



Cumberland Healthcare Announces New Healthcare CEO



CEO Emily Dilley

CUMBERLAND, WI – Cumberland Healthcare proudly announces the appointment of Emily Dilley as its new Chief Executive Officer. With an extensive background in healthcare leadership and a proven track record of strategic growth, Emily is poised to lead Cumberland Healthcare to new heights in the ever-evolving healthcare landscape.

Emily brings over 11 years of senior leadership experience in the healthcare industry, having successfully navigated organizations through periods of transformative change. Her visionary leadership and commitment to delivering high-quality, relationship focused patient care align seamlessly with Cumberland Healthcare's mission and vision by being a leader in rural healthcare.

"We are thrilled to welcome Emily Dilley to Cumberland Healthcare as our new CEO. Her wealth of experience and strategic vision make her the ideal leader to guide our organization through the challenges and opportunities in the healthcare sector," said Cumberland Healthcare's Board Chair, Matt Gores.

Emily, her husband, Shawn, and their two children (ages 9 and 5), Wisconsin natives, are excited to return to their home state and to join the Cumberland community. Emily has a strong reputation for fostering collaborative partnerships, driving operational

excellence, and implementing innovative solutions to enhance patient outcomes. She holds a Masters of Business Administration in Health System Leadership degree from Edgewood College (Madison, WI) and a Bachelors of Business Administration from Viterbo University (La Crosse, WI). Emily has held key leadership roles such as Executive Foundation Director and Marketing Director at Prairie Ridge Health in Columbus WI and Chief Executive Office at Kearny County Hospital in Lakin, KS. While at Kearny County Hospital, she spearheaded initiatives resulting in a 53% drop in team turnover; the hospital achieving an operating profit for the first time in over a decade; the implementation of a single EMR for the organization; development of a short and long term strategic plan focused on managing growth, building relationships, team empowerment, and high quality patient centered care; and much more.

In accepting the new position, Emily expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to lead Cumberland Healthcare and stated, "I am honored to join Cumberland Healthcare and to work alongside our dedicated team to further advance our commitment to providing exceptional healthcare. We will continue to build upon the strong foundation that exists, and I am confident our collective efforts will drive continued success and growth."

Cumberland Healthcare is carefully orchestrating a seamless handover of responsibilities during this transition.

As Emily assumes the role of CEO, Cumberland Healthcare looks forward to an exciting new chapter of innovation, collaboration, and a steadfast commitment to improving healthcare outcomes for our patients and community.

Runner Up At Northern Badger



Congratulations to the Cumberland Wrestling Team for placing 2nd out of 46 schools at the Northern Badger Wrestling Tournament. Pictured Front Row: Volunteer Assistant Tyrell Hoisington, Caleb Hile, Braden Johnson, Logan Peterson, Jack Chafer, Volunteer Assistant Jay Gardner, Noah Hile, Volunteer Assistant Bryce Baldwin, Coach Trey Lundequam, Dawson Johnson, Coach Isaiah Erickson. Second Row: Volunteer Assistant Jon Paffel, Nelson Vasquez, Onesimus West, Mitchell Monchilovich, Brody Gilbertson. Third Row: Harrison Ruppel, Conner Burke, Drake Welker, Boaz West, Joe Eggert, DauTre Allen, Colt Miller, Graier Corns, Manager Kaely Wenzel, Manager Dakota Morfoot. Fourth Row: Coach Justin Peterson, Mason Kogler, Gabe Erickson, Jack Owens, Billy Williams, Manager Sara Roff.

The Collingwood Lake Ice Fishing Tournament of 1954

by Mark R. Fuller

The January 7, 1954 Cumberland Advocate Headline read, "Ice Fishing Meet Here on January 17." Sponsored by the Cumberland Fire Department, the proceeds from the event on Collingwood Lake would go towards purchasing an oxygen smoke mask for the volunteer firemen.

Ice fishing in Wisconsin had been going on for years by this time, as the first European immigrants in Eastern Wisconsin were taught the art of spearfishing sturgeon on Lake Winnebago by the Indigenous American Tribes who first lived there. They used ice fishing as a mean of survival. When the water would cover with ice, they knew the fish were still there. They just needed to find a way to get to them.

Those wishing to enter

the 1954 contest were told to enter the Lake on the south end of 2nd Street. The contest would run for two hours from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and prizes would include a rod and reel, a camp stove, a spinning reel, a sleeping bag and the Grand Prize, a Martin Outboard Motor. Additional prizes would go to the person catching the most fish and the first fish in one of four categories.

A large crowd of fishermen and spectators attended the event, with over 1,000 tickets sold to individuals who would be part of the day's drawings. By the end of the afternoon, over 100 prizes were handed out as well as the designated prizes to the fisherman participating.

Unfortunately, only 28 fish were caught with the largest a two-pound eight-ounce

northern by Art Erickson of Timberland, who took home the motor. Dick Wirth received the smallest fish award for his two-ounce perch, while nine-year old Judy Johnson was recognized as the youngest girl angler and four-year old Ronnie Ranallo, the youngest boy.

Secretary of the Volunteer Fire Fighters, Jim Cotone, thanked the local merchants for their donations, announced that 20 gallons of coffee were consumed during the two-plus hours of fishing, and said that after expenses the Department expected to have, "Approximately \$200 to put towards the oxygen smoke mask." It may have been a semi-successful financial day, but it surely provided fun for all who attended.

Today, it is estimated that roughly a third of Wisconsin's 1.4 million licensed anglers ice fish. The top fish caught each winter are panfish followed by northern pike and walleye. Wisconsin, meanwhile, is considered to be at the top of the states that participate in the pastime.

With colder temperatures likely coming, those that enjoy the sport here in the "Island City" are anxious to hit the ice for this year's contests. They will begin the day with the same anticipation of what might come up from under the ice, as those who drilled a hole on Collingwood Lake 70-years ago. They just hope it won't be a two-inch perch!



Collingwood Lake Ice Fishing Tournament of 1954

2023 Year In Review; January-June

January

(4) A Cumberland man, Ryan Peet, was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, 5th, operating a motor vehicle while revoked, and failure to install ignition interlock device. On December 23, 2022, a Rice Lake Police Officer was on patrol when he observed a vehicle approaching his location. The vehicle had a defective headlamp. The officer reports that upon the vehicle passing his location, the vehicle was traveling in the eastbound (wrong) lane of travel. The officer conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the lone occupant, who was identified as the subject, Ryan Peet. Peet stated he did not have a driver's license. The officer reports while speaking with Peet, he observed Peet's pupils were extremely large and reacted slowly to his flashlight. The officer reports Peet is on active felony probation for OWI and drug related charges. If convicted Peet may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years or both.

Criminal charges have been filed against a Cumberland Man, Blake Siebert, after the court found probable cause regarding a single vehicle crash that occurred in Septem-

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Year in Review...

ber 2021. On September 6, 2021, shortly after 1:00 am, the Barron County 911 Center received a call of a single vehicle crash at 12th Street and Highway B, east of Cumberland. Cumberland Ambulance, along with deputies from the Barron County Sheriff’s Department, Cumberland Fire Department, North Memorial Helicopter and Cumberland Police Department all responded to the scene.

Investigation showed that the vehicle had failed to stop for the stop sign on 12th Street at Highway B and rolled into the ditch. The vehicle was in the north ditch of County Road B and upside down. A deputy was able to observe that there was a male inside the vehicle hanging upside down and unresponsive. Another male who was on scene was attempting to assist the deputy. A third male was lying on the ground outside of the vehicle and identified himself as Siebert, 17, at the time.



Coach Bus fire on Highway 53.

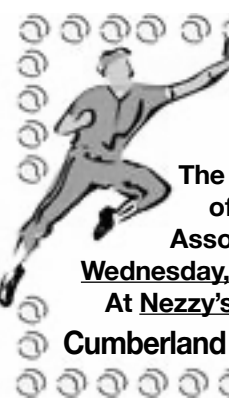
On Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 7:45 p.m., the Barron County 911 Center received a call of a coach bus on fire on Hwy 53 just south of the Barron exit.

Deputies from the Barron County Sheriff’s Department along with the Cameron Fire Department, MMC Ambulance, Barron and Cameron Police Departments and the WI State Patrol responded to the scene.

Initial investigation shows the coach bus out of the Milwaukee area started on fire in the rear of the bus, possibly with the brake system in the rear tires. Fifteen athletes, a coach and his son and the bus driver, all from the Milwaukee School of Engineering on the way home from a wrestling meet, escaped off the bus with no injuries. The bus and all its contents were a total loss.

The United Fund of Cumberland is giving \$30,000 to ETC’s Repair the Roof fund for replacing the leaky roof on the Cumberland Arts Center.

On January 5, 2023, a fire occurred at 1434 2nd Avenue which displaced 13 people, including several children.



Cumberland Baseball Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of members of the Cumberland Baseball Association, Inc. will be held on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7 pm.** At **Nezzy's**. Public input welcome.

Cumberland Baseball Association, Inc.



Happy Birthday PHYLLIS DENUCCI "70"



I just want to say how grateful and fortunate to say we have been friends over 3/4 of our lives! So many memories and birthdays. Lots more to come.

Love, Barb



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The families didn’t have anywhere to stay after the fire, so the new owners of Island Inn Motel were contacted by law enforcement and without hesitation, agreed to let the families stay at the motel.

Congratulations to Jason and Virginia Streitz, owners of Brickyard Pottery and Gallery who were this quarters 50 People and More Who Care grant recipients.

A ribbon cutting was held on Tuesday, January 17th, at Cumberland Tire for new owner Justin Nickell who joined the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce. Justin takes over the business from longtime owner Tracy Thompson.



Bourbon's Crew.

February

(1) This year Bourbons Bar held fundraising events to raise money for the Cumberland Fire Department and the Barron County K9 Unit. With these efforts they were able to raise a total of \$10,000. They were able to give \$5,000 to each organization.

As previously reported in September 2022, Rice Lake Police Officers responded to an armed robbery on September 23, 2022, at the Jacobson’s Ace Hardware in Rice Lake. A lone male entered the store and demanded money from the cashier. The suspect was believed to have a fire-arm in his jacket through actions he made. The suspect fled the scene with a large sum of cash. The investigation, led by the Rice Lake Police Department Investigator, identified the suspect as Jesus R. Miera of Chippewa Falls. Also charged in this case was Krista Buckwalter of Rice Lake.

Troy Huehn, 17, of Rice Lake, is being charged with two counts of 2nd-degree Reckless Homicide, one count



The Law Enforcement Foundation of Barron County would like to recognize the following organizations for sponsoring this year's Shop With A Cop Event:

Walmart, Farm & Fleet, Westconsin Credit Union, Security Financial Bank, Cumberland Federal Bank, Citizens Community Federal, St. Croix Casino Danbury, Rice Lake Celebrity Charity Classic, Johnson Financial Group, Boys & Girls Club of Barron County, Mosaic, Pepsi, Wolf's Den/Wolf Pack Charities, Enliven Med-Spa, Adventures Restaurant, Shadow Plastics, Seneca Foods, Nuto Farm Supply, Jennie-O Turkey Store, MarketPlace Foods, Sysco, Kwik Trip and many generous individual sponsors as well. 79 children from the community were sponsored for this event and it would not be possible without our charitable community!



Ruby's Pantry

Saturday, January 6

Distribution will be held at Cumberland Fire Hall as a drive through Pantry. Everyone Welcome!

Please do not arrive before 6:30 AM

NO Registration Required

Distribution from 8 to 9:30 AM

Donation is \$25 per share

Cash Preferred - No Checks Please

- ✓ Cumberland’s Ruby’s Pantry will remain a drive through Pantry at the Cumberland Fire Hall.
- ✓ The Fire Hall is located behind the Elementary School. You will be directed to line up in the 3M parking lot. Please follow our parking directors.
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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, January 4
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MS/HS: Ham & cheese sandwich with chips.

Friday, January 5
Pizza dippers with red sauce, broccoli, applesauce. MS/HS: Hamburger or cheeseburger with chips.

Monday, January 8
ES: Chicken Patty.
MS/HS: Grilled chicken, fries, carrots, peaches.
MS/HS: Garlic cheese bread.

Tuesday, January 9
ES: Chicken nuggets, fries, corn, pineapple.
MS/HS: Chicken fajitas, brown rice, corn, pineapple. MS/HS: Pizza.

Wednesday, January 10
Chicken and rice soup, grilled cheese, peas, pears. MS/HS: Chicken fajitas.

Lunch menu includes assorted fresh vegetables, fruit and salad bar daily with choice of milk.

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of 2nd-degree reckless injury, two counts of knowingly operating a motor vehicle without a license causing death and one count of the same causing great bodily harm, all felonies. Huehn, who was 16 years old at the time of the crash, was the driver of a vehicle that crashed and rolled over near Cameron. A 15 year old and 14 year old were killed as a result of the crash, while another teenage girl, who was 14 at the time, was flown to a hospital for treatment of a serious arm injury.

2nd LT Michael Forster recently graduated from Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training at Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio Texas. Michael was a graduate of Cumberland H.S. May 2009, and had already been a member of the 133rd Airlift Wing since February 2009. He was an aircraft crew chief and a flight engineer, before being selected as a C130 pilot candidate. Michael spent one year in Texas flying the T6 Texan and the T1 Jayhawk. He not only graduated with his Aeronautical Rating as a pilot; he also was awarded with the honors of Distinguished Graduate, Citizenship Award, Top Stick Award, Order of the Daedalians Commander’s Trophy and the Combat Award (an award voted on by the instructors as to which student they would choose to fly with in combat). Michael will now continue his training in the C130 at Little Rock AFB, AR. After 6 months of training in AR, he will return to Minneapolis to fly the C130 for the 109th Airlift Squadron.

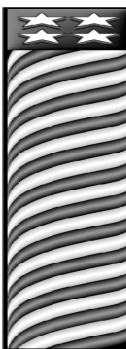
A young Cumberland Wrestling Team wrapped up their regular season last Saturday, by finishing tied for third place in the HON Conference Tournament held in Hayward. St. Croix Falls repeated last year’s Championship by taking home the title, followed by Hayward/Northwood in second and the Beavers and Northwestern tied for third with 167.5 team points.

Cumberland’s lone individual Championship came from Dawson Johnson at 126 pounds. Johnson moved to 41 and 1 on the year after receiving two byes, taking a tech fall over Isaac Briggs of St. Croix Falls in the semifinals, and pinning Trenton Kirkland of Hayward/Northwood in the Championship match. Kirkland had a good year himself and will take a 39-7 record in Tournament action.

The Beavers next highest finish came from Jack Chafer at 285 pounds. Chafer reached the Championship match with a bye and two pins, but dropped a close 3-1 match to the Saints Kasey Johnson (31-5) in the finals to fall to 32-11 on the year.

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

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4: • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Girls BB home vs Hayward •

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5: • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Boys BB vs St. Croix Falls •

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6: • 8 am-12 pm Youth Boys BB Tournament 3rd & 4th • 9 am-3 pm HS Wrestling Invite at EC North • 1:00-3:00 pm CCE: Pickle Ball •

MONDAY, JANUARY 8: • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Boys BB at Spring Valley • 6-8 pm High School Community Meeting & Building Tours •

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9: • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Girls BB at Ladysmith • 6-8 pm HS Wrestling Quad home • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Co-Ed Volleyball •

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10: • 4:30-6:00 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Pat Chuchwar • 5-6:30 pm CCE: 5-Pronged Approach to Heath • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickle Ball •

COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS

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Year in Review...

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.

(22) The Cumberland Wrestling Team’s exciting week ended at the Edgar Sectional last Saturday, where three Cumberland wrestlers won a trip to the State Wrestling Tournament in Madison. Qualifying with second place finishes were Dawson Johnson and Cooper Schramski, while Jack Chafer won his spot by finishing third.

Prior to Saturday’s competition, the Beavers participated in the Team Sectional in Cadott on Tuesday, following their Regional Title won at home the previous weekend. Unfortunately, their night ended with an opening round 46-27 loss to Glenwood City.

Three wrestlers did qualify for Madison, the first being Sophomore Cooper Schramski at 113-pounds. Schramski was 3 and 1 on the day, losing to Wyatt Unser of Glenwood City in the Championship final, after two earlier victories. He then rebounded to place runner-up in his weight class with a 11-6 victory over Ronan Garcia of Bruce in his follow-up battle for second-place. Schramski will take a record of 38 and 13 to the State Tournament, where he will wrestle Freshman Brody Miess (44-10) of Riverdale in the first round at 7:15 Thursday night.

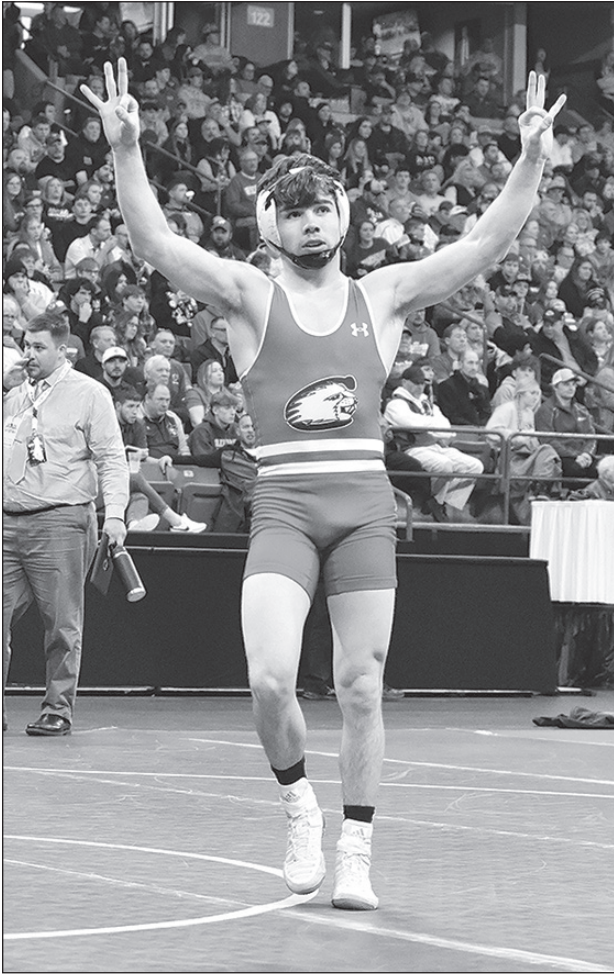
The Beavers second qualifier was two-time State Champion Dawson Johnson, who took second at 126-pounds, losing only to long-time rival Ian Radintz of Glenwood City in a tough 5-4 Championship fight.

Johnson is 50 and 2 on the year, with his only two losses coming to Radintz. He got to the title bout with a pair of pins earlier in the day. He will open up defense of his 2021 and 2022 State Championships at 11:15 am Friday morning against the winner of Raymond Lemieux of Coleman (32-9) and Tucker Cobb of Marshall (35-8). He would not meet Radintz again until the Championship round.

The Beavers final State competitor will be Jack Chafer at 285. His long day in Edgar included four matches, where he went 3 and 1, qualifying for Madison with a pin of Ethan Brunner of Durand-Arkansas for third place. Chafer is 41-13 on the season and will open up his State competition at approximately 8:30 pm Thursday, against Augustus Fink of Wabeno/Three Lakes (38-17).

Brandon Johnson earned the 2022 WADA District 1

Service Award. This award is given to individuals who go above and beyond to help promote or enhance athletics within a school district.



Wrestling State Champion Dawson Johnson. March

(1) Dawson Johnson won his third straight State Title at the Kohl Center in Madison. Johnson claimed the 126 pound Division 3 title after not allowing a point against him in all three matches. Johnson becomes the Beavers only three time State Champion. Only 26 wrestlers have ever accomplished the feat in state history.

Devin Baldwin, 27, of Cumberland has been charged after a three hour standoff that happened last October.

On October 16, 2022, just before 7pm, the Cumberland Police Department was advised of an intoxicated disorderly subject located at a residence in Cumberland.

According to a press release from the Cumberland Police Department, an officer arrived on scene, and the subject, Baldwin, retreated into the residence and began

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- 18 Land unit
- 19 Toast (2 wds.)
- 21 Seat finder
- 22 Space ship builders
- 24 Pace
- 25 Regress
- 29 Country in SE Asia
- 31 Stood opposite
- 34 Having wings
- 35 Tip
- 36 Fairy tale opener
- 37 Designated standard size units
- 39 Toe bone
- 41 Capital of Switzerland

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- 63 Queasy
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- 12 Vessel
- 14 Information
- 20 Prayer position
- 21 Delivery service
- 23 Boxer Muhammad
- 24 All
- 25 Baby sheep
- 26 Lotion ingredients
- 27 Priest
- 28 Take by surprise
- 30 Dog food brand
- 31 Growl

Northwoods Notebook: Does it matter that newspapers are dying? by Larry Werner

In my adolescent years, I was a rebellious sort, and, more dire, a poor student. It didn’t help that I had three older sisters who got all-As in school, meaning the teachers who had taught them wondered why I didn’t measure up to the girls.

But one day, I got a positive message from my English teacher in the form of an “A” on an essay, with these words: “This shows significant writing talent.” My grades didn’t all rise from mediocre to excellent as a result of that comment, but I began to take English seriously, and I decided that, when I grew up, I would be a writer.

I worked on the high school newspaper, started working for my college paper even before starting classes, and I spent more than 40 years working for newspapers — more than 50 years, if you count the writing I do for the Advocate.

It saddens me that some rebellious young fellow with significant writing talent at Cumberland High School might never have the chance I had for the simple reason there are far fewer newspapers than there were when I got out of school and fewer jobs on those that have survived the newspaper pandemic.

What will bright young writers do?

According to a report by Northwestern University’s School of Journalism, there are about 6,000 papers left in the country, down from 8,891 in 2005. Most of those remaining are weeklies, like the Advocate, not dailies. And local newspapers are dying at the rate of more than two per week, leaving more than 200 U.S. counties without a local paper, according to the report.

I grew up in a relatively

poor family. My father was an assistant mechanic at a small trucking company, changing tires and oil, and my mother tended to six kids, never working outside the home. Dad did manage to graduate from high school; Mom made it through 10th grade. But each evening, after dinner, Mom and Dad would read the newspaper, catching up on local news about the schools and city government, national and international news and, in Dad’s case, sports.

That daily newspaper in my hometown is now printed just three days a week — another disturbing trend over the past 25 years, in addition to papers closing completely.

Before ending up at the daily in Minneapolis, I worked for five other papers, two of which have shut down. The Minneapolis Star Tribune went through bankruptcy, but is still publishing, thanks to its purchase by Glen Taylor, who is the richest man in the state. The newsroom I worked in had 400 journalists when I retired in 2007. It’s now got about 200.

So what happened?

Well, technology hurt newspapers. It isn’t so much that people can get their news from the internet, which is part of it, but that they get their ads on the internet. The paper I worked for in Minneapolis used to have five or six sections on Sunday of what were called “classifieds.” Employers advertised jobs, Realtors advertised homes for sale or rent, and people bought classified ads to sell Grandma’s feather bed and other items.

Along came something called “Craigslist,” an online compilation of ads that cost

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Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Happy New Year everyone. I hope everyone had a great three day weekend! Are you going to start a New Years resolution? I personally don’t. I will say though, if I did make a New Years resolution, it would be to get together with my family a little more often. Since my dad passed away, we don’t see each other often. My sister Heather lives in Madison and my brother Mark in Missouri. My brother showed up on Christmas Day out of the blue and it was great to see him. Needs to happen more often. Once a year or so doesn’t cut it. I do see my sister often so that’s good. Anyway, I hope everyone has a great 2024.

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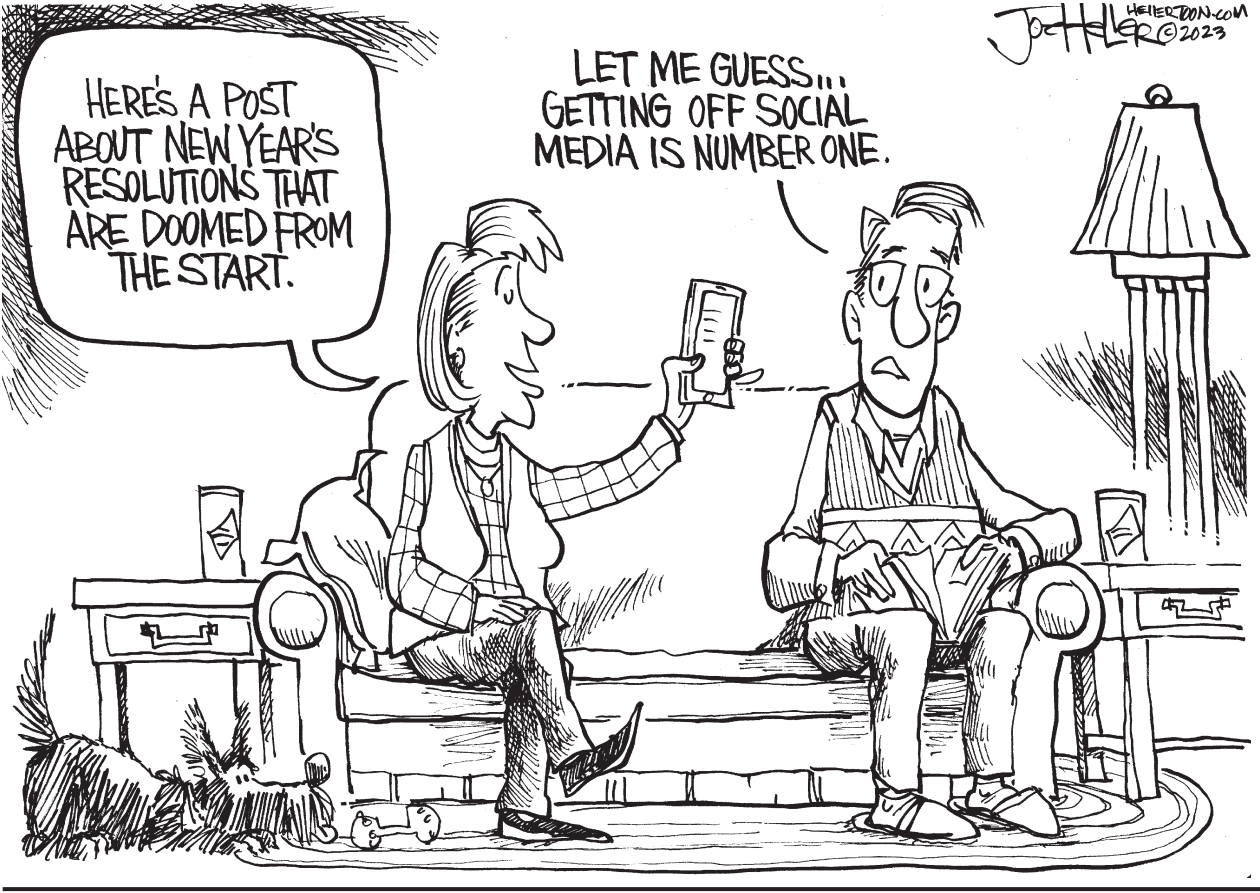
Well, the Packers thumped the Vikes pretty good on Sunday night football. Never was a game. Green Bay looked good and Minny did not. Injuries are a poor excuse but when you are on your 4th quarterback of the season, it’s probably not going to end well. I have a feeling the Pack will have its hands full next week with Chicago. You know nothing would make Bears fans more happy than to knock the Packers out of the playoffs. Should be a fun one!

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My buddy Preston from Rice Lake came over to open skate at the Cumberland Ice Arena with his nephews one day last week. He said it was awesome. The kids had snacks and drinks and had a ball on the ice. He said Rice Lake does not do open skate or if they do, it’s not very often. Anyway, kudos to the hockey association for making the rink available.

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It’s been fun to see so many people come into the office to purchase Mark Fuller’s second book Island City Nostalgia. Cumberland has a rich history and its fun to read about it. The Advocate has been fortunate to have Mark writing for the paper for over 35 years. Not only with sports, but articles about Cumberland’s past as well as City Council meetings and School Board meetings. If you haven’t already picked up a copy of his new book, stop in and grab one. \$20.00 well spent! Have a great week everybody!



Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Themes emerge in a year’s worth of columns”

MADISON, Wis. – Part of the fun of writing a weekly column is looking back at recurring themes. Here’s a recap of 2023 that groups my “frequent flyer” subject areas, which collectively demonstrate I am both an economic optimist and perhaps a bit obsessive about some topics. Correction: Make that focused.

Angel and venture capital (9 columns): No one will confuse 2023 with a banner year for early stage investing nationally or close to home, but when the digital dust settles, it will still rank among Wisconsin’s biggest dollar-total years. The number of in-state deals may be another matter. Then again, it was a year when two U.S. venture banks went out of business; Wall Street produced very few Initial Public Offerings, or IPOs; and interest rates were high. The silver lining in the cloud? Some major in-state VCs are raising new funds and out-of-state investors are increasingly co-investing in Wisconsin deals.

Sample 2023 passage: “There’s rarely a time when it’s easy for early stage companies to raise money from investors, and today’s conditions fall on the opposite end of the scale. And yet, for those companies with technologies or business ideas favored by the market, finding angel or venture capital is not only possible but perhaps well-timed from the perspective

of investors searching for well-priced deals.”

Resiliency in energy, water and manufacturing (8 columns) – Certain traits set Wisconsin industry apart. It’s one of the nation’s top manufacturing states; it’s uniquely positioned to lead a transition to next-generation fission and (someday) fusion for mass energy generation; it’s a source of innovation in wind and solar energy; and it’s blessed with water as well as the exportable know-how for keeping it clean and plentiful.

Sample 2023 passage: “With effects of climate change being seen across the globe, interest is reviving in nuclear fission as a source for clean, emissions-free power. Other alternative sources such as wind, solar, hydro and geothermal are part of the picture, as well, but nuclear fission cannot be overlooked at a time when commercial fusion is still a long way from reality and traditional carbon sources remain part of the climate problem.”

Pressures on research and development (8 columns): At the core of this category were four columns about the need for a capacity-expanding building for the UW-Madison College of Engineering, a facility that will dramatically boost the number of graduates for state industry once up and running. Attempts to ban certain types of biotechnology

research in Wisconsin were opposed, and Wisconsin’s success in attracting federal planning grants in key industries was celebrated.

Sample 2023 passage: “Wisconsin has other fine engineering campuses, public and private, but demand for UW-Madison graduates is stronger than ever at a time when industry needs well-trained engineers in all disciplines. Let’s hope negotiations breathe the new life into a project that will help Wisconsin’s economy for decades to come.”

Entrepreneurism and the economy (8 columns) – Here’s where the cockeyed optimist in me emerges. In addition to expressing doubt a recession was just around the corner, I wrote about the principle of “creative destruction,” which holds that economic innovation works from the bottom to crowd out inefficient models at the top. Strategies for entrepreneurs were highlighted, and success stories in communities, sectors and within companies were covered.

Sample 2023 passage: “One survey after another has shown entrepreneurs to be relentlessly optimistic, even Pollyannish, about their chances of success. That’s despite the fact their chances of landing startup financing are slim and their competition from the marketplace can be daunting. For many entrepreneurs,

their long-term vision for success often transcends where markets are today.”

Innovation in information technology (6 columns): Wisconsin’s potential to attract data centers (Microsoft is now planning one in Racine County), federal-state balances in data privacy law, the value of electronic health records, and risks and opportunities of artificial intelligence were explored. In 2024, I hope to write more about AI and democracy: Bane or deliverance?

Sample 2023 passage: “The history of technology reveals many such examples of innovation being met with suspicion and worries that mankind would lose its moral compass... Today, it’s the explosion of artificial intelligence technologies that frightens some people. This time, however, it is not led by modern-day Luddites but people who understand tech and who actively push the innovation envelope themselves.”

Another dozen columns covered a mix of topics, so not everything fit into neat subconscious themes. For those readers who occasionally found one of those mis-sives interesting, thanks and more to come in 2024!

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

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10 Years Ago January 8, 2014

Two longtime Cum-
berland Firefighters have retired
from the Cumberland Fire
Department. Mike Anderson
(23 years) and Larry Sever-
son (26 years) were honored
for their service at the annual
Christmas banquet last week.
They both were instrumental
in the department purchas-
ing in the Jaws of Life and
willingly took extra training
to help the department to be
proficient in the use of them.
They will be missed.

20 Years Ago January 7, 2004

Recognition was given
for milk production at the
Cumberland Annual meet-
ing held December 10.
Swiss Valley Farms’ mem-
bers are recognized with a
Quality Award for produc-
ing high quality milk. This
Quality Award is presented
at each District’s Annual
Meeting. From Cum-
berland was Helen Nowasky.

Rachel Donatelle, Barb
Forest, and Ann Capra are
currently studying for care-
ers in healthcare and re-
ceived scholarships from
the Cumberland Memorial
Hospital Auxiliary.

30 Years Ago January 5, 1994

A fire at the home of
Gene Rohr on New Years
Eve. The home on Little
Vermillion Lake was total-
ly destroyed. Even though
the building and contents

were destroyed, no one as
home or injured in the fire.
The cause of the fire is still
undetermined.

Cumberland will par-
ticipate in the Regional
Decathlon Competition
in Rice Lake on Satur-
day. Seventy-two schools
advanced. Representing
Cumberland will be Brian
Strasser, Justin Forrester,
Dani Nugent, Allison Held,
Sara Begnaud, Bob Stumpf,
Jason Schiebel, Alia Ricci
and Sarrah Timm.

40 Years Ago January 4, 1984

Yes, it was cold during
December. As a matter of
fact, record-breaking down
right frigid. On the morning
of December 19, it fell to a
new record of minus 39 de-
grees. It was almost hard to
breathe. This topped the old
record of 36 degrees below
zero set in December of
1933, exactly 50 years ago.

Winners of two contests
in the Cumberland Cham-
ber of Commerce’s Snow-
flake days promotion were
announced last week. The
grand prize winner was Todd
Mandel, he will receive a
getaway weekend for two at
Mt. Telemark in Cable.
In the religious division,
the grand prize winner was
Louis DeGideo.

50 Years Ago January 3, 1974

Householders are re-
minded to push their clocks
ahead one hour when they

retire on Saturday night,
January 5. This is not the
regular daylight savings
time that runs from May to
October, but a special one
as ordered by the Federal
Government in an effort
to help during the energy
crisis. This is scheduled to
run through April.

60 Years Ago January 9, 1963

For the third time in
less than five years, Cum-
berland High School was
entered by burglars. The
thieves damaged parts of
the building as well as
breaking into the vault.
School authorities said
that damage to the building
was heavy with the thieves
breaking into the vault and
wrecking seven doors in
the office area and in class-
rooms. Two brothers from
Duluth, MN are being held
on charges.

70 Years Ago, January 7, 1953

Telephone subscribers
receiving their bills for
January found that rates
had been increased. The
authority to raise the local
phone rate came from the
Public Service Commis-
sion as the result of the lo-
cal company’s recent mod-
ernization program and
conversion from manual to
dial service.

80 Years Ago January 6, 1943

The driest month in the
nine years for which lo-

cally maintained records
are available by the past
month of December. For
precipitation for the Month
of December-zero. There
were some snow flurries
on four different occasions
which brought a “trace” in
the precipitation column,
but that was all. So far as
can be known, it is the first
time there has been so dry
of a month.



WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Pre	Snow
12/26	50	45	1.16	trace
12/27	45	29	0.10	0.00
12/28	35	24	0.00	0.00
12/29	31	23	0.00	0.00
12/30	44	23	0.00	0.00
12/31	29	24	0.03	0.1
01/01	24	17	trace	trace

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

Nicholas B. Taft, 29, no address, operate with restricted controlled substance, \$1,744.00. Timothy J. Bartels, 48, Bruce, OWI, \$974.50. Jill M. Brown, 58, Rice Lake, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Nathan M. Bullion, 38, Spooner, speeding, \$200.50. Gerald R. Church, 17, Barron, operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Timothy R. Etchison, 40, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$263.50. Bradley A. Gombold, 54, White Bear Lake, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Devon A. Helms, 17, Barron, operating while suspended, \$200.50 and non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Eric W. Holmstrom, 50, Kronenwetter, speeding, \$200.50. Lois A. Kennan, 36, Shell Lake, failure of occupant to notify police of an accident, \$389.50 and hit and run, \$263.50. Brad M. Kent, 32, Shell Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. James E. King, 39, Sheldon, speeding, \$250.90. Andrew C. Loof-boro, 42, Rice Lake, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Jesus E. Tolen-tino-Nunez, 43, Cameron, speeding, \$295.00. Mac-kenzie L. Olson, 19, Barron, failure to yield right of way, \$187.90. Michael J. Rich, 53, Barronett, OWI, \$811.50. Miguel A. Salas-Sanchez, 21, Almena, OWI, \$1,087.50, operate without a valid license, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Mindy L. Sanderson, 46, Eau Claire, unlawful U/Y turn-erected signs, \$175.30, operating while suspended, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Abelardo S. Vega, 25, Ridge-land, operate without a valid license, \$200.50, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and fail/yield right/way from stop sign, \$175.30. Lydia L. Siebert, 19, Prairie Farm, fail/yield right/way from stop sign, \$175.30 and oper-ating while suspended, \$200.50. Jordan S. Smith, 25, Barron, OWI, \$974.50 and operate without a val-id license, \$200.50.

D.N.R.

Benjamin A. Hurt, 35, of Chetek, has been charged with illegal loaded/cooked crossbow in/on vehicle. His court date is sched-uled for January 17, 2024. Sawyer J. Wilson, 20, of New Auburn, has been charged with fail to reg-ister harvested animal within established time frame. His court date is scheduled for February 21, 2024. Caden J. Damp, 22, of Eau Claire, has been charged with hunt with improper license. His court date is scheduled for February 21, 2024. Jordan R. Anderson, 23, of Eau Claire, has been charged with hunt with improper license. His court date is scheduled for February 21, 2024.

Complaints

Katlynn A. Frank, 24, of Cameron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court date was scheduled for Decem-ber 22, 2023.

Criminal Complaints

Kiunte J. Sigurdson, 23, of Barron, has been charged with possession of controlled substance. His adjourned initial ap-pearance is scheduled for January 24, 2024. Dakota M. Woodruff, 22, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and use of a dan-gerous weapon. His ad-journed initial appearance is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

Hunter L. Benish, 28, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse and resisting or obstruct-ing an officer. His ad-journed initial appearance is scheduled for January 3, 2024.

Tina M. Cotts, 58, no ad-dress, has been charged with possession of meth-amphetamine and posses-sion of drug parapherna-lia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 3, 2024.

Glenn C. Bugg, 59, of Chetek, has been charged with possession of meth-amphetamine, second and subsequent offense, pos-session of THC, posses-sion of drug paraphernalia and carrying a concealed knife. His adjourned ini-tial appearance is sched-uled for January 3, 2024.

Teri R. Moore, 38, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug para-phernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 3, 2024.

Dawn M. Allen, 46, of Comstock, has been charged with battery, do-mestic abuse and prisoner throw/expel bodily sub-stances. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 3, 2024.

Dawn M. Allen, 46, of Comstock, has been charged with misdemea-nor battery, domestic abuse and assault by prisoners.

A deputy with the Barron County Sheriff’s Depart-ment, reports on Decem-ber 25, 2023, at approx-imately 7:15 pm, he was dispatched to a residence located at 1868 US High-way 63 in Comstock. The report of the deputy indi-cates he was dispatched to this location as a result of an individual, M.P.A., contacting the Barron County Dispatch report-ing that there had been a physical altercation be-tween him and his spouse that resulted in him re-ceiving an injury to his ear that was bleeding.

Upon his arrival at the above location, the report of the deputy indicates he spoke with M.P.A. and while doing so he ob-served dried blood on one of his ears, that went down his neck to his sweatshirt and jacket. M.P.A. report-ed that he had been in a physical altercation with his wife, the defendant, Allen. He further advised that she had punched him in the face multiple times.

He further advised that they had lived together at the above residence for approximately four years and that he did not give her permission to hit and hand that when he had punched him in the face it caused him physical pain.

The report of the deputy indicates he made contact with a female, identified as Allen. She confirmed that she and her husband had been in a verbal argu-ment and that even though it had become physical at one point, she claimed she never hit her husband. When the deputy asked her if she had punched him in the face, she de-nied doing so. She then began to claim that he had grabbed her neck and was choking her. When the deputy asked her to further describe how this had taken place, she was unable to provide a de-scription of the incident that she was referring to. When the deputy asked her where it had taken place, she claimed that it been outside in the drive-way area and that her hus-band had thrown her onto the ground. The report of the deputy indicates that he did not observe any type of marks on Allen’s neck suggesting that she had been choked in any fashion. He also did not observe that her clothing was wet in any fashion given the fact that it had been raining for several hours prior to his arrival on scene. He was also able to observe a spot of blood on the back o her shirt in the shoulder area. She was not bleeding in any fashion and was unable to tell the deputy how the blood had ended up on her clothing. The report of the deputy indicates that after she was taken into custo-dy, she was administered a preliminary breath test which showed a result of .250 g per 100 ml.

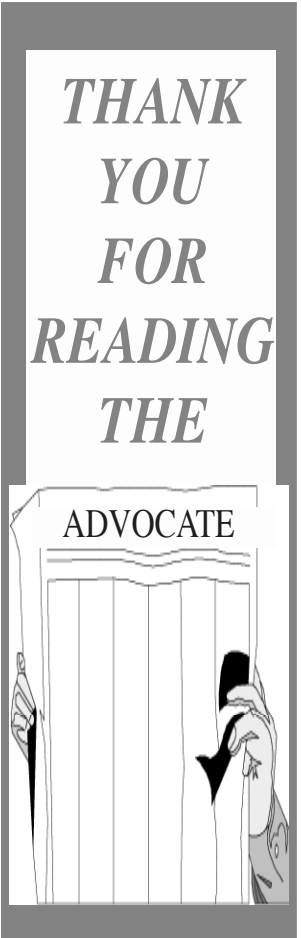
The report of the deputy also indicates that once he transported Allen to the Barron County Jail, she became very upset and stated multiple times that if her husband was still at the residence when she got out of jail, she was going to “stab him.” The report of the deputy also indicates that during the transport to the jail, he heard Allen spontaneou-sly utter, multiple times, that she would hurt hus-band if he was still at the residence once she was re-leased from jail.

The report of the deputy also indicates that during the course of the book-ing process, he observed Allen become very ver-bally assaultive towards jail staff. Ultimately, she was placed into a cell, where she was beating on the doors and windows. He was also made aware that she was vomiting in the jail cell and when jail staff were attempting to assist her, it was deter-mined that she had taken a large amount of toilet paper and had put it in her mouth and was attempt-ing to swallow it, which was apparently causing her to vomit. The deputy’s report indicates that he assisted jail staff as they removed Allen from the cell and attempted to forc-ibly have the toiled paper

removed from her mouth. His report also indicates that she was uncoopera-tive and would not spit out the paper that was in her mouth. His report also indicates that jail staff de-termined that she would be placed in her restraint chair, which ultimately led to her removing the toilet paper from her mouth. However, she was then able to break free from the jailers and pick up the ball of toilet paper that she had spit onto the jailers that were attempting to assist in the removal of the ball of toilet paper from her mouth. The report of the deputy indicates that he also spoke with both jail-ers, who indicated the sa-liva from Allen made con-tact with them and they did not give her consent to spit on them.

If convicted for misde-meanor battery, and do-mestic abuse, Allen may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than nine months or both. For assault by pris-oners, she may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than three years and six months or both.

Her adjourned initial ap-pearance is scheduled for January 3, 2024.



Non Emergency Phone Numbers:

Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754

Barron County Sheriff 537-3106

Tipster Line 1-800 532-9008

Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency 911

Northwoods Notebook...

nothing, and eBay, a similar electronic marketplace, and many more online platforms that bring sellers and buyers together, the way local newspapers used to.

And there is another fac-tor that has contributed to the decline of papers. Peo-ple stopped buying them, stopped reading — the news and everything else. It used to be that everyone got the paper. Not anymore.

And we are all poorer for it.

You can get national news from TV, radio (and the in-ternet). But you can find out what the school board and city council are up to, and who died, and which high school team won or lost, in one place — your local newspaper. If that newspa-per goes away, how will you decide how to vote on can-didates for local office or on the school referendum?

Cumberland is fortunate

in having a local paper. Many towns our size don’t. I’ve learned since I began writing for the Advocate that you folks read the local paper. Not only is the Advo-cate read by those who live here, it’s read by those who used to live here and still get the paper in places from California to New York.

I feel very blessed to have spent my entire career working for newspapers. If they didn’t exist, I’m not sure what I would have done for a living. Maybe changing tires and oil on trucks, the way the old man did.

But if he were alive, he’d tell you about the time I drained the old oil from my ’56 Ford and put the new oil in before replacing the plug on the oil pan. He wasn’t happy about the mess it made on his driveway.

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

Menomonie Man Arrested for OUI-5th Offense

David Joseph Andrle, 39 years of age, from Meno-monie, WI has been arrest-ed by the Wisconsin State Patrol Eau Claire Post for operating a motor vehicle under the influence, 5th of-fense.

At approximately 12:30 pm Wisconsin State Troop-ers were dispatched to a crash near mile marker 26 westbound on 194 which is in St. Croix County. When heading to the crash responding units were in-formed that 2 subjects were fleeing south across the in-terstate on foot wearing all-black clothing and carrying backpacks. A short while later the St. Croix County Sheriffs Department ad-vised they had two subjects detained on 50th Ave south of the crash location match-ing the description of the subjects fleeing from the scene. The subjects were turned over to the Wiscon-sin State Patrol to continue

the investigation. After fur-ther investigation, the pas-senger was released while the driver of the car was ar-rested for Operating a Mo-tor Vehicle while under the influence 5th Offense. The driver of the car was also charged with possession of THC and drug parapherna-lia and received citations for failure to notify police of an accident and operating after revocation. The driver also had a felony warrant.

Assisting the Wisconsin State Patrol were the Wood-ville Police Department, the St. Croix County Sheriff’s Department, and Baldwin EMS.

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Stone Lake Man Arrested for OUI 5th Offense

John M Phalen, 70 years of age, from Stone Lake has been arrested by the Wis-consin State Patrol Spooner Post for operating a motor vehicle under the influence, 5th offense.

Troopers with the WI State Patrol stopped a vehicle on Hwy 27 near Hayward in Sawyer County for an equipment violation. Upon initial approach of the ve-hicle, troopers noticed the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Ultimately the driver was arrested for

operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance fifth offense and possession of marijuana. The driver was transported and turned over to the Sawyer County Jail.

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Fisherman Saved After Falling Through Ice in Rusk County

On Wednesday, Decem-ber 27, 2023, at 7:31 am, the Rusk County Sheriff’s Office received several 911 calls reporting three subjects who were out ice fishing, had fallen through the ice on Fireside Lake in Rusk County, Township of Big Bend. Initial report was 2-3 subjects in the water, after gathering information there was only one subject in the water.

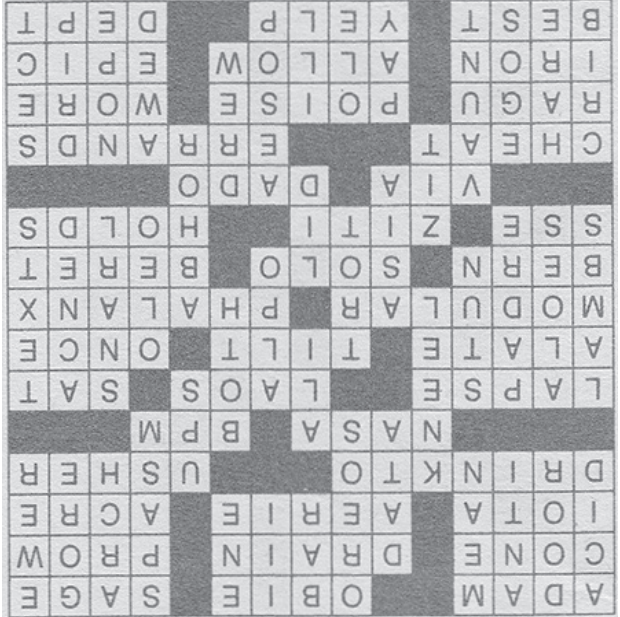
Callers reported there were a few local home owners trying to assist them with ropes and a sled. Prior to emergency services arrival, the local home owners did get the individual out of the

water and on shore. Home-owners rendered aid until emergency services arrived on scene. The subject was treated and transported by EMS to MMC-Rice Lake.

Bruce Fire Department was able to recover some of the fishing gear using their ice rescue equipment.

Agencies involved were Rusk County Sheriff’s Of-fice, Rusk County Ambu-lance Service, Bruce Fire Department, Chetek Fire Department Dive Team, Chetek Ambulance and LifeLink III.

Captain George Murray Rusk County Sheriff’s Office



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Sudoku Solution #4148-M

Are you feeling sick?



STAY HOME.

Whether it's COVID-19 symptoms, influenza, or a bad cold, staying home is one of the best ways to stop the spread.

Sports

Wrestlers Have Outstanding Performance at the Northern Badger

The Cumberland Wrestling Team proved they are among the best teams in the state, by finishing second out of 46 teams at the Northern Badger Wrestling Tournament held last week in River Falls. Menomonie was the overall winner with 315.5 team points, while the Beavers finished close behind with 304 points. In doing so, Cumberland won the Division Two Team Title over runner-up St. Croix Falls, who finished with 290.5 points.

“All 14 wrestlers made important contributions to our team score, with 11 of them standing on the awards podium. We were really close to winning the overall Tournament if just a couple more key matches went our way. As hard as it was losing to Menomonie, it was encouraging to finish ahead of teams like Marathon, Saint Croix Falls, and Freedom who are highly ranked in the state,” said Head Coach Justin Peterson about the team’s success.

The Beavers highest individual finishes came from Dawson Johnson, who finished first at 138-pounds, Braden Johnson, who was runner-up at 106, Noah Hile, who took third at 120, and Jack Chafer, who was fifth at heavyweight.

Dawson Johnson took home his title with a 16-6 major decision over Chase Kostka of Regis/Altoona in the Championship match. The Cumberland Senior raised his overall record on the year to 23-0 with three pins and an 8-2 decision earlier in the Tournament.

Braden Johnson’s only loss was a close 4-2 decision to Blake Underwood of Marathon in the Championship match-up. Underwood stayed undefeated at 23-0, while Johnson fell to 21-2 on the season. The Beavers freshman received a bye, racked up two pins, and a 9-3 decision in his first four bouts in the Tournament.

Noah Hile, meanwhile, raised his record to 16 and

5 by going 5 and 1 in River Falls to take a strong third place. Hile lost a 7-3 decision to Aiden Aure of Menomonie, but defeated his other five opponents, including a hard-earned 6-3 victory over Osceola’s Logan Meyer in the third-place match.

The final Cumberland wrestler to finish in the top five of his weight class was Jack Chafer. The Cumberland Senior went 4 and 2 in the Tournament to raise his overall record to 12 and 3 on the year. All six of his decisions came by pin in River Falls, four in victory and two in defeat.

Other Cumberland wrestlers with top-seven finishes included Jack Owens (18-7) who was sixth and Harrison Ruppel (17-8) and Gabe Erickson (14-11), who both finished seventh. Logan Peterson (17-8), meanwhile, went 4 and 2 to finish ninth with his two losses by 9-2 and 4-3 decisions.

Overall, there was much to be happy about for Coach Peterson who said, “It was a great team effort and major accomplishment this early in the season. We still have plenty of room for more improvement and we are looking forward to February and March as we continue to prepare to peak at the right time.”

He added, “We had some exciting wins like Harrison Ruppel’s pin against the State’s #2 ranked wrestler in the weight class, Troy Duellman from Cornell/Gilman. Boaz West, meanwhile, made a strong statement in his season debut with his 10th place finish, while Nelson Vasquez was ranked 31st in his weight class and also finished 10th.

The Beavers next action comes on Saturday, January 6, when they participate in the Cadott Invitational. Their next home match is Tuesday, January 9, when they host Amery, Luck/Grantsburg, and Somerset in a Quad starting at 6:00 pm.



Previewing the World of Sports in 2024

by Mark R. Fuller

Sports prognosticator Mark Fuller has once again taken a look into his crystal ball and come up with some predictions for the world of sports for the upcoming year. As in the past, the Advocate cannot make promises about his predictions, but we hope you enjoy this look into the future.

January

The Packers make the playoffs, but are defeated 67-14 in their opener against the Philadelphia Eagles, who score on each their possessions in the game. The Eagles rack up over 700 yards of offense and despite the lopsided score, Head Coach Matt LeFleur announces Defensive Coordinator Joe Barry will return to his role in 2024 and be elevated to Assistant Head Coach.

After getting negative fan reaction to a lack of activity in the offseason, the Chicago Cubs trade Craig Counsell back to the Brewers for Corbin Burnes.

The Cubs also announce they have an exclusive MLB contract to sell Louie’s Finer Meats at their games in the upcoming summer schedule.

February

The Baltimore Ravens defeat the 49ers in the Super Bowl. Post season NFL

Awards include naming Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson MVP and Joe Barry as the NFL’s “Sexiest Man.”

In the event of the winter, Taylor Swift and Aaron Rogers marry in a large ceremony following the Super Bowl as large crowds watch the wedding from the stands in New York’s Madison Square Garden. The wedding comes as a total surprise to Swifties nationwide and the two newlyweds spend their honeymoon writing songs about Travis Kelce from a dark cave in Missouri.

March

Colorado Buffalo Coach Deion Sanders tells 70 of his 80 players they are no longer welcome on the team and starts bringing in replacement players from the Portal for the fall schedule.

Cumberland student Griff Weaver pulls in a large nine-pound walleye while ice fishing in Sand Lake on March 3.

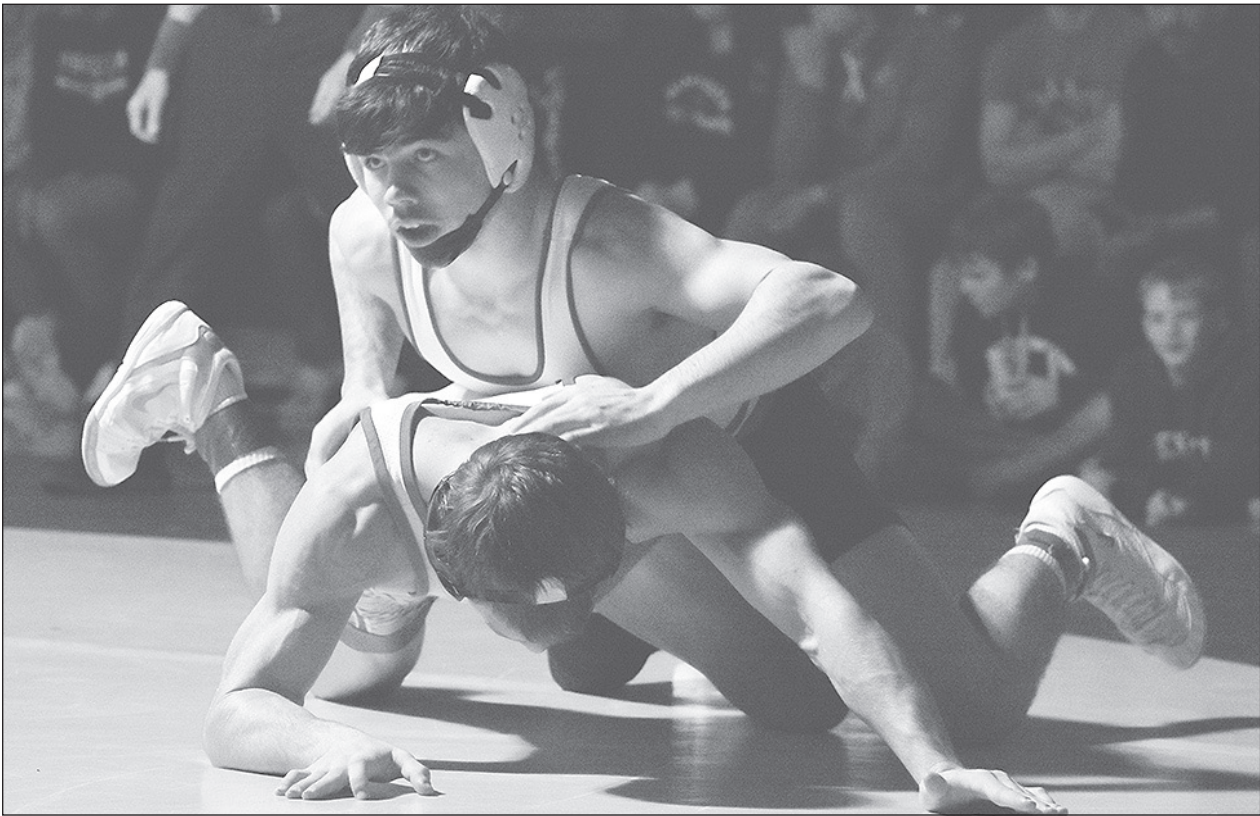
The Beaver wrestlers take the HON Wrestling Title and qualify for team State, while the two Johnson brothers both win Individual State Titles.

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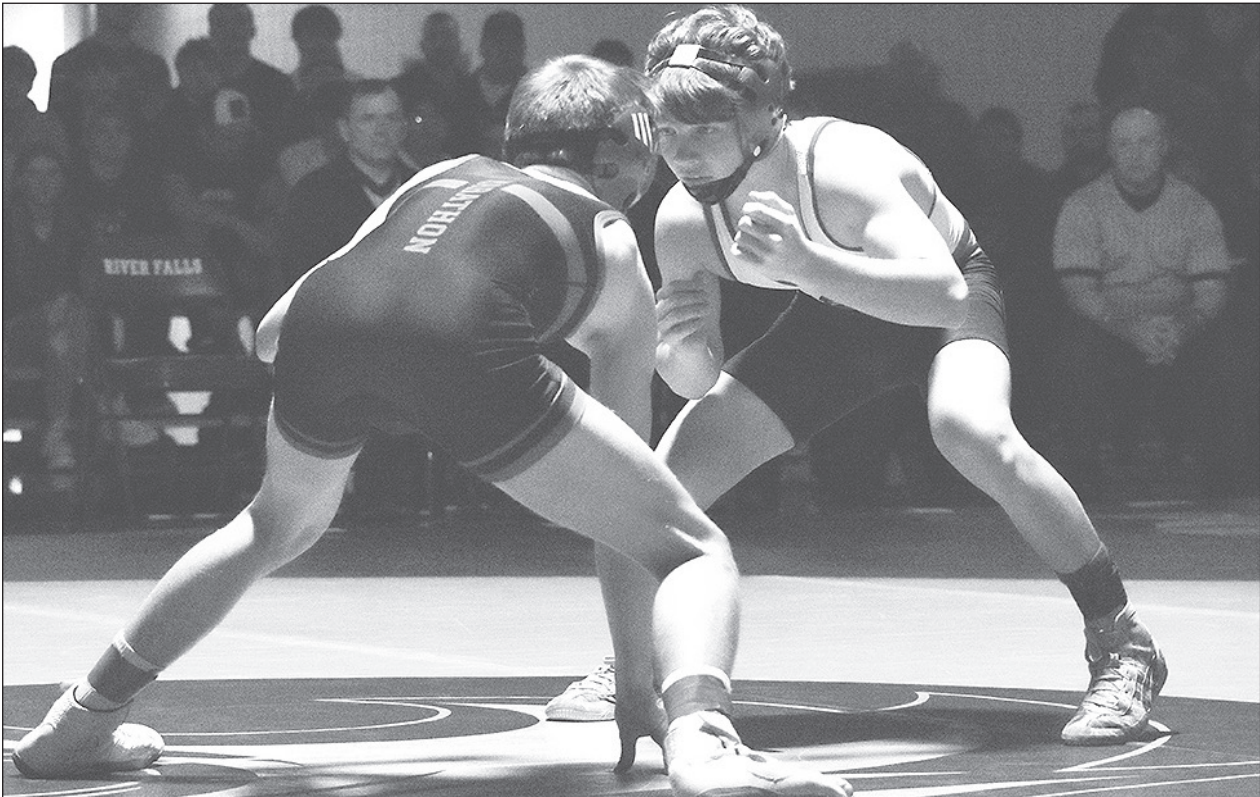
The Brewers win their opener, but fans are shocked

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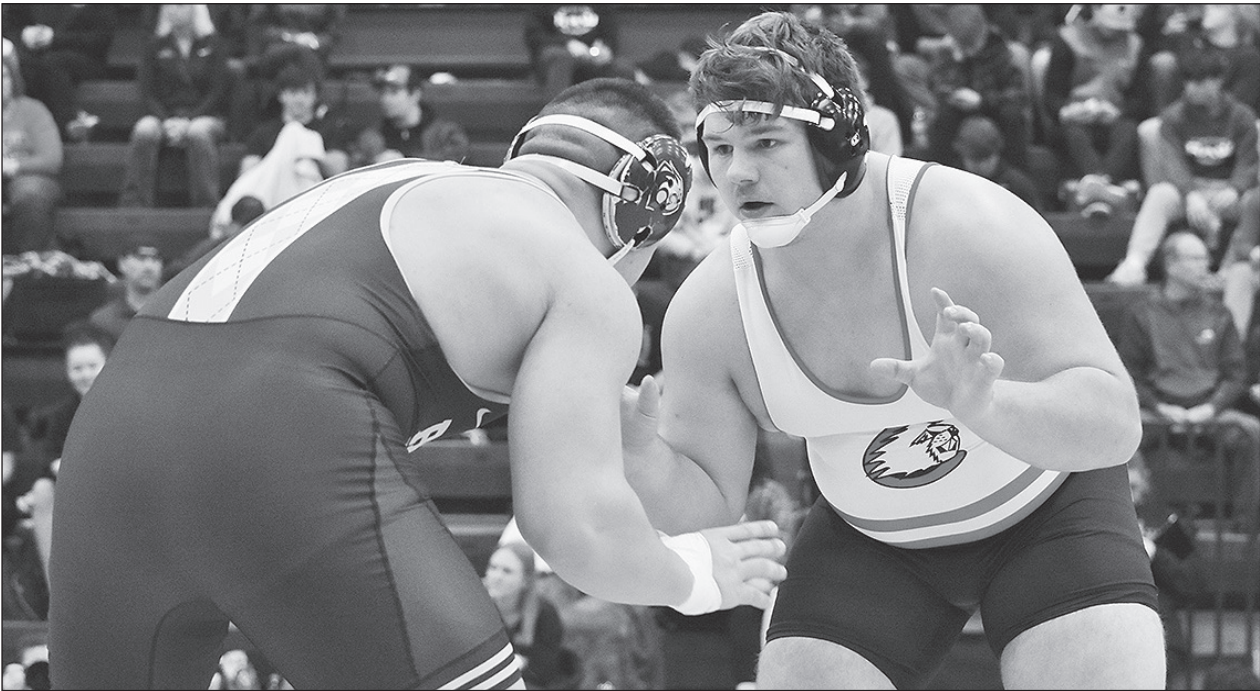
Northern Badger Champion!



Dawson Johnson captured the 138 pound title at the Northern Badger Wrestling Tournament held in River Falls. Johnson, ranked number 1 in the state of Wisconsin in his weight class ran his record to 23-0 on the season. Congratulations Dawson! Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Braden Johnson came home with a runner-up finish at Northern Badger. The freshman ran his season record to 21-2. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Jack Chafer had a solid Northern Badger Tournament finishing in 5th place. Chafer had 4 pins at River Falls. Photo by Dakota Morfoot



Caleb Hile picked up a nice win to give the Beavers valuable points as Cumberland finished in second place at the 46 team Northern Badger Wrestling Tournament held in River Falls. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.

Sports Look Back, January 8, 2014

The Cumberland Wrestling team gets back into HON action when they host Ladysmith in a big dual meet this Thursday at home. The team prepared for the meet by doing well at the Northern Badger Tournament held over Christmas vacation.

The Beavers did well, finishing second to Spring Valley/Elmood in Division 2 in

River Falls. Fourteen teams participated in the division.

The Beavers also had their 220 pound junior wrestler Ben Stone take first in his weight class. The Beavers outstanding underclassmen raised his record to 17-0 with two decisions and three pins at the tournament. The championship match was an easy 8-0 victory over Flambeau’s Packer Makina.

Trey Lundequum, wrestling at 126, was the Beavers second best finisher, taking a second place. His record stands at 15-2 on the season.

Lundequum was pinned by Cameron’s Kal Gerber in the title match after taking four previous victories.

Senior Jaylen Lansin added a fourth place finish. His record now stands at 15-2.

He was 3 and 2 in River Falls, losing an 8-1 decision to St. Croix Centrals Brian Gibb and a 3-0 decision to Somerset’s Maxwell Prashak. Previously he took a decision and recorded two pins.

Other top finishers were a fifth by Trystin Adams, a sixth by Jonathan Khosa, and a seventh by Taylor Pease.

Sports Preview...

by the absence of the Brat and Chorizo from the Sausage race, as they have been purchased by the Los Angeles Dodgers as free agents. Their deferred salary will have the Dodgers paying each of them \$2 million a year through 2034 besides an annual salary of \$450,000.

Marvin Harrison Jr, meanwhile, decides to withdraw from the NFL Draft after being offered \$35 million in NIL (Name, Image and Likeness) money from Ohio State to stay in school.

May
The new Dancing with the Stars cast is chosen and local resident Ritchie Narges will be part of the new season, dancing with Daniella Karagach.
Despite his \$700 million

contract averaging out to about \$2.21 per second, Los Angeles Dodgers Shohei Ohtani takes a part-time job at Kwik Trip due to the large amount of deferred money.
Gavin Prinsen throws a no-hitter in a Beavers baseball victory.

June
Having a tough time scoring runs, Twins Manager Rocco Baldelli makes the team stay after a Sunday afternoon game to run the bases with the fans. "I'm just making sure they know what are goals are," said Baldelli.

After hitting 20 homeruns through the first two months of the 2024 baseball season, Shohei Ohtani ask to renegotiate his contract with the Dodgers.

July

The Big Ten officially changes their name to, "We have no idea how many teams we have Conference."

The Milwaukee Brewers hold "Throwable Objects Day" at the ballpark to the first 20,000 fans who attend the opening game of a three-game series against the Cubs.

August
Prior to the season, Commissioner Roger Goodall announces that FuboTV will be the main carrier of NFL games this season. Fans begin to look at, "Where can I get FuboTV?"

Ryan Farr sinks a 25-foot putt to help his team take home the Rutabaga Scramble.

Saying the 40-year old Aaron Rogers is no longer physically able to move as needed on the field, the New York Jets purchase a spe-

cially designed Assistance Dog he will have with him whenever he is on the field during Training Camp. The dog is named, "Green-19."

September
Struggling to score in their early games, the Vikings have their players take a field trip to the end zone, "So they know where they are supposed to end up," says Head Coach Kevin O'Connell. Part of their struggles come from the inefficiencies of Free Agent quarterback starter Johnny Manziel.

Long-time NFL announcer, Terry Bradshaw, is removed from the pre-game show and will now cover in-game injuries from the blue tent on the sidelines.

October
A parade is held in Green Bay following the news that former Defensive Coordinator Joe Barry has finally

been fired after using a defense with no corner backs in a 58-28 loss to the Carolina Panthers. Jim Leonhard is hired as his replacement.

After two of their catchers get hurt in a game, the Brewers call Bob Uecker down from the announcer's booth to finish the contest behind the plate. His walk-off homerun ends the game, one which he calls himself from a microphone on his jersey.

South Dakota's Jack Martens catches two touchdown passes in a victory over North Dakota State.

November
The Wisconsin Basketball Team starts the season with nine of the 13 players on their roster former Minnesota High School graduates. Surprisingly, 31-year old Tyler Wahl returns for his 11th year on the team after finding a loop hole in the

Universities Covid eligibility rules.

The world is stunned by the break-up of Aaron Rodgers and Taylor Swift. Rumors are that Rodgers spends too much time with teammates Randall Cobb, Allen Lazard, and David Bakhtairi, causing a rift in the relationship.

December
Cumberland Senior Gavin Gores signs a D1 Basketball Scholarship, while Macy and Raegan Beecroft combine for 24 points to lead the Girl's Basketball Team over Chetek-Weyerhaeuser.

Taking no chances in securing the top draft pick in the 2025 draft, the 2 and 14 Washington Commanders hire Joe Barry as their new Defensive Coordinator to finish their season.

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Week # 16

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breaking windows of the residence. Baldwin armed himself with a knife and threatened officers on the scene, stating “you’re going to die tonight.”

Over the course of the three hour standoff, law enforcement utilized CS gas and less lethal bean bag rounds. Baldwin was taken into custody shortly after 10pm.

(8) Caitlin and Trenton Anderson have purchased the former’s Rich’s Towing and joined the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce.

The Sons of the American Legion presented a check to Anderson Thomson Post 98 in the amount of \$6,000 to help with the ceiling remodeling project. The money was raised at the indoor ice fishing contest put on by the Sons of the American Legion.

(15) Three members of the Cumberland Boys Basketball Team have been named to the 2022-2023 All-Conference Team. Senior Jax Effertz was named First Team, Sophomore Gavin Gores Second Team, and Senior David Olson was Honorable Mention. Effertz was a repeat first teamer and finishes his Beavers career with 1,000 points. Gores finished his season as the HON’s second leading rebounder at 9.7 per game. Olson, meanwhile, was second in the league in assists at 7.2 per contest.

Congratulations to Louie and Barb Muench who received the Heart (Biomedical) Hero Award at the American Red Cross of Northwest Wisconsin annual Heroes Breakfast. This event honors members of our community who have demonstrated heroism through extraordinary acts of courage and kindness.

(22) Karen Johnson, 55, of Cumberland has been charged with three counts of wire fraud, from theft from a federally funded organization, and aggravated identity theft. The indictment alleges that from November 2018 through June 2019, Johnson, while being employed as a housing specialist with the St. Croix Chippewa Housing Authority, created false invoices and vouchers at work, allegedly done by an individual A on behalf of the Housing Authority and then wrote checks payable to Individual A from the Housing Authority’s bank account.

The second indictment charges Duane Emery, 64, Hertel, Wisconsin, with three counts of wire fraud and one count of theft from a federally funded program. The indictment alleges that from February 2015 to June 2019, Emery, while employed as the housing director for the Housing Authority, requested a fellow employee to write checks drawn on the Housing Authority account payable to Sears, claiming that the checks constituted reimbursement for his expenses related to his employment with the Housing Authority. The indictment alleges that Emery used the funds to make payments to his personal Sears credit card account. The wire fraud charges involved three Housing Authority checks totaling \$6,600.

If convicted, Johnson and Emery face a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each wire fraud count and 10 years on the theft from a federally funded program count. The aggravated identity theft count Johnson is charged with carries a mandatory two-year penalty.

April

(5) Cumberland’s Jax Effertz, a two time HON 1st Team All Conference selection and 2023 Division 4 Honorable Mention all state basketball player, has been selected to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All Star Team. This honor showcases seniors who possess great talent and character. The WBCA All-Star games started back in 1978 with the purpose to raise money to donate to worth while charities.

Former Cumberland student Chief Master Sergeant Roger Towberman was interviewed on Milwaukee Brewers Television after throwing out the first pitch before their opener on Monday. Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force Roger A. Towberman serves at the highest enlisted level of leadership, and as such, provides direction for the enlisted force and represents their interests, as appropriate, to the American public and to those in all levels of government. He acts as the personal advisor to the Chief of Space Operations and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization, and development of the U.S. Space Force. Chief Towberman is the first chief master sergeant appointed to the highest noncommissioned officer position.



Officer Hunter Scheel



Officer Emily Breidenbach

(12) The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident in the village of Cameron, that occurred on the afternoon of Saturday, April 8, 2023.

At approximately 3:38 p.m., Chetek Police Officer Emily Breidenbach, age 32, with approximately 5 years of law enforcement service, along with Cameron Police Officer Hunter Scheel, age 23, with approximately one year of law enforcement service, conducted a traffic stop in the Village of Cameron. The officers were conducting the traffic stop based on a warrant and to check welfare of the driver, Glenn Douglas Perry, age 50, following notification of concerning behavior. During the traffic stop, gunfire was exchanged.

Chetek Police Officer Breidenbach and Cameron Police Officer Scheel were pronounced deceased at the scene. Perry was taken to a hospital where he later died.

Officer Breidenbach, age 32, started her law enforcement career with Stoughton Police Department in Dane County. She served there for about 9 months before she joined Chetek Police Department, where she had served for approximately 4 years.

Officer Scheel, age 23, graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy in December of 2022. He had been with

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Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

2024!! Wow – Does it seem like we should be starting a brand-new year to you? It seems that the older I get the faster the years fly by. My grandma was born in 1884, and when I was younger, I was just amazed by all the things she must have seen – people driving cars, flying in planes, being able to watch television – things had changed so much between 1884 and 1965 when she passed away. Now, when I think of how much things have changed since 1943 when I was born, that is amazing. Just think of the cell phones – when I was little my Aunt Alvina and Uncle Gifford had a phone hanging on their wall and there was a crank on it to call the operator so she could connect them with someone who was not on their party line. And, we don’t even have to know how to read a map anymore. I just tell my phone that I want directions to a certain address and a voice comes on and tells me exactly where to go. When I was a kid, my sister was happy to tell me where to go (still is happy to do so, actually) but it was definitely not where I wanted to go. Anyway, things have changed – not all for the better, but it is certainly a much easier life we live. (I won’t even mention the out-door toilet we had on the farm, but those of you in my age bracket know about that anyway.)

Anyway, I hope you had a very happy New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. And, I hope that 2024 will be a very good year for you.

Time to start looking forward to things that will be happening this year. Just in case you would like to mark it on your calendar, the Scandinavian Smorgasbord, hosted by Oak View Adult Family Home, will be held on November 3rd this year. (I have so much fun preparing for that.)

I hope you will be able to join us this year.

Something important that is coming up a lot sooner, however, is the Shallow Lake Ice Fishing Contest, hosted by Barronett Civic Club

members, which will be held on Saturday, January 20th. It sounds as though we are going to be getting some colder weather now, so, hopefully, the ice will be deep enough so that the fishermen and women will be able to drive on the lake. I don’t have any more information on what is happening that evening, but there is usually a lot going on at the Community Center after the fishing is done. I will get in touch with Bonnie and let you know when all the fun starts.

I have to tell you a really funny story that I heard from Jean Odden many years ago when I worked for her at the Norsk Husflid. She said that the first time she and Milt went to Norway to shop for things for the store they were so excited because they knew they were going to get some wonderful, Norwegian-made lutefisk. Well . . . when they asked whether the hostess was going to make them lutefisk, she said something like, “Lutefisk? We don’t eat lutefisk. We have refrigerators now. We don’t have to eat stuff preserved with lye.” Is that funny, or what. I personally DO NOT eat lutefisk, but I know that there are so many people with Norwegian backgrounds who eat it whenever they can get it. Are they all just pretending to like it?

The reason I thought about the lutefisk was because Lynn bought me a book about Christmas traditions in Norway. Even back in the early 1900’s people were making jokes about how bad it was. This is not very nice, but I’m going to write it anyway – Two Norwegian men were sitting and one noticed the other’s dog. He said, “Your dog must have a bad case of worms, he keeps licking his backside.” The dog’s owner replied, “No, he just ate lutefisk and is trying to get the taste out of his mouth.” I rest my case.

I guess that’s about all I have from Barronett this week. I hope you know how much I wish you a very happy and healthy new year – and how much I appreciate your letting me know that you enjoy reading these letters. See you soon.

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Thursday, January 4
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Friday, January 5
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Monday, January 8
Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, broccoli, assorted bread, sliced peaches.
Tuesday, January 9
Chicken stir fry with oriental vegetables served over brown rice, vegetable egg roll, mandarin orange whip.
Wednesday, January 10
Meaty spaghetti, tossed side salad with dressing, garlic breadstick, banana bar.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee.
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OBITUARIES



Michael T. Konsela
Michael Thomas Konsela, 42, suddenly passed away on December 31, 2023, from natural causes. Mike was born on August 28, 1981, to Thomas Konsela and Marlene DeSantis. He was a kind soul who would help anyone in need. Mike was a dedicated family man who was most proud of his son Daemon. He loved the outdoors, hunting, and fishing, which led him to his career as an Arborist, owning his own business, Mikon Tree Care. Mike enjoyed fixing anything and everything and always made himself available to

help friends and family with projects. He was very knowledgeable in many trades. He loved animals, had companion dogs, and would recuse, raise, and nurture many different animals throughout his time. His family will miss his gentle soul, quick comebacks, sense of humor, hugs, surprises, and support.
Michael is survived by his son Daemon, the love of his life of 21 years, Melissa Turner, his mom Marlene DeSantis, his brother Doug (Dana) Konsela, nephew Luke Konsela, and Godparents (Uncle and Aunt) Al and Diane Konsela, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends.
He was preceded in death by infant sons Mickey and Mason Konsela and father Tom Konsela.
Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, from 4 pm to 7 pm at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland, WI. A private family burial will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery.



Nicole R. Bearhart
Nicole Rae Bearhart, age 42, of Barron passed away on December 26, 2023 at home. She was born May 3, 1981 in Cumberland, WI to Johnny and Dorothy (Sutton) Bearhart.
Nicole had a compassionate heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand to her family or friends. She was goal oriented and recently challenged herself to make the honor roll in her college courses. She loved her family (including her pets!), and was known to be found writing, journaling, or keeping up with her meticulously organ-

ized calendars.
She is survived by her children, Robert “Alex” Thayer Jr., Evan Johnathan Thayer, Titan Edward Denny, Envy Rae Bearhart, and Serenity Mae Bearhart; uncles, Michael Bearhart, Mike Sutton, and Wesley Sutton; aunt, Jeanne Awonohopay; and many other cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.
Nicole is preceded in death by parents, Dorothy and Johnny Bearhart Jr.; and her grandparents, Grace and Johnny Bearhart Sr., and James and Angeline Sutton.
A service was held on Friday, December 29, 2023 at the Maple Plain Community Center.



Donna M. Steen
Donna Mae Steen, 82, of Cumberland passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at Care and Rehab-Cumberland. She was born May 1, 1941 to Joe and Esther (Jorgenson) Burke.
She is survived by her husband, James “Jim” Steen; daughters, Natalie Hilden and Stacey (Kurt) Larson; and three grandchildren.
Donna was preceded in death by two brothers and her parents.
In honoring Donna’s wishes, there will be no services. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



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I Am Not. That’s John’s answer. His confession when asked whether he was the Christ. It’s a good confession for all of us.

Are you the righteous one? I am not. Are you worthy to stand before the throne of judgment? I am not. Am I a good person? I am not.

We associate hell with great evil, which is true. Yet, we are fools to think that we don’t belong there, at least if we judge ourselves rightly. That is to say by our thoughts, by things we do. Once our pretense is stripped away and motive is revealed, we find we are self-justifying machines. We have a reason and an excuse for just about everything. We say we have forgiven ourselves, as if that were actually a thing, as if we had a magical power of self-absolution, as if sin’s debts could be wiped away with the eye’s twinkle.

Advent is for preparation. preparation for our Lord’s return, and that means repentance. Christmas is about being thankful. Thankfulness is not just a feeling, but has an object. Christmas is about that object born of The Virgin and laid in a lowly stable. To say that you feel thankful is meaningless without offering thanks to God who gave it all.

Remorse is like that. I can feel bad about my sin. We are called to repent, to admit and confess our sins to God. For all that we have done, and just as importantly, all that we have left undone, is a debt owed to neighbor sometimes, owed to God ultimately and always. If you think you are pretty good, and that God loves you because you are pretty good, then think again. For such thinking is the height of arrogance’s ingratitude.

Ah, but there stands among us, one whom the world does not recognize. He appears ordinary, the son of a woman, like us, but also the only begotten Son of the Father from all eternity. Am I my own savior? Are you? We are not. To claim such a thing would be to add stupidity to our evil.

Mary has a little lamb to whom John the Baptist points. John says, I am not, but He is the great I AM. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; yours.

Pastor John Miels

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Duane & Judy Pieper
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NOTICE

TOWN OF LAKELAND
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.

The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting and can also be found on the Town's website, www.townoflakeland.wi.gov

Danielle Maxwell-Parker
Clerk, Town of Lakeland
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NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION) CASE NO. 2023 PR 120
In the Matter of the Estate of Nancy Kay Johnson Case No. 2023 PR 120.

An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth February 24, 1948 and date of death April 23, 2022 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 301 Becker Street #39, Turtle Lake, WI 54889.

All interested persons waived notice.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 25, 2024.

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
December 12, 2023

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NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION) CASE NO. 2023 PR 124
In the Matter of the Estate of Joyce A. Ficocello, Case No. 2023 PR 124.

An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth December 17, 1933 and date of death October 25, 2023 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1100 7th Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829.

All interested persons waived notice.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 2, 2024.

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

/S/ Deanne E. Alsbury
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III. Secretary report- Mindy Brown
IV. Open Issues
a. Weed Spray
b. Ice Block Party
V. New Business
a. Open Discussion
b. Future Meetings
VI. Adjourn

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NOTICE

City of Cumberland Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall. (Mayor Shoemaker, J. Anderson, T. Goldsmith, P. Flottum, T. Schroeder, M. Werner and C. Wiita.)

There will be a meeting of the Cumberland City Planning Commission on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cumberland City Hall to consider the following agenda item:

Consider the Preliminary Plat for the Cumberland Westside Development

Rick Rieper,
Zoning Administrator
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Year in Review...

Cameron Police Department for approximately one year.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by Barron County Sheriff's Office, Rusk County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin State Patrol, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Wisconsin State Crime Lab, a DCI Crime Response Specialist, and Cameron Fire Department. All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation.

DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over investigative reports to the Barron County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

The Cumberland Healthcare open house and tours took place last week, with over 1000 community members receiving a tour of the new building. The moves into the new building are happening in phases. Cumberland Healthcare will proudly open its new doors on April 17th, 2023, for all clinical and outpatients, April 18th for inpatients and emergencies, and April 19th for surgery.

The new campus will enhance access to and delivery of healthcare for an expanded regional area, providing crucial local healthcare options for patients. The nearly 100,000 square feet campus boasts state-of-the-art equipment in the lab, radiology, emergency department, and operating room spaces. The clinic will have collaborative spaces (pods) where physicians, specialists, and medical assistants work together. Our imaging department has a new 80-slice CT machine. MRI is a new service we added in-house, allowing our patients access to a rapid turnaround and convenience. The ambulance quarters have three ambulance bays just off the emergency department entrance. The emergency department has a decontamination room for chemical spills, five treatment spaces, a triage room, two large trauma bays, a behavioral health room, and two common treatment spaces. The same-day surgery suite has seven semi-private bays with a GI lab. Two operating suites (over 600 sq. feet) and a minor procedure room exist. All rehabilitation services will be in one location, including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, pediatrics, and cardiac rehab. The inpatient medical-surgical space offers 14 private rooms, a family waiting area, a sleep study area, and inpatient rehab. All rooms have an overhead lift system and large windows for a beautiful view of the outdoors.

"We are very excited and proud to have accomplished our goal: to provide our community with a state-of-the-art healthcare campus and keep healthcare services close to home. CEO Mike Gutsch says, "This is an exciting time for our providers, governing board, and staff as it will positively impact the communities we serve and how we deliver healthcare to our patients."

Cumberland Healthcare is an independent, not-for-profit, critical access healthcare facility in your community, providing a full spectrum of services to all ages every step of the way.

(19) Sharon Herman was honored as the "Citizen of the Year" at the annual Cumberland Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Sharon has spent her entire life in the Cumberland area and has been heavily involved in the community in many aspects. She has put her heart into this community. Some of Sharon's contributions have included the

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.

May

(3) After an outstanding College career at Lindenwood University, which saw him set several new school records in the receiving category, former Cumberland athlete Payton Rose has received an invite to the Kansas City Chiefs minicamp in May.

Rose excellent career concluded with 1,149 yards and 12 touchdowns last fall. He impressed Chief coaches at a Pro Day held earlier this spring, earning him an invite to the Chiefs minicamp in two weeks.

Lindenwood's Head Coach Jed Stugart said, "Not all players get to participate in a Pro Day, so this was a big accomplishment for Payton." Rose career for the Lions included setting new school marks for the most receptions, receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns.

The Cumberland School Board held its monthly meeting for April last Tuesday night, with the hiring of two new Principals holding a prominent position among the action items.

This was followed by a short overview of the District's search for two new building Principals by Board President, Dr. Eric Stone. He described the 18 applications at the Elementary School and the 14 at the High School as "High quality candidates." The Committee's search eventually led to the names of Abraham Ferguson, from the Elk Mound School System District, and Dan Hopkins as recommendations for approval.

Each received unanimous support for the Elementary and High School positions, as the District moves on from the strong leadership of Jim Richie and Ritchie Narges, who served the community for over 15 years.

(10) Former Cumberland athlete, Mackenzie Johnson, won the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Associations 400-meter dash last weekend, running for UW-Stevens Point in the Outdoor Championships at UW-Whitewater. She won the event with an excellent time of 57.22.

The Junior also ran on the 4x400-meter relay team, which finished second. Her next competition is this coming Friday and Saturday, when she heads to Joliet, Illinois for an Invitational.

The Heart O' North Conference schools proudly recognize the outstanding academic performances of students enrolled in it's member schools. As part of this recognition, school administrators identify three graduating seniors selected for the Academic All- Conference Team each year. The selections are based on cumulative grade point averages, ACT or SAT scores, participation in school activities, organizations, programs, and community service. The students selected for recognition represent an exemplary standard of student achievement, leadership, and co-curricular participation. Representing Cumberland from are Madeline Monchilovich, Siri Hyatt and Autumn Kuijer. Congratulations girls!

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Year in Review...

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident in the township of Glenwood, Wis. that occurred on the evening of Saturday, May 6, 2023.

At approximately 6:15 p.m., St. Croix County Sheriff's Deputy Kaitie Leising, age 29, with approximately 3 years of law enforcement service, was dispatched for a report of a potential drunk driver in a ditch.

Upon arrival at the scene, Deputy Leising encountered the driver of the vehicle in a ditch along with another vehicle of individuals that stopped to assist the individual. Deputy Leising requested the individual, Jeremiah D. Johnson, age 34, participate in field sobriety tests before returning to his vehicle. Johnson was evasive to Deputy Leising's requests and after approximately 8 minutes of dialogue, Johnson turned toward Deputy Leising, drew a handgun and shot her. After being struck, Deputy Leising discharged her weapon three times, but none of the rounds hit Johnson before he fled to the nearby wooded area. This incident was captured on body camera.

The occupants of the assisting vehicle immediately began lifesaving measures on Deputy Leising, who was transported to a local hospital where she died.

Additional officers responded and began searching the wooded area near the scene. Approximately an hour after Deputy Leising had been shot, a law enforcement officer observed Johnson, heard a gunshot, and witnessed him collapse to the ground.

During the search for Johnson no law enforcement discharged their weapons. A handgun was recovered at the scene where Johnson was located deceased. There is no threat to the community.

(17) Over 180 cosmos loving youth and volunteers, representing Wisconsin 4-H clubs boarded buses and blasted off to Space Camp at the US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Kiera Fox of the Vermillion Cruisers club in Cumberland represented the Barron County 4-H program. Space Camp is an educational experience aimed at combining real-world applications of science, technology and mathematics, and also serves as the official Visitor Center for NASA Marshall Space Flight Center and is a Smithsonian Institution affiliate. Wisconsin 4-H attendees enjoyed a weekend of NASA mission control simulated launches, space walks, Artemis mission updates, live views from the International Space Station and more. Kiera reports that they even wrote postcards that will soon be sent into space and then mailed back to camp attendees. When asked what she enjoyed most about her Space Camp experience, Kiera stated, "I really liked the space presentations, the mission control simulator, the multi axis training, and meeting kids from all over Wisconsin." When asked if she got the inside scoop on alien life in our universe, she replied in a very serious tone, "No comment." Kiera hopes to serve as a youth mentor at Space Camp next year.

Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) recognized 39 of its public power members, including CUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL UTILITY for their commitment to worker safety.

Wisconsin lineworkers and electric crews risk receiving serious or fatal injuries while providing affordable and reliable power. Public power communities across the state emphasize the importance of safety training and daily safe work practices.

MEUW recognizes and rewards safe operations through its annual Safety Achievement Awards. Utilities are placed into categories based on the total number of hours worked, receiving recognition based on the most incident-free records. The incidence rate used to evaluate utilities is based on the number of work-related recordable injuries or illnesses, compared to the total number of worker-hours during 2022, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). CUMBERLAND UTILITY received a SILVER AWARD for its safety performance in 2022.

The Cumberland Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Thursday, May 11, at 11:39 am, on 29 1/2 Ave, near Barronett. The home is owned by the Berghammer family. Upon arrival, firefighters found the home to be fully engulfed in flames and requested mutual aid from Shell Lake for man power and tender trucks. Firefighters were on scene until 5:15 pm. Although the cause of the fire is unknown, Fire Chief Rick Sebens thinks it may be started in the basement.

(24) Ann Bergmann, Volunteer Coordinator at Cumberland Health-



The Berghammer residence that caught fire in May. care was recently presented the 2023 Rural Health Ambassador Award from the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative.

This award is based on the pillars of trust, excellence and collaboration. Ann was recognized for significant contributions to rural health care while promoting Cumberland Healthcare.

The Hospital Awards Ceremony took place at Cumberland Healthcare during a Hospital Week luncheon in which staff and volunteers were invited guests. Past accomplishments noted were Involvement in Partners of Wisconsin Hospital Association serving in many roles including District Chairperson, State Secretary and President of Partners of WHA.

After serving at the state level she went on to become member of the Committee on Volunteers with the American Hospital Association, ultimately becoming the Chair of this committee of 12 men and women from across the United States. While serving as chairperson, she traveled from Washington D.C. to San Diego, to Indianapolis to Baltimore and more all while representing the American Hospital Association and the important role volunteers play at our hospitals.

The 2023 CHS Valedictorian is Siri Hyatt, daughter of Kirk and Jennifer Hyatt. Siri will be attending the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee to major in Psychology and double minor in Art and Music. In the fall, Siri will be traveling to Germany to complete a semester of college abroad online. Some of Siri's hobbies and interests include volleyball, track and field, choir, symphony and jazz band, writing, art, baking, and volunteering for community activities such as Adopt-A-Highway, Ruby's Pantry, and the Cumberland Youth Volleyball Association.

The 2023 CHS Salutatorian is Autumn Kuijer. Autumn is the daughter of Susan Romani and Paul Kuijer. Autumn plans to attend University of Wisconsin - Stout to major in Psychology and minor in Human Development and the Family. Some of her hobbies include drawing, playing games, hanging out with friends, and cuddling with her cats.

The 2023 CHS Graduate of Achievement is Lieutenant Colonel Ryan R. Kroells. He is a proud native of strong small-town communities in Minnesota and Wisconsin and a graduate of the Cumberland High School Class of 1998.

He has led Soldiers across three continents and numerous countries across the United States, Europe, the Middle East, Southwest Asia and the Korean Peninsula. Among these assign-

ments are services in Baghdad, Iraq as a Scout Platoon Leader in the 278th Cavalry Regiment then Tank Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Logistics Officer in the 4th BN, 64th Armored Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. Following Iraq, Ryan served three tours in Afghanistan and across the Persian Gulf as an Airborne Troop Commander in the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (RSTA), 173rd Airborne, as an advisor for the Air Force and Navy with the F15 Strike Eagle, A10 Warthog and F18 Super Hornet (USS Roosevelt) Squadrons and then finally as an Aide de Camp and Executive Officer to the Deputy Commanding General of V Corps in Kabul. He has served over a decade abroad across his career, most recently as a senior military advisor to the NATO Military Committee leadership in Brussels, Belgium and is currently training the Ukrainian Armed Forces in their fight against Russia as the commander of the 1st Battalion, 63rd Armored Regiment in Germany.

Ryan's career began as a graduate of Basic and Advanced Individual Training and The Defense Language Institute (Indonesian). Upon commissioning from the University of Minnesota in 2004 with a BA in Global Studies, he attended Armor Officer Basic Course in Fort Knox, KY before deploying to combat in Iraq the same year. He is a graduate of the Maneuver Captains Career Course, Cavalry Leaders Course, Command and General Staff College and Strategist Program and the Joint Coalition Warfare School. He holds Master's degrees from Oklahoma University and the School of Advanced Military Studies.

LTC Kroells awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Valor and 2 OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Ranger and Airborne Tabs. He holds foreign awards of the German Jump Wings, Germany Armed Forces Proficiency Badge and the Norwegian Marsjmerket.

LTC Kroells currently resides in Fort Riley, KS with his wife Christine and children Augustus and Katharina. His family shares their time traveling, skiing, and enjoying the adventures of a military family.

(31) The HON has named their All-Conference Baseball and Softball Teams for 2023. St. Croix Falls won this spring's conference baseball title, with the Beavers finishing fifth, while the girls also finished fifth to 2023 Champion, Northwestern.

Being named to Baseball's First Team was Senior David Olson, who hit .482 in Conference play. He missed six conference games due to an injury, but hit and fielded extremely well when in the line-up. Olson was 12 for 12 in stolen bases and only had one error on the year. He was also a First Team selection last spring. Olson was the lone Beaver representative to the honor squad.

The Girl's Softball Team was represented by Senior Orion Thompson, named a Second Team infielder and Madison Graf, who received Honorable Mention as a catcher. Thompson hit .425 on the year, while also picking up 10 pitching victories. Graf, meanwhile, was recognized for her excellent defensive work as Thompson's battery mate.

All three players were praised by their coaches, Joe Waite and Jim Reidy. Waite added, "There were other players I thought could of received recognition, but such is the nature of All-Conference voting."

The Cumberland Beavers will have five team members represent the program and school at the State Track Meet in La Crosse next Friday and Saturday. They secured their spots at last Thursday's Sectional Track Meet in Cameron.

Moving on are Junior Andie Otto in both the 100 and 300-meter hurdles and the 4x200 relay team made up of Edward Chafer, Gavin Gores, Chayden Berghammer and Evan Hornstein. Otto set a new School Record of 47.36 in the 300-meter hurdles, while also advancing in the 100-meter event. The relay team meanwhile, broke their own School record of 1:34.47 on their way to La Crosse.

"Andie has had a tremendous spring and came very close to also qualifying in the long jump, where she finished sixth. The relay team has been tremendously consistent, meanwhile, and have broken their own school record twice. I'm anxious to see what they can do at State," said Coach Ryan O'Connell.

Shay Horton, President and CEO of Cumberland Federal Bank, has been appointed to the Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council for the Minneapolis Federal Reserve.

Council members provide information, advice and recommendations from the perspective of community depository institutions. Members are representatives of depository institutions (thrifts, credit unions, and banks) in the Ninth District with total assets of less than \$10 billion. The chair of the Minneapolis Council represents the Ninth District at meetings of the Board of Governors' Community Depository Institution Advisory Council in Washington, D.C. Members are appointed by the Minneapolis Fed president.

The Ninth District is composed of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, 26 counties in northwestern Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and offers a wide variety of resources that support the economy.

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(7) Junior Andie Otto came away with a fifth-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles at the WIAA State Track Meet in La Crosse last weekend. It culminated an excellent spring for the underclassman, who also competed in the 300-meter hurdles at the event.

Otto qualified for the championships on Friday and then ran a School Record 15.86 in Saturday's finals to finish less than a second behind Florence Sophomore Kamdan Johnson, who ran a 15.01 to win the event.

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