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Almena man charged with sexual assault



Steven M. Nunemaker, 27, of Almena, has been charged with 1st Degree Child Sexual Assault-Sexual contact with a child under the age of 13.

On December 16, 2020, Turtle Lake Police Officer Posey had contact with an individual in regards to his daughter having been sexually assaulted at a residence located in Almena. Officer

Posey also spoke with the mother who advised that her daughter had disclosed to her on December 11, that she had been sexually touched by her mother's boyfriend, Nunemaker. She further advised that she confronted her boyfriend about this and he had admitted to some of that and also told her that if anybody ever found out he was better off dead.

Officer Posey's report indicates he made arrangements to interview the daughter and during the course of that interview she disclosed that Nunemaker would touch her. He often made her pose. This happened from October thru December, among other inappropriate things when her

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United Way COVID 19 Barron County Relief Fund Contributes to Fast & Short Term Response

The United Way COVID 19 Barron County Relief Fund, the Salvation Army, and Barron County Depart-

ment of Health and Human Services combined forces to provide fast and short term

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Pictured from left to right: Chris Olsen (United Way), Duana Bremer (Salvation Army), Trisha Witham (Barron County DHHS), and Britta Kubesh (United Way)



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A Great Moment!



Pictured is Jamie McCreedy, Infection Prevention RN, administering the first COVID-19 vaccine to Dr. Carlson at Cumberland Healthcare.

Cumberland's First COVID Vaccinations

Cumberland Healthcare participated in a historical event on 12/16/2020, hopefully, one which leads to a more positive future sooner. We are excited to have provided the COVID-19 vaccine to our staff, Barron County Public Health, Cumberland and Turtle Lake First Responders, Cumberland Care & Rehab, The Apothecary and James Pharmacy employees.

We understand that some patients and community members hope to receive a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as it is available. Cumberland Healthcare is prepared to offer this vaccine as soon as we can based on availability and federal/state protocols. Allocations will be distributed to facilities, like Cumberland Healthcare, in phases. The first phase of allocation is

designated for healthcare workers and residents of long term care facilities. After this group is complete, allocations will go to essential workers (as designated by the State of Wisconsin) and then to individuals over 65 years of age and/or have underlying health conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease, etc. Finally, the final round of allocation will be for the general

population. At this time, we are unsure when we will be through each phase of these allocations. Still, we will continue to communicate our vaccines' availability as soon as we have updated information. We will likely not have adequate vaccine supplies for the general population until the 2nd quarter of 2021.

Holiday Spirit!



Jenelle Johnson (left) from Island City Nutrition and Jessi Sebens from Salud Salt and Spa present checks totaling \$888.26 to Cumberland Police Chief Rick Rieper to help with "Shop with a Cop". The money was raised through tips and donations from customers.

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Airman Evan Knutson has successfully completed and graduated Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX on 11/5/2020. While at training, Evan was awarded the Fitness Excellence Award for his exceptional dedication to physical fitness and began his training for Radio Frequency Technology Systems on 11/23/2020 at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, MS. Evan is a Class of 2020 Cumberland High School graduate and the son of Mark & Tracy Knutson and the grandson of Elaine and the late Donald Knutson of Cumberland, and Barb and Gary Picknell of Arland.

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Saturday • 11 am-2:30 am • Sunday • 11 am-2 am

If you missed the live broadcast of the **53rd annual Christmas Concert** featuring **Higher Vision** on **Sunday • Dec. 13th** you can view it by going to our Facebook page.

Merry Christmas from ETC

Information regarding ETC events can be seen at www.cumberlandetc.com or you can "like" ETC on Facebook or watch the Advocate

School Board hears presentation on proposed High School remodeling project at December meeting

The Cumberland School Board met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 20th in the Middle School Commons.

The Board moved straight to their action items, postponing the district/administrator reports until after a presentation by Kraus Anderson/Wold Architects.

The first action item was the approval of Scott Friess' resignation as Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach. Next, the Board approved Debra Heise's resignation from her Food Service position due to retirement. Lastly, they approved the District's Neola (BoardDocs) Insurance Policy updates. The updates tweaked language to bring it in line with State requirements. No technical changes were made in the policies.

The Board then heard a presentation by Paul Aplikowski of Wold Architects and John Huenink of Krause Anderson on a proposed high school remodeling project to include demolition of the 1958 two-story portion of the building. Their presentation showed a conceptual diagram of what would be remodeled and what would be new construction. New construction would include a two-story academic wing, PE/Athletic gym, and auditorium. This phased project would be completed in the next three to four years, with construction beginning in late 2021 or 2022.

Business Manager, Steve Mann, laid out the steps the board would need to take to consider a potential referendum question to be placed on the April 6, 2021, ballot. State statutes require that the resolutions for any potential ballot question be approved 70 days prior to an election. The

Cumberland School Board will consider at the January meeting whether to include a question or questions on the spring 2021 ballot and what the dollar amount and scope should be.

At the completion of the presentation, the Board heard the district reports. First up was Lorne Majewski, Athletic Director who reported that the Boys Basketball season is continuing successfully and that the Winter sports (Girls Basketball, Wrestling, and Hockey) are off to a good start. Lorne also reported that there is ongoing discussion on expanding wrestling matches from two-team competitions to a quad format. He will keep the board updated.

Next, Jamie Shaffer, Director of Learning gave her update. She reported that the Department of Education has announced that all State testing must be done in person this year. While this does not pose a problem for Cumberland because we are open to in person learning, it might place a hardship on the other districts in the State that have not re-opened yet.

Jamie also reported that they are still gathering commitments for the second semester of the Island City Virtual Academy. So far, 31 students have committed to remaining in the ICVA, 32 will be returning to in-person classes, the rest have not committed as yet.

Tami Bowman, Director of Special Education reported that the Virtual IP meetings have been a great success, allowing for more involvement by parents through more flexible meeting schedules. Tami said that it has worked so well they may continue with the virtual meetings even after

COVID restrictions have been lifted.

District Nurse Kristin Olson gave the Board her COVID status report. Currently, there is only one positive COVID case amongst the students and staff in the Cumberland District. She added that there are seven students who are quarantining at home due to in school exposure and 15 quarantined due to out-of-school exposures. She was also relieved to report that the feared "post-Thanksgiving surge" of cases did not materialize, and that we currently have the lowest totals since September.

Kristin also addressed the new, shorter, quarantine guidelines. Basically, the district is erring on the side of caution and will continue to impose a 14 day quarantine requirement. It should be noted that students who are in quarantine are still "in class" through the blended learning program.

High School Principal Richie Narges reported that the Drama Club has come up with a new idea to replace the traditional musical/play this year. After last year's musical "Freaky Friday" had to be cancelled when the pandemic hit, and the plans to mount

it during Rutbaga Fest had to be scrapped, the Drama Club went back to the drawing board. Their solution is to write and produce their own movie! Scripts are being developed, and plans are underway and they hope to have it done by the Spring.

Narges also congratulated the Music department on their Holiday concerts, which were able to be given in person due to strict COVID distancing

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Library Holiday Schedule

The Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24, and Christmas Day, December 25, 2020. The Library will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1, 2021 and closing at 3:00 PM on New Year's Eve, December 31st.

After the holidays the library will continue to provide limited services (curbside service, online programming and assisting patrons with all requests). Please call us at 715-822-2767 or email cupl@cumberlandpl.org for assistance.

Please support the Food Pantry in The New Food Challenge

The Donation Match is Back!
A local donor has generously offered to match dollar for dollar all contributions made to our pantry up to **\$5000.00** until December 31st. Checks should be made payable to the Cumberland Area Community Food Pantry and can be mailed to Post Office Box 741 in Cumberland or brought to the food pantry any Friday from noon to 3:00 pm.
Your donations help us provide fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, eggs, meat and poultry to families in need. Thank you for your support of our food pantry.

Cumberland Area Community Food Pantry Board of Directors Jeff Streeter, Bruce Carlson, Cindi Schell, Pat Skinner, John Schell, Charlotte Carlson, Shay Horton & Tim DeFoe

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

In order to protect the health and safety of our Students, Teachers, Staff and families, Cumberland School District will be following the guidelines for social distancing for the upcoming school year. Also, all students, teachers and staff will be required to wear face coverings at the times when social distancing is not possible.

Thank you for your continued support of the **Cumberland School District. #CSDGoBeavers**

Upcoming Events
Thursday, December 24th thru Friday, January 1, 2020
SCHOOL CLOSED DISTRICT WIDE FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION

GO BEAVERS!

Reminder that all Cumberland High School Varsity and some lower level home events will be live streamed via YouTube, search Cumberland School District or go to the Athletics Page under High School on the District Website. Away events can also often be seen using the visiting school website.

Winter- CSD Indoor Spectator Expectations

- 4 tickets per athlete.
- No more than 150 spectators per school.
- Students through grade 6 are to be with their parents.
- Students in grades 7-12 are to sit in the student section or with their parents.
- All spectators are expected to...
 - wear face coverings.
 - use the hand sanitizing stations or wash hands when necessary.
 - sit as family units when possible.
 - practice physical distancing with others.
- Concessions are not available at this time.
- Spectator seating is not permitted in the first two rows of bleachers and the roped off areas behind the team benches.
- Visiting Fans will be seated in the Eastside bleachers opposite the scorer's table and team benches.
- Home Spectators will be seated in the Westside bleachers behind the scorer's table and team benches.
- Home Students will be seated behind the home team's bench.
- Doors will open 30 minutes before the start of the event and will close 10 minutes after the conclusion of the game.
- Spectators are not permitted on the court/floor at any time.

Cumberland Community Education is back with a great Outdoor Offering!

Hike-Yoga
Pam Baker, Instructor
Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
No charge for this 1st great "re-charge" for 2021 event!
Come join Pam Baker of Wildheart Yoga and Sue Greenway a member of The Ice Age Trail Alliance as they lead us in a Hike/ Yoga Trek.
Social Distancing • Good Exercise • Fun for all
The group will meet at the Timberland Hills lighted parking lot on the west side of Hwy. H about 7.5 miles north of Cumberland by 10 a.m. The trail is approximately 1.5 miles. If weather permits the group will make the loop twice with short yoga stops each time.
Questions or concerns? Susan Bridger, CCE Director, 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or emailing sbrid@csmail.com.

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Cumberland Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry continues to operate with pre-made boxes and drive-thru distribution according to the most recent directives from The Emergency Food Assistance Program, and we expect these regulations to continue through April 30, 2021. Because of the requirements on donated food, we are unable to accept public food donations. We thank those coming to the pantry for wearing masks and remaining in their cars during food pick-up and for practicing social distancing and hand washing and all those habits which help keep them and our volunteers safe.

Senior Dining
Weekday Breakfast, dining at 5, & the Sunday Community Breakfasts suspended until further notice. Grab and Go only until further notice.

Thurs, Dec. 24th: No Meals Served due to Holiday.

Fri, Dec. 25th: No Meals Served due to Holiday. Merry Christmas!

Mon, Dec. 28th: Creamy Chipped Beef served on an Open-Faced Biscuit, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Black Bean Brownie.

Tues, Dec. 29th: Egg Salad and Lettuce on a Croissant, Tomato Basil Soup, Fresh Fruit Plate w/Crackers, Cook's Choice Pie.

Wed, Dec. 30th: Chicken Chow Mein w/ Oriental Veggies, Brown Rice, Egg Roll, Whole Wheat Roll, Mandarin Oranges.

Northwoods Notebook: The cruel, beautiful memories of Christmas past

By Larry Werner

There is nothing that matches Christmas music for provoking memories both lovely and painful.

We thoroughly enjoyed the 53rd annual Community Choir Christmas Concert, even though the pandemic meant we had to watch it on Facebook rather than crowding into a local church with our Cumberland neighbors. John Westin assembled a magnificent cast of singers to provide us with the songs of the season that are like none other for evoking emotion.

We have music playing all day at our home, and I hesitate before choosing a holiday station. I hesitate because Christmas songs, beautiful as they are, take me back to people and times long gone.

Like my Uncle Floyd on Christmas Eve. I see him sitting in his chair every time I hear *Oh Holy Night*.

Uncle Floyd was my mother's little brother. Little, as in the youngest boy in a large family, and little in stature because of a disease that caused the bones of his legs to break repeatedly when he was a child. As a result, his legs didn't grow, but his upper body did. So he carried the weight of his body on crutches.

Despite his handicap, he worked his way through college selling encyclopedias, and, after graduating from Michigan State University, got a job keeping books for a trucking company. He became the treasurer for Short Freight Lines in my hometown of Bay City, Mich.

He lived with my grandparents, where we all gath-

ered on Christmas Eve for a visit from Santa Claus, who would sit down in the living room and give a gift to each of the grandchildren. I'll never forget the anxious anticipation waiting for Santa and the startling sound of the fat man's footfalls on Grandma Lukowski's wooden porch.

Years later, on break from college, I was asked to be Santa for my young cousins. I made a noisy entrance to scare the kids inside.

After Santa left with his sack empty, we'd line up in front of Grandpa Lukowski, who would give each of his grandchildren a dollar bill. Then we'd sit at uncle Floyd's feet to hear him sing what is still my favorite Christmas carol.

Oh holy night

The stars are brightly shining

It is the night

Of our dear Savior's birth

After I got my degree from Michigan State, I married and took a job in Louisville, Ky. My wife and I returned to Bay City for Christmas a couple years later and, of course, attended the Christmas Eve gathering at the home of my grandmother and Uncle Floyd, which was next door to my parents' home. Grandpa Lukowski had died years before.

That Christmas Eve was the last time we would hear Uncle Floyd's beautiful tenor voice.

We stayed with my parents on that visit and, the day after Christmas Day, woke up to loud voices outside the bedroom. I got up and learned that Uncle Floyd called during the

night, saying he was having chest pains. My parents took him to the hospital, where he died of a heart attack at age 48.

There are many other Christmas songs that bring back memories — happy and sad — of people and places from my 73 years on the planet. There is *I'll be Home for Christmas*, which takes me back to one Christmas in my Louisville living room wishing we could be with family in Michigan and wishing, before kids, that we had children to spoil with presents. And *Silent Night* takes me back to the end of midnight mass at St. Joseph Church.

Here's hoping your Christmas is merry in this unusual year when, like that year in Louisville, we won't be with family. A pandemic, rather than miles, is keeping us apart.. We'll get together by Zoom and, maybe, we'll sing *Oh Holy Night*.

But it won't be as good as uncle Floyd's version.

A thrill of hope

The weary world rejoices

For yonder breaks

A new and glorious morn

Merry Christmas!

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



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Sudoku Puzzle #4152-M

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NOVEL EXPERIENCES

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9 Edible fats
14 Forearm bone
15 Skin cream additive
16 Artic dweller
17 Saturated substances
18 Old Italian bread
19 US chemist
20 Best seller
23 Order member
24 Crackerjack
25 "Jo's Boys" author
29 Simpletons
31 Relative, for short
34 Heat home
35 "____ to a Grecian Urn"
36 Pompey's nemesis
37 Best seller
41 High schooler
42 Assistance, usually financial
43 Inflames
44 Age verifying cards

- 45 Combustible pile
46 Channel
47 Equalled
48 All-____
49 Best seller, with The
57 Mideast money
58 Ferrous metal
59 Blessing
60 Low card in poker
61 Sandwich filler
62 Absorbed by
63 African poachers' prize
64 Catches
65 Black powder

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3 Wager
4 Impulsive
5 Reddish brown
6 Adjust, in a way
7 Rushed heading
8 Hotfoot it
9 Fragrant flowers
10 Japanese cartoon
11 Yokel
12 A claim of rights
13 Mud hole
21 Meanwhile
22 Rubbernecked
25 Valuable violin
26 Like composition paper
27 Pens
28 Bad sign
29 Observation balloon
30 Baking term
31 Grab a base
32 Circle or peace

- 33 Flip, in a way
36 Give out
38 Personal statement
39 Lungful
40 Wrongdoing
45 Dave Winfield is the only Hall of Famer to wear this team's cap
46 Gladiatorial sites
47 Destroy
48 Use a cell
49 In ____ of (instead of)
50 Cross to bear
51 Partner of starts
52 Unwavering
53 Storklike bird
54 ____ Nanette
55 Reliable
56 Bratty child (sl.)
57 Banned pesticide

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

This has been such an unusual year — It has been difficult to get any Christmas spirit going. At least for us old fogies who no longer have little children in the house. But even though this year's celebrations will be quite a bit different than we are accustomed to, we will still be celebrating Christmas with phone calls to family and friends. And now we can see a light at the end of the tunnel — the vaccine will soon be readily available and maybe we can get back to our normal hugs from grandchildren rather than the "air hugs" we have been getting for the past nine months or so.

Pre-Christmas traditions are still going on in our family, just on a much smaller scale than in years past. For example, Lynn Thon invited Jamie Anderson and her twin daughters, Kaitlynn and Jessica, to her house one day this past week to make gingerbread houses. I stopped by for a short time to see how they were doing, and, I must say, I was impressed. Those girls are so artistic — While I was there they frosted the roofs of the houses, cut orange slices in half length-wise, and were using the slices to make shingles for roofs. It was a lot different than the little shacks with dabs of frosting and gum drops the kids and I used to make fifty years ago.

Lynn is going to do the same thing with Kane and Pierce Thon and Alex Anderson and one of his little friends this Wednesday. Kane, Pierce, Alex and friend are five years younger than the twins, and they are boys, so I'm thinking that things will be a little less organized. I could be wrong, but experience tells me that there will be frosting on more places than the cookies.

Suzy Lehmann and I went to Somerset last week to deliver some gingerbread

boys and girls to Alyse and Tru Lehmann. I hadn't seen Alyse and Tru since this past summer when we could visit outside, and I was so glad to be visiting with them, even if it was for a very short time. When this quarantine thing started Tru told me that people can't give family covid — Man, I wish that was true. (Tru is nine years old, so she is allowed to be blissfully ignorant of scientific facts.) We plan to spend a lot of time at the treehouse next summer to make up for all the lost "together" time we have suffered through this winter.

Ted Schoenhals stopped by with a note to let us know how he's doing with his planned rod and reel give-away in the spring. The note said that garage sales were bad this year, so he wasn't able to get as many used rods and reels as usual. He wanted to thank a man, who wished to remain anonymous, for the nine rods and seven reels that he donated. Peg Thompson donated five rods and four reels, so, with those and what he was able to get at garage sales, he has a total of thirty-three for the spring give-away. He said that this has been the worst year that he has had in the nine years that he has been giving fishing equipment to youngsters, but he is hoping things will be better soon. He also reminded us to stay safe. Thanks Ted. We think it is fantastic that you take the time and energy to get the rods and reels ready for giving to youngsters who want to learn to fish.

Sharai Hefty and Gary Rahn stopped by Sunday afternoon with a nice big bag of fresh fish fillets for Duane. He was happy about that. Duane used to do a lot of ice fishing, but for the past few years the cold has bothered him so much that he hasn't gone out. So we are very grateful when Gary generously shares his catch. I did drop a very subtle

hint to Sharai a couple days ago — I said, "By the way, Duane told me to tell you that he is out of fish." Well, maybe that wasn't exactly subtle, but it certainly worked.

Sanara Marsh celebrated her birthday on Sunday the 20th. I called to wish her a happy birthday, and she and Alex were out for a walk with their dog — in the beautiful winter wonderland of Worcester Massachusetts. (Good grief — if that child was going to move to the east coast, wouldn't you think she could have chosen a state that was easier to spell — like Vermont or something.) Anyway, she said that they had 14 inches of snow, that they were going to drive through the light shows that evening and then go out to dinner at a special place to celebrate her birthday. She and Alex will not be coming home for Christmas this year, but they will be back to visit in the summer.

Olivia Marsh had a birthday on the 21st. Olivia will be home for a few weeks now, between semesters at Arizona State. Olivia's birthday is easy to remember because her mom's name is Summer, and I think it is so neat that Summer had a baby on the first day of winter. Happy birthday Olivia — I hope we will be able to visit while you are at home.

Church service was cancelled at Barronett Lutheran this past Sunday because Pastor Todd was not feeling well. We all hope that he feels better soon, and in the meantime, that he relaxes and takes some down-time.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. Duane and I wish you a very merry Christmas. Stay safe while you are celebrating. See you next week. Oh, by the way, if you have any New Year's resolutions you would like to tell us about, please feel free to call me. I'll tell others so they can help keep you on track.



Public Health COVID-19 Response

Public Health plays an important role in stopping the spread of COVID-19 by following up with positive cases and tracing their contacts. Individuals that could spread the disease are quarantined and monitored by public health.



Current Risk Level



Tipping Point

25+ CASES PER
100,000 people

Stay-at-home
measures
necessary

- On Track for Containment
- Community Spread
- Accelerated Spread
- Tipping Point

<https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>

275

Active Cases

53

Deaths
(Total)

20,677

Tested
(total)

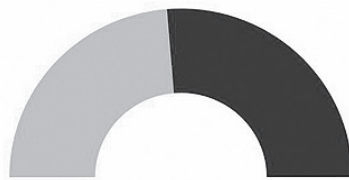
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Confirmed
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92.2%

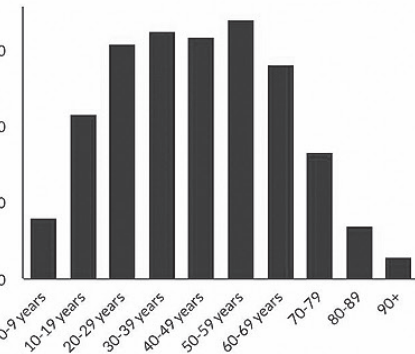
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(3,928 total)

Gender of Confirmed Cases



Male (47.4%) Female (52.6%)

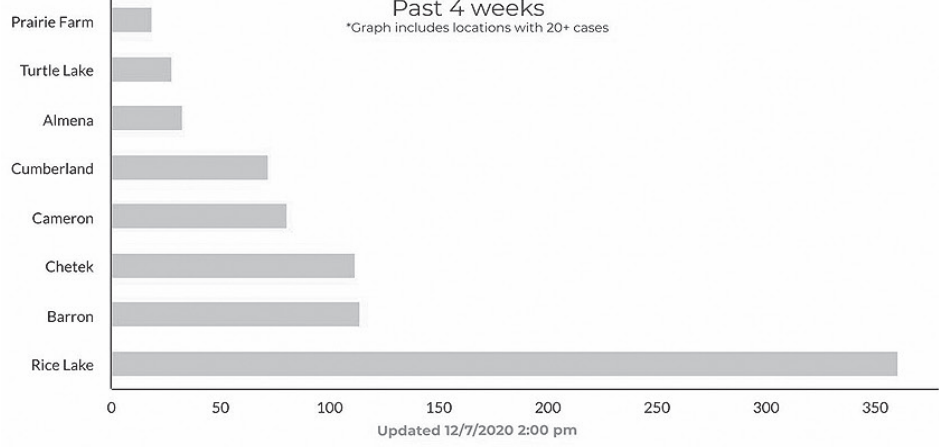
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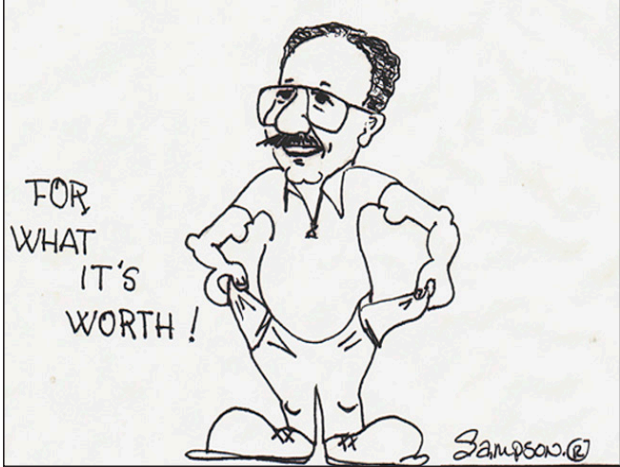


Location of Confirmed Cases

Past 4 weeks

*Graph includes locations with 20+ cases





By Craig Bucher

It is almost Christmas 2020. When I look back at 2020 it has been quite a year since Christmas 2019. We have seen the terrible virus that has killed over 300,000 of our fellow citizens. We have witnessed the tumult of the presidential election with the continuing saga of a President desperately trying to hang on to his office. We have witnessed the collapse of the economy due to the effects of the virus. All of these things have colored the year 2020. However, for Christians all over the world the date, of December 25, still carries a magical wondrous image. Once again we know that the commemoration of the birth of Jesus makes the world, with all of its problems, all right. That little baby born in a stable in a little town of Bethlehem makes this life with all its problems ok. This will be the first year in a long time that we will be alone on Christmas. We will not be able to celebrate with our family or at our church. It will be strange but we will celebrate the birth of Jesus and that makes every thing peaceful and wonderful. If you are going to be alone this Christmas think of the birth of Jesus and everything will work to make for a great Christmas. Sharon and I wish you and all your family a blessed Christmas. The third verse of the carol “Behold a Branch is Growing” has always been a favorite of mine. I hope it will become a favorite of yours.

*“The shepherds heard the story, Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ the Lord of Glory, was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped And in the manger found Him, As angel heralds said.”*
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

LETTERS Editor

Letter from the Editor:

It's been seven long weeks since the November 3rd election. Covid is still roaring across the country and the rest of the world. Small businesses throughout America are struggling. The cold of winter is setting in. There is hope on the horizon however as vaccines have been distributed throughout the country.

I took a photo at Cumberland Healthcare last Wednesday of Dr. Carlson receiving the first Covid-19 vaccine shot. Other Healthcare workers soon followed. Soon it will be available to elderly at risk and the rest of the people to follow. We all need to do what we can to help. Shop local. Our merchants need our help. Continue to wear face coverings to help slow the spread.

In Response to the LTE of Voter Fraud

To the Editor:

I read with dismay a letter to the editor which appeared in the December 9 issue of the *Cumberland Advocate*. It referred to several instances of alleged voter fraud. So I decided to do a little searching on the internet, and this is what I learned.

The writer referred to voter fraud in Georgia. According to the December 4 *Daily Mail*, the Georgia Secretary of State Office, led by Republican Brad Raffensberger, and also Georgia's elections manager Gabriel Sterling, reported that nothing improper occurred with the suitcases of mail.

Do what you can to help. Everything adds up.

When it comes to the election, we need to move on. Republican or Democrat, we are all in this together. As many of you know, my father wears his heart on his sleeves. That is OK! It is his OPINION as it says right above his weekly column. We often don't agree on some things and again that is OK. Letters to the Editor are always welcome. That is what the space is for. To express your opinion. Again, lets all try to band together in these tough times. As the old saying goes, the sun will come up tomorrow. Lets hope when tomorrow comes, we are all in a little better place.

Paul Bucher
Publisher

Regarding Melissa Carone's testimony of ballots being counted 9 to 10 times in Michigan, the December 3 *Washington Post* stated that the Wayne County Judge ruled her allegations were "simply not credible."

When reading online about all the voting issues in Nevada, the November 7 *CNBC* website stated the Clark County voter registrar, Joe Gloria, was not aware of any improper ballots; other websites listed a number of instances of voter fraud, which were never substantiated.

The November 23 article by David Aaro of *Fox News*



Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

If and when you get the chance, COVID-19 vaccination makes historic sense

By Tom Still

MADISON, WI: If you are among the half of all Americans who are leaning against or not sure about getting a COVID-19 vaccination, relax: Chances are pretty good you can't get a shot until spring, anyway.

That gives you plenty of time to think about why you're opposed or wavering – and to watch what happens as the first vaccination waves play out.

There are a mix of reasons why many people are on the fence about getting vaccinated. A quarter of all Americans recently told national pollsters they're not worried about getting the coronavirus, despite 300,000 reasons to reconsider.

Other people would rather wait and see how front-line health workers in the United States react to the Pfizer vaccine rollout. Others might watch for early results in the United Kingdom and Canada. Still others might fret that “Operation Warp Speed,” as President Trump called the multi-billion-dollar vaccine push, cut a corner somewhere along the line. Sophisticated science-watchers might hold out for the Moderna vaccine, which flips switches differently in the human immune system.

There are also significant numbers of people who still believe vaccines are useless and even dangerous, despite more than 200 years of evidence to the contrary. Not that vaccine opponents place much stock in World Health Organization pronouncements, but a WHO bulletin in 2008 concluded that vaccines have done more to reduce deaths, disabilities, and illness than any public health advance in history except for clean water.

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parents who worried their children would come down with this crippling disease. The 1960s brought vaccines for measles (1963), mumps (1967) and rubella (1969), also combined into a single vaccine in 1971.

Succeeding decades saw the introduction of vaccines for hepatitis B and A, pneumonia, shingles and more. Perhaps it was the proliferation of vaccines that led to people asking whether too many treatments could compromise immune systems, alter DNA or trigger other reactions, but the evidence suggests otherwise.

Some diseases have been eradicated or nearly so; others have been held largely in check. Unfortunately, public memories don't extend back to a time when the diseases targeted by modern vaccines caused widespread misery and death – especially among children.

Today's vaccines are tested rigorously by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which with the oversight of its external review boards, is the world's gold standard. Of course, no vaccine is 100 percent effective, very few

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First reported that Michael Steel, spokesman for Dominion voting machines, said it is physically impossible to alter votes in the system.

Lastly, I couldn't find anything online about someone named Louis Whies who had been sentenced to prison for voter fraud. However, I learned that Christopher Williams had been indicted for voter fraud in June 2019. Naturally, there are always going to be cases of voter fraud in every election we have or ever had.

I am an election worker for the Town of Cumberland. We are trained in running safe, secure elections. I have complete confidence in our township clerk and in all the other poll workers as well as in the voting machines used in our township. If running elections in our little part of the world reflects the due diligence that happens at voting sites throughout our country, I have total confidence in the security of our elections.

The Electoral College has certified that Joe Biden will be our next President. The charges of fraud in our election, the conspiracy theories pushed by Trump and Giuliani, and the numerous lawsuits brought by impacting countries around the world. It has created division among family and friends as I've never seen before, and violent acts have been directed toward election officials. Bad actors from Russia are expected when we have an election. But it is truly scary if we have actors within our own country who try to suppress voting. The world is watching.

I hope and pray that we can once again come together as a country and put our faith and trust in our Constitution and the Rule of Law.

Darlene Bratager
Cumberland

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are “one-and-done” injections and no clinical trial can involve enough people to ensure zero side-effects for everyone.

Within those parameters, the prospects for a safe and largely effective COVID-19 vaccine are very strong. Such vaccines cannot help, however, if they remain inside a vial and not in your body.

Even if you're cautious for various health reasons, think about the economic impact of reasonably widespread COVID-19 vaccinations. Public confidence will rebuild, businesses of all types can get back to business, and many jobs sidelined by the virus may return. You can be skeptical about science and still want life to return somewhat to normal.

Take your time. Examine the facts. Message your healthcare provider. By the time it's your turn to get vaccinated for COVID-19, you'll likely conclude that vaccine history is safely and effectively on your side.

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A Look Back

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60 Years Ago

December 29, 1960
John P. Anderson, Cumberland High School band director, received word last week that he was elected to membership in the Wisconsin Bandmasters' Association. The Association, formed in 1937, is made up of about 75 of the leading bandsmen in the state. Anderson has been CHS band director since 1944 and is very well known throughout musical circles in both area and the state.

70 Years Ago

December 28, 1950
George Poukey, long active Boy Scout in Cumberland, will receive the Scouter's Award at the annual Chippewa Valley Council Banquet in Eau Claire on January 10th.

Sam Ranallo won first place in the annual Advocate Christmas home lighting contest. Second place was given to Clarence Burton, and third place went to Bob Harkness.

90 years Ago

December 25, 1930

Well over 400 people Saw the Cumberland Beavers take a well played game from St. Croix Falls Five last Thursday evening by a score of 24-16. Each Cumberland player scored at least once in the first half, while St. Croix was able to connect only twice. By half time the score was 16-5.

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Complaints

Michael A. Stover, 48, of Almena, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for December 10, 2020.

Franklin W. Means, 40, of Washburn, has been charged with obstructing an officer, and disorderly conduct. His court trial is scheduled for February 22, 2021.

Garrett A. Stephan, 38, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating an off highway vehicle on private land without owner's consent, and utility terrain vehicle-operate unregistered vehicle. His court date is scheduled for January 20, 2021.

Jason R. Linder, 46, of Barron, has been charged with trespass to land. His court date is scheduled for January 13, 2021.

Allen N. Gordon, 37, of Superior, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for January 27, 2021.

William P. Bertrand, 33, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for January 27, 2021.

Hayward Man Takes Cash at Knifepoint Outside Family Dollar

Carlos D. Smith, of Hayward has been charged with allegedly robbing someone at knifepoint at a Family Dollar Store.

On November 8, 2020, Sawyer County Dispatch received a 911 call from an individual who stated that they had just been robbed at knifepoint outside the store in Hayward.

The victim stated that they were loading groceries in their vehicle when they were approached by a male. As the male approached the victim, the victim was putting \$50 into their wallet. The male suspect said, "Hey remember me! Give me that" and then grabbed the victim's money out of their wallet.

As the victim began to raise their hand to defend themselves, the suspect allegedly pulled a knife out of his waistband, swinging it at the victim. The victim fled the scene in their vehicle.

When officers arrived at the store, they located a male who matched the description provided by the victim. During a search, they did locate a knife matching the description

provided by the victim.

When asked what happened in the parking lot, Smith told officers that someone had approached him outside the store wanting to purchase drugs and that when Smith told the person that he doesn't sell drugs, the person tried to stab Smith with an unknown object.

Sawyer County Dispatch advised officers that there was an active arrest warrant for Smith for failure to appear in Court on a pending Sawyer County Circuit Court case charging him with operating while revoked. According to the criminal complaint, it states that when officers took Smith into custody on the arrest warrant, they found \$50.00 cash in the same denominations as described by the victim in Smith's pocket. Officers also found a smoking device which tested positive for methamphetamine.

Smith is facing charges of Class C Felony Armed Robbery with threat of force, Misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct, and Misdemeanor Possess Drug Paraphernalia.

One of Two People Arrested for Drug House Bust in Polk County

In March of 2020, a search warrant was executed at a residence located in Polk County, that led to the discovery of a drug house.

Law enforcement found 85 grams of marijuana and a glass marijuana pipe inside of a tool bag. Also found by investigators were multiple items of packaging material such as baggies and a digital scale as well as multiple packages containing methamphetamine and marijuana located in

different areas of the residence and property.

When Officers arrived on scene, they found Jaqualyne Bruns and Steven Bruns inside the residence. Steven was attempting to flush items down the toilet. A baggie that was recovered contained a substance that tested positive for methamphetamine. Jaqualyne and Steven were taken into custody. Steven managed to exit the squad car that he was placed in, and fled the scene, still wearing handcuffs. He was taken back into custody within a matter of hours.

The court ordered a two year withheld sentence for Jaqualyne with two years of probation. If she does not comply with the terms, she may be subject to 86 days of conditional jail time. Jaqualyne was charged with class I felony possession of THC, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Steven was charged with class H felony escape-criminal arrest, class I felony maintain drug trafficking place, class I felony possess w/intent THC, class I felony possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor criminal damage to property.

Holiday highway safety campaign begins

"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign runs through January 1

To enhance public safety and discourage impaired driving, law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin will patrol in greater numbers and for longer hours watching for impaired drivers. The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" holiday safety campaign began Friday, December 18 and continues through New Year's Day.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) uses federal funds to support stepped-up law enforcement efforts along with public education and outreach to help deter impaired driving.

"Reports indicate that alcohol and drug use has increased nationwide during the pandemic," WisDOT Secretary-designee Craig Thompson said. "We need all drivers to make smart, responsible decisions and make this a safe holiday season."

In 2020, fatal crashes in Wisconsin involving an impaired driver, year to date, increased by 23 percent. This increase follows several years of declining numbers.

"This campaign is not about stopping or arresting motorists. It's about saving lives and preventing needless tragedies," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Anthony Burrell said. "Motorists can do their part by buckling up, driving sober and avoiding distractions."

While alcohol-impaired driving remains a concern,

Sheriff forms Citizen Action and Advisory Team

by Chris Fitzgerald, Barron County Sheriff

The Sheriff's Department would like to announce the formation of the Citizen Action and Advisory Team. The team, which will advise and help the Sheriff, the department and the community on different issues, consists of 14 members: Chris Allen, Anna DeMers, Colleen Erb, Thomas Bearheart, Sue Zahrbock, Clare Janty, Nikki Thompson, Dan Erickson, P e t e r Muschinske, Mary Hoeft, Otieno Oduor, ShariAnn Katterhagen, Sheena Mann, and Heaven Hightower.

Eight of these people were chosen by the Sheriff from 38 applications and then those eight choose the remainder of the team. The team will now start meeting monthly starting in January to discuss topics in the community that can help all of us, including our law enforcement, make Barron County even better.

Some of the topics include:

- Domestic Abuse-Embrace
- Race-Diversity
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Homelessness
- Law Enforcement - Hiring, Use of force, Procedures

And others as the need arises.

The plan of the group is to pick a topic, educate themselves on it, with the use of small groups including inviting many of the others who wanted to join this team to help, and then educate the community or law enforcement on the issue to help us all grow. The plan is to continue to let people know what the group is doing through press release and hosting events.

I want to thank all the people who applied to serve on this team and look forward to tackling any issue from different perspectives and putting Barron County ahead of the curve when it come addressing issues and formulating solutions.

mom was at work.

Officer Posey's report indicates that he made contact with Nunemaker after his interview with the child. When he explained to Nunemaker why he was there, Nunemaker indicated that he knew and further stated, "there is a situation that has arisen, that I regret that I don't fully understand myself."

When he was asked if there were certain times that he would do things with the child, he indicated it was when her mother was at work. When he was asked if the mother had known about any of these incidents, he indicated that she didn't have a clue. When he was asked how long this has been going on, he indicated it was started before Halloween. He continued to deny that he received any sexual gratification from watching the child go to the bathroom. He also denied taking any pictures or videos of her naked.

If convicted, Nunemaker may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 60 years. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for December 23, 2020.

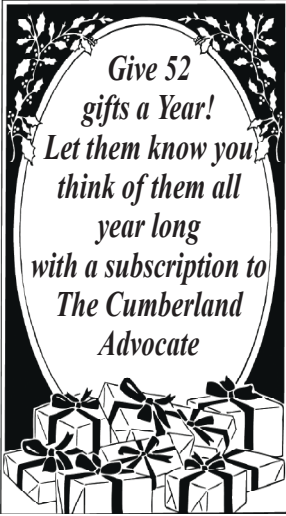
Fatal one car crash near Chetek

On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 4:11 a.m., the Barron County Sheriff's Department received a call of a one vehicle rollover accident on 20th Street west of Chetek.

Deputies from the Barron County Sheriff's Department along with the Chetek Ambulance, Dallas Fire and Life Link Helicopter all responded to the scene.

Initial investigation showed a 2002 Honda Acura vehicle was traveling north on 20th Street and lost control rolling several times. The driver, Jonathon Lee, 29 of Chetek was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation by the Barron County Sheriff's Department and the Barron County Medical Examiner's Office. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:

There will be no parking on any city street between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day between November 1 through April 1. Violators may be ticketed or towed.

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Sports

Boys Drop HON Pair; Next Game on December 30th

The Cumberland Boys Basketball Team dropped a pair of Conference games last week, losing close contest to Spooner, 55-52 and Ladysmith, 50-47. The team played Northwestern on Tuesday and will then be off until December 30, when they travel to Shell Lake for a non-conference game.

Both games were close contests, in which the Beavers would lead at one point, but could not finish. “We certainly are not about making excuses but we haven’t had a full team practice since the end of November. That makes it really hard to make adjustments and have any form of chemistry. We will get better,” said Coach Corey Berghammer.

Cumberland would play well during the middle of Tuesday’s loss to Spooner, but would struggle to start and then finish the game.

A tough Spooner zone defense and several early Beaver turnovers helped the Rails race to a 16-2 lead eight minutes into the contest. Cumberland would then go on a 12-0 run over the games next three minutes to close the deficit to 16-14. By half, the Red and White would rebound from its slow start to lead 26-25.

The lead would go back and forth and with 3:29 to play, Cumberland led 50-46. Spooner would outscore the Beavers 9 to 2 from this point on, however, to pull out the victory.

“We didn’t do the fundamental things it takes to win a game. We didn’t box out, we didn’t help on defense, and we turned the ball over too many times. Spooner was more consistent than we were and did the things it takes to win better than we did,” said Coach Berg-

hammer.

Travis Runberg led the Beavers with 14 points, while Jax Effertz added 12, Matthew Friess 10 and DaShaun Ames nine. Effertz had a team-high eight rebounds, while Ames led Cumberland with seven assists. Cumberland had 18 turnovers in the loss.

The Friday contest against Ladysmith saw both teams playing zone, with the Lumberjacks taking a 20-18 halftime lead. The Beavers again struggled with turnovers and missed shots.

The team came out in the second half and moved the ball around the zone more quickly, while getting the ball inside for some easier shots. They would build a 42-35 lead at one point to move close to victory. Unfortunately, they would get outscored 15 to 5 over the games final minutes as Ladysmith rallied for the win.

“We just couldn’t get a basket on offense or a stop on defense when we needed one,” said Coach Berghammer.

Jack Martens led the Beavers with 11 points, while Jax Effertz and Josh Martens added nine points each. Effertz added 11 rebounds and Dashaun Ames five assists for Cumberland. The Beavers would shoot 36 percent from the floor in the game.

HON Boys Basketball Standings:

1. Northwestern	3-0
2. Cameron	2-0
3. Spooner	3-1
3. Barron	3-1
4. Ladysmith	2-1
5. SCF	2-2
6. Hayward	1-3
7. C/W	0-4
7. Cumberland	0-4
9. Bloomer	0-0
(All games cancelled through 12-20)	

Icemen suffer tough loss to Ashland

The Icemen took to the ice last Wednesday, December 16, vs the Ashland Oredocker’s. Ashland would get on the board first scoring at 9:02 of the first period on an even strength goal. A little over 5 minutes later the locals tied the score on a Gavin Gordon power play goal. Brady Johannes picked up the lone assist on the goal. The game would remain tied until the 3rd period when the Icemen took a 2-1 just 1:43 into the period. Lucas Anderson found the back of the net with an assist going to Lucas Pond. Ashland would tie the score at 13:51 of the period on a power play goal. The Oredockers then netted the game winner with just 46 seconds left in regulation again on the power play to take a 3-2 win. Connor Morrison made 15 saves for the Icemen while Travis Alajoki had 25 saves for Ashland.

Coach Cutsforth stated,

“We really felt like we were in control for the majority of the game. Although we were controlling the pace and outshooting them, we just couldn’t get the puck in the net when we created what I thought were fantastic opportunities. Ashland is always a tough game, but we really should’ve been in a better position to win the game prior to the last half of the 3rd period.”

“All the games that we have lost this year have been by 1 goal so we are definitely being competitive, but I know once we correct a couple of issues with our game, we will be a tough team to play against.”

It was disappointing to have Tomah have to cancel last Friday due to Covid exposures, but the safety of everyone is the priority in these situations. I’m hoping that we will get to reschedule that game as they are another tough team to play.”

Wrestlers Defeat Chetek/Weyerhaeuser in HON Opener

The Cumberland Wrestling Team moved to 2 and 0 on the year by opening up the HON wrestling season with a 48-24 victory over Chetek/Weyerhaeuser in a match held in Elmer Beran Gymnasium last Tuesday night. The team wrestled at St. Croix Falls on Tuesday and are then off until January 5, when they take on the Ladysmith Lumberjacks.

With C/W forfeiting six matches and two double forfeits, there were only four actual matches on the night. In those, Cumberland’s Isaac Runstrom picked up a pin in 1:30 at 182 pounds, while Dawson Johnson pinned his C/W wrestler in a quick 46 seconds. Those two wins gave the Beavers their 48 points on the night.

Support your friends and neighbors!
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DaShaun Ames dribbles around a Spooner defender last week in Spooner. The Rails snuck by the Beavers 55-52. Photo by Erin Schmitz




#16 Lucas Anderson races an Ashland skater into the offensive zone last Wednesday at Spooner. The Icemen fell short 3-2




#26 Carter Bickle checks an Oredocker into the boards last Wednesday at Spooner.

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12/25 Fri	1:01	7:12	1:23	7:33	07:44	04:24	1:46p	3:16a	8:57p	8:35a	
12/26 Sat	1:39	7:50	2:02	8:13	07:45	04:25	2:11p	4:20a	9:42p	9:19a	
12/27 Sun	2:20	8:32	2:44	8:56	07:45	04:26	2:42p	5:24a	10:30p	10:06a	
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12/29 Tue >	3:53	10:06	4:19	10:32	07:45	04:27	4:06p	7:28a	No Moon	11:48a	

Major = 2 hours/Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window

F=Full Moon N=New Moon Q=Quarter Moon > = Peak Activity

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

Thin Ice!

Hello friends,
The day rifle season ended November 29th, was the end of my busy season. It starts when you can plant potatoes and ends each fall on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. This was the 32nd year in row that I have worn myself down to literally the last of what I can take, and I can honestly say, I am now in my easy season. Almost zero hobby farming, no bear baiting, and the food plot is put to sleep.

My first trip in the "easy season" is one I was looking forward to for months, if it could happen and that is what you are about to read about

Monday, December 7th
High 34, low 22

The last few days people have been ice fishing on the back waters of the Yellow River near Necedah, so that guaranteed my plan could go forward. My trip would have me heading over to Durand and living on the ice. I was going to fish with tip ups for northern pike in the middle of the day and hunt with my muzzle loader in the mornings and late afternoon.

I would be on backwaters of the Chippewa River and with both a buck and doe tag, I was well aware that this was going to be a meat and fish creating adventure.

This is the same area that I canoe into in the fall. Because of a steep ridgeline and private access, the only way to get to my destination which is about a mile from the landing is by watercraft or walking on the ice.

Last fall and the year before I had slight difficulties with a hunter who has private access and claimed that due to his trail cameras being on this public land, he has first dibs, today I figured he would be long gone.

I pull up to the landing with a truck full of gear and a cart to haul it, and low and behold the shore ice is not going to hold me, my balloon was burst! I went

for a hike and did come across an active buck scrape on public land and when I tried to go further the steep ridgeline told me there was no way I was going to make it to the promised land.

Long story short, I found a place to put up a stand, built camp on land and went hunting. First hunt, it is like hunting in the fall, perfectly comfortable conditions, no snow, no deer.

Tuesday, December 8th
High 41, low 27

On my hike to my stand there is a skinned out beaver carcass, I start thinking fisher trapping bait. My morning hunt does not include me seeing any deer, but I have incredibly high hopes that I will harvest an adult deer on the afternoon hunt. I go back to camp and take a first-rate nap.

Afternoon hunt, I cannot tell you how bad I want to go back to the promised land, but I can't and to seal the deal the ice is melting. In my life, venison is a regular part of the diet and there are five of us eating it. At this point I have 100-pounds of boneless venison in the freezer, I need 180.

No deer came by in my view. Tonight, at camp I cooked venison steak, drank two cans of Pabst, and thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Wednesday, December 9th
High 48, low 29

I had plenty of time both in the tree and at camp. There was an abundance of woodpeckers and I kept thinking, who the heck wants to pound on a tree with their beak for an entire lifetime to hopefully find very tiny insects, does the beak and skull age?

Also, something I think that a lot of people do not think about is the affect that falling trees sometimes have in the forest. When a tree falls it changes the direction of deer trails and it really wreaks havoc with neighboring trees.

This redneck ended up hauling that beaver car-



When a tree falls it can have a profound effect on other trees in it's area.



Poor ice conditions eliminated ice fishing from this hunt.

cass out of the woods and did not see a deer.

After breaking camp, I had an idea and I acted on it. I spoke with three landowners that have property near where my hunt was supposed to take place. All I wanted was access for the times I get iced out and though the deal is not sealed, I think it will happen. No matter how adverse your situation, the sun always comes up in the morning! **Sunset**

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Jax Effertz hits the floor chasing down loose ball during the Beavers loss to Ladysmith.

Girl's Basketball Team Loses to Ladysmith and Northwestern

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team dropped a pair of contest last week, losing to Ladysmith, 49-27 and Northwestern 70-43. The team played Grantsburg on Monday and are then off until December 29 when they play at Shell Lake in a Boys and Girls doubleheader.

"We ran into two good teams on back-to-back days, who both shot the ball extremely well. There were periods of time where the girls played quite well and I hope once we can get the whole team in the gym for a few practices in a row things will start falling into place. The past week was a difficult one, but I think we learned quite a bit and found a lot of positives in tough losses that can be

used to build going forward," said Coach Brian Dutton. The girls are 1 and 3 on the young season.

Maisen Gores led the effort against Ladysmith with 14 points and nine rebounds. Mecina Garibaldi added five points and a team-high four assists.

Against Northwestern, Gores had 12 points, Anna Ranallo added nine and Orion Thompson had seven.

HON Standings:

1. Barron	5-1
1. Northwestern	5-1
3. SCF	4-1
4. Ladysmith	3-1
5. Hayward	2-2
6. Cumberland	1-3
7. C/W	1-4
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Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccination Report

Wisconsin began administering the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized it for emergency use on December 11. The first shipments of vaccine arrived in Wisconsin on Monday, December 14, with the first vaccinations occurring that afternoon.

On December 18, the FDA authorized the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

for emergency use in individuals 18 years of age and older to prevent COVID 19 and the first shipment is expected to arrive in Wisconsin soon.

As of end of the day on December 20, 2020, the state's vaccine data are as follows:

- 84,825 doses of Pfizer/BioNTech and 100,000 doses of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine have been allocated to Wisconsin

- 10,358 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered and reported to the Wisconsin Immunization Registry, including 10,358 doses of Pfizer/BioNTech

Vaccinating entities are doing everything they can to administer COVID-19 vaccine quickly while prioritizing safety. As efforts ramp up, we expect to see total doses administered keep pace with shipment.

More information on COVID-19 vaccine in Wisconsin can be found on the DHS website. DHS will be releasing additional data on COVID-19 vaccinations soon.

Find the latest information about Wisconsin's COVID-19 response on the DHS COVID-19 webpage, and follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, and @dhs.wi on Instagram.

Free COVID-19 Testing in Barron Continues

The Wisconsin National Guard will be offering free drive through COVID-19 testing in Barron County. Free testing will be available on the following dates:

- December-22
- January- 5, 12, 19, 26 (each Tuesday)
- February- 2, 9, 16, 23 (each Tuesday)
- March- 2, 9

Testing will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The testing site is located at the Barron Fire Department,

28 S. 4th Street Barron, Wisconsin. Testing is open to all Wisconsin residents ages five and up.

“We are excited to be able to continue offering this service for our community”, said Barron County Health Officer Laura Sauve. “Anyone who is experiencing symptoms, or has been in close contact with someone who tested positive is encouraged to go and be tested.”

You can register the day

of your test here <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/> or you can register in person when you arrive.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

- Congestion or runny nose

- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you have questions about COVID-19, please dial 2-1-1. You can also text COVID-19 to 211-211. For the latest information, follow Barron County Public Health on Facebook or visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website.

A Fun Look Back!



John Cook, an 18-year old Cumberland High School Senior, rolled the first 300-game on the Club Bowling lanes on February 28, 1961. A starter on the High School Basketball Team at the time, Cook said he got his bowling pointers from, “Watching bowlers on TV.” It was the second perfect game in the city, the first bowled by Lee Hines in 1913 in the basement of Ellen-son Furniture Store (Uecke Opera House).

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OBITUARIES



Carol Kellermann

Carol (Krantz) Kellermann was born December 23, 1937 at Cumberland Hospital to Carl Axel and Minnie Krantz, the youngest of nine children. Carol grew up on a 1080 acre farm near Timberland and attended school at Shell Lake and church at Barronett Lutheran where she was baptized and confirmed. She graduated from Shell Lake High School in 1955 and attended the University of Wisconsin - River Falls (which was called "moo tech" at the time).

On October 26, 1957, she married Jim Kellermann, moved to Cumberland, and raised two children David and Karen. Employed at Cumberland Memorial Hospital/Extended Care Unit December 7, 1957 until retirement on December 31, 2000,

filling many positions from receptionist to administrator over the 43 year period. Carol's involvement in community organizations included the following: American Red Cross Blood Bank, Cumberland Music Club, Island City Women's Club, Girl Scouts, United Fund, Kinship, Education Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, CMH/ECU Auxiliary, member of First United Methodist Church serving as financial secretary, choir and UMW.

Following retirement, she volunteered at the Cumberland Elementary School working with children for 20 years which was very enjoyable and rewarding. She enjoyed music, working outdoors (even shoveling snow! She was fussy about it), plants, but most of her life revolved around family and community - church, chamber, and kinship. Carol passed away at home on December 20, 2020, in the company of her family.

Carol was preceded in death by husband Jim; brothers Carl "Donald", Buford, Vincent "Bud", Gordon, and Calvin Krantz; sisters: Shirley Bostick, Charlotte Martin, Clarice Hopkins. Survived by children: David

and Karen (David) Whitman of Cumberland, five grandchildren: Brennan, Breanna, Blake, Maryssa, and Kyle and numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A private service will be live-streamed on Facebook at 11:00 AM Monday, December 28, 2020, from the United Methodist Church in Cumberland with Pastor Mike Brubaker officiating and burial to follow at Lakeside Cemetery in Cumberland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to Cumberland First United Methodist Church, Kinship of Cumberland/Turtle Lake, and Cumberland Educational Foundation. Online condolences may be offered at skinnerfh.com.



William P. Hansen

On Friday, December 18, 2020, William Peter "Pete" Hansen, age 83, passed away peacefully at his home in Spooner, after a long battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his children and wife of 62 years, Carlene.

Pete was born on January 10, 1937 in Leetsville, Michigan to John and Evelyn Hansen. He and his family moved from Michigan to Sparta, Wisconsin and later settled in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. After graduating in 1955, he joined the Navy. Once finished with bootcamp, he trained and then worked as an aviation electronics technician. In 1957 he was stationed in Brunswick, Maine, where he met Carlene on a blind date. They were married a year later, on May 17, 1958. In 1959, after hav-

ing their first child, Bill, they then moved from Auburn, Maine to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. They had four more children, Mary, Sue, Jack, and Dan, before putting their roots down in Spooner, Wisconsin in 1970. Pete started working at Auto Glass Specialists soon after and eventually started his own auto glass business, Northwest Auto Glass. After retiring from the glass business in 1998, he used his many talents at other various jobs before retiring permanently in 2007.

In Pete's younger years he loved woodworking, bowling, golfing, hunting, fishing, picking berries, and spending time at the family cabin. Some of his other interests included bird watching, using his computer, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and watching the Packers. He was also an active member of the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Spooner. The thing he was known to love the most though, was his family. He was a hardworking, kind, patient, and generous man, who was admired by many and adored by his family.

He is survived by his wife Carlene; sons, William "Bill" Hansen Jr. (Mary), John "Jack" Hansen (Sami), Dan-

iel "Dan" Hansen; daughter, Mary Hansen (Jim); brothers, Larry and Cliff; sisters, Barb, Ruth, and Marian; grandchildren, Stephanie, Alicia, Joey, Becky, Jessica, Erica, Nick, Alina, Alec, Hollee, Kellee, Lexee, Opal and Marcus; 11 great-grandchildren and many friends.

Pete was preceded in death by his father, John and mother Evelyn; daughter, Susan; brother Jim and granddaughter Sarah.

A private family funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 26, 2020 at Spooner Funeral Home with Father Ed Anderson officiating. Interment will be at Northern Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery in Spooner. The family is also planning a celebration of life, for all those who wish to join, when warmer weather permits.

In-lieu-of flowers, please consider donations in Pete's name to Disabled American Veterans or Regional Hospice Services.

Obituaries cont'd on pg. 10



Church Directory

"Praise God this Christmas - Safely"

by Rev. Diane House,
Trinity Lutheran Church, McKinley

Tomorrow is Christmas Eve. Usually many of us would gather together in our churches to hear the familiar story of the birth of Jesus from the gospel of Luke. This year will prove to be very different for many of us. If we gather in our church buildings we are encouraged not to sing or speak out loud together. We will be masked and quietly following health safety guidelines to prevent the spread of a deadly virus. Some of us may brave the cold and gather in church parking lots for a brief outdoor and physically distanced worship service.

To be very safe, some of us will not be gathering in the building at all, but will worship in the safety of our own homes by some virtual means. I myself have recorded the Christmas Eve worship service to be posted to social media as well as youtube so that the congregation members can safely worship in their own homes gathered with those with whom they have been sheltering. Our congregational councils listened to the concerns of our members and decided this was the safest way to worship on Christmas Eve.

What matters most is that we worship. That is the most faithful response to the news that Christ is born. When the angels appeared to the shepherds who were going about their ordinary business of caring for their flocks, that was their immediate response. They said to one another: *"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place that the Lord has made known to us."* In response to a very out of the ordinary event, they went and they worshipped.

We have been in the midst of a very out of the ordinary event for the better part of 2020. We can grieve the changes this event has forced upon us. We can also be thankful for all the ways we safeguard the health and safety of our neighbors. What matters most is for us to praise God for all the ways that God has helped us through this pandemic. I encourage you to worship in some way tomorrow and give thanks for Jesus, the Savior of the world.

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OBITUARIES...



Michelle M. Molls
Michelle Marie Molls, 58, of Turtle Lake died, December 14, 2020 at Amery Regional Medical Center. She was born July 4, 1962 in Cumberland to Martin and Ruth (Erb) Young.

She was married in Turtle Lake, WI on October 21, 2006 to David Molls. Michelle enjoyed gardening, watching the Packers, Badgers and Brewers, listening to music, and spending time with her family and friends. She always made sure that everyone who came to family reunions were well fed and joyous "Ahoy."

She is survived by her husband, David; daughter, Ashley (Billy) Scalzo; son, Joey Molls; grandchildren: Jonathan Ekenstedt, Jase and Alexis Scalzo; sisters: Shirley (Cleo) Klein, and Margie Anderson; brother: Dan (Kim) Peterson; numerous nieces and nephews; and many other family and friends. Michelle was preceded in death by her father, Martin Young; son, Justin Thomas; brother, Larry; and mother-in-law, Rose Molls.

A graveside service will be held in the spring

Skinner Funeral Home is serving the family.



Donna J. Lystig
Donna J. Lystig, age 91, of Hillsdale, WI died Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Barron Care and Rehabilitation. She was born November 26th, 1929 to Ignatious and Bertha (Lehman) Balog at Hillsdale where she was raised and attended school. She graduated from Barron High School. On May 31st, 1949, she was married to Carl "Morris" Lystig at Hudson, and the couple farmed in the Hillsdale area for many years. Donna was a member of New Scandinavia Lutheran Church where music and singing were important to her. She and Ellen Louis sang for many funerals there throughout the years. She also loved fishing, quilting, gardening and canning.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Morris on October 16th, 2003, son: Peder Lystig, son-in-law: Byron Hanson, daughter-in-law: Pam Lystig, grandchildren: Stephanie, Heidi and Andrew Lystig, 2 brothers and 2 sisters. She is survived by her daughter: Constance Hanson of Cushing, WI, sons: Allen (Michele) Lystig of Palmetto, FL and Carl Morris Lystig, Jr. of Hillsdale, daughter-in-law:

JoAnn Lystig of Hillsdale, grandchildren: Chris and Jared (Ashlee) Lystig, Amanda (Bill) Schulze, Bryce (Leah) Hanson, Stacy (Kelly) Schaible, Jed Hanson, Andrea Sanders, Amber and Taylor Lystig, great grandchildren: Parker, Paislee and Porter Lystig, Elizabeth and Edward Schulze, as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Private services for the family will be held at New Scandinavia Lutheran Church in the Town of Maple Grove, rural Dallas with Vicar Lucy Hardie officiating and interment following in the church cemetery. Arrangements are with Rausch-Lundeen Funeral Homes, Dallas and Cameron.

Lawrence H. Benson
Lawrence Henry Benson, 73, of Cumberland died Thursday, December 17, 2020 at Care and Rehabilitation. He was born October 18, 1947 in Cumberland to Henry and Marie (Dahl) Benson.

Lawrence grew up farming with his dad for many years before taking over the family farm. All who knew Lawrence knew he was a hard worker, and he never let anything stop him. After

retiring from farming, Lawrence would buy semi loads of wood to cut, split, and sell to those in his community. When he wasn't working, Lawrence could be seen walking with his dog, Casey. Through his walks and selling wood, Lawrence was able to stay in touch with the worlds goings-on.

He is survived by his two nieces: Melanie Berg and Julie Humphrey; two brothers-in-law: Karsten Berg and Jerry Schmidt; two grand nephews: Joel and Jamie Humphrey; several cousins and friends. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Marie Benson; sisters: Dorothy and Karen; nephew, David; and great niece, Jayden.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at Cumberland Baptist Church with Pastor Ken Mandley officiating. Burial was at Lakeside Cemetery. Pallbearers were Joey Humphrey, Gary Benson, Danny Benson, Dick Dierks, Al Dwyer, and Dale Benson. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Family requests that masks be worn.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

A mask worn incorrectly is not safe or effective.

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR MASK CORRECTLY?

Make sure:

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Now Accepting Applications Town Treasurer

The Town of Lakeland is now accepting applications for the appointed position of Town Treasurer. This office begins on April 20, 2021. The duties of this position are dictated by Wisconsin Statutes and, specifically, Wis. Stat. 60.34.

A viable candidate must be bondable and willing to undergo a complete background check of employment, convictions, and credit history. A mandatory training will be held on January 20, 2021, for the selected candidate. The Town Board will review applications, interview candidates, and select the appointee for hire during a regular and/or special meeting. Interested individuals are to apply online via Indeed.com under the job posting for "Town Treasurer, Town of Lakeland, Barron County." Questions may be directed to the Town Clerk, Danielle Maxwell-Parker, 715-529-2741 or townoflakelandwi@gmail.com

QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19?

BARRON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

DIAL 2-1-1

NOTICE STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT (Formal Administration) Case No. 2020PR000076

In the Matter of the Estate of Audrey J. Henk, Case No. 2020PR000076.

A Petition for Summary Assignment was filed. The decedent, with date of birth February 20, 1935 and date of death January 3, 2020, with a mailing address of 1035 1st Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin.

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:

- filing a claim in the Barron County Circuit Court before the property is assigned
- bringing a suit against the assignee(s) after the property is assigned.

The property may be assigned to the creditors and interested persons after 30 days have elapsed following the publication of this notice.

Filed with Barron County Registrar in Probate December 17, 2020

Robert L. Loberg
359 W. Main St.
Ellsworth, WI 54011
PH #: 715-273-5072
Bar #1017505

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NOTICE STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY NOTICE SETTING TIME TO HEAR APPLICATION AND DEALINE FOR FILING CLAIMS (INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION) CASE NO. 2020PR90

In the Matter of the Estate of Peggy Riebe, Case No. 2020PR90.

An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth December 8, 1948 and date of death September 28, 2020, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2455 5 1/2 St., Cumberland, WI 54829.

The application will be heard at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 State Hwy. 25 North, Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700, before Deanne E. Alsbury, Probate Registrar, on January 6, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 19, 2021.

A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 State Hwy. 25 North, Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700

This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

/s/ Deanne E. Alsbury Registrar in Probate December 7, 2020

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1345 Comstock Ave.
Cumberland, WI 54829
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WI Bar# 1014124

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MEETING NOTICE TOWN OF MAPLE PLAIN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Town of Maple Plain will hold its Town Caucus, for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot, on **Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Town Hall, located at 393 26th Avenue.

Notice is further given that the monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Maple Plain will immediately follow the Town Caucus. The hall is accessible to all persons.

The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting and on the Town's website, townofmapleplainwi.com

Danielle Maxwell-Parker Clerk, Town of Maple Plain

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PERSONALS

AA-Mondays at 7 p.m., Augustana Church; Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Senior Citizen Center. Women's inspiration AA meeting: 6 pm Tuesdays at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library Community Meeting Room 715-529-9592. tfn

Weekly AI-Anon Meetings: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Baptist Church, Hwy 48, Cumberland. tfn

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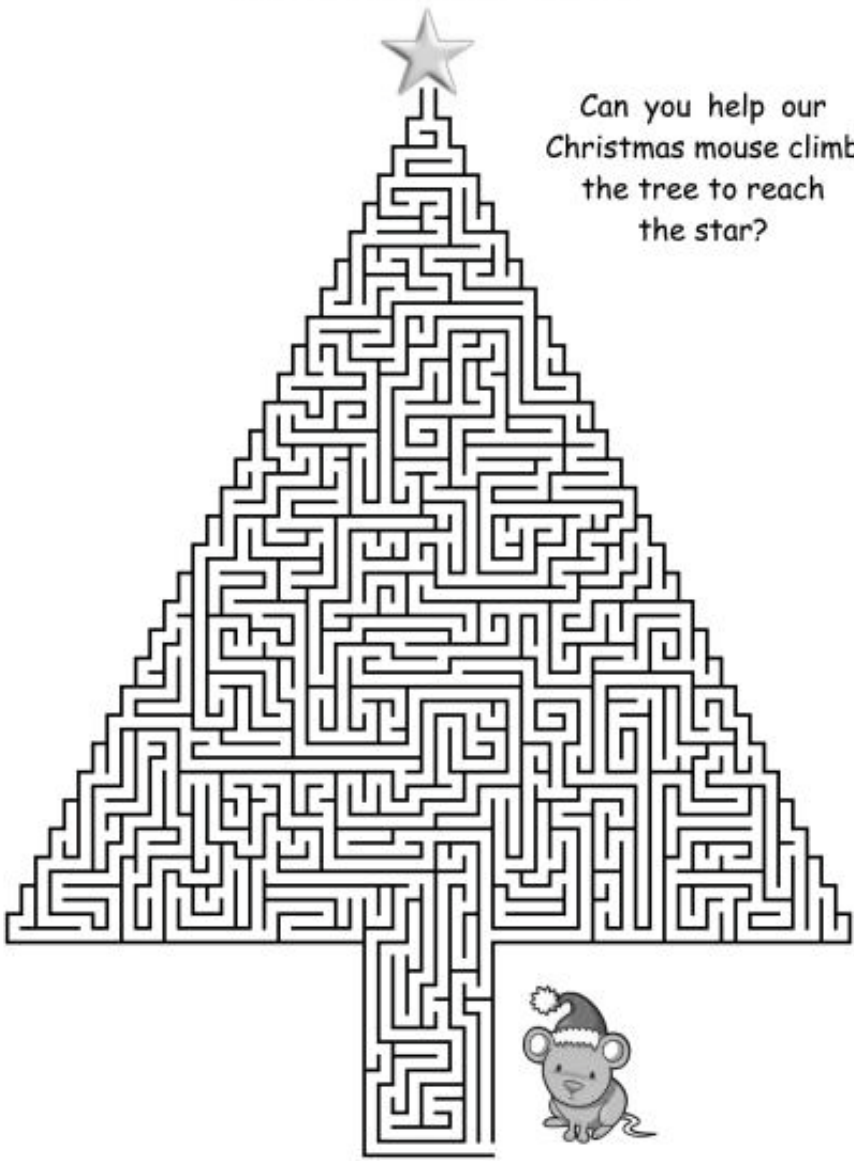
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Christmas Tree Maze



How many ROBINS can you FIND?




SCHOOL BOARD...

and mask requirements being enforced. Middle School Principal Colin Green and Elementary School Principal Jim Richie both reported that their holiday concert performances were taped and will be available on the district's social media sites. Richie also said that they will be sending the iPads home with the kids over Christmas break. They piloted the idea during Thanksgiving break and it went very well so they are offering it again. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons.

Raffle Will Benefit ESBC, Barron County First Responders and Turtle Lake First Responders


Emergency Services of Barron County is sponsoring a new 2021 Magnet Calendar Raffle with over \$10,000 in cash giveaways as a fundraiser for community First Responders. A \$20 raffle ticket supports a local cause and enters the donor into a raffle that draws every weekday throughout the 2021 calendar year. Drawings are the first Monday of the month for the prior month. All prizes will be mailed to the lucky winners. Winners will also be posted on the ESBC Facebook page. Raffle funding goes directly toward First Responder operating costs to purchase lifesaving equipment, response supplies, and team member training. Funding allows more First Responders to be added to the Barron County team, increasing the help available when someone is sick or injured. A chance to win all year long. First Responders donate all their time and fuel to help community citizens and visitors alike. Thank You for purchasing a calendar and supporting the men and women who volunteer for this great organization. Raffle tickets are available for a limited time by visiting the website, www.EmergencyServicesBC.org or by calling 1-866-715-3722. Thank you so much and have a safe and healthy holiday season.



Congratulations Julie Neurer
On your retirement from Toftness Chiropractic Clinic

Julie has dedicated herself to the Toftness family, the chiropractic profession and our patients for the past 31 years. Her smile has greeted our doctors and patients every day as they walk through the doors. She has worked for five doctors, laughed with, cried with and comforted thousands of patients. Your wonderful personality and ever present smile will be truly missed. We can't thank you enough for your years with us. Enjoy your new grandbaby and a little extra free time! Happy Retirement.

Free COVID-19 Testing Events



Barron Fire Department

28 South 4th Street, Barron, WI 54812
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Drive thru nasal swab testing for those with symptoms and close contacts ages 5 years and older.

December	22
January	5, 12, 19, 26
February	2, 9, 16, 23
March	2, 9

Register the day of your test at: <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/> or register in person when you arrive.

Antigen testing at UWEC-BC

1800 College Drive Rice Lake, WI 54868
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

December	22
January	5, 12, 19, 26

Register at: <https://www.doineedacovid19test.com/>

- Select UW-Eau Claire Barron County Gymnasium (Employee Dependent/Spouse)
- Bring your Voucher # (no need to print a copy)
- Enter in the gym for testing
- Wear Mask

*Reminder, this testing is for those WITHOUT SYMPTOMS.



Nilssens Foods presented a check for \$775.26 to the Cumberland Food Pantry as part of the annual “Food Roundup”. Pictured are Food Pantry volunteers from left Bruce Carlson, Pat Skinner, Charlotte Carlson, Cindy and John Schell, Jon Vincent representing Nilssens Foods and Jeff Streeter.


Waiting For The Covid-19 Vaccine Shot!



Cumberland Healthcare staff and providers wait for the first round of the Covid-19 Vaccine last Wednesday December 16. A very welcome sight indeed.

UNITED WAY...


financial help to residents who have been affected by COVID 19. The \$9,500 The United Way COVID 19 Relief Fund contributed to the Salvation Army, along with a one-stop-shop application at the County level, allowed 95 families to receive rent or mortgage help totaling over \$50,000. In addition, these families were provided help through various needs such as phone cards, gas vouchers, food vouchers, car repairs, utility bills, and COVID related transportation. “The level of gratitude and relief felt from these families is enormous and on behalf of all the families served, I would like to thank all of the local businesses and neighbors who have donated”, said Trisha Witham. “We have stepped up to help each other in each other’s time of need and made the help available quickly with little hassle, which is a testament of what great community we live in”, she says. With continued donations, the agencies involved with the fast and short term response project will continue their efforts. If you are in a position to help your Barron County neighbors, please consider donating to the United Way Barron County COVID-19 Community Fund at: <https://www.unitedwayricelake.org/> or by mail: P.O. Box 325, Rice Lake, WI 54868 or the Salvation Army at: <https://bit.ly/BarronRedKettle> or by mail: P.O. Box 8, Rice Lake, WI 54868.



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A message to Cumberland Area Residents:
Are you familiar with “50 People (& More) Who Care” if not please review our website at www.50peoplewhocare.org. If you'd like to be our newest member, the website tells you how. Bottom line is we are a group of People that simply want to see if members of our business community might appreciate a “strings free” gift from us. Each quarter we ask each member to pay \$100 in dues, we then multiply the \$100 by the number of members and gift the funds to the chosen business. Shouldn't you be part of such a group?



The 5 O'Clock Club