



Two Vehicle Crash Results in One Fatality

On Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at 6:58 PM, the Barron County 911 Center received multiple calls of a 2 car accident at County Road W and 18th Street, between Cameron and Barron.

Deputies from the Barron County Sheriff's Department along with the WI State Patrol, Barron Police Department, Mayo Ambulance, Barron Fire Department, Marshfield Medical Center Ambulance, Cameron Fire Department, Barron County First Responders and Life Link Helicopter all responded to the scene.

Preliminary investigation shows that a truck being driven by Braden Thomas, age 19, from New Auburn, was eastbound on CTH W. Another truck, driven by Elizabeth Steward, age 32, from Ladysmith was northbound on 18th St and failed to stop at the stop sign at

County Road W. Both trucks collided and ended up in a field, with Steward's truck fully engulfed and Thomas' truck overturned.

Witnesses stopped and rendered aid to both drivers, including pulling Steward away from her burning vehicle. Medical aid was rendered on scene, however Steward passed away on scene and Thomas was flown to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The accident remains under investigation by the WI State Patrol.

County Road W was closed with the assistance of the Barron County Hwy Department for over 4 hours.

This is Barron County's first traffic fatality of the year.

Per Chris Fitzgerald, Barron County Sheriff

Registered Sex Offender in Barron County Sentenced for School Notification Violation

Michael D. Keller has been sentenced in Barron County Circuit Court for convictions on charges that were filed against him after an investigation into allegations that he was attempting to solicit a minor. He was arrested and charged with failure to notify a school of his sex offender status in the culmination of the investigation.



Michael D. Keller

In October, 2022, the Cumberland Police Department received a complaint from a parent from a Cumberland School District student. The parent stated the subject had given a phone number to their child and the parent felt that it was an attempt to solicit the child.

An immediate undercover investigation began by the Cumberland Police Department, and over the next several days, the undercover investigator chatted with the subject, later identified as Keller.

Investigators posed as a 15-year-old and exchanged nearly 1,000 text messages with Keller.

On two separate occasions, Keller drove to Cumberland to meet with the 15-year-old that he thought he was conversing with. The second attempt to meet with the juvenile occurred on October 27, 2022, and Keller was immediately taken into custody on Cumberland School District property.

On January 10, 2024, Keller appeared in Barron County Circuit Court and was charged with a Misdemeanor Failure of a Sex Offender to Notify School. The Honorable Judge Bitney ordered Keller to serve six months in county jail, consecutive to another sentence he is already serving. He is also ordered to pay court costs and assessments.

The Story of Somerset's John Till and Cumberland's Niccola Jannetta

by Mark R. Fuller

Quackery refers to unproven or fraudulent medical practices, often through the sale or application of "quack medicines." These individuals were unregulated practitioners, whose supposed medical solutions found many victims who believed they had discovered the "One True Cure." These Quacks found success through our history, before eventually becoming

casualties of the reformers of the Progressive movement, whose efforts were to regulate business.

John Till was an Austrian immigrant who arrived at a lumber camp in Turtle Lake in 1898. He brought with him a unique paste which he said when applied would cure any ailment from bunions to cancer. His theory was that illness is caused by

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New Cumberland City Administrator Randy Reeg

City of Cumberland Welcomes New City Administrator

The City of Cumberland is pleased to introduce new City Administrator Randy Reeg to the community.

Randy comes to Cumberland after serving the City of Thorp in the same capacity from 2005 to 2018 and the City of Mauston from 2018 to 2023.

While at Thorp, Randy was instrumental in economic development, including helping Marieke Gouda, an award winning cheese maker and store acquire land and get its start in Thorp. The facility now attracts thousands of visitors to the small community annually.

While at Mauston, Reeg helped close 2 TID Dis-

tricts and add 1.4 million in excess revenue to put into affordable housing. He also helped to create 2 New TID Districts that focused on "Blight & Elimination" which helped to create downtown renovations and development that helped improve cash flow immediately. As some of you may have heard, he left Mauston with some controversy. He said local government is tough and some problems and issues needed to be resolved. He and some groups didn't see things the same and it was becoming too big of a distraction so it was time to move on.

Randy grew up in Michigan and is married with four

kids ranging from 19 to 29 years of age. Randy stated that although he grew up in Michigan, he is a devoted Packer fan. Randy graduated from UW-Superior with a degree in Fisheries Biology and then attained his Masters in Public Administration from UW-Oshkosh. Randy and his family are outdoor people. With his wife growing up in the Superior area, and he attending UW-Superior, he has always had a love for Northwest Wisconsin including having a cabin in the Minong area.

When this position came up it was an easy decision.

With hobbies like fishing, hunting, canoeing and

more, he is super excited to be here. Randy plans to get out and walk up and down main street and introduce himself to the community.

Randy said he has always left communities in better financial condition than when he arrived. He brings expertise in budgeting and management.

With that being said, he also stated he plans on being here a long, long time. He wants to become a part of the community. Randy plans on building friendships, partnerships and relationships. He wants to help make Cumberland an even better place.

He looks forward to meeting you!

Space Force Flag Presented to Anderson Thomson Legion Post 98

On behalf of Chief Master Sergeant of the United States Space Force, Roger Towberman (Retired), graduate of Cumberland High School, class of 1986, along with Second Lieutenant John Richie, United States

Space Force, graduate of Cumberland High School, class of 2018, a Space Force Flag was presented to the Cumberland American Legion Post.

The Cumberland American Legion Post proudly

excepts this flag in their honor. It should be noted both men are members of the Cumberland American Legion Post. The flag was presented by Jim Richie to Dennis Free, Commander of the Cumberland Ameri-

can Legion Post.

Thank you Chief Master Sergeant Towberman (Retired) and Second Lieutenant Richie for your service. A grateful Nation thanks you.

Flag Presentation!



United States Army Major Retired Jim Richie presents a United States Space Force Flag to Dennis Free, Commander of Anderson Thomson Legion Post 98.

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2 Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Community Connections to Prosperity

Community Connections to Prosperity is a local coalition working to help individuals, organizations, and agencies understand and help alleviate the challenges of poverty. Our mission is to empower every one of our neighbors in Barron County with skills, resources, and personal connections so that we may all enjoy lives free of poverty.

In early February, the coalition will be hosting the second multi-agency resource event (MARE) in Barron County. These events help address the needs of our neighbors by bringing services together under one roof and meeting their needs onsite.

Over twenty-five agencies will come together to help community members in need with housing, food, clothing, mental health, heat and utilities, transportation, medical care, victim services, disability resources, employment, childcare, transition services for young adults with disabilities, free haircuts, and so much more.

“We are asking for the community’s support to help make a big difference for people in our community,” said Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald. “If your business or organization has something to offer, please reach out to see how you can support these efforts.”

The coalition is asking for community support to enhance services and better meet attendee’s needs. Donations of nonperishable food items, laundry supplies, and full-size personal care items are requested. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Event planners are seeking community groups who can provide and serve a hot meal for attendees or sponsor a meal for agencies and volunteers at each event.

If you, your agency, or your business is able to help provide services or a meal, donate supplies or money, or would be interested in sponsoring future events, please contact event organizers at alisa.lammers@co.barron.wi.us or call 715-537-5691.



Seventh grader Reina Furseth created the logo for the First Annual Beaver Dam Slam Tournament which will be held in Cumberland on Tuesday, January 23rd at 5:15PM. She is pictured with her Art Teacher Mrs. Waterman and coach Justin Peterson.



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2nd - \$300.00	2nd - Gamefish
3rd - \$200.00	3rd - Gamefish
4th - \$150.00	4th - Gamefish
5th - \$100.00	5th - Gamefish
6th - \$50.00	6th - Gamefish

Gamefish

Northern	Walleye	Bass
1st \$100	1st \$100	1st \$100
2nd \$50	2nd \$50	2nd \$50

Panfish

Crappie	Bluegill	Perch
1st \$100	1st \$100	1st \$100
2nd \$50	2nd \$50	2nd \$50

• Need not be present to win Grand Prizes.
• Must be present to win door prizes • Food available on the ice
• Holes will be drilled if requested

Sun., Jan. 21, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

37th Annual Barronett ICE FISHING CONTEST
Sat. Jan. 27, 2024
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
SHALLOW LAKE • Barronett



Major Raffle
1st Place • \$250/ 2nd Place • \$125/ 3rd Place • \$50
Need not be present to win major raffle prizes. Prizes given out at Civic Center

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\$100 Largest Northern (2nd Northern \$25) • \$100 Largest Bass (2nd Bass \$25) \$50 Largest Panfish (2nd Panfish \$25)
1st & 2nd place for largest Northern, largest Bass and largest panfish (bluegill, crappie or perch)

Join us for souper supper at the Civic Center immediately following the contest. Free beer from 3-3:30 pm, if it lasts! Meat raffles, indoor ice fishing, etc.



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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18: • 5:00pm-9:30pm Girls HS Basketball @ Barron • 7:00pm - 9:00pm Wrestling @ Home vs. St. Croix Falls.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19: • NO SCHOOL 5:45PM-9:15PM • Boys Basketball @ Northwestern

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20: • 10:00am - 3:00 pm Wrestling Invite @ St. Croix Falls. • 11:00am - 2:00pm Girls Basketball home vs. Spooner

MONDAY, JANUARY 22: • 6:00 - 8:00 pm HS Community meeting and Building tours

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23: • 5:15 PM - 8:30 PM pm HS Wrestling home invite • 5:45 PM - 9:15 PM pm HS Girls Basketball @ Cameron

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24: • 6:01 PM - 8:01 PM Pickleball @ ES • 4:30 PM - 6:00 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Pat Churchwar.

COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS

NORDIC WEDNESDAYS at Timberland Hills
(1788 Boyd Ln., Barronett, WI 54813)
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: MaryKay.Burmesch@gmail.com
Susan Bridger CCE Director, sbrid@csdmail.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

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Questions: Contact-Pam@yoga-wildheart.com

CUMBERLAND AREA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



Cumberland Area Food Pantry
Open Fridays 1-3 pm
1270 1st Ave. • Cumberland

For first time visit please bring proof of residence and ID along with sturdy bags or boxes to carry food.

Donations of unexpired food items can be brought to the pantry Fridays from 12 pm to 3:30 pm.

Cash donations can be sent to the pantry
PO Box 741 Cumberland.

For further information or emergency food assistance, please call 715-822-3767.

Find us on Facebook @ Cumberland Area Food Pantry
cumberlandfoodpantry@gmail.com

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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, January 18
Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Baked Beans, Pineapple.
MS/HS: Pizza

Friday, January 19
NO SCHOOL/END OF SEMESTER

Monday, January 22
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Fires, Carrots, Pears.

MS/HS: Garlic Cheese bread
Tuesday, January 23
Cheese Quesadilla, Brown Rice, Corn, Mandarin Oranges.

MS/HS: Ham & Cheese with chips
Wednesday, January 24
Tator Tot Hotdish, Peas, Pineapple.
MS/HS: Cheese Quesadilla.

Lunch menu includes assorted fresh vegetables, fruit and salad bar daily with choice of milk.
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COMMUNITY MEETINGS & BUILDING TOURS

WHEN? January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
February 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE? Cumberland High School
1000 8th Avenue
Cumberland, WI

School Facility Bond Vote | February 20, 2024



Home Repair Loans with No Interest and No Monthly Payments

Many homeowners do not realize that Community Development Block Grant funds are available to help make repairs to their homes. The CDBG Home Repair Program, administered by Chippewa County Housing Authority, offers loans at no interest to income eligible homeowners for necessary repairs. Income limits vary by County. Loans are available for properties located in the West Central Wisconsin Housing Region which includes: Barron, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix Counties. Properties located in the City of Eau Claire are not eligible.

There is no interest on the loan and there are no monthly payments. The homeowner/estate pays back only what they borrowed when they no longer occupy the home as their primary place of residence (sell or move out of the home). The loans are available for necessary home repairs including, but not limited to: replacing siding, windows, doors, furnaces water/sewer laterals from the curb to the house, replacing septic systems and wells, upgrading plumbing, heating and electric systems, installing insulation, repairing foundations, and making a home accessible for a member who has a disability. Funds cannot be used for general remodeling such as updating decor. The loan must be approved prior to the work being started; we cannot reimburse a family for work already completed. Repairs to mobile homes are eligible if the owner also owns the land beneath the mobile home. Mobile homes in mobile home parks are not eligible.

One Barron County resident stated “Without this program, we never would have been able to replace our old windows. Our house is much warmer now. No more drafts!”

To apply for the program, visit the Chippewa County Housing Authority website at chippewacountywi.gov/community/housing-authority/home-repair or contact:

County	Contact Person	Phone Number	Email
Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix	Laura Rushmann, Chippewa County Housing Authority	715-726-7801	housingauthority@chippewacountywi.gov
Buffalo, Eau Claire, Pepin	Glenda Enger, Eau Claire County Housing Authority	715-839-6240	housing.assistant@eauclairecounty.gov

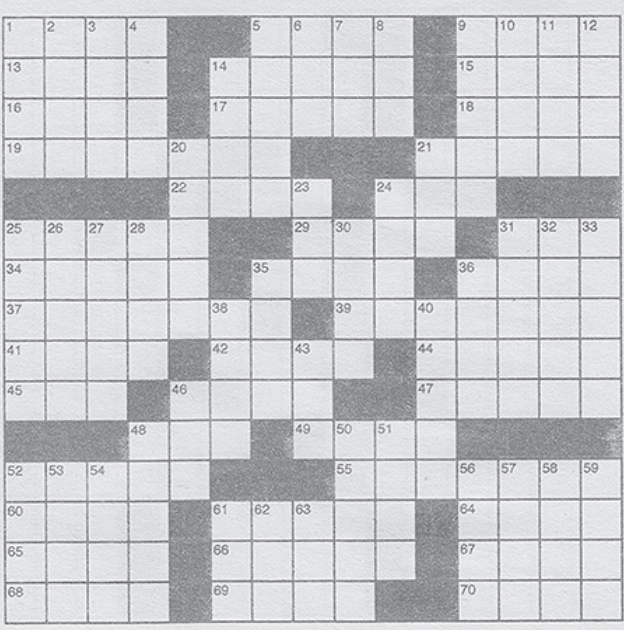
Income limits by County:

Household size	Barron, Buffalo, Clark & Polk	Chippewa & Eau Claire	Dunn	Pepin	Pierce & St. Croix
1	\$47,600	\$51,150	\$48,650	\$48,200	\$66,300
2	\$54,400	\$58,450	\$55,600	\$55,050	\$75,750
3	\$61,200	\$65,750	\$62,550	\$61,950	\$85,200
4	\$68,000	\$73,050	\$69,500	\$68,800	\$94,650
5	\$73,450	\$78,900	\$75,100	\$74,350	\$102,250
6	\$78,900	\$84,750	\$80,650	\$79,850	\$109,800
7	\$84,350	\$90,600	\$86,200	\$85,350	\$117,400
8	\$89,800	\$96,450	\$91,750	\$90,850	\$124,950

Sudoku Puzzle #4149-M

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5		6	2	7				3
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		8			4	7		
1	2						5	6
		9	1			3		
7		4						
2				4	6	9		1
	3				2	8	7	

PUZZLE



ACROSS

1 Taxis
5 Stack
9 Part of a house
13 Leer at
14 Saltine cracker brand
15 Mammoth
16 Wreck
17 Stomach sore
18 Goofs
19 ___ Pro-V, shampoo
21 Afloat (2 wds.)
22 Minnesota (abbr.)
24 Picnic visitor
25 Plant
29 Merely
31 Popular president's initials
34 Home
35 Let fall
36 Opera solo
37 Ruler
39 Few (2 wds.)
41 Accomplishment

42 Author, Victor
44 Spanish 'friend'
45 Compass point
46 Famous person's car
47 Punctuation mark
48 Status ___
49 Eight
52 Raise one's shoulders
55 Turkish
60 Broke
61 Large hotel room
64 Insect in a cocoon
65 ___ matter
66 Muslim's religion
67 Graphical ___ Interface (GUI)
68 Adolescent
69 Chums
70 Hot looking

DOWN

1 Corporation (abbr.)
2 Water (Spanish)
3 Blitz
4 Mailed
5 Beautiful woman of Troy
6 Escudo
7 Snacked
8 Standard or average
9 Gone With the Wind's Mr. Butler
10 Belongs to us
11 Giant
12 Plateau
14 Member of an Arizona Indian tribe
20 Fire remains
21 Whichever
23 Neither's partner
24 Dog food brand
25 Gives off tears
26 Houses
27 Indian monetary unit
28 Old
30 Taboo

31 Feeble
32 Wild dog
33 Fabric
35 Beaten instrument
36 Ammunition
38 American river
40 Inferred
43 Governor (abbr.)
46 Tote
48 Koran
50 Tiny amounts
51 Object
52 Lovers quarrel
53 Cavity
54 Capital of Italy
56 Musical composition
57 Meditate
58 Peak
59 Not one
61 Drink slowly
62 North American country
63 Queasy

Northwoods Notebook: A good decade in a small town by Larry Werner

I was looking for a lake home, not a home, 10 years ago this winter. I had retired, but Ann was still working, and I was chasing a lifelong dream of a place on water where I could do some fishing, boating and, just generally, escape city bustle for country air.

As a longtime Twin Cities resident, it made sense to look for a cabin in northern Minnesota. So I did, without success. My daughter, who had married a fellow from a town called Cumberland, encouraged me to look in northwest Wisconsin. And I met even more nice folks walking the streets and getting a daily latte at Peter & Annie’s.

The town has changed some since the winter of 2014.

Peter & Annie’s, for example, lost its lease in a building that now houses Salud Salt and Spa.

I was concerned my adopted town wouldn’t have a coffee shop, but the city bought the old Kwik Trip building at the four corners and rented it to Vickie Komarek, who then sold the coffee shop to Ryan Standaert. On the other end of main street, Idlewild Outfitters closed, and the building became Roots Coffee Company after Sam and Jancee Heer bought it from Pauli and Neil Kennelly.

To someone who believes coffee shops are important civilizing institutions, I was in hog heaven when I learned we would have two coffee shops. My motto is, “If I can’t walk to get a latte, I’d rather not be there.” And I’ve told every coffee-shop owner I know, “You’re not just building a business; you’re building community.”

Over the 10 years, we’ve lost several downtown businesses — Mainstream Boutique, because of the pandemic, and Cas’ menswear store and the frame shop because of owners’ deaths. The DNR office was closed, and Paul Nelson’s hardware and carpet stores became Sunshine Fitness and the Vintage Gallery. Young people bought empty storefronts and opened businesses that include Tevin, White Willow and Sugar Wear.

Our Place Café was sold in about a week and reopened as Country Skillet. The Tower House closed in 2016 after 50 years as a restaurant and now is a bar open a few days a week. The beautiful Victorian home is for sale, by the way, in case you’ve always wanted to operate a restaurant.

The Hair Company salon is now Lakes Title. The Corner Bar changed hands but is still The Corner Bar. And the changes keep coming, with Nilssen’s Foods knocking down some old buildings to make room for a significant expansion of the grocery store.

The character of Cumberland hasn’t changed since we found that place in the winter of 2014.

Our little village, born on an island about 140 years ago, is a pretty place where some families trace their local lineage back five generations. But it’s also a place where newcomers are welcomed to enjoy a life that is slower than what we had in the city, but every bit as rich.

It’s been a good 10 years. Larry Werner’s email is lhwner47@gmail.com.



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Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

What a win for the Packers. It was never a game. Green Bay absolutely hammered the so called “American Team” in “Jerry’s World.” As I’m sure most of you know, I’m a Viking fan. I really didn’t have a favorite team in Sunday night’s game except to say I’m so tired of turning on ESPN every morning and hearing about Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys. I mean everyday. Dallas has done absolutely nothing the past 30 years yet they get hyped all the time. It’s ridiculous! Green Bay is the youngest team to ever win a playoff game. Look out Lions, Vikings and Bears fans, it sure seems like the Pack somehow found another stud at quarterback. It is the hardest position to fill in all of sports, yet Green Bay looks to have found another one. Both Rodgers and Love were not picked until 20’s in the draft. That means 20 other teams passed on those two guys. Pretty crazy!

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The Cumberland High School Wrestling team is having a fabulous season and are ranked 8th in the state in Division 3. The Johnson brothers are ranked #1 and #2 while Noah Hile is ranked 5th. Jack Owens, Harrison Ruppel, Caleb Hile, Dau-Tre Allen, Jack Chafer and Boaz West are having excellent seasons as well. The Beavers have a real shot at making it to state as a team, and not to mention several individuals should be there as well. Cumberland takes on state ranked St. Croix Falls this Thursday night in Cumberland. Come up and watch what should be a great night of wrestling.

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Well I think it’s safe to say winter has finally made an appearance while we could certainly use some more snow the cold is definitely here. Hopefully by the end of the week, area lakes will have enough ice to get ATV’s out. I have a small wheel house, 6 x 10, and it has not been on the lake since 2022. That’s crazy in this part of the world. I know skiers and snowmobilers are anxiously waiting for some white stuff. Well, hopefully we get safe ice and then the snow will follow. I know I’ve been going stir crazy as I’m sure some of you have as well. If this keeps up, I might have to get busy on some “Honey Do” list stuff. We don’t

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Alzheimer’s study at UW-Madison may improve odds for dementia treatment”

MADISON, Wis. – With longer lifespans comes the possibility of dementia in one of its currently relentless forms, as I know all too well from experiences within my own extended family. Watching loved ones as they slowly lose their memories and even their abilities to do simple things such as hold a fork or dress themselves is a shared suffering not to be wished on anyone.

Sometimes, family members can provide care at home in settings that allow for compassionate attention to everything from medicinal schedules to bed sores, and from mood swings to simply wandering off.

For the estimated 6 million to 7 million Americans with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia, however, such settings are more unusual than not. The bulk live out their days in nursing or assisted living centers; some go undiagnosed for too long, which can be the case with early onset dementia.

With predictions for a doubling of U.S. dementia patients by 2040, the need to better understand Alzheimer’s and its debilitating “relatives” has intensified. That’s why

the five-year, \$150-million federal grant awarded to the UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health is critical to learning more about root causes, possible disease pathways and better clinical care.

Known as the “Clarity in Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias Research Through Imaging,” or CLARiTI, the UW study will gather data showing the presence, absence or change in characteristic disease biomarkers in people with dementia or at risk of developing it.

It will involve all 37 Alzheimer’s Disease Research Centers nationally, establish standardized brain imaging and blood plasma test protocols tied to known biomarkers, and assess the function of small blood vessels in the brain to analyze signs of neurodegeneration.

Like most clinical research studies, it will involve large cohorts of people. About 2,000 people will be enrolled nationally through the existing network, which will enable collection of magnetic resonance imaging and positron emission tomography, or PET, brain scans. Advanced blood biomarkers will

also be collected to help researchers correlate biological changes to clinical diagnoses, genetics and changes in patient symptoms over time.

That combination of medical imaging, genetics and neurobiology forms a sweet spot of research and clinical experience at the UW-Madison, which may explain why the National Institutes of Health chose it for what will be the largest NIH grant in campus history.

The Madison effort will be led by Sterling Johnson, a professor of medicine at UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Quoted on the medical school website, Johnson said one goal of the study is to pin down causes of “mixed dementia,” which occurs when more than one neurological disease is the culprit.

“Without knowing the true cause of a patient’s dementia, physicians can’t properly treat them,” said Johnson, who holds a doctorate in clinical neuropsychology. “By collaborating across our Alzheimer’s Disease Research Centers network, we can shed light on the complex interplay of multiple pathologies contributing to dementia,

ultimately advancing our understanding and treatment of this devastating condition.”

Data collected through CLARiTI will be made available to scientists through the National Alzheimer’s Coordinating Center. Analyzed biological samples will be shared through the National Centralized Repository for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias. Both are tied to the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Centers network and beyond.

For families across the country, this study may not hold out immediate hope simply because it will take time. Researchers and clinicians elsewhere are following other routes to learn more and to develop treatments, so it’s not a case of the rest of the medical world turning a blind eye to the seriousness of the challenge.

Meanwhile, for families and caregivers everywhere, patience and compassion remain two of the best tools for dealing with Alzheimer’s and dementia.

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

A Look Back

**10 Years Ago
January 22, 2014**

A Comstock resident will be competing in the 138th Annual Westminster Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show in New York on February 10-11. Linda and Claude Matula and their German Shorthaired Pointer, Meme, will be among nearly 3,000 dogs competing in America’s Dog Show, the second longest continuously held sporting event in this country.

Cumberland Healthcare is expanding healthcare access to Turtle Lake. They are proud to announce the opening of their new Cumberland Healthcare Turtle Lake center on Monday, February 10th.

**20 Years Ago
January 21, 2004**

The Cumberland Elementary School Playground Equipment Fundraiser has raised \$19,347.50 to date. The goal of the project Playground is to raise \$30,000. Thank you to the Cumberland Federal Bank generously donated \$2,000.

Last Friday, the Board of Control of the W.I.A.A. rejected on a 6-4 vote to the adding of Ashland to the HON. The move was controversial as schools from the HON were concerned about the size of Ashland-801 students and the terrific amount of increased travel time it would have been needed had Ash-

land been added to the conference.

**30 Years Ago
January 19, 1994**

Tuesday’s dawn gave no indication of the severe weather gripping our area. The sun rose and the weather seemed very clear and beautiful. However, no yellow school buses were running and no children were seen playing outdoors. With the windchill, the temperature was between 70 and 90 degrees below zero. In addition, all of Minnesota’s schools were closed also. It is just too dangerous.

**40 Years Ago
January 18, 1984**

The Cumberland High School will hold its annual Red and White week starting next Monday. This year’s court includes: Brad Siriani, Joe Ranallo, Greg Egstad, Derrick Capra, Rick Rieper, Laura White, Kathleen Ranallo, Michelle bay, Shana Hanson, Lori Rous, Diane Neby and Tony Perzichilli.

The Cumberland Fire Department were called to the Cumberland Landfill, where firemen spent about three hours pouring water on the fire. There was no damage, and the cause of the fire is unknown.

**50 Years Ago
January 17, 1934**

A new business, Johnson Land Surveyors, Inc., has opened in Cumberland and is located in the Johnson-Hilton building

at the corner of Grove and Second. The business does surveying for private individuals as well as municipalities.

With deadlines nearing for the filing of nomination papers for the Spring Election in April, prospects for any interesting races are just about nil. No one has come forth as opposition and as for the school board, no one, including the incumbents, have indicated they seek the positions.

**60 Years Ago
January 23, 1964**

Fifteen Cumberland Boy Scouts, accompanied by Scoutmaster Dr. Gordon Toftness and assistants Henry Miller and Foster Bridger joined 225 other scouts from the area at Camp Phillips last Saturday for a Derby. The team earned one blue ribbon and two red ribbons. The scouts were: Richard Ritchie, Steve Donatelle, Tom Statton, Roland Torkelson, Foster Bridger Jr., Greg Miller, Dick Thorp, Jim Schullo, Bobby Buss, Jim Ritchie, David Knutson, Jerry Ritchie, Ricky Thorson, Gary Vig and David Duncan.

**70 Years Ago
January 21, 1954**

Pvt. Sam R. Monno, Cumberland, is now serving with the Seventh Army’s 793rd Field Artillery Battalion in Germany. Units of the Seventh Army

form a major part of the strong cordon of NATO defense forces stretching across western Europe.

**80 Years Ago
January 20, 1944**

A drizzle of rain became the latest quirk of a mile winter when .02 of an inch fell last Tuesday as the mercury mounted to the second highest reading for the month, 39. The high was set on the 14th with a reading of 41.



WINTER! WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Pre.	Snow
1/9	27	20	trace	trace
1/10	30	23	0.00	0.00
1/11	25	16	0.11	1.5
1/12	22	2	0.00	0.00
1/13	16	3	0.06	1.3
1/14	10	-8	0.00	0.00
1/15	-6	-12	0.00	0.00

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

Keith W. Davis, 57, Dallas, operating without carrying a license, \$217.10. Sara A. Haas, 47, operating while revoked, \$443.00. Shawn R. Rock, 32, Hatley, OWI, \$1,429.00 Hugo Rodriguez-Manzanaarez, 34, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Cody A. Borresen, 33, Cumberland, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Anthony E. Carman, 26, Rice Lake, speeding, \$175.30. Cody J. Dirkes, 20, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Lilyana J. Findley, 18, fail/ yield right/way from stop sign, \$175.30. Floyd W. Hanson, 65, Cumberland, OWI, \$974.50, operating left of center, \$213.10 and failure to keep vehicle under control, \$213.10. Austin D. Hanson, 27, Almena, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. David T. Heagle, 36, Bloomer, OWI, \$1,024.50. James A. Henderson, 83, Chippewa Falls, fail/yield right/way from stop sign, \$175.30 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. April L. Hill, 26, Almena, failure to stop at stop sign, \$175.30. Lael D. Johnson, 44, Cameron, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Hunter J. Krause, 23, Rice Lake, OWI, \$811.50. Sarah E. Kukuch, 39, Bruce, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Grace M. Miller, 19, Rice Lake, speeding, \$200.50. Brianna R. Moore, 26, Birchwood, speeding, \$200.50. Shawn L. Nesseth-Lipke, 53, Barron, OWI, \$1,150.50 and operating left of center, \$213.10. Alexander A. Ninke, 27, Clayton, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50, keep open intoxicants in motor vehicle, \$263.50 and deviation from designated lane, \$175.30. Lever Rivera-Mueller, 33, Barron, operate without a valid license. \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Nixon A. Rodriguez-Perez, 21, San Pablo, MN., driving too fast for conditions, \$213.10, operate without a valid license, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Lisa M. Saffert, 38, Exeland, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Eddy F. Sauca-Chalan, 21, Hudson, speeding, \$175.30 and operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Terence L. Smith, 78, Dallas, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Shannon M. Stone, 22, Rice Lake, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Alisha R. Thompson, 28, Barron, speeding, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Brittney Torres, 29, Barron, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30.

Complaints

Bret R. Kittleson, 42, of Rice Lake, has been charged with deposit or discharge solid waste on public or private property. His court date

is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

Kameron M. Vanerp, 17, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for February 7, 2024.

Traffic Complaints

Bradley E. Thompson, 21, of Chetek, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His court hearing is scheduled for April 3, 2024.

Joseph L. Medina, 32, of Clayton, has been charged with operating while revoked. His court hearing is scheduled for April 3, 2024.

Lilliona S. Wickware, 23, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked. She has a warrant out for her arrest.

Brandon M. Benson, 23, of Wausau, has been charged with operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Criminal Complaints

Brett M. Swieca, 31, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse, criminal damage to property and resisting or obstructing an officer. His court date is scheduled for March 27, 2024.

Dustin A. Davis, 36, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 17, 2024.

Dylan R. Smetana, 31, of Chetek, has been charged with disorderly conduct ad domestic abuse. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

Anthony J. Bourgoins, 46, of Hinckley, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 7, 2024.

Stephen N. Cook, 46, of Barron, has been charged with OWI and possession of methamphetamine. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Dean E. Louis, 66, of Stone Lake, has been charged with OWI and operating while revoked. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

Nicole L. Root, 31, of Frederic, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and OWI. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 17, 2024.

Shane T. Hart, 52, of Rhinelander, MN., has been charged with fail to report to county jail. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

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Neighbors!
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CUMBERLAND!

Barronett Man Charged with 3rd OWI; Has a Warrant Out for His Arrest

Scott A. Romportl Jr., 36, of Barronett, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, operating with PAC, operating a motor vehicle while revoked and failure to install ignition interlock device.

A deputy, with the Barron County Sheriff's Office, reports on September 16, 2023, at approximately 1:10 am, she received notice of a vehicle stopped in the roadway near County Road B and County Road V. The deputy responded and located a vehicle crossed over into the westbound lane of traffic on County Road B. The deputy reports the vehicle was completely over the center line by about a foot with both front and rear left tires.

The deputy approached the vehicle and observed a lone occupant in the driver's seat who appeared to be passed out behind the wheel with the vehicle still in drive. The deputy knocked on the window to get the driver's attention. The driver awoke and appeared disoriented. The deputy opened the door and asked the driver to put the vehicle in park. The deputy reports Romportl acknowledged her however he unsuccessfully attempted to shut the door and started to drive forward as the deputy yelled at him to stop. The deputy reports the driver eventually stopped the vehicle and was eventually able to put the vehicle in park and remove the keys from the ignition.

The driver identified himself as the defendant, Romportl. Romportl advised he was coming from Rice Lake and going nowhere. Romportl advised he had a few beers in Rice Lake. Romportl advised he had no recollection of how long he had been in the roadway or when he had stopped drinking. The deputy asked Romportl to exit

the vehicle. The deputy detected a strong odor of alcohol and observed Romportl's eyes to be glazed. The deputy observed Romportl to have a hard time walking and was using the vehicle to stay upright.

The deputy reports she attempted to administer Standardized Field Sobriety Tests to Romportl. The deputy reports he was not able to follow the instructions on the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test, and the deputy terminated the remainder of the tests due to Romportl's inability to stand up unassisted.

The deputy administered a preliminary breath test, and the result was .122.

The deputy placed Romportl under arrest. The deputy reports there was no ignition interlock device in the vehicle. Romportl consented to the collection of an evidentiary chemical sample of his blood. The deputy transported Romportl to a nearby hospital where they collected a sample of his blood. The sample was sent to the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene. The result was .170 g/100ml.

If convicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, Romportl may be fined not less than \$600 nor more than \$2,000 and imprisoned for not less than 45 days nor more than one year in jail. For operating with PAC, he may be fined not less than \$600 nor more than \$2,000 and imprisoned for not less than 45 days nor more than one year in jail. For operating a motor vehicle while revoked, he may be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than one year in jail or both. For failure to install ignition interlock device, he may be fined not less than \$150 nor more than \$600, or may be imprisoned for not more than six months or both. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Non Emergency Phone Numbers:

Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754

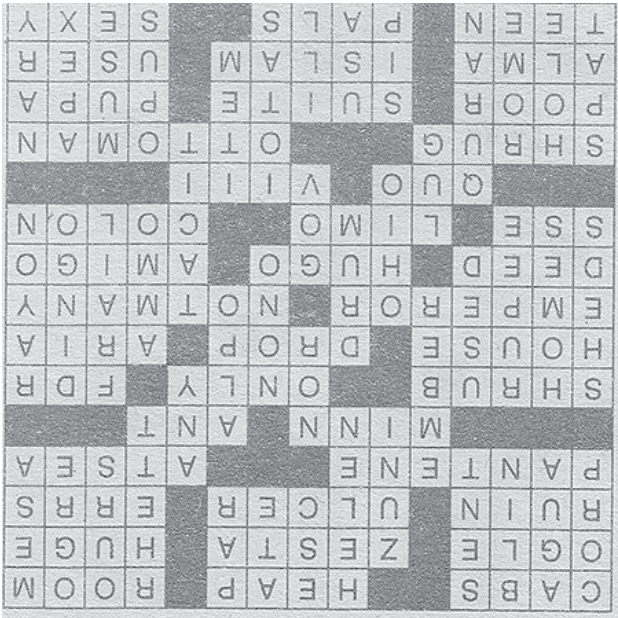
Barron County Sheriff 537-3106

Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency 911

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS
ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:

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



Officers work to stop human trafficking on our highways; January Law of the Month: Human trafficking prevention

The Wisconsin State Patrol's January Law of the Month encourages all Wisconsinites to learn about human trafficking and help stop the crime in our state.

Human trafficking is a felony crime that involves the use of force or threats for sexual exploitation or labor. Traffickers manipulate their victims through force, fraud and coercion, and use psychological tactics to maintain control.

Trafficking is often a hidden crime that happens in urban and rural communities across the country, including in Wisconsin. All State Patrol officers are trained in recognizing the basic indicators of human trafficking, the questions to ask, and options to help connect a victim with available social services.

"The interstate system can be a conduit for human trafficking, so our troopers and inspectors know what to look for on every traffic stop and will intervene if necessary," Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "We also maintain strong partnerships with other agencies, organizations and industries that can help us identify someone who may be trafficked and get them to safety."

Partnerships to fight trafficking

The transportation and trucking industries have an important role in preventing human trafficking. The State Patrol works with commercial motor vehicle drivers to encourage them to recognize the signs of trafficking and report suspicious activity.

All new interstate companies must complete an educational New Entrant Safety Audit that includes a review of human trafficking information. The Wisconsin DMV also requires commercial driver license schools in Wisconsin to in-

clude instruction in the recognition and prevention of human trafficking.

During National Human Trafficking Prevention Month in January, the State Patrol will join the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)'s Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative. Officers will connect with commercial motor vehicle drivers and provide educational materials to let them know what to do if they suspect someone is being trafficked.

Identifying trafficking

All Wisconsinites can have an impact to prevent human trafficking in our communities. Recognizing key indicators of trafficking can help save a life. The following could be signs someone is vulnerable:

- A sudden or dramatic change in behavior
- Becoming disconnected from family, friends, or community organizations
- Signs of mental or physical abuse, or deprivation of basic needs
- Indication of being coached on what to say, or not in control of their own decisions

If you encounter a situation you suspect is human trafficking, do not approach anyone involved. Gather as much information as possible and contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733. If there is an immediate danger, call 911.

Read more about the indicators of human trafficking and find other resources in Wisconsin here: <https://wisconsin-dot.gov/Pages/safety/humantrfkng.aspx>

View the January Law of the Month video and news release online: <https://wisconsin-dot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/law/lom.aspx>

ATV/UTV Riders: Beware Of Winter Conditions; Ride Sober, Slow Down And Wear A Helmet

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges ATV/UTV riders to be mindful of potentially dangerous winter conditions when operating recreational vehicles during the extended riding season.

Many of the state's trails have yet to be covered in snow, but just because a winter road or trail is legally open for riding doesn't mean it's safe. Frost, ice and fresh snow can cause slippery conditions. UTVs and ATVs may have great traction off roads, but that can change when they are driven on roadway routes in winter.

"Be extra careful, especially when slowing down and approaching turns," said Lt. Warden Jacob Holsclaw, DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Administrator. "Nothing stops fast on slippery pavement, and these machines do not handle the same as a car or a truck."

In 2023, there were 32 fatal ATV/UTV crashes in the state, the most recent of which happened on Dec. 31. The consumption of alcohol or drugs, excess speed, driver inexperience and operator error are leading causes of fatal crashes.

Here are a few more safety tips to keep in mind when operating your off-highway vehicles during winter:

Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride.

Always wear a DOT-approved helmet.

Always wear a seatbelt in a UTV.

Remember, no ice is 100% safe. Warmer than usual winter temperatures

have created hazardous ice conditions, and extra caution is necessary.

Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.

Let someone not riding with you know where you are going and when you will return.

Follow all posted speed limits and regulatory signs.

Dress for the weather and carry additional safety gear such as a life jacket, ice picks and dry clothes when operating on the ice.

Double-check before operating on trails. Many trails open to ATVs/UTVs are closed during winter in anticipation of snowmobile season.

Wisconsin law requires ATV and UTV operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, who are at least 12 years old for an ATV (and at least 16 years old for UTV) must complete an ATV safety certification course to operate in Wisconsin (exception: on private property owned by operator's immediate family). These safety courses can be taken online or in person. A list of approved safety education classes is available on the DNR Safety Education webpage.

Wisconsin law also requires every operator involved in a crash incident to report the incident without delay to law enforcement officials. Operators must submit a written report to the DNR within 10 days of the incident.

For more information about ATV and UTV recreation in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's ATV/UTV Riding in Wisconsin webpage.

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Sports

Wrestlers Have Another Excellent Week, Taking Five Dual Victories

It was an excellent five days of wrestling for Coach Justin Peterson’s squad last week as the team picked up five dual victories. The Beavers dominated their opponents, defeating Amery 57-21, Somerset 63-12, Spooner/Webster 70-12, Northwestern 78-6, and Ladysmith 61-13. These wins set up a showdown with St. Croix Falls this Thursday night in Elmer Beran Gymnasium, with action beginning at 7:00 pm.

Six forfeits by Somerset made the Beavers victory over the Spartans an easy one in Tuesday’s home dual. Noah Hile and Boaz West added pins in less than a minute, while Harrison Ruppel and Nelson Vasquez pinned their opponents in less than two minutes. The whole contest lasted just under 30 minutes.

Tuesday’s second dual against Amery also ended in a big Beavers victory, but featured two exciting individual match-ups.

At 106 pounds, Beaver Freshman Braden Johnson entered the contest as the State’s second ranked D3 wrestler in his weight class, while Amery’s Westin Ingham came in ranked second in D2. It was a highly anticipated head-to-head match, which Johnson won 8 to 3 with three takedowns and two escapes.

The second much-awaited match-up featured the Beavers 5th ranked D3 120-pound wrestler Noah Hile against the 4th ranked D2 wrestler Lane Anderson. Again, it was an exciting bout, which Anderson won 6-0. Five Amery forfeits aided the Beavers cause, while Cumberland added several pins, including one

by Boaz West in 11 seconds. “We did a great job honing some of the skills we have been working on this week,” said Coach Peterson about the night.

This set up a trip to Ladysmith on Thursday, where the Beavers made short work of three HON opponents.

The evening was filled with a bevy of Cumberland pins. This included 12 six-pointers in the victory over Northwestern and 10 in the win over Spooner/Webster. In the victory over the Rails, the Beavers had eight the pins in under two minutes. It was a great display of wrestling by the Cumberland, still ranked eighth in the D3 polls.

Individually, there are seven Cumberland wrestlers with 20 or more wins on the season, led by Dawson Johnson, who is currently 32 and 0. Among his wins are 20 pins. Freshman Braden Johnson is right behind with a record of 30 and 2 with 12 pins. Other top records include Jack Owens at 26-8, Noah Hile at 24-6, Harrison Ruppel at 25-9, Caleb Hile at 25-10, Dau-Tre Allen at 21-8, and Jack Chafer at 15-3.

Following Thursday’s home dual against St. Croix Falls, the Beavers head to St. Croix Falls on Saturday for the Saints 23-team Invitational. Wrestling begins at 9:30 am on Saturday.

St. Croix Falls is ranked 8th in the State’s D2 polls and has won five of the last eight HON Championships. The Beavers are looking to recapture the top spot in the Conference and Thursday’s match should be a great night of competition for local fans.

Northwest Icemen Drop Two Contests; At Baldwin-Woodville Next Tuesday

The Northwest Icemen dropped a pair of contests last week to see their season’s record fall to 1 and 11 on the year. The team played Amery on Tuesday and are then off until next Tuesday, January 23, when they play a road game against Baldwin-Woodville starting at 7:00 pm. Their next home game is Thursday, January 25, when they host Somerset in Barron at 7:00 pm.

Last week began with a 9-1 loss to Lakeland on Tuesday. The Icemen were outshot 52 to 8 in the contest, with their only goal

scored by David Pond late in period three. It was a rough contest, with the Icemen taking 10 penalties in the game.

Thursday’s loss was much closer as Altoona/Regis/McDonell picked up a 2-0 victory over the Icemen. Both goals came in period one as the two teams played scoreless second and third periods. It was once again a physical contest which saw 16 penalties in the match-up, seven by the Icemen. Despite playing some 20 minutes on the power play, the Icemen were unable to score in the game.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 18
Girls BB @ Barron 6:00
Wrestling home vs St. Croix Falls 7:00

Friday, Jan. 19
Boys BB @ N. Western 7:00
Saturday, Jan. 20
Wrestling @ St. Croix Falls 10:00
Girls BB home vs Spooner 12:30

Tuesday, Jan. 23
Wrestling home 5:15
Girls BB @ Cameron 7:00
Hockey @ Baldwin 7:00

Thursday, Jan. 25
Boys BB @ Barron 7:00
Hockey vs Somerset @ Barron 7:00

Strong Season!



Jack Owens takes his man to the mat in the Beavers home win over Amery. Owens ran his record to 26-8. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Dawson Johnson has now won 150 matches in his stellar high school career. The three time State Champion ran his record to 32-0 on the season with another strong week of wrestling. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Harrison Ruppel grabbed a big pin vs Amery to help the Beavers keep rolling. Ruppel has a fine record of 25-9 on the year. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.

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Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

SOLAR TIMES

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LUNAR TIMES

MOON

DST

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01/19 Fri	-----	5:51	12:04	6:16	07:42	04:52	11:51a	2:14a	7:33p	7:08a	
01/20 Sat	12:25	6:38	12:52	7:05	07:42	04:53	12:21p	3:31a	8:26p	8:00a	
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01/22 Mon	2:01	8:15	2:29	8:42	07:40	04:56	1:44p	5:51a	10:15p	9:48a	
01/23 Tue	2:51	9:04	3:18	9:31	07:39	04:58	2:40p	6:47a	11:09p	10:43a	

Major = 2 hours/Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window

F=Full Moon N=New Moon Q=Quarter Moon > = Peak Activity

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

A Great Week in the Delta National Forest

Hello friends,
Last week and again this week I am writing to you about a 7-day hunting and camping trip that I went on with my brother Tom Walters of Denham Springs, Louisiana and my 22 year old daughter Selina Walters. A little history, this is our 3rd hunt in the Delta National Forest (DNF), our first was right after the great flood of 2019, which we did not know about when we agreed to the hunt. Our next trip was in 2022 and the most recent is what I am writing about. To put it into reality, though we always wanted to harvest a buck or a hog, we have never fired a shot.

What was not killed or displaced by 7 feet of water for 5 months in most cases is too young to meet the 15-inch minimum that a buck has to be to harvest. We have seen a number of bucks over the years but never one that we were confident was large enough to legally harvest.

Friday, December 29th
High 53, low 26

Today would be our 3rd day of hunting with our 7 day, all game licenses that cost just under \$300.00. All 3 of us have been seeing deer but so far only one hog. We stay up late and get up about 4:30. We paddle canoes in the dark and then hike to our stands. This morning I found an excellent scrape and rub that had just been made within the last few hours and I was extremely excited for our afternoon hunt.

In this case I would be sitting on the ground in a massive hardwood forest in an area where deer were tearing up the ground eating acorns the size of walnuts.

The locals call deer bedding areas thickets, because they are so thick walking through them is challenging to say the least. I would be on the edge of a thicket and used my grunt tube about every 20 minutes and about 30 minutes into my hunt saw a good buck headed my way. It was only about 50 yards away just about to come out of a thicket and give me an easy shot if he was legal.

The buck stopped and did give me a broadside shot but the 15-inch minimum rack size made me

chicken out of taking the shot. The buck headed back into the thicket, I was confident he was not alarmed and mad as hell at myself for passing on the shot, because on second thought I knew he was dandy. Another way a buck can be legal is if one of its main beams is at least 18 inches.

Just before dark a small doe checked out the scrape and began eating acorns, at very close to dark my buck appeared at the scrape and I did not hesitate. I have always been in a stand for this type of a situation, he was about 80 yards away and I sent a round from my 300 into what I was hoping was his vitals and went looking for signs of a hit.

I found no sign of a hit and got out of the area as I did not want to push him. Back at camp that night I was nervous as a cat in a dog kennel with 2 pit bulls, was he legal, was he hit?

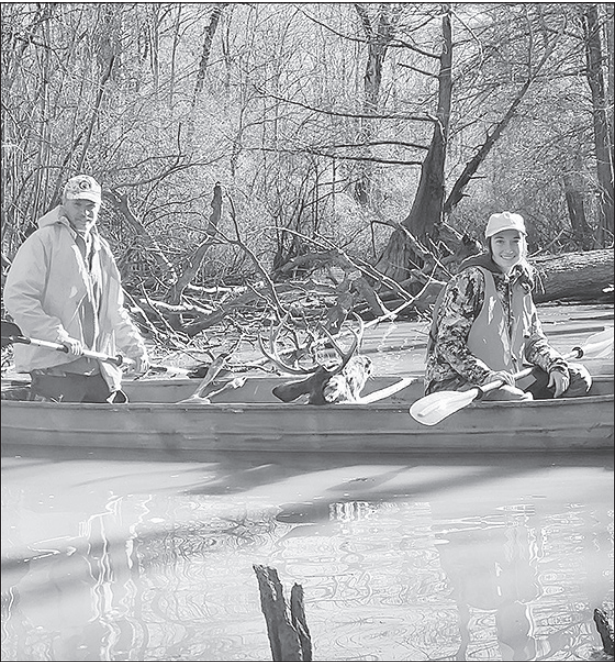
Every night of this adventure there was a hard frost so I knew he would be fine, a little side note, you can shoot 3 bucks, but only one a day.

The following morning the 8 pointer was 80 yards from the scrape, cold as ice and legal with a 16.5 inch spread and a main beam of 20 inches and the other was 19.5.

There is a lot of research done on these deer and although we had to do all of the work, each deer has to have a part of the lower jaw removed, has to be weighed and the antlers must be measured in 3 different places. Lots of crazy things happened on the last 4 days of this hunt. We did not see another deer while on our stands. Someone stole a 20-pound propane tank off from our cook stove and bought it back 2 days later empty.

One day on some high ground I found a whole bunch of wild boar skulls. When the flood came many of the animals lived on small tracts of high ground where it was survival of the fittest with most fawns being killed by boars and raccoon. Sharp shooters came in by helicopter and literally tried wiping out as many of the wild boar as possible as they are bad news for the environment.

My guess is that is what caused the concentration



Mark Walters and Selina Walters after a successful hunt in the Delta National Forest in west central Mississippi.



Selina Walters and her uncle Tom Walters on the last day of their Mississippi deer and hog hunt.

of boar skulls in a very small area.
This trip was another great experience for all of us!
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2023-2024 Cumberland Boys Basketball Team!



Pictured L to R: Coach Ryan Zemke, Jack Richter, Uriah Johnson, Carson Catlin, Alex Effertz, Chayden Berghammer, Gavin Gores, Troy Majewski, Calvin Cunningham, Edwin Martinez, Hunter Dirksen, Parker Peterson & Coach Brian Dutton.

2023-2024 Northwest Icemen!



Pictured Front Row (L to R): Konner Severson, Riley Elwood, Oscar Severson, Preston Pederson, Jacob Meznarich, Hayden Hince, Caleb Parker, Reid Fenton & Sanden Kunkel. Second Row: Brody Chartraw, David Pond, Cameron Janz, Manager Isabella Anderson, Manager Noah Thurs, Manager Michal Braden, Manager Jayden Siemers, Thorfin Moe, Noah Nelson, & AJ Teig. Third Row: Owen Sprague & Garret Givens. Back Row: Ethan Peterson, Caden Deacon, Brody Hammann, Assistant Coach Ben Thurs, Assistant Coach Brett Mueller, Head Coach Jess Engquist, Assistant Coach Brent Hilbert, Troy McDonough, Luke Konsela, & Jonathan Nelson.

Basketball Team Splits Pair of Games; at Northwestern this Friday

The Cumberland Beavers split a pair of games last week, losing a non-conference tilt to Spring Valley, but rebounding with a HON victory against the Hayward Hurricanes last Thursday night. The Beavers record stands at 6 and 5 on the year, 4 and 3 in Conference play.

Last Monday, Spring Valley moved to 10 and 3 on the season with an 83-71 home victory over the Beavers. The Cardinals led by two at halftime, but used a hot shooting second half to pull way to a 12-point win.

Cumberland tried to keep up to Spring Valley by hoisting up 38 shots from beyond the arc in the contest. They would hit 15 treys during the game, but only shoot 40 percent overall from the floor, while Spring Valley made 59 percent of their shots, including eight of 14 attempts from beyond the three-point line.

Chayden Berghammer had a nice game for Coach Brian Dutton with 21 points and three assists. Jack Richter also played a solid game for the Beavers with a career-high 16 points and five assists. Leading scorer Gavin Gores was held to 13 points and nine rebounds, while hitting five of 16 shots from the floor. Uriah Johnson grabbed eight rebounds and added 12 points.

On Thursday, it was Cumberland who led by two points at intermission, but

this time it was the Beavers who pulled away to a 55-45 victory after the midpoint break. It was led by a stingy defense, which made it hard for the Hurricanes to find any good shots inside the three-point line.

Hayward could not contain Gavin Gores, who ended the night with 34 points, including 15 of 18 from the free throw line. He added 14 rebounds in a dominant performance.

The Beavers made 23 of 35 free throws in the contest, the difference between the two teams. Troy Majewski did a nice job for the Beavers from his point guard position, adding seven points and three steals, while Berghammer contributed five points and five assists.

The Beavers have a big opportunity to move up in the HON standings this week, having hosted 9 and 2 Ladysmith on Tuesday and then heading to Northwestern this Friday to play the 8 and 5 Northwestern Tigers. Next Thursday, January 25, Cumberland is back in action with a 7:00 pm game in Barron against the 2 and 10 Bears.

Gavin Gores is currently 17th in scoring in the State at 26.5 points per game and 12th in rebounding at 13.3 per contest. Chris Davis Jr of Sun Prairie West, leads the state in scoring, averaging 41.7 points per game.

Cumberland Mixed up Bowling League Second Half Standings

Cumberland Federal - 8	Bob Cifaldi - 177
Club Cumberland - 8	Pam Allen - 171
Corner Bar - 6	3 High Scratch Series
Grandma's Gang - 5	Tommy Youston - 484
Cumberland Bus - 3	Bob Cifaldi - 473
3 High Scratch Games	Laura Valles - 456
Tommy Youston - 196	

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Team Standings	Polly Henke - 200
Becker's Trucking - 16	Kelly VanHeuklom - 182
Northwoods Septic - 16	Heidi VanHeuklom - 180
Clear Lake Self Storage - 9	Jeannie Glasscock - 177
Bourbon's - 9	Shannon Bents - 173
Bowlin Buddies - 7	5 High Scratch Series
Austad's Super Valu - 7	Kelly VanHeuklom - 486
Four Chops - 4	Heidi VanHeuklom - 485
Dane Arthur Real Estate - 4	Polly Henke - 472
5 High Scratch Games	Jen Huebner - 470
	Patty Lundell - 468

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#10 Kaylee Jackson gets hammered on the way to the basket Moday night on the Beavers home floor. Luck took home the victory.



Melody Taylor goes to the basket Monday night vs the Luck Cardinals.



Lizzie Mathison dribbles into the front court Monday night vs Luck. The Beavers battled but came up short.

Snowmobilers: Sled Safe This Season

MADISON, Wis. – As Wisconsin receives measurable snowfall and many trails are anticipated to open for the first time this season, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding snowmobilers to operate within their limits, stay sober and ride only on designated trails.

In the early months of 2023, there were 16 fatal snowmobile crashes, with 10 involving alcohol. Alcohol affects your risk perception and reaction time. If you choose to consume alcohol, wait until after you’ve safely returned home – it could save your life.

“Excessive speed, alcohol use and inexperience contribute to snowmobile crashes. Remember to ride responsibly and look out

for yourself and others. Sober riding is always the best policy,” said Lt. Jake Holsclaw, DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Administrator. “Snowmobiles and drinking don’t mix. Making the smart choice and abstaining from alcohol can save your life. Impairment of any kind, either by drugs or alcohol, can have tragic consequences.”

Early-Season Ice Safety Reminders

Remember that ice is never completely safe under any conditions.

The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. Contact local sport shops to ask about conditions locally on the lake or river you want to cross.

Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or float coat should

you fall through the ice and to help retain body heat.

Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.

Slow down when traveling at night.

Know if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows that have currents that can thin the ice.

Watch for pressure ridges or ice buckling. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water.

In addition to these ice safety tips, the DNR reminds riders to check trail conditions ahead of time by contacting your county forestry and/or parks department, local snowmobile clubs, or viewing Travel Wisconsin’s Snow Report.

Remember – operating a snowmobile off a designated trail is considered

trespassing and can damage private property.

Visit the DNR’s snowmobiling webpage for additional information on snowmobile safety classes, regulations, safety tips and how to register your snowmobile.

DNR Violation Hotline

Anyone with information regarding natural resource violations, including unsafe snowmobile operation, may confidentially report by calling or texting the Violation Hotline at 1-800-TIP-WDNR or 1-800-847-9367. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Trained staff relay the information to conservation wardens. Reports can also be filed online.

Girls Basketball Team Loses to Ladysmith; At Barron on Thursday

The Cumberland Girl’s Basketball Team traveled to Ladysmith last Tuesday night, where they dropped a 67-38 decision to the Lumberjills. A contest against the Northwestern Tigers scheduled for last Friday, was postponed due to weather with a make-up date yet to be determined. The ladies were back in action on Monday against Luck and then return to HON play this Thursday, with a road contest against the Barron Bears starting at 6:00 pm. Saturday, January 20. Cumberland finishes up a busy week with a contest against the Spooner Rails, which will take place in Elmer Beran Gymnasium at 12:30 pm.

Despite the loss, there was some good things that happened in Tuesday’s loss.

Freshmen Raegan Beecroft had her best game of

her career with 13 points and five rebounds. Another freshman, Kaylee Jackson added five points and five rebounds, while juniors Macy Beecroft and Melody Taylor added 10 points and six points respectively. The 38 team points also represented the team’s highest offensive total of the year.

Coach Kim Weber had hoped this turned into a victory against the 4 and 9 Luck Cardinals on Monday. Unfortunately the Luck Cardinals beat the Beavers 46-34. The girls fought to the end but came up short. A tougher task awaits the Beavers on Thursday against a strong Barron team who is 8 and 1 on the year. Saturday, Cumberland also looks to get into the win column this Saturday against the 2 and 9 Spooner Rails, who defeated the Red and White by 10 points earlier in November.

Sports Look Back, January 19, 1994

It was a good meet for the Rice Lake/Cumberland gymnasts as they placed second in the 16 team meet held at River Falls. In addition, the team defeated Chippewa Falls 120.15 to 114.95.

The team set several new school records as they scored a team high 127.25 while Allison Held hit a school record with an 8.8 in vault and an 8.45 on bars.

The team has now moved into first place in the Big Rivers Conference.

Against Chippewa Falls Candiss Held finished first in the vault with a score of 8.30 while Allison Held finished in fourth place.

In the bar event, Tara Ball of Chippewa Falls finished first while Rice Lake/Cum-

berland team members finished second through fifth. Allison Held was second with a 7.60 score while her sister finished fourth and Erin Lingen finished fifth.

In the Beam Event, Kari Rassback of Chippewa Falls finished first and once again Rice Lake/Cumberland team members took three of the other four places. Candiss Held finished second while Erin Lingen finished third.

In the floor exercise, Candiss Held finished first while her sister Allison finished in third place.

In all-around, Tara Ball of Chippewa Falls finished first while Candiss and Allison Held finished second and third.

Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Amery	Amery	8	4	4	0	0	24	7	12-2-0
Hayward	Haywrd	6	4	3	1	0	17	10	5-6-1
Somerset	Smrset	4	4	2	2	0	17	9	7-7-1
Baldwin-Woodville	BWood	4	4	2	2	0	11	13	4-12-0
Regis/Altoona/McDonell	RAM	2	4	1	3	0	8	20	4-8-0
Northwest Icemen	NWest	0	4	0	4	0	6	24	1-11-0

Girls BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	L10	OVERALL
St. Croix Falls	SCF	9	0	W9	9-0-0	10-4-0
Barron	BARRON	8	1	L1	8-1-0	11-2-0
Hayward	HAY	7	2	W1	7-2-0	9-5-0
Cameron	CAMER	5	3	W3	5-3-0	7-4-0
Northwestern	NWERN	4	4	W1	4-4-0	4-7-0
Spooner	SPOON	3	6	W1	3-6-0	3-9-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	3	6	L2	3-6-0	7-8-0
Ashland	ASHL	2	6	L2	2-6-0	2-9-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	2	7	L1	2-7-0	4-10-0
Cumberland	CUMB	0	8	L8	0-8-0	0-11-0

Boys BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	OVERALL
Cameron	CAMER	6	1	W1	10-1-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	6	1	W5	9-2-0
Northwestern	NWERN	6	1	L1	8-5-0
Ashland	ASHL	4	3	W2	4-7-0
Cumberland	CUMB	4	3	W2	6-5-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	3	4	L1	5-7-0
Hayward	HAY	2	5	L4	2-10-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	2	5	L2	3-9-0
Spooner	SPOON	1	6	W1	1-8-0
Barron	BARRON	1	6	L4	2-10-0



GO BEAVERS!

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

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

There will be an annual meeting of the members of Barronett Lutheran Church this Sunday, January 21, immediately following the morning worship service. The annual meeting is very important, we vote for new council members and other things that will affect the way the church is run for this year. We hope that all members will be able to attend and voice their suggestions and concerns.

A pot-luck lunch will be served as soon as the annual meeting is adjourned. Remember, the members of our congregation are the best cooks in the four surrounding counties, so if you can come, be prepared to have a delicious meal with lots of great conversation. Again, that's this coming Sunday, worship service at 9:00 a.m., annual meeting at about 10:00, and meal at about 11:00.

And, the following Saturday, January 27, is the date for the Shallow Lake Ice Fishing Contest, which is hosted by Barronett Civic Club members. There will be lots of prizes – prizes for the biggest fish, door prizes, raffle prizes – the list goes on and on. And then, after the fishing contest, everyone will be gathering at the community center for a “souper” supper. There will be several different kinds of soup, games, and more prizes. It's always a fun time – hope to see you there.

I shouldn't even comment on how much the weather has changed this past week. We had been so lucky with the nice, warm temperatures earlier – but, I'm sure the people who enjoy ice fish-

ing are very happy to see below zero temperatures. I wonder if everyone will be able to drive on the lake for the contest now. I am not sure how deep the ice has to be in order to take cars and trucks on it.

I think Tina Anderson's dog, Peanut, has decided that it was a very bad idea to move to Wisconsin from Florida. The poor little thing is a Chihuahua, and he is not happy with this cold weather. During the summer he loved to walk from his house to ours, now Tina has to put him inside her jacket and carry him down. And, as soon as he gets in the house, after he greets us and rubs against Duane's legs, he finds his favorite spot in front of the heat vent. Doesn't it make you wonder what those poor little things are thinking sometimes,

Tru Lehmann had an amazing golden birthday – she was 13 on the 13th. It started out with our family's traditional birthday, waffles and ice cream, made by her mom, Alyse. After breakfast she and Alyse had their nails done, had sushi for lunch (ick,) and did some shopping – Tru picked out some new clothes. When they got back home Alyse told her that she would be needed at Sal's on 63 that afternoon because they thought they would be busy on a Saturday night. Actually, Alyse had to get Tru to the restaurant because she was hosting a surprise birthday party for her. When she came into the kitchen, she was told that she had a table of six waiting. She walked out, saw the table, and suddenly realized that it was

her friends sitting there, and that the table was decorated for a birthday. To say she was surprised would be the understatement of the year. What a lucky young lady!

Terry Goodrich called with a story from his working days at Johnson Truck Bodies. Seems that one day when a truckload of angle iron was delivered to the factory, a good friend of Terry's, and another man who was noted for not mincing words, were unloading it and stacking in a huge pile. While they were working, the truck driver walked by and the man who said anything that happened to occur to him looked down and noticed that the driver was wearing cowboy boots. He asked the driver if he knew the difference between a real cowboy and a fake one. The driver replied that he did not, and the guy unloading said, “A real cowboy has the horse manure on the outside of his boots.” Yup.

I don't suppose I have to tell you how much we enjoyed the Packer/Cowboy game on Sunday afternoon. I think Love is wonderful, and the whole team works so well together. I think next year the Packers will be the team everyone will be talking about. Even Duane, the die-hard Viking fan, was cheering for them.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. Remember, the annual meeting of

Barronett Lutheran is this week, and the ice fishing contest is next week. Hope to see you at both.

OBITUARIES



Eileen T. (McCormick) Queenan

Eileen T. (McCormick) Queenan, age 80, of Cumberland, passed away unexpectedly on January 12, 2024. Eileen loved all things

Irish. She cherished her many lake homes including 18 years on Grindstone Lake in Hayward and the last 17 years on Beaver Dam Lake in Cumberland. She enjoyed many winters in Naples, FL. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Jim, of 58 years; daughters Tammy (Scott) Hambrook, and Terry Rickel; grandchildren Bridget, Clare, Killian, and Billy; and great-grandchild River. Also survived by her loving siblings; Peggy (Tom) Kinney, Pat (Carl) Mooney, Jim (Patti) McCormick, Mary Lee

(Mike) Hannon and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at 10:00 am, and Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am, with lunch immediately following at St. Anthony Abbot, 925 St. Anthony St., Cumberland on Saturday, January 20, 2024.



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DHS Encourages Homeowners, Property Owners, and Child Care Centers to Test for Radon;Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer overall and leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers

During National Radon Action Month, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is encouraging home and building owners, along with child care providers, to test their buildings for radon.

Radon, an odorless, radioactive gas naturally present in the ground, is found across Wisconsin, and enters buildings through their foundations. Approximately one in 10 homes in our state have elevated radon levels.

The Environmental Protection Agency's action level for safety is 4 picocuries per liter (4 pCi/L). Last March, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) enacted rule changes which require licensed family and group child care providers to test for radon and install a mitigation system if radon levels exceed the EPA action level.

“Reducing radon exposure is a top environmental health concern,” said Paula Tran, State Health Officer. “DHS applauds DCF for taking this important step toward protecting all Wisconsinites from exposure to radon by putting children, and their caretakers, first.”

This National Radon Ac-

tion Month, DHS encourages all Wisconsinites to test their homes and business locations for radon. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, and it is estimated to cause over 21,000 deaths each year in the United States. Approximately 962 of these deaths are in Wisconsin. High radon levels are especially dangerous for people who smoke; their risk of lung cancer is 10 times higher than non-smokers.

Fortunately, this cause of lung cancer is largely preventable, and the first step is to test your house, apartment, or business location for radon. The cost of mitigation can be a barrier for some families and businesses; Wisconsin residents can visit lowradon.org to find their Radon Information Centers (RIC) in Wisconsin or speak with local public health department radon experts by calling 888 LOW-RADON to discuss available options. Reduced-cost test kits are available through RICs and test kit promotions are happening throughout January.

Any house or building can be at risk for high

radon levels, including apartments and commercial buildings. Landlords have a responsibility to provide safe living and working conditions to their tenants and should work with a certified radon testing and mitigation contractor to get started on addressing the issue for their tenants. DHS maintains a list of certified radon professionals that can provide radon measurement and mitigation, and encourages homeowners and property owners to prioritize using a certified contractor.

More information can be found at lowradon.org.

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SENIOR DINING

Thursday, January 18
Slippery Hill Entree Salad w/ Chicken, Beans, Cheese and assorted Veggies, Dinner roll, Cottage Cheese, Frosted Chocolate Cake.

Friday, January 19
Creamy Chipped Beef served over a Biscuit, Vegetable Medley Blend, Fruit & Parfait Yogurt.

Monday, January 22
Seasoned Chicken Breast, Cranberry Wild Rice, Brussels Sprouts, Assorted Bread, Pear Slices.

Tuesday, January 23
Louie's Traditional Brat on a Bun, Baked Beans, Creamy Potato Salad, Banana Pudding.

Wednesday, January 17
Tator Tot Casserole w/ Beef and Mixed Vegetables, Assorted Bread, Berry Crisp.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$5.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older. \$10.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. (No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.

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OBITUARIES



Damian Karpenske
February 16th, 1974 - January 12th, 2024
Damian Karpenske, a beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend, left this world suddenly at the age of 49 in his home. He was a cherished son to Avon Karpenske and David & Jean Karpenske. Damian was also an adored big brother to Jessica (Daryl) Cacka and Kara (Ted) Bigos. His loss has left a profound void in their lives, and he will be deeply missed by his family.
He was born in LaCrosse, WI and adopted within days by Avon and David Karpen-

ske. From the moment Damian entered their lives, he became their love and joy. Soon thereafter, Damian was joined in childhood by two sisters, Jessica and Kara. They shared a deep connection and a lifetime of shared experiences. Damian was privileged to attend multiple schools; Boyceville, Glenwood City, Amery, and Cumberland (WI), earning him a vast network of friends. Growing up, Damian's athletic abilities were endless and he enjoyed baseball, football, and wrestling amongst other activities with friends and family.
After high school he continued to vocational school and worked as an apprentice and journeyman, ultimately earning his master plumbing license. Damian worked for several companies, before starting his own business DK Plumbing. He was injured multiple times at work, had major back surgery and several serious medical problems eventually limiting his

abilities until he became unable to work.
In 2016, Damian married Kari Webert, and although they recently divorced, they remained close. Their bond was a testament to the love and respect they shared. Damian had a special place in his heart for his nieces, Alexandra & Isabella, and his nephew, Carter. He cherished his role as an uncle and took great pride in watching them grow and thrive.
Damian's greatest passions were the outdoors, horses, shooting, and he was an avid hunter and fisherman. His constant furry companions Jack Russel Terriers Taz & Chester, and his cats T.J. & Tux were with him until the very end offering him unconditional love and companionship. Damian was preceded in death by his grandparents Doris & William Banovic, Melvin & Loraine Carlson, and Nellie & Andrew Karpenske and their children Wayne, Thomas, Richard, Joanne, Dale, & Lyle.

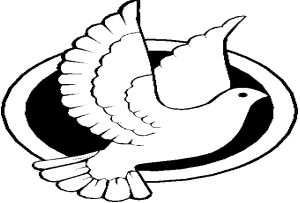
Damian is survived by his parents David & Jean Karpenske (Comstock, WI) and Avon Karpenske (Downing, WI), his sister Jessica (Daryl) Cacka & their children Alexandra, Isabella, & Carter (New Richmond, WI), his sister Kara (Ted) Bigos & their children Madison, Alexa, & Berek (Wayzata, MN), his former wife Kari; aunts and uncles Sue & LeRoy Karpenske, Robert Karpenske, Erin LaMere, Gene LaMere, Becky & Neil Carlson, Helen & Alan Carlson, and Gail Peterson, as well as countless cousins and friends.
Damian had many friends and family who loved him. His family would like to express their gratitude to his Honorary Pallbearers for their love and support. Joe Karpenske, Mike Karpenske, Louie Herman, Troy Strickland, Jim Bayerle, Ryan Johnson, Jeff Anderson, Daryl Cacka, Ted Bigos, Alexandra Cacka, Isabella Cacka, & Carter Cacka.

A gathering of friends & family for his visitation will be held on Monday, January 22nd, 2024 from 4-7pm at Skinner Funeral Home, 1245 1st Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829.
In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to U.S. Pain Foundation: uspainfoundation.org OR Helping Paws Pet Rescue: helpingpawswi.org



Thomas P. Franz
Thomas Paul Franz, 70, of Cumberland died January 7, 2024, at Meadowbrook of Chetek.
He was born April 14, 1953, in Cincinnati, OH to

Thomas and Carol (Kief) Franz. He obtained a BS in Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, MS Civil Engineering University of Minnesota, and Doctorate in Environmental Engineering Rutgers. Tom taught science classes for University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire at Barron County for several years and then retired.
Tom moved to this part of the country from Kentucky because he loved the outdoors, the adventures of camping, fishing, hiking and the love shared by all his friends.
A celebration of life will be held at 1 PM Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the Spot Bar.
To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Thomas Franz, please visit our Tree Store.



Church Directory

“New Years Resolutions”
by Pastor Diane Norstad
Trinity Lutheran Church
New Years Resolutions. That sounds like work and absolutely no fun. Losing weight, spending less... whatever the goal may be most resolutions seem kind of awful. Let's talk about another kind of resolution, a spiritual resolution.
Galatians 5:22-23
“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.”
Let's explore a more positive, spiritual resolution this year. We could explore love by telling people in our lives that we love them. No one hears that too much! Maybe joy sparks your interest. Today I am experiencing joy playing with my grandson. That's worth treasuring.
Peace, now that can be a difficult one in our time when most every conflict or problem in our world is shown on television. I cannot personally fix all of these things but I can take time to appreciate the peaceful moments in my day. We can create more peaceful moments by reading God's Word and praying. Peace is not universal, but it is possible.
Patience, kindness and generosity are wonderful gifts to explore. When we are patient, kind and generous we reach out to others. In brightening someone else's day in any way, no matter how small, our own troubles become smaller and our joy increases. As little as a five minute phone call can lift someone's day.
Self-control, there you might question how on earth I see the positive in that. That positivity comes with time. Self-control leads to a lack of regrets later. Harsh words, once said, cannot be taken back. Violence cannot be undone. One more drink often leads to poor decisions. Self-control takes the long view of things. Are our words and actions helping the situation or just adding fuel to the fire?
Through all of these spiritual gifts we have a means of making our corner of the world a bit better. We can bring more peace, love, and joy. We CAN bring God's presence into our lives and the lives of those around us.
So, as much as I should get on the treadmill more often and spend a little less money, that's not my focus this year. This year I'm going to go deeper and I'd encourage you to do so with me.

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John Till and Cumberland's Niccola Jannetta...

poisons that seep into the body and that the patient would be cured when the plaster drew those toxins out.

In the autumn of 1905, a farmer's wife from Somerset was near death from an infection. Her husband took her to Till, whose treatment appeared to cure her. The news of her recovery spread quickly and before long Somerset was taken by storm. There were even reports in northwestern Wisconsin that the plaster had been used to reattach a dog's severed tail, and that in ten days the animal was healed and the tail once again happily wagging.

Till's plaster was a dangerous mixture of kerosene and croton oil, which he sponged on the backs of those suffering. Once there, it immediately began to boil and blister, supposedly lifting the toxins out of the patient's body. His fame spread and soon trains were letting off hundreds of sufferers in Somerset each day and his local bank reported he was depositing \$3,000 a week on a regular basis.

Till's exploits eventually caught the eye of the State Medical Board, who had him arrested and brought to trial several times for practicing without a license. Till had brought so much revenue into Somerset, however, that no jury would convict him. After one trial, Till was met upon on his return to Somerset by a brass band and soon over 1,300 new patients were prepared to use his services. He was finally found guilty of these charges, but not until 1920.

Perhaps hearing of the financial success of Till, a Cumberland resident, Niccola Jannetta, claimed to have his own healing powers. The Advocate wrote of his healing claims in April of 1908 comparing him to Till saying, "Till has a rival in town whose methods of treatment of physical ailments are doubtless as efficient as his, but whose

powers are not restricted to the treatment of bodily ills, since for a modest fee, he will undertake to ward off witches, break the spell of the "Evil eye" and even give "Absent treatment" in affairs of the heart."

Jannetta was an Italian farmer, who had lived on Cumberland's south end for the 15 years and whose long suit, said the Advocate, was "Witches." The paper added, "Whether it is a child suffering from teething, colic or an old man in senile decay, he promptly ascribes the trouble to the evil influence of witches and warlocks and furnishes a remedy, if the patient has the price, usually thirty to forty dollars." He also claimed he, "Possessed the power to reunite families in cases where marital bonds have been found irksome," for the sum of \$60.

The paper told their readers in the "Island City," "Tiring of swinging the mattock and hoe on the farm, he has turned "healer" and the number of credulous dupes he has found in the neighborhood where he lives gives proof to the adage, "There is a sucker born every minute." We cannot credit Jannetta with possessing such Machiavelli ability, but he is certainly a "Peach."

The Advocate's warnings that April did not go unheeded.

Acting much quicker to his misdeeds than Somerset had to Tills, within one month Jannetta was charged with practicing medicine without a license. He pleaded guilty to the charges and received a second charge shortly afterwards, which was eventually dismissed. He had been exposed as one of the medical quacks of the time. One can only hope that Cumberland had become a safer place from the incident and the residents of the "Island City" had learned to go to Doctors Hopkins and Babcock for all of their medical ills.

Barron Spotlighters Makes Donation To Barron Food Pantry

The Barron Spotlighters theater group was happy to provide funds to the Barron Food Pantry in the amount of \$600. As part of their Christmas show "A Christmas Carol", the Spotlighters donated \$1 from every ticket sold for the show's run.

"The show's director, Beth Halverson, developed this idea to partner with the Barron Food Pantry," explains Darren Kirby, Communications Director with the Barron Spotlighters. "One of many important messages from 'A Christmas Carol' is to be kind and generous

to others, and we wanted to spread the generosity that we experience from the community and give back to those who are in need."

The Barron Spotlighters have two more main shows in their 2023-2024 theater season: "The Play That Goes Wrong" with show dates the last two weekends in February, and the musical "Sugar" with show dates the 2nd and 3rd weekends in April. More information about the Barron Spotlighters is available at their website: www.barronspotlighters.org.

Donation!



The Sons of the American Legion raised \$6,000 at their annual Indoor Ice Fishing Contest back in December. The money will be used for building upgrades at the Anderson-Thomson Post 98 American Legion. Pictured left to right are: Sons of the American Legion members Todd Hochman, Joe Goldsmith, Mike Werner, Steve Mann, American Legion Post 98 Commander Dennis Free, and Chip Neihbur.

Charitable Contribution!



Aaron Torud, Barron Electric Cooperative's General Manager, presented a \$1,000 check to Patty Gallaty, Salvation Army's Volunteer Coordinator for four counties.

Barron Electric's Mission Helps Support The Family House

Barron Electric Cooperative's mission is to help improve the quality of life in the rural area. Barron Electric recently donated \$1,000 to the Salvation Army of Barron County-The Family House. Duana Bremer, Director of the Salvation Army in Barron, St. Croix, Polk, and Bur-

nett County, said, "This donation will help meet our mission of providing stability to low-income families and individuals by offering services that address their needs." The Family House serves 32 individuals annually. They provide 750 backpacks with school supplies to families in Barron

County. They also supply over 19,000 gallons of milk with the Friday food backpacks for Rice Lake, Barron, Turtle Lake and Prairie Farm School districts. Aaron Torud, Barron Electric Cooperative's General Manager, remarked, "Barron Electric welcomes the opportunity to help our

community and members in need. We support community efforts that enhance the quality of life for our members." Barron Electric's donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed capital credits of former members.

Food Pantry Donation!



The Barron Spotlighters donated \$600 to the Barron Food Pantry as part of their Christmas show "A Christmas Carol." Pictured from left to right are Lynn Hanse (from the Barron Food Pantry), Beth Halverson and Sue Pruzek (both Spotlighter board members).

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