



Cumberland Healthcare Announces Retirement of Mike Gutsch, CEO



Mike Gutsch

CUMBERLAND, WI – Cumberland Healthcare announces the retirement of Mike Gutsch, Chief Executive Officer effective January 5th, 2024.

During Mike Gutsch's eleven year tenure, he has played a pivotal role in Cumberland Healthcare's transformation in the healthcare industry. He has been a visionary leader, guiding the organization through significant growth, innovation, and community impact.

Under Mike Gutsch's guidance, Cumberland Healthcare has achieved numerous milestones. A few of these are:

- Forming a partnership with Cumberland Care and Rehab to continue delivering long-term care services to the community.
- Merging the clinic and hospital into one integrated system.
- Partnering with Mayo to develop oncology services to Cumberland so residents don't have to travel for treatment.
- Employee and patient satisfaction scores continually increase.

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- Formed a partnership with Northlake's Clinics to deliver and expand behavioral health services.

- Transitioned the medical staff to replace retiring physicians.

- New hospital/clinic replacement.

"Mike Gutsch has been an exceptional leader whose dedication, vision, and strategic initiatives have propelled Cumberland Healthcare to where it is today. We are grateful for his unwavering commitment to advancing healthcare, improving patient outcomes, and driving organizational success. We wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement," said Board President Matt Gores.

"It has been an honor to lead a great team at Cumberland Healthcare," said Mike Gutsch. "I am proud of the dedicated employees, board and leadership at Cumberland Healthcare. The future looks bright as healthcare continues to evolve."

Mike's official retirement day is January 5th. He will serve as the interim CEO until March while Cumberland Healthcare waits for the new CEO to serve out her notice.

The Cumberland Healthcare team and Governing Board sincerely thank Mike Gutsch for his outstanding leadership and contributions. We wish him a fulfilling and joyful retirement.

Rice Lake Man Charged With Having Explosive Device and Drugs Following Traffic Stop

Kyle Faas, 35, of Rice Lake, is facing bomb and drug related charges following a traffic stop on December 5, 2023.

The criminal complaint states that Faas was stopped by a sergeant with the Rice Lake Police Department,

when he was seen driving a black Audi in Rice Lake with a passenger. Faas acknowledged to the officer who stopped him he had a warrant, and said that his license was still revoked and he intended to get the

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Piecemakers Have you Covered

The Island City Piecemakers recently delivered 30 quilts plus a number of pillowcases and other small items to Project Santa 2023. In addition to the quilts donated to Project Santa, ICP has created over 100 quilts this year and made donations to the Cumberland Area Food Pantry, Kinship of Cumberland and Turtle Lake, American Legion, Benjamin's House, Pregnancy Center, Light a Legacy, DKG Literacy Project, Cumberland Woman's Club Scholarship Auction, total loss fire victims, Peace Quilts for hospice patients at Cumberland Care & Rehab plus other projects

throughout Barron County. Meetings are held at the First Methodist Church in Cumberland at 9:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. All quilters are welcome. There are no membership fees. ICP has two sales each year to fund these projects: Rutabaga Craft Fair and the Christmas Bazaar at the American Legion. Please support our Quilt Raffle from August to November. If you have questions regarding ICP, contact Deb Peterson, President (651-230-1905) or Diane O'Connor, Vice President (715-382-8859).

Nilssen's To Expand!



The old apartment complex located on Second Avenue, south of the four corners came down on Monday, December 12th to make room for expansion of Nilssen's Foods. Construction for the expansion is scheduled for spring of 2024. Over 8,000 square feet of new space is expected leading to expanded groceries, produce and much more. The new addition will lend to a better and more pleasant shopping experience. More information to come at a later date.

City Council Holds December Meeting; Needed IT Upgrades Approved

The Cumberland City Common Council met on Tuesday, December 5 for its regular monthly meeting. The agenda and previous minutes were approved as were the expenses for the month of November in the amount of \$267,446.54. With no one offering public comments, the Council immediately tackled the items presented for their consent.

First on the agenda was a proposal for needed IT upgrades and services for the city. Mayor Dan Shoemaker called current IT status, "An infrastructure that could put the city at risk because it is such an antiquated system."

A presentation led by Ward 2 Alderman Bill Lusier, indicated security, infrastructure, and support concerns which included outdated and unsupported servers and software, a lack of anti-virus consistency, an outdated phone system,

an absence of a full firewall, and no robust support among other issues. This led to a Committee decision to address both necessary upgrades, a stabilization of the system, and establishment of on-going support.

Bids had been gathered for these upgrades from four companies. After looking at upfront cost, on-going support, and business references, the recommendation of the Committee was to accept the proposal from Advanced Technology Solutions. Following a brief discussion, the Council unanimously recommended hiring ATS for these much-needed updates.

Next on the agenda was the passing of a change order of \$18,375 to Desantis Excavating & Underground Utilities for their work on the Highway 63 Sanitary Sewer Replacement project. The change came follow-

ing the need to remove a 30-foot abandoned concrete storm sewer pipe and a 4x6 concrete inlet that were in direct conflict with the proposed water main. Not on the original bid, the change order allowed the project to proceed in a timely manner. The Council also authorized another payment of \$360,889.80 to DeSantis Excavating & Underground Utilities for work completed through October 30 on the Carlone East project. Consent for payment came following a breakdown of work done in the categories of water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street.

The rest of the agenda items included the Council approving a Barron County Board request for payment to their Library Trustee Representative, paid for by the County, approving the Utility Manager Employment Agreement, which

goes into effect on January 1, approving 15 names as Election inspectors for the 2024-2025 term, and approving three operator licenses for Ginny's Amoco.

The evening concluded with Committee reports. Alderman Tom Goldsmith of Public Works gave an update on a water retention issue problem on Hines Lakeview Drive. Mayor Shoemaker announced that the Golf Course will be submitting monthly records to the Clerk for future meeting committee reports. Alderman Jim Schullo gave updates on work at the airport, while the Council asked to receive monthly updates from the Clerk regarding permits given for city projects. With their work completed, the meeting was adjourned.

Over 100 Quilts In 2023!



Pictured are ICP members from left to right, Wendy Hoffmann, Mary DeFoe, Lora O'Hern, Joyce Starks, Deb Peterson, Diane O'Connor Carol Krueger, Bobbi Momchilovich and Phyllis Willer.

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Library Column

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

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2nd Wed. | 3 pm - Crafternoon Club

2nd Thur. | 4 pm - TSAPL Book Club
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Noon Year’s Eve Party at Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

On Saturday, December 30 from 10:30 am until 12:30 pm the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland will celebrate with a Noon Year’s Eve Party! Let your children welcome in the new year at noon instead of midnight! There will be games, activities, snacks, and a celebration as the clock strikes noon.

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Thursday, Dec. 14
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Friday, Dec. 15
Pizza totchos, broccoli, applesauce. MS/HS: Garlic cheese bread.

Monday, Dec. 18
Ham and cheese sandwich, chips, carrots. MS/HS: Garlic cheese bread.

Tuesday, Dec. 19
Cheese quesadilla, brown rice, corn, mandarin oranges. MS/HS: Hamburger or cheeseburger with fries.

Wednesday, Dec. 20
CHRISTMAS DINNER: Roast turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberries, green beans, pumpkin bar. MS/HS: Cheese quesadilla.

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS
Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14: 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 5-7:30 pm MS Boys BB at St. Croix Falls • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Boys BB at Cameron • 7-8:30 pm HS Wrestling home vs Chetek/Prairie Farm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15: 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Girls BB at Chetek/Weyerhaeuser

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16: 8 am - 5 pm: 8th Grade Girls Youth Basketball Tournament • 9 am-3 pm HS Wrestling Invite at Osceola • 1:00 - 3:00 pm CCE: Pickle Ball

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18: 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 5:30-7:30 pm MS Girls BB practice • 6:30-9 pm MS Band Concert

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19: 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Boys BB home vs Chetek/Weyerhaeuser • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20: 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickle Ball

COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS

NORDIC WEDNESDAYS at Timberland Hills
(1788 Boyd Ln., Barronett, WI 54813)
Ski/Snowshoe 2023-2024 *Wednesdays 1:00 pm beginning December 6, 2023 - until Spring meet to Cross-Country Ski or Snowshoe with others.
We will meet and break into groups of similar ski ability to enjoy the outdoors! All abilities are welcome! Can't ski but Love Winter? Bring snowshoes and take hike.
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You will need to bring your own equipment and if you are not a member of Timberland Hills Foundation or CASTA bring a little cash for a donation.
Information: Contact: Mary Kay Burmesch at mkbskis@gmail.com
Susan Bridger CCE Director, sbrid@csdmail.com, 715-822-5121 ext. 403

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TIMES: 6:00-7:30 am or 4:00-7:00 pm
Cumberland High School
We ask that all participants adhere to these hours for their safety and the safety of our students.



Art Mondays!



Artist Angela Nelli gives instruction in the lower level of the Cumberland Arts Center on "Art Mondays."



Cumberland Fire Department December Safety Tip of the Month

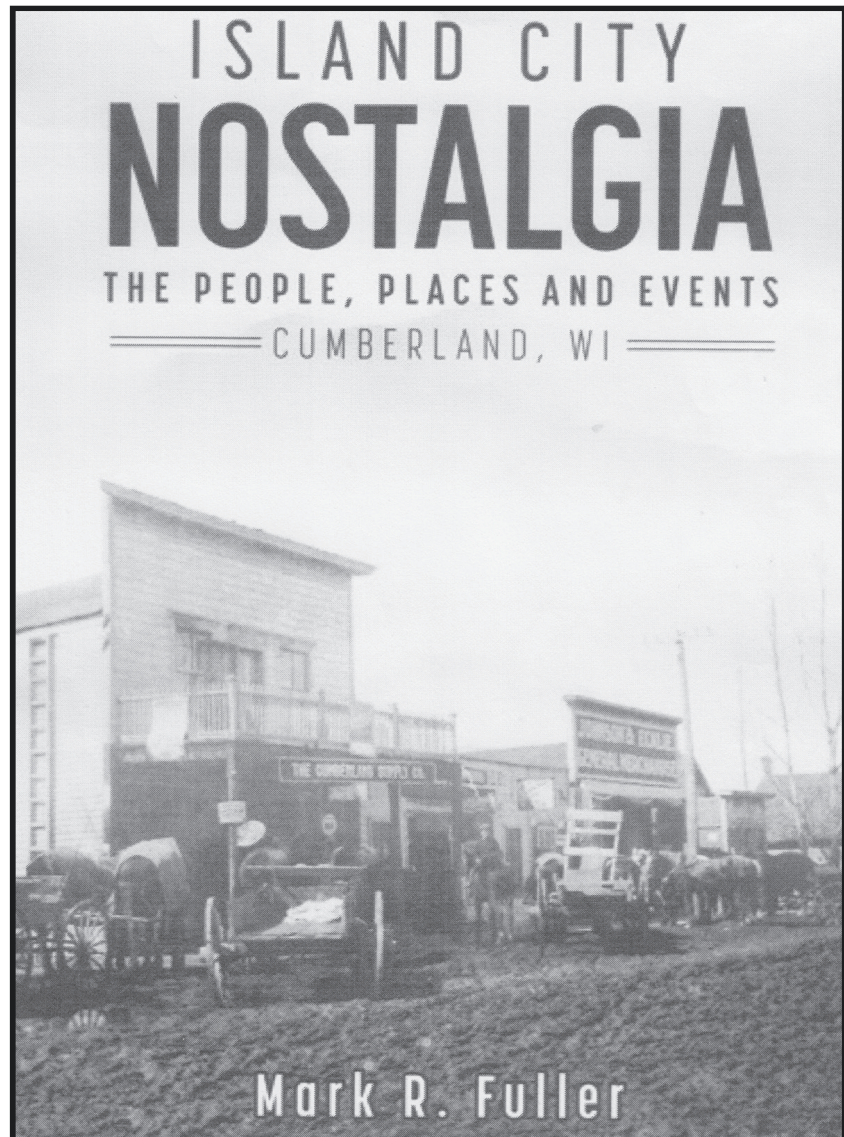
Fireplace Safety Tips for Families

Nothing quite creates a winter holiday ambiance as well as a log in the fireplace and family gathered around to bask in its warmth and glow. Of course, playing with or near fire is dangerous for children, so please remember these tips from the AAP before you light your hearth.



- If possible, keep a window cracked open while the fire ([/english/safety-prevention/all-around/pages/fire-safety.aspx](http://english/safety-prevention/all-around/pages/fire-safety.aspx)) is burning.
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- Be certain the damper or flue is open before starting a fire. Keeping the damper or flue open until the fire is out will draw smoke out of the house. The damper can be checked by looking up into the chimney with a flashlight or mirror. Do not close the damper until the embers have completely stopped burning.
 - Use dry and well-aged wood. Wet or green wood causes more smoke and contributes to soot buildup in the chimney. Dried wood burns with less smoke and burns more evenly.
 - Smaller pieces of wood placed on a grate burn faster and produce less smoke.
 - Clean out ashes from previous fires. Levels of ash at the base of the fireplace should be kept to 1 inch or less because a thicker layer restricts the air supply to logs, resulting in more smoke.
 - The chimney should be checked annually by a professional.
 - Even if the chimney is not due for cleaning, it is important to check for animal nests or other blockages that could prevent smoke from escaping.
 - Minimize your child's chance of burns ([/English/health-issues/injuries-emergencies/Pages/Treating-and-Preventing-Burns.aspx](http://English/health-issues/injuries-emergencies/Pages/Treating-and-Preventing-Burns.aspx)) from the hot glass front of some fireplaces, including gas fireplaces (<http://services.aap.org/en/news-room/aap-voices/glass-fronted-gas-fireplace-burns/>). Safety screens can be installed to reduce the risk of burns.
 - Make sure the area around the fireplace is clear of anything that is potentially flammable (i.e: furniture, drapes, newspapers, books, etc.). If these items get too close to the fireplace, they could catch fire.
 - Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Make sure it is completely out before going to bed or leaving the house. If you leave the room while the fire is burning or the fireplace is still hot, take your small child with you.
 - Put fireplace tools and accessories out of a young child's reach. Also, remove any lighters and matches.
 - Install both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors ([/English/safety-prevention/all-around/Pages/How-to-Prevent-Carbon-Monoxide-Poisoning.aspx](http://English/safety-prevention/all-around/Pages/How-to-Prevent-Carbon-Monoxide-Poisoning.aspx)). Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
 - Keep a fire extinguisher on hand.
- Talk with children as early as possible about the dangers of fires and the heat coming from them.

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A Great Christmas Gift

***Northwoods Notebook: Art at the arts center
— imagine that! by Larry Werner***

Enrichment Through Culture, Cumberland's arts council, was created by a group of artists — the kind who do paintings and make things, like pottery.

Nine years after its formation in 1990, ETC brought drama and music folks into the nonprofit when Cumberland Community Theater and the Cumberland Music Club joined the visual artists at a former Catholic church donated by the Ruppel family.

Despite its roots in the visual arts, there has been little of that at the arts center in recent years. A few years back, in fact, the ETC board got rid of a pottery kiln that had been sitting unused in the furnace room.

The organization has continued to put on Celebration of the Arts, also known as “art in the park,” an art fair at Tourist Park each June. But in the building that is supposed to be the center of the arts in our town, the activities have been plays and concerts only.

Until recently. Until an energetic transplant from Minneapolis got her hands on the center's lower level.

A couple weeks ago, I stopped in on a session of “Art Mondays,” art classes for first through sixth graders being conducted by Virginia Streitz, who moved with her husband, Jason, from the big city a few years ago when they bought Brickyard Pottery in Barronett. Also providing instruction at the tables in the basement was Angela Nelli, a local painter and home-schooling mom.

Actually, when I arrived, Virginia was upstairs, giving some of the kids a break from the classroom with rides on the theater's turntable stage, sort of an indoor merry-go-round.

with some kids riding and others pushing. A creative diversion by a creative person.

Soon, those kids returned to the tables downstairs, where they were all painting away. At tables where folks sit during intermission of plays and concerts, where the board members sit during monthly meetings, where people dine when ETC offers dinner theater, there were 36 kids painting.

It warmed the cockles
of an old man's heart.

Their parents had responded to an invitation from Streitz, who joined the ETC board last spring, to register with Cumberland Community Education for sessions on four consecutive Mondays, from Nov. 27 to Dec. 18. The art classes conducted by Streitz and Nelli include instruction in paint, oil pastels, clay and watercolor.

There is no charge for the art classes, which filled up immediately. Donations are accepted to offset the cost of materials and supplies.

This first series of Art Mondays was supported by a grant from the Nancy Ruppel Memorial Fund.

That \$10,000 fund was provided to ETC by Ron Ruppel shortly after the death of his wife, Nancy, with the goal of increasing programming at the arts center, including programs for youth. Last spring's children's play, "Little Women," was funded by a grant from the fund, and the art classes for children received a grant to pay for teachers and supplies.

The ETC board is discussing ways to continue the young-artist program into 2024.

In the meantime, those of you who attend Friday's

Home Again/Hay River Sisters Christmas Concert will get to see some of the creations from Art Mondays. The art works will be on display in the basement, where ETC will be conducting a bake sale during intermission.

Seeing those kids painting took me back many years to when my son Zack, was learning to paint in the basement of a former Catholic Church in Lakeville, Minn., where we lived at the time. Zack, who struggled with attention issues, found art to be a refuge and became a metal artist, after attending an art charter school and getting a welding certificate.

Ann and I had a chance to visit the Lakeville Area Arts Center a couple weeks ago for a bluegrass concert.

During intermission, we were invited to go to the lower level for a sale of paintings, pottery, jewelry and other artist creations. I asked whether the kiln was still being used in the arts center basement and was told it had been moved next door into a former school that was now the Lakeville Fine Arts Center — studios and galleries. In fact, the woman said, there are now five kilns.

I wouldn't be surprised if Virginia Streitz, a potter as well as a painter, tries to get our kiln back to conduct classes in making pottery.

Lori Bock, president of ETC, says she's pleased with Art Mondays program "because visual arts has been a long-neglected piece of ETC's commitment to art in Cumberland."

Streitz said:

“We believe everyone has their own unique creative process and we are striving to offer a supportive environment for kids to discover what theirs looks like.”

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



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Monday, Jan. 1 • CLOSED

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Dec 29 8 am - 9 pm • Saturday, Dec 30 8 am - 8 pm • Sunday, Dec 31 9 am - 5 pm • Monday, Jan 1 10 am - 1 pm

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

from the Gang at Louie's & Louie's Lodge!!



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

I want to start out by saying WOW! The fundraiser at the Corner Bar for Cumberland Firefighter Sean Schullo who lost his home to a fire was a huge success. I’ve said it before, but it’s worth repeating, Cumberland is such a generous community. It never seems to fail. The community supports like no other. I was talking to Fire Chief Rick Sebens on Tuesday morning and he said he had a call from a fire department/EMT department from Northern Minnesota inquiring how our department runs the annual Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast. They got word way up there how successful our annual event is. Just an example of Cumberland’s community support!

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Happening this coming weekend. ETC presents a Christmas Concert and Bake Sale featuring the bands Home Again and the Hay River Sisters, this Friday, December 15th at 7 pm. There will be all sorts of goodies and great music. There will be a free-will-offering. Should be a fun night! On Sunday, December 17th, Santa Claus is coming to the Corner Bar starting at noon. Stop by for a visit and a photo! The Corner is presenting a free kids buffet.

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From all accounts, the turnout was good at the Sons of the American Legion Ice Fishing Tournament and Lunch with Santa. Both took place at the Legion. Money was raised for the Cumberland Fire Department, Barron County K9 and the Legion. More Cumberland support!

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Well we finally got a little snow. It sure made things brighter. We still have a long ways to go, but at least it looks good. Ice angler’s continue to get out in certain areas and the reports I have heard have been good. Please be careful out there.

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The Vikes won a football game on Sunday by a score of 3-0. The Minnesota Wild won the same day by the same score. Now that’s crazy. The Packers dropped a Monday night game in which they didn’t play very well against a poor NY Giants team. Such is life when you have such a young team. Good one week not so much the next. Have a great week!

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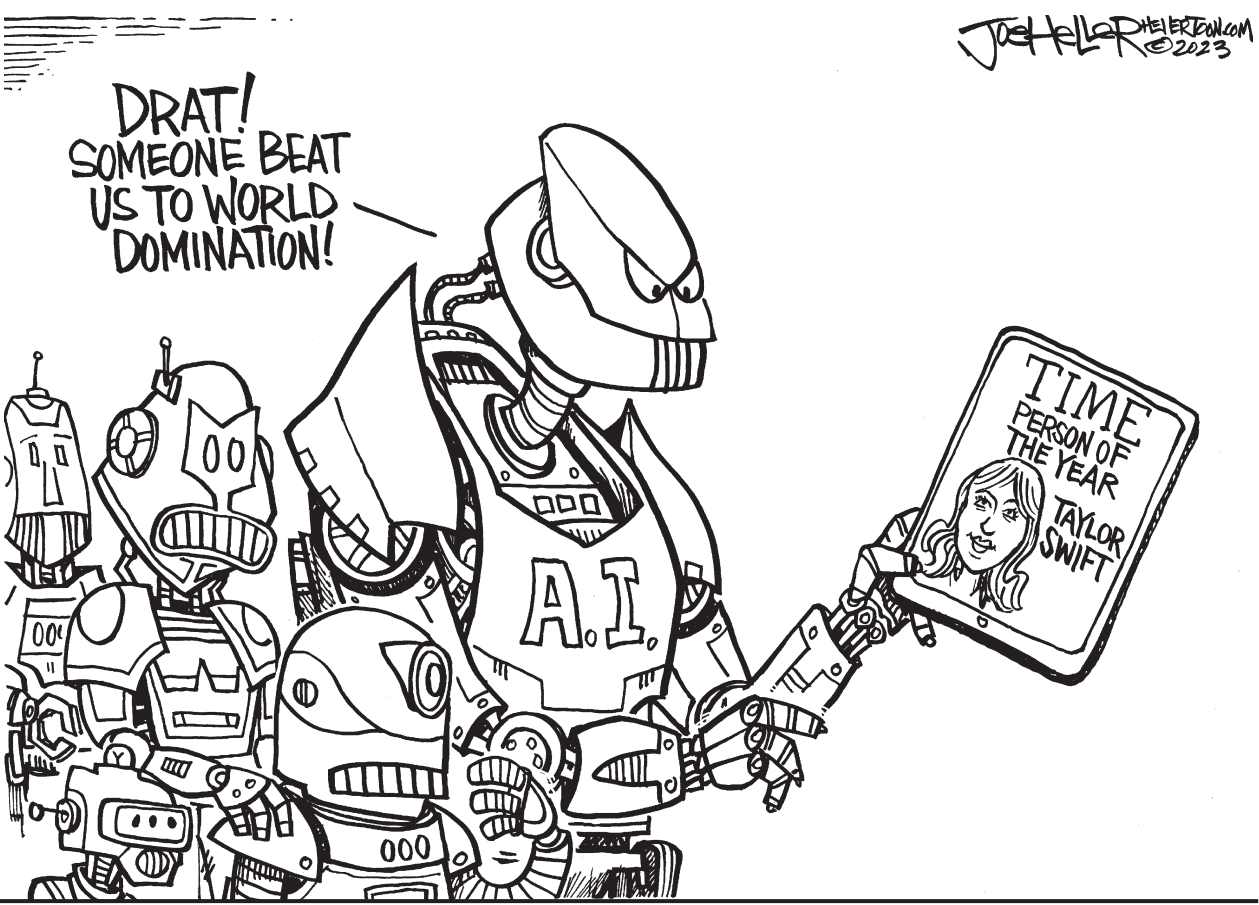
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“To cure EV ‘range anxiety,’ Wisconsin must fix charger problems”

MADISON, Wis. – It wasn’t so long ago that people who wanted an electric vehicle of some sort had to wait for factories to catch up with the backlog. Today, potential buyers are much more likely to find EV cars and pickup trucks sitting on dealers’ lots, waiting for a buyer. While EV sales are still growing faster than any other major automobile category in the United States, demand is slackening to the point that General Motors, Ford Motor and Tesla are rethinking how quickly they retool factories to produce them.

Producers are grappling with supply chain issues and competition within their own ranks, while consumers are flinching at price, eyeing tumbling gasoline prices and pushing back at the perception they are being forced to buy EVs by federal and state policies. As one EV industry expert told me: “People don’t like being told what to do.”

The biggest consumer worry is “range anxiety,” the fear of not being able to find charging stations when they need them – and that work as

advertised – while on road trips. A bill that will be introduced soon in the Wisconsin Legislature could help to change that.

State law restricts who can install charging stations. At present, only public utilities can bill people for how much electricity they draw when they plug in. The bill awaiting formal introduction would allow private businesses to sell electricity by the kilowatt hour without having to be considered a “public utility.”

The bill’s sponsors, Sen. Howard Marklein, R-Spring Green, and Rep. Nancy VanderMeer, R-Tomah, have a secondary goal: Making sure Wisconsin is eligible for \$78.6 million in federal funding through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program. Because federal rules require participating states to allow the kilowatt-hour billing approach, Wisconsin could forfeit its share of the money if state law isn’t clarified by March.

Even if federal dollars help with Wisconsin’s rollout of public stations, there is plenty of

room for private capital. A change in the law could help boost such investment, especially in locations such as convenience stores that are natural places to stop and juice up your EV for an hour or so. Charging by “parking time” at existing commercial stations is how some vendors get around current law.

Because not all charging stations are created equal, people may want to pay more for faster charging. More investment might also increase the reliability of charging stations, which some EV drivers find out of order when they need them most.

Similar legislation failed to pass in previous sessions. Some utilities had concerns about what they viewed as a fundamental change in the public-benefit compact that incited them to invest in energy generation for all. There were concerns in the past about how municipal charging stations are owed or leased. Also, the rise of renewable energy sources that may be “off the grid” is part of the picture.

It remains to be seen if

the wrinkles are ironed out in time, but it’s clear Wisconsin lags in per capita EV registrations and charging stations – generally falling in the lowest quartile of the 50 states. That is despite the fact Wisconsin ranks in the top half in total land area. There can make for some long, lonely drives in Wisconsin for EV owners.

It may explain why some new car owners are hedging their bets and buying hybrid vehicles, which combine electric propulsion with internal combustion engines. Nationally, sales growth for hybrids has been higher than EV and conventional ICE.

Wisconsin has the potential to emerge as a center for production of EVs and related equipment, in large part because of existing manufacturing expertise and companies that know how to build batteries and charging systems of all sizes. It would be a shame its drivers felt “range limited” in their own state.

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

A Look Back

**10 Years Ago
December 18, 2013**
Larry Severson accepted a plaque in recognition of his 27 years of service to the City of Cumberland last Thursday afternoon at City Hall. Public Works Director Keith Hardie and Mayor Tom Mysica presented the plaque to Larry.

Staff of Cumberland Healthcare donated more than 1,800 items to the Cumberland Food Pantry-enough to fill two full-sized trucks and a van.

**20 Years Ago
December 17, 2003**
Arrington’s Inn Traveler Magazine has named Canyon Road Inn in Turtle Lake one of the Top 10 B & B’s in North America in the “Rest and Relaxation” category of their annual contest. This is their 3rd award in three years. In the previous years they were named “Best For All Seasons” and “Best Customer Service.”

Middle School Students of the Month were: Maryssa Whitman, Carissa Mathison, Sarah Moss, Louie Van Erp, Brock Grewe, Chad Collins, Sarah Hall and Lydia Bozych.

**30 Years Ago
December 15, 1993**
As time change, old habits and customs die hard but Comstock residents are facing the pos-

sibility of a major change in their community. Postal customers were informed by a letter that the United States Postal Service that possible proposed change may be happening. The Comstock Post Office may be closing their doors. There will be a meeting at the Town Hall on January 14.

**40 Years Ago
December 14, 1983**
A recently published cookbook includes a recipe from Maggie Wickre, of Cumberland. Wickre’s Marinated Mushrooms recipe is one of the 185 recipes included in the cookbook, “Our House to Yours.” The cookbook is a fundraising effort coordinated by the campaign committee of Congressman Steven Gunderson.

Preliminary deer harvest totals show that in the DNR 12 County Northwest District, the deer harvest was down 19% from last year. To date, 23,889 deer have been tallied by the Department compared to 29,595 a year ago.

**50 Years Ago
December 17, 1973**
The Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on Sunday with three local boys receiving the coveted award. They were Terry Nesvold, David Wilhelm, and Tom Wasilenky. The event also marked the end of 25 years for Dr. Gordon H.

Toftness, Scoutmaster of Troop 24. In that time, 35 boys have attained the rank of Eagle Scout under his leadership.

Mayor Albert Skinner said that it is ok to use lights on your Christmas trees and outdoor decorations. Whoever wants to do so, can use lights for decorating from December 17 to December 28, because of the fuel shortage.

**60 Years Ago
December 19, 1963**
For the second time in recent weeks, the Twin Pine Tavern, located west of the city on Highway 48, was burglarized on December 10. A considerable amount of merchandise was taken, which included cigarettes, cigars, candy beer and a small amount of cash.

Dennis Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crawford, Cumberland, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas and was promoted to Airman Third Class.

**80 Years Ago
December 16, 1943**
The colder weather we are having, is the reason the fire department has been called out twice in the last few days. On Sunday, an over heated furnace at the W.C. Gilbert residence caused an alarm but no damage, and on Wednesday a fire of an unknown origin did some damage to the James Denham residence.

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12/09	43	29	.00	0.0
12/10	35	17	.10	0.7
12/11	19	17	.00	0.0

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

Sports

Boys Basketball Team Splits Pair of HON Contests

The Cumberland Boy's Basketball Team split a pair of Conference games last week, dropping a 56-49 road game at Ashland on Tuesday, before rebounding with a 65-54 home victory on Friday night against the Barron Bears. The team's record stands at 2 and 1 as they enter a 7:00 pm Thursday night match-up against the Cameron Comets in Cameron. The Comets are currently undefeated with a record of 4 and 0.

The Beavers battled against the Oredockers last Tuesday before falling short of victory. The game was close statistically, but the scoreboard showed an Ashland victory at the end of the contest.

Chayden Berghammer had a nice game for Coach Brian Dutton with 17 points, including three from beyond the arc. Gavin Gores added 24 points and a team-leading 15 rebounds, while Troy Majewski contributed a team-high five assists. Ashland guard Haydin LaPlavy was the biggest thorn in the side of the Beavers with 20 points, including five treys.

The Beavers were determined not to have a second straight loss in front of their home crowd on Friday night against the Barron Bears. It took a comeback, however, as Cumberland trailed 35-27 at the intermission and 38-27 early in the second

half.

From this point in the game, the Beavers went on a tear by outscoring the Bears 38 to 16 over the rest of the contest on the way to a 65-54 victory.

Cumberland showed patience against the Barron zone defense, hitting a number of outside shots, while also getting the ball inside for several Gores dunks. It was a great 18 minutes of basketball as the Beavers picked up their second HON victory, while dropping Barron to 1 and 4.

Gores had another big night with a strong display of work around the basket, finishing with 26 points and 12 rebounds. He ended the game making 12 of his 16 shots.

Uriah Johnson added a nice game with five assists and 13 points, including three from beyond the arc, while Berghammer also hit three treys for nine points. Sophomore Troy Majewski added nine points, five rebounds, and a pair of assists.

Following Thursday's contest against Cameron, the Beavers look to continue their strong start to the season when they return to Elmer Beran Gymnasium next Tuesday, December 19, for a 7:00 contest against the 1 and 2 Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Bulldogs.

Wrestlers Have Successful Trip to the Dells; Home Match This Thursday

The Cumberland Wrestling Team continued the fine start to their season by going 4 and 1 in Saturday's Wisconsin Dells Tournament to finish the 32-team field in ninth place overall. Prairie du Chien won the Tournament by defeating runner-up Iowa Grant/Highland by a thrilling 33-32 score. The Beavers only dual loss was a 43-36 loss to Shiocton, who finished eighth overall.

The Beavers ended their duals with Dawson Johnson, Braden Johnson, and Jack Chafer all going 5 and 0 on the day. Logan Peterson, Caleb Hile, DauTre Allen, and Jack Owens, meanwhile, each went 4 and 1. "We lost an early close match to Shiocton and came all the way back to ninth place. It was a great effort by our wrestlers," said Head Coach Justin Peterson.

The Beavers four victories came by a 57-23 margin over Evansville, 50-30 over DC Everest, 38-33 over G.E.T/Melrose-Mindoro, and a 63-15 win over Whitnall/Greendale. They came back from a 28-12 deficit to nearly defeat Shiocton in their only loss.

Cumberland's most exciting match came against GET/Melrose-Mindoro, a team they trailed 33-32 going into the last match, a 126-pound battle between the Beavers Noah Hile and Gunnar Kremer. Hile rose to the occasion with a pin in 1:26, giving the Beavers a big team victory.

Three-time State Champion Dawson Johnson dominated his opponents in his five victories with four

quick pins and a 15-0 tech fall. Brother Braden was equally impressive getting a forfeit, three pins, and a 9-5 decision over Kolton Koss of GET/Melrose-Mindoro. Jack Chafer completed the Beavers trifecta of undefeated wrestlers with five pins, the longest of which took 3:23. Each of the three showed they are among the top wrestlers in their weight classes in the state.

Logan Peterson's only loss on the day was by pin to Shiocton's Jordan Jahnke, Caleb Hile had three pins and a decision at 113-pounds with his only loss by pin to Koda Purney of GET/Melrose-Mindoro, Jack Owens rebounded from a close 4-2 loss in his opening match against Shiocton to have an impressive day with four quick pins, while Allen wrestled at 175-pounds where he picked up four victories losing only by pin to DC Everest wrestler, Nike Kleinschmidt.

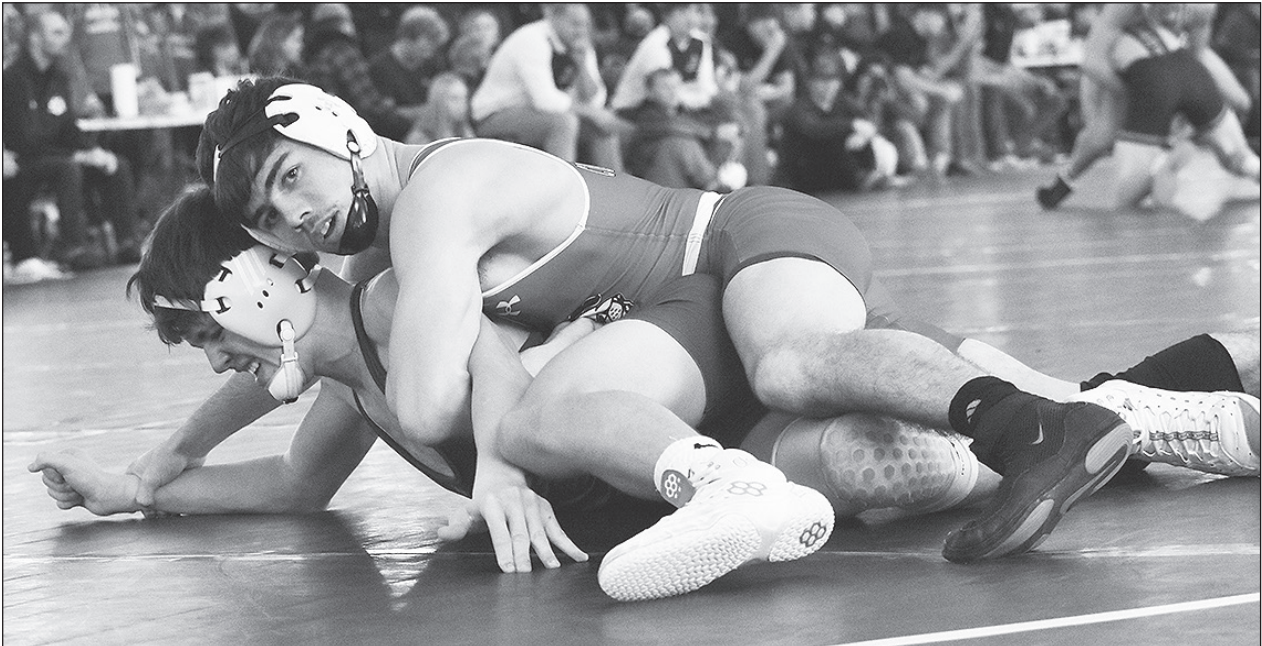
The Beavers begin the HON schedule with a home match against Chetek-Weyerhaeuser/Prairie Farm this Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 pm. Saturday, the Beavers participate in the Osceola Invitational beginning at 9:00 am.

Individually, the Wisconsin Grappler Website has both Johnsons rated at the top of the D3 wrestlers in the state at their weight class, while Chafer is ranked fourth at 285. The Beavers are also receiving team-recognition on the same site as they are off to a strong start to the 2023-2024 season.

Beavers Top Bears!



The Beavers Alex Effertz faces a tough Barron defense Friday night on John Schell Court in Cumberland. Cumberland beat the Bears 65-54. Photo by Jess Olson.



Three time State Champion Dawson Johnson is off to a great start again this season. Johnson is undefeated on the year after going 5-0 at Wisconsin Dells this past weekend. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Jack Chafer had an excellent weekend at the Dells Duals going a perfect 5-0. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Cumberland girls from left Raegan Beecroft, Kaylee Jackson, Macy Beecroft and Alora Garibaldi along with the rest of the team continue to put forth a great effort while dealing with a very short bench. Webster took home the road win. Photo by Brooklynn Tschirhart.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 14

Wrestling home vs Chetek/Wey/P. Farm 7:00

Boys BB @ Cameron 7:00

Friday, Dec. 15

Girls BB @ Chetek 7:00

Saturday, Dec. 16

Wrestling @ Osceola 9:00

Hockey vs Hayward @ Barron 6:30

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Wrestling @ Frederic 6:00

Boys BB home vs Chetek 7:00

Hockey @ Somerset 7:00

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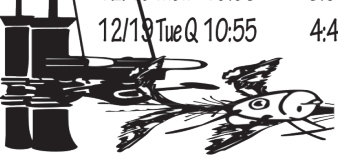
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12/15 Fri >	6:58	12:43	7:28	1:13	07:41	04:22	10:38a	7:10p	2:50p	2:20a	
12/16 Sat	8:04	1:49	8:32	2:18	07:42	04:23	11:13a	8:34p	3:48p	3:20a	
12/17 Sun	9:06	2:52	9:33	3:19	07:43	04:23	11:40a	9:57p	4:42p	4:16a	
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

Anything for a Pheasant

Hello friends,
Twenty years ago I met Mike Kindschi on the frozen waters of Lake Winnibigoshish. Last year I met him for the second time and was invited to hunt pheasants on his family farm that covers 2000 acres in Dane County, near Mazomanee. This week's column covers 4 attempts at harvesting a pheasant and several muzzleloader hunts. The Kindschi farm is pure paradise and I thoroughly enjoyed exploring it.

Wednesday, November 1st
High 50, low 37

This column will sound like a ton of failure, but I enjoyed every bit of the 11 hunts pheasant/muzzleloader it covers. The Kindschi family farm is surrounded by public land, it is very close to the Wisconsin River and on public land where pheasant are released. My plan was to potentially harvest a pheasant that possibly had wandered on to this beautiful property. Before I left home today, I had to practice with my crossbow as I was going to go on a 24-hour get away with it the next day to Durand where I knew I would harvest a super huge buck.

This would be my first experience using my crossbow which I inherited from a very good friend during the early bow season. This crossbow is top grade, in mint condition and stored properly. I let a bolt fly and was about 2 inches low at 25 yards. I let another bolt fly, and the string blew up on my vertical bow and about took my head off. I had to go to the bank on my ride to pheasant paradise and had a cut on my ear that was bleeding very bad. I did the drive-up window and the teller did not ask any questions.

My pheasant hunt went like my crossbow experience. There was a rooster that was cackling and that would be my only experience. Ruby and Red flushed

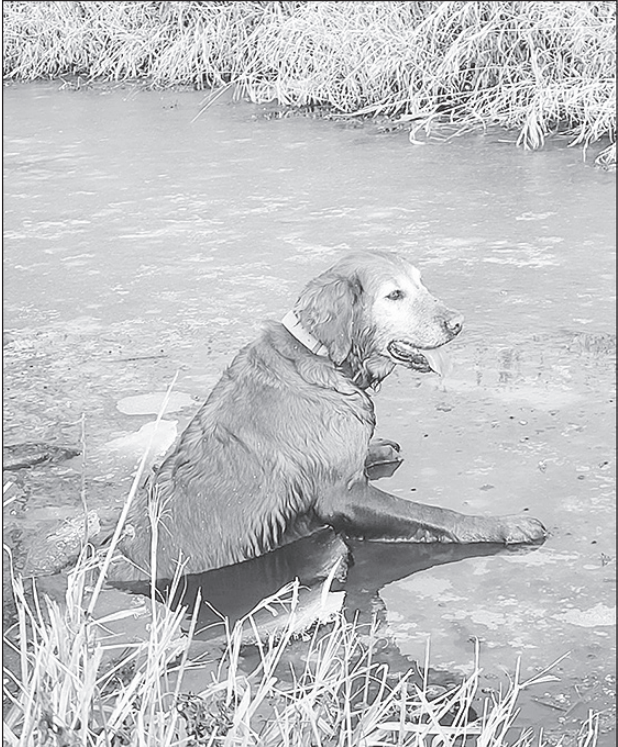
him, and I had 3 extremely easy shots and missed.

Wednesday, November 15th
High 49, low 29

I am back on the Kindschi farm and my pups Ruby and Red are trying very hard to flush me a bird. There is one problem and that is too much standing corn. This mother-daughter team are doing an excellent job of quartering in front of me in both grass and corn. They flushed one rooster, and I did not get a good shot but regardless, I failed. The drive from my home to the Kindshi farm is about 80 minutes, to be perfectly honest, when I miss or do not flush any birds I honestly do not care, Mike Kindschi calls it shoot and release. Here is how I define it, I am exploring, my pups are about as happy as they can be and the view and history of this farm that used to be worked by German prisoners of war, always has my mind working.

Friday, December 1st
High 39 low 26

Today I would start out pheasant hunting and finish with a muzzleloader hunt. This would be my 4th muzzleloader hunt in 5 days, I hunted 6 times on my food plot of the 10 day season, and today I would be in a box blind. First the pheasant hunt and the pups were on fire. They now know the game and today they flushed 7 hens and one rooster, all separate experiences so it was a lot of fun. Once again, I had a very easy shot at the rooster and 100 percent blew it. I have to admit though that I was very pleased with the pup's performance. I did have another very unique experience when Ruby bought me a present and dropped it at my feet. She caught an opossum; it was a good sized one and she carried it with ease. It played possum and we left it unharmed.



Ruby broke through this ice on purpose to cool off.

The muzzleloader hunt was my first in a box blind. I have to admit, I realized for a fact that I am a tree stand or on the ground guy. Simply put, I have to be immersed in the hunt and my environment. I saw 2 deer, but both were out of range.

I returned the last day of muzzleloader, did a quick pheasant hunt, with no flushes. I finished with a muzzleloader hunt while lying on the ground watching a harvested soybean field. I did not see a deer; I did not care a bit. The field work for this column covered 11 hunts, 30 days and I enjoyed every minute of all of them.

Enjoy your day!
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Lizzie Mathison faces tough defense from a Barron defender Thursday night in Cumberland. Photo by Jacob Schradle.



Uriah Johnson dribbles around a pair of Barron defenders in the Beavers HON win Friday night in Cumberland. Photo by Jess Olson

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Team Standings	Brenda Levine - 196
Becker's Trucking - 75	Pam Klatt - 189
Bowlin Buddies - 66	Judy Ullom - 173
Clear Lake Self Storag - 65	Liz Lowe - 170
Bourbon's - 66	5 High Scratch Series
Austad's Super Valu - 56	Pam Klatt - 532
Northwoods Septic - 56	Patty Lundell - 507
Four Chops - 42	Judy Ullom - 501
Dane Arthur Real Estate-40	Brenda Levine - 487
5 High Scratch Games	Kelley VanHeuklom - 479
Patty Lundell - 212	

Cumberland Mixed-Up Bowling League

1st Half Team Standings	Kevin Larson - 195
Cumberland Bus - 26.5	Laura Valles - 181
Cumberland Federal - 23.5	Joel Cifaldi - 178
Club Cumberland - 21	3 High Scratch Series
Corner Bar - 17	Joel Cifaldi - 491
Grandma's Gang - 12	Kevin Larson - 480
3 High Scratch Games	Laura Valles - 458

THANKS FOR READING THE ADVOCATE

Cumberland Girl's Lose to Webster and Barron; at Chetek on Friday

A short-handed group of Cumberland Girl's Basketball players battled mightily last week, but came up short of victory against the Webster Tigers and the Barron Golden Girls. Down to only seven girls on the varsity roster available to play, the team could not keep up to a pair of tough opponents. "The girls are working very hard with positive attitudes, but we had only three upperclassmen and four freshmen to play against two undefeated competitors," said Head Coach Kim Weber, who hopes to get some players back this week. Things began with a 59-25 loss to a 5 and 0 Webster team. Webster created a number of turnovers with a press, holding Cumberland to 19 shots from the floor in the contest. Macy Beecroft had a nice game for Coach Weber with 10 points, while Alora Garibaldi added seven points and three assists. Thursday, the Beavers played their second undefeated team in one-week as they took on the 5 and 0 Barron Bears. It was a tough night, but Cumberland never quit in a 62-24 loss. Lizzie Mathison led Cumberland, with a three-pointer and a four for four night at the free throw line for seven points. Alora Garibaldi gave another strong effort with six points, four rebounds and an assist. This week, Cumberland hosted Cameron on Tuesday before heading to Chetek on Friday for a 7:00 pm contest against the 4 and 3 Bulldogs. The team's last game before Christmas break is a December 21 home date against the St. Croix Falls Saints.

Northwest Icemen Drop Three Contests: Host Hayward on Saturday

The Northwest Icemen saw their record fall to 1 and 5 on the season with three losses last week. They included a tough 7-6 overtime loss to WSFLG and a 7-5 defeat to a Spooner team, who they led 5-2 going into period three. The team will hope to rebound this week, having played an 0 and 6 Baldwin-Woodville team on Tuesday, before hosting Hayward this Saturday in Barron for a 6:30 pm start. Last week's first loss came to a good Tomahawk team, who defeated the Icemen 9 to 2. Tomahawk only led 3-2 after one period, but erupted for five second period goals on the way to their victory. Tomahawk outshot the Icemen, 56 to 11 in the contest. The second loss came by a 7-6 decision to WSFLG in overtime. It came after an outstanding comeback, which saw the Icemen rally from a 6-1 deficit to send the game into the extra period. Cumberland Sophomore Jonathon Nelson had one of the goals, his first varsity score. The tables were turned last Thursday, when the Icemen saw a 5-2 lead disappear in a Spooner Rail comeback that ended in a 7-5 loss. Spooner scored five consecutive goals in the third period to take the victory. Cumberland is represented by Brody Chartraw and Nelson on the team. Both have scored one goal so far this season.

GO BEAVERS!

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

Gores Named One of State's Top 50 Players by Journal-Sentinel



Gavin Gores

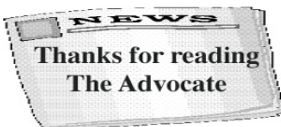
The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel has named Cumberland Junior Basketball player Gavin Gores as one of the State's top 50 basket-

ball players for the 2023-2024 season. The following is what they said about Gores.

Gavin Gores, jr., 6-8, Cumberland

One of the better post players in the 2025 class. He holds several offers from DI programs, including UWGB, South Dakota State and Loyola University (Maryland).

Gores averaged 16.3 points and 9.6 rebounds as a sophomore and has averaged double figures in each of his first two seasons while shooting 55% or better in both campaigns.



Grizzlies Third At Tourney!



The Barron/Chetek/Cumberland Bantam (U14) hockey team took home third place from the Battle at Rec Tournament held in Marinette, Wis., over the weekend. The Grizzlies defeated a McFarland squad 8-1 on Saturday morning, then played some of their best hockey of the season while losing a 6-5 thriller to Green Bay's B team. The Grizzlies rebounded to beat a Waunakee club 12-0 in the third place game on Sunday morning. Pictured are: row one goalie Chandler Beers; row two (from left), Mason Fick, Austin Hornstein, Elijah Jain, Braydon Roberts, Gavin Lehmann, Austin Andrews, Jack Manor, Dawson Brown; row two, Coach Mark Bell, Everleigh Lathrop, Lilyja Olson, Olivia Holzman-Byrne, Landry Bell, Logan Charron, Max Douglas and Coach Drew Brown. Beers, in his first season as a full time goalie, recorded a shut out. Jain, Roberts and Lehmann all had hat tricks on the weekend. Green Bay beat the hosts from Marinette/Menomonie (Mich.) 5-1 in the championship game.

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Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary Upcoming Events

Program: Nordic Snowshoe Hike

Date: Friday, December 15, 2023
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Sarona, WI
Program Fee: Free, but donations are appreciated.

Explore Hunt Hill by snowshoe the morning of Friday, December 15, 2023! We will be exploring some of Hunt Hill's trails to see the beautiful, snow covered scenery and to get in some exercise. Snowshoes are limited so feel free to bring your own if you have them. If there is not sufficient snow coverage, we will hike the trails instead.

Registration is not required. There is no cost, but donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, please call 715-635-6543 or email program@hunthill.org.

Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature preserve and learning center. You can find out more about Hunt Hill and its programs at www.hunthill.org or by calling 715-635-6543.

Contact:
Sage Dunham, Group Coordinator
Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
N2384 Hunt Hill Road
Sarona, WI 54870
715-635-6543
contract@hunthill.org

Program: Christmas Bird Count

Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023
Location: Meet at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Sarona, WI
Meeting Time: 7:00 am
Program Fee: Free
Registration required by Friday, December 15. Limit: 20 people

Join Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary on Sunday, December 17th to participate in National Audubon Society's 124th Christmas Bird Count! The Christmas Bird Count is the longest running citizen science program in the world and involves volunteers traveling assigned routes to count birds. We will meet at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary to check in and determine which routes to take for the count. The Christmas Bird Count is open to all levels of birding experience and ability.

Registration is required by Friday, December 15th at noon. To register, visit www.hunthill.org or call 715-635-6543.

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N2384 Hunt Hill Road
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program@hunthill.org
Program: Nordic Ski Basics
Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2023
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Sarona, WI

Program Fee: Free, but donations are appreciated. Let's get Out There for a Ski at Hunt Hill on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 from 10am -11:30pm! Kris Hanson, from Out There Nordic, will teach the basics of cross country skiing on ungroomed trails and will then lead an adventure on skis on Hunt Hill trails. Skiing equipment will NOT be provided. Participants must bring their own ski gear (or rentals are available at Out There Nordic in Rice Lake). Visit our website for ski equipment recommendations.

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Christmas concert and bake sale at ETC

At 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, two groups will play holiday tunes at the Cumberland Arts Center. There will also be a bake sale in the arts center's lower level.

The bake sale is a fundraiser for Enrichment Through Culture (ETC).

Home Again, which consists of Nancy Keeler on bassoon, Stan Nosbush on bass and Phil Warner on guitar, will kick things off, followed by the Hay River Sisters - Jolene

Colburn and Monica Bastien, accompanied by Mary Beth Eighmy on guitar. The two bands will join on stage for a singalong finale.

These two groups played last summer in the Island City Music series on Library Lake, and they play regularly at Peter & Annie's Coffee Shop & Cafe.

There is no admission charge for the arts center concert, but just like the summer concerts, free-

will donations will be accepted in the ETC Tip Jar.

This concert is being sponsored by Cumberland Federal Bank, Dairy State Bank and Louie's Finer meats. All three businesses are also sponsors of Island City Music concerts.

So come to the arts center on Friday for some music of the season and to stock up on holiday baked goods.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

A church council meeting was held at Barronett Lutheran this past Sunday morning, and there was one very important thing decided. On Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th, there will be no morning worship service at our church. It was suggested by Boyd Aarstad, and agreed upon by everyone present, that we should have just one service that day and that it should be held in the evening at 6:00 p.m. We will have the candlelight service at that time. We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ with friends and family in our (beautifully decorated for Christmas) little church.

The council members also decided on the date for our annual meeting, which will be held after worship service on January 21st. Following the annual meeting we will have a pot-luck dinner in the church basement. I'll remind you of that again in January.

Alyse Lehmann treated our family to a fantastic family get-together at Miracle at Big Rock in St. Croix Falls on Sunday evening. If you have never been there, it is well worth the trip. I can't even begin to describe the amazing light displays. Some flashed in time to music, some were in the shape of animals or television characters, and every tree was covered with lights. You have to see it to believe it. And, Alyse rented the "Grinch's Lair" tent so we could relax, keep warm and eat too many of the goodies provided.

The Grinch came in to his lair that evening at 7:00 and we now have a family picture (about 25 of us) with him.

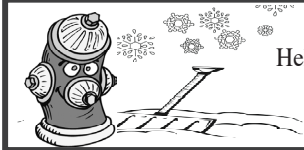
I have to tell you about one of the pictures I took - I had walked back up to the entrance of the park to meet Kandice, Kane and Pierce Thon when they first arrived and we saw a beautiful display shaped like a purple gift with a bow on top. I asked the boys if I could take their picture inside the gift, and they were, of course, happy to oblige. Eight-year-old Kane went in first and immediately slipped on a patch of ice inside and fell down, got up and fell down again. (Didn't get hurt, was laughing about it.) Four-year-old Pierce was next and also fell - and didn't get hurt. Kandice immediately was there to help her little boys, and she fell on the ice too. In order to stand up she had to grab one of the up-rights, hold on, and then hold on to Pierce's arm so he didn't fall again. They all thought it was pretty funny, no one got hurt, and I did get a picture of all three of them standing - but I am so glad I did not go in there. I don't bounce like I used to, and falling is something I now avoid like the plague.

The goodies provided in the Grinch's Lair included marshmallows, Hershey bars and graham crackers so that the kids could make s'mores over the fire. It was a wonderful night. Everything was provided to make it as special as it could possibly be. There was even an enclosed, heated

4-wheel drive vehicle, with a driver, sent to the tent so that Duane, Lynn and I didn't have to walk all the way back to the parking lot. It was a night we will all be talking about for a long time - and we all want to thank Alyse for planning and providing us with so many wonderful memories.

Tina Anderson took a few of Oak View clients to Christmas in the Village at Pioneer Museum on Thursday. She said that they had a wonderful time, that everything was decorated beautifully, the weather was nice and warm and she was so glad they were able to go - right up until the ride home. It started snowing just as they were leaving and she said that she "white-knuckled" it all the way back. Tina is from this area, you know, but had been living in Florida for years so she has to get used to our winters again. She seems to be adapting well, but her Chihuahua, Peanut, is not overly fond of the cold weather. She and Peanut walk over for coffee some mornings, and he immediately grabs a resting place in front of a heat register. Poor little guy - she has sweaters for him, but I think he needs a complete snow suit if he's going to be happy in northern Wisconsin in the winter.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. Please remember - there will be no morning service at Barronett Lutheran on Christmas Eve, but we will have a candle-light service at 6:00 that evening. I hope to see you there.



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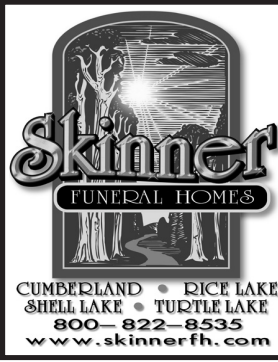
Rice Lake, WI — Youth in our communities are experiencing violence. Nationally, one in ten high school students has suffered physical abuse from a dating partner, which far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence. Embrace, a local non-profit anti-violence agency, directly supports youth survivors who have experienced harm while also engaging in prevention education programming. Embrace provides free, confidential, and non-judgmental services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence of any age. Services include a combination of direct advocacy and prevention work. Embrace’s vital prevention education work involves programming that includes learning topics for students in preschool, grades K-12, and college age students at developmentally appropriate levels. A range of topics are offered, including healthy

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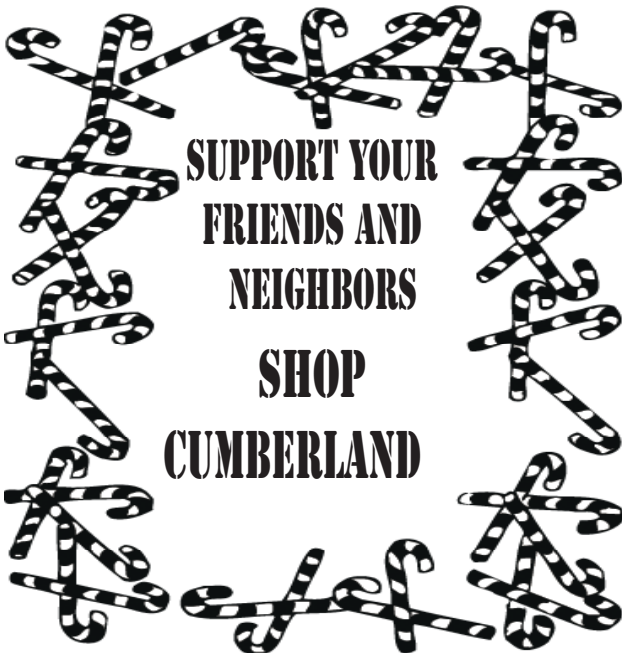
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by Pastor Paul Green
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And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:6-7 ESV

After an 80 mile journey on foot, Mary must have looked weary, tired, exhausted, and it had to be written all over her face. To think that Mary and Joseph walked into an inn in this condition and obviously about to give birth, and the inn keeper says, “I got nothin’.”

That there wasn’t room for Jesus shouldn’t surprise us. King Herod, he didn’t have room for Jesus. Remember, he tried to kill baby Jesus. You think about the Scribes, the Pharisees, the High Priest, they knew the scriptures, the signs that would point to the messiah, yet they had no vacancy signs on their hearts, as well.

Are you making room for Jesus? That’s what the Christmas story is all about. It was God’s plan for sending Jesus, His one and only Son, into the world to redeem the world and make things right between God and man. His plan was that we would make room for Jesus in our hearts and in our lives, and that we would travel the journey God has planned for us. You may not understand why God has allowed you to make the journey you’ve been on, but He will provide a way for you to make it though to it’s completion when you will spend the rest of eternity with Him. And along the way, He will use your journey to do great things in your life and the life of others, if you make room for Jesus.

For Mary and Joseph, this didn’t look anything like what they thought life was going to look like for them, but God had a plan and His reasons. For us, our lives may not look anything like we thought they would, but it’s when we make room for Jesus that we will see the plans of God played out in our lives. Good plans, life changing opportunities, plans that give us hope in the journey.

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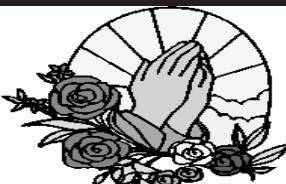
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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cumberland School District Board of Education shall be held at 6:00 p.m. open session on Thursday, December 21, 2023, in the Middle School Commons.
The following is the proposed agenda:
1. Approve vouchers, receipts, and invoices.
2. Recognize delegates, visitors, and donations.
3. Consider approval of policies 0100, 0142.1, 0144.3, 0144.5, 0164, 0164.1, 0164.2, 0165.1, 0165.2, 0175, 1421, 1623, 1630.01, 2210, 2340, 2521, 3121, 3123, 3139, 3215, 3430.01, 4121, 4123, 4139, 4215, 4430.01, 5113, 5200, 5215, 5223, 5330, 5340, 5410, 5505, 5512, 5517, 5530, 5771, 6236, 6610, 6630, 7250.01, 7434, 7440, 7440.01, 7540.08, 8146, 8310, 8405, 8420, 8450, 8500, 8510, 8531, 8600, 8800, 8802, 8913, 9210, 9211.
4. Consider approval of School Safety Drills.
5. Consider approval of David Stone's resignation as Co-Head Boys' Soccer Coach.
6. Consider approval of Darcy Hyland's resignation as Special Education Aide.
7. Hear discussion items and administrator reports.
8. Set meeting dates and events.
A copy of the agenda is posted in the elementary school, middle school, high school, and administration building.
Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
Please take notice that the Common Council of the City of Cumberland will hold a meeting and public hearing on January 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, City of Cumberland, Barron County, Wisconsin, located at 950 1st Avenue, to consider City of Cumberland Resolution #11-28, a resolution authorizing the discontinuance of 14th Avenue from Carlone Street to Berdan Street described as follows:

That part of the 14Th Avenue right-of-way, Cumberland Utility Property Development Phase 1, Vol 1MC, Page 172A, Doc 875564, located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 12, T35N, R14W, lying within the following described traverse:

Parcel A;
Commencing at the South Quarter corner of said Section 12;
Thence N 00°59'58" E, along the east line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 12, a distance of 33.03 feet to the North Right-of-Way line of 22nd Ave/Berdan Street;
Thence S 88°21'59" W, 136.13 feet along said North Right-of-Way line of 22nd Ave/Berdan Street to the point of beginning;
Thence N 00°00'00" E, 365.24 feet;
Thence 176.52 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, concave to the East, having a radius of 134.00 feet, the long chord of which bears N 37°44'19" W, 164.03 feet;
Thence 45.80 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, concave to the West, having a radius of 283.00 feet, the long chord of which bears S 18°04'18" E, 45.75 feet;
Thence S 22°42'27" E, 127.94 feet;
Thence 87.78 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, concave to the East, having a radius of 217.00 feet, the long chord of which bears S 11°07'11" E, 87.18 feet;
Thence S 00°28'05" W, 248.16 feet to the North Right-of-Way line of 22nd Ave/Berdan Street;
Thence N 89°22'19" E 22.04 feet along said North Right-of-Way line of 22nd Ave/Berdan Street to the point of beginning.

Said Parcel A contains 0.35 acres, more or less.

Also Parcel B;
Commencing at the Center Quarter corner of said Section 12;
Thence S 00°59'58" W, along the east line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 12, a distance of 1,050.31 feet to the South Right-of-Way line of Carlone Street;
Thence S 88°53'33" W, 50.69 feet along said South Right-of-Way line of Carlone Street to the point of beginning;
Thence continuing S 88°53'33" W, 66.04 feet along said South Right-of-Way line of Carlone Street;
Thence S 00°48'41" W, 318.66 feet;
Thence 109.55 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, concave to the West; having a radius of 283.00 feet, the long chord of which bears S 10°16'39" E, 108.86 feet;
Thence S 21°22'00" E, 77.33 feet;
Thence 266.84 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, concave to the East; having a radius of 217.00 feet, the long chord of which bears S 13°51'38" W, 250.34 feet;
Thence S 49°05'17" W, 53.01 feet;
Thence 235.34 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, concave to the West; having a radius of 283.00 feet, the long chord of which bears S 25°15'55" W, 228.61 feet;
Thence S 88°41'21" W, 113.54 feet;
Thence S 90°00'00" E, 87.56 feet;
Thence 96.30 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, concave to the North; having a radius of 200.00 feet, the long chord of which bears S 76°12'21" E, 95.37 feet;
Thence 204.15 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, concave to the West; having a radius of 217.00 feet, the long chord of which bears N 22°08'12" E, 196.71 feet;
Thence N 49°05'17" E, 53.01 feet;
Thence 348.00 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, concave to the East; having a radius of 283.00 feet, the long chord of which bears N 13°51'38" E, 326.48 feet;
Thence N 21°22'00" W, 77.33 feet;
Thence 84.00 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, concave to the West; having a radius of 217.00 feet, the long chord of which bears N 10°16'39" W, 83.47 feet;
Thence N 00°48'41" E, 320.87 feet to the South Right-of-Way line of Carlone Street to the point of beginning.

Said Parcel B contains 1.63 acres, more or less.

Bearings are reference to the Wisconsin Coordinate Reference System, Barron County, Wisconsin.

Total said parcels contains 1.98 acres, more or less.

Arlene Frisinger, Deputy Clerk
City of Cumberland

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

Notice is Hereby Given that the City of Cumberland will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on December 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Cumberland City Hall, located at 950 1st Avenue and a virtual option is available:

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Meeting ID: 287 286 198 107
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The purpose of the meeting is to review the annual reports and the performance and status of each Tax Incremental District governed by the Joint Review Board as required by Wis. Stat. § 66.1105(4m)(f).

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

By Order of the City of Cumberland, Wisconsin

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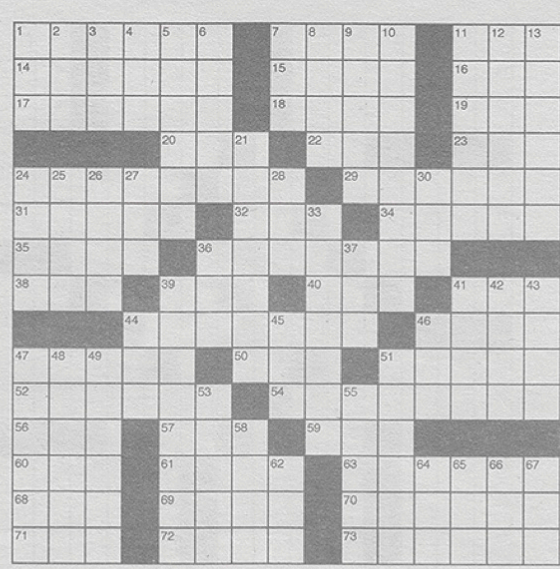
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Rice Lake Man...

ignition interlock device installed the following day.

Another officer with the Rice Lake Police Department, also on scene, searched the vehicle and found a glass bubble pipe with white residue in the center console. The sergeant also observed a gem bag that later tested positive for methamphetamine and a ziploc bag with a substance that later tested as a 1.4-gram rock of methamphetamine.

The criminal complaint goes on to say that the sergeant reported that when he first walked up to the vehicle, he didn't see the AK-47 style rifle in the backseat because of heavy window tinting, but found it when searching the vehicle. The magazine was loaded with 32 rounds of ammunition, as well as a live round in the chamber. He also found

a camouflage armor vest with two loaded magazines, all on the driver's side back seat.

The sergeant also found a large, red, round tube, sealed at both ends, with a fuse in the driver's door pocket. The tube was partially hidden by other items. An investigator with the Rice Lake Police Department also joined the sergeant and the officer. The investigator reported that he located a container of suspected Tannerite that had black tape wrapped around it, also in the backseat.

The investigator contacted the Marathon County Bomb Squad who took custody of the explosive.

While being interviewed, Faas said that he had owned that rifle for about eight months and that he and the passenger had gone shoot-

ing earlier that morning. He described the explosive as "just a little firecracker" and said that he had grabbed it from someone else's house when he was leaving their house. He also said that the person he took it from, or their friend, had made it. He admitted several times to possessing the device.

When Faas was asked about the Tannerite, Faas said that he taped it up to make it look like a bomb.

The Marathon Bomb Squad indicated a powder substance was inside the device. The team determined that it was likely that the bomb would detonate if the fuse was lit. The device was taken in for further investigation.

Faas is scheduled to appear in court on December 20, 2023.

Lunch with Santa!



Sparky made an appearance with Lunch with Santa on Sunday, December 10th, at the American Legion.



Kids also got to enjoy getting their face painted!

Thank You!



A benefit for Sean Schullo and his daughter Skyla was held Sunday, December 3, 2023, at the Corner Bar. Sean and Skyla lost their home due to a fire. A big thank you to everyone who came and helped support Sean and Skyla. It was an amazing turn out. Pictured from left to right are Corner Bar Owner Dustin Anderson, Sean Schullo, and Corner Bar Manager Antonia Voeltz.

Appreciation Banquet!



Barron County Jail Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

In 2004 the new Barron County Jail was opened and designed with three classrooms, two main rooms fully equipped with technology, whiteboards, cabinets, tables, and seating space to accommodate a wide variety of program opportunities. This came especially useful during the Covid19 pandemic when programs went virtual. That was a change for everyone and we all worked together to continue programs through this - that is incredible.

Currently offer 35 jail programs. Types of Programs: Education, Religion, Rehabilitation, Parenting & Relationships, Coping, Cognitive Behaviors, and Post Release Support 13-15 ongoing programs at one time 51 active jail volunteers: Professionals, religious, and educational all ranging from 1 year to 19 years of volunteer service.

Each program runs its own course where it may be continuous through the year, seasonal or calendar rotation, and implement new programs to meet the inmate or societal needs with any current economic state. For example, during this time

when mental health has become prevalent we incorporated Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy, Cognitive Behavior Intervention, We Cope, and Extreme Ownership. With drugs as a struggle we have included Bondage Breaker, Crossroads Addiction, Mountain Men, NA, and AA along with resources to obtain a sponsor upon release.

October of 2021 the Barron County jail has been able to reach a long-time goal of helping individuals here obtain their high school education. At a Northwood Technical College Advisory Committee Meeting we discussed direction of the jail's GED program and collaborated ideas to meet this goal. Northwood Tech developed a grant-funded 5.09 HSED program.

Students complete coursework and GED exams to successfully pass 7 competencies: Health, Reading, Civics, Science, Math, Writing, and Employability Skills to meet the requirements to apply for their diploma. Any GED exams taken at another facility, college, or courses completed in a high school will

transfer into this program thereby potentially reducing the requirements needed.

In two years we have had 30 individuals complete their HSED requirements and have applied to WI DPI for their high school diploma. We have had 19 partially complete their HSED (often due to limited time they are here).

Looking at statistics of HSED completions we have seen 40% not receive any new charges, 43.3% also not receive new charges although not counted due to their current incarceration status, 13.3% have decreased their recidivism rate ranging from 50%-80%, and 0.04% did not change their recidivism rate. Of all of these we have observed zero% increase their recidivism which is outstanding. A sincere thank you goes to Northwood Technical College, Instructor Mike Larson, the Barron County Board, Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, and Captain Tim Evenson for allowing all of this to flourish into incredible success and make strides in positive social change in our communities.



Alec and Megan Rohl, along with their three little ones enjoy a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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