



Payment orders, pay raises, and health insurance on agenda at December Council meeting

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland met on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 for their regular monthly meeting.

After dispensing with the regular business items, the meeting moved onto the public comment period. Linda Hanson spoke. Her topic was the WI Open Meetings Law. Some of her pre-written remarks seemed to be directed at a public audience rather than the City Council directly. After reading selected sections of the law, she stated her belief that “It is the City of Cumberland’s elected officials’ job to perform their business in the open and to conduct their business with transparency. It is the public’s job to hold the City Council, and all government bodies, accountable.” She went on to add that the Open Meeting Law contains “powerful words” and that “You, the public, are entitled to not just information, but to the fullest and most complete information.”

She then went on to question why committee meetings were not attended by all members of the council, noting that “During these meetings, Committee meeting agenda items were discussed then forwarded to the monthly City Council meeting agenda. Generally, no discussion occurs on these forwarded agenda items during the monthly City Council meetings; yet all Council members, including those not attending the previous Committee meeting, vote in favor on the agenda item. How does this happen?” and she wondered “how these absent Coun-

cil members are informed enough to vote on the agenda item during the monthly Council meeting when they didn’t attend the Committee meeting where the agenda item was discussed.” and stated her belief that “This practice is not transparent under the letter or spirit of the WI Open Meetings Law.” Then, once again addressing “the public” she asked that “they” “read the WI Open Meetings Law and to ask questions because holding this City Council and all government bodies accountable is your job.” Hanson finished her comments with “So again, I ask that this City Council abide by the WI Open Meetings Law because it is imperative that you conduct your business in the open and with transparency. Not only is this your job, but it’s the law in Wisconsin.”

With no one else wishing to speak, the council moved on to the next items which involved approving the discontinuance of a portion of 14th Ave. and a subsequent deed ing of the vacated portion of 14th Avenue to the adjacent landowner, Don O. Johnson, LLC, “since it is no longer needed for City purposes.” This was done to correct an oversight that was made when the initial deeds were drawn.

Next, the council considered and approved the recommendation from Finance committee to approve 3% wage increase for street employees, administrative assistant, police chief, clerk-treasurer and deputy clerk treasurer. The motion passed with one dissent-

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Busted!



The Grinch was recently busted while trying to steal the lights from the community Christmas tree in front of the Cumberland Municipal Utility office. Better luck next year Grinch!

A View from the Lake: Beaver Dam Lake Management District Update

by Tom Schreoder, President

During January 2021 with Covid-19 still dictating much of our day to day activity, I was unsure what the rest of the year was going to present as to challenges for the BDLMD. As I reminisce about 2021, from a lake management

perspective, it was a successful year. There were no reported boating accidents or serious injuries on the lake. The 2021 Eurasian Water Milfoil - EWM treatment plan appears to have been effective and the SE storm water pond phase one was completed. There was a band concert on the lake but unfortunately the weather dampened the attendance. Hopefully next summer there can be other concerts on the lake. The 4th of July fireworks was one of the best ever and was well attended by the number of water craft I observed coming and leaving the event. During the Water St. and 4th Ave construction the boat launch was improved with concrete slabs installed

in the lake bed and a concrete approach to the dock that meets ADA requirements was constructed. The sediment at the storm water out fall adjacent to the launch area was dredged. In August, a group of volunteers again removed two dump trailers of cattails and aquatic plants from the channel leading to the dock in Library Lake.

Phase 1 of the SE storm water pond project was completed just prior to Thanksgiving. The project connected the three storm water catch basins along the City parking lot to a new storm water pond on the property where the demolished buildings were located. Two catch basin drains along the alleyway behind

the Utility could not be connected as planned because the drain pipes to the lake were lower in elevation than what was expected. These catch basin drains will be addressed in the phase 2 engineering scope of work.

Unfortunately due to the WDNR requirement that the Library Lake – Lake Management Plan needed to be updated by Sept. 1, 2021 rather than by the Nov. 1 2021 grant submittal date, the Lake Protection grant application that would have help fund the Phase Two of the SE Storm water pond was cancelled. This will delay the Phase 2 storm water pond construction until 2023. However, on Nov. 1, 2021, three dif-

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Cumberland in 1902; “Land for Sale”

by Mark R. Fuller

By 1902, the population of the 28-year old city was nearing 1500, while the City Council was busy continuing to make the “Island City” and the area attractive for further settlement.

At the Council’s regular April Meeting that spring, their first order of business was to approve the planting of shade trees along the city streets. The Advocate quoted their decision as they concluded, “Nothing is better to enhance the appearance of a city than beautiful shade trees.”

Council members Dr. Foote and H.C. Doolittle were put in charge of canvassing the city to find anyone who wished to be part of such a project. They would be asked to supply the type of trees they wished with the city, “Paying for the property owners desires.”

Another order of business was a decision to talk to the Omaha Railroad about the need for better lighting at the Depot. Their concern came from the fact, “At present the light service

at the Depot is very poor and reflects on the city and company, especially when the city itself has excellent lights.” It was also an important need as of the number of passenger trains into Cumberland was increasing each year.

Two final areas of business at the meeting included a discussion on the need to improve the country roads as well as questioning the advisability of forming a stock company to erect an Opera House in town. Al-

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Hank Seeger, native from Cumberland, joined the ranks of the Chief Petty Officer in a pinning ceremony held at Naval Support Activity Lakehurst on November 19.

Cumberland native raised to rank of Naval Chief Petty Officer

Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician Henry Seeger from Cumberland, along with three other sailors from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst joined the ranks of the chief petty officer's mess in a pinning ceremony held at Naval Support Activity Lakehurst Nov. 19.

The joint base's newest chiefs are Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate Eddy Eugene, Chief Electrician's Mate Gregory Lipetzky, Chief Electronics Technician Anthony Roman and Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician Henry Seeger.

Capt. Frank Ingargiola, NSA Lakehurst Commander and Joint Base MDL Deputy Commander-Navy, opened the ceremony to expand on the significance of the role the new chiefs would inherit.

"Yesterday, I spoke to the chief selects about the metamorphosis between being a petty officer first class and becoming chiefs," Ingargiola said. "Despite this metamorphosis, they are still the technical experts but now they are the chief. Everyone knows when you need something done in the Navy, you go ask the Chief." The pinning ceremony culminated a six-week initiation period for the Navy chief selects where they receive in-

tensive training, professional development and mentoring in the senior enlisted roles they are now expected to fill. As is tradition, local chief petty officers organize and lead the initiation program to try, test and accept their own into their ranks.

"CPO Initiation is a time-honored tradition preserved and conducted by the Chiefs Mess to help develop and prepare the new chiefs for the next journey in their careers," said Command Senior Chief Jeffrey Jones, NSA Lakehurst command senior enlisted leader. "Chiefs are considered the backbone of the Navy. We are tasked with developing sailors and junior officers. We do not take this responsibility lightly. CPO Initiation provides the chiefs mess a forum to come together and share our experiences in hopes of becoming a stronger team and Navy."

Each Chief had their anchors pinned on by family, friends and their fellow chiefs. For Seeger, it was a proud moment and the culmination of 13 years of hard work and service. "It's a huge privilege and a great honor to join such a brother and sisterhood as the chief's mess," Seeger said. "The best part has been the camaraderie that you get and knowing you can always rely

on the mess. Now, I'm looking forward to using everything I've learned to give back to the sailors and junior officers I'll be training."

The history and traditions of the Navy chief petty officer began in 1893 and every year, chiefs across the Navy conduct Chief Season to train, try and accept the new members of their mess.

ETC offers a 'wonderful' play for Christmas

There was no play last Christmas season at the Cumberland Arts Center, which was closed by the pandemic. But the stage lights are on this year for a classic seasonal tearjerker.

Enrichment Through Culture (ETC) will present "It's a Wonderful Life," the timeless story about a man who learns his life has value, despite being driven to the brink of despair. He learns that he really has a good life when his friends and family rally to give him love and support.

This version of the Christmas play is actually "It's a Wonderful Life (Live Radio Version)."

What that means is the play

is done as a radio show, with actors reading their lines at microphones, the announcer serving as narrator and giving the audience instructions to applaud and to "stand by for a word from our sponsors."

And there are sponsors - Cumberland Federal Bank, Dairy State Bank, Ficocello's Salon & Day Spa and Business & Estate Advisers. The commercials will be done in the style of the 1940s drama that starred Jimmy Stewart in the movie version. And you'll hear that distinctive Jimmy Stewart accent, but in the voice of Clarence, the angel trying to earn his wings. George Bailey, played by Stewart in the movie, has a

Norwegian accent in the ETC play.

It's a poignant production, but also a funny one, with the strange accents, including a strong Italian one by David Ficocello himself, and sound effects using all manner of props ranging from a police whistle to a tub of water and boxing gloves.

The play runs Dec. 16-19, with the performances Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at Peter & Annie's Coffee Shop & Café or by calling 715-822-2787.

The play is directed by E. Dennis Zahrbock and Michael Clay.

New "Story Walk" activity at Library

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland continues the StoryWalk Indoors program.

Follow the pages throughout the library. The current story is "Story About a Story". Upon completion of your walking "read", pick up a journal to write your own story and make a bird feeder with peanut butter and bird seed.

The StoryWalk and craft is available whenever the library is open.

Nominations sought for Cumberland Graduates of Achievement

Do you know of a Cumberland Graduate of Achievement? If so, please nominate that graduate. Cumberland High School Graduates of Achievement are named each year at commencement exercises.

The deadline for completed nominations is January 31st. Forms with the requirements for nominating a graduate are available from the high school guidance office, superintendent's office or on the

school's website (<http://www.cumberland.k12.wi.us>) under the "Community" section.

A committee of school staff, school board, community and past recipients serve on the selection committee. The award was initiated in 1998 to demonstrate to the current student body that one can graduate from a small school and achieve significant accomplishments in life.

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	Mon, Dec. 20th: Chicken Alfredo, Whole Grain Breadsticks, Broccoli, Peaches.
	Tues, Dec. 21st: Chicken Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice, Mandarin Oranges.
	Wed, Dec. 22nd: Creamed Turkey over Biscuits, Peas, Mixed Berry Cup.
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Thursday, December 16th
10 am • ES Holiday Concert (AM Pre K-grade 2) • ES Gym
2 pm • ES Holiday Concert (PM Pre K-grades 3 & 4) • ES Gym
5:45 pm • JV Girls Basketball vs Cameron • HS Gym
7:15 pm • V Girls Basketball vs Cameron • HS Gym

Friday, December 17th
5:45 pm • JV Boys Basketball vs Spooner • HS Gym
7:15 pm • V Boys Basketball vs Spooner • HS Gym

Monday, December 20th
6 pm • Dec. School Board Meeting • MS Commons
7:30 pm • HS Holiday Band Concert • HS Gym

Tuesday, December 21st
7 pm • Wrestling vs Barron • HS Gym

Community Ed Offerings
Hike/Snowshoe Events 2021-22
Seven events left to enjoy! • Start at 10 am each date

- 1/8/22 Scoutland with Jennifer Turcott
- 1/29/22 Explore Beaver Dam/Cumberland with Lori Hopkins
- 2/12/22 Lisa Janty
- 2/26/22 Timberland Hills with Sue Greenway
- 2/19/22 Luminary with the Johnsons @ Firefly Fields 6-8 pm
- 3/12/22 Public Land near Little Sand -- Clare Janty (watch and listen for more exact information and directions as the date draws near)

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Mark Your Calendar!

"It's A Wonderful Life"
Live Radio Version

Performances
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Dec. 19 at 1 p.m.
Tickets - \$10
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ETC is located at 1595 2nd Avenue • Cumberland, WI (across from Cumberland Elementary School)
Information regarding ETC events can be seen at www.cumberlandetc.com or you can "like" ETC on Facebook or watch the Advocate

Northwoods Notebook: The Island City is not a ‘news desert’

By Larry Werner

It was during my freshman year in high school that I decided being a writer would be a good thing to do.

I wasn’t a serious student then, rebelling against expectations of teachers and parents that I should be getting “As,” the way my three older sisters did. But one day, in freshman English, a teacher named George Rorher, gave me an “A” on an essay and wrote, “This shows quite a bit of writing talent.”

Wow! Here this kid who never impressed teachers through grade school, who was shamed because his sisters were so much better, had impressed this guy 60 years ago, launching me on a path to a career in newspapers.

Writing and editing newspapers is all I’ve ever done, and I continue to contribute to the publication you’re reading, which has been telling the story of Cumberland for 140 years. Other communities of 2,000 people — and hundreds much larger — have no newspaper to inform their citizens of what’s happening at city hall, in the schools, in the courts.

But we do have one, and we’re richer for it.

Newspapers are going out of business every week throughout the country. They call these places “news deserts.” A study done in 2018 determined more than 1,300 commu-

nities in the U.S. have no newspaper. From 2005 to 2020, 2,200 newspapers closed in the United States. Frankly, when I moved here in 2014, I was surprised to find this place has a paper.

One day, I walked into the old building on main street and introduced myself to Paul Bucher. Maybe this old retired news guy could write a few stories for him, I said. Paul, who bought the paper from his parents, who had bought the paper from one of the many previous owners, agreed to publish my scribbles.

About 400 bylines later, I’m still writing a column about the people, places and happenings around town. Hope Lee Vicich tells you what the city council is doing for — and, some say, to — you. She attends the school board meetings and writes about the challenges and successes in the classroom.

Mark Fuller, another “retired” guy, covers sports and more.

Every Wednesday, cars pull up in front of the newspaper building, and one of you goes in to pick up the best bargain on main street — a dozen or more pages of stories that help you make decisions about how to vote, where to shop, what to do on the weekend. Stories about new and expanding businesses, about neighbors

who have died.

At the beginning of the pandemic, I ran into Paul near the post office and asked him if he was concerned that the COVID recession that forced local businesses, his advertisers, to close might be fatal to his business. He was concerned, but he expressed hope, if not confidence, that he’d make it.

And, thank God, he has. Over the past seven years, I’ve written about the many things I love about my adopted community. There’s the magnificent lake that surrounds a village of locally-owned businesses, three great schools, an arts center that displays the talent of actors, singers and musicians who were educated in those schools and sidewalks that an old man can stroll.

But one of most precious assets of The Island City is the newspaper for which I’m lucky enough to write. Mr. Rorher would be proud and pleased the place I ended up, this town of woods and water, has a journal that, for generations, has been writing the first draft of Cumberland history.

This good place, thanks to the Buchers, their subscribers and their advertisers, is not, like so many towns these days, a desert of local news.

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VFW Essay Competition!



Members of the Cumberland VFW Post 6769 visited the High School to recognize the 9th grade students for their participation in the 2021 Voice of Democracy, where the theme was ‘America: Where do we go from here.’



Members of the Cumberland VFW Post 6769 visited the Middle School to recognize the 7th and 8th grade students for their participation in the 2021 Patriot’s Pen Essay Competition.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Essay Competition 2021

Cumberland, Wi Island City VFW Post 6769: 10 Years = 1800 Donuts

Each year the VFW conducts a nationwide youth essay competition that gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy with the prospect of winning either U.S. Savings Bonds or Scholarships. This year’s competition has again been endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

There are two competitions, Patriot’s Pen for Middle school students and Voice of Democracy for High school students. Each has a separate theme and guidelines for length and presentation. The essays are judged at the local level and then move forward for judging at the District, State and National levels.

The Middle School Patriot’s Pen theme for this year was: ‘How Can I be a Better American’. PP essays are judged for Knowledge of the Theme, Theme Development and Clarity of Idea.

The High School Voice of Democracy theme was: ‘America: Where do we go from here’. VOD essays are judged for Originality, Con-

tent and Delivery.

Mr. Polzin and Ms. Knutsen used the VOD essay as an assignment for the 9th grade History/English class. From the 75 class essays that were written 17 students recorded their work on a CD and submitted them to the Post for consideration, allowing the Post to submit two essays to the district competition.

The Post’s review committee was very impressed by the all the entries and the thought and time spent by the students in writing and recording their work.

All students writing the essays were recognized during a morning homeroom with donuts served by the Post members to all essay writers.

From the recorded essays submitted to the Post from the High School Lilly Mayberry and Molly Smith were chosen to advance to District. Lilly will receive a Post scholarship contribution upon graduation for being selected the winner by the Post. Also recognized was Taylor Doolittle.

Mr. McCreary and Ms. Cifaldi used the essay at the Middle School where 60 - 7th grade and 60 - 8th grade students wrote and submitted

their entries to the Post. The Post evaluated the written essays and were able to submit 3 essays to the District for consideration. Submitted essay were from: Jacob Wicke, Kaylee Jackson, and Nadia Benson.

All Middle School essay writers were also recognized during morning homeroom with donuts served by Post members.

This marks the 10th year that the Post has been fortunate to partner with the Middle and High School teachers and administrators to conduct the essay writing competition. To date, over 1800 donuts have been served to the students, along with awarding over 65 gift certificates provided by local businesses and 9 scholarship contributions from the Posts scholarship endowment.

While the administration and evaluation process has proven challenging at times the benefit of reading and listening to the students essays and the recognition process has proven very rewarding to the Post members.

Special Thanks to Nezy’s, Louies on the Lake and Kwik Trip for helping with the recognitions.

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Dr. Jennifer

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Opinion

Well our first big snowfall has come and went. It was nice to see the fresh white stuff covering the landscape. We are, after all, in the middle of December. It’s hard to believe it’s almost Christmas. It was such a warm wonderful fall.

I’ve heard it said before, “At least we don’t have snakes, alligators, hurricanes, earthquakes and more, when referring to our cold and snowy winter conditions. Never has that been more true than this past week with the devastating storms that hit the Midwest and points further south. What awful scenes of death and destruction from Illinois to Arkansas to Kentucky. Say a prayer for our southern neighbors in this time of tragedy.

Speaking of the snow, Timberland Hills is open for the time being. The trails have been groomed. Watch out for some thin spots. This week’s warm temperatures most likely will pose as an issue. Check the Timberland Hills Facebook page for trail conditions.

Also the snow acts as an insulation blanket on our area lakes preventing ice growth until cold weather hits the area. Thin ice and snow make for very dangerous conditions. Please use caution!

Winter sports are in full swing with the basketball teams, wrestlers, hockey team and gymnasts all going strong. Head up to the gymnasium or hockey rink and support our local athletes. Check the sports calendar on one of the sports pages for times and locations.

With less than 10 days until Christmas, make sure to support our local businesses. Downtown is looking great. If you can, be sure to stop locally first. You truly do support your friends and neighbors!

Paul Bucher

LETTERS Editor

“Green Energy” not the answer

To the Editor:

On September 10, 2021, Power Line reported that “...‘Green’ energy is failing with consequences that soon will be catastrophic.”

For example, after the United Kingdom closed their gas storage reserves, they discovered that they needed more energy. Their reliance on green energy proved disappointing because global wind speeds have been heading downward for several decades. Research at Germany’s Max Planck Institute has concluded that existing wind turbines could actually play a critical role in lessening the wind power available.

At times, the wind stopped blowing and energy stopped flowing.

Ireland, a main source for additional energy for the UK, had to stop energy exports to the UK as energy costs skyrocketed. According to Power Line, Ireland was worried about their own energy shortages and blackouts from low wind speeds and a shortage of natural gas.

According to Power Line, “The U.S. has the resources

to offset a squeeze on natural gas supplies for other nations, but the Biden administration is opposed to domestic gas production.”

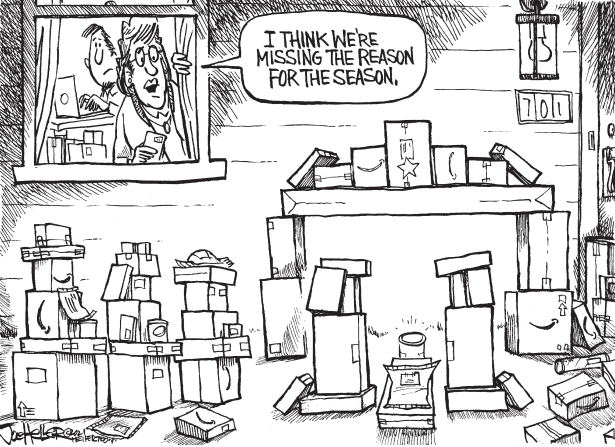
Europe has invested heavily in wind and solar energies. When the wind stops and when solar panels are covered in snow, there is a major shortage of energy which has resulted in spiraling prices.

Because President Biden has refused to help with our oil, the European countries that have grown dependent upon “green” energy have had to open coal-based plants to cope with the need for energy.

Why should anyone expect America to have a different experience? Is it really wise to shut down our oil industry? Is it really economically sound to close our coal mines?

Check out: “Green”: A Slow-Motion Train Wreck | Power Line (powerlineblog.com) and Are Low Wind Speeds Behind Britain’s Energy Crisis? | Principia Scientific Intl. (principiascientific.com)

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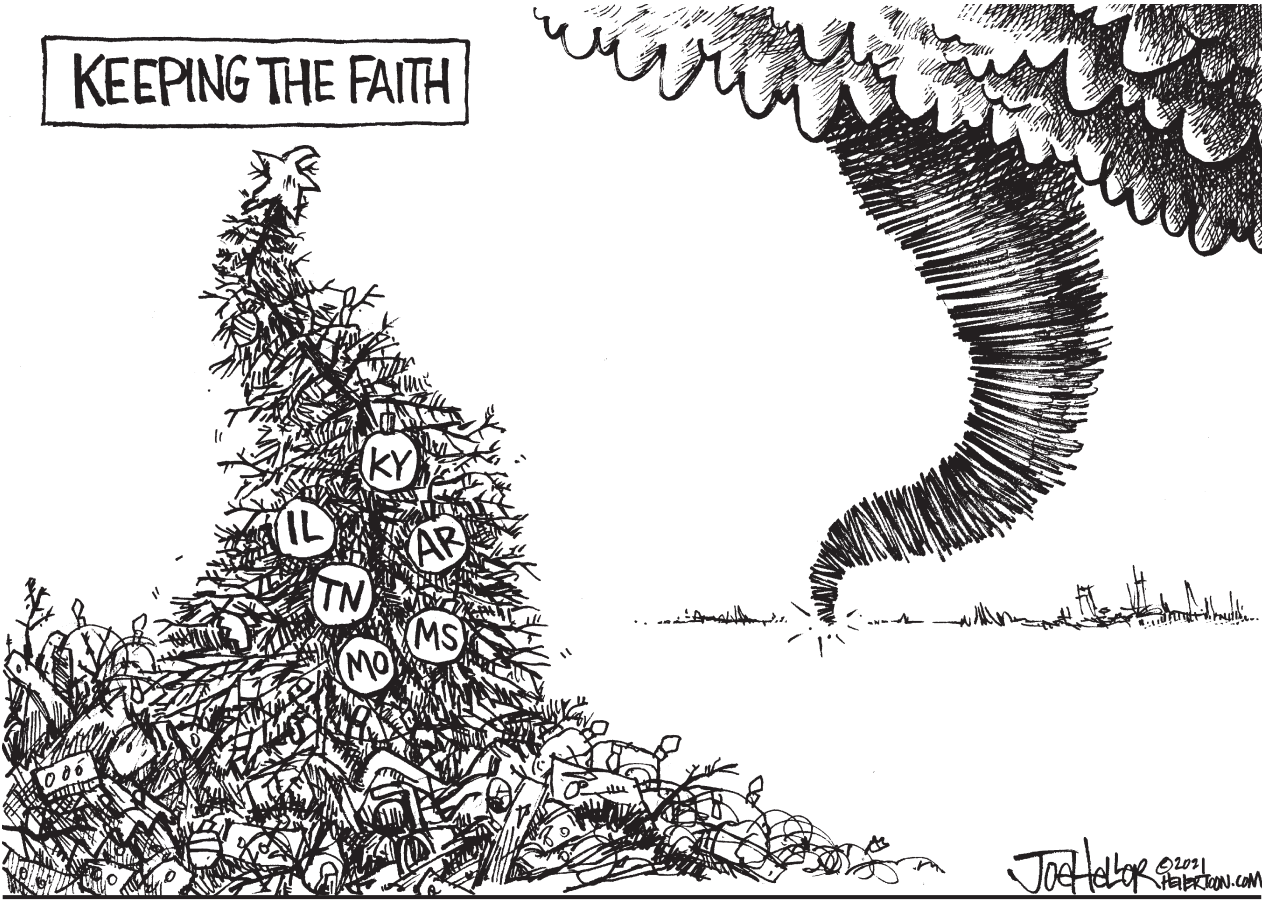
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Inside Wisconsin by Tom Still

Race for foreign talent is on: Will U.S. get off the starting line?

By Tom Still

MADISON, Wis. – For many Americans, the mention of foreign workers conjures images of chaotic borders to the south or overcrowded boats heading to Europe. That’s the reality for many desperate migrants around the world – as well as governments trying to stem the tide – but it’s only part of the picture.

At the other end of spectrum, there is growing international competition to attract skilled immigrants from around the world. It is a race the United States stands to lose unless Congress moves to bring order to the nation’s immigration policies.

A recent webinar involving diplomats from Canada and Mexico was a reminder that while U.S. policies have stalled the issuance of visas to educated workers from abroad, other nations are scrambling to attract them.

As part of a year-long series on Wisconsin’s role in trade and foreign direct investment, WisBusiness.com and its partners invited Aaron Annable of Canada’s Midwest regional consulate and Counsel General Julian Adem of Mexico to talk about their nations’ relations with the United States. Wisconsin’s biggest trade partners by far are Canada and Mexico.

The discussion turned to workforce development when it was noted that both nations are doing their best to attract foreign-born talent.

“Even though we do have a highly educated and skilled workforce in Canada, we do need to look abroad,” Annable said.

In fact, Canada modernized its immigration laws a few years back to attract foreign talent. It plans to give residency to 1.2 million immigrants by 2023. That’s no small number in a nation with about 33 million people.

Some firms in Canada are even mining for talent in countries such as the United States, where foreign-born students are encouraged to apply for Canadian visas.

Mexico’s Adem described efforts since 2013 to improve English skills among Mexican university students through scholarships.

“If they can go back to Mexico and work when they finish their degrees in a tech-based field, (and) can go back to Mexico and work in transnational companies, possibly based out of Canada and the United States,” Adem said.

Compare that with the status quo in the United States, where the number of H-1B specialty employment visas has been capped at 65,000 (after peaking at 200,000 per year) for more than 20 years. These are work visas that could be issued to foreign students who train in the United States and who often wish to stay, but don’t win the lottery that allows them to do so. In fact, for every H-1B visa that is issued, three are denied.

Meanwhile, other parts of the world that are experiencing aging populations and workforce shortages are moving ahead to attract the right talent from elsewhere.

Germany is looking to attract up to 400,000 immigrants per year in jobs ranging from tech to academia to vocational trades, according to a recent New York Times report. It has changed its immigration laws to offer accelerated work visas.

Israel recently completed a deal to bring health-care workers from Nepal. Australia plans to double the number of immigrants it allows “down under” over the next year. Finland, Belgium, Greece, New Zealand, Japan and Portugal are among other nations that have changed regulations of late.

It’s all a part of trying to solve longstanding demographic problems in much of the western world, or the more recent dislocation caused by COVID-19, which has created “digital nomads” who can work abroad if needed.

It’s not a problem confined to the tech industry. Manufacturers, retailers, service businesses and farms are also encountering labor shortages, yet interests on both ends of the political spectrum have made it hard to update U.S. laws.

Whether it’s on the farm, on construction sites or in high-tech firms, the need for workers is intense. People on the front lines in those sectors say a reformed immigration policy would help – if only political forces vested in the broken nature of the status quo would stop blocking potential compromises.

Other nations are figuring out how to compete for talent. The United States can’t afford to come in last.

Still is president of the Wisconsin Technology Council. He can be reached at tstill@wisconsintechnologycouncil.com.

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
December 21, 2011

To reward outstanding students, as well as provide financial support toward tuition costs, the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Foundation grants over \$140,000 each year to deserving students district-wide. Forty Five current and prospective students were awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to be used for the spring 2012 semester. Scholarships recipients from Cumberland are: Charlene Dillard, Accounting and Student Senate, and Joyce Pich, Wood Technics, V.I.N.E. Scholarship for Wood Tech. Army Reserve Pvt. Eric Effertz has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. Effertz also earned his distinction as an honor graduate. Effertz is a 2008 graduate of Cumberland High School.

20 Years Ago
December 19, 2001

The Cumberland Youth Hockey Association has been informed by the NHL-PA that their grant application has been approved for up to \$80,000.00 towards an ice plant in the new arena. The main function of this grant program is to provide programming for grass roots hockey programs including arena upgrades and equipment distributions. Currently the new arena building is having the roof and walls installed followed by the installation of the ice system.

The association anticipates skating in the new arena the first week of January.

30 Years Ago
December 18, 1991

Honored this month by the Elks Lodge 1441, were two students from Cumberland. These two students will now be eligible for the student of the year award presented at a banquet held at the local lodge in May. The two students are Natalie Johnson, daughter of Harold and Debbie Johnson, and Andy Nerbun, son of Dick and Sue Nerbun.

The Women’s Club Annual Christmas Essay Contest winners were announced. Jessica Miller and Nicole Bryce won 1st place, and they will each receive \$8.50. Toni Topp won 2nd place and she will receive \$5.00. Honorable Mentions were Rachel Donatelle, Amanda Ricci, Gina Patterson, and Laura Scanion.

40 Years Ago
December 16, 1981

Karen Kellermann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kellermann, has been selected as the 1981-82 Cumberland High School’s DAR Good Citizen. She was selected from the senior class by the high school staff on the basis of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

V. Gordon Greener became the second person to take out nomination papers for the office of mayor in the city. Mayor Albert Skinner

has also taken out papers for the position. If both candidates file, they will oppose each other in the April election.

50 Years Ago
December 16, 1971

Two cars were reported stolen here on Saturday night. One was taken from downtown Cumberland where it was parked with the motor running. It was recovered undamaged at Luck on Sunday. The second vehicle was taken from the Five O’Clock Club parking lot and was found Sunday in a ditch on Highway 48. Both mishaps are under investigation.

70 Years Ago
December 20, 1951

The Mayor’s special Recreation Committee has prepared an additional skating rink for the children, located on the section of the lake behind the Utility plant. The idea of the skating rink is to provide children living in the south end of the city with a place to skate.

80 Years Ago
December 18, 1941

A county-wide blackout is going to be staged in Barron County on the night of Monday, December 29, between 8 and 9:00 pm. The blackout will pertain to the farms as well as the cities and villages. The extinguishing of every light in the county is the goal sought.

A. H. Miller of Cumberland was one of 68 agents of the American surety Com-

pany of New York throughout the country awarded certificates in recognition of 25 years of service.

90 Years Ago
December 17, 1931

Mrs. M. A. Payne of Almena won the first prize of \$2500 and two additional prizes of \$250 and \$300 each, all that was possible for one contestant to win, in the Catholic Bulletin Subscription Contest.

To accommodate patrons and relieve the Christmas mails as much as possible, a mail car will be running on the evening train Sunday, December 20. The local Post Office will be open for business, receiving and dispatching all classes of mail on that date from 5 pm until

2021 WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow
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12/11	27	19	0.43	6.7
12/12	30	18	0.00	0.00
12/13	35	15	0.00	0.00

Merry Christmas

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

Sports

Girl’s Basketball Defeats Chetek-Weyerhaeuser 60-24

The Cumberland Girl’s Basketball Team raised their record to 3 and 2 on the young season with a 60-24 victory over the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Bulldogs last Thursday night on their home floor. The team was back in action on Tuesday in Barron and then host the Cameron Comets this Friday night in a 7:15 pm start. Next Tuesday, December 21, they travel to Spooner to take on the Rails in their final contest before Christmas break.

Cumberland rolled to a 27-8 halftime bulge against the Bulldogs in securing the easy victory. Maisen Gores, continued her strong season by scoring 25 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. Scoring over 20 points per contest on the year, Gores added four blocks to her evening’s work.

Coach Brian Dutton also received a solid performance from Mecina Garibaldi, who scored 17 points and dished out three assists. Anna Ranallo and Teagan Monson added five points each, while Reyna Bertelsen scored four points and had four steals in

the contest.

“We set a goal defensively before the game to hold them under 25. Reyna played very good defense again while Mecina played her best game of the year. Foul trouble hurt us in the first half and although we struggled shooting at times it was good to see the girls get a win without playing their best,” added Coach Dutton.

The team has a chance to continue their winning ways as their opponents the next three games have a combined record of 3 and 9 to date. Two of the contests are on the road, however, with only Friday’s game against Cameron in Elmer Beran Gymnasium. “To win these games, we will have to play well and continue to show improvement,” concluded Dutton.

Upcoming schedule:

- Tue Dec 14 @ Barron (1-2), 7:15 PM Barron High School
- Fri Dec 17 vs. Cameron (1-3) 7:15 PM at Home
- Tue Dec 21 @ Spooner (0-3) 7:15 PM Spooner High School.

Boys Basketball Opens Season with Loss at Northwestern

The Cumberland Boy’s Basketball Team finally opened up their season last week with a trip to Maple to take on the State’s third ranked Northwestern Tigers. The results left the Beavers with an 86-48 loss and work to do before their home contest this Thursday night against the Barron Bears. Game time is 7:15 pm.

“Northwestern is one of the best teams in the state, as they return almost everyone from last years Sectional team. We played hard but the pace they played at and their experience took a toll on us. We’ll get better as games like this show you where you need work and we’ll look to correct things by Thursday,” said Coach Corey Berghammer.

The Tigers shot and passed well as their defense created 26 Cumberland turnovers in the contest. They would build a 55-15 halftime lead as they showed the talent of a league favorite. Lahti had

21 and John Grohn 19 to lead the Tigers offense.

Monty Peterson led the Beavers with 14 points, including two of three treys. Vaughn Johnson added 12, while freshman Gavin Gores contributed seven points and nine rebounds. David Olson had a team-high four assists.

The Beavers host the 0 and 3 Bears on Thursday, before traveling to Chetek this Saturday night for a game against the 1 and 3 Bulldogs. The two games this week should provide an opportunity for the young Beaver squad to break into the 2021-2022 win column.

Upcoming schedlue:

- Thursday, Dec. 16, 7:15pm Cumberland vs. Barron at Cumberland.
- Saturday, Dec. 18, 7:15pm, Cumberland vs. Chetek-Weyerhaeuser at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School
- Tuesday, Dec. 21, 7:15pm Cumberland vs. Cameron at Cameron High School

Northwest Icemen Record Stands at 2 and 3

The Northwest Icemen Co-op High School Hockey Team was busy last week as they played three contests, winning one and losing twice. The team is now 2 and 3 on the season with two games left before the Christmas break. The Icemen played Somerset on Tuesday and then travel to Onalaska this Saturday, where they will play the La Crosse Aquinas/Holmen Avalanche in a 3:15 pm start.

Last week, the Icemen were defeated by Baldwin-Woodville 8-1 and Lakeland 5-1 while defeating

Ashland in front of a home crowd in Spooner, 4-2. The team has two Cumberland players, goalie Connor Morrison and Dylan Capra, on the roster.

Morrison was the starter in the net in all three contests. Six of the goals against him came on the power play, including both Ashland scores in the team’s victory over the Oredockers. He had 29 saves in that contest, while racking up an amazing 41 saves in last Saturday’s loss at Lakeland. Morrison was the team’s MVP last season as a junior.

Kipsters compete in Jingle Bell Jubilee

The Kipsters from Deutsch’s Gymnastics in Rice Lake hosted the Jingle Bell Jubilee on Saturday, December 4th. Three youngsters from Cumberland participated in the event.

Kamryn Wanke and Riley Majewski participated in Level 2. Kamryn scored an 8.7 on vault, 8.3 on bars, 8.5 on beam, and 8.55 on floor, good for an all around score of 34.05.

Riley had scores of 8.5 on vault, 7.8 on bars, 7.3 on beam, and 8.55 on floor, for an all around score of 32.15.

Caleb Cook competed in Level 6 and posted scores of 9.1 on vault, 6.6 on bars, 8.1 on beam, and 8.6 on floor, for an all around score of 32.4.

Athletes from 15 schools participated in the meet. Great job by all participants!

Up And In!



Cumberland senior Maisen Gores continued her excellent start to the season scoring 25 points and grabbing 13 rebounds in the Beavers win over the Bulldogs Thursday night in Cumberland.



Teagan Benson looks for a teammate in the Beavers home win over Chetek-Weyerhaeuser last Thursday in Cumberland. Benson scored 5 points in the win.

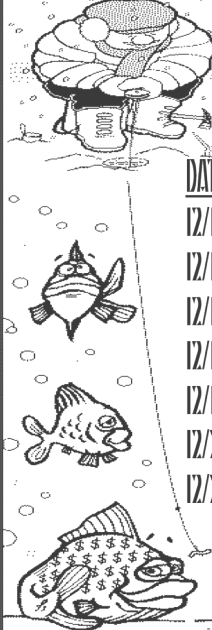


Reyna Bertelsen had a solid all around game scoring four points, had three steals and played good defense in the girls win over the Bulldogs.



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Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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12/17 Fri >	3:04	9:16	3:28	9:40	07:43	04:23	3:20p	6:25a	11:19p	10:55a		
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

The best days of Deer Camp

This week I am writing to you about some of the experiences at my deer camp (The Red Brush Gang) in northern Juneau County. This would be my 50th year in a row and it was as much fun and as exhausting as one person can handle and still maintain a heartbeat.

Tuesday, November 23rd
High 39, low 24

After opening weekend, our camp, which held 17 hunters, shrinks to six for the midweek days and on the second and last weekend it grew to 23. What we do is large area drives using our knowledge of The Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and The Meadow Valley Wildlife Area to push what is generally one mile squared, but can vary in size.

At night we have salsa, cheese and sausage which is always followed up by an incredible meal that is served between 9 to 11.

Basically, our camp is made up of the old timers, which are 58 to 69 and our kids, and we have been blessed with a ton of them that love camp. Back when they did not know a compass from a gun scope, we began the training for our deer drives and I was the jerk that was in charge and that was not a job that I liked but it had to be done.

Our drives back in the day and still to a point are done while wearing hip boots and using a compass. The drivers are pushing some of the roughest country imaginable. Swamps that can have water from 3-inches to six-feet and this year it was actually low water that was our killer. The bog is not even and it was semi frozen and you were either walking on top of it, falling off with a foot or your next step was down two feet.

Yesterday, which was Monday, is generally our most productive driving day of the season and there was 14 of us, 7 pushers and seven standers. At days end we had spotted two deer for the entire crew, and nothing had been harvested.

We were using two way radios and some of the comments from the gang about the terrain made you feel their pain, sentences like, never again, this is the worst!, I 'm stuck!, O my God!., Get me a helicopter.

So today after a rather robust evening at the shack the six of us began hunting and our first drive was about two miles long and perhaps 700-yards wide. We saw one deer and it was only a tail. No matter what anyone tells you, my friends in parts of Wisconsin there are a lot less whitetail deer due to the presence of the gray wolf.

So, we get bold and walk two-miles without hunting to set up our last drive of the day. The gang consists of Doug Cibulka, Jeff Moll and myself as standers. Brothers Ryan and Ross Moll and Joey Dushek are the pushers. I am the furthest from the trucks which by smart phone tells us that we are 3.4 miles away from the real world.

We are new to this drive and the pushers are moving deer right away. One of our guys has a doe tag and it is his last day at camp and has opened it up. I'm standing on a beaver hut in a spot that I have never seen before.

There is skim ice and the biggest beaver that I have ever seen in my life is very mad at me and on three occasions gets within 20-feet of me. I honestly believe this animal was pushing 80-pounds.

All of a sudden there is 4-deer running as fast as a deer can run to my right, my 300 barks and I think I may have dropped a good-sized doe but have no clue because they all vanished at the same time.

Five minutes later what would be a 3-point buck is crossing the same area as fast as a deer can run. The 300 barks four times and the buck disappears and again I do not know for sure if I got it. As daylight fades and the drivers make it to me, I do the job of crossing the flooded marsh and there is my buck and my friends doe. Both are beautiful animals and after skinning I would see the buck was hit all four times.



Part of the Red Brush Gang taking a break between deer drives!



At 69 Dick Schuster of Poynette is still negotiating the rough terrain.

That is the furthest we ever whacked deer from our trucks and when we got back to camp at 7:30 the Moll Boys cooked up steaks, we had us a fireside chat, and more laughs than some people have in a year.

Six days later 23 of us broke camp with only one more deer but one heck of a bunch of great memories!

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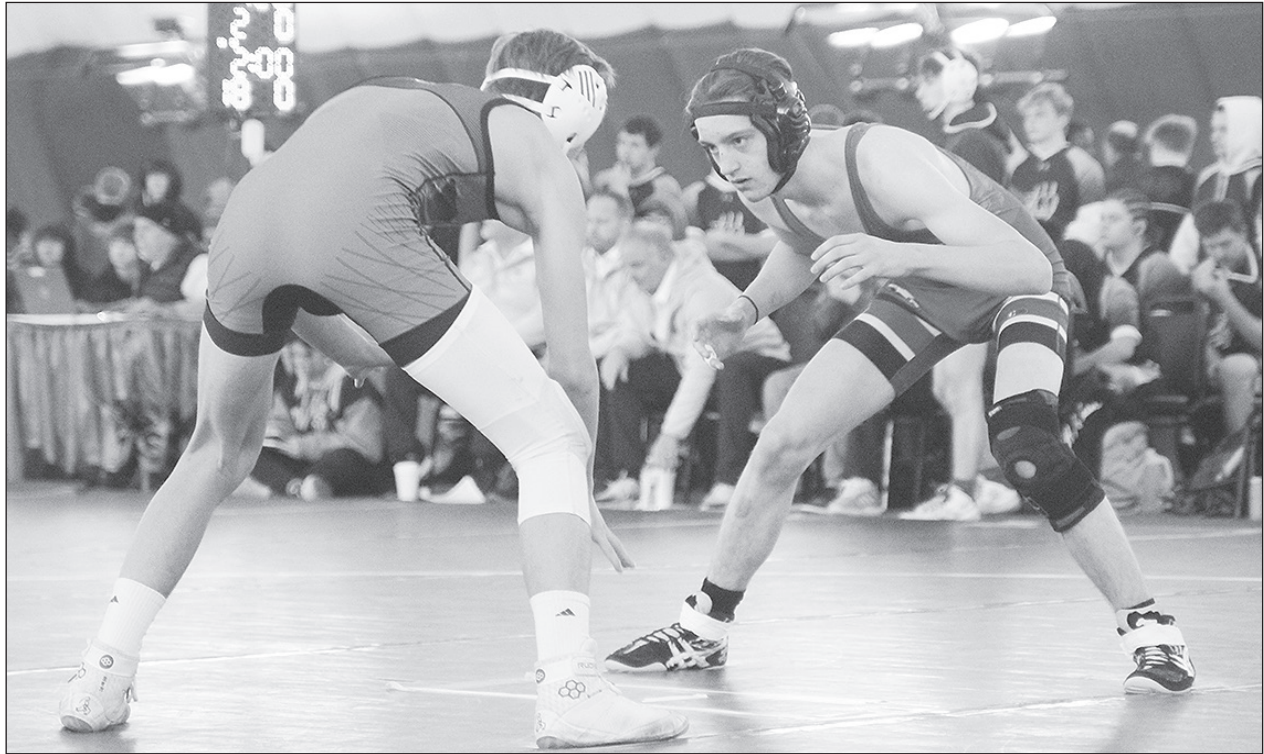
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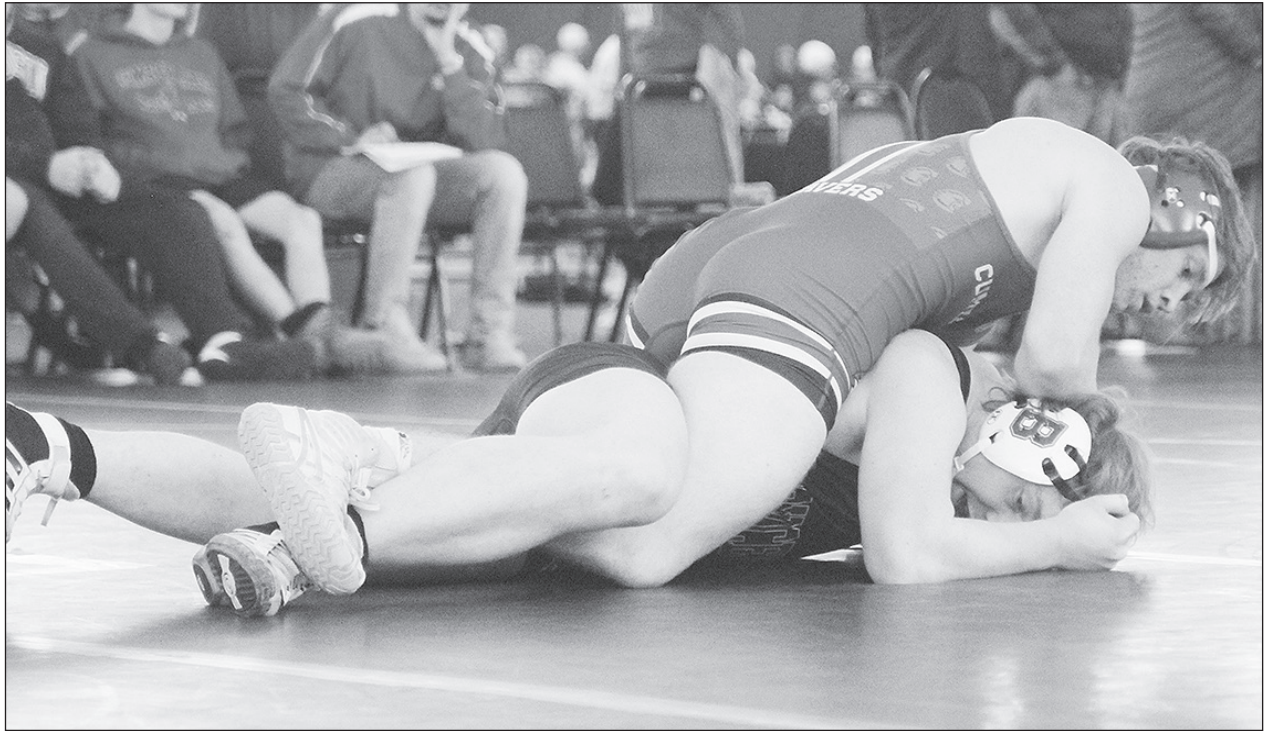
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Boaz West gets ready to wrestle last Saturday at the Dual in the Dells. Photo by Lucas Simon



Josh Simon had a strong showing at the Dual in the Dells going 4-1 on the day including 3 pins. Photo by Lucas Simon



Cooper Schramski takes down his man last Saturday in Wisconsin Dells. Photo by Lucas Simon

Cumberland Wrestlers Open Conference, Travel to Dells

A very young Cumberland Wrestling Team continued to gain valuable experience last week as they opened up HON action by traveling to Maple where they suffered a 63-15 loss to a very good Northwestern Tiger Team. The Beavers then finished up the week by heading to Wisconsin Dells last weekend, to participate in the 28-team Dual in the Dells. There, they wrestled five teams, finishing with a record of 2 and 3.

Against Northwestern, one of the conference favorites, Cumberland received two forfeits and an exciting come from behind 5-3 victory by Senior Josh Simon in scoring their 15 team points. It was a very nice win by Simon against Jesse Larson, a wrestler who was Honorable Mention All-Conference last winter.

On Saturday in the Dells, Iowa-Grant was the overall team champion with a perfect 5 and 0 dual record. Cumberland battled gamely against some strong competition, dropping decisions to Wisconsin Dells (48-36), Slinger (69-9) and Campbellsport (57-24), while defeating Boyceville (51-30) and Adams-Friendship (48-30).

Three Cumberland wrestlers in particular had excellent weekends.

Wrestling at 120 pounds, Sophomore Dawson Johnson continued to impress following his State Championship last February. Johnson would win all five of his matches, two by pins, one by decision, and two by forfeit. Josh Simon, meanwhile, is off to a strong start on his senior season. On Saturday, Simon went 4 and 1 losing only to Sebastian Meyer of Campbellsport by a 5-4 score. In his other four matches, Simon would pick up three pins and a forfeit.

A final excellent performance was put in by freshman Peter Montgomery at 106 pounds, where he would also finish with a 4 and 1 mark. Montgomery would pick up a forfeit and record three pins, while losing only to Brady Daniels of Slinger by a fall.

In early competition, Coach Peterson has often wrestled with eight freshmen and three sophomores in the line-up. Currently it makes it tough to compete against the better teams, but the experience gained by them should make for some excellent wrestlers down the line. The roster has only two competitors above the sophomore class, with 13 freshmen and four sophomores working to fill positions.

Peterson would go on to say about the weekend, "We saw some of the best teams in the state compete. It was a great chance to see where we are at as a team and what we need to work on as the season progresses. Our young team has developed a solid foundation of skills and endurance and we are learning from every situation. It will be a quick turnaround as we compete at home against Superior on Tuesday and then at Osceola on Saturday. These two competitions will give us another chance to show improvement."

One area where that would help the Beavers is filling all of the weight classes, something Coach Peterson is hoping to do. It is a problem for all teams, however, as Cumberland received all 48 of their points in the victory over Adams-Friendship through forfeited six-pointers. Cumberland is still looking to fill three open spots.

The team was back in action on Tuesday against Superior and then head to Osceola this Saturday for the Osceola Invitational, where wrestling starts at 9:00 am.

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Dylan Capra skates across the blue line last week vs Lakeland. The Icemen dropped a 5-1 decision. The club is back in action this Thursday in Spooner and Saturday when they head south to Onalaska. Photo by Alexa Morrison

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OBITUARIES



Ora M. Hahs

Ora M. Hahs passed away December 5, 2021 at Cumberland Care and Rehab. She was born May 31, 1922 In Waukesha County to John and Louisa (Schmidt) Hahs. She lived with her family on their farm until age 18, when she moved to Milwaukee. In 1952 she moved to Cumberland.

Ora graduated from Elmwood Grade School and Solomon Juneau High School in Milwaukee. Her higher education included one year at UW-Milwaukee, graduation from Racine/Kenosha Teachers' Normal, a BA from UW-Whitewater and an MA from UM-Minneapolis.

She taught elementary grades in Racine County for seven years and then taught elementary and junior high grades in Cumberland until

her retirement in 1985, except for two years teaching elementary grades for the US Army in Nuremberg, GE. All total, Ora taught school for 40 years.

She enjoyed bowling, golf, gardening, sewing, reading, dancing, spending time with her nieces and nephews and especially loved TRAVEL. Ora traveled to all 50 states. During her two years in Germany she traveled to most countries in Europe as well as the Holy Land, Lebanon, and Egypt. After retiring she traveled extensively including: Tahiti, Figi, Australia and New Zealand, all of South America and the Galapos Islands; Mexico City, the Mayan ruins in the Yucatan Peninsula and resort cities in Mexico; Indonesia, Malaysia, Greece and the Greek Islands, Turkey, Hong Kong, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and Costa Rica.

Ora was very active in her church; Alter Guild, Church Women, Sunday School teacher, Choir (50 years), Librarian (20 years), Council Secretary (20 years) and substitute office secretary (25 years). She was also a member of the Music Club, Women's Club and Hospital Volunteers. She helped organize the

Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and the thrift store of Rice Lake.

Ora is survived by eleven nieces and nephews, many great-nieces and nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, three sisters, two nieces and one nephew.

Funeral Services will be at 11 AM, Friday, December 17 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cumberland with Pastors John Miels and Steve Miller officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service and interment will be at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Hales Corners, WI.



Luella DeGolier

Luella "Sissy" DeGolier, 89, of Turtle Lake died December 8, 2021 at the Amery Hospital. Luella was born

near Arland on August 9, 1932 to Andrew and Clara (Fornell) Anderson. She grew up in Turtle Lake and graduated from Turtle Lake High School as valedictorian in 1951. After working as a typist for three years in Minneapolis, she returned to Wisconsin and on June 5, 1954 married Howard "Tom" DeGolier in Turtle Lake.

Polio as a teenager limited the use of her legs for the past seven decades, but Luella lived a full life, raising five boys on the family farm north of Turtle Lake. She was active in the Horseshoe Lake Homemakers' Club, Zion Lutheran Church, and for about 20 years was Clerk of the Town of Beaver. She enjoyed reading, playing card games and Scrabble, watching birds, doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and "coffee time."

Luella is survived by five sons: Mike (Sue) of Rice Lake, Bob (Karen) of Comstock, Gary (Laura) of Amery, Scott of Turtle Lake, and Steve of Turtle Lake; sister Nancy (John) Bruner of Pequot Lakes, MN; brother Andy (Pat) of Belleville, WI; sisters-in-law Bev Anderson of Puyallup, WA, and Mary Anderson of Fish Creek, WI;

grandchildren Jeremy, Brandon (Sara), Allison, Travis (Mallory), and Dustin (Sara) DeGolier, Jamie (Tim) Mills, and Amber (Lucas) Hanke; great-grandchildren Jacob, Madeline, Violet, Luke, Logan, and Jordan DeGolier, Reagan and Skylar Hanke, Willow Franc, and Louis and Luella Mills.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Andrew and Clara Anderson; husband: Howard, in 1992; brothers: Gordon, Rodney (Elva), and Ned Anderson; and sister-in-law: Edna Anderson.

Funeral Services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Turtle Lake at 11 AM, December 18, 2021 with Pastor Steve Miller officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service and interment will be at Mt Hope Cemetery.

Skinner Funeral Home of Turtle Lake is serving the family.

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"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been old them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." Luke 2: 15-20

Maybe like me, you have been hearing this story many times at this time of year. Maybe, you are reading these words for the first time. Either way, I wonder what strikes you about this story?

When I was a little kid, I was confused by how Mary and Joseph, and the child could all be lying in the manger because that is how that verse struck me when I heard it read! I now find other verses striking. I am struck by the message made to shepherds, to outcasts of the community doing work no one else wants to do. Their curiosity and recognition of Jesus is striking. Their witness to these events is some of the first evangelism in Luke's gospel. They come to the manger to see and then go and tell their neighbors about Jesus.

But, what I find most striking about these verses is Mary. Mary treasures the words about her newborn son and ponders them in her heart. I think the image of her bonding with her son as she ponders her recent extreme experiences as she nurtures her son is beautiful and poignant.

During this Christmas season, I encourage everyone to treasure and ponder the amazing story of God born into the world in the baby Jesus. Like the shepherds come and hear the story and then go and tell others about Jesus and how God is present through Jesus in your life.

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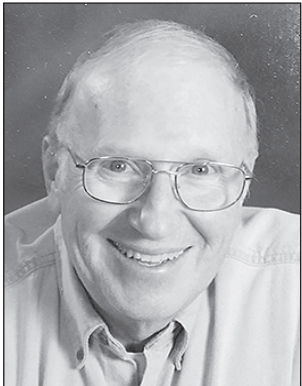
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OBITUARIES ...



Eugene L. Effertz
Eugene Lawrence Effertz, 79, passed away December 7, 2021. He was born June 5, 1942, in Minneapolis, MN to Lawrence John and Frances



Edna E. Nesvold
Edna Eleanor (Olson) Nesvold, 94, of Fond du Lac, passed away on December 6, 2021 at The Woodlands Senior Park. She was born February 9, 1927, a daughter of Gust and Jessie (Erickson) Olson.
Edna married John "Bud" Nesvold on August 19, 1950 in Augustana Church in Cumberland. They were married for 65 years before he preceded her in death.
She was a meticulous housekeeper even in her later



Stanley H. Kuhl
Stanley Harold Kuhl, 79, of Cumberland died, December 13, 2021, at Care and Rehab-Cumberland. He was born October 26, 1942, in Marshalltown, IA to Harold and Maxine (Ohr) Kuhl. Stanley and his family moved to Red Wing, MN in 1960

Mary (Kinkela) Effertz. He grew up in Cumberland.
He married Belinda Gregor on August 30, 1969, they have three children: Jeremy (Kimberly) Effertz, Rachael (Todd) Hartman, and Joshua (Jessica) Effertz; five grandchildren: Teygaen Hartman, Zachary Effertz, Sydney Effertz, Tryntaen Hartman, and Nicholas Effertz; brother, Mark Picozzi; sister, Maureen (Mark) Jirsa; nephew, Anthony Picozzi, and niece, Cali Jirsa. Eugene was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence (killed in WWII) and Frances; his step-father,

years when her eyesight started to fail. Even Bud's t-shirts and boxer shorts couldn't escape Edna's iron. Edna was an excellent seamstress who made her daughter's clothes for many years. Her cooking was second to none. She was a terrible card player but loved to play with her grandchildren.

After her children left home, she received her dietician's license. She enjoyed her job working at The Good Samaritan Home in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin as a dietician.

Edna and Bud enjoyed attending Immanuel Trinity Lutheran Church. Before Bud's passing, they spent every winter in Arkansas where they played countless rounds of golf.

Edna is survived by her two children Gwen (Jim) Gilles and John (Ann Averill) Nesvold; three grandchildren Benjamin and Hannah Nesvold, and Molly (fiancé Jim

and opened a DX Service Station. He met Diane Schutz and on August 31, 1962, they were married. They raised their children in Red Wing until moving to their Cumberland cabin in 2000.

Stanley was a jack of all trades; he worked in roofing, road construction, maintenance, and as a mechanic. There was hardly anything that he could not do or fix. In his down time, Stanley enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Diane of Cumberland; sons, Kelly (Kim) Kuhl of Red Wing, and Brent Kuhl of Red Wing; four grandchildren: Kendra, Mitchell (Chelsea), Hailey (Andrew), and Han-

na; brother, Daryl (Katie) Kuhl of Red Wing, MN; sister, Janell (John) McNeill of Tuckerton, NJ; nieces, nephews, and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Maxine Kuhl.

A private family service will be held with Pastor John Miels officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery. Pallbearers are his grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date for all to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Agnes Hospice and Broken Bread.

Edna and Bud will be laid to rest in the Northern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery.

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Sitar) Gilles; several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four siblings, and her in-laws.

A memorial service for Edna was held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at Zacherl Funeral Home.

Edna's family would like to give a huge thank you to the staff at the Woodlands Senior Park for their loving care and assistance during Edna's final years and to St. Agnes Hospice, especially Nicole who cared for her in her last few months.

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Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

We had a nice surprise on Monday. Duane's sister and nephew, Cheryl Pieper and Chad Westerlund, came for a short visit. Chad and Duane spent most of the time in the garage talking about uninteresting things like the '50 Chevy, so Cheryl and I had plenty of time to talk about exciting things like grandchildren and her new apartment and stuff. I made turkey pot pie for lunch, which they seemed to like a lot – which made me happy. I got rid of a few more leftovers that way. We had a great visit – Chad and Cheryl live in the Twin Cities, so we don't see them often enough.

Geri Pittman, Lynn Thon and I were among the many women relaxing and enjoying the St. Lucia program at Augustana Lutheran Church last Friday. St. Lucia and her attendants performed their parts flawlessly and the songs by the women's chorus were beautifully done.

When we went into the Great Hall for breakfast after the program, we were happy to have Corrine Thoe and Sandy Kolb join us at the table. While we were visiting, we found out that, during the Christmas season, Sandy makes a small amount of lutefisk. Hmmm. Not our favorite dish, but there are a lot of Scandinavians in this area that need lutefisk in order to feel that the season is complete. We had a very nice visit with Corrine and Sandy, and I invited them to come to the Scandinavian Smorgasbord in Barronett next year.

You know, Grandma Hefty used to make lute-

fisk at Christmas time, and when I was a child, I could not stand even the smell of the stuff. Well, a few years ago I decided to give it one more try. I was at Our Savior's Lutheran's "Ole and Lena" dinner with my cousin, Fern Kittleson, and she seemed to be enjoying the lutefisk a lot. I put a bite of it in my mouth and found out that it was not because of immature tastebuds that I didn't like it. It still tasted awful. I'm glad we have refrigerators and freezers now so that we no longer have to preserve fish in that manner if we choose not to.

The women's Christmas Party at Barronett Lutheran Church on Saturday was way too much fun. Geri Pittman had come in early and got everything set up – there were pretty tablecloths and centerpieces on the tables, and a circle of chairs was set up to use for caroling and games. Everyone brought something for the potluck lunch, so there was a huge variety of delicious dishes and desserts. After a very leisurely meal we sang lots of Christmas carols and then played dice for gifts. Everyone left with several gifts and a good time was had by all.

That was quite a snowstorm we had on Saturday. Duane was busy for hours plowing snow. I'm so glad he has the Kubota now. It's enclosed and has heat – he used to do the plowing on a skid steer without a cab, and he would come home just about frozen. Man, these modern conveniences are nice.

Duane and I went to Bill Gill's farm on Thursday, visited with Bill and had

coffee and hot chocolate, and then cut a beautiful Christmas tree. We will be putting it up and decorating it this week. It's finally starting to look a little like Christmas at our house – and to smell like Christmas too. Lynn Thon and I have been baking lots of cookies to put in gift bags for the employees at Oak View. Duane has been helping by sampling and letting us know if the cookies are up to par.

Suzy and Ryan Lehmann, Lynn Thon and Duane and I had a wonderful breakfast at Hilltop Retreat on Sunday morning. Natalie was waiting tables, of course, and we talked her into taking a short break and joining us for a cup of coffee. Pat Olson couldn't join us because she was busy making tomato soup for someone's party – she's always busy doing something for someone. We had a great time eating, visiting and laughing a lot.

The joke this week comes from Geri Pittman, via The Lutheran Digest. A snail walked into a car showroom, looked around and picked out the fastest sports car on the lot. The salesman was surprised and asked why a snail would want something that goes so fast. The snail answered, "I'm going to paint a big red 'S' on the hood and listen to people say, 'Look at that S car go.'"

That's about all I know from Barronett this week. Hope you are getting everything done that you want to do for Christmas. Remember to take some time to relax and enjoy the beautiful snow. See you next week.



The ladies eating lunch at the Barronett Lutheran Christmas party. Starting at the bottom, left side, is Pat Sweet, Ann Egstad, Peg Thompson and Gloria Gunderson. Then, at the top on the right is Geri Pittman, next, Laura Maginnis, and last, Sharai Hefty.



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Rice Lake Area Free Clinic
1035 N. Main St., Rice Lake, WI 54868
For more information call 715-736-3733 or go to www.rlafc.org

With great excitement and anticipation The Red Barn Theatre of Rice Lake, WI announces an eclectic season of music, dance, comedy, and heart for 2022. With a season ticket cost of \$72, the Hardscrabble Players promise five superior productions. Individual play tickets are \$18 apiece which means season ticket holders will enjoy five shows, but only pay for four. Each production offers 10 performances with no performances on Sundays.

The 2022 season will open with the quirky new comedy, "Aboveboard" by Peter Bloedel and Emily Kimbat (June 1—11). The second show, by well-known Canadian playwright Norm Foster, is also a comedy, "Halfway There" (June 22—July 2).

The third production will light up the stage with the music of Stephen Sondheim in "Company" (July 13—23). Next the classic, "Bus Stop," by William Inge returns to the RBT (Aug 3—Aug 13). And to complete the season, audiences will welcome many familiar cast members in the musical comedy "Don't Hug Me, We're Married" by Phil and Paul Olson (Aug 14—Sept 3).

Meanwhile, two more important RBT dates coming up are Friday evening January 7, 2022 when the annual Barney Banquet will celebrate the 2021 season at Lehman's Supper Club in Rice Lake. (Information on the specific time, meal price and reservations to be announced).

And then, on Saturday morning, February 5, 2022, auditions for the 2022 season will be held at the UW-Eau Claire Barron County Campus Theatre from 9 am—1 pm.

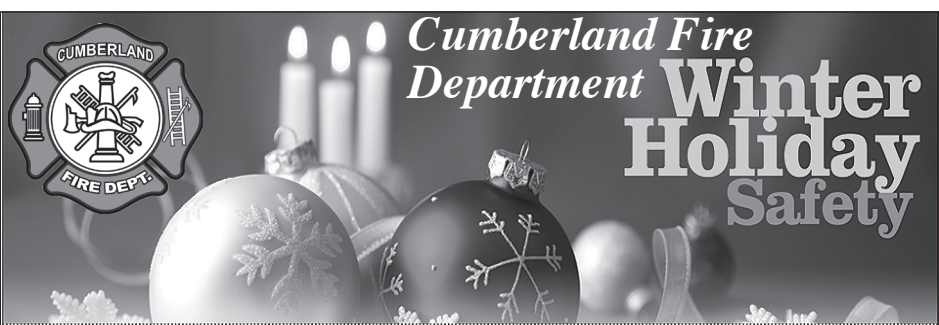
Gift certificates for 2022 season tickets (\$72/5 shows) are now available at the following area businesses.

In Rice Lake: Baribeau Implement, Dairy State Bank, Johnson Bank at Cenex Drive, and Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce.

In Chetek: Ohde Pharmacy In Cumberland: Cumberland Federal Bank

In Spooner: Spooner Outlet Gift Certificates can also be ordered by phone by calling 715-234-8897

or ordered by mail: Red Barn Theatre, 824 N Wisconsin Ave, Rice Lake, WI 54868



Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ① More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ① More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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 Monday, December 20, 2021, 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 policies 100, 131.1, 143, 143.2, 144.2, 144.3, 144.4, 144.5, 145, 167.3, 171.1, 1210, 1422, 1422.02, 1623, 1662, 2240, 2260, 2260.01, 2266, 2411, 2416, 2416.01, 2431, 2522, 3112, 3120, 3122, 3122.02, 3123, 3213, 3215, 3216, 3220, 3230, 3362, 3531, 4112, 4120, 4122, 4122.02, 4123, 4213, 4215, 4216, 4230, 4362, 4531, 5113, 5430, 5500.01, 5511, 5512, 5517, 5517.01, 5520, 5540, 5540.01, 5895, 6152, 6605, 6610, 7434, 7440.01, 7455, 8405, 8451, 8500, 8510, 9130, 9270, 9500.

4. Consider approval of Jaymie Waterhouse as Mental Health Counselor.

5. Consider employment of Carol Brierton as Food Service position.

6. Consider employment of Ed Watts as Co-Assistant High School Wrestling Coach.

7. Consider approval of Seth Strickland as Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach.

8. Consider employment of Tim Butzler as Middle School Girls' Basketball Coach.

9. Consider approval of BJ Brenna's resignation as Co-Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach.

10. Consider approval of School Safety Drills.

11. Consider review/revise Crisis Response Plan.

12. Consider approval of adult meal price increase to \$4.65 lunch and \$2.60 breakfast.

13. Hear discussion items and administrator reports.

14. 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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NOTICE OF ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING CITY OF CUMBERLAND, WISCONSIN

Notice is Hereby Given that the City of Cumberland will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on December 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

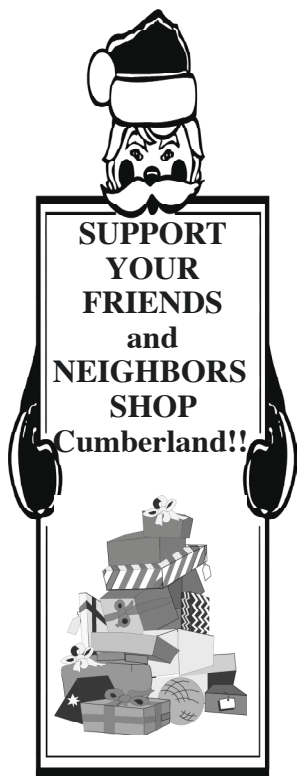
The meeting will be held at the Cumberland City Hall, located at 950 1st Avenue.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the annual reports and the performance and status of each Tax Incremental District governed by the Joint Review Board as required by Wis. Stat. § 66.1105(4m)(f).

The meeting is open to the public. Copies of the annual reports will be available for viewing in the offices of the City Clerk at the Cumberland City Hall, located at 950 1st Avenue, during normal business hours and will be provided upon request

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Senior Dining

Thurs, Dec. 16th: Mediterranean Salmon, Boiled Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Salad, Assorted Bread, Toffee Bar.

Fri, Dec. 17th: Hearty Beef & Vegetable Soup, Ham and Swiss Sandwich, Fresh Fruit Cup, Cook's Choice Cookie.

Mon, Dec. 20th: Meaty Lasagna, Slippery Hill Garden Salad with Dressing, Breadstick, Cranberry Pears.

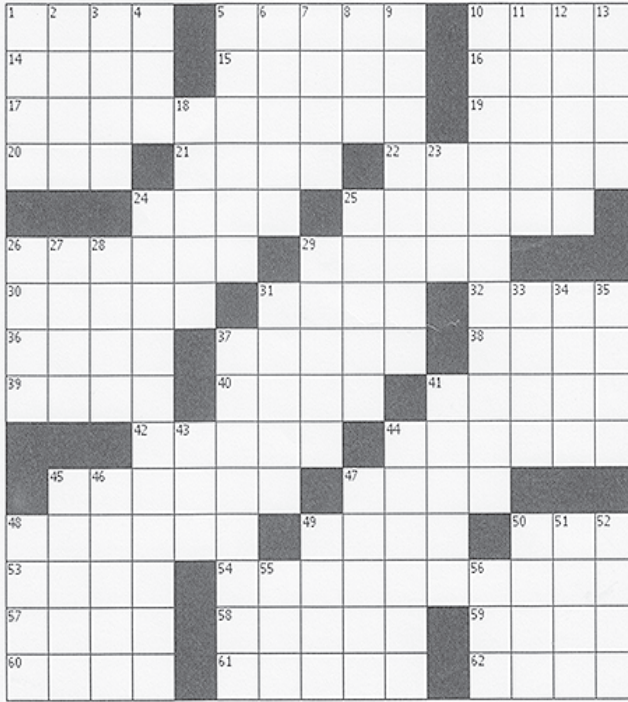
Tues, Dec. 21st: Creamy Turkey w/ Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Beans, Assorted Bread, Mixed Berry Cup.

Wed, Dec. 22nd: Holiday Ham w/ Cherry Sauce, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Almondine, Minty Fudge Brownies.

"All meals include milk, coffee, and butter. Persons who dine at the Senior Center and those who receive Meals on Wheels are reminded they can use their QUEST card (food share) for their meal donation. For more information call Joanne at 715-537-6225."

Across

1. Tone down
5. Lacking required skills
10. J. Child's measure
14. Watering at the mouth
15. Active start
16. Agatha's contemporary
17. "Fiddler on the Roof" star, combined form
19. Past participle of lie
20. Wrath
21. Dealer's request
22. Puts in office
24. Some till fillers
25. Comes about
26. Used a hook and line
29. Public square
30. Mantle teammate
31. Brining need
32. Abominable
36. Prudish one
37. "--- Coins in the Fountain"
38. "--- at the Races" (Marx Bros.)
39. Bring into harmony
40. Pretentious
41. In solitary
42. Ram sign
44. Used a rotary phone
45. Auctioned again
47. Write-off
48. Lions and tigers and bears, e.g.
49. Malodorous
50. Kimono sash
53. Matter or body start
54. "Cape Fear" actress, combined form
57. British gun
58. Utopian
59. Hymn to Apollo
60. Wear for Indira Gandhi
61. Front for wed or married
62. Shea denizens



Down

1. Word in a DeNiro title
2. Teen follower?
3. "Encore!"
4. Psyche part
5. Pressed
6. They may be out on a limb
7. Cigar ending
8. Prior to
9. Put up with
10. Bald actor, combined form?
11. Prop up
12. Narrow cuts
13. Jots down
18. Prides of lions
23. Ms. Taylor
24. Famous designer, combined form?
25. One place to find cats
26. Fuse measurements
27. Not one
28. Cheshire cat's feature
29. Segments
31. Destroy documents, in a way
33. Punk rocker Billy
34. Space between the dotted lines
35. Watched carefully
37. Sudden collapse into failure
41. Wedding way
43. Deteriorate
44. A way to be sure
45. Oscar de la ---
46. "Purple People ---" (Sheb Wooley hit)
47. Faithful
48. Sport fisherman's catch
49. Rode the wind
50. Ornamental arch
51. Get the better of
52. Highway stopovers
55. Keat's work
56. Tach reading

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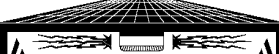
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View from the Lake...

ferent grant applications not requiring an updated Library Lake Management Plan were submitted to help fund various Lake District projects. We should find out by March 2022 whether we were successful in obtaining the grants.

A team of Lake District residents was formed to work on updating the Library Lake Management Plan. The input from the team will be incorporated into the overall plan by Emmons & Oliver Resources, Inc. - EOR which developed the original plan. Once the draft is finalized, a public comment meeting will be scheduled during the second quarter of 2022.

The Lake District received several unexpected donations for use by the Lake District at the discretion of the commissioners. Donations help fulfill a grant application category where points are awarded for inclusion of outside funding sources. The Lake District is positioned to accept donations of stocks as well as cash which in most cases is tax deductible.

Although the spring was fairly cool, once June arrived, the water warmed up and was pleasant all the way through Labor Day. I did receive several inquiries about algae growth and snails. The algae growth was not unexpected with the early ice out, the lack of precipitation and extended period of warm water. Some types of algae are good for the lake and luckily none was of the blue-green variety. The snail questions were related to the Chinese Mystery snail and snail egg formations that were found attached to boat lifts and dock legs when they were removed in the fall. I have discussed the existence of the Chinese Mystery Snail in previous letters. There is a lot of info. on the internet. If you find any Chinese Mystery snails remove them from the lake and dispose.

With the start of the final storm water pond construction on Library Lake the Lake District has applied for a dredging permit for the SE shoreline of Library Lake. Once the permit(s) are in hand and the scope of the dredging is finalized, a "Fund the Library Lake Dredging" committee will be commissioned to raise the funds necessary to cover the cost of the dredging, estimated to be \$300,000 to \$500,000 dredging costs. This is going to be a major community effort! Currently the plan is to block off the channel by the Grove St. Bridge during late Nov. and lower Library Lake by 4 feet or so. The lake would

remain low through the winter and once the sediment freezes, the cattails and sediment will be removed by mechanical means. The lake will be refilled at the completion of the dredging.

WDOT engineers continue engineering the design for the replacement of the Highway 63 box culvert going between the east and west sections of the lake. The current design envisions a "bridge like" structure. The design will allow for continuous traffic flow during the construction. If everything goes as presently scheduled, more information may be available shortly after the first of the New Year. The construction of the replacement structure is currently scheduled for 2025.

The EWM plant survey results continue to be encouraging especially on the east side of the lake. Only a few small areas of EWM were found, however on the west side of the lake, EWM was observed around areas of Tiger Bay (by Camp Brigadoon), by the west edge of the rice bed and in Cemetery Bay. Based on the successful use of the herbicide ProcellaCOR in Hunts Bay in 2019, we will be looking at using ProcellaCOR in 2022. The effectiveness of ProcellaCOR on EWM is significant because it is applied in parts per billion (ppb) and can be used on small areas with better results whereas the other herbicides that are used are applied in parts per million (ppm).

The WDNR stocked Beaver Dam Lake with 19,194 large fingerling walleye (6.2" average length). I would appreciate anyone that catches a walleye(s) from Beaver Dam Lake to let me know the number, size and approx. weight whether you release the fish or not. It would help to determine if stocking these extended growth walleyes is making a difference.

I would like to thank the BDLMD commissioners for their commitment and help over the past year. To all the volunteers that have again stepped up when they were asked to help, I owe a big "Thank You". The support of all BDLMD residents, contract companies, local government officials and the WDNR personnel is also recognized and appreciated. Without the involvement and dedication of all these groups to making sure that the challenges affecting Beaver Dam Lake are addressed, the lake would not remain one of the premier lakes in NW Wisconsin.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Safe and Prosperous 2022.

Community Health Survey

Area clinics, hospitals, and Public Health are asking Barron County community members to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment survey as a part of the ongoing Community Health Improvement processes. This short survey serves as a mid-plan update to make sure that the top three concerns identified in the full assessment of 2018 continue to be the most important issues in

the community. The top three issues identified in 2018 were mental health, substance use, and chronic disease.

The survey can be found by visiting www.barron-county.wi.gov or by clicking the following link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K2GCBBRB>. To request paper copies you can email, health@co.barron.wi.us or call 715-537-5691 extension 6442.



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Recently Tom Margotto, Lake Vermillion Association president, (picured above with his dog, Abby) received the Leadership and Service Award for Volunteers from the North American Lake Management Society. Michelle Balmer of the DNR Lake Restoration Program reached out to the Vermillion Lakes Association searching for nominees to receive recognition for the volunteer work they do for their lake association. Tom Margotto received this award for all the numerous hours he spends on the lake doing the best he can to assure that our lake stays as healthy as possible. Margotto was honored at the virtual NALMS conference on November 16. For more information, go to: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M9aQDS6C1Aec1MXkheE91iaoeI20sM7D?usp=sharing> to see the awards ceremony.

Cumberland in 1902...

though both topics received the "Unanimous support as to the favorability of both," it was decided to postpone the two issues until the next meeting.

By this time, Barron County along with Cumberland were being marketed by a popular newspaper of the day, "The New Wisconsin," as "Destined to become the metropolis of the new north for perspective settlers, offering educational, social and moral conditions for all to desire."

Barron County had reached a population of around 25,000 and had 129 school buildings within its borders. With 115 miles of railroad completed, the county would say in an advertisement, "No place on earth offers better advantages for the dairyman or the stock man."

Meanwhile an article in the *Advocate* that summer entitled, "Many Settlers Coming," would say about the Island City, "Each day witnesses the arrival of many newcomers accompanied by their families and the land being bought up indicates an era of unprecedented prosperity."

For those wanting to purchase this land, there were plenty of places to consider. The list included the Cook Land Agency, the Shell Lake Lumber Company, the Cumberland Land Company, the Clam River Land Company, the Petersen Land Company, the Camp Dixon Land Company and the Uecke Land Company.

Albert Uecke would become a creative land developer who would eventually build the Uecke Opera House, which the Council had discussed back in April. He did it after purchasing three lots on 2nd and Foster from F. W. Miller. Prior to that, his office had been on the second floor of Peterson's Hardware Store.

Besides these Land Companies, individuals like H. S. Comstock, who owned large partials of land, also sold off their properties. Comstock, later to become a Barron County Judge, owned 6,000 acres, while another resident, W. J. Starr, owned another 2,000 acres.

The paper was filled with offers for those seeking a new home. For \$3,300, you could buy 120 acres with a two-story house, a barn and granary and a good well. The land was all fenced in with wire, with a school a quarter mile from the home. It was advertised to be 2 ½ miles from town.

For \$8,400, you could purchase 600 acres ½ mile from the city. It was advertised as "Wild land, half burned and seeded with grass with timber that is easy to clear." For \$700, you could simply buy, "Forty acres, 15 of which were cleared, which were all fenced in and contained a hay shed." Some, like Uecke were creative in their sales pitch. His Land Agency offered a free home with each 40 acres purchased. Houses,

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BARRON COUNTY COVID-19

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

New Cases:
247 Since last report

Total Cases:
9,677 Positive Cases
95.2% Recovered
106 Deaths

Barron County Vaccination Numbers

Vaccinated: 23,556 (52%)
*Number of residents who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

Illness after Vaccination
COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths among fully vaccinated/not fully vaccinated people in Wisconsin in October

Per 100,000 Fully Vaccinated People:
Cases: 456.4, Hospitalizations: 12.2, Deaths: 1.8

Per 100,000 Not Fully Vaccinated People:
Cases: 2,255.1, Hospitalizations: 132, Deaths: 27.3

For the latest information on those who have gotten sick after being vaccinated please visit:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-status.htm>

New Cases Age Breakdown
Weekly cases broken down by age

Age Group	Cases
18 and Under	32
19-39	81
40-59	75
60-79	51
80+	8

New Cases by Week

Week	Cases
11/01	150
11/08	206
11/15	267
11/22	247
11/29	218
12/06	286
12/13	247

Updated 12/13/2021

December Council meeting...

ing vote from Councilman Butch O’Dell who stated that he felt that “raises should be performance based and not across the board.”

The council also approved the recommendation from Finance committee to adjust the annual stipends for the Public Works Director to \$9750 and the Zoning Administrator to \$13,000, the stipends are paid out Bi-Weekly. There have been no increases in the stipends since the positions were created three years ago.

The next items dealt with the City’s health insurance coverage. Clerk-Treasurer Kimberly Rieper gave an overview of the new policy with Security Health. Details include a 17% increase over the expiring Health Insurance and it raises the annual deductible/out of pocket maximum to \$750 single and \$1500 family. Kimberly related a major factor in the changes was that Security Health offered the most flexibility in choice of health care providers, which was important to the city employees.

However, in order to keep future options open, the council also approved a Resolution for Inclusion Under Wisconsin Public Employers’ Group Health Insurance Program. The Wisconsin group program was not an available option during this renewal period because a resolution must be in place at 90 days before an entity wishes to join. This resolution will allow the exploration of joining the program when next year’s renewal period comes around.

The council then considered the election inspectors for the 2022-2023 election cycles. The inspectors will be Pam Mysicka, Joy Friedman, Deb Goldsmith, Dick Nerbun, Nancy Talbot, Sue Skinner, Jan Keehn, Phil Flottum, Doris Laursen, Joe Goldsmith, Carol Rohl, DeeDee Dague, Jeanette Rydberg and Kelly Cady. The motion was amended to note that, if she decides to run for re-election, Doris Laursen will be excluded as an inspector for the 2023 election cycle. The motion was approved with the amendment.

The council next approved a recommendation from Board of Appeals regarding a variance to exceed side yard setback (modifying a driveway) at 1845 Hwy H, parcel ID 212-8200-10-000. Also approved were the following:

- Payment #4 for Carlone Street West-to A-1 Phase 2 to Dave DeSantis Excavating & Underground Utilities in the amount of \$183,763.72.
- Change order #3 for Carlone Street West- Phase 2 to DeSantis Excavating & Underground Utilities. This change did not involve any money, but extended the date of substantial completion from 10/26/2021 to

06/17/2022 along with the “Ready for final payment” date from 11/09/2021 to 07/01/2022. This change order also addresses the concrete curb and gutter five-year warranty by DeSantis from date of substantial completion. This was necessitated because the weather prevented the timely installation of curbs and pavement in the project.

- Payment #4 Water Street & 4th Ave Reconstruction to Haas Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$112,087.13.
- Change order #5 for 14th Avenue & Carlone Street-Phase 1 to James Peterson Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$62,755.18.
- Payment #6 for the 14th Avenue & Carlone Street-Phase 1 to James Peterson Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$156,138.11.

The council then approved the Development Agreement between Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Inc. and the City of Cumberland. This agreement allows the Hospital to use the City’s borrowing power to obtain interim financing for the project until the USDA grant is paid out at the completion of the project. This does not create any financial risk for the taxpayers as the Hospital is solely responsible for the re-payment under the terms of the agreement. The Mayor thanked Councilman Dan Shoemaker for his work on matter.

The council then approved the license applications on file with the Clerk’s office. Kimberly Rieper noted that two Alcohol Beverage Operator’s License applications had been turned down by the Chief of Police, Heather Wolfe after background checks. One of those rejected is no longer employed by the establishment the license was requested for.

During the Committee reports, Jim Schullo noted that Jon Ostrem has resigned from the Airport Board. It was also noted that City Attorney Peter Van Sickle will be retiring and discussions on his replacement are ensuing.

Kimberly Rieper reported that the City had received a call from a non-resident who wanted Cumberland to know how beautiful the holiday decorations were and complimented the City crews for all their hard work. The caller also noted that Rice Lake may be the “big city” but our decorations were better!

Police Chief Heather Wolfe, along with the rest of the Police Department, was commended for the effort put into the Shop-with-a-Cop event. Twenty-eight children from Cumberland benefitted from the annual event hosted by various Barron County law enforcement agencies.

The next regular meeting of the Council is scheduled for January 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Name of driver released for Dec. 6th crash in Polk County

Polk County Sheriff Brent Waak has released the name of the driver who was killed in a two vehicle crash on Monday, December 6th on County Road M at the intersection of County Road K, in the Town of Osceola.

Logan L. Dobberschultz, age 31, of Osceola, was killed when the GMC Acadia he was driving

pulled into the path of the of an F-350. The front of the F-350 struck the driver’s door area of the Acadia, causing severe damage. Dobberschultz suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene of the accident. The crash is being investigated by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office.

Gov. Evers, Sixteen Governors Urge Senate Action to Protect Voting Rights

Gov. Tony Evers, together with 16 other governors, has sent a letter to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell expressing concern over threats to the nation’s democracy and calling for action on federal legislation to protect voting rights and the right of every eligible voter to cast their ballot.

The letter, issued on Monday, December 13th, specifically calls for the U.S. Senate to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, two federal bills that would ensure fairness in our elections, end partisan gerrymandering, modernize voter registration, and fight back against voter suppression efforts in Wisconsin and across the country.

“Working to ensure every eligible voter has the right to cast their ballot shouldn’t be a partisan or political issue—it’s a fundamental part of our democracy and ensuring we continue to have free, safe, and secure elections,” said Gov. Evers. “Hundreds of bills have been introduced in states across our country by politicians trying to abuse their power to overturn or predetermine election results. Federal action is needed now more than ever to strengthen our democracy and ensure folks who are eligible to vote have free and fair access to the ballot box.”

The governors’ letter comes as states across the country are seeing elected officials abuse their power to make it harder for eligible voters to cast their ballots, attack election administrators and workers, and undermine election laws. In Wisconsin, Legislative Republicans have signaled they may pursue efforts to take over election administration after rewriting

the laws only a few years ago, have attacked and disparaged election administrators, and have spread disinformation about the November 2020 election.

Earlier this year, Gov. Evers vetoed a set of legislation passed by Republicans in the Legislature that would have added unnecessary hurdles for eligible voters to cast their ballots, including specific provisions that would have made it more difficult for older voters and voters with disabilities to participate in elections. The legislation vetoed by the governor also included bills that would have limited absentee voting and restricted local officials’ ability to administer elections. Additionally, after Republicans in the Legislature last month passed legislative and congressional maps that the governor slammed as “gerrymandering 2.0” and that received “F” ratings from the Princeton Gerrymandering Project, Gov. Evers fulfilled his promise to veto gerrymandered maps sent to his desk.

The Governors’ letter read as follows:

“Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell,

We write to express our concern about threats to our nation’s democracy and to urge you to take

action by passing the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Without decisive action by the federal government this year to protect voters’ access to the ballot and ensure the integrity and transparency of our elections, the voices of Americans across the country, especially Americans of color, will be suppressed.

Free and fair elections are fundamental to the United States Constitution. It is simply undemocratic for politicians to abuse their

power and seek to pre-determine or even overturn our election results. Yet since the 2020 election, state legislators across 48 states have introduced nearly 400 bills to restrict Americans’ access to the ballot. Even now, legislators in some states are pushing to rewrite election laws—some they themselves passed—simply because they did not like the outcome of the last election. These state-level efforts to limit access to the ballot undermine voting rights and create disparities across the country regarding voting access.

Our democracy works best when every eligible voter has safe, convenient, and secure access to the ballot. While we continue to thwart efforts to restrict voting in our respective states, we can’t do it alone and need a federal solution through legislation like the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

As you know, the Freedom to Vote Act would:

- Stop gerrymandered election maps;
 - Support continued election transparency;
 - Push back against new voter suppression laws;
 - Protect local election officials and poll workers from partisan attacks and harassment; and
 - Establish standards for post-election audits.
- The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act would:
- Restore the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the federal government’s ability to respond to discrimination at the polls;
 - Update federal law in the wake of the Supreme Court decision in Shelby v. Holder;
 - Modernize the formula used to determine where there are patterns of dis-

crimination;

- Ensure last-minute changes to voting do not adversely affect voters; and
- Strengthen the federal government’s ability to send federal observers to jurisdictions where elections are facing threats of discrimination.

We appreciate and applaud the efforts by Senate Majority Leader Schumer and Senate Democrats to date to protect access to the ballot box. However, we’ve been extremely disappointed to see Republicans use congressional procedures to block the paths of these straightforward, common-sense, and long-overdue pieces of legislation in the Senate.

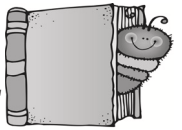
As governors, we know well that red and blue states have been implementing policies to make the ballot more accessible at the state level, and that voter protection is steeped in a strong, bipartisan history at the national level.

Congress has the chance to set uniform standards for voting, to bring transparency to our elections, and to fight back against insidious voter suppression laws. Therefore, we urge you to do everything in your power to find a path forward for the policies in the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act before the year’s end. The protection of our nation’s most fundamental right – the right to vote – is not a political issue or a partisan issue. It is an issue of our democracy.”

Along with Governor Evers, the letter was jointly signed by the Governors from Michigan, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

The Bookworm Sez... By Terri Schlichenmeyer

This week: *Christmas Novels for Adults* by Various Authors



Your wish list to Santa is a little different this year.

What you want can’t always be wrapped. You want love, flowers, a quiet evening with someone special, maybe even sparklies and promises. Not the easiest things to get on a sleigh, you have to admit, so maybe you can start with these great Holiday novels....

Charlie is a professional baker with a head injury that she sustained just before a national TV appearance on a cooking show. Her twin, Cass, has just gone through a traumatic break-up that she can’t get over. So why not do what they used to do to cope? They switch places, just a few days before Christmas. In “The Holiday Swap” by Maggie Knox (Putnam), will two very handsome men be able to unravel the tinsel tangle?

Here’s another switch: In “Blame It On the Mistletoe” by Beth Garrod (Sourcebooks Fire), social media maven Elle needs a boost on her site before the New Year arrives. Holly is still smarting from a very embarrassing kerfuffle with her ex and she’s ready for to be anywhere but Great Britain for the holidays. When Elle makes the offer to switch lives, just for the holidays, it seems like a great way for both women to get what they want... and then some!

Readers who love an old-fashioned novel set in modern times should look for “Christmas by the Book” by Anne Marie Ryan (Putnam), the story of Nora and Simon, who run a bookstore in a British village. But it’s been a struggle, and when Christ-

mas rolls around, they strike upon a great idea that will make the holiday better for their neighbors. It’ll give Nora and Simon the proper feeling of Christmas, but it won’t help the bookstore in the long run... or will it?

Cat lovers listen up: when Snowball, the furry resident greeter at the Victorian B&B, Weber Haus, goes missing on the first day of the new manager’s tenure, that manager, Sophie, feels awful. She didn’t have to for long, though: Sophie’s coworker, Daniel, comes to the rescue but not without a few attack-cat injuries. Even so, in “The Twelve Days of Snowball” by Kristen McKanagh (Kensington) when kitty claws meets Santa Claus, it can only mean one thing...

And finally, every Christmas needs a mystery,

doesn’t it?

Crime doesn’t stop, even for the holidays, but the Little Detective Agency is in need of help. Still, Detective Bernie Little is feeling kind enough to refer a possible client to fellow detective Victor Klovsky but there’s trouble. Victor goes missing and his mother – understandably distraught – wants Bernie and his K-9 partner, Chet to find him. Of course, there’s more to this caper than meets the eye, um, snout, and in “It’s a Wonderful Woof” by Spencer Quinn (Forge), it’s not at all ho-ho-wholesome.

If you need more holiday novels – and who doesn’t? – check with your favorite librarian or bookseller. They’ll be able to load up your sleigh and your stocking with excellent books.

Season’s Readings!



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Cumberland Ace Hardware & Lumber
WISCO RV/ Marine
Sebens Construction
357 Guns
Cumberland Golf Club
Auto Value
Cumberland Family Dental
Cumberland Advocate
JR Fixit
Dairy State Bank
JJS Auto Body Clinic
AAA Sports Shop Spooner
Indianhead Sport Shop
Allen Drywall
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Barronett Bar & Grill
Cumberland Fire Department
Bistro 63
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NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND

Winter is here and the City requires that all sidewalks be kept clear of snow and ice within 24 hours of the weather event as stated in Municipal Code 8.08 (a). Failure to keep the sidewalk clear of snow and ice will cause the City to clear the sidewalk and the cost of \$200 will be assessed to the property for each visit. Also please do not blow, shovel or plow snow on to any public street or sidewalk as this is in violation of Municipal Code 8.08 (c) and may result in a fine of up to \$500. The City appreciates your cooperation so we all may have a safe and enjoyable winter.

DHS Recommends COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose for everyone 16 and older

DHS supports the FDA authorization and CDC recommendation to provide a Pfizer booster dose for 16- and 17-year-olds

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) supports the recommendation that 16- and 17-year-olds receive a booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after having received their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccine.

“The approval of the Pfizer vaccine booster dose for 16- and 17-year-olds provides another opportunity for more Wisconsinites to get additional protection from COVID-19,” said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. “The COVID-19 booster doses are important tools as we work to slow the spread of COVID-19 and its variants. Being fully vaccinated and getting a booster dose is the best protection for preventing the worst outcomes from COVID-19. We encourage everyone ages 16 and older to join the more than 1.2 million Wisconsinites who have already gotten their booster or additional COVID-19 vaccine dose.”

This recommendation supplements the previous CDC recommendation that anyone 18 and older receive a booster shot of COVID-19 vaccine at least six months after the completion of their Pfizer or Moderna vaccine primary series and two months after the single Johnson & Johnson dose. The previous CDC recommendation allows for mix-and-match dosing for booster doses for those 18 and older. At this time, the Pfizer vaccine booster dose is the only one recommended for 16- and 17-year-olds.

“We have identified several cases of the Omicron variant in Wisconsin and we are seeing continuing high levels of disease across our state. These trends are important

reminders that getting vaccinated is critically important and that getting a booster dose provides even more protection,” said Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist for DHS. “We must prevent further strain on Wisconsin’s health care system and long-term care providers. The longer there are large populations of people who are unvaccinated, the greater the risk that people who need care will not be able to get it.”

DHS and CDC strongly recommend that everyone that is eligible to get a booster should get one as soon as possible. The booster dose can strengthen and extend their protection against infection, serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. The best protection against any variant of COVID-19, is to get fully vaccinated and get a booster dose.

With the record high-level of disease transmission in Wisconsin, DHS continues to urge everyone who is not vaccinated to get the COVID-19 vaccine, and for all people to add additional layers of protection including masking up indoors, staying home when feeling sick, and avoiding large indoor gatherings.

To find a COVID-19 vaccine provider in your community, visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) (link is external), or call 211 or 877-947-2211. For additional information about booster doses, additional doses, and help accessing your COVID-19 vaccine record to determine when you may be recommended for a booster, visit the DHS Additional Doses and Booster Doses webpage.

For up-to-date information about Wisconsin’s COVID-19 response, visit the DHS COVID-19 webpage. You can also follow @DHSWI on Facebook (link is external), Twitter (link is external), or dhs.wi on Instagram (link is external) for more information on COVID-19.

DNR Asks Public To Report Black Bear Den Locations for research Study

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks the public to report any black bear den locations they find across Wisconsin to support a new research study.

Conducted by the department’s Office of Applied Science, the study will analyze the reported dens and generate estimates of reproductive rates within each bear management zone. These estimates will improve the accuracy of the population models for those zones.

Wisconsin is home to a thriving black bear population estimated at more than

24,000 bears. The black bear’s primary range is in the northern third of the state, but healthy black populations also occur in central and western Wisconsin. The range continues to expand outside the traditional bear range in the north due to an abundant population and suitable bear habitat that has facilitated southerly movement.

The DNR periodically reevaluates portions of its animal species population models, including black bears, to determine how many new black bears there are each year based on estimates of the average

litter size, litter frequency and cub survival rates.

Black bear dens are often difficult to locate, making public reporting essential to collecting data to support the study and increase the accuracy of the black bear population model. Known dens from prior years can be useful if they are still in use, and the public is encouraged to report as much information about the den’s location and recent use as possible.

The DNR’s researchers have begun working with local and federal biologists, tribal partners and the general public to locate black bear dens. In late winter, research staff will collar female black bears and collect data at each den, including recording the sex, weight and body measurements of the sow and cubs.

cannot cancel, refund, trace, or reverse the transaction. This may leave the victim out hundreds or even thousands of dollars.”

Gift cards are for gift giving. Anytime someone demands payment by gift card or prepaid credit card, assume it is a scam and halt communication immediately. If you are shopping for a gift card to give as a present, follow good consumer protection practices by:

- Reading the fine print at the time of purchase.
 - Inspecting the packaging to ensure any protective stickers are still in place and that the card numbers and PINs are not exposed.
 - Giving activation receipts to the gift recipients.
- For additional information and consumer protection resources, visit DATCP’s Consumer Protection Bureau at datcp.wi.gov. If you have been the victim of a scam, report it by filing a complaint online, emailing datcp@datcp.wi.gov, or calling DATCP’s Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-800-422-7128.

Margaret’s Project Santa!



The mission of Margaret’s Project Santa has been to provide a happy holiday full of gifts, food, and clothing to children in need living in Cumberland. Distribution was Sunday, December 5th, and involved many helpers, including community volunteers, Student Council members, teachers, the Fire Department and the Ruby’s Pantry parking lot crew. US Bank graciously allowed their facilities to be used for this. The entire Cumberland community donated many hours of work and contributions to make this happen. Over 50 families know they matter to this community. Pictured above are a few of the many “elves” who made the day a success. Left to right are: Maragaret’s son and grandson, Dave & David Olson, Brandon Stuntz, Lisa & Todd Barrows, and Andy Stuntz.



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