1945

Some of the worst road conditions and blockades of winter came over last weekend as the result of the five inch fall of wet, heavy snow that fell and drifted. Some intense cold followed in the wake of the snow, bringing a low of 23 degrees below zero Saturday night and 20 degrees below zero again on Sunday.



WINTER! WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Pre.	Snow
2/11	12	-20	-	-
2/12	4	-22	-	-
2/13	6	-14	.01	0.1
2/14	5	-13	-	-
2/15	16	-6	.22	5.0
2/16	21	0	.03	0.1
2/17	7	-16	-	-

Temperature and precipitation readings are taken at 7 a.m. for the previous 24 hours and are provided by the Cumberland Utility Office.

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Tabitha R. Coaty, 34, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Naomi J. Geiger, 31, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Nathan P. Hanson, 40, Bruce, operating while revoked, \$443.00. Alicia J. Lee, 45, Eau Claire, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Samuel J. Stuart, 35, Dallas, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Jeremy D. Thayer, 28, Danbury, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Seth M. Cegler, 22, Sheldon, speeding, \$250.90. Carco A. Chacon, 27, Chicago, IL., fail/change lane-passing stopped emergency vehicle, \$263.50. David L. Christensen, 24, Trego, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Malik I. Clayborne, 19, Barron, speeding, \$175.30 and operate without a valid license, \$200.50. DMS Trucking of Franklin LLC., Franklin, WI., violate class A highway weight limits, \$2,094.47. Joseph D. Edstrom, 19, Turtle Lake, windshields-tinting-critical area, \$175.30. Silas B. Greendeer, 21, Wisconsin Dells, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Jaxson A. Humphrey 17, Hillsdale, OWI, \$1,031.00. Khadijo A. Hussein, 19, Barron, speeding, \$175.30. Eugene A. Jones, 40, Rice Lake, OWI, \$1,112.50. Joseph R. Juleff, 67, Barron, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Robert J. Kaye, 46, Hudson, speeding, \$200.50. Elliana M. Larabee, 17, Menomonie, windshields-tinting-critical area, \$175.30. Danielle S. Melgaard, 32, Cameron, OWI, \$1,185.00. Mountain Top Enterprise LLC., Iola, WI., violate class A highway weight limits, \$416.40. Kimberly A. Nelson, 63, Prairie Farm, speeding, \$225.70. Travis H. Nichols, 32, Barronett, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Nasariyya O. Omar, 17, Barron, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00 and failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Heather F. Parsons, 35, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$200.50. Rodolfo S. Perez, 21, Siren, speeding, \$200.50, operate without a valid license, \$200.50, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Loan T. Pham, 40, Ashland, speeding, \$225.70. Cole J. Robotka, 25, Hayward, OWI, \$885.00. Mitchell P. Rogge, 40, Chicago, IL., speeding, \$200.50. Jeremy D. Shimko, 31, Bruce, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Abigail T. Widd, 24, Duluth, MN., speeding, \$200.50. Diana G. Wolf, 20, Cameron, speeding, \$225.70. Austin J. Woolever, 19, Jim Falls,

speeding, \$276.10. Kayla M. Young, 30, Rice Lake, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00.

Complaints

Christopher M. Ball, 34, of Cumberland, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date is scheduled for February 26, 2025. Jeffery L. Kolba, 55, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of marijuana. His court date was scheduled for February 12, 2025. Ronney R. Davis, 68, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate snowmobile without trail sticker. His court date is scheduled for March 19, 2025. Devin J. Kirane, 19, of Bevidere, IL., has been charged with operate unregistered snowmobile. His court date is scheduled for March 19, 2025. Erik M. Hanson, 59, of Warrens, has been charged with possession of marijuana. His court date is scheduled for March 19, 2025. Angela M. Knapmiller, 42, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate snowmobile without trail sticker. Her court date is scheduled for March 19, 2025. Zachary D. Moen, 20, of Chetek, has been charged with operate snowmobile without trail sticker. His court date is scheduled for March 19, 2025. Trevor J. Snitker, 32, of Prairie Farm, has been charged with operate snowmobile without safety certificate. His court date is scheduled for March 19, 2025. **Criminal Traffic** Cody M. Reynolds, 46, of Barronett, has been charged with operating while revoked, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 19, 2025. Natasha J. Schick, 37, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked. Her court hearing is scheduled for May 8, 2025. Miguel Leon, 29, of Kaukauna, WI., has been charged with operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Sadie I. Mathews, 41, of Cameron, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. Her initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025. Logan J. Hovick, 34, of Frederick, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 26, 2025. Aaron R. Ayers, 50, of Eau Claire, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 19, 2025. William E. Niles Sr., 49, of Ladysmith, has been charged with operating

while revoked. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Richard C. Goff Jr., 48, of Superior, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 26, 2025. Joel D. Paulson, 37, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 26, 2025. Terra V. Lindemans, 43, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 26, 2025. **Criminal Complaints** Kyle R. Helling, 38, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate a firearm while intoxicated. His court hearing is scheduled for April 30, 2025. Dezarae K. Brust, 25, of Rice Lake, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025. Austin R. Davis, 31, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Ryanne M. Eagleman, 25, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 26, 2025. Paula L. Velaquez-Flores, 53, of Champlin, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 19, 2025. Kenneth A. Larson, 71, of Sun Prairie, has been charged with OWI. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Shellene L. Nebel, 56, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of narcotic drugs. Her court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Darian A. Mack-Olson, 48, of Rice Lake, has been charged with carry concealed weapon and possession of electric weapon. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 4, 2025. Royce D. Smith, 61, of Saint Paul, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, party to a crime and possession of THC. His initial appearance was scheduled for February 13, 2025. Erik M. Hanson, 59, of Spooner, has been charged with retail theft-failure to pay for service, operate a motor vehicle while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia. The lieutenant from Chetek Police Department, reports on February 5, 2025, she was on duty when dispatch informed officers they had taken a report of a vehicle taken out of the storage lot in Chetek, without paying their tow bill from the

night before. The lieutenant reports dispatch provided a description of the vehicle as a red ford pick up truck and there was a black sedan that left with the red truck that had been parked in their lot. The lieutenant reports she and an officer with the same department drove in attempt to locate the truck when they heard over the police radio that Barron County had the truck stopped just south of the village of Cameron. The lieutenant reports she drove to the towing place and met with an employee. The employee stated that last night he was called for a tow at Leonard Street and Second Street for a truck that was left parked in a driveway. The employee stated that he parked the red truck in the back lot for the night around 2:30 am. The owner of the truck called the shop asking about his truck. The employee told the owner that he would have to come between 9 a.m and 5 p.m. to pay for the vehicle two and then he could pick up his truck. The employee said that the owner of the towing company had called and stated that the owner of the truck also called him and he told him the same thing the employee had told him and that the truck owner was not allowed on the property without one of the workers present. The lieutenant reports the employee said around 4:30 pm, he saw the red truck leaving rapidly out of the parking lot and it was followed by a black car. The lieutenant reports she asked the employee what the two bill was for the truck and he stated the total was \$622 which included the tow, two days of storage, administrative fee and taxes. The lieutenant reports the employee said no one had permission to enter the property and take anything, including vehicles. The lieutenant reports she also spoke to the owner of the towing company, who stated he told the owner of the truck he was not allowed on the property without one of his staff being present. The lieutenant reports she spoke with a different employee at the towing company who said he observed the hood of the truck was up around 3:30 pm., and then later saw the truck driving off the property being followed by a black car. A deputy with the Barron County Sheriff's Department reports on February 5, 2025, at approximately 5:06 pm, she heard Barron County Communications Center advising via radio about the call from the towing company. The deputy reports she heard a description of the vehicle as a red pickup truck with a flatbed and that the vehicle was possibly heading to Highway SS and had a possible owner of Erik Hanson, the defendant. The deputy reports she was in the Cameron area and started southbound on County Highway SS. The deputy reports she observed a vehicle matching the description and requested additional information from dispatch as to if the truck had a log on the side which dispatch confirmed. The deputy reports she had observed a black car pull up

along the truck. The deputy reports she conducted a traffic stop of the truck and the black car drove away. The deputy reports she made contact with the driver who was identified as Hanson. The deputy reports she asked Hanson about the theft of the vehicle and he stated that it was his vehicle and he planned on paying the tow bill. The deputy reports she asked him to call the towing company and Hanson stated that his phone was dead. The deputy reports she asked him for his driver's license but Hanson stated that he did not have a driver's license on him and was not able to provide any insurance information. The deputy reports a record check of Hanson showed he was revoked due to a previous OWI. The deputy reports after discovering Hanson's license was revoked, she asked again about who took the vehicle from the towing company. The deputy reports Hanson stated another male, took the vehicle and they switched drivers when they were pulled over on the side of the road where the deputy stopped them. The deputy reports she advised Hanson he was under arrest for operating after revocation due to OWI. The deputy reports Hanson was searched and a small smoking device with charred residue was found in the front pocket of his jeans which was later tested and tested positive for THC. The deputy reports during transport to jail, additional plant matter was found inside Han-

son's jacket and this too was tested with a positive result for THC. The deputy reports as Hanson was secured in the back of her squad car, the male who was driving the black car arrived back on scene. The deputy reports upon questioning, the male advised Hanson asked him to give Hanson a ride back to the towing company to get his vehicle. The deputy reports the male stated he dropped Hanson off and Hanson drove the vehicle from the towing company. The deputy reports she asked why they were on the side of the road when she arrived and the male said he was giving Hanson back his backpack that Hanson had left in his vehicle. The deputy reports she asked again and the male stated he was not driving the truck at any point as he had his own vehicle that he was driving and Hanson drove the other vehicle. If convicted for retail theft-failure to pay for service, Hanson may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than three years and six months or both. For operating a motor vehicle while revoked, he may be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than on year or both. For possession of drug paraphernalia, he may be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days or both. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 25, 2025.

WDNR Completes Investigation of Boat Crash that Occurred on Lake Pokegama; No Criminal Charges

The State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has completed its investigation of a boat crash that occurred on Lake Pokegama, on the Chetek Chain of Lakes, on September 10, 2024 at approximately 5:50 pm. An occupant in one of the boats was injured as a result of the crash. A WDNR warden, Barron County Sheriff's Department deputies and other first responders responded to the crash. The District Attorney's office has reviewed the investigative reports prepared by WDNR. According to the collective information of all reports submitted by wardens who assisted the WDNR investigation, a black in color 2022 Phoenix Pro bass boat being driven by Michael Hintz was traveling in a southwesterly direction on Lake Pokegama. A blue in color 2012 Smokercraft Millentia, with two persons in the Smokercraft boat were preparing to go fishing. One of the persons in the Smokecraft boat was at the front of the boat lowering the trolling motor. The other person in the Smokecraft boat was facing the stern of the boat, but could not remember if he was standing or sitting. The person at the front of the Smokecraft boat observed the Phoenix boat traveling southbound straight towards them, but then saw the Phoenix boat angle away from them farther toward the main lake. The person at the front of the Smokercraft continued to deploy the trolling motor. When he looked up, he observed the Phoenix boat traveling straight towards them again. He stated that he had just enough time to yell and wave his arms. He then jumped off the starboard side of the Smokecraft boat just prior to the Phoenix boat crashing into them. The other person in the Smokecraft boat heard his fishing companion at the front of the boat yelling, and turned around to face forward. He observed his fishing companion at the front of the Smokercraft

boat jump overboard, however he stayed in the boat and believes he was injured when the impact of the Phoenix boat crashing into the Smokercraft boat caused him to strike his head on a bracket located on the starboard gunwale of the Smokercraft boat. Hintz immediately threw a personal flotation device to the person who had jumped overboard. The person who remained in the Smokercraft boat and was injured, was pulled into another boat by the injured person's son as the Smokercraft boat began taking on water. Wardens analyzed GPS data and determined the Phoenix boat impacted the Smokercraft boat in a nearly head-on manner. Utilizing software as part of the crash reconstruction, wardens created visual images of both boats at the time of impact. Wardens estimated the speed of the Phoenix boat when it crashed into the Smokercraft boat between 10 and 28 miles per hour. The Smokercraft boat was not under power when the crash occurred. Hintz agreed to submit a preliminary breath test when law enforcement and first responders arrived. The PBT result was 0.00%. While the cause of the crash is unknown, Hintz was cooperative and provided information that suggests a contributing factor may have been a medical issue affecting him at the time of the crash. After a thorough review of the WDNR investigative reports and crash reconstruction, I have determined that no criminal charges will be filed by the District Attorney's office against Hintz. The State's no charging decisions is based on insufficient evidence to prove criminal negligence. Hinze will be cited with violating §30.65(1)(a) of the Wisconsin statutes for failing to bear to the right and safely passing the Smokercraft boat on its left side. The citation has a maximum forfeiture of not more than \$500. **Brian H. Wright**
Barron County
District Attorney

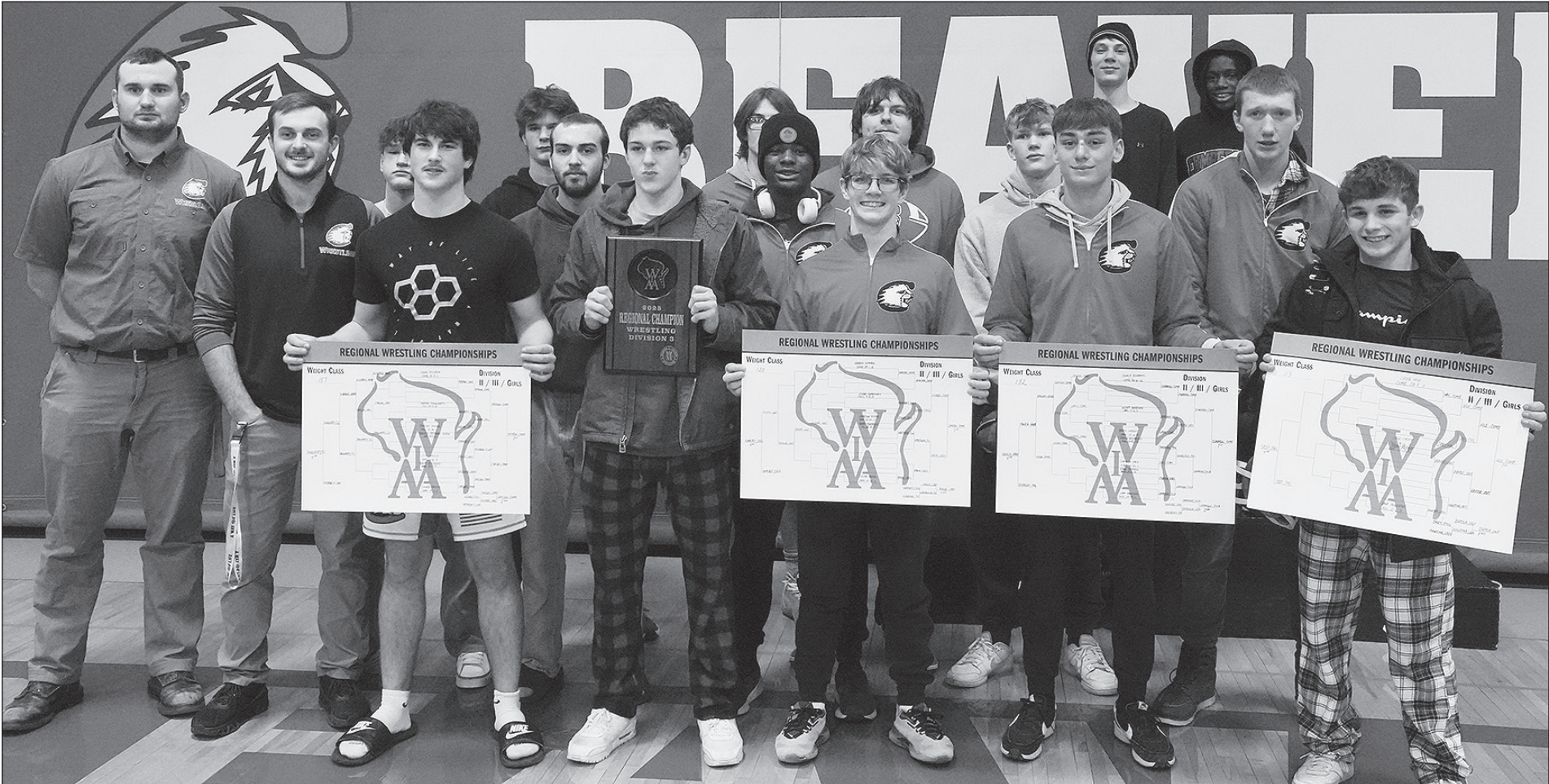
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Sports

Regional Champions!



The Cumberland Wrestling Team grabbed a Regional Championship last weekend easily outdistancing the field on the Beavers home mat. Pictured are Back Row (L to R): Mitchell Monchilovich, Colt Miller, DauTre Allen, Blade Nybeck, Jack Owens, Colin Hagen, and Rock West. Front Row (L to R): Coach Joe Rademacher, Coach Reid Olson, Logan Peterson, Ashton Brannan, Nathan Swint, Onesimus West, Braden Johnson, Cooper Schramski, Harrison Ruppel, and Caleb Hile. Photo Kaely Wenzel.

Wrestling Team Rolls to Regional Win; Wrestled at Team Sectionals on Tuesday

The Cumberland Beavers had little trouble in taking home a D3 Regional Championship last Saturday with 270.5 points, easily outdistancing runner-up Turtle Lake/Clayton who scored 177.5. This sent the Beavers to Team Sectionals which took place Tuesday night in Clear Lake. There, the Beavers wrestled Glenwood City in the first round and a victory would send them to Stratford for a chance to go to Team State.

This will be followed by individual Sectionals this Saturday, where the Beavers qualified 10 wrestlers to move forward. “I’m excited to keep the season rolling and continue seeing these guys enjoy the fruits of their labors. They have shown incredible resilience in the face of adversity and have kept grinding all season long. Only a few weeks left to make the most of the time and enjoy each moment to the fullest. I’m very proud of them all,” said Coach Reid Olson.

Cumberland will send five

Champions, two seconds, two thirds, and a fourth. Champions were Caleb Hile (32-7), Braden Johnson (43-1), Cooper Schramski (30-6), Harrison Ruppel (32-15), and Logan Peterson (34-8). Each will enter Team Sectionals with a real chance to qualify for the State Meet. The five wrestlers combined to pin nine opponents in securing their place in Sectionals.

The same can be said for runner-ups Jack Owens (37-7) and Colin Hagen (20-10). Both have had nice seasons and will challenge for a trip to Madison.

Cumberland’s final qualifiers were third place finishers Nathan Swint (25-21) and Onesimus West (26-14) and fourth place finisher DauTre Allen (22-12). Allen had to win four straight matches following a quarterfinal loss to move on, showing great fight and determination. “It was a solid day of wrestling for us,” added Coach Olson.

Wrestling at Saturday’s Individual Sectional starts at 10:00 am.

Hockey Teams Head into Tournament Competition

The two hockey teams are headed into WIAA competition as the regular season has come to an end.

The Northwest Icemen finished up their regular season last Saturday with a season record of 5 and 19. Their week included a 7-2 loss to Hayward and a disappointing 6-5 loss to Spooner.

The Spooner game went back and forth with the Icemen holding a 3-2 lead before the Rails scored four straight goals to take a 6-3 lead. The Icemen rallied with two third period goals, but could not get the tying score.

The Icemen open up WIAA Tournament play in Hayward on Friday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. A victory there would send the Icemen to Rice Lake on February 25 for a second-round

contest.

The Hayward Girls Hockey Co-op, meanwhile, finished up the regular season with a big 3-2 victory over Superior last Thursday night. It was an exciting contest that saw Hayward move into the final period with a 1-0 lead.

Period three saw each school score two goals, with Hayward breaking a 2-2 tie with a winning goal from Olivia Webster at 16:58 of the stanza. It was a huge victory over a team that beat the Hurricanes 6-2 early in the year.

Hayward takes a 18-5-2 record into the Tournament opener against Medford/Rib Lake this Thursday in Hayward at 7:00 pm. The winner will play Superior in Superior on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm.

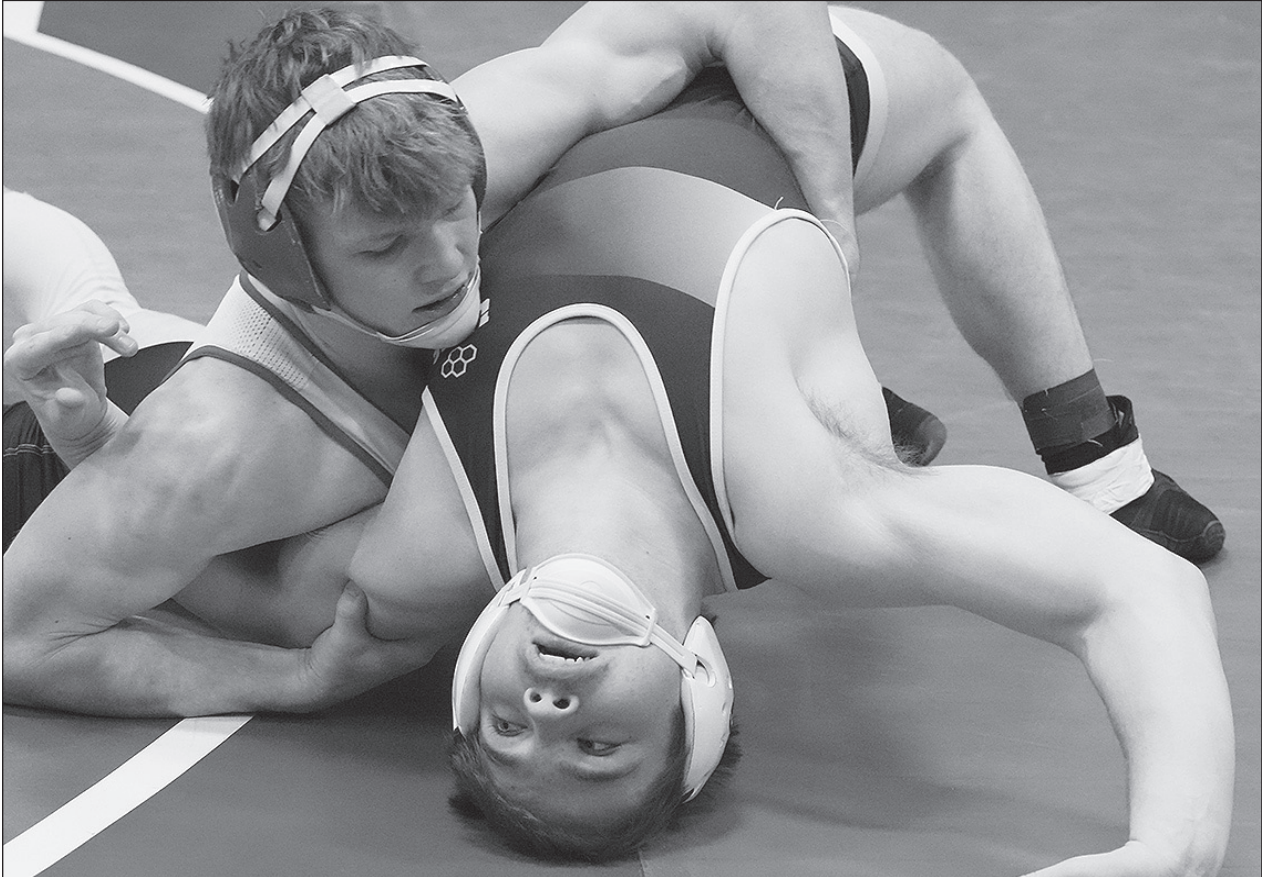
Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Team Standings
Spare Time - 40
Austad’s Super Valu - 40
Becker’s Trucking - 39
Big Bear Express - 38
Northwoods Septic - 37
Bowlin’ Buddies - 32
Clear Lake Self Storage-17
Dane Arthur Real Estate-9
5 High Scratch Games
Danielle Vadnais - 218

Donna Berquam - 195
Ashley Distad - 183
Jeannie Glasscock - 182
Brenda Levine - 181
5 High Scratch Series
Donna Berquam - 554
Danielle Vadnais - 528
Brenda Levine - 494
Shannon Bents - 477
Beth Knops - 467



Sophomore Braden Johnson earned his 100th career win at last weekends Regional Tournament. The talented young wrestler ran his season record to 43-1. Pictured are mom Tonya, sister Kaitlin, dad Darren, Braden and brother Dawson. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Jack Owens finished a strong Regional Tournament with a second place finish. The senior has a record of 37-7 on the season. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Harrison Ruppel celebrates after claiming a Regional Championship last Saturday in Cumberland. The senior sports a 32-15 record. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Home for a Weekend

Hello friends,
First things first, I want to apologize for being way ahead on my column deadlines as well as missing sturgeon spearing. In January I had a tree fall on my truck, which changed by mobility in a major way, then my beautiful golden retriever Ruby became ill and passed away. I got my truck back after 3 weeks, Ruby is in heaven, and it was time for an interesting time in the world of sturgeon spearing. I got the nasty gunk of an illness that has been going around for a week and it kept me off the ice.

So back to the fun, the Polencheck family out of Glidden are good buds of mine and have been for about 25 years. We try to do something at least once a year and this year it was 2 days of ice fishing, eating good food and giving each other a hard time.

Saturday, January 25th
High 21, low 12

Today would be a fun day full of adventure on the ice. Myself, Scott Polencheck, and his children Gunner 23, Preston 21, and Jersey 19. Along with Bruce Polencheck, (brother to Scott) and Mike Dunlevey who owns Bear Necessities which is a convenience store in Glidden that has excellent gas prices and some really cool taxidermy would be our crew.

Once we hit the ice we would travel by atv and utv and this was a big homecoming for Scott as Preston was home from working in Alabama and Jersey was home for the weekend from school in Eau Claire where she is studying to be a respiratory therapist.

I want to say that actually Scott, Bruce and I started our day crappie fishing on another lake and both Polencheck brothers insisted that I write, that I caught the first, most, biggest and only crappie's" of the outing.

So anyways, our plan was to fish for walleye and northern pike with tip ups, have a campfire, a fish fry and give each other crap. Let me tell you about the 4 Polencheck men. If a flag goes up, you would think a nuclear missile is on its way as they get super excited and were a bit perturbed throughout the weekend about my rather "casual manner" in walking

to the action.
Folks, today would be a day full of laughs on a beautiful body of water with snow falling and flags flying. Jersey "Cow" as I call her, and I teamed up together as I had 6 tip ups in my pack and it was really fun and she caught the days only walleye. Preston who I would learn today is actually called "Chicken" so if anyone see's Preston, please address him as Chicken, I am sure he will appreciate that.

In the early 90's I lived in Glidden and then bought a home and 5 acres for \$10,500 near Mellen, little side note there.

Anyhow, the day was busy because the gators were hungry and Jersey Cow was quite naturally teaching her siblings how to catch fish and did I tell you the males in the Polencheck clan about soil their pants if a flag goes up and you aren't running to it. I am sure Gunner, Chicken, Scott and Bruce wanted me to write that.

Towards dark a stove was pulled out, five gators were filleted and Y boned, and Bruce Polencheck created what might have been the best fish fry I have ever enjoyed. Shore Lunch "beer batter" with a bit of chili powder was/is the best.

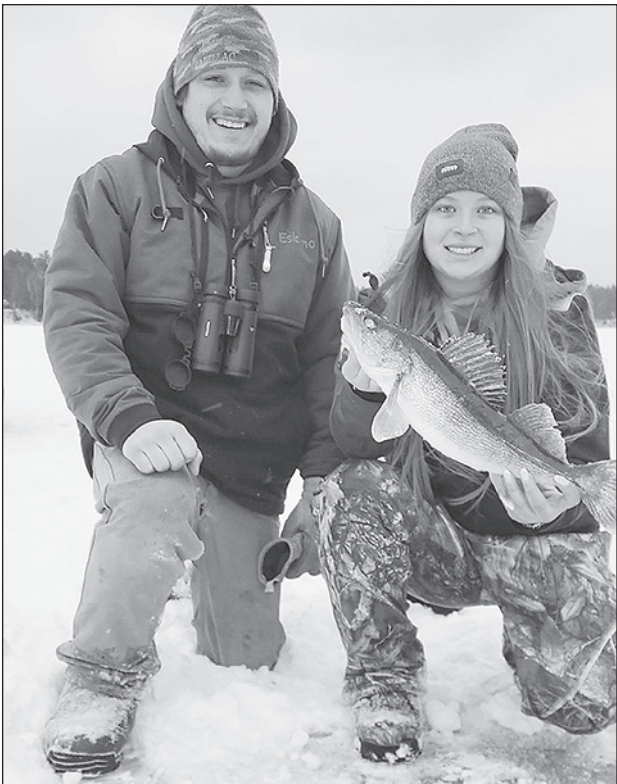
The next day we headed towards Butternut and fished gators with tip ups, it was cold and windy, but the gators were very hungry. Out of 7 of us, as Gunner's sweetie, Taylor Wineberger was also along the Jersey Cow and Taylor were on fire. They both literally seemed to constantly have a flag up and Taylor caught the big fish of the day. In all honesty I bet we caught 50 fish and most of the time, the flags came up in doubles and triples.

I am sure the Polencheck boys want me to write that I taught them how to fish this weekend especially "Chicken" and Gunner but I want you to know that they already had a pretty "fairly" good idea of what they were doing.

Dear Chicken and Gunner, please send a check for your fishing lessons!

Jersey you rock!

Sunset



Gunner Polencheck and his sister Jersey having a great time ice fishing on an Ashland County lake.



On one end Mark Walters is filleting northern pike and on the other Bruce Polencheck is frying them. This was an incredible, all you can eat fish fry!

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Point guard Troy Majewski looks to make a pass in the Beavers home loss to Hayward. Photo by Maria Lynch.



Uriah Johnson puts up a three pointer last Thursday night vs Hayward. Johnson had 12 points on the night. Photo by Maria Lynch.

Boy's Basketball Team Splits Conference Pair; Can Still Grab Title

The Cumberland Beavers split a pair of games last week, losing 82-68 to the hot-shooting Hayward Hurricanes and picking up a 60-48 big road win against the league-leading Cameron Comets on Friday night.

The Beavers record is 14 and 5, 10 and 4 in the HON with four Conference games to play. Cameron leads the Conference at 12 and 2 but has a difficult schedule left to play, ending with a contest against the Beavers in Cumberland on Tuesday, February 25. The results of the schedule leave the Beavers a real opportunity to possibly grab at least a share of the HON crown, something that happened in 1972.

The Hayward Hurricanes might be 5 and 14 on the season, but when they play the Beavers, they play like the Milwaukee Bucks. The most recent example of this happened last Thursday, February 13, when the Hurricanes defeated the Beavers for the second time this season.

The game was tied 30-30 at half, but torrid shooting by Hayward saw them pull away over the last 18 minutes of play. The Hurricanes made 10 of 26 three-point shots and 20 of 24 free throws in winning their fifth game of the season. Lucas Hansen was the biggest thorn in the Beavers side with 27 points, eight rebounds, and five assists. Gavin Gores led the Beavers with 30 points and 18 rebounds, while Troy Majewski had 14 points and Uriah Johnson 12. Chayden Berghammer, meanwhile, was credited with a team-leading seven assists. A major difference between the two teams was at the free throw line, where the Hurricanes outscored Cumberland 20 to 10.

This set up a must win for the Beavers in Cameron the following night and they responded in a big way. One of the stars of Cumberland's big 60-48 victory was Senior Jack Richter, who scored a career-high 26 points, hitting eight of 15 from beyond the arc. His excellent night was helped by a defensive concentration on Gavin Gores, which held him to 20 points. Richter and the rest of the Beavers showed they were ready to step up to the challenge, however. Uriah Johnson added six points and five assists, while Troy Majewski also dished out five assists. The Beavers drive towards a potential championship continues this week, having taken on the St. Croix Falls Saints on Tuesday and then hosting the Ladysmith Lumberjacks this Friday at 7:00 pm. Cumberland will then play Cameron in Elmer Beran Gymnasium next Tuesday night. Four wins in their final four games will give the team a real chance at the top of the HON.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 20
Girls BB home vs Chetek 7:00
Girls Hockey Regional vs Medford @ Hayward 7:00

Friday, Feb. 21
Boys Hockey Regional @ Hayward 7:00
Boys BB home vs Ladysmith 7:00

Saturday
Wrestling Sectional @ Ladysmith 8:00 am

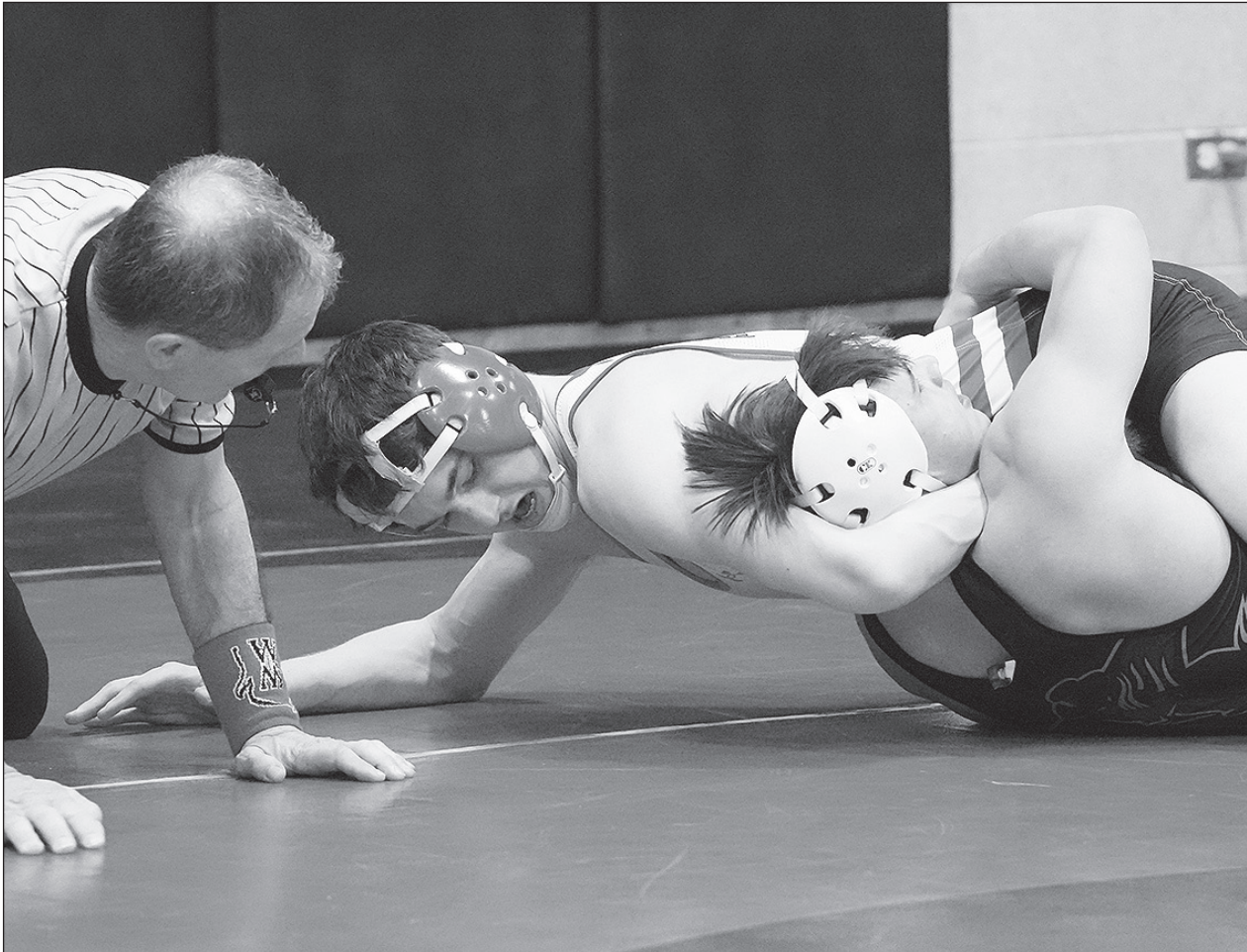
Tuesday, Feb. 25
Boys BB home vs Cameron 7:00
Girls Hockey Regional TBD



Kaylee Jackson put up a shot and scores last Thursday night vs Ladysmith.



Raegan Beecroft tries to get off a shot vs tough defense last Thursday night in Cumberland. Beecroft led the girls with 8 points and 9 rebounds.



Nathan Swint qualified for Individual Sectionals with a third place finish at last weekends Regional held in Cumberland. Good luck Nathan! Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

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Barron County Sheriff 537-3106

Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

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Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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02/21 Fri	11:39	5:26	-----	5:52	07:00	05:42	2:39a	10:40a	6:41a	7:08p	
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02/23 Sun	12:53	7:07	1:21	7:35	06:57	05:45	4:38a	12:25p	8:30a	8:59p	
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Girls Basketball Team to Finish Regular Season; Tourney Opener February 25

The Cumberland Girl’s Basketball Team’s regular season comes to an end this week as the team played Cameron on Tuesday and then readies for a contest against Chetek-Weyerhaeuser in Elmer Beran Gymnasium this Thursday at 7:00 pm. The team heads into the finales with an overall record of 4 and 18, but have showed improvement throughout the season.

Last week began with a Cumberland 49-40 road victory over Luck.

Cumberland jumped to a 26-15 halftime lead and held on over the last 18-minutes of the contest to take home their fourth victory of the season. Senior Melody Taylor had a big night for Coach Tim Obr with 12 points and 15 rebounds. She had plenty of help in a balanced attack that saw Macy Beecroft score 14, Kyleigh McLemore 11, and Raegan Beecroft eight. Kaylee Jackson added a team-high four assists.

The following night, Cum-

berland hosted the St. Croix Falls Saints, who took a 46-26 victory. The game was close in the first half, but the Saints outscored the Beavers 29-13 after intermission in rolling to the victory. Melody Taylor continued her strong week with nine points and nine rebounds, while Raegan Beecroft had eight points.

The week ended last Thursday with a 49-36 loss to the Ladysmith Lumberjills.

Raegan Beecroft led Cumberland with eight points and nine boards, while Melody Taylor had eight points and nine rebounds.

Following Thursday’s regular season finale, Cumberland opens up the D4 WIAA Tournament on Tuesday, February 25 in Clear Lake against the Warriors in a contest starting at 7:00 pm. Clear Lake is 16 and 6 on the year. The winner of that game heads to Colfax on Friday, February 28 for a round-two game.

Girls BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	OVERALL
Cameron	CAMER	15	1	W11	19-3-0
Northwestern	NWERN	15	1	W1	17-5-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	11	6	W1	14-9-0
Barron	BARRON	10	6	W2	12-10-0
Hayward	HAY	10	6	W1	11-11-0
St. Croix Falls	SCF	8	9	W4	8-15-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	5	11	L3	5-15-0
Spooner	SPOON	4	12	L2	4-16-0
Cumberland	CUMB	3	13	L6	4-18-0
Ashland	ASHL	0	16	L16	2-19-0

Boys BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	T	PCT	GB	GP	OVERALL
Cameron	CAMER	12	2	0	.857	-	14	15-5-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	11	4	0	.733	1.5	15	16-5-0
Cumberland	CUMB	10	4	0	.714	2.0	14	14-5-0
Northwestern	NWERN	10	4	0	.714	2.0	14	13-7-0
Barron	BARRON	10	5	0	.667	2.5	15	11-9-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	5	9	0	.357	7.0	14	7-12-0
Hayward	HAY	5	9	0	.357	7.0	14	5-14-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	4	11	0	.267	8.5	15	7-13-0
Spooner	SPOON	3	12	0	.200	9.5	15	4-16-0
Ashland	ASHL	2	12	0	.143	10.0	14	3-17-0

Boys Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Amery	Amery	17	9	8	0	1	46	14	17-6-1
Somerset	Smrset	13	9	6	2	1	39	19	16-7-1
Baldwin-Woodville	BWood	12	9	6	3	0	38	18	16-7-1
Hayward	Haywrd	10	9	5	4	0	36	28	13-9-1
Regis/Altoona/McDonell	RAM	10	9	5	4	0	37	38	17-6-0
Ashland	ASHLND	6	9	3	6	0	30	40	4-17-0
Spooner	SPOONR	4	9	2	7	0	21	48	5-16-0
Northwest Icemen	NWest	0	9	0	9	0	15	57	5-18-0

Girls Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Central Wisconsin	STORM	10	6	5	1	0	33	3	20-4-0
Hayward Co-Op	CANES	10	7	5	2	0	28	13	18-5-1
Superior Spartans	SPRTNS	6	5	3	2	0	20	8	18-6-0
Black River Falls	TIGERS	6	5	3	2	0	17	6	12-10-2
Northland Pines	EAGLES	4	7	2	5	0	13	35	3-18-0
Medford	MRAIDR	2	5	1	4	0	10	33	1-12-1
Northern Edge	EDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
Coulee Region	CRG	0	3	0	3	0	0	23	4-16-1

Cumberland Mixed-Up Bowling League Week 19

2nd Half Team Standings
Cumberland Federal - 27
Cumberland Bus - 21
Pasko’s RPM - 13
Club Cumberland - 10
Grandma’s Gang - 9
3 High Scratch Games
Joel Cifaldi - 212

Blake Cifaldi - 177
Jordan Peichel - 168
Caroline Baker - 168
3 High Scratch Series
Joel Cifaldi - 515
Blake Cifaldi - 509
Nolan Schepes - 450

Support your friends and neighbors!
SHOP CUMBERLAND!

By Judy Pieper

Hang in there – We are supposed to get out of the “deep freeze” by the middle or end of this week. I think winter decided to come about six weeks later than usual this year. Hopefully spring does not follow suit.

We had a bit of a scare last week. On Monday morning – very early – Duane was very weak and not feeling well. I could not get him to the car on my own, so I called an ambulance. They took him to the Rice Lake ER, and, come to find out, he had influenza A. A little bit scary, but after a few days in the hospital he was able to come home and he is almost as good as new again. Now I will have to be a little nicer to him and wait on him for about a week, then I will go back to being his regular ornery wife.

Actually, Duane came home on the 13th, and was still a little weak and not able to be out and about on the 14th. We both forgot it was Valentine’s Day until about 10:30 a.m., and then I wished him a happy Valentine’s Day and immediately asked, “Where are my flowers?” Poor guy – There hasn’t been many Valentine’s Days that have gone by without him sneaking a bouquet of roses into the house.

Anyway, I had to run into town for a couple things, so I picked up a beautiful bouquet of a dozen mixed color roses for me --- and a bottle of Tylenol for him. The first thing he asked

when I walked into the house was, “Did you buy yourself some roses from me?” Great minds think alike. They are prominently displayed on the coffee table, and, he promised that next year he will pick them up himself.

Miriah and Jeremy Olson stopped by one morning this past week to visit, and we put them to work. One of the stops I made in town was to pick up salt for the water softener. Well, it would be very difficult (or impossible) for me to carry those bags into the house and down the basement stairs, so Jeremy and Miriah very graciously agreed to do that for us. (Those young people make it look so easy – I always tell them to struggle a bit and pretend that it’s heavier than they usually carry, but they never do.) It is so great having grandchildren who love us and don’t make us feel like pests when we ask for help. It’s tough getting old.

Jerry Marsh stopped by Sunday morning. He was up to do some snowmobiling with LaDelle and Steve Anderson, Jim Bayerle, and Jill and Art Adams. Jerry hasn’t been up much this winter because he has been so busy remodeling his house in Minnesota, but he is nearly finished with it now, so maybe we will see him a little more often. We were disappointed that Jodi Ladd did not come up with him this time, but she had a bunch of other things to do

– and she is probably way to smart to go out in this weather, freezing cold, just to ride around on a bumpy snowmobile trail. Really not my idea of a good time either.

Tru Lehmann and Lucas Arnes stopped by for a few minutes on Sunday evening. I had just finished making cookies, and there were way too many for just Duane and me, so I sent some home with them. We offered them supper (hot dogs and beans) but they said that Alyse just about had supper ready at Tru’s house. Lucky kids – I would find an excuse to leave too, if someone offered me hot dogs and beans.

I have excellent news on the smear card game front. Suzy and Ryan stopped by for a quick game on Sunday afternoon. Suzy and I won the first one. The guys decided that we shouldn’t leave it at that, so we played one more ---and they won. Dang it. Well, we couldn’t leave it at a tie, so we played one more and (imagine a drum roll here) Suzy and I won the tie-breaker. We’re happy!!

Happy birthday wishes go out to Debbie Pieper and Suzy Lehmann, who both celebrate their big day on February 18th. Hope you both have a great day.

That’s about all I know from Barronett this week. Have a wonderful week, try to stay warm, and remember, spring is coming. I will see you later.

OBITUARIES



Nancy A. Zager
July 24, 1940 - January 23, 2025
Nancy passed peacefully in her sleep on January

23, 2025. Her husband of 58 years, Don “Ziggy,” guided her. We are comforted to know that she is peacefully by his side.

To know Nancy was to love her. Her spunky spirit and inclination to have a good time were well-complimented by her love for family and time spent together. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren knew her as the “fun” grandma.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Zager, her sister, San-

dra Blankenburg, and her brothers Peter Olson and Richard Olson.

Nancy is survived by her children, Vicki Walsh, Todd Zager, Karri Martinson, and Kelly Zager (Kurt). Her grandchildren, Mason (Alicia), Megan (Matt), Kirk, Max, Logan, Emma, Chad. Her great-grandchildren Ella, Jocelyn, Maclan, Cemilia, August, Cassius - many nieces and nephews.

All will deeply miss Nancy. The family will gather to celebrate her life soon.



Howard F. Davis
Howard Frank Davis, age 92, of Cumberland passed on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at Care and Rehab- Cumberland. He was born December 2, 1932 to Roy and Bernice (Lloyd) Davis.

Howard was a proud Navy Veteran, having served four years. After his time in the service, he spent many years working at Jerome Turkey Store, and later, Jennie-O. He

even worked at 3M for a bit, and dabbled in construction. For the most part, Howard enjoyed a simple life, but he certainly made sure to live it to the fullest. He and his brother took the time to be sociable with others, most times in the form of daily “coffee” outings.

He is survived by three sisters, Irene Avery of Cumberland, WI, Eldoris Bauer of Menomonie, WI, and Lucille Fogelberg of Woodbury, MN; nieces and nephews, Carl (Desi) Avery, Burt (Barb) Avery, Jim (Deby) Avery, Virginia Hustad, LaVeena (Lynn) Kuhl, Amy (Jason) Ostertag, Darwin (Jana) Haines, Brent (Mai) Haines, Beth (Mike) Collins, Calvin (Melanie) Davis, and Tamala (Chris) Kolling; as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Howard was preceded in

death by his parents, Roy and Bernice Davis; brother, Harold Davis; brother-in-laws, John Avery, Richard “Dick” Bauer, and Herbert “Herb” Fogelberg; niece, Rebecca Bauer; and nephew-in-law, Greg Hustad.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 AM on Monday, February 24, at Skinner Funeral Home, of Cumberland with St. Croix Hospice Chaplain Kathy DeForge officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior at the funeral home.

Military honors and a luncheon will follow the service. Interment Lakeside Cemetery.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

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WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

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LETTERS

Everyone should be Taxed Equally

To the Editor:

I can’t believe we’re still talking about the wealthy paying their fair share. I’m all for the wealthy paying their fair share, but to do that, they will have to pay less, since they’re taxed at a higher rate than most of us.

The super wealthy pay more than 1/3 of their annual income to the Federal Government. Then when you add state and local taxes, that brings it up to 45 percent of their income goes to taxes.

Why should they be penalized, by having to pay almost half of their income in taxes, just for being smart and talented?

I think everyone should be taxed at the same rate, no matter your income. Just as an example: If it was five percent. Five percent of one million, is a whole heck of a lot more than my messily five percent of one hundred.

**Peg Thompson
Barronett**



SENIOR DINING

Thursday, Feb. 20

Classic meatloaf, baby reds, steamed broccoli, assorted bread, pumpkin bar.

Friday, Feb. 21

Rosemary chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, maple glazed carrots, assorted bread, peach cobbler.

Monday, Feb. 24

Loaded bean soup, turkey and cheese sandwich, assorted bread, assorted fruit cup.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Roast pork, rosemary roasted potatoes, peas and pearl onions, dinner roll, fresh grapes.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Liver and onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, steamed carrots, assorted bread, fruit pie.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older & \$15.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. (No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.

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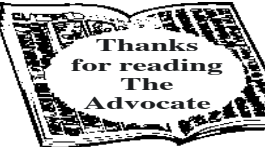
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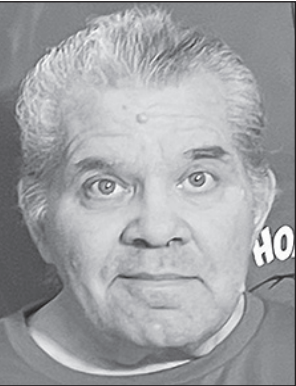


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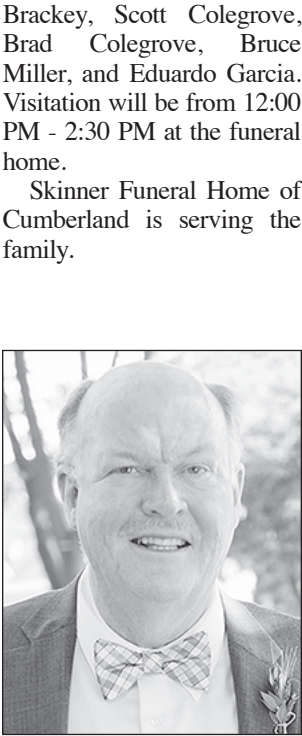
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OBITUARIES



Gary A. Benson
Gary Arnold Benson, 65, passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family on February 10, 2025. He was born October 27, 1959, in Cumberland, WI to Arnold and Irene (Soltau) Benson, and graduated from Cumberland High School.
He chose the date and was married (in a blizzard) in Cameron on March 3, 1979, to Rita Castonia. Gary worked for Jerome Foods, Stella Cheese, and spent 43 years at Advance Food Products in Clear Lake, from which he recently retired.
Gary enjoyed spending

time working on his garden, woodworking, and feeding the birds. On occasion, he liked to go fishing too.
He is survived by his wife, Rita Benson of Clear Lake; sons, Dale (Cindy) Benson of Jim Falls, and Daniel (Landy) Benson of Clayton; grandchildren: Katherine and James Benson; five step-grandchildren: Eduardo, Carlos, Casie, Kaira, and Krista; sisters, Debra (Brad) Colegrove of Clear Lake and Connie (Bruce) Miller of Turtle Lake; nieces, Hollie Colegrove, Stacey (Bill) Hanson, and Laura (Stan Jarocki) Miller; nephew, Scott (Amy) Colegrove; and other family and friends. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Irene; and sister, Beverly.
Funeral services will be held at 2:30 PM Friday, February 21, 2025, at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland with Joe Goldsmith officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery. Pallbearers are Tim Soltau, Evan



Gary E. Bents
Gary Evert Bents, age 78, of Manitowoc passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, with his sons by his side.

Gary was born on October 27, 1946 to Evert and Christine (Cordes) Bents of Comstock. In Comstock, he attended elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse. He later graduated from Cumberland High School in 1964. After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Education from UW-Eau Claire, Gary taught English for over 30 years in the Manitowoc Public Schools. He served as the chief negotiator for the collective bargaining committee of his local educator's union for many years.
On April 19, 1980 Gary married Ann Einberger, and they were blessed with 40 years of marriage and 2 sons. Gary was an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, spending time in the woods at his hunting cabin, and savoring long summer days with family at the cottage. Over the years Gary enjoyed bowling, golfing, and playing sheephead with friends. Gary's travel list was long, and he enjoyed going

on road trips to national parks in particular. He recently completed a solo road trip to Colorado to see Pike's Peak and other natural wonders. Gary was very active in the community, volunteering with the Sunrise Optimist Club and at First Lutheran Church.
Gary loved spending time with his grandchildren who filled his heart with so much joy. Gary took great care of his family, friends, and neighbors, and was always willing to help someone when there was a need. He will be greatly missed.
Gary is survived by his sons, Adam Bents and Matthew Bents (Ali Shuda) of Madison; two grandchildren, Poppy and Maurice Bents; siblings Dorothea (Paul) Jirsa, Oakdale, MN, Gerard (Marcy) Bents, Cumberland, WI, and Ralph (Carol) Bents, Courtland, MN along with nieces, nephews, and cousins. Gary was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ann; his parents; and his sis-

ter and brother-in-law, Karen and Mike McCulloch.
A visitation will was held at First Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, on Thursday, February 13, 2025. A second visitation and service was held at First Lutheran Church, Cumberland, WI on Friday, February 14, 2025 with burial at Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Pfeffer Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Manitowoc Sunrise Optimist Club, the Manitowoc Public Library, or First Lutheran Church.



Church Directory

“Jesus Gives Rest to Weary Sinners”
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Cumberland Baptist Church

Jesus condemned the teachers of the Law in His day about many things including the burdens they put on people: “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers” (Luke 11:46). These teachers/lawyers created their own religious laws which they piled on others, burdening them to the breaking point, yet were not concerned about those they burdened.
How many view God as being like these teachers?: As a harsh lawgiver who piles on back-breaking rules that we cannot keep, and then, in his indifference and unwillingness to help, leaves us to ourselves.
It is true that God is the Lawgiver. It is also true that we cannot keep His Law ourselves. It is a burden to us because we have all broken it and are condemned by it.
It is false, however, that God is harsh, indifferent, and unwilling to help us. God the Father sent His Son Jesus to keep the Law perfectly for His people and to die in their place (for their Law-breaking/sin). Jesus did more than lift a finger to help, He laid down His life to save sinners.
Jesus says: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). If you are trying to keep God’s Law yourself (or man-made religious laws/traditions/etc.), you will never have rest because you are looking to your obedience for rest/salvation. What a burden it is to try to save yourself!
Only Jesus gives rest by obeying God’s Law for His people and bearing their sins and punishment Himself. He gives them rest by saving them. Give Jesus your sins; go to Him in repentance and faith in Him and what He has done and He will give you rest.
Jesus is the Savior and Jesus is also the Teacher of those whom He saves. They take His yoke upon them and learn from Him. He is no harsh Teacher, however, but is gentle and humble of heart. To learn from Him and to obey Him is not a burden, for He has already saved them. His yoke is pleasant and His burden is light. He leads them to green pastures and beside still waters; their souls have rest.

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Horse Handling & Riding: • Safely lead and handle horses during therapy sessions and for farrier/vet visits. • School and exercise therapy horses under saddle to maintain fitness and readiness. • Perform a riding test (required during the interview process) to demonstrate ability. • Provide feedback on horse behavior and suitability for therapy programs.
Program Support: • Prepare horses and equipment for therapy sessions or events. • Assist with educating participants about horse care and handling.
Other Duties: • Maintain accurate records related to horse care. • Ensure a safe and welcoming environment for staff, volunteers, and participants.
Qualifications: • At least 2 years of experience in horse care, handling, and riding. • Strong knowledge of equine health, behavior, and fitness. • Physical ability to perform barn duties (lift up to 50 lbs, work outdoors year-round). • Excellent communication and teamwork skills.
Preferred: • Experience with therapy horses or equine-assisted activities. • Certification in equine first aid or related training.
Opportunities for Growth: • Wages will increase for candidates interested in becoming certified as a PATH Intl. Instructor (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International). • Certification training and opportunities for professional development are available to qualified candidates.
Schedule: • Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with occasional weekend or evening shifts as needed.
Compensation: • Competitive pay based on experience, with opportunities for wage increases tied to certification and skill development.
Why Join Us? • Work in a supportive, mission-driven environment. • Make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals and animals. • Be part of a dedicated and passionate team.
How to Apply: • Submit your resume, e-mail a cover letter, and references to nature@naturesedgetherapycenter.org. Please include details about your equine experience, especially your work with horse handling and under saddle training. Selected candidates will perform a **riding test** as part of the interview process.
Job Types: Full-time, Part-time
Pay: \$14.00 - \$16.00 per hour
Expected hours: 40 per week
Benefits: • Health insurance • Health savings account • Paid time off • Professional development assistance • Retirement plan
Schedule: • 8 hour shift • Day shift • Monday to Friday
Ability to Relocate: • Rice Lake, WI 54868: Relocate before starting work (Required)
Work Location: In person



PUBLIC NOTICES

LICENSE APPLICATION
We, Lightning Bolt Enterprises, LLC, with address at 1445 Second Ave, Cumberland, WI, Barron County, Wisconsin, do hereby respectfully apply for a Retail Class B Malt Beverage License and a Retail Class B Intoxicating Liquor License under Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, located at 1445 Second Avenue, of the City of Cumberland, Barron County, Wisconsin.

Lightning Bolt Enterprises, LLC
Office of the City Clerk
Dated: 02/14/2025
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Barron County
Tipster Line
**1-800**
532-9008

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cumberland School District Board of Education shall be held at 6:00 p.m. for open session on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, in the middle school commons.

The following is the proposed agenda:

1. Approve vouchers, receipts, and invoices.
2. Recognize delegates, visitors, and donations.
3. Consider approval of the 2025 – 2026 School District Calendar.
4. Consider approval of Adreanna Serbiak's resignation as Marching Band Assistant.
5. Consider approval of Kimberly Hopkins's resignation as Marching Band Assistant.
6. Consider approval of Lorne Majewski's resignation as Middle School Assistant Football and Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach.

7. Consider approval of Michael Gideo's resignation as High School Assistant Football Coach.

8. Consider approval of Kristen Juleff as Pep Club Advisor.

9. Consider approval of Bernard Jobe as Assistant Baseball Coach.

10. Hear discussion items and administrator reports.

11. Set meeting dates and events.

A copy of the agenda is posted in the elementary school, middle school, high school, and administration building.

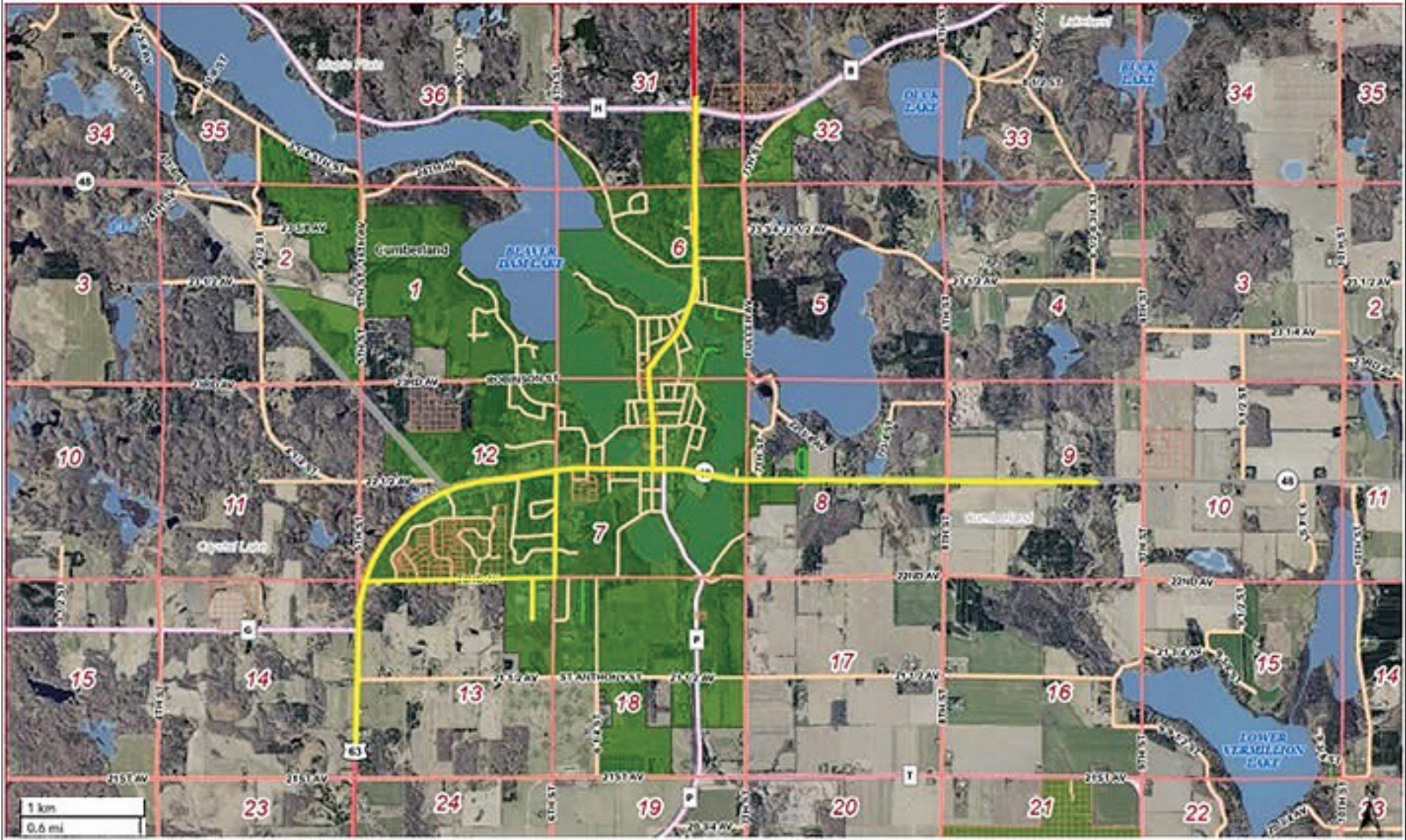
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Sudoku Puzzle #4149-D

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Draft-City of Cumberland Heavy Truck Route Amendment



Heavy Truck Route changes in the works in the City of Cumberland

The City of Cumberland is considering some changes to our designated heavy truck routes. This is in an effort to reduce the usage of our side streets by heavy trucks. These streets are typically not built to withstand the wear and tear of large vehicles, and are often more residential in nature. This should prolong the life of the streets and improve public safety. The yellow highlighted streets on the map below are being considered as the new heavy truck routes.

It's important to note that our ordinances already (and will continue to) allow heavy trucks to leave the designated truck routes to travel to specific locations with which they are conducting business--but only by the shortest and most direct route.

Any questions contact Randy Reeg at City Hall.



Bona Casa...

sion was made to replace the factory with a new concrete block Bona Casa Food Building with white vertical Channel 13 played a small Bona advertisement every day during their noon news. Thankfully, Ann com-

the old building torn down and build a brand-new one on the same lot, where they owned and ran Bona Casa



James and Andrea Just Manning purchased Bona Casa in 2021 when a dream became a reality.

siding and redwood siding trim.

The construction by Johnson and Sons began in April of 1957 and was completed by early July, a few days before the Grand Opening. The new Bona Casa Restaurant was the culmination of Anna's aspirations.

A large crowd attended the July 14 event which ran from 1 to 5 pm and served coffee, beverages and portions of pizza. In their new facilities, they could produce up to 240 pizzas per day. On the following Tuesday, July 16, the dining room was open from 5 pm until 2 am, with all of Ann's amazing recipes.

With the instant success of the new business, Tom found little time to raise his Brown Swiss Cattle, while Anna quit her job at the Company Store. The Ricci family plunged full-time into their restaurant.

Roberta Ricci, Barbara Tempesta, and Alberta Rannallo became important employees, while Tom and Ann's son, Robert, came home from Illinois and began driving product to cities from Superior to Eau Claire. Soon Eau Claire TV Station

piled many of these recipes throughout her life, leading to the publication of cookbook in 1970.

Unfortunately, by 1971, Anna's health began to fail, leading them to sell the Restaurant to Bill & Joanne Church of Barron. Stipulations for the purchase said it must contain the sausage recipe that had been perfected by Tom, while the Ricci's added that if any of their grandchildren wanted a job there, they could have one. Grandchildren had taken roles in the operation of Bona Casa as soon as they were old enough.

Andrea's mother Debby recalls her start at the restaurant saying, "I remember working at the original restaurant as soon as I could reach in the sink to do dishes," while Diane Ricci Thorp adds, "I worked for the Church family throughout high school as did our whole family. They were good people."

Bill and Joanne worked initially in the building built by the Ricci's and when they retired in 1983, their twin sons Rick and Randy took over the restaurant. They would eventually have

for the next 40 years.

As the Church brothers moved into their 60s, they began to have their own thoughts of selling the business. Bona Casa went up for sale in the fall of 2020 and received several potential offers. It was during a Christmas visit back home from their Dallas, Texas home, that Andrea Just Manning, the great-granddaughter of the original owners, began to entertain their own thoughts of what could be.

Hearing the restaurant where she had worked as a 15-year old was still for sale, Andrea decided to get involved. Andrea Manning asked her husband James, "We always wanted to own a business, what if we bought Bona?"

Manning added, "It's always been a special place and our family always talked about buying it back some day. It has always been a dream." In 2021, with the sale complete, this dream for the extended Ricci family became a reality as Bona Casa had come full circle from the first day Anna created those incredible spices in her home.

DNR; Snow Can Hide Danger: Sled Safe

If you plan to take your sled out with the trails now being open, be safe and watch for the other riders who will also be making the most of the conditions.

Fresh snow can cover potentially dangerous obstacles on frozen waterbodies, like cracks or heaves. Be sure to take a moment to plan your route, check if the trails you're heading to are open and see what the snow and ice conditions are like from local clubs.

Here are some more safety tips to take with you:

- Carry a cell phone and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home.
- Remember that no ice is ever 100% safe.

Ride sober. If you choose to consume alcohol, wait until you've reached your final destination or returned home safely.

Ride on the right-hand side of the trail.

Stick to speeds you are comfortable with, and don't try to outride your abilities.

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Citizen of the year

We need your help! We are looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year.

2 CATEGORIES: BUSINESS & CIVIC

Please let us know who you think has improved our community with their accomplishments.

Please have nomination letters to us by Monday, March 10th.

More information : ☎ 715.822.3378 🌐 info@cumberlandchamberwi.com



Bona Casa in 1957