



Year In Review July-December
2023



Rev. Adelbert D. Frejas and family.

July

(5) Cumberland United Methodist Church announces the appointment of Rev. Adelbert D. Frejas as its new minister. He will preach his first Sunday July 9, 2023 at 8:45 at First Church Cumberland, 1120 11th Avenue. Rev. Frejas comes to the Cumberland First United Methodist and Shell Lake United Methodist churches from Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines. Pastor Mike Brubaker is retiring after seven years at First Methodist, Cumberland. Rev. Frejas has an undergraduate degree in Psychology (2009) from Wesleyan College of Manila and Master of Divinity from Wesleyan University Philippines (2013). Until coming to Wisconsin, he was pastor at John Mark UMC and Karahumi Mission Church, Quezon City in the Philippines. Besides pastoral and administrative duties, Rev. Frejas' ministry has included: Youth and Campus ministry, musical leadership, hospital visitation, indigenous outreach, community pantry. Rev. Adelbert and wife Gladys A. Frejas and their three children will live in Cumberland.

Graduating in 2005, Erin Miller had an outstanding athletic career in high school as a 10-time letter winner. For her accomplishments, she will join five other individuals as part of the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023.

Her total accomplishments make her one of the most decorated female athletes in school history. Overall, Miller received four First Team All-Conference awards, three HON Honorable Mention awards, and four MVP honors.

(12) Cumberland Enrichment Through Culture (ETC) is dedicated to promoting the arts through education, participation in and presentation of cultural events for all ages. Barron Electric Cooperative recently donated \$1,500 to ETC.

Funds for donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed capital credits of former members. Barron Electric has served the rural area since 1936 and currently provides electricity to over 19,000 members throughout Barron and Washburn Counties, as well as six surrounding counties.

Joining five other inductees into the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame this October 14, is 1988 graduate Brent Denoma, who earned 10 letters while participating in football, basketball and baseball.

(19) Congratulations goes out to Shahla Brown and Cumberland High School! We are pleased to announce that Cumberland High School has been selected to receive the AIFS Foundation's 2023 Tony Cook Memorial Grant for \$1,000. These funds are earmarked to be used by the school's foreign language department to help with cultural enhancement activities during 2023-2024 school year.

Graduating in 1965, John Talbot was an all-around athlete who won nine letters in his four years of high school. Among his honors were First Team All-Conference in football, Second Team All-Conference in basketball, and a Conference title in track, where he is still the school record holder in the long jump. He also served as a Team Captain in all three sports. Welcome to the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame.

(26) Another member of the 2023 Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Class, joining Carrie Warner Hall, Jerry Elmberg, Brent Denoma, Erin Miller and John Talbot, is 1969 graduate, Rich Capuzzi.

Capuzzi was an outstanding three-sport competitor who was a team MVP in both football and track. He would overcome a broken ankle his sophomore year in football to set multiple school records on the track, while rushing for over 1,000 yards on the gridiron.

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Jordan Peichel (left) has been promoted to the position of Cumberland Municipal Utility Manager . Jordan has been at the Utility for the past 6 years and will take over for Dean Bergstrom (right) who has held the position for the past 5 years.

Cumberland Municipal Utility Announces
New Utility Manager

The Cumberland Municipal Utility is pleased to announce the promotion of Jordan Peichel to the position of Utility Manager.

Jordan, who has been at the utility for the past six years, will take over for Dean Bergstrom who is set to leave the position in April 2024.

Dean has been at the utility for the past 24 years. Dean was previously Assistant Manager for four years before becoming manager for the past five years. Jordan will work along side Dean for the next three months to

better learn the position.

Jordan has been a Generation Operator but has helped out in all other departments as well. Jordan will officially assume the position on April 26th but is currently working as Co-Utility Manager until that time. There will be ongoing education that goes with the position including attaining a Water Operator's License through the DNR. That training will take place at the end of March. Jordan will also take part in the MEUW (Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin) Management Train-

ing Program to better learn the laws and regulations of Municipal Utilities as well as to better manage the utility as well.

Peichel is a 2015 graduate of UW-Stout with a degree in Engineering Technology and Mechanical Design.

Cumberland Utility Committee Chairman Craig Turcott said the hiring process was extensive. Ads were placed in multiple newspapers as well as using Zip Recruiter and Indeed. There were 17 applications which were narrowed down to two finalists. Jordan and the oth-

er finalist were both extensively interviewed. Peichel was chosen for the position. To reaffirm the committee made the right choice Jordan was also interviewed by Jeremy Boe from Barron Light and Power as well as Aaron Torud from Barron Electric Cooperative who both strongly recommend hiring Jordan. Jordan has lived most of his life in Cumberland and is active in the community including being a member of the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

City Council Holds January Meeting; City
Administrator Started Work on Monday

by Mark R. Fuller

The Cumberland City Council held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 2, as the full body quickly passed their approval of the agenda, previous meeting minutes, and the December payment of expenses in the amount of \$715,554.59.

First up on the agenda was the final payment to Haas Sons, Incorporated in the amount of \$32,290.57 for their construction of the Hospital Utility Extension Station #16. Their work had previously been reviewed by the Public Works Committee and approved for their efforts from June of 2023 through December 14. The application for payment passed unanimously.

The Council then recognized the completion of the 10-year finance plan, which had been 10 months in the making and explained in depth at the December Meeting by Ehlers Municipal Advisory Firm.

Following a minimal number of Operator and Second Hand/Pawn licenses, the Mayor and Council went into committee reports. Due

to the Christmas season, several city groups had not met for a number of weeks and these reports were limited.

Aldersperson Butch O'Dell reported on planning and capital improvement meetings being held by the Library, while Aldersperson Michael Cifaldi discussed recent vandalism at the Tourist park and beach area. Chief Wolfe, meanwhile, discussed the ongoing work in hiring an additional officer as a State grant for the position would soon be closing. Alderspersons Tom Goldsmith and Bill Lussier added updates on the Utility project, while Doris Laursen told of recent happenings at the Senior Center.

Mayor Shoemaker concluded the night by reading a statement involving the hiring of City Administrator Randall Reeg, who began work with the city on Monday, January 9.

Mayoral Statement:

In the summer of 2023, the City of Cumberland decided to add the position of a City Administrator to its personnel, as this position would

help combat the numerous complexities faced in municipal government. From the beginning, the City has taken the hiring of this role very seriously, as it understands and appreciates how important it is to find the right person; in experience, knowledge and personality.

The City hired Public Administration Associates ("PAA") to help in the endeavor. PAA specializes in finding high quality individuals to fill executive level positions in local governments. A quick review of their past clientele reveals they are very good at what they do and come highly recommended. This is why they were chosen for this important role. PAA has also been successfully utilized by numerous other Wisconsin cities.

During the interviewing and hiring process of Mr. Reeg, PAA interviewed past co-workers, supervisors, elected officials, and other professional contacts. The City of Cumberland made additional background checks touching on criminal, financial, and other

matters. The findings of this revealed that Mr. Reeg is highly qualified, well liked, knowledgeable and that the City will be very lucky to have him. The criminal and financial background checks revealed minimal findings related to the position of City Administrator.

From the beginning, the City, including its hiring committee, PAA, and Weld Riley were aware of recent events in Mauston. IT was collectively agreed the alleged issues and concerns coming out of Mauston and elsewhere did not in any way taint his professional qualifications. The City and PAA has seen and still sees Mr. Reeg as a top-quality candidate and is excited to bring him on board as its first ever City Administrator. The City looks forward to what he will accomplish during his time here in the Island City.

With that, the meeting was adjourned.

The Advocate has learned Mr Reeg comes to Cumberland highly recommended with some excellent en-

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Library Column

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

Special Events
Warm Up and Read
Winter Reading Challenge:

Tuesday, January 2 -
Wednesday, February 14
Enter for prize drawings
every time you check out!

Sally Goldenbaum:
Thursday, January 25 |
Noon

Best-selling author presentation on Zoom with lunch provided by the Friends of the Library. Please register.

Every Week
Mondays | 9:30 am-12 pm
- Mahjong
Tuesdays | 9:30 am - Baby & Me

Wednesdays | 3:30 - 5 pm
- Choose Your Own Adventure Club

Thursdays | 9:30 am - Storytime
Fridays | 3:30 - 5 pm - Lego Club

Monthly
Spice of the Month
2nd Wed. | 3 pm - Crafternoon Club

2nd Thur. | 4 pm - TSAPL Book Club

4th Mon. | 10 am, 11 am & Noon - Tech Training
4th Tues. | 5:30 pm - Ukulele Jam

Last Fri. | 11 am - Hook & Needles Book Club
Call 715-822-2767 or stop in for more information.

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Winter Reading Challenge at Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

Winter Reading Challenge For Youth & Adults

Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Wednesday, Feb. 14!

Enter for prize drawings every time you check out!

Prizes include a sleeping bag, an electric kettle and a Keurig coffee maker as well as book sets, stuffed animals and library mugs filled with treats. Happy reading!

Cumberland Regional Trail Group

A group of Cumberland citizens have been meeting since fall about promoting and developing trails in our region. We are interested in walking trails, biking trails, hiking trails, etc. In particular this could mean a walking tour of the downtown Cumberland with a printed brochure or app about the history of the storefronts and buildings. Also a map for out of towners to walk from downtown to the trail at Cumberland Health Care noting the glacial land-

marks along the way. Also bike routes on not so heavily trafficked roads around Cumberland. Another focus we have in mind is enhancing the just over one mile trail extending from Scoutland to the city ending across the street from Louie's on the Lake. Our next meeting is Saturday January 13 at Nezy's in the back room at 11 am. Come and give us your ideas and input. Bring friends. We strive to have some things in place by May 1 2024.

City Council...

dorsements. It was also learned Mr. Reeg held the same position in the City of Mauston for five years prior to issuing a resignation letter to Mauston Mayor Dennis Nielsen and the council. His resignation was to be effective September 18th,

2023, the same day the city terminated Reeg's contract without cause following a closed common council session. The City of Mauston made no further comments. Mr. Reeg had previously admitted to stealing \$1,900 from the DNR in 2003.

Year in Review...

Carrie Warner Hall is the 5th inductee to the Cumberland Hall of Fame. Warner Hall is a 1991 Cumberland High School graduate. Warner Hall was a three-sport athlete, which included volleyball, basketball and softball, and she also received 11 letters in high school. Warner was an excellent student who graduated with a 4.0 average, at the top of her class.

Also headed to the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame is Jerry Elmborg a 1971 Cumberland High School graduate, who excelled in track and basketball, but was unfortunately limited to one season in football due to his shoulder injury. His basketball career included First Team All-Conference honors, a Team Captaincy, and a trip to the 1971 State Basketball tournament in Madison. In track he found success in several events including the high jump, discus, long jump and shot put.



The ribbon cutting at the new Northern Lakes Community Clinic.

August

(2) NorthLakes Community Clinic - Cumberland has moved into a new location to be able to offer better accessibility to the community. The Cumberland Clinic currently offers Behavioral Health, Psychiatry, and Patient Supports, such as Health Insurance Enrollment, Sliding Fee Scale Assistance, and Social Supports.

NorthLakes took over these services from Cumberland Healthcare earlier this year and has worked closely with them to make the transition easy for the patients receiving care at this location.

NorthLakes is a Federally Qualified Health Center that accepts most types of insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and offers a Sliding Fee Scale to those who qualify. NorthLakes Mission is to respond to the health care needs of our communities with an integrated array of quality services and actively remove barriers to care. Cumberland is one of 16 clinic locations, including several that are in nearby communities including Birchwood, Hayward, Minong, Rice Lake and Turtle Lake that provide high quality care to everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

Rosemarie F. Hart, 38, of Cumberland, has been charged with first degree reckless homicide and second degree recklessly endangering safety.

A sergeant, with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports on May 3, 2023, at approximately 10:25 pm, he was on duty when he responded to a motel, located in Rice Lake. The sergeant reports he responded to the motel for a welfare check on a subject, after a female called the Barron County Communications Center expressing concern about the subject, who she had not heard from since Sunday (April 30, 2023). The female advised the subject's vehicle and bicycle were at the residence.

Upon arrival, the sergeant reports he made contact with another female outside the subject's apartment. The female was attempting to call the subject. The sergeant reports a cell phone could be heard vibrating in the subject's apartment when the female called the subject's phone. At this time, the sergeant reports that he and other officers on scene made the decision to enter the subject's apartment to check on her welfare and provide emergency aid if necessary.

The sergeant reports that an officer kicked the door, which was locked, in order to gain entry. Upon entering the apart-

ment, the sergeant observed the subject laying on her back on the floor in her bedroom. The sergeant reports he checked for a pulse but did not observe one. Paramedics who arrived a short time later confirmed that the subject did not have a pulse. A medical examiner arrived on scene and pronounced the subject deceased at 11:30 pm. The sergeant reports that the medical examiner located a piece of paper that contained a white substance on it as he was assessing the scene. The sergeant reports the white substance appeared to be crushed pills.

An autopsy was performed on the female's body. A chief medical examiner, with the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, determined the cause of death were the toxic effects of fentanyl and methamphetamine. The toxicology report identifies the presence of methamphetamine in the amount of 210 ng/ml and fentanyl in the amount of 6.7 ng/ml in the blood sample that was collected from the female.

If convicted for first degree reckless homicide, Hart may be fined not more than \$100,000 or imprisoned not more than 40 years or both. For second degree recklessly endangering safety, she may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years or both.

(23) Tracy and Zachary Thompson are excited to announce their new business Thompson Detailing. Tracy had owned Cumberland tire for 20 years and Zachary her son grew up working at the tire shop. The services they will be offering are interior exterior detailing of automotive, marine and campers. Also ceramic coating, paint correction and many more things to come. They will also pick up and deliver within the city limits for service. 715-822-4933.

The 2023 Miss Cumberland and Court are: 1st Princess Sofie Williams, 2nd Princess Makenzie Donica, Junior Princess Caitlyn Cook, Junior Princess Harper Haugen, and the 2023 Miss Cumberland Audrina Garling.

Family, officers and media were on hand on August 22nd, for the dedication of Officer Emily Breidenbach and Officer Hunter Scheel Memorial Highway. The Memorial Highway runs between Cameron and Chetek.

September

(20) On Saturday September 16th, the Cumberland High School Marching Band traveled to Baldwin-Woodville High School to participate in its first adjudicated competition of the fall season. There were 9 bands that performed throughout the evening and two competitive bands in Cumberland's class (class A). The Cumberland Marching Band had a great first performance and took home 1st place honors in their class and had the second highest score overall classes for the evening. In addition, they took home caption awards for Best Musical Presentation, Best Visual Presentation, and Best Colorguard in class A. Class A breakdown was as follows (total points are on a 100 point scale):

2nd place - Minnetonka High School - 64.4

1st place - Cumberland High School - 69.013

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Cumberland Healthcare announces the retirement of Family Medicine physician Dr. Alan Carlson on November 9,

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Dr. Alan Carlson

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS
Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11: • 5:00pm-7:00pm HS Wrestling @ Ladysmith • 5:45pm - 9:15pm Boys BB @ Hayward.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12: • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Girls Basketball vs Northwestern @ Home

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13: • 7am-4:30 pm Youth Wrestling Tournament K-6 @ Home

MONDAY, JANUARY 15: • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Girls Basketball vs. Luck @ home • 4:30pm - 6:00pm Choose Fit

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16: • 5:45-9:15 pm HS Boys Basketball vs. Ladysmith @ home • 5:00-7:30 pm MS Girls Basketball @ St. Croix Falls

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17: • 4:30-6:00 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Pat Chuchwar • 5-6:30pm CCE: 5-Pronged Approach to Heath • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickle Ball •

COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS

NORDIC WEDNESDAYS at Timberland Hills
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Ski/Snowshoe 2023-2024 • Wednesdays 1:00 pm Now until Spring meet to Cross-Country Ski or Snowshoe with others.

We will meet and break into groups of similar ski ability to enjoy the outdoors! All abilities are welcome! Can't ski but Love Winter? Bring snowshoes and take hike.

No Snow? Just Hike...

You will need to bring your own equipment and if you are not a member of Timberland Hills Foundation or CASTA bring a little cash for a donation.

Information: Contact: Mary Kay Burmesch at mkbksis@gmail.com
Susan Bridger CCE Director, sbrid@csmail.com, 715-822-5121 ext. 403

Drum Making Class with Drum Maker Wayne Manthey
January 20, 2024 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Cost: Small Drum 13"-\$180
Large Drum 16"- \$205
Price includes:
*Expert guidance with drum maker Wayne Manthey (Find on Facebook) He will lead you on a transformative journey, unveiling aspects of yourself that remain unexplored.
*Breathwork & Stretch session with Pam
*Lunch & Afternoon treats as you share your day's experience

Sponsored by Yoga Wildheart with Pam Baker
Questions: Contact-Pam@yoga-wildheart.com

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 **Nezy's.** Public input welcome.
Cumberland Baseball Association, Inc.

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Thursday, January 25 | Noon
Please join us or use Zoom to welcome author Sally Goldenbaum. Ms. Goldenbaum is the USA Today bestselling author of three dozen novels, including the Seaside Knitters Society mysteries and the Queen Bees Quilt Shop mystery series.

Lunch will be provided by the Friends of the Library for those that would like to join us at the library.
Please register. 715-822-2767

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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, January 11
Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Baked Beans, Chips, Green Beans, Peaches.
MS/HS: Garlic Cheese Bread.

Friday, January 12
Pizza, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Applesauce.
MS/HS: Chicken Nuggets w/Chips

Monday, January 15
Ham & cheese Sandwich, Fries, Carrots, Pears.
MS/HS: Garlic Cheese Bread.

Tuesday, January 16
ES: Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Corn, Mandarin Oranges.
MS/HS: Tacos, Brown Rice, Corn, Mandarin Oranges/Pizza.

Wednesday, January 17
Spaghetti Hotdish, Broccoli, Peaches.
MS/HS: Walking Tacos.

Lunch menu includes assorted fresh vegetables, fruit and salad bar daily with choice of milk.
MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
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2024

The new year begins with an ambitious agenda for the City. Solidifying the City organization is priority #1. We need to ramp up the new Administrator while combining City and Utility administration. Due to retirements, we have named a new Utility Manager and anticipate the need for a new City Treasurer.

Infrastructure issues will be addressed. IT (Information Technology) structure and support will be updated/upgraded.

Public Works is investigating changes to street maintenance planning. The Finance Plan provides increased funding. Improved analysis is expected to improve overall street quality and extend life expectancy at the least cost.

We have expectations of increased housing construction in 2024. This includes apartments, multi and single family homes.

In conclusion, we continue the quest for value for taxpayers and ratepayers. We are on the right path with improved financial controls and a more efficient City structure.

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15 Cain killed him

16 Lemony

17 Rhymers

18 Small particle

19 More brutal

21 BB Player Abdul Jabbar

22 Land unit

24 African antelope

25 Radio detection and ranging

29 Chimney dirt

31 Popular president's initials

34 With

35 Replace a striker

36 Opera solo

37 Type of gum

39 Collective Israeli farm

41 Prayer ending

42 Greek god of war

44 Girl in Wonderland

45 Large weight unit

46 Liberal

47 Legends

48 Fox hole

49 Maggot

52 Book by Homer

55 Jersey

60 Linear

61 Period of work

64 In ___ of

65 South of the border crazy

66 Juliet's boyfriend

67 Alack's partner

68 Bridge

69 Pixies

70 Cheats

DOWN

1 Reserve Officers Training Corps.

2 Winged

3 South American nation

4 Lug

5 Seasoner makers

6 Southwestern Indian

7 Tiny mark

8 Delivery service

9 Japanese poem

10 Double-reed instrument

11 Peter, for short

12 Close the door hard

14 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

20 Popular Key

21 Picnic visitor

23 Escudo

24 Mongolian desert

25 National capital

26 "Remember the ___"

27 Twelve

28 After awhile

30 Very large trees

31 Mango

32 Trench

33 Dismantles

35 Dress

36 Efficiently

38 Genghis ___

40 Deer

43 Chicken creation

46 Marry

48 Chief ancient Philistine god

50 Ancient German letters

51 Preposition

52 Evils

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54 Ancient Indian

56 Signal

57 Fatty

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59 Mess up

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62 Male cat

63 Scamp

Sudoku Puzzle #4149-D

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Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

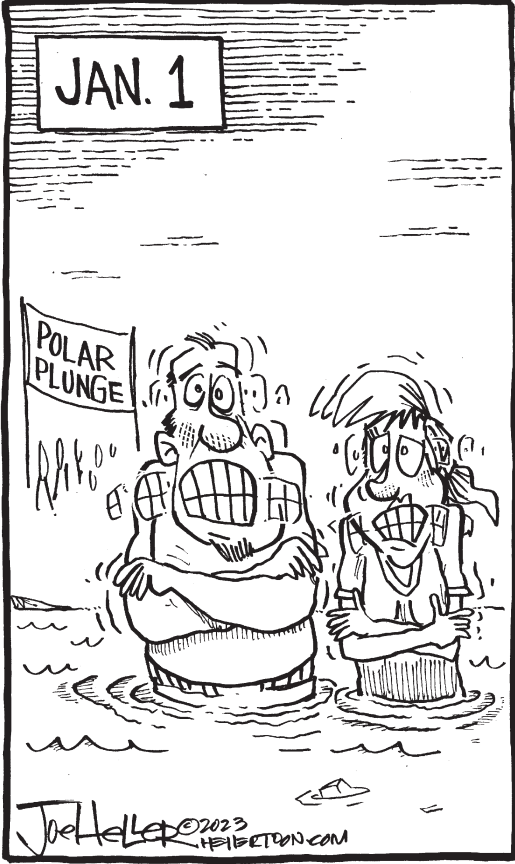
If you missed the building tour at the high school this past Monday there are two more chances to see for yourself the condition of the high school before the referendum on February 20th. The Cumberland School District is asking for voters to approve a \$32.95 million dollar referendum. That is a lot of money. No one wants to spend money they don’t have too. There are problems that can’t be ignored at the school. Please make it a point to attend a community meeting and tour on Monday, January 22nd or Monday, February 5th. The meetings and tours will take place at 6 pm.

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I received a call here at the office last week from a newspaper publisher in Northern Wisconsin. She wanted to know what mailing system I use here at the Advocate and if my postage had gone through the roof. She also asked me if I had talked to anyone else dealing with the same problem. I did indeed talk to another publisher in the county who relayed the same message. Postal rates have sky rocketed. What used to cost \$220.00 or so a week to mail papers has increased to over \$330.00 per week in the last two years. I know everything has gone up but that is a very hefty increase to say the least. The folks here in town at the post office are great to work with and this has nothing to do with them. The poor service to out of state subscribers and price hikes are very frustrating to not just me at the Advocate, but many other newspaper publishers as well. Not really sure there is an alternative. Some folks in Florida and Texas for example don’t receive a paper for two or three weeks then get three papers in one or two days. Thanks for your patience and supporting the Advocate.

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The Packers picked up a nice win over the Bears to punch their ticket to the playoffs. Seems to me they were in the same position last year but scored something like 10 points to get beat by the Lions with Hall of Fame whiner and quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Rodgers played four snaps this season but yet he continues to be in the news for making statements to the effect of needing to clean up messes and such in New York. He is the mess. It’s always about Aaron. The Packers and GM Brian Gutekunst have to be smiling. No more DRAMA! Plus they look to have another excellent young quarterback in Jordan Love AND the Jets 2nd round pick in the draft. Have a great week everybody!



Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Unique approaches can help attract foreign students to Wisconsin”

MADISON, Wis. – As the nation enters the 2024 election year, one of the most fractious issues is immigration – illegal or otherwise. Many Americans are worried about the seemingly endless flow of migrants across the U.S. southern border; others want to protect people seeking political asylum; still others believe a modernized legal entry system will help ease chronic talent shortages at home.

Into that emotional fray enters the Universities of Wisconsin with a plan to open its doors to more foreign-born students while helping itself cope in an era of stagnant enrollment.

The goal is not to replace any Wisconsin students but to help make up for the fact there are 20,000 fewer students at UW campuses than there were 10 years ago, thanks to a declining pool of in-state high school students and some attrition in interest in earning a four-year degree. International students make up about 4% of UW enrollment – much of it concentrated at UW-Madison – while neighboring states Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan and Iowa report higher shares, in most cases double or more.

A Boston-based company called Shorelight helps connect international students to a reported 84 public and private colleges

across the country; UW-Whitewater and UW-River Falls approved contracts with that firm in November. The Board of Regents approved a second round of Shorelight contracts for UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Platteville and UW-Superior in December and another agreement between Kings Education, also of Boston, and UW-Stout. Kings has previously worked with UW-Madison on placing international students.

With a UW goal of doubling international student enrollment by 2028, those kind of relationships with major recruiters will be needed. There may also be room for smaller, entrepreneurial approaches such as US-University Pathways, a Madison-based company that doesn’t wait for international students to learn about Wisconsin just as they’re ready for college. It’s training them in high school.

Bing Liang, the president of US-University Pathways, pitched his unique firm at the Wisconsin Early Stage Symposium in November. His approach: Use Wisconsin high-school curricula and Wisconsin teachers to educate high school students in their home countries in hopes they will wind up in Wisconsin colleges.

With 100 students in

Ukraine, Portugal and China, and many more expected to be enrolled in Africa and Central America in coming years, US-University Pathways is undergoing a growth spurt – starting from Liang alone to 10 employees in the past year or so. Liang says the company has thus far partnered with UW-Green Bay, UW-Platteville, St. Norbert College and Edgewood College.

The basic business model is a combination of tuition and commissions for recruiting students, as well as scholarships offered by Wisconsin colleges to prospective students.

“(We) are really trying to solve the issue of declining enrollments that many Wisconsin universities are facing. We’re trying to prepare students in their home countries through a Wisconsin high-school education,” Liang said.

“We want them to be proud of Wisconsin, at home, so they are motivated to come to Wisconsin universities after they get a high-school diploma from Wisconsin,” he added.

Not every high-school kid in Portugal, China or Ukraine longs to wear Badger red, dance to “Jump Around” during football games or learn every nuance of Wisconsin culture. However, the notion of introducing international stu-

dents to the Wisconsin in high school – before they may choose from hundreds of American universities – makes sense. It improves the odds.

Universities are also free to be selective in who they admit, especially in a world where strife could be inadvertently imported through students from global hotspots.

Liang comes by his affinity for Wisconsin naturally. Born in China, he was educated at Madison College, UW-Platteville and Edgewood, where he earned a doctorate in Higher Educational Leadership. He’s also active in community groups and says he’s made Wisconsin his home.

It’s hard to know if or when the larger immigration struggle will be solved, if at all, because the start of an election year makes progress harder. It’s reassuring to know, on the other hand, that ways to attract students and workers to Wisconsin are being explored in ways big and small. In a competitive region, nation and world, falling behind on educated and trained talent is not an answer.

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A Look Back

10 Years Ago

January 15, 2014

On January 25, celebrate with Miriah Lehmann, a 2009 Cumberland High School graduate, as she is officially crowned Miss Rodeo Wisconsin 2014.

The Cumberland Kiwanis is pleased to announce their 2014 Board of Directors. They are Dr. Laurny Brunclik, Chris Kahl, Lori Bock, Barry Ranallo, Jim Cervenka, Al Wilhelmi, Larry Hemmingsen, Mark Hanson, Brandon Stuntz and 2014 President John Garibaldi.

20 Years Ago

January 14, 2004

January Middle School Students of the Month are Robyn Braun, 5th Grade; Lauren Dehline, 5th Grade; Melanie Bertelsen, 7th Grade; Anne Proescholdt, 8th Grade; John Erdman, 6th Grade; Scott Neby, 8th Grade; Kristin Brown, 6th Grade; and Kayla Thompson, 7th Grade.

30 Years Ago

January 12, 1994

The Cumberland Lampert’s Home Center now has a new manager as Kirk Beecher has recently been appointed to take over the reins from Carol Dahlhauser who is retiring. Beecher has been employed by Lampert’s for eight years, most recently the assistant manager of the Lampert’s store in Apple Valley, MN.

East Luck Cesa #11 Head Start, Cumberland, recently received a \$200 donation from the St. Croix Casino, Turtle Lake. The gift was used to purchase Christmas presents for Head Start Program children.

40 Years Ago

January 11, 1984

A fire Saturday morning, gutted Jerry’s City Laundry on 2nd Avenue, and forced one family out of their second floor apartment in the building. The fire, which started in the wall, was an electrical fire. Cumberland Fire Chief Bob Mack stated it took about six hours to put out the fire. The two buildings on each side of Jerry’s City Laundry, (Skiddies and the laundromat) were not damaged during the fire.

50 Years Ago

January 10, 1974

Early last Thursday morning, the Erickson Holiday Station in downtown Cumberland was entered by thieves that broke a window. The safe in the building was forced and a small amount of cash was taken. The incident is under investigation.

A new rural fire truck was received by the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department recently and is now in use by the fire-

men. The new truck replaces an 18-year-old model that was traded in and is jointly owned by the Townships of Cumberland, Lakeland, Maple Plain, Crystal Lake and the City of Cumberland.

60 Years Ago

January 16, 1964

Airman Second Class Larry Nystrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nystrom, is being re-assigned to Truax Field, WI., following his graduation from the technical training course for United States Air Force air armament mechanics at Lowry AFB, Colorado. He learned to interpret data flow and use electronic test equipment to repair F-101 and F-102 aircraft weapons control systems.

A fire of undetermined origin heavily damaged a vacant house owned by Mrs. G. Bents, a mile west of Comstock. The fire is still under investigation.

80 Years Ago

January 13, 1944

The Cumberland Firemen had their annual meeting Monday. Wm. Hines was re-elected chief, Ed Johnson and Alfred Hanson were re-elected secretary-treasurer. Chief Hines reported that there were six fires in 1943 which the fire department was called out and three of these were chimney fires.

Miss Helen Adams of Shell Lake is the new kindergarten teacher in the Cumberland Grade School. She took over the duties following the Christmas holidays, succeeding Miss Margaret Barry.

2024 WEATHER					
Date	Hi	Lo	Pre	Snow	
01/02	23	17	0.00	0.00	
01/03	30	22	0.00	0.00	
01/04	28	15	trace	trace	
01/05	25	16	trace	0.00	
01/06	31	24	0.07	1.0	
01/07	29	22	0.00	0.00	
01/08	22	18	0.00	0.0	

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Sports

Boy’s Basketball Team Wins Twice, Record Climbs to 5 and 4

The Cumberland Boy’s Basketball Team got back into action last week, coming away with a pair of victories to raise their record to 5 and 4 on the 2023-2024 season. The Beavers played on Monday in Spring Valley, before heading to the road this Thursday for a game in Hayward. The next home contest is Tuesday, January 16, when they host the Ladysmith Lumberjacks on John Schell Court.

Cumberland raced to a 31-22 lead at halftime in the victory over the Pirates and then pulled away to a 73-62 victory. Gavin Gores was outstanding in the contest, piling up 36 points and 11 rebounds. His night included a nine for nine from the free throw line and three of six from beyond the arc.

Chayden Berghammer also had an excellent night with 19 points and an assist, while Uriah Johnson was a third Beaver in double figures with 15. Troy Majewski added a team-high six assists.

“Gavin had another incredibly efficient scoring night, while Chayden played his

best complete game to date. It was a good win against a team with a lot of size,” said Head Coach Brian Dutton.

The Beavers doubled up on their wins for the week on Thursday with a 49-37 victory over St. Croix Falls. “It was a good team win on a tough night as both Gavin and Alex Effertz battled some foul trouble in the first half. Jack Richter really played well off the bench for us and although we didn’t play up to our standards offensively, team defense was much improved,” added Coach Dutton.

Gores still managed to score 24 points and pull down 11 rebounds, while Berghammer continued his strong play with 13 points. Richter added five points, four rebounds and two steals. The Beavers defense held the Saints to 32 percent shooting from the floor as their record fell to 3 and 8 on the season.

“We still have lots to work on, but I thought we got better throughout last week’s success,” Coach Dutton concluded.

Northwest Icemen Have Busy Week

The Northwest Icemen’s only game last week was postponed to this week as the team had an opportunity to prepare for a busy slate of games over a five-day period between January 8 and the 11th.

Monday, the Icemen played Chequamegon/Phil-

lips/Butternut, with Tuesday, a game in Lakeland. The week concludes this Thursday, with a 7:00 home game in Barron against Regis/Altoona/McDonell. The Icemen are currently 1 and 9, while Regis/Altoona/McDonell is 3 and 8 heading into action on Monday.

Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Amery	Amery	6	3	3	0	0	19	4	11-1-0
Somerset	Smrset	4	3	2	1	0	16	4	7-6-1
Hayward	Haywrd	4	3	2	1	0	12	9	4-6-1
Baldwin-Woodville	BWood	4	3	2	1	0	8	8	4-9-0
Regis/Altoona/McDonell	RAM	0	3	0	3	0	6	20	3-8-0
Northwest Icemen	NWest	0	3	0	3	0	6	22	1-9-0

Boys BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	OVERALL
Northwestern	NWERN	6	0	W6	8-3-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	5	1	W4	7-2-0
Cameron	CAMER	5	1	L1	9-1-0
Ashland	ASHL	3	3	W1	3-6-0
Cumberland	CUMB	3	3	W1	5-4-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	2	3	W2	3-6-0
Hayward	HAY	2	4	L3	2-8-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	2	4	L1	3-8-0
Barron	BARRON	1	4	L2	2-7-0
Spooner	SPOON	0	6	L6	0-7-0

Girls BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	L10	OVERALL
Barron	BARRON	7	0	W7	7-0-0	10-1-0
St. Croix Falls	SCF	7	0	W7	7-0-0	8-4-0
Hayward	HAY	6	1	W3	6-1-0	7-4-0
Cameron	CAMER	4	3	W2	4-3-0	6-4-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	3	4	W1	3-4-0	7-6-0
Northwestern	NWERN	3	4	L2	3-4-0	3-7-0
Ashland	ASHL	2	5	L1	2-5-0	2-8-0
Spooner	SPOON	2	5	L4	2-5-0	2-8-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	1	6	L3	1-6-0	3-8-0
Cumberland	CUMB	0	7	L7	0-7-0	0-10-0

Cumberland Mixed up Bowling League Second Half Standings

Cumberland Federal-7
Club Cumberland - 4
Grandma’s Gang - 4
Cumberland Bus - 3
Corner Bar - 2
3 High Scratch Games
Don Donatell - 182

Nolan Scheps - 175
Kevin Larson - 168
3 High Scratch Series
Kevin Larson - 442
Don Donatell - 427
Michael Cifaldi - 421



Chayden Berghammer runs the ball upcourt in the Beavers home win over St. Croix Falls. Photo by Maria Lynch



Troy Majewski tries to dribble around a Saint defender in the boys 49-37 home court win. Photo by Maria Lynch



Gavin Gores goes in for a lay-up in the Beavers win over St. Croix Falls. Gores led the Beavers with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Photo by Maria Lynch.



Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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01/12 Fri >	5:37	11:18	6:07	---	07:47	04:43	9:11a	6:11p	1:36p	1:06a		
01/13 Sat >	6:40	12:26	7:09	12:55	07:46	04:44	9:41a	7:37p	2:33p	2:05a		
01/14 Sun	7:42	1:29	8:08	1:55	07:46	04:45	1:06a	9:01p	3:27p	3:01a		
01/15 Mon	8:40	2:28	9:05	2:53	07:45	04:47	10:27a	10:21p	4:17p	3:52a		
01/16 Tues	9:35	3:23	9:59	3:47	07:44	04:48	10:46a	11:38p	5:05p	4:41a		

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

Mississippi Hog and Deer Hunt

Hello friends,
This week's and next week's columns will be interesting and because there is so much to say in a small space, I cannot go into detail. My 22-year-old daughter Selina Walters and I drove 935 miles to the Delta National Forest in west central Mississippi where we met my brother Tom Walters. The three of us camped for 8 days and did our best to make some meat. We have hunted here back in 2019 and 2022 and not harvested a deer. We keep going back because the deer and hogs were wiped out by the flood of the century in 2019 and we are confident that what we pursue will return.

Tuesday, December 26th
High 51, low 28
Side bar story, I am driving and pulling a very loaded trailer near Rockford, Illinois. There is lots of traffic, I have a semi to my right and 80 yards in front of me a car. Without any warning the driver of the car stops on the interstate. Selina and I knew we were going to rear end him; I went right in a last millisecond effort into the median and no contact was made. Camp, we arrived at 9.00 pm, just under 15 hours, without stopping for anything but gas. Excitement, Tom has been bow hunting here a lot as he has a lake house in the area and has been seeing a lot of deer. Reality, bucks have to have a 15 inch inside spread or a main beam of 18 inches. Due to the flood, numbers of deer that meet these requirements are minimal but improving.

Wednesday, December 27th
High 52, low 28
Our first hunt was an afternoon adventure and we left camp in 2 canoes. Tom and Selina would be together with a short paddle and a ¾ mile hike through cypress and oak forests that are literally breath taking if you are a forest person. Selina saw a buck that she did not feel had an inside spread of 15 inches, she also saw 6 doe. Tom had deer experiences and I had a couple of hundred turkey buzzards roost where I was hunting.

Thursday, December 27th

High 48, low 26
Selina had a hog directly under her tree, but it was a half hour before daylight. I met some really cool Mississippi hunters down here 2 years ago and the last 2 years they came to Wisconsin and hunted turkey. Let me tell you about my friends, they are southern Baptists, they run dogs and also still hunt, honor is a part of every breath they take and man for man, kid for kid they are the toughest people that I have ever met.

Today I also made what I feel will be another friend, his name is Daniel Ainsworth and Daniel hunts with a family member off horses. Yesterday his partner flushed a group of hogs and shot 4 with his BAR 30:06 while riding his horse which he said never flinched. Daniel is maybe 30 and is a lineman, in other words he builds and repairs power lines and works a ton of hours until hunting season. These guys were camped next to us and kept their horses right in camp.

Squirrel hunters, there is no way I could possibly describe how huge squirrel hunting is in the south. They let school out when the season opens and everyone in the family group hunts squirrel and camps, in many cases they use dogs. Again, the honor and true grit of these people is amazing.

Dogs, we arrive the week the dog season begins for deer and the squirrel hunters are also in the woods in mass because of no school for Christmas break. We travel to our hunts by canoe and that helps, but it seems you can always hear hounds somewhere off in the distance and sometimes, right under your tree.

Friday, December 28th
High 53, low 25
Tom, Selina and I are having a blast and hunting hard. The deer are moving and at night we also cook awesome meals and socialize. The hound hunters could be hurting us a tad, but our main situation is bucks that are not 15 inches. After my morning hunt I paddled my canoe to where Tom and Selina stashed theirs for their hunt. I figured I would walk in and



Tom Walters and his niece Selina Walters paddling to an afternoon deer hunt in The Delta National Forest in west central Mississippi.



This scrape and rub were discovered hours after it was made. jabber with them as I knew they would be headed back. About 80 yards off to my right I saw something I knew that I had to check out. What I found was a tore up buck rub and a brand-new buck scrape that had fresh dirt on the leaves. I am out of space but let me tell you, the scrape and the following hunt would be a memory maker!
Hunt with family and friends!
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Working Hard!



Although the results have not been what the girls are looking for they keep working hard every night. Pictured here Raegan Beecroft lines up a free throw vs Hayward.



Melody Taylor looks to go to the basket during the girls home court loss to the Hurricanes.

Girl's Drop Pair of Contest; Host Northwestern This Friday

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team dropped a pair of games last week as they were defeated by Grantsburg 58-27 in a non-conference contest on the road and Hayward 67-10 in a HON match-up in Cumberland. The team was back in action on Tuesday in Ladysmith and then return to the home floor this Friday when they take on the Northwestern Tigers at 6:00 pm.
"We didn't play a bad game against Grantsburg, we just couldn't get our shots to drop. The girls hustled and never gave up," said Head Coach Kim Weber about the loss to the Pirates.
Macy Beecroft had a nice game and led the way with 13 points and a team-high six rebounds, while Melody Taylor added seven points and four boards. Alora Garibaldi, meanwhile, added three assists. Megan Schafer led Grantsburg with 20 points.
Friday's contest against Hayward was controlled from the start by the Hurricanes, who led from start to finish. A large number of turnovers caused by Hayward defensive pressure made it a tough evening for the Cumberland girls, who managed only 21 shots from the floor in the game. Rae-gan Beecroft and Melody Taylor led Cumberland with three points each.
Barron and St. Croix Falls are atop of the HON standings with current records of 7 and 0.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 11

Wrestling home Quad 5:00
Boys BB @ Hayward 7:00

Hockey vs Altoona @ Barron 7:00
Friday, Jan. 15

Girls BB home vs Luck 6:00
Tuesday, Jan. 16

Boys BB home vs Ladysmith 7:00
Thursday, Jan. 18
Girls BB @ Barron 6:00

Wrestling home vs St. Croix Falls 7:00



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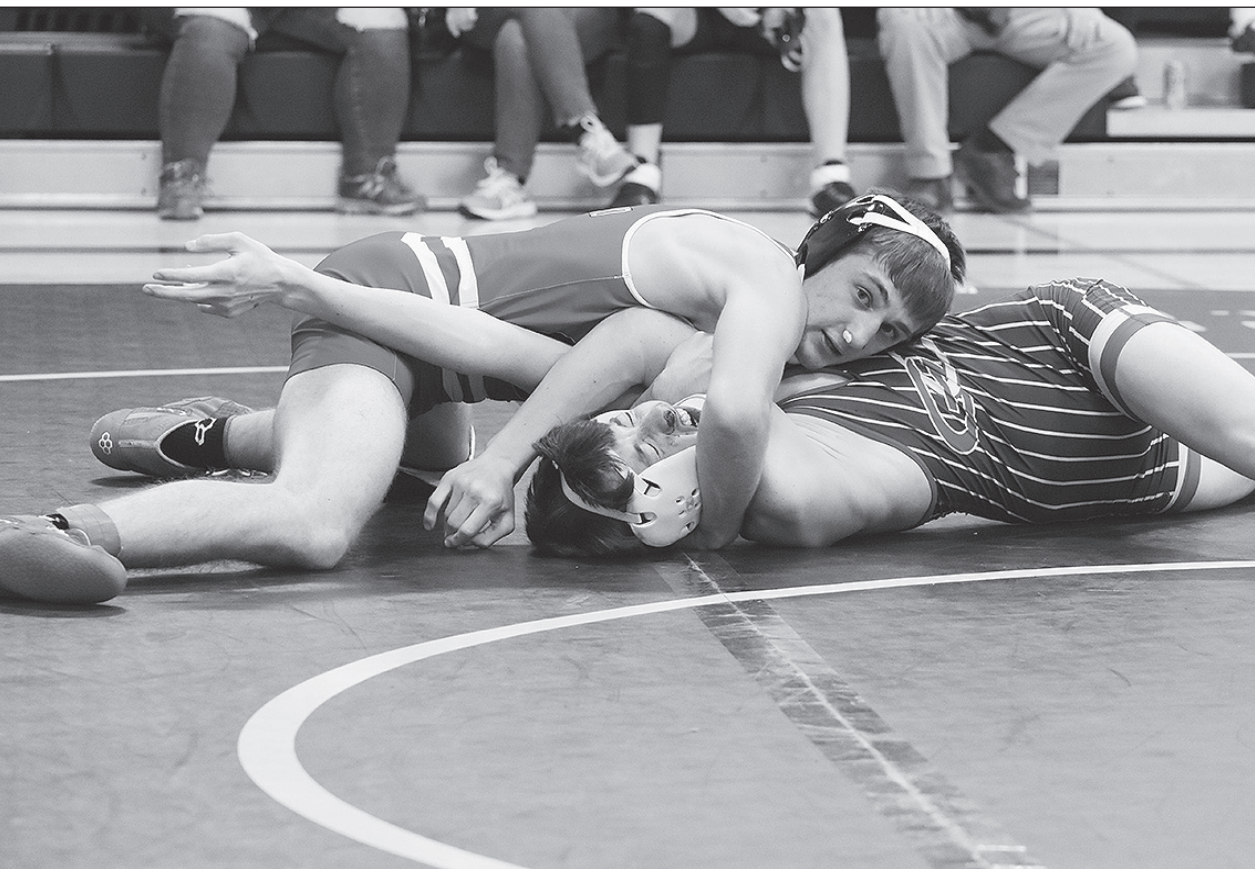
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Jack Owens picked up 4 wins including two pins in Cadott to claim the 165 pound title. Photo by Dakota Morfoot



Boaz West helped the Beavers claim the Tournament title pinning three in claiming the 132 pound title. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Noah Hile grabbed two pins and a 7-2 decision to win the 120 pound title at Cadott. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Nelson Vasquez turned in a runner-up performance at Cadott to help propel the Beavers to the Tournament Championship. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.

Wrestlers run-away with Team Victory at Cadott Tournament

The Cumberland Beavers scored 509.5 team points and had six Individual Champions as they took home first place at the Cadott Invitational last Saturday in Cadott. Hayward came in second with 494.5 points in the twelve-team Tournament, while Glenwood City was third at 411.5. “It was a well-earned victory as all 12 of our competing athletes were in the semifinals,” said Head Coach Justin Peterson.

Taking first for the Beavers were Braden Johnson (106), Caleb Hile (113), Noah Hile (120), Boaz West (132), Dawson Johnson (138), and Jack Owens (165). A second-place finish came from both Nelson Vasquez at 144-pounds and DauTre Allen at 175.

“It was a lot of fun watching two sets of brothers each win the tournament as well as Jack Owens and Boaz West, who collected their first tournament victories. There is a lot to look forward to this season and we are planning to continue making improvements each week,” said Coach Peterson about the results.

Braden Johnson improved to 25 and 2 with two byes and two pins in Cadott. His brother, Dawson, continued his incredible career by increasing his overall mark to 27-0 with a bye, two pins, and a major decision. He has now accumulated 150 victories in his career with the Beavers.

Caleb Hile took his title at 113-pounds with a bye and two major decisions to run his record to 20-10 on the year. His impressive day of wrestling was matched by his brother, Noah, who moved to 20 and 5 with a bye, two pins, and a 7-2 victory over Kaleb Lodahl (20-5) of Cadott in the Championship match.

West has been a new addition to the Beavers lineup and is making the team even better as he raised his overall mark to 8 and 3 with his Championship. West received a bye in the first round and then pinned three straight opponents, the longest match in 4:23.

Owens took the Beavers final title and raised his overall mark to an excellent 22 and 7 with a bye, two pins, and a 6-1 decision over Ethan Upson of Phillips in his final match.

DauTre Allen (17-7) and Nelson Vasquez (10-9) took seconds, while Mitchell Monchilovich (14-11) and Harrison Ruppel (20-9) took thirds. It was indeed an excellent day for the whole Beaver’s team.

As a team, Cumberland is currently ranked in the top-10 in the state’s D3 teams, while Individually several Beavers are ranked among the best in their weight class.

Next on the schedule was a quad on Tuesday, while this Thursday, the Beavers head to Ladysmith, where they meet Northwestern and the Lumberjacks in a pair of HON duals. This is followed by a big home match against the St. Croix Falls Saints on January 18.

“We are excited to host Parent’s Night on Thursday, January 18th against Saint Croix Falls and our Beaver Dam Slam tournament on Tuesday the 23rd will also be a nice challenge. A big thank you to the Cumberland community for all their support so far this season,” concluded Coach Peterson.

Young Beaver Wrestlers Compete in Eau Claire

Several of the younger Cumberland wrestlers competed in the Wisconsin Challenge Qualifier in Eau Claire last Saturday. Over 1,400 wrestlers from across Wisconsin competed at eight Region events to qualify for the Finals held in Wausau. Each Varsity wrestling coach is asked to use their best discretion and judgment when considering entering individuals into the Challenge Series. This competition is intended to accommodate ‘sub-varsity’ level wrestlers as opposed to varsity level ‘competitive’ regular varsity line up wrestlers who have been contributing members of a varsity squad during any season.

Among those doing well for the Beavers were three wrestlers who took first place. They included Colt Miller, Connor Burke, and Brody Gilbertson, who each received a bye and went 3 and 0 on the day in their weight class.



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There were big smiles from many Hardscrabble Players at the annual Red Barn Theatre Barney Banquet on Jan 5, 2024, at Lehman's Supper Club in Rice Lake, WI. Pictured front row from left to right: Janice Solum, accepting the RBT Scholarship Award for daughter Jackie; Holly Dalsveen, Best Supporting Actress; Jill Stearns, Best Supporting Actress in a Minor Role; Ella Jansen, Best Female Newcomer. Back row from left to right: Jake Donze, Best Supporting Actor; Mike Kelly, Best Male Newcomer; Terry Wiesner, Appreciation Award, Best Set, Best Show (shared) "It Runs in the Family;" Jeremy Westin, Best Supporting Actor in a Minor Role; Cathy Jones Wolf, Best Show (shared) "Curtains." Not pictured Ben Heer, Best Actor; and Isabel Thurston, Best Actress.

New "Growing Connections" for Brain Health

Make 2024 the year for your brain health! The Aging & Disability Resource Center in partnership with Dove Healthcare presents "Growing Connections", a new program for older adult to learn something new, experience your senses, socialize, and grow new neuron connections. No garden, gardening experience or green thumb required! Enjoy the joys of gardening together every other month with this fun program! Volunteers will

lead the workshops, and each has a separate subject and includes a presentation, snack and an activity. You'll bring home your project, all supplies and materials are included and there is no charge for the program. Rice Lake Senior Center, first Wednesday of every other month beginning February 7th, from 1-3 p.m. Come to one or come to all. To learn more or reserve a spot, contact Trisha Witham at 537-6225 or by email trisha.witham@co.barron.wi.us.

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I have a confession to make --I have started out the year by making a HUGE mistake!! I looked back at the Barronett news from the end of November, and I told you at that time that the Shallow Lake Ice Fishing contest would be held on January 27th. Well, that was absolutely correct. But, suddenly, in later letters to you, I started saying it was going to be on January 20th. WRONG!! I hope the members of the Civic Club, and especially Bonnie, will be a little understanding – Not that I deserve it. I cannot imagine how I changed the dates, but I do hope that you marked the 27th down for the contest.

I did get another e-mail from Bonnie this past Saturday, and she said that they are planning for all activities to go ahead on the 27th. There will be over \$1,000 in door prizes drawn on the ice during the contest, and all "ON ICE" prizes must be picked up on ice. There will be a special drawing on ice for kids 12-years-old and younger, so please remember to sign up your kids who attend.

A Souper Supper will be served at the community center immediately following the fishing contest. There will be a few different kinds of soup. Free tap beer will be served from 3:00 until 3:30 – if it lasts. There will be in indoor ice fishing contest, dice game, and other raffles. Major raffle winners will be drawn at the community center, and fish contest money prizes will be given out there as well. Raffle tickets will be available at local merchants and on the ice. Sounds as though a good time will be had by all. So please forgive my blunder, and, hopefully, we will see you on Shallow Lake on the 27th of January for the big ice fishing contest.

Tinille and Ivana Bellefeuille stopped by to visit for a while last Friday. It was so great – Little Ivana is the cutest baby. She's a little more than two months old now, and she is the brightest little thing. She certainly loves her mama – she smiles whenever Tinille says anything to her. Babies are absolutely the best. If you have heard of any hospitals who need volunteers to rock babies, please give me a call. I can't think of a better way to spend my time.

Justin Olson's mom, Gail, hosted a huge surprise birthday party for him at Sal's on 63 on Sunday afternoon. The place was

filled with well-wishers. I won't tell you exactly how old Justin is, but it was one of those annoying years that end with a zero. I told him that, when he gets as old as I am now, he will be able to look back and see how many fantastic things he packed into the most wonderful years of his life.

I think that Tru Lehmann had the most fantastic Christmas and New Year's Eve that anyone could ask for. Her mom, Alyse, bought her a saddle for Christmas which, Alyse said, was so Tru would have her own saddle to ride Maddy's horse, Coop. Well, unbeknownst to Tru, Alyse had an even bigger surprise in store for her. Alyse asked Miriah to find a good horse for Tru, and she did. Miriah and Jeremy spent Christmas in Texas with Jeremy's parents, then picked up the horse for Tru and brought him home. The whole family gathered at Miriah and Jeremy's arena in rural Shell Lake to see Tru's reaction when she saw her new horse. It was absolutely priceless. That little girl was thrilled beyond words.

Then, on New Year's Eve, she and two other girls, who also board horses at Jeremy and Miriah's arena, spent the night in a tent in the arena after taking a midnight ride on their horses. Miriah said that she thought they settled in at about 2:00 a.m., and that they seemed to be having the time of their lives. Man!! I know it will be a holiday event that she will never forget.

I bumped into Arnie – one of the regulars at Red Brick – at Cenex on Sunday morning and he said he had a question about farming. He asked why milk stools have only three legs. I told him that I really didn't know, and he said, "Because the cows have the udder one." Oh brother – If Arnie was asking a question, I should have known it was going to be some kind of a joke.

We will be having coffee hour after worship service this coming Sunday morning at Barronett Lutheran. If you are looking for a church, this would be the perfect time to join us for Sunday morning service and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. REMEMBER – The Shallow Lake Ice Fishing Contest is January 27th. See you next time.

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Tuesday, January 16
Ham and Swiss Sandwich, Vegetable Beef Soup, Fresh Grapes, Cook's Choice Cookie
Wednesday, January 17
Lemon Baked Cod w/Creamy Dill sauce, Boiled Baby Reds, Mixed Vegetables, Assorted Bread, Pumpkin Bar.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee.
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Notice is hereby given, therefore, that the Annual Meeting of this bank will be held in the office of the bank in Cumberland, Wisconsin on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:30 pm.
At this meeting, three directors shall be elected for a term of three years and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.
Sam Donatelle, Chairman
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- **Position: Generator Operator/Maintenance**
- Cumberland Municipal Utility is accepting applications for the position of **Generator Operator/Maintenance** at the Cumberland Municipal Utility Office located at 1265 2nd Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829 or by email to dean@cmutility.com by January 31, 2024 at 4:00p.m.
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Northwood Technical College students awarded grants from the Philanthropic Educational Organization

Northwood Technical College is announcing grant awards from the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) for seven students for the spring 2024 semester. The total amount awarded to the seven students equals \$17,900 to be used for expenses related to attending school. The P.E.O. is one of the many scholarships and grants available to Northwood Tech students through external partnerships that work with the College's Foundation. The P.E.O. has been in existence for over 150 years with chapters located in the United States and Canada. As part of the P.E.O., the Program for Continuing Education (P.C.E.) grant is one of six projects educating women through scholarships, grants and loans, as well as stewardship of Cottey College.

Three chapters in Wisc. and S. Dak. sponsored the seven students for grants. These chapters include Chapter AD-BG, Superior, Wisc. (one recipient), Chapter BY, S. Dak. (one recipient), and Chapter EQ, Hudson, Wisc. (five recipients). P.C.E. grant funds can be used for tuition, childcare expenses, transportation to school, uniforms, textbooks, and technology expenses. Students receiving grants from the PEO include (name; campus location; program; amount awarded; PEO chapter):

- Sarah Cimermanic; Superior; accounting; \$2,700; Chapter EQ, Hudson, Wisc.
- Jennifer Huesby; Superior; nursing - Associate Degree; \$3,000; Chapter BY, S. Dak.
- Sheena Mann; Rice Lake; substance abuse counseling; \$3,000;

Chapter EQ, Hudson, Wisc.

- Constance Poling; Rice Lake; human resource management; \$2,500; Chapter EQ, Hudson, Wisc.
- Samantha Salaba; New Richmond; human services associate; \$2,700; Chapter AD-BG, Superior, Wisc.
- Ashley Spencer; Rice Lake; accounting; \$2,200; Chapter EQ, Hudson, Wisc.
- MacKenzie Walters; New Richmond; IT cyber security; \$1,800; Chapter EQ, Hudson, Wisc.

Grant recipient and Northwood Tech employee Mackenzie Walters stated, "I am thrilled and deeply honored to have been chosen as a recipient of the PCE Grant from the ladies of PEO International. The work the local Hudson, Wisc. chapter did to help prepare me for the application process cannot be understated. I am very grateful for their support and the connections I've made with them through this process. I am incredibly fortunate to have this scholarship and I look forward to using the funds to help me continue my educational journey at Northwood Technical College." Inquiries about the P.E.O. grants are accepted twice yearly. For more information about grants available to Northwood Tech students, visit NorthwoodTech.edu/grants. For information about the P.E.O., visit PEOInternational.org. Northwood Tech is grateful for all its community partnerships. Your support of the Northwood Tech Foundation is essential to student success. For information on how to contribute, visit www.NorthwoodTech.edu/donate.

Beaver Dam Lake Management District BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 15th, 2024 at Noon 12:00 pm
Cumberland, City Hall
Cumberland, WI 54829

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve minutes from Nov. 6, 2023 meeting
3. Approve Treasurers report
4. Recognition of visitors and visitor's comments.
5. Discuss and approve draft 2024 EWM Treatment Plan
6. Approve expenses for commissioners attending the 2024 Wisconsin Lakes and River Conference in April 2024.
7. Update on the North Library Lake Dredging permit
8. Open discussion – no action to be taken by Board
9. Set next meeting date and time.
10. Adjourn.

Note: Additional agenda items may be added and will be posted at City Hall, the Library no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
Tom Schroeder, President
Alan Carlson MD, Treasurer
John Bavier, Secretary
Tim Defoe & Mike Werner, Commissioners
Doris Laursen, City of Cumberland Rep.
Craig Turcott, Barron County Rep.
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NOTICE
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the regular monthly board meeting for the Town of Cumberland will be held Monday, January 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting.
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NOTICE
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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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.
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Ice Age Trail Chapter Holds Annual Meeting

The Indianhead chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Ice Age Interpretive Center of Interstate Park in St. Croix Falls.
A social meet-and-greet will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Chapter members will discuss whether to change their chapter name.
Luke Klobberdanz, the newly appointed executive director of the statewide alliance, will be the main speaker. Like many involved in the trail, he began as a volunteer in 2001. He then hiked the entire trail two years later and joined the alliance staff in 2013.
He last month announced that the trail has reached a long-sought goal by being designated a National Park Service unit, which opens new funding opportunities. It previously was designated a national scenic trail.
Interstate Manager

Matt Densow will address happenings there and at Straight Lake State Park, which are connected by the trail. Chapter leaders Barb Ceder and Cheryl Whitman will review the past year, and preview upcoming projects, hikes and volunteer events.
Steve Brandt and Lynda McDonnell will present an illustrated talk on hiking adventures abroad, focusing mostly on their 2023 hike in the indigenous communities of the Sierra Norte mountains near Oaxaca, Mexico.
The Indianhead chapter is the westernmost Ice Age Trail chapter. The Ice Age National Scenic Trail follows Wisconsin's glacial terrain and is built and maintained by volunteers. It extends across the state. The chapter, which has about 100 members, maintains 62 miles of the trail, mostly in Polk County.
Contact Steve Brandt 612-289-8021.

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Year in Review...

2023. After an illustrious career spanning 37 years, Dr. Alan Carlson is bidding farewell to a profession marked by unwavering commitment and tireless dedication. A beloved family medicine physician, Dr. Carlson has been a pillar of health and healing within our community, touching the lives of countless patients and families.

Throughout the years, Dr. Carlson has been a guiding light for individuals seeking comprehensive healthcare solutions. Known for his empathetic approach, Dr. Carlson has not only treated ailments but has also formed lasting bonds with patients, helping them navigate their health journeys with confidence and support.

The Barron County Tavern League of Barron County designed a commemorative coin to honor the memory of Officer Hunter Scheel and Officer Emily Breidenbach. These coins are to be distributed throughout Barron County to all city, county and state police officers. Also to the fire departments, EMTs, & The Families of Emily and Hunter. The Barron County Tavern League would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all of these departments for their hard work, dedication and support to our community.

(11) On Saturday October 7th, the Cumberland High School Marching Band traveled to Hudson High School to participate in its final adjudicated competition of the fall season before the state finals on October 14th. There were 10 bands that performed throughout the evening and 3 competitive bands in Cumberland’s class (class AAA). Because of the makeup of the bands that were participating, Cumberland competed 2 classes higher than they will at the state championships. Cumberland earned an excellent score and gained over 5 points since their last competition. They took home 2nd place honors in their class. In addition, the band’s percussion earned the coveted “best percussion” caption award across all classes at the show.

Class AAA breakdown was as follows (total points are on a 100 point scale):

- 3rd place – Chippewa Falls High School – 71.038
- 2nd place – Cumberland High School – 78.375
- 1st place – Baldwin-Woodville High School – 79.888

Local restaurant The 5 O’Clock Supper Club will be hosting a visit from America’s Best Restaurants (ABR) in mid-October 2023.

America’s Best Restaurants, a national media and marketing company focusing on bringing attention to local, independently-owned restaurants, will brought ABR Roadshow to the Five O’ Clock Club on October 19th. Popular dishes will be highlighted, along with an extensive on-camera interview with owners Jen and Chad Patrin about the restaurant’s special place in the community. The episode will be aired extensively on social media channels at a later date.

October (4)

The 2023 Homecoming Court are King Ryan Lundmark, Alex Effertz, RyKer Allen, Roman Ranallo, Ben Cunningham, Gavin Prinsen, Alora Garibaldi, Lizzie Mathison, Queen Carly McCreary, Omalley Thompson, Josie Capra and Jasmine Woodley.

(11) The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved critical incident in the City of Rice Lake that occurred on the evening of Sunday, October 8, 2023.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., officers from the Rice Lake Police Department and the Barron County Sheriff’s Office responded to a 911 call for a female who had been stabbed by a male subject on the 400 block of Hatten Avenue in Rice Lake.

Upon arrival, officers encountered a female subject with injuries who was being treated by EMS. Law enforcement then encountered a male subject barricaded in an apartment and gave commands for him to come out, but the subject did not comply. A police K-9 and less lethal options were utilized in an attempt to gain compliance from the male subject.

The subject subsequently charged at officers with a bladed weapon. Officers discharged their firearms during the incident and struck the male subject. First aid was rendered; however, the male subject was pronounced deceased at the scene. No law enforcement personnel were injured during the incident. Officers from the Rice Lake Police Department and the Barron County Sheriff’s Office were equipped with body cameras.



Cumberland High School Marching Band performing in Whitewater.

On Saturday October 14th, the Cumberland High School Marching Band traveled to Whitewater, WI to participate in the Wisconsin School Music Association’s State Marching Band Championships at the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater’s Perkins Stadium. There were 7 bands that performed in Cumberland’s class (Class A) hailing from every corner of the state. Despite the rain the night before, the weather cooperated throughout the day and all 34 bands in attendance were able to present their performances outside.

Cumberland performed 2nd to last in their class and earned an excellent score in front of a slate of national judges, none of which had seen their show before that afternoon. Cumberland took home 2nd place honors in their class and the band’s percussion section earned the coveted “best percussion” caption award in their division.

Class A breakdown was as follows (total points are on a 100 point scale):

- 7th place – Cudahy High School – 66.0
- 6th place – Antigo High School – 67.713
- 5th place – New Berlin West High School – 68.7
- 4th place – Platteville High School – 69.588
- 3rd place – Columbus High School – 74.925
- 2nd place – Cumberland High School – 76.713 – Best Percussion

1st place – Baldwin-Woodville High School – 79.275 – Best Music, Best Visual, and Best Colorguard.

(25) Pastor Paul Green says his congregation was praying for a solution to the problem of their church – the old Boys & Girls Club building -- being too small.

Kris Zappa owner of Bourbon’s Bar in Cumberland, was named Tavern League of Wisconsin Member of the Year. There are over 5,000 members statewide. Congratulations Kris!



Kris Zappa with her Tavern League of Wisconsin Member of the Year Plaque!

Pat Shradle said his wife, Shannon, was praying for a successful sale of the building after three years of working long hours without pay running Das Lach House.

So last week, prayers were answered when Cumberland’s banquet and event center became Hope Community Church, which bought the building the late Carl Bents sold four years ago to the Shradles and three of Pat’s brothers and their wives.

November

(1) Bona Casa was the recipient of the 50 People and More Who Care quarterly grant to help small businesses. \$9,600 was this quarters grant.



A false alarm for an active shooter at 3M.

(8) Last Wednesday, November 1, at 12:48 pm, Barron County Dispatch was advised of an active shooter alarm at the 3M Plant in Cumberland. Emergency personnel from throughout the area all responded to the 3M location. Well over 20 police cars as well as armoured vehicles were on scene.

Cumberland Elementary School, which is not much more than 100 yards away, went on lock down as did several other businesses in Cumberland. It was a pretty intense situation for the better part of an hour before it was known this was a false alarm. All 3M employees also evacuated with the exception of a few who were hiding in the building. They were safely escorted out by authorities. This was a very scary situation for many people. Classroom doors were locked and shades were pulled. With all the shootings around the country, it is fresh on everyone’s minds. I’m sure employees at the 3M Plant had some scary moments to say the least. Police officers, the same. Thankfully this turned out to be a false alarm. Hopefully this situation can be used to learn what can be done better.

Cumberland Police Chief Heather Wolfe issued the following press release: On November 1, 2023, at approximately 12:48 p.m., Barron County Dispatch was advised of an active shooter alarm at 3M in Cumberland. Most of the 3M employees evacuated the building prior to law enforcement arrival. The Cumberland Elementary School (which is in close proximity to 3M) was advised to lock down, which they did. Cumberland Police Department arrived on scene and immediately made entry into the building to search for an active shooter. Additional law enforcement arrived on scene and joined the search of the building. Law enforcement located several employees hiding within the building during the search and all were brought to safety. There was no threat located inside the building and it was determined to be a false alarm. An investigation is ongoing regarding how the alarm was activated.

Thank you to the following agencies who quickly responded to assist: Barron County Sheriff’s Office, Rusk County Sheriff’s Office, Barron/Rusk ERT, Washburn County Sheriff’s Office, Shell Lake Police Department, Turtle Lake Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Barron County First Responders, Cumberland Healthcare ambulance and MMC ambulance.

Although this is an unsettling situation for everyone involved, it is a great learning experience and a great example of teamwork.

On Monday, November 6th, 3M Communications Manager Sean Lynch issued the following statement: On Wednesday, November 1, the active shooter alert at 3M’s Cumberland, Wisconsin facility was erroneously activated. We are deeply grateful for law enforcement’s prompt response to the situation, and our employees’ professionalism as they safely evacuated the facility.

We regret the disruption and concern this situation caused. Site leadership is working closely with local law enforcement to evaluate our processes to help identify and address potential causes for the future.

Noah A. Browning, 41, of Cumberland, has been charged with two counts of possession of child por-

nography, possession of methamphetamine, and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

December

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel has named Cumberland Junior Basketball player Gavin Gores as one of the State’s top 50 basketball players for the 2023-2024 season. The following is what they said about Gores.

Gavin Gores, Jr., 6-8, Cumberland
One of the better post players in the 2025 class. He holds several offers from DI programs, including UWGB, South Dakota State and Loyola University (Maryland).

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



A benefit was held for Sean Schullo (middle), who lost his home due to a fire at the Corner Bar on December 3. Pictured with Sean is Corner Bar Owner Dustin Anderson (left) and Manager Antonia Voeltz.

A benefit was held for Sean Schullo and his daughter Skyla on December 3, at the Corner Bar. Sean and Skyla lost their home due to a fire.



CEO Mike Gutsch.

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

During Mike Gutsch’s eleven year tenure, he has played a pivotal role in Cumberland Healthcare’s transformation in the healthcare industry. He has been a visionary leader, guiding the organization through significant growth, innovation, and community impact. Under Mike Gutsch’s guidance, Cumberland Healthcare has achieved numerous milestones. A few of these are:

- Forming a partnership with Cumberland Care and Rehab to continue delivering long-term care services to the community.
- Merging the clinic and hospital into one integrated system.
- Partnering with Mayo to develop oncology services to Cumberland so residents don’t have to travel for treatment.
- Employee and patient satisfaction scores continually increase.
- Formed a partnership with Northlake’s Clinics to deliver and expand behavioral health services.
- Transitioned the medical staff to replace retiring physicians.
- New hospital/clinic replacement.

Long time 8th grade basketball coach Joe Waite called this years’ version of Cumberland 8th grade basketball quite possibly the most talented bunch overall that he’s ever coached. “We were exceptionally talented, which led to eight of our ten wins coming via blowouts,” he said. The team finished 10 and 1 during the Middle School season, which began in mid-October.

Non Emergency Phone Numbers:

Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754

Barron County Sheriff 537-3106

Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency 911



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OBITUARIES



John F. Modjeski
John Felix Modjeski, 83, of DeForest, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023. John was born on Sept. 23, 1940, in Winona, Minn., to Felix and Vera Evelyn Modjeski. John graduated from Cotter High School in Winona, Minn.
He received his bachelor's degree in education and his master's degree in administration from Winona State University. John began his teaching career in Rochester, Minn., and was on the fac-

ulty at Winona State as a supervisor of student teachers. From there, he and his family moved to Cumberland, Wis., where he was a dedicated principal at Cumberland Elementary School for many years. He made lasting impressions on both students and staff during his time there. After retiring from education, John found his next calling as a real estate agent in Rice Lake, Wis., creating lasting friendships with coworkers and clients alike.
John loved spending time outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and going for walks at his favorite spot, the Upper Yahara River Trail. Special adventures with family and friends included fishing in Canada and seeing his first Broadway show in New York City. John and his wife, Jane, enjoyed traveling, particularly to Rosemary Beach, Fla., Lake Havasu City, Ariz., and Banff National Park in Canada. John loved watching football and was an unwavering Vikings fan. He also shared a

love for all Wisconsin Badgers sports. As a grandfather, John enthusiastically supported his grandchildren in their individual endeavors and was proud of all their accomplishments.
John will be greatly missed by his loving family: wife, Jane; daughters, Karin (Bryan) Bearss, Sara (Mark) Schoonveld and Lisa (Scott) Bents; step-daughter, Megan (Ben) Balgord; grandchildren, Tess, Emma, Charlie, Natalie (Jari), Sophie, Lydia, Cora and Beckett; brother, Michael (Janet) Modjeski; sister, Mary Kay Thompson; sisters-in-law, Laurie (Tom) Pfiffner, Jill (Dan) Hietpas; brother-in-law, Sean Allan Krill (Harry Bouvy); and many nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers-in-law, Al Thompson and Guy Adkins.
A memorial service will be held at THE EDGEWATER HOTEL, 1001 Wisconsin Place, Madison, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, with

a celebration of life to follow. All are welcome. The family would like to thank the wonderful doctors and caregivers at SSM St. Mary's Hospital and the SSM Hospice Team. Memorials may be gifted in John's name to the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research or the Cumberland Educational Foundation, 1010 8th Ave., Cumberland, WI 54829. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com. Gunderson East Funeral & Cremation Care 5203 Monona Drive (608) 221-5420



William "Bill" J. Chapman
William J. Chapman, was born on March 2nd, 1949 and passed away November 11, 2023.
William is survived by his dog; Lill Buddy, Children; Jennifer, Thomas, Daniel and Lorraine, family and many friends.
A celebration of life will be held at the American Legion Anderson-Thomson Post 98 in Cumberland on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm.



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Church Directory

"Woodpiles, leaning on each other."
by Pastor Wayne Romsos
Timberland Ringebu Lutheran Church

This has certainly been a mild fall and early winter. I count it a blessing for a number of reasons that many others enjoy as well. I realize that many businesses would prefer a "normal" cold and snow winter but I certainly have enjoyed it. This great weather has made it easier to accomplish my annual process of cutting firewood that will be burned next year after it has "seasoned" (dried for safe burning in an inside furnace). After cutting and splitting the chunks of wood, they get piled in a stack between 4 and 6 ft. high. Generally when wood is piled up this high, as it dries it can tip to one side from drying unevenly or may just be settling under its own weight and eventually tip over. Then restacking is more of a job than the first time. So to prevent this from happening, I stack two rows right next to each other and lean each one a little toward the other. The one stack alone is somewhat unstable but the two together are very solid and make them very secure, a veritable fortress. This reminds me of a passage in the Bible that I recently came across from 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as just as you are doing." We as Christians are to build each other up by encouraging those that need enlightenment, letting them lean on a sympathetic friend. Also another passage cautions us against doing it on our own as in Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding." The idea of not leaning on your own understanding recognizes that just like the single wood pile, you will be more able to withstand the trials of life that we all face, with the support mentioned in the passages.
So like my leaning woodpiles, a relationship with God, as well as Christian friends can strengthen and fortify our lives.

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