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A View from the Lake

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I started writing this article in late Feb. and the snow was flying like there was no end to winter – here 6 weeks later I am again looking out the window at the snow coming down. Our computer acted up just before we left for FL., so the article didn't get in the March 8th edition. Unfortunately, many of the topics covered in the article didn't progress much over the past 6 weeks until this past week.

The dredging and restoration of Library Lake is now planned for mid-Jan. to late Feb. 2024. The BDLMD currently has a permit to remove the cattails and sediment from the southern side of the lake. The Lake District has been working with Emmons & Oliver Resources, Inc and the WDNR on a permit application for the northern shoreline of Library Lake. The application process started in the fall of 2022, and we are continuing work with the WDNR to address several additional concerns that were raised and are currently under review. A big thanks to Ardisam for providing the equipment and personnel to drill approximately 100 holes in the ice on Library Lake that allowed for the additional sediment samples and other data to be recorded. Hopefully with the additional information the WDNR will soon issue the permit. A Dredge and Restore Library Lake fund raising effort is in the planning stages, but until we know exactly what the work scope will entail, the kick off of the effort has been purposely stalled. I can say that a matching donation challenge for a significant amount of the anticipated cost has been pledged to the BDLMD. I hope that by May 1, 2023, we will have all the necessary permits in hand.

As reported in the Dec. 14, 2022, "A View from the

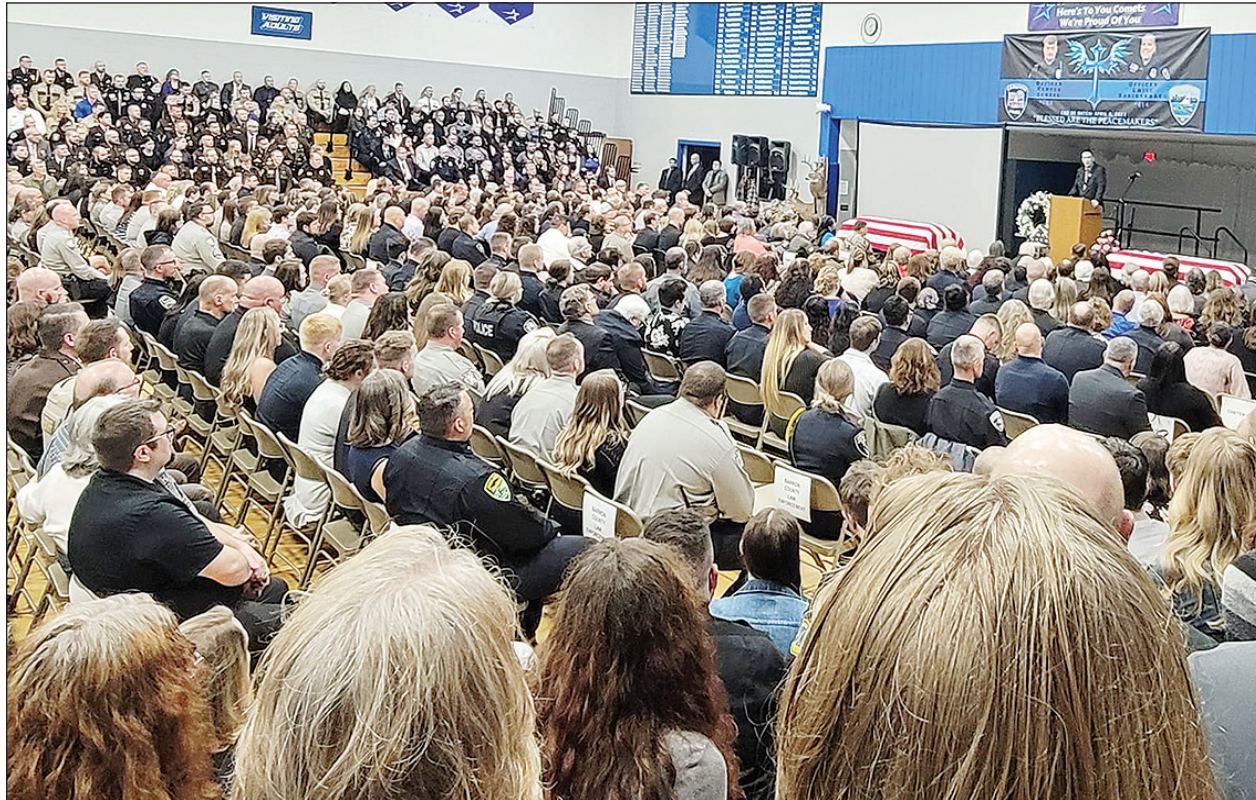
Lake" article, a permit to remove (dredge) cattails and sediment from the east channel of the "Wickre's" channel located on the west shoreline of Rabbit Bay was under review by the WDNR. Following the 30 day Public comment period, the Permit was issued and is good for 5 years. The dredging commenced in late February, but the operation ran into unexpected water infiltrating the excavated area to the point where the project needed to be cancelled for this year.

The Eurasian Water Milfoil – (EWM) that was located during the July and Oct. 2022 plant surveys will be treated in several weeks after ice out. The permit for this year's treatment was finally received this past week after a lengthy review process by the WDNR. It became quite apparent that the historical data that is being meticulously collected as part of the yearly aquatic plant surveys and treatment process provided answers and clarification to groups and individuals that provide input and approval of the treatment plan. They could clearly see the progress made over the past 10+ years by the Beaver Dam Lake Management District on this project. The west side of the lake near the highway 63 bridge, the channel to the east as well as City Bay, Rabbit Bay and Cemetery Bay will have a whole lake treatment with 2-4D. A number of smaller EWM locations throughout the lake will also be treated using ProcellaCOR. ProcellaCOR is applied in Part Per Billion (PPB) rather than Part Per Million (PPM) and is very effective when treating small areas. This year's approved Plan is on the BDLMD website at beaverdamlake.org.

The waves caused by

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True Heroes!



Top Photo; Over 800 Police Officers and countless family and friends gathered in the Cameron High School gymnasium on Saturday, April 15th to pay their respects to fallen Chetek Police Officer Emily Breidenbach and Cameron Police Officer Hunter Scheel who were tragically killed in the line of duty on Saturday, April 7th following a traffic stop near Cameron. Bottom Photo; A procession of hundreds of police cars and trucks on following the service in Cameron.



Citizen Of The Year!



Sharon Herman was honored as the "Citizen of the Year" at the annual Cumberland Chamber of Commerce Banquet Tuesday, April 11 at the American Legion. Sharon has spent her entire life in the Cumberland area and has been heavily involved in the community in many aspects. She has truly put her heart into this community. Some of Sharon's many contributions have included The United Fund Board, Island City Food Co-op, Ruby's Pantry, Cumberland School District, Girl Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Legion Auxiliary and President of the Cumberland Hockey Association. She also volunteers at the Methodist Church, Margaret's Project Santa and Meals on Wheels. She worked at the Cumberland Hospital for 37 1/2 years as a Registered Nurse, Director of Nursing and was instrumental in planning and designing the Mental Health Unit as Head Nurse. In her retirement she co-owned and operated Bistro 63 in Barronett serving guests with top notch food and hospitality. Congratulations Sharon on a well earned honor. Presenting the award at the banquet was Chamber of Commerce President Stacy Rischette.

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Summer is on its way, vacations are being planned and we want people to know what Cumberland and the surrounding areas have to offer! A great place to live and visit!

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