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Multiple People Hurt; One Person Dead after Three Vehicle Crash in Polk County

On February 11, 2023 at 2:56 pm, the Polk County Sheriff's Office dispatch center received a call of a 3 vehicle crash with injuries on Highway 65 just north of 28th Ave in the town of Alden.

Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS were all dispatched to this scene. Initial investigation and witness reports indicated that a vehicle occupied by 5 people, was travelling northbound on Hwy 65 at a high rate of speed. This vehicle lost control after cresting a hill, crossed over the centerline striking two southbound vehicles. Three of the five occupants were ejected from the northbound vehicle and Masen Powell, 18, of Spring Valley was pronounced deceased at the scene. Air Ambulance transported two victims with severe injuries.

Occupants from the southbound vehicles had minor to moderate injuries. The crash remains under investigation by the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Polk County Medical examiner.

Polk County would like to thank Allied Fire and First responders, New Richmond EMS, Northwestern Municipal EMS, Life Link III air ambulance, Lakes Region EMS, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Polk County Medical examiner.

40th Annual WI State Ice Fishing Contest!



Despite the ice conditions, we couldn't have asked for better weather for the 40th annual WI State Ice Fishing Contest. Thank you to the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce and all of the volunteers that made this event go so smoothly.

A Turtle Lake man is charged with possession of Child Pornography



Logan True

Logan True, 22, of Turtle Lake was charged with four counts of possession of Child pornography in Baron County Circuit Court on Friday.

According to the criminal complaint filed, True told investigators that he began seeking out child pornography about two years ago. He told an investigator that it started out as an interest and then became an "obsession." True said that he viewed all ages of child porn, from infants to teenagers, approximately one to three times per week.

In court documents filed with the charges, devices belonging to True were found to have multiple videos of child pornography on them. True admitted that he also used several social media platforms and handles to trade child porn, although some of his accounts had been banned for doing this. He told an investigator that he does not communicate with any children and has never met anyone in person that he has talked to online.

True was arrested and taken to the Barron County Jail on February 7. On Monday, cash bond was set at $500 for True, with conditions that we have no contact with children, can't possess any device that can access the internet, and can't leave the state. He is due in court on February 15 for an adjourned initial appearance.

City Council Holds February Meeting; Discusses Snow Removal

The Cumberland City Council held their monthly meeting last Tuesday, minus Mayor Dan Shoemaker who was under the weather. Council President Tom Goldsmith led the members through the agenda following the required payment of monthly expenses.

Two individuals began things by addressing the group during the Public Comment section of the evening. Both thanked the Council and City for their snow removal work around their residencies during the long winter.

Two Councilmen. Bridger Foster and Bill Lussier thanked the two for their comments, with Foster saying, "The city crew has done a marvelous job as this winter has become a problem for every city in the area." Their comments were appreciated in part, due to a recent complaint about this season's snow removal.

The Council went on to say, "The Public Works Committee has spent significant time discussing the issues the city has faced this year due to the early and plentiful amount of snow we have received to date. It has been a challenge for the city due to the amount and high moisture content of the snow.

When we receive a significant snow event, the city plowing crew dispatches their five plow crews centrally from the city garage and begin plowing the city shop outward. This has proven to be the most efficient way to tackle all city streets in a storm. There are no streets that are deemed more important than any other and no preferences are given to any street that would affect plowing. The city takes on an average, five to six hours to complete all streets.

Unfortunately, the high moisture content in this season's snowfalls have led to some streets having a layer of ice on them. This is mainly caused by heavy truck and bus traffic packing down the snow before the plows can get to them. Once a street becomes ice packed, it is difficult to remove the ice, especially in frigid conditions. The city crews plan to address this issue by scraping the ice a layer as soon as the temperatures reach a level where this can be effective.

Please remember, when clearing your driveway, do not plow or blow snow into or across the street, as this will cause icy and bumpy conditions as vehicles pack the snow down. This can create a dangerous situation for vehicles and is also against the law. We ask you to be cautious when encountering any icy packed streets and we appreciate your patience as we continue to work to undo Mother Nature's extraordinary gift to all of us this winter."

The rest of the evening included the approval of one Class C Wine License to Dancing Bird Art Studio and Music Shop and two operator licenses and committee reports.

During the committee reports, Parks and Recreation Chair Jim (Butch) O'Dell said the city is still in the need of someone to serve as the contact person for Eagle Point Campground this summer, which began taking reservations on January 1. Other reports concluded the evening. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7.

Dunk the Clunk!



Dunk the Clunk tickets will soon be going out to many local businesses. Start getting ready to make your guess at when mother nature will melt the ice and cause our dunk to clunk.

Roof Collapse!



The roof of this shed, located on the corner of Highway B and 63, and owned by Flloyd Pajak (Silver Lake Store), collapsed due to the weight of the heavy snow.

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Diving Champion!



Repeat, Back-to-Back two time Diving Champion on the 1m board for the Independent Schools of the State of Texas, sophomore Diego Burgos and his Grandpa Dick Nerbun, pose for a congratulatory picture.

UWEC-Barron County to Host Inaugural Northwestern Wisconsin and Education Fair at the Rice Lake Campus

What do local employers need most? More employees.

What do local high school students need most? Options for their futures.

What does our region need? An event to bring these groups together.

UW-Eau Claire – Barron County has the answer!

We have had an overwhelming response for the event and are excited to share with you a stellar lineup of 20+ higher education campuses coming to meet you, including UW System universities and other regional public and private 4-year institutions; several technical schools will also be represented. Our fair will also feature two dozen local and regional workforce representatives who are searching for employees. We have 500 high school students registered to attend this career and education fair, and we're inviting the public to attend as well to take advantage of the workforce opportunities featuring local employers in fields ranging from engineering to medical and more.

We have reserved the morning sessions for high school students, where we expect 15 high schools to attend. From 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., we invite current college students and community members to come to campus, visit with the career and education representatives, and get a tour of the UWEC-Barron County facilities.

UW-Eau Claire – Barron County is the UW campus in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and our mission is to educate the students in our region and be of service to the communities in the northwest region of our state. Organizing and hosting this inaugural Career and Education Fair is just one example of how we are carrying out that mission.

We also carry out the mission by providing first- and second-year general college courses in-person, online, and to the high schools. The courses taught through our campus are UW-Eau Claire courses and transfer readily throughout the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Technical College Systems. Our classes are small, personal, and engaging.

It is both my honor and privilege to host this inaugural event with my colleagues here at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, as I embark on my new role and title: Campus Director. I am very excited to lead this campus, helping community members, businesses and young adults achieve their goals.

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, Feb. 22, to meet with businesses, higher education representatives and local community leaders, and then check out our beautiful campus along the Red Cedar River. I look forward to seeing you!

-Abbey Fischer,
UWECBC
Campus Director

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or email to: news@cumberland-advocate.com

Barron Spotlighters Auditions For "All Shook Up" Musical

The Barron Spotlighters are very happy to announce that we will be holding auditions for the musical "All Shook Up" this coming March 3 and 4 at the Barron Area Community Center theater. Auditions on Friday, March 3 will be from 5-8pm and auditions on Saturday, March 4 will be from 12-3pm. Callbacks will happen on Saturday, March 4 from 5:30-7:30pm by notice only.

Those interested to participate should come prepared to both speak and sing. Participants should come with a verse and chorus of a pop song, even better if it is an Elvis song. We are in need of 2 adult males and 3 teen/young adult males as well as 3 adult females and 2 teen/young adult females for lead/speaking roles, as well as a number of ensemble cast for the musical numbers.

Once all roles have been cast, a rehearsal schedule will be formulated for both the main cast as well as the ensemble roles. Any questions about auditions, music, and other issues can be directed to John Zook at his email: zookja5054@uwec.edu. Tickets for "All Shook Up" will go on sale soon.

DHS Expands Free COVID-19 Testing Program

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announces that Wisconsin households can now get two free at-home COVID-19 self-test kits every month through the Say Yes! COVID Test website. Each test kit includes five rapid antigen tests, for a total of 10 self-tests. Self-testing allows for quick results to help people make decisions about their health to prevent spreading the virus to others and protect the health of their community.

"It's important that we continue to provide equitable access to COVID-19 testing to stop the spread of this disease," said DHS Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge. "Ordering test kits though the website is quick, easy, and free for any Wisconsin household, and you do not need health insurance to place an order."

Since the start of the program in September 2022, more than 1.6 million test kit orders have been placed, with orders being delivered to every Wisconsin county. Households can place an order once per month and ordering reopens the first of every month. Those without reliable internet access or who have questions about ordering can dial 211 or 877-947-2211 for assistance.







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For More Info Contact
715-822-4121

Welcome to the 10th Annual "Pay It Forward" Fishing Tournament!! Saturday, February 18, 2023 on Little Sand Lake

RULES

1. Contest starts at 10:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm - sign-up that day on the lake.
2. Three (3) lines max per registered contestant.
3. All fish MUST be brought to weigh-in station live, not frozen stiff.
4. All fish are judged by weight only. In case of a tie, the first fish registered wins.
5. All D.N.R. rules apply. Fish must be in season of legal size.
6. Each person attends this tournament at their own risk.

- Entry $15 per person with payback for the top 3 game fish (possibly more depending on the number of entrants). Prize for biggest pan fish also. Each of the last 4 years, the largest fish was over 10 pounds!
- Entry for kids under 10 years old - $10
- We will have pop and water available by donation.
- "Pay It Forward" is a little something we do to try and help people in need (give back). It might be gas gift cards, cash, bill pay, or just a few groceries. Little things go a long way! Each year we consider nominations from our friends and fellow contestants on who we could help. We will take suggestions throughout the year and select someone and award in December.
- You can contact Jim on Facebook or call 715-829-2603.
- LET'S PAY IT FORWARD!
- Next year the contest will be February 17, 2024.

Event put on by: Jim Dreyer

If you bring a bag of items to help families in need you'll get an extra 10 FREE TICKETS for the prizes from our contest. Examples-toiletries, non-perishable food, kitchen items, Christmas decorations. All these items will go to Project Margaret Santa.

Augustana Celebrates Pancake Day!

Shrove Tuesday! Fat Tuesday!



Public Invited on
Tuesday, February 21st, 2023
Serving 4:30 – 7:00 pm

All-U-Can Eat
Free Will Donation

Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, Beverages, Bars

Proceeds to benefit Augustana Outreach Activities

Sponsored by Augustana Lutheran Church, Cumberland WI

SCHOOL LUNCH

Lunch menu includes assorted fresh vegetables, salad bar, fresh fruit and 1/2 pt. milk. Menu is subject to change due to vendor availability.

Thursday, February 16
Hamburger/Cheeseburger, whole grain bun, baked beans, fries, MS/HS: Garlic cheese bread.

Friday, February 17
Chicken nuggets, fries, dinner roll, green beans. MS/HS: Pizza.

Monday, February 20
Grilled chicken sandwich w/cheese, whole grain bun, chips, green beans. MS/HS: Pizza.

Tuesday, February 21
Tacos, whole grain shell, refried beans, brown rice peas, Mandarin oranges. MS/HS: Garlic cheese bread.

Wednesday, February 22
French toast sticks, cheese omelet, carrots & dip. MS/HS: Sandwich w/chips.

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ETC PRESENTS

At ETC in 2023!

March: High School Play
June: Children's Play
August: One-Man Play
October: Mystery Comedy
December: Live Radio Christmas Play

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS ON AUDITIONS AND PERFORMANCES

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

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 16
• CCE: 6-7 am TRX • CCE: 6:30-7:30 am Pickle Ball • 7-7:40 am Speed and Agility 5th-12th • 7:40-8:10 am 2nd BASE • 3:45-5:30 Boys V/JV/C BB practice • 5:45-9:15 pm Girls BB Home vs Northwestern • 7-9 pm CHS Hockey vs Amery at Barron

Friday, February 17
NorthLakes Community Clinic - Dental Clinic
• 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 3:30-5:30 pm HS Girls BB practice • 5:45-9:15 pm CHS Boys BB at Home vs Ladysmith C & Shell Lake •

Saturday, February 18
• 10am-12pm Softball OTI's • 1-3 pm CCE: Pickle Ball •

Sunday, February 19
• 3:30-5 pm Grades 9-12 BB OTI's •
4-6 pm Cumberland Churches Open Gym 4K-12th grades
• 6:30-8:30 pm Open Gym for Soccer •

Monday, February 20
• NorthLakes Community Clinic-Dental Clinic • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 6:30-7:45 pm Sharpshooters (Open Shooting) • 8-9 am FMT Weekly Meeting • 3:30-5:30 HS Girls BB practice • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 5:45-8:45 pm CHS Boys V&C BB Home vs Bloomer

Tuesday, February 21
• 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball
• 7-7:40 am Speed & Agility 5th-12th • 7:40-8:10 am K Base
• 3:45-5:30 HS Boys V/JV & C BB practice • 6-8 pm School Board Meeting •
• 8-10:30 pm CCE: Adult Co-Ed Volleyball •

Wednesday, February 22
6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 6:30-7:45 am Sharpshooters (Open Shooting) • 7:40-8:10 1st BASE Meeting • 3:30-5:30 pm HS Girls BB practice • 3:45-5:30 pm HS Boys V/JV&C BB practice •
CCE: 5-6 pm Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 6-8 pm Pickle Ball

COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS

MAC BASICS • February 28, 2023 • 5:30-7:30 pm

Your Mac includes MacOS, the world's most advanced desktop operating system, MacOS includes features and apps you'll use each day and it enables your Mac, IPhone, IPod, and Apple Watch to work together. In this class you will learn about the desktop, customizing your Mac, Apple ID, and iCloud, using our Apple devices together, explore other Apps, find music and apps, create files, protect data and much more!

All classes are offered by Sara Reimann who has been teaching Community Education technology classes for over 20 years along with running a successful computer store. Since the pandemic started it changed how her classes are taught to the community. Sara has been very successful with teaching classes online using ZOOM technology. "Cost of each class is $20."

If interested in registering or any of these great classes please contact: Susan Bridger, Community Ed Director, 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or email: sbrid@csdmail.com

HIKE/SHOWSHOE EVENT @ 10 am
⇨03/04/23 River Doc Trails with Claire Janty
QUESTIONS? Contact Susan Bridger, CCE Director

Tabata & Barre Fitness:
taught by NETA certified fitness instructor, Tirzah Zipperer
5:30-6:15 pm • Cumberland Middle School
Cost: $7 for walk-ins-$20 for 3 classes or $40 for all 6 classes.
Location: Cumberland Middle School

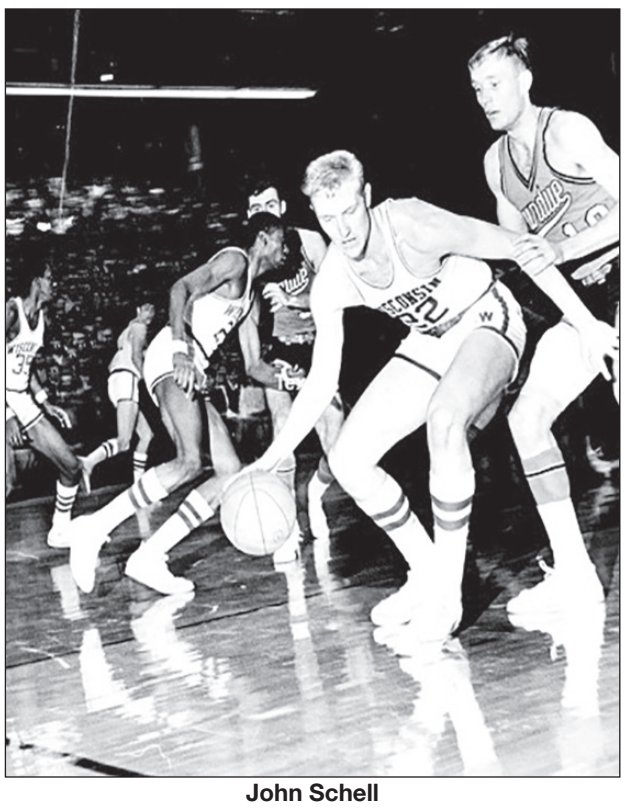
Tabata-style workouts are comprised of 20 seconds of all-out effort followed by 10 seconds of recovery. Each Tabata consists of 4 exercises repeated twice lasting 4 minutes with a minute in between each Tabata.
Monday's: February 27 - Tabata Sessions

Barre-style workouts are total body sculpting exercises that incorporates techniques inspired by elements of ballet, yoga and Pilates. Please bring Yoga mat, light weights (3-5 lbs), a yoga mat & a water bottle.
Wednesday's: February 15 & March 1 - Beyond Barre sessions.

Questions or concerns? Contact:
Susan Bridger CCE Director 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or sbrid@csdmail.com

PRESS RELEASE: Do you know a Cumberland Graduate 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 February 28th. 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.

John Schell to Be Recognized for Playing Career



John Schell

John Schell will be one of 32 individuals, who will be inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame next September. Schell, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a High School Coach in 2004, will be inducted a second time for his career as a player.

Schell graduated in 1966 following an outstanding high school playing career, which saw him earn First Team All-Conference honors in football, basketball, and baseball. His outstanding high school basketball playing career led to All-State honors as he was part of a Cumberland team which ended up at the 1965 State Tournament, where the Beavers went 2 and 1 and earned the respect of basketball fans from around the state.

Schell would go on to the University of Wisconsin, where be became a three-year letterman and Team Captain. He was honored by the School District who previously named the basketball playing area, John Schell Court. Congratulations John for your latest well deserved recognition.

DHS Launches New Campaign to Reinforce the Age 21 Tobacco Law

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has launched a public education campaign with one simple message: 21 is the minimum legal sales age for tobacco and vape products – no matter what. The campaign's importance is underscored by recent Synar Surveys, the annual statewide assessments of the retailer violation rate for underage sale of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, or vapes. In 2022, the rate at which retailers sold tobacco and nicotine products to underage purchasers was 11.9%, more than double the pre-pandemic rate of 5.5%. The 2022 rate fell from 14.1% in 2021, the highest rate in over a decade.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Synar Survey monitored tobacco and vape sales to those under age 18; however, the two most recent surveys monitored sales to those under age 21. This change follows a federal increase in the legal tobacco purchasing age from 18 to 21 at the end of 2019. The statewide retailer inspection program was also interrupted due to the pandemic, and underage tobacco and vape sales rose steeply during that time.

"Nearly 7900 Wisconsinites die every year from preventable tobacco-related disease. Young people can become addicted before they are old enough to understand the risks," said Wisconsin Department of Health Services Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge. "Following the Tobacco 21 law can save lives."

Minnesota State Mankato Announces 2022 Fall Semester Dean's List

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Hood.

Among 3,714 students, a total of 1,126 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,588 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

The students who made the Dean's List from Comstock are: Reyna Bertelsen, Honor List and Austin Gilson, Honor List.

UW-Platteville announces fall 2022 graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 500 students for the fall of 2022.

Students from Cumberland who graduated include: Ann Larson, Health and Human Performance, UW-Platteville, and Max Narges Jr., Health and Human Performance, UW-Platteville.

New Multimedia Campaign Focuses on 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Following Gov. Evers' declaration that 2023 is the Year of Mental Health, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced today that the implementation of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in Wisconsin is moving to its next phase—a year-long multimedia campaign to ensure all state residents know this free and confidential service is here to support people experiencing a suicidal, mental health, or substance use crisis.

In the State of the State address last month, Gov. Evers announced that he will include about $3 million in state funds for staffing and other needs of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in his 2023-2025 Executive Budget. The funding is part of a $500 million package of investments in all parts of Wisconsin's system of care for mental health and substance use concerns.

"The message of this campaign is simple: no matter where you are in the state, if you're experiencing a mental health emergency or substance use concern, help is available," said DHS Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge. "The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is here and ready to help. Call, text, or chat 24/7 to reach a trained counselor. You can also contact this service if you're concerned about someone you know."

DMV explains steps to obtain an ID to vote

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) explains the steps needed to obtain an ID to vote if the voter does not already have some form of ID to show at the polls, such as a Wisconsin driver license or ID. There is no separate "voter ID" and a REAL ID is not required in the state.

First, voters wondering what forms of ID are acceptable at the polls should check the Wisconsin Elections Commission website. Those looking to get their first Wisconsin ID should begin at DMV's website wisconsindmv.gov/idcards. This ID may be obtained free from the DMV if used for voting purposes.

Next, bring the required documents and apply at your nearest DMV. Appointments are available but not required. Certain documents, such as a birth certificate, proof of identity and Wisconsin residency, are necessary to obtain an official Wisconsin ID card. If all documentation is not readily available, DMV offers the ID Petition Process (IDPP) that may be used to obtain a receipt valid for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained.

DMV's toll-free hotline at (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID to vote. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information may be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Support your friends and neighbors!
SHOP CUMBERLAND!

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

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

Northwoods Notebook: I get it now — ice-fishing is fun *By Larry Werner*

On a cold, crisp Saturday morning, on a lake not far from Cumberland, I tried something many of you understand is as much fun as you can have in a north-woods winter.

Before that Saturday, I had received several invitations to participate in a sport I had always found a bit strange: sitting on a stool, or a bucket, and dangling a line through a hole in the frozen lake. But I did more than accept an invitation this time. I asked my neighbor, Denny Zahrbock, if he would take my grandson and me.

My grandson, who just turned 12, decided for some reason he likes fishing on ice. It might be a normal thing for a kid who lives in Cumberland. But Reid Werner lives in Eagan, Minn., a Twin Cities suburb of 70,000, a bedroom community where there are more shopping centers than lakes.

No matter how odd it seems that Reid likes this odd sport, Grandpa Larry was determined to go ice-fishing with Grandson Reid, and Denny was kind enough to take me, Reid and my son, Eric, to his favorite fishing spot. If I told you where we went, Denny said, he'd have to kill me. So I won't tell you, other than to say it wasn't Beaver Dam.

The morning broke bitter cold, but brilliantly sunny, as we walked over to Denny's house. He had a Gator four-wheeler on a trailer attached to his pickup, and all the equipment (tent, auger, poles) loaded into the truck. We got to the lake and learned the Gator battery was dead. Bad start, since it meant we'd have to haul everything out to our spot on sleds.

We got out a couple hundred yards, and Denny drilled a hole, and dropped the camera of his fish-finder into it. There they were: just west of where we were. So Denny drilled four holes, and we set up his Eskimo-brand tent. He fired up his heater after we climbed inside and took our spots on stools he brought.

Almost immediately, Reid started pulling in crappies. It took a little coaching from Denny for me to pull in a fish. Once I got the hang of dropping the hook to just above where we could see the fish were hanging out, I did OK, as did Denny and Eric. No one did as well as Reid.

After three hours on the ice, we packed the gear onto the sleds, pulled them back to shore and loaded everything into the truck for the ride home, where we filleted the fish.

All the while, we talked guy talk, which, I guess, is half the fun of ice-fishing. I've heard enjoying adult beverages is another part of the ice-fishing ritual, but not with a 12-year-old. Cleaning the fish, messy as that is, was also fun, and eating fresh, fried crappie was the cherry on our Saturday-morning adventure.

But the best part of this new experience was the fellowship. Two 70-something men, a 40-something fellow and a boy who was overjoyed to be where he was, doing something he loved, made us all feel indescribably good. We were out in nature, pulling fish from the cold water into the warmth of the shelter, cheering and laughing with each catch.

It was one of the best days this old man has had in a long time. And it was clear that my grandson was in north-woods heaven catching his limit with Grandpa, Dad and a newfound friend named Zahrbock.

Summer will arrive soon enough, and I'll be out on the lake fishing with Eric and Reid. But I don't think catching fish from a boat on a warm summer day will compare to that day on the ice. It was my first time, but it won't be my last.

Larry Werner's email is lhwerner47@gmail.com.



Eric Werner and his son Reid catching some fish on ice.

Sudoku Puzzle #4148-D

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ACROSS
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4 Small roadways
9 For
12 Decorative needle case
14 Terminate
15 Courtyard
16 Ell
17 Dispose of
18 Advise
19 Movie "King"
21 Before
23 French "yes"
24 Saudi Arabian citizen
26 New
29 Island dweller
33 Teddy
34 Nile's home
36 Bard's before
37 Foot extension
38 East southeast
39 Frozen water
42 Tax agency
43 Eastern Time
44 Cook's garb
46 Camp bed
47 Practice
51 People who come in last place
53 Attack
54 Halloween mo.
55 Ermine
57 Sounds alike
60 Take in
61 Screamer's throat dangler
65 Particular variety
67 Helen of __
68 Made public
69 Meditation
70 Succor
71 Slow
72 Mesh

DOWN
1 Kitten's cry
2 Mix
3 Canned meat
4 Whippings
5 Alphabet
6 Neither's partner
7 Epoch
8 City in Minnesota (2 wds.)
9 Happy cat sound
10 Fury
11 Lyric poem
13 Ice house
15 Corner
20 Mush up
22 Those who make the food laws (abbr.)
24 Drink slowly
25 Active
26 Voice
27 Lasso
28 Artist Andrew
30 Keep free of ice
31 Slipup
32 Sleeps
35 Leaven
40 Home to Denver and Boulder
41 Cain's eldest son
45 Brand of dispensable candy
48 Black
49 Wing
50 Rite
52 Hinder
55 Dress
56 Walked
58 Night time "sun"
59 Adjoin
60 Airport (abbr.)
62 Compete
63 Pot
64 Permit
66 Nosh

WisDOT applauds Governor Evers' commitment to change culture of reckless driving

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation commends Governor Tony Evers for his new initiatives to combat reckless driving in Wisconsin. The governor's budget announcement Friday prioritizes measures to improve Wisconsin's transportation system and build safer communities.

The Evers administration's 2023-25 budget initiatives include a $60 million commitment to engineering projects that will increase safety for all road users, $6.5 million for driver education programs, and the addition of 45 Wisconsin State Patrol troopers and inspectors who keep our highways safe.

"We applaud Governor Evers for his leadership to tackle the significant issue of reckless driving. WisDOT is committed to working with our partners across all levels of government, in every corner of the state, to keep people safer on our roads. Together with community members we can prevent the tragedies that result from reckless driving," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said.

Reckless driving is a challenge across the nation and here in Wisconsin. About 2,900 people are injured in reckless driving crashes every year in the state; 119 people were killed by a reckless driver last year in Wisconsin.

Building safer communities

Governor Evers' $60 million commitment to improving infrastructure will support communities across Wisconsin to invest in road designs that keep pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers safer. This funding will lead to solutions tailored to meet specific community needs, whether in a large city or a rural town.

WisDOT continues to work with communities facing reckless driving challenges, including Milwaukee where leaders like Mayor Cavalier Johnson have made reckless driving a top priority. Through a combination of strategies – community partnerships, education, enforcement, and engineering – we can raise awareness and create a safer transportation system for all road users.

Together with community partners, we're identifying corridors for improvement, including WIS 175, WIS 190, WIS 181, and National Avenue. WisDOT is also updating the Connecting Highway policy to develop long-term collaboration with stakeholders to address safety issues.

Changing the culture of reckless driving

WisDOT's Division of State Patrol continues to partner with local law enforcement agencies to increase visibility and stop risky driving behaviors that make crashes more dangerous. The number of 100+ mph citations issued by State Patrol rose sharply during the pandemic, from 583 citations in 2019 to 1,403 citations in 2020. State Patrol officers issued 1,159 100+ mph citations in 2022.

The governor's plan to add new trooper and inspector positions will improve State Patrol's reach in Wisconsin and continue their efforts to stop dangerous drivers before they cause damage.

Partnerships are key to addressing the challenges of reckless driving. WisDOT will continue efforts to connect with the community and change the culture of reckless driving through important safety awareness campaigns like Control Your Drive, Buckle Up Phone Down, and other enforcement campaigns.

Governor Evers' plan comes as the federal government recently announced Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. Communities across Wisconsin will receive more than $6 million in federal grants to develop and carry out comprehensive plans to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries.

A summary of open and future grants, how communities and municipalities can request a Letter of Support, and other resources are available at wisconsindot.gov/BIL.

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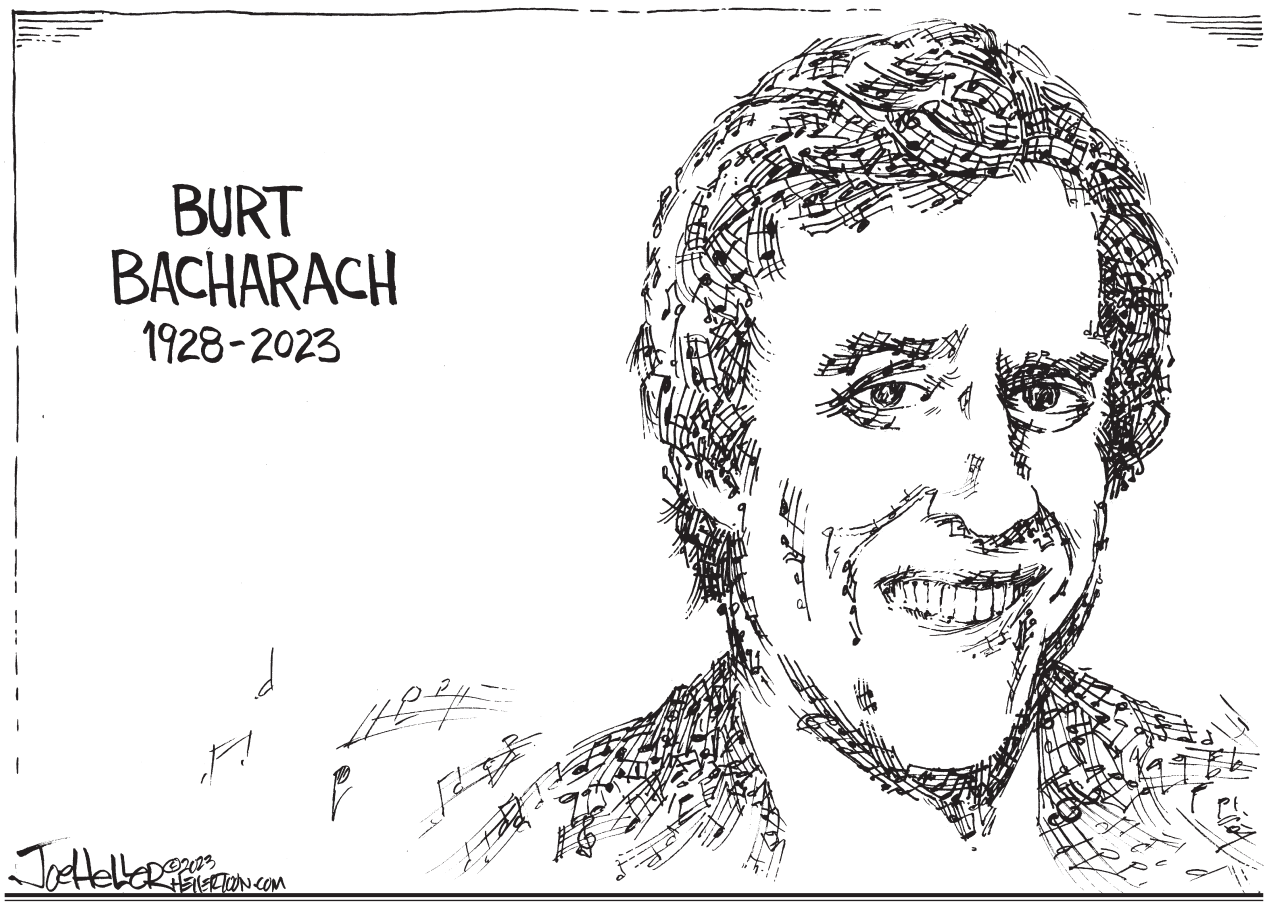
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

"Although most university enrollments in flux, private colleges have economic role"

MADISON, Wis. – It shouldn't surprise anyone that higher education enrollment patterns have changed, and not necessarily for the better in the eyes of those who run colleges and universities. Or employers who need what those schools produce -- talent.

The announced closing of the UW-Platteville's Richland Center campus to in-person classes after a long enrollment slide, while disputed by the community, may not be the only example of two-year UW System campuses on the brink. Nationally as well as in Wisconsin, a mix of factors has reduced college enrollment for years. Those range from simple demographics to debt worries, and from sliding numbers of male students to changing family and social perceptions.

None of that alters the fact that college-educated students with some sort of degree – two-year, four-year or beyond – earn more than people who do not. Employers want students who have skills and the ability to learn, even if they must enhance that schooling with their own on-the-job training.

In Wisconsin, UW System and Wisconsin Technical College System schools offer training across an array of topics, including those skills in top demand in today's economy. Those include engineers, medical professionals, teachers and more. What may be less known is that Wisconsin's 23 private colleges and universities, pound for pound, are filling many of those same gaps.

"When I speak with legislators and others, two things that surprise them most about private colleges and universities is the high percentage of graduates in STEM, health and business occupations, and the sheer cost efficiency that comes with a higher four year graduation rate," said Eric Fulcomer, president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

With universities as large as the Medical College of Wisconsin and Marquette, and as small as campuses with just hundreds of students, WAICU members vary dramatically in what they teach. However, they collectively produce about 13,400 graduates per year, which makes up nearly a quarter of bachelor's degrees awarded in Wisconsin and a third of advanced degrees.

Those undergraduate degrees include 24% of all business majors produced in Wisconsin, 27% of engineering graduates, 44% of health-related degrees and 56% of nursing degrees. The acronym "STEM" stands for science, technology, engineering and math, which are included in that mix and other degrees.

"We're a big part of the workforce conversation," Fulcomer said of WAICU member schools, in part because "time to degree" is more predictable and because student grants make private schools affordable for all types of students, not just those with money.

In fact, nearly 30% of private-school students qualify for federal Pell Grants, according to a recent publication by WAICU. About 95% get some sort of financial aid, including state grants.

Fulcomer arrived in Wisconsin last fall to succeed Rolf Wegenke, who retired after about 30 years leading the private college association. Fulcomer was president of Rockford University in northern Illinois, a veteran of about three decades in higher education and a native of Ohio.

In a recent interview, Fulcomer was asked whether students and parents should let "indoctrination" fears presented by some politicians prevent people from entering colleges and universities. While there are always anecdotal examples, he said, that's far from the pattern in colleges where he has worked or become familiar.

"It's come up in some of my meetings with the Legislature. Some legislators are suspicious of higher ed," Fulcomer said, "but examples that are most often cited are extreme examples. I've worked in higher ed for 30 years, and in my own experience, that's not what I'm seeing."

"Education is a pipeline, and there are all kinds of versions in the pipeline… We're not about indoctrination but preparing students for a lifetime of vocation and service," he added.

Higher education is undergoing change in Wisconsin and elsewhere. It will likely take all shapes and sizes of that "pipeline" to replenish the workforce with the talent the state needs.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
February 20, 2013

Cumberland Healthcare's Rehabilitation Services Director, BJ Brenna, received the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association's Wisconsin Athletic Service Award at the boys basketball game last Thursday night. The Wisconsin Athletic Service Award is presented to an individual or business that gives time, talent, funds and/or energy to support high school athletics and the students who participate in athletics.

On February 16, at 6:47 pm, the Barron County Sheriff's Department received several calls of a fire on County Road SS north of Rice Lake. Deputies and medical personnel treated the homeowner for minor injuries to his eyes. Rice Lake Fire Department found the two-story home engulfed in flames. The home was a complete loss. The Sheriff's Department are trying to determine a cause.

20 Years Ago
February 19, 2003

Members of the Cumberland High School Forensic Team won awards at a meet held at UW-River Falls. The girls were second in Group Interpretation and the boys were third in Group Interpretation. In addition, Becky Carlson finished 5th in the Four Minute Speech. Members of the team are: Kurtis Elmberg, John Sopiwnik, Justin O'Keefe, Kevin Girard, Chris Olson, Liz O'Connor, Brittany Johnson, Becky Carlson and Stephanie Brown.

30 Years Ago
February 17, 1993

Jeff Hile of Cumberland, has received praise for his work from Buz Swerkstrom of the Superior Evening Telegram. Swerkstrom says, "Hile's off the wall painted creations are sort of a cross between painting and sculpture, with a certain sense of collage in the mix. Most of his paintings have bright colors and bold stylized images and designs that almost leap out of the viewer. Hile's work will be exhibited through March 7 at Phipps Theater.

Clarence and Barb Broker, dairy farmers near Comstock, were among 28 members of 21st Century Genetics who attended a Young Leader's Weekend, sponsored by the Cooperative in Rochester, MN. The purpose of the conference, is to improve the leadership skills of persons who are delegates for 21st Century.

40 Years Ago
February 16, 1983

The E.I.O. Sno-Riders Snowmobile Club held their annual Radar Run and Drag Races February 6, at Clam Falls. Winner of the grand prize, a Yamaha 250 Bravo Snowmobile, was Ben Hines, of Cumberland.

Seven area skiers, six from Cumberland and one from Barronett, are set to compete in the American Birkebeiner cross-country ski race from Hayward to Telemark. They are Michael Clay, Jon Gislason, Daniel Hoffman, Terry Momchilovich, Roger Wistrcill and Thomas Youngren. The Barronett competitor is Phillip Odden.

50 Years Ago
February 15, 1973

A fire damaged the home and of Mr. and Mrs Melvin Nyhus last Friday morning. Cumberland rural firemen were summoned to the home about two miles west of the city. The cause of the blaze is not known but the fire department thinks it started in an upstairs bedroom. The home suffered smoke and water damage. No one was injured during the fire.

60 Years Ago
February 21, 1963

The members of the 1963 Red and White Court are Roger Peterson, John Jacobson, Larry Bellows, Robbie Lund, Martha Poukey, Radean Hanson, Darlene Petrangelo, and Nancy Nelli. The 1963 Queen was Janet Beck and King Albert Martin.

80 Years Ago
February 18, 1943

Cumberland Farmers' Union patrons will soon be buying gasoline refined in the Union's own newly obtained refinery at Laurel, Montana. It will be taken over by the Union on March 1. The Laurel refinery is one of the largest in Montana with a daily output of 96,600 gallons of gas.

90 Years Ago
February 16, 1933

Quite a fight developed in the assembly over a bill to reduce the minimum wage for school teachers from $75 a month to $60 a month, after an amendment to make the minimum$65 had been voted down. The County Board adopted a resolution asking that the minimum be reduced to $50 a month.



2023 WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Pre.	Snow
2/07	32	12	.05	.02
2/08	33	16	-	-
2/09	41	13	-	-
2/10	35	5	-	-
2/11	25	6	-	-
2/12	39	13	-	-
2/13	42	19	-	-

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

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Garrick D. Cleveland Jr, 32, Lyndon Station, drink intoxicants/inhale nitrous oxide in MV/Hwy - passenger, $200.50. Edward D. Rufledt, Bloomer, violate Class A Hwy weight limits, $500.00. Cameron R. Frye, 29, Deer Park, operating while suspended, $200.50. Antonio R. Gonzales, 18, Chetek, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00. Jonathan D. Hansford, 26, Eau Claire, speeding in 55 mph zone. Philip A. Koehn, 53, Almena, exceeding speed zones, $175.30. Reynaldo F. Lewis Sr, 40, Chetek, vent/side window excessive tinting, $175.30. Elizabeth M. Mandelin, 44, Amery, operating left of center, $213.10. Chad A. Manor, 43, Rice Lake, cracked/damaged/poor reflect on mirror, $150.10, Mitchell J. Mehalek, 21, Cumberland, Transferee fail/apply new vehicle title, $175.30. Chantel C. Metcalf, 28, Chetek, failure to stop at stop sign, $175.30. Abigail L Miller, 21, Pleasant Prairie, speeding on freeway, $200.50. Brennen D. Potack, 27, Milwaukee, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Jaydon M. Roshell, 20, Conrath, windshields-tinting-critical area, $175.30 and vent/side window excessive tinting $175.30. Austin A. Schiebel, 19, Cumberland, fail/equip vehicle fenders, $175.30. Samantha N. Sweeney, 22, Glen Flora, OWI, $874.50. Ian R. Tranby, 17, Chetek, failure of occupant to notify police of accident, $389.50. Kelli A. Veitch, 51, Cameron, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00. Joshua C. Carlstrom, 46, Birchwood, OWI, $1,744.00. James M. Coleman, 25, Turtle Lake, OWI, $1,618.00. Jordyn M. Monson, 24, Chetek, OWI, $1,492.00.

Complaints

Douglas M. Kaeding, 62, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His motion hearing was scheduled for February 2, 2023.

Harlie H. Hanson, 22, of Almena, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court trial is scheduled for March 6, 2023.

Gretchen E. Madsen, 18, of Clayton, has been charged with underage drinking. Her court date is scheduled for March 8, 2023.

Palmer R. Hall, 42, of Black River Falls, has been charged with obstructing an officer. His court date was February 3, 2023.

Ethan P. Thompson, 33, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating a snowmobile without trail sticker. His court date is scheduled for March 15, 2023.

Aarianna E. Carlson, 19, of Barronett, has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court date is scheduled for February 22, 2023.

Blade A. Knudson-Shelley, 20, of Rice Lake, charged with possession of marijuana, endangering safety, use of a dangerous weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for February 22, 2023.

Criminal Complaints

Tiana R. Oswald, 30, of Prairie Farm, has been charged with two counts of battery. Her court date is scheduled for February 15, 2023.

Caiden J. Faircloth, 19, of Cumberland, has been charged with two counts of battery, three counts of domestic abuse, and retail theft. His court date is scheduled for February 22, 2023.

Daniel J. Kitchen, 38, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for February 10, 2023.

Jeffrey W. Young Jr, 37, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court hearing is scheduled for May 5, 2023.

Todd W. Hartwig, 36, of Trego, has been charged with 4th degree sexual assault and disorderly conduct. His court date scheduled for February 15, 2023.

Jesus R. Miera II, 41, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with armed robbery with threat of force, conspiracy to commit, theft-movable property, party to a crime, and resisting or obstructing an officer. His initial court appearance is scheduled for February 15, 2023.

Krista S. Buckwalter, 48, of Rice Lake, has been charged with armed robbery with threat of force, conspiracy to commit, theft-movable property, party to a crime, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her court is set for February 15, 2023.

Nicholas W. Kronquist, 29, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse, and resisting or obstructing an officer. His court date is scheduled for March 15, 2023.

James W. Dalbec Jr., 31, of Shakopee, MN, has been charged with extradition-arrest without warrant. Initial appearance was scheduled for February 8, 2023.

Jessica M. Biscobing, 36, of Gordon, has been charged with arson of a building and second degree recklessly endangering safety.

A sergeant, with the Rice Lake Police Department, reports on February 4, 2023, at approximately 11:18 am, he was on duty when he was dispatched to a hotel in Rice Lake, in response to a reported fire at the hotel. Barron County Dispatch advised of a 911 call it received from a hotel guest, who was reporting he could hear the fire in the hallway and the hallway was filled with black smoke. The City of Rice Lake Fire Department responded to the hotel, along with officers from the City of Rice Lake Police Department and deputies with the Barron County Sheriff's Department.

Upon arrival, the sergeant reports he observed a male leaning out the window of the hotel room he was in on the ground floor. The screen from the window was lying in the snow. The male was able to get outside of the building by climbing out of hte window.

The sergeant reports he spoke with a female, who works as a desk clerk at the hotel, who was also outside. The female stated that she observed a person who had been in the hotel that morning kind of hiding in different rooms. The female stated the person went into a storage room and barricaded themselves in the room. The female directed the sergeant to a storage room that was locked from the inside. The sergeant reports the storage room was barricaded shut with items leaning up against the windows.

The sergeant reports he retrieved a door breaching ram from his patrol squad. The sergeant and an officer with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, entered the hotel as smoke was getting more intense on the first floor. They breached the storage room door. The sergeant and officer searched the storage room, but did not locate anyone inside the storage room at that time. The sergeant and officer also cleared the pool area, but did not locate anyone.

The sergeant reports that, due to heavy smoke on the first floor and smoke spreading throughout the hotel, he and the officer exited the hotel and waited outside until firefighters were able to put out the fire. The sergeant reports that the employee provided additional information about what happened after he and the officer exited the building.

The employee stated that earlier that morning when she was putting away breakfast items in a private area of the building, she became frightened when she saw a person standing around a corner with their face pressed to the wall. The employee stated the person ran down the hallway to the south, which is the direction where the fire started. The employee also stated that, at approximately 10:40 am, the fire alarm went off in the building. The employee stated she walked the halls and there was no fire at that time.

The employee stated she was at the front desk a couple of minutes before the fire started when she heard the storage room door open in the hallway behind her. The employee stated she saw the same person she had seen earlier go into the storage room. The employee stated she told the person she needed to get out of the room. The person responded, saying " I have to, I have to." The employee stated she attempted to open the door, but it was locked from inside and the person had started putting large items in the storage room up against the door and windows.

The sergeant reports that, when the smoke inside the hotel had dissipated, he, the officer and deputies with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, entered the hotel. The sergeant reports that they cleared the second floor rooms, but did not locate anyone. The sergeant reports he returned to the storage room and observed a roll of carpet standing in the corner. The sergeant reports he looked into the top of the carpet roll and notice a gap in the rolls, and hair in the gap.

The sergeant reports he pulled the carpet roll down and a female who he later identified as Biscobing, the defendant, removed herself from the carpet. Biscobing stated she was hiding. The sergeant reported he searched Biscobing's person and located a black lighter in her shorts pocket. Also on her person, was a hotel key and pen for another motel.

The sergeant reports that a maintenance person for the hotel, located a purse in the pool bathroom that was hidden in the vanity. The purse had paperwork inside of it with Boscobing's name on it.

The officer reports he interviewed Biscobing at the Barron County Jail after she was arrested and taken to the jail. The officer reports he read Biscobing a Statement of Rights (Miranda). Biscobing stated she understood her rights and agreed to answer questions, and make a statement.

The officer reports Biscobing admitted that she started the fire on the first floor next to the vending machines. Biscobing stated she started the fire with either the lighter that was found in her pocket or a cigarette, using whatever was in the garbage next to the vending machine to start the flame on the floor. Biscobing stated she started the fire because the doors to the hotel were shut. Biscobing stated she felt locked in and wanted the doors open. Biscobing stated that, after she started the fire, she went into the storage room and hid because she believed law enforcement would be coming.

The captain, with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports he collected several samples from the location where the fire had started in the center of the hallway floor. The burn pattern was equally present on both walls of the hallway. There was extensive smoke and soot damage to the first floor, and smoke in the second floor rooms. A large amount of smoke can be seen on the sergeant's squad video coming from the southeast exit of the building near where the fire started. Later, a large amount of smoke is visible coming from the building through the front entrance, which is on the opposite end of the building where the fire was started.

The captain reports he took samples of the carpet area, along with samples from the area where the fire moved up the walls. The captain also collected some garbage and food items at the location where the fire was started.

If convicted for arson of a building, Boscobing may be fined not more than $100,000 or imprisoned not more than 40 years or both. For second degree recklessly endangering safety, she may be fined not more than $25,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years or both. Her preliminary hearing was scheduled for February 14, 2023.

DMV February Law of the Month; *Safe use of roundabouts reduces crashes, improves traffic flow*

Roundabouts have become an efficient and safe way for drivers to travel in Wisconsin. The more than 550 roundabouts across the state are designed to reduce crashes and help improve traffic flow.

To help all users stay safe when traveling, Wisconsin State Patrol's February Law of the Month highlights the rules for roundabouts.

"Crash data proves roundabouts are safer than traditional intersections because there are fewer right-angle, head-on, and left-turn collisions, which can be very dangerous for passengers," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Roundabouts also keep traffic moving smoothly. Drivers must slow down and yield to vehicles to the left, but everyone keeps going. So, you'll get to places quicker and safer."

There are more than 36,000 crashes at Wisconsin intersections every year. Compared to other types of intersection control, roundabouts reduce fatal crashes by about 90%, injury crashes by about 75%, and overall crashes by about 35%.

Rules for roundabouts

To safely navigate a roundabout, drivers should:

· Slow down.

· Yield to all lanes of traffic on your left before entering your lane.

·Yield to traffic already in the roundabout.

·Stay in your lane as you travel through the roundabout. Do not change lanes.

·Exit carefully. As you approach the exit, use your right turn signal.

State law requires drivers to yield the right of way and give space to trucks and other large vehicles at a roundabout. This includes trucks towing other vehicles measuring at least 40 feet long or 10 feet wide.

Commercial trucks can weigh up to 80,000 pounds, and most large vehicles have an expanded turning radius, so the law is designed to reduce the risk of a crash and keep all drivers safe in roundabouts.

Drivers should always yield to emergency vehicles in a roundabout. If a driver is already in the roundabout when the emergency vehicle approaches, avoid stopping in the roundabout. Exit first, then pull over.

Non-drivers in roundabouts

Drivers must share the road with non-drivers in roundabouts. Bicyclists should signal, then merge into the traffic lane to travel through the roundabout. Ride close to the middle of the lane to prevent vehicles from passing and cutting you off.

Bicyclists can also use a sidewalk or path and proceed through the roundabout as a pedestrian.

Pedestrians should cross the street using the designated crosswalks and wait for a safe gap in traffic.

Visit wisconsinroundabouts.gov for more information about roundabout rules and to view graphics and videos illustrating how to use a roundabout.

View the February Law of the Month video and news release online: https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/law/lom.aspx

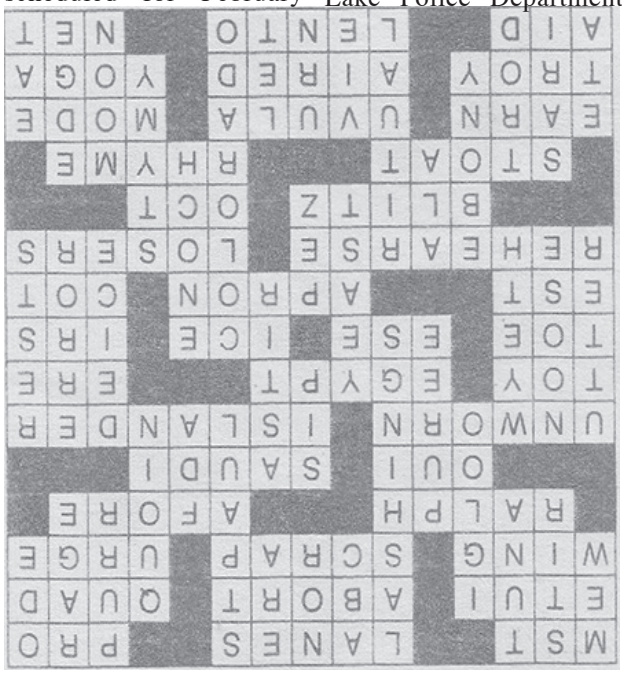
New Wisconsin DMV license plate request from The Fix Is In, Inc.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) received an application requesting a new specialty license plate from the organization The Fix Is In, Inc.

The Fix Is In, Inc. (thefixisin.org) is a nonprofit organization that provides financial and logistical support for the spay/neuter of cats and dogs in Wisconsin. Proceeds from the ($25 donation, in addition to the regular registration fee) for the specialty license plate will be used to support spay and neuter programs across the state of Wisconsin. The organization's goal is to reduce the number of cats and dogs taken in by Wisconsin shelters and to reduce the number of animals that do not make it to safe shelter and suffer needlessly due to overpopulation.

To view their special group license plate application, visit wisconsindmv.gov/specialgroupreview. The application is available for public comment through March 10, 2023.

The public comment period is the first step in a process for groups interested in sponsoring an Authorized Special Group license plate. The public can review each application submitted to become a special group plate and submit an objection if they do not approve of the special group plate. The public review period is open for 30 days. All objections are passed to the legislative Transportation Committee for final decision on the plate's status.



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Sudoku Solution #4148-D



WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS
ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:

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

Sports

Boy's Basketball Team Picks up Three More Wins; Record 14 and 5

The Cumberland Boy's Basketball Team saw its current win streak hit six last week, as they picked up wins over Amery, St. Croix Falls, and Ashland. The team's overall record has grown to 14 and 5 as they prepare for three more contest this week, ending with a big home game in Elmer Beran Gymnasium on Friday against the Ladysmith Lumberjacks.

The Beavers first win was a 62-41 non-conference victory over the 5 and 15 Amery Warriors last Monday night.

Coach Corey Berghammer received a season-high 20 points from guard David Olson to lead the team in scoring, while Gavin Gores added 14 and Jax Effertz 11. Among Effertz baskets, was a three-pointer that gave him an impressive 1,000 points in his Cumberland career.

"It was a really nice evening for Cumberland Basketball. First, we got a good team victory, while secondly we were able to help celebrate Jax scoring 1,000 points. The one thing we talked about prior to this milestone, was how this was a team award. Jax was the first to thank his teammates for making 1,000 points possible. Honestly, I think Jax's teammates were more nervous and excited for him than he was. Those experiences with your team are why people coach," said Berghammer.

Cumberland continued to play well against St. Croix Falls on Thursday, winning 68-41. "We played energized and were out of the gates quickly," said Coach Berghammer about the victory.

Gores led Cumberland with 20 points, while Olson's big week continued as he poured in 17. Effertz added 15 and Vaughn Johnson eight points, while handing out five assists. The Beavers had an incredible shooting night as they hit seven of eight attempts from beyond the arc and 11 of 12 free throws.

Things concluded on Friday with a dominant 79-41 victory over Ashland. "We have been doing a really good job of getting off to good starts and then being able to extend our leads with great team defense. We need to enjoy this win, as winning is something we aren't going to take for granted. We still need to keep preparing and getting better," concluded Berghammer.

Olson led Cumberland in scoring once again with a team-high 24 points by hitting nine of 11 shots. Effertz added 19 points, Johnson 12, and Gores 10. Effertz fine all-around game included team-leading totals in rebounds and assists with eight each. Cumberland shot 64 percent from the floor in the game as they played their best basketball of the season during this three-game stretch.

After taking on Grantsburg and Hayward on Monday and Tuesday of this week, the Beavers host a 17 and 3 Ladysmith team in what will be a good test on Thursday. The team finishes up the regular season on Thursday, February 23, when they travel to Maple to take on the Northwestern Tigers.

Cumberland Wrestling Wins Regional; Team Sectionals on Tuesday

The Cumberland Wrestling Team took home the Regional Trophy last Saturday, as they qualified for the Sectional Team Wrestling Tournament which was held Tuesday, February 14 in Cadott. There, the Beavers were wrestling for a chance to head to the Team State Tournament, which will be held later this month.

Wrestling began at 6:00 pm Tuesday, with Cumberland wrestling Glenwood City in the first semifinal match. The winner will advance to wrestle either Clear Lake or Stratford for the Sectional Championship later that night. Cumberland and Stratford enter as Regional Champions, while Clear Lake and Glenwood City advanced as Regional runners-up.

Besides the team trophy, Cumberland had numerous strong individual performances, with eleven wrestlers moving to the individual D3 Sectional competition in Edgar, starting at 10:00 am this Saturday.

Going as Champions are Cooper Schramski (35-11) at 113, Dawson Johnson (47-1) at 126, and Gabe Erickson (23-17) at 182 pounds.

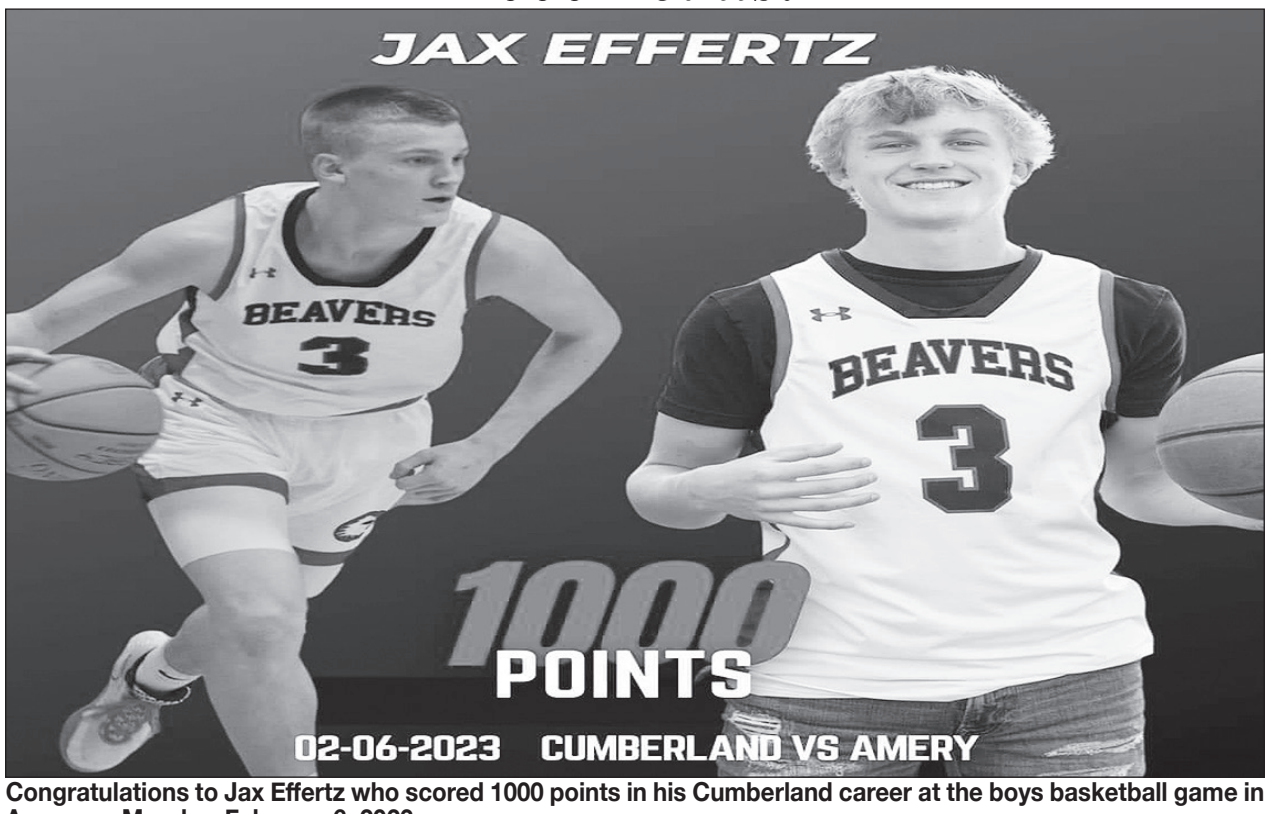
Schramski won his individual title last Saturday, with a bye, a pin, an exciting 9-6 decision over Ronan Garcia from Bruce, and a 4-0 win over Gabe Gerber of Ladysmith. He received a good draw for Saturday, wrestling freshman Lucas Forrest (12-12) of Stratford in his first match. An opening victory, will take Schramski into round two, where he will meet the winner of Cale Quiintance of Marathon or get a rematch with Gerber.

Johnson, meanwhile, took his third straight Sectional Title with a bye, two pins, and a major decision over Mitchell Anderson of Clear Lake. Johnson will continue his quest for a third individual State Title in Edgar, with long-time rival Ian Radintz (34-3) of Glenwood City, looking to be his top challenger.

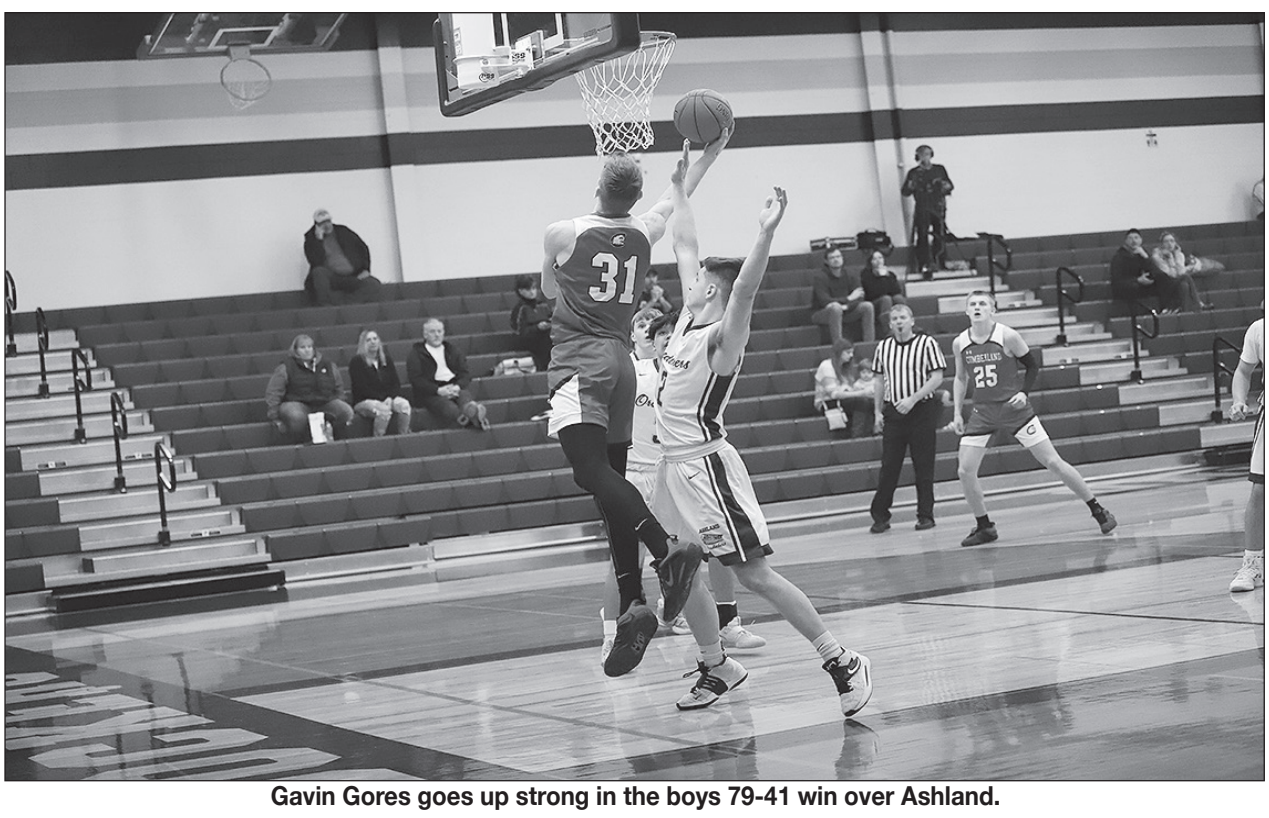
Erickson, meanwhile, took the title at 182-pounds, with a bye, a pin, a 6-2 decision, and a 15-2 major decision over Ryan Shortess of Turtle Lake/Clayton. Erickson will open up his Sectional action with a match against Jackson Logghe of Glenwood City. It looks to be a good draw as Logghe is 17-16 on the year.

The top four finishers in each Regional weight class moved on to Edgar. Thus, Cumberland has also advanced Caleb Hile (26-16) at 106 pounds, Noah Hile (33-12) at 120, Nelson Vasqez (9-8) at 138, Harrison Ruppel (31-17) at 145, Jack Owens (33-14) at 152, Connor Burke (7-11) at 170, Billy Williams (15-19) at 195, and Jack Chafer (37-12) at 285.

"It was exciting to have a front row seat and watch our team compete last Saturday. Their growth, character, and work ethic has been outstanding all year. I can't wait to see what we accomplish next," said Cumberland Head Coach Justin Peterson.

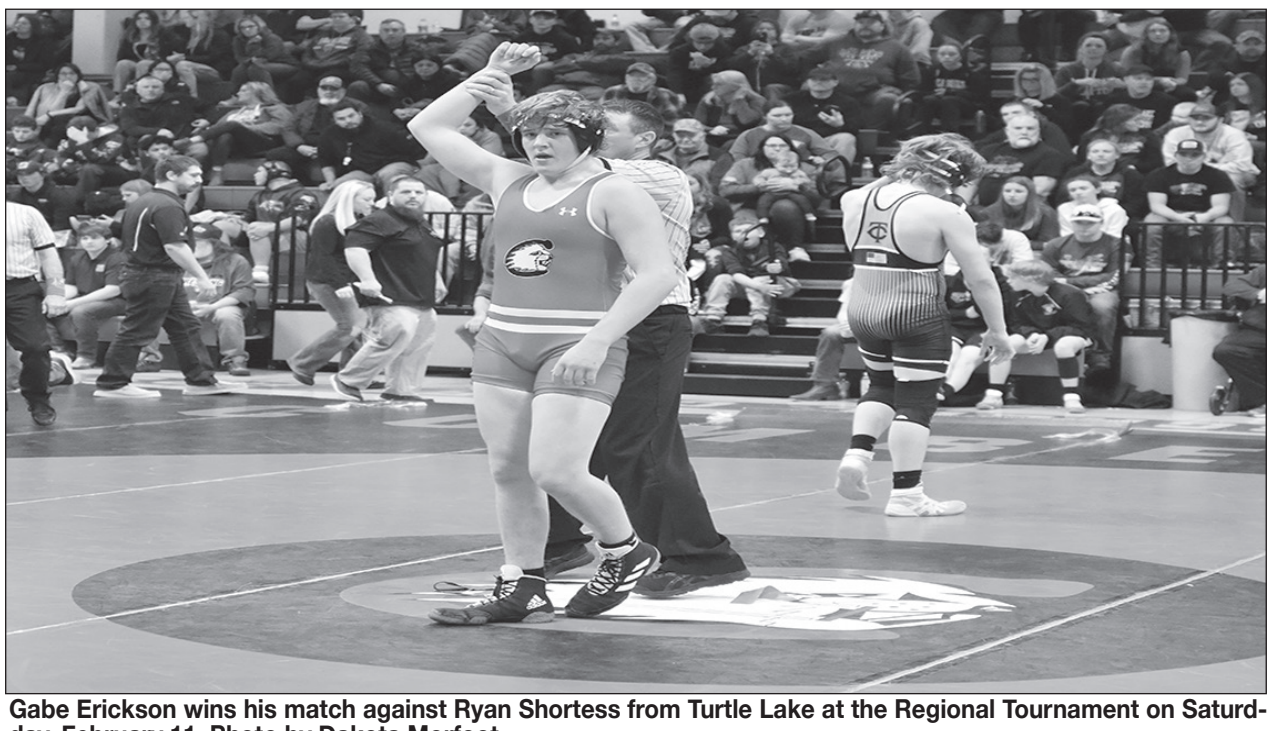


Congratulations to Jax Effertz who scored 1000 points in his Cumberland career at the boys basketball game in Amery on Monday, February 6, 2023.



Gavin Gores goes up strong in the boys 79-41 win over Ashland.


Jack Chafer picked up an important pin at the Regional Tournament held at Cumberland High School on Saturday, February 11. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.


Gabe Erickson wins his match against Ryan Shortess from Turtle Lake at the Regional Tournament on Saturday, February 11. Photo by Dakota Morfoot

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

Destination, Blades Bait & Tackle Kipling Michigan!

Hello friends,

This week's column is about a very progressive and hard-working couple that over the last 3 years has created Blades Baits and Tackle out of Kipling/Gladstone Michigan on Little Bay de Noc. As you are about to find out, Paul and Lacy Bloedorn, formally of New Glarus are about as busy as 2 people can be and also quite successful.

A week ago, I was checking out the website for this shop and I had the thought that I should give Paul and Lacy a call and ask them if I could hang out at both their shop and on the ice as they also have rental shacks and do a column about what they do to pay their bills. Today, even though I had never spoke to Paul and most of our communication was by text, I was driving north on Interstate 41 in an ice storm with dozens of accidents.

Friday, January 27th
High 30, low 23

So, I arrive at the shop at about 2:00, Lacy forgot I was coming, and the lodging I was going to stay at was given out to a group of women fishermen that at the very last minute lost the original lodging that they were supposed to have. I didn't care as I had a sleeping bag, and I could sleep in the office of Blades Bait and Tackle.

To describe this business would be like this, everything an ice fisherman or woman needs is here, and the place is so busy it is almost unbelievable. What was just as interesting is that one person is spending $6.00 and the next is spending $2200.

Shortly after I arrived, I met Paul "Blade" who spends much of his time on the ice with their sleeper shack customers; as in moving shacks, maintaining shacks and transporting people and gear.

Most of my weekend would be spent on the ice and in Paul's Honda 1000 Pioneer which is a UTV on tracks. I was a grunt laborer and observer of a man that generally has his mind on at least a dozen separate thoughts and every part of the day was go, go, go. It was a weekend and fishermen from Wisconsin, the UP, and their rapidly growing customer base of lower Michigan, generally start their adventure on Friday.

A bit on the UTV, we drive it hard, move shacks that are literally 16-foot trailers with a tent over the top of them, a porch that adds 8-feet, a separate trailer that has a bathroom and the entire setup can be moved easily. The shack is made by, Canvas by The Stitch.

Here is the advantage to this set up, The ice on Little Bay de Noc has not been friendly for pickups or large sleeper shacks that have a lot of weight. The group that was staying in the cabin that I was going to sleep in hooked up with Paul and Lacy and because their original outfitter could not get his shacks on the ice.

Saturday, January 28th
High 28, low 19

The shop opens at 5:00am every day of the ice season until March 15th and then The Bloedorn's head down to Florida to stay at their comfortable getaway on an island north of Tampa. Until 4-years ago,

Paul was a earning a living as a financial advisor for Thrivent Financial and his office was in Monroe. Now Blade who is 54 is burning the candle as hard as I have ever witnessed and is starting to have some serious thought of making Blades Bait and Tackle a year round business.

Today we were on the ice 2-hours before daylight, and we had a very unique task of transporting a few of the 27 women and their gear. They were spending the weekend on the ice that are with a group called Wisconsin Women Fish. We met these hardcore ice enthusiasts at the landing at Kipling and I was impressed from the moment I met them until we said goodbye 2 hours after dark. Several of the group were staying overnight on the ice in Blades sleeper shacks and quite a few had pop up ice shacks that they were sleeping in.

At least 8 of them had either a UTV, snowmobile, or ATV and every one of their rigs was setup for ice travel and fishing. These gals travel all over the map fishing year round and they take their fishing very seriously.

For me and most of you know I run hard from January 1st to December 31st, it was awe inspiring to watch Paul and Lacy Bloedorn do what they do as many hours a day as they do. Having been doing my outdoor gig since May of 89, I will say this, eat well, find some getaway time, and keep on trucking.

This shop rocks!

Sunset



Lacy and Paul Bloedorn at the helm of Blades Bait and Tackle.



At 74, Chris Boche of Oxford is an excellent ice fisherwoman.



Paul Bloedorn works extensively during the hard water season with his UTV and sleeper shacks.

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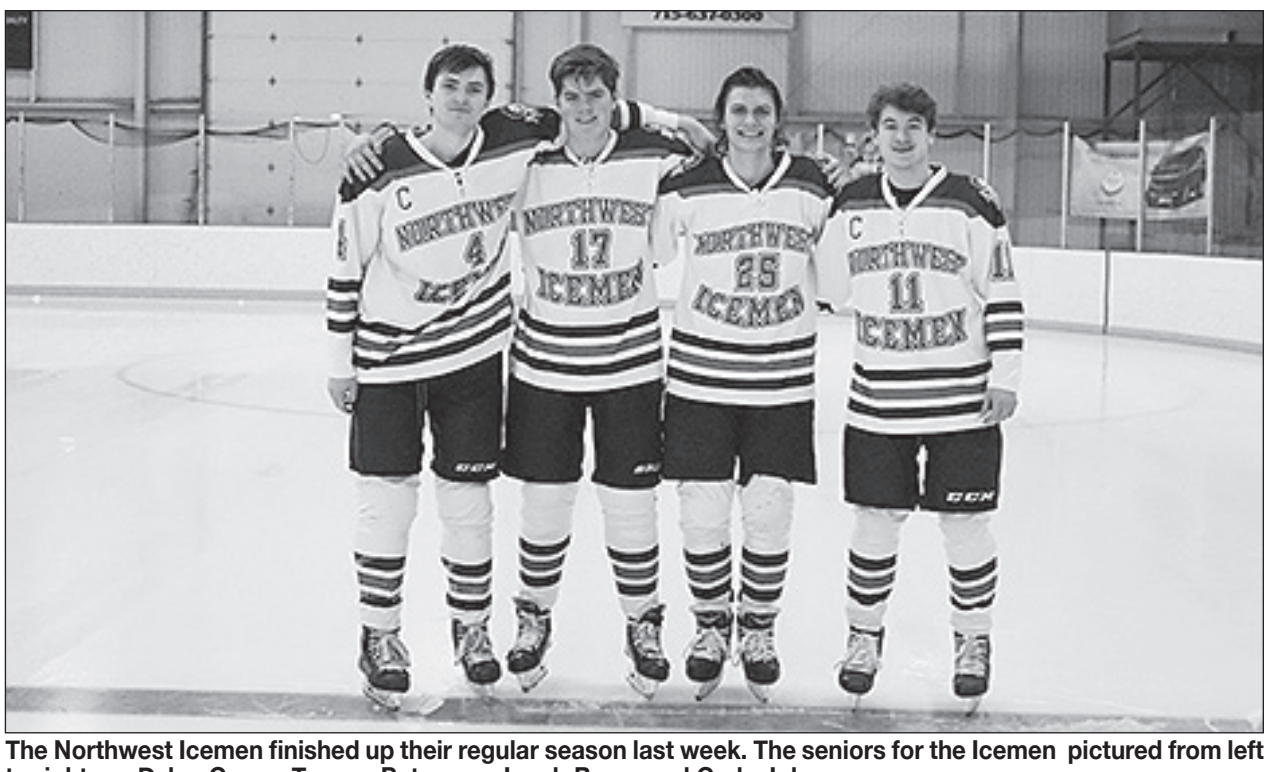
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Northwest Icemen Seniors!



The Northwest Icemen finished up their regular season last week. The seniors for the Icemen pictured from left to right are Dylan Capra, Tommy Peterson, Jacob Bever and Cade Johnson.

Regular Season Over for Northwest Icemen; Played at Superior on Tuesday

The Cumberland Icemen completed their regular season with three losses last week. The Icemen's record stands at 3 and 18 on the year as they opened up WIAA Tournament play in Superior on Tuesday.

The regular season wrapped up with a 6-1 loss to Hayward, a 9-0 defeat to Amery, and a 6-1 loss to Baldwin-Woodville. The team has been outscored 64 to 7 over a current seven game losing streak.

Cumberland's Dylan Capra continued his strong play of late with an assist in the contest. The Icemen struggled to get off shots in the game, putting only nine on net, including none in period three.

It was more of the same on Thursday, when Amery dominated in their shutout victory. They improved their overall record to 19 and 4 as they wrapped up the Middle Border Conference Title.

Finally, a 14 and 10 Baldwin-Woodville Team concluded a long week for the Icemen with their win on Friday. Coach Curtis Cutsforth will now try to rally the Icemen for a difficult challenge awaiting them against Superior. The Spartans are 11 and 11 on the season.



Mya Anderson makes a drive through the lane in the girls 53-25 loss to Hayward.



Melody Taylor looks to pass in the girls game against Hayward.

Girl's Basketball Team Finishes up Regular Season on Thursday

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team finishes up the regular season portion of their schedule this Thursday night, when they host the Northwestern Tigers in a 7:00 pm start. The team then moves into WIAA Tournament play next Tuesday, February 21, with a Regional opener against the Unity Eagles.

Last week, Cumberland dropped a pair of contest, the first a 53-25 decision to the Hayward Hurricanes and the second a 53-27 loss to the Ladysmith Lumberjills, The Beavers record stands at 2 and 20 entering this week's play.

Senior Orion Thompson led Cumberland with eight points in the loss to Hayward, while Melody Taylor grabbed 11 rebounds and Macy Beecroft hit a pair of three- pointers for six points. "I was very proud of how the girls battled and never give up. With a couple more injuries, we were down to six full-time varsity players for the game," said Head Coach Kim Weber.

Thursday, Cumberland battled a good Ladysmith team led by talented Raemalee Smith, but dropped their second game of the week. Smith led he Lumberjills with 20 points in the contest.

Coach Weber had balanced scoring from her players in the game. Orion Thompson led the way with seven points, while Macy Beecroft added six and Alora Garibaldi and Melody Taylor five each. Thompson also led the team with nine rebounds, while Taylor and Garibaldi had two assists each.

St. Croix Falls has already secured the 2022-2023 HON Title and is currently 15 and 0 with one conference game remaining.

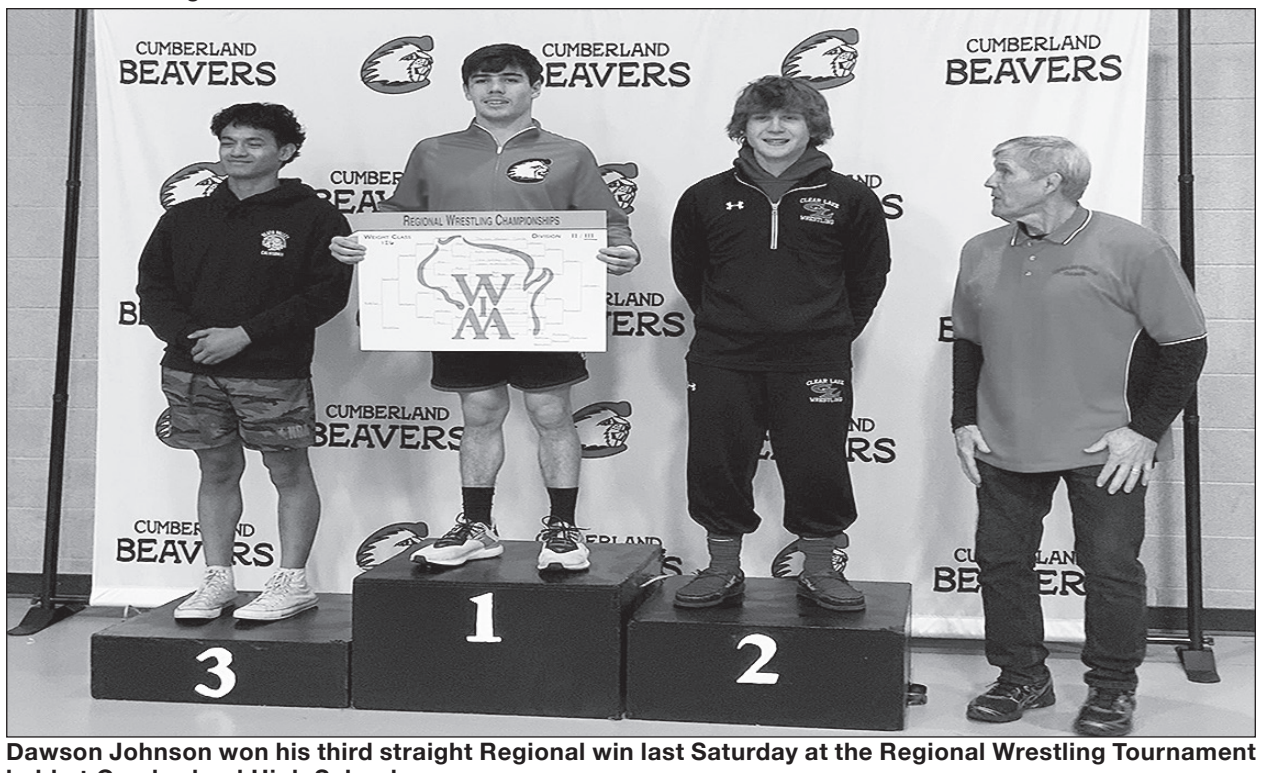
Attention Sports Fans!
All Cumberland athletic events are free this year!
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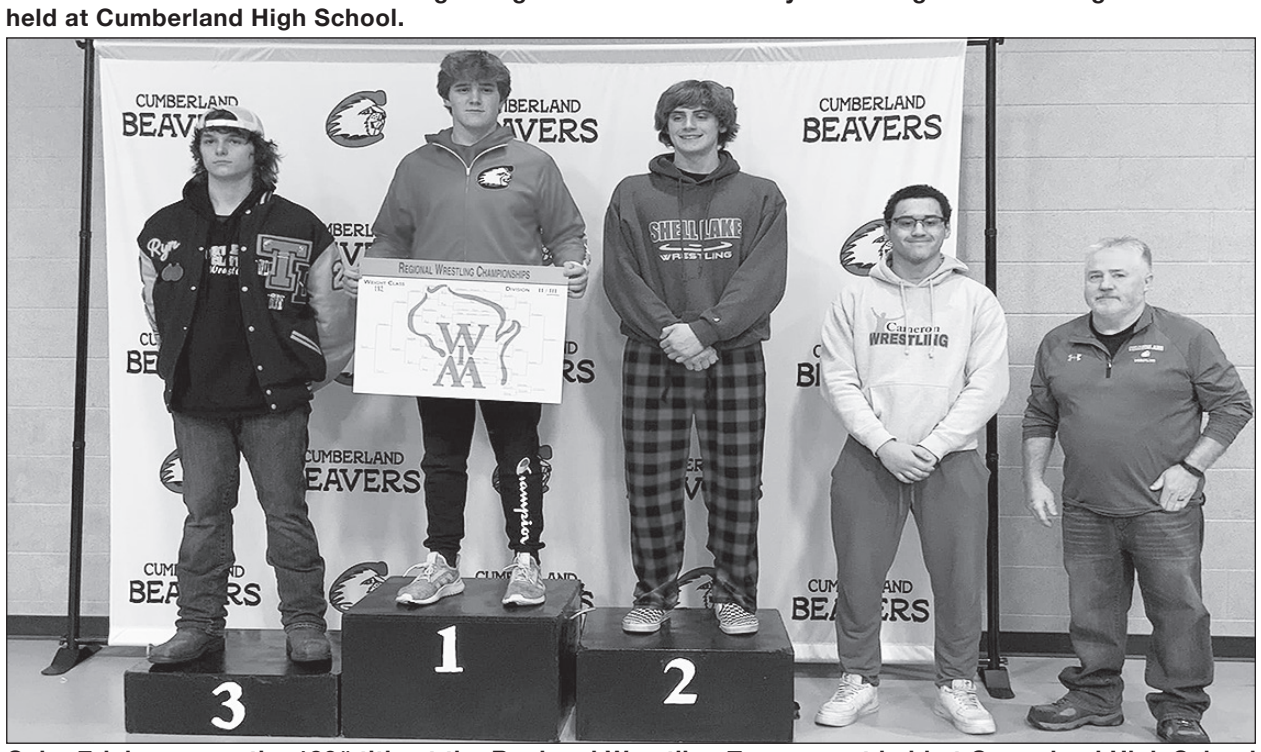
2023 Regional Champs!



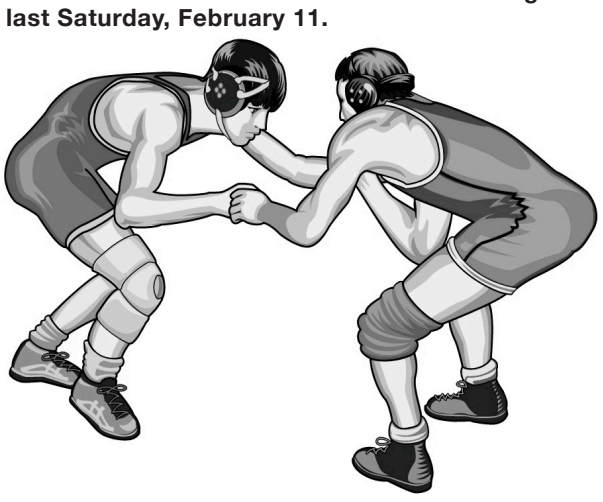
Cooper Schramski won his individual title last Saturday at the Regional Wrestling Tournament held at Cumberland High School.



Dawson Johnson won his third straight Regional win last Saturday at the Regional Wrestling Tournament held at Cumberland High School.



Gabe Erickson won the 182# title at the Regional Wrestling Tournament held at Cumerland High School last Saturday, February 11.



SENIOR DINING

Thursday, February 16
Chicken stir-fry over brown rice, oriental vegetables, assorted bread, pineapple chunks.

Friday, February 17
Classic tuna noodle and pea casserole, pickled beets, assorted bread, applesauce.

Monday, February 20
Liver and onions, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered peas, assorted bread, vanilla pudding.

Tuesday, February 21
Kitchen Kleen* loaded baked potato w/diced ham, cheese, broccoli, onions; dinner roll, fresh grapes.

Wednesday, February 22
Black bean tortilla soup, ham-cheese-lettuce sandwich, fruit Jell-O.

Lunch is served at 11:30 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is $5.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and $10.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. (No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st an 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

I hope you had a very happy Valentine's Day.

We had our "second Sunday of the month" coffee hour after worship service this past Sunday, and Katy Malone surprised the women present with Valentine's Day gift bags filled with bath bombs, soap and lotion that she and her daughter, Nikki, had made, and homemade grape/elderberry jelly. Thank you, Katy and Nikki. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Boyd Aarestad was there and (jokingly) complained that the men weren't given a Valentine's Day gift. We all (or at least most of us) let him know in no uncertain terms that men – and especially Boyd – really didn't deserve them.

Boyd and Laura had been to Hilltop Retreat for supper on Friday evening and couldn't say enough nice things about the food – especially the lemon leche cake that Justin had made. I made a point of calling Justin and letting him know how much they liked it. He said that it is very easy to make, but I think I will just go to Hilltop Retreat for supper the next time he decides to have that for dessert – much easier.

Bill Gill stopped by on Saturday afternoon to return a slow cooker that I had left at his house last summer when he had friends and neighbors over for a piano concert. I had forgotten all about the slow cooker, and he wasn't sure who it belonged to and that was why it took so long to return it. Anyway, Jim and Francie Braun's grandchildren, Kayla, Ethan, Josh and Gabriel, will be visiting from Georgia again this spring or summer, and they would like to put on another concert. They are amazingly talented. I told Bill I will be happy to help with refreshments. He's not sure yet if he will host the concert in April or later in the summer, but I will be sure to let you know a couple weeks ahead of time so you can plan to attend.

Art and Jill Adams and friends, Benji, Jim Bayerle, John and Denise Olson, Steve and LaDell Anderson, Jodi Ladd and Jerry Marsh, spent a fun-filled weekend snowmobiling in and around Cable. Art said that they had a great weekend – put on about 375 miles. It sounded like he and Jill and the rest of the bunch had lots of fun, but that they were happy to be home and able to relax in easy chairs again.

Miriah Lehmann celebrated her birthday on Saturday, the 11th. She and Jeremy went out to dinner and then over to the Getaway for drinks. On Sunday afternoon they stopped by our house to have a piece of birthday cake with us. I had made a carrot cake, and it was absolutely terrible!! They are so nice -- they pretended it was good, but, trust me on this, it was not!! I was so sorry – The reason I am mentioning the cake at all is because I put that recipe in the "Feeding our Flock" cookbook that the women of Barronett Lutheran had published. Please, if you do have that recipe book, do not use the carrot cake recipe I submitted.

Shirley Overvig makes a carrot cake that is to die for, so I called her and she said that she will text her recipe to me. I will try one more time to make a good cake for Miriah and, hopefully, she will come over to have a piece.

Shirley was out walking when I called and said that she is enjoying the beautiful weather. She is not sure when she will be visiting our area again, but hopes to be up soon.

I spent most of my time last week visiting Duane at Marshfield Medical Center in Rice Lake. The silly twirp had pneumonia and wasn't sure it was bad enough to visit a doctor. (Do men ever listen to their wives?) He was there for three days, was sent home with a prescription to be sure the pneumonia is taken care of, and said that he will (maybe) listen to me when I tell him he should give in and see a doctor. He has to stay healthy – We will have lots of gardening to do this summer. And the bathroom tile in the Shaw house is not going to install itself. (My honey-do list for him goes on and on.)

Did you watch the Super Bowl? I wasn't thrilled with spending all Sunday evening watching football when neither the Packers nor the Vikings were playing, but it was a very exciting game. I really watch it for the commercials. I think my favorite was the first "Jesus gets us" commercial with the little boys running toward each other for a hug. There were a bunch of good ones, but that was the best.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. Enjoy the warm weather that we have been promised by the weatherman. We all know that we will get hit with cold and snow again before spring finally comes, but this is a nice reprieve.

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Truan L. Schonauer

Truan Louise Schonauer, 85 of Comstock, went through the Gates of Eden the evening of February 2nd, 2023 at the HSHS Sacred Heart hospital in Eau Claire.

Truan was the eldest child of Orville and Louise Van Ness, born on September 27th, 1937, and raised along with her two brothers in east side St. Paul, MN., where she attended Harding High School.

She was preceded in death by her brother, David Van Ness (Faye). Survived by her spouse, Manfred Schonauer; her brother Tim Van Ness (Nancy); daughter Wendy Yoakum (Mort) of Moran, WY; daughter Penny Willis (David) of Lino Lakes; son Brent Nelson (Shelli) of Bloomington; son Brian Nelson (Laura) of Minneapolis; grandchildren Vanessa, Bethany, and Connor. Manfred guided her safely on her final journey with his music composition "Gate of Eden" Cremation through Skinner Funeral Home, Cumberland WI, with a celebration of life to be held at the Pipe Dream Center later this spring.

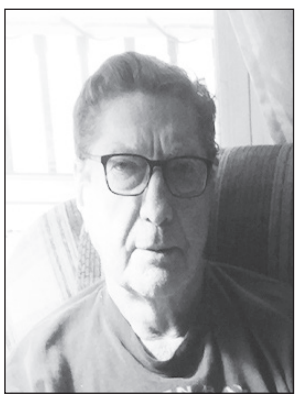
Victoria Antonetti

Victoria "Vicky" Antonetti, 71, of Cumberland died Monday, February 13, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Friday, February 17, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor John Miels officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 PM Thursday, February 16, 2023, at St. Paul Lutheran Church and one hour before the service on Friday.

Full obituary to come.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



James "Jim" R. Graf

James "Jim" Roy Graf, 78, of Almena passed away on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire. He was born November 1, 1944 in Shell Lake, WI to George Richard and Lucy Irene (Wadby) Graf.

Born in Shell Lake and raised on a dairy farm in Timberland, Jim was quite proud of his Catholic upbringing and German heritage. The start to his life as a devout Catholic began when he was baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shell Lake as an infant.

In his early years he attended Bashaw and Timberland schools, and then would attend middle and high school at Shell Lake, where he graduated in 1962.

Jim held many titles throughout his adult life, from carnival worker and truck driver to CNC machinist, custodian, and many things in between. This journey eventually brought him to Kansas, where he would meet Nancy Wiens. He even went back to college during their time together to further his knowledge, which he truly enjoyed - obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree in Communications in 1999.

Jim and Nancy would marry on December 28, 2000, and together work their way back to Wisconsin. They would settle in Almena, living in Jim's great-grandfathers house, which he was very proud of.

Jim's passions stayed true throughout life. He achieved the 4th Degree in the Knights of Columbus, loved all things German (especially Polka music), and was an avid outdoorsman while his sight allowed - regularly hunting, fishing, and even making maple syrup. He also cared deeply for his flowers, and watching sports.

He is survived by wife, of 22 years, Nancy; son, Corey (Cynthia) Graf, daughter, Monica Graf; grandchildren, Dustin Graf, Joseph Graf, Lucas Graf, Joshua Thornwall, Nathan Thornwall, Alaura Schneider; great-grandchildren, Sean, Sterling, Zander, Otto, Obadiah, Jace, Solomon, Elyse; siblings, Joan (Melvin) Diesterhaft, Glen (Karen) Graf; stepson, Bruce Bergeson, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family.

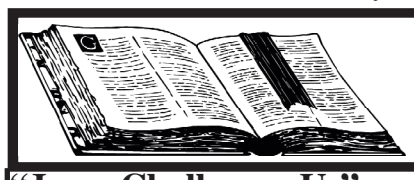
Jim is preceded in death by parents, George and Irene; siblings, Jack, Marie and Dick.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM on Friday, February 17, 2023 at The Church of the Sacred Heart, Almena with Fr. Tom Thompson officiating. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery. Pallbearers are Travis Gibson, Brian Diesterhaft, Brent Diesterhaft, Lucas Graf, Joseph Graf and Josh Thornwall. Honorary pallbearer is Arnie Stoeberl.

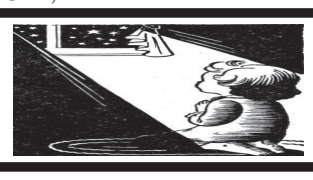
Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 5 - 8 PM at Skinner Funeral Home, Cumberland and one hour prior to the service at church.

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In our Gospel reading for this coming Sunday, the 7th Sunday of Ordinary time, we hear Jesus say in Matthew, "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be the children of your heavenly Father."

Jesus really challenges us to be something in this Gospel that seems almost impossible. In fact, given the frailness of our Human Condition, it is impossible. It seems no matter how hard we want to love unconditionally, we allow our own prejudices and our own self-centeredness to get in the way. I'm not suggesting that we shouldn't try if all we are going to do is fail. Not at all. Jesus is continually calling on us to keep trying. To keep moving forward in our relationship with the Father. Yes, we are going to stumble, and we are going to hurt ourselves and others in the process. But each time we pick ourselves up, recognize our failings, and turn our attention back to God, we grow in Holiness. Yes, Holiness. Holiness is not the art of being better than thou or being without fault. Holiness is about constantly striving to improve our actions and bringing ourselves closer to God with each step we take. If our Human Condition causes us to take a few steps back now and then, that's okay. No need to beat ourselves up over it. We just put our focus back on the will of God, seek His forgiveness, and keep moving forward.

Here's the deal though. If it's okay for us to fail and start again, why isn't okay for others to do the same? What gives us the right to stand in judgement when someone is on the same, often awkward, journey that we are on? I really think this is a large part of what Jesus is telling us in this Gospel. We need to recognize the difficulty and pain of our own lives in the lives of others. Where we want kindness, consideration, care, healing and peace from others, so do others expect the same things from us. And we should give it freely and often. Loving as God wants us to love literally means we need to forgive each other always, pray for each other always, and give of ourselves for others always.

As the season of Lent approaches may we take time to humble ourselves before God and others. May we come to peace with our own faults and offer comfort, peace, and the unconditional love of the Father to those around us. Especially our enemies and those who persecute us, because this is the will of the Father. Peace be the journey!

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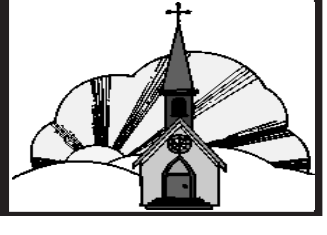
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cumberland School District Board of Education shall be held at 6:00 p.m. for open session on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in the middle school commons.

The following is the proposed agenda:

1. Approve vouchers, receipts, and invoices.
2. Recognize delegates, visitors, and donations.
3. Consider approval of the 2023 – 2024 School District Calendar.
4. Consider approval of Ritchie Narges' resignation as High School Principal due to retirement.
5. Consider approval of James Richie's resignation as Elementary School Principal due to retirement.
6. Consider approval of Jean Taylor's resignation as Reading and Math Resource Teacher due to retirement.
7. Consider approval of Elizabeth Sommerfeld's resignation as 4th Grade Teacher due to retirement.
8. Consider approval of Karen Mitchell's resignation as 3rd Grade Teacher due to retirement.
9. Consider approval of Mary K. Miller's resignation as Special Education Aide due to retirement.
10. Hear discussion items and administrator reports.
11. Set meeting dates and events.

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk

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NOTICE

The Town of Crystal Lake Town Board of Supervisors will hold its Monthly Meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall, located at 1876 Hwy. 63, Comstock, WI. The Town Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Arlene Frisinger
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Crystal Lake

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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION) CASE NO. 2023 PR 10

In the Matter of the Estate of Peter Antonetti, Case No. 2023 PR 10.

An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth September 17, 1951 and date of death June 14, 2019 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1161 Donatelle St., Cumberland, WI 54829.

All interested persons waived notice.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 16, 2023.

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

/S/ Deanne E. Alsbury
Registrar in Probate
January 31, 2023

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NOTICE OF SPRING PRIMARY AND SAMPLE BALLOT
FEBRUARY 21, 2023
OFFICE OF THE BARRON COUNTY CLERK

TO THE VOTERS OF BARRON COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Barron County on February 21, 2023, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

ASSISTANCE FOR VOTING

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

WHERE OPTICAL SCAN VOTING IS USED

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. .

When using an Express Vote to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote

SPOILING BALLOTS

If a voter spoils an optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

AFTER VOTING THE BALLOT

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Primary Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
February 21, 2023

S1

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ⬬

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ⬬

Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court
Vote For 1

- ⬭ Janet C. Protasiewicz
- ⬭ Daniel Kelly
- ⬭ Everett D. Mitchell
- ⬭ Jennifer R. Dorow
- ⬭ write-in:

Official Primary Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
February 21, 2023
for
Barron County

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Town of Barron
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Town of Cedar Lake
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Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

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- ☐ Overvoted
- ☐ Damaged
- ☐ Other

If this is the **Original Ballot**, write the serial number here:

If this is the **Duplicate Ballot**, write the serial number here:

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

If issued by SVDs, both must initial

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

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SAMPLE

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Cumberland WI 54829
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Mon.-Fri. 8am-4:30pm

Town of Crystal Lake
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164 22nd Ave
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Feb 7-Feb 17 by appt.
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1876 7th St.
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Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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DNR Urges Sober Riding As Snowmobile Fatality Numbers Climb

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reports nine snowmobile fatalities so far in 2023 and urges all snowmobile operators to Sled Safe and Sled Smart.

"With the big football weekend coming up, I can't emphasize enough how important it is for snowmobile operators to be safe, responsible and sober. Impairment of any kind can have tragic consequences," said DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Administrator Lt. Jacob Holsclaw. "Over the past five years, alcohol was involved in 68% of snowmobile fatalities. As you venture out on your snowmobile, think of your loved ones. Don't drink and ride."

Local sheriff's deputies and DNR conservation wardens are amping up patrol efforts to make sure you're staying safe.

Don't forget these snowmobile safety tips:

It is never OK to drink and operate a snowmobile. Impairment of any kind – drugs or alcohol – can have tragic consequences.

Always operate within the limits of your skills, visibility and snowmobile.

Stop and look both ways before crossing a road. All snowmobile operators are required to obey stop sign postings and stop. Be sure the path is clear of all oncoming traffic.

Sports Look Back, February 16, 1983

An ice-cold fourth quarter cost the Island City Girls a 41-26 decision to the Ladysmith Lumberjills Monday night at the Elmer Beran Gymnasium.

Cumberland was zero for eight from the court in the final stanza as Ladysmith pulled away. Cumberland finished the night 12 for 43, a lackluster 28 percent. Ladysmith hit on 19 of 51 shots for a more respectable 37 percent.

Ladysmith opened a 4-0 lead on two long-range jumpers from 5'6 senior Lisa Surowiec. Cumberland countered with Aggi Walsh scoring on a pass from Jill Jansen and followed that with Walsh throwing a beautiful lob to Kay Anderson for an easy layup. Following two Ladysmith baskets, Barb Behling scored off an offensive rebound to pull CHS within 8-6 after one quarter.

Cumberland took the lead in the second quarter as Shannon Lane and Barb Behling hit outside shots. The Jills tied it at 110 but Behling scored again and Cumberland had their final lead at 12-10.

Ladysmith regained the lead by breaking the Cumberland press late in the quarter. Cumberland had pressed the entire half and caused Ladysmith a few problems but the Jills' Desi Harmon and Kathy Morgan scored layups to give the Jills a 14-12 halftime lead.

The teams traded baskets at the start of the third quarter and then Ladysmith went wild, out scoring Cumberland 10-2 over a four minute period to take a 26-16 lead. Again, the Jills broke the Cumberland press to give 5'11 Kathy Morgan and 6-foot Lisa Novesky easy baskets.

The Island city crew did not quit, however, as Kay Anderson scored from outside and Shannon Lane from inside to cut the deficit to 26-20. Following two Ladysmith free throws, Barb Behling scored twice with 13 seconds to pull Cumberland within 28-24. Behling first sank a 15 foot jumper and then made a nifty drive in the lane, banking her shot off the glass.

The fourth quarter was all Ladysmith as the Jills scored 11 straight points for a 39-24 lead. Julie Morgan led the Jills scoring twice and assisting on a couple more. Cumberland could only manage two Ruby Vick free throws with 1:38 remaining.

Cumberland Mixed-Up League

Week 19 – February 8th

2nd Half Team Standings
Cumberland Bus - 25
Corner Bar #2 - 24
Club Cumberland - 12
Corner Bar #1 - 9

3 High Scratch Games
Laura Valles - 197
Becky Cifaldi - 195
Eric Olson - 177

3 High Scratch Series
Eric Olson - 493
Laura Valles - 476
Becky Cifaldi - 476

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Team Standings
Bowlin Buddies - 46
LakePlace.com Brothers-43
4 Chops - 38
Becker's Trucking - 34
Clear Lake Self Storage-3
Austad's Super Valu-24
Northwoods Septic - 22
Wrecking Balls - 14

5 High Scratch Games
Heidi VanHeuklom - 191
Judy Ullom - 187
Deanne Moravitz - 181
Beth Knops - 180
Kaitlin Hanson - 167
Shannon Bents - 167

5 High Scratch Series
Heidi VanHeuklom - 507
Brenda Levine - 470
Judy Ullom - 459
Shannon Bents - 452
Deanne Moravitz - 436

Thank you for reading The Advocate

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 16:
Girls Basketball @ Home

Friday, Feb. 17:
Boys Basketball @ home

Saturday, Feb. 18:
Wrestling @ Edgar

Monday, Feb 20:
Boys Basketball @ Bloomer

Tuesday, Feb. 21:
Girls Basketball @ Unity

2023 WI State Ice Fishing Contest!



Ember was so excited to be out on the lake.



This young gentleman trying to catch the big one.



Bill and Lisa Berggren are big smiles in between tip ups.



The weather was absolutely perfect for the 40th WI State Ice Fishing Contest.



Stacy Rischette and her grandson Jordi with his 4.60 Northern. Congratulations Jordi!

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DNR Begins Winter Prescribed Burns

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that fire management crews are starting to perform prescribed burns on DNR properties throughout the state where local conditions can provide a safe and effective burn.

DNR crews will be burning cattail marshes and/or wetlands to clear the buildup of dead vegetation and open waterways for waterfowl to feed and nest. By burning in the winter, DNR staff take advantage of wet conditions and frozen ground, which reduce the heat and intensity of cattail marsh burns.

Winter burns mark the beginning of the fire management season for DNR crews. Additional windows of opportunity for prescribed burning will continue through spring, and open again in late summer and fall (mid-July through November).

Prescribed burns support healthy ecosystems for an abundance of plants and animals in Wisconsin. Historically, periodic fire (either lightning or human-caused) would remove the dead vegetation while stimulating native plant growth. Marshes, wetlands and the native species that live there have adapted to periodic fire and even depend on it.

Planning a burn can take months and crews must be ready when the appropriate weather condition (or "prescription") is right for the burn. DNR staff make the decision to conduct these prescribed burns only when weather and vegetation conditions meet strict standards for safety, smoke management and burn effectiveness. Even after such careful planning, weather forecast evaluations, vegetation moisture measurements and staff trainings, each burn is reassessed on the morning of the burn at the burn site.

When conducting prescribed burns near roads or recreational trails, the DNR will post signs to notify the public. For your safety, we ask you to please avoid these areas while the burn is being conducted. The DNR also notifies local law enforcement and fire officials in advance about when and where DNR prescribed burns will take place.

To view the status of where prescribed burns are currently happening across the state, visit the DNR WisBURN page. For a more detailed look at historic, current and planned DNR prescribed burns, visit the DNR Prescribed Fire Dashboard.

For more information regarding the benefits of prescribed burning in Wisconsin, visit this DNR webpage.

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