



Tax Due Date - Lottery Credit January 31, 2024!

Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are due to your Town, Village or City Treasurer, says Samantha Sommerfeld, Barron County Treasurer. Barron County collects 2023 taxes for the Town of Almena only AND also collects prior year delinquent taxes for all municipalities. You must send payments to the municipality shown on the tax bill to ensure your payment is received timely. The full amount or the first installment amount must be received by January 31, 2024 to avoid interest and penalty charges.

Electronic payments must be made to the municipality where your property is located. Not all municipalities accept electronic payments (credit cards & e- checks) so you may have to pay by check. There is also a link on the Barron County Web-

site to get tax information. You can check with your municipal treasurer to confirm your payment was received.

Deadline to File for the Lottery and Gaming Credit The Lottery and Gaming credit is reflected on your 2023 tax statement. In order to qualify for this credit, you must be the owner of a home in Wisconsin that was your primary residence on January 1, 2023. Only one primary residence may be claimed. Renters do not qualify. If you did not receive the credit, but feel you may be eligible for it, you can apply for the credit with your Town, City or Village Treasurer. THE APPLICATION FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO YOUR LOCAL TREASURER BY JANUARY 31, 2024.

Shell Lake Man Facing Multiple Felony Charges

Dustin Klopp, 43, of Shell Lake, is facing multiple charges, including numerous felonies over several months including delivery of methamphetamine and fleeing from law enforcement.

On January 3, 2024, shortly before 8:30 pm, an on-duty Washburn County Sheriff's Deputy was traveling southbound on Highway 63 near the city of Spooner and observed an SUV northbound with a defective headlamp. The deputy activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop on Highway 63, just south of Buliks' Drive in the city of Spooner.

The deputy exited the vehicle and made contact with two occupants in the vehicle. The passenger of the vehicle was identified as Klopp, of Shell Lake. The driver of the vehicle was identified only as Witness #1. The deputy advised Witness #1 of the reason of the traffic stop, to which Witness #1 stated that she was aware that the headlight was out and requested that the deputy issue her a written warning in case she got stopped by law enforcement again. The deputy asked them where they were going and Klopp stated they were on their way to the casino in Hayward.

According to the criminal complaint filed, it states that while the deputy was speaking to the occupants of the vehicle, he could smell an odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle. The deputy returned to his squad to run information, to which Washburn County Dispatch informed him that Witness #1 was current and clear and that Klopp was clear with no license issued. A second Washburn County Deputy arrived on scene.

The criminal complaint goes on to say that the first deputy requested that Witness #1 exit the vehicle and speak with him and the second deputy made contact with Klopp. The deputy met with Witness #1 in front of his squad and informed her that he was having issues printing off her written warning and also advised that he could smell an odor of intoxicants coming from within the vehicle.

The deputy advised Witness #1 that a search would be conducted on the vehicle. While the first Deputy was speaking with Witness #1, he heard the second deputy giving Klopp verbal commands to step out of the vehicle.

The first deputy turned around and started re-approaching the vehicle, and observed Klopp climbing from the passenger seat into the driver's seat. The deputy could hear the engine rev and then observed the vehicle drive off northbound on Highway 63.

Both deputies communicated with dispatch and engaged in the pursuit of the vehicle northbound on Highway 63. During the pursuit on Highway 63, speeds reached 90 plus miles per hour. Deputies pursued Klopp onto Highway 53 northbound with speeds reaching 120 miles per hour.

The criminal complaint states that deputies pursued Klopp onto Dilly Lake Road and into the Great Northern Railroad parking lot.

Klopp stopped the vehicle on the west side of the Great Northern Railroad facility and exited the vehicle before fleeing on foot southbound.

Deputies pursued Klopp on foot and observed him

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1000 Points Club!



Congratulations Gavin Gores on scoring over 1,000 career points. Gavin, a Junior, achieved this milestone vs Ladysmith last week during the Beavers win over the Lumberjacks. Gavin is the 12th member of the 1000 point club led by Steve King with 1,371 career points. Pictured with Gavin are Sister Maisen, Mom Gale, Aunt Andrea, Grandma Sally and Grandma Em.

Cumberland Schools Move Forward in 1924

by Mark R. Fuller

The Board of Education said exactly what they thought needed to be said in the March 13, 1924 Advocate. Their opening paragraph, in an article entitled "To Tax Payers of Cumberland," read "The schools of this city must have more room. More room has been needed for years back, in order that the schools could function at anywhere near their best efficiency. The situation has become more serious as the years have gone by because school population has steadily increased year after year without a break. Surely, no one who

knows the community can hope for a decrease in this growth."

The enrollment of the high school had grown from 132 in 1913-1914 to 208 in 1923-1924, with a total school population reaching 600. Approximately 50 percent of high school class work was being done in the basement area, which the article said, "Was never intended for instruction purposes." The article added, "When you consider there is no ventilation in these rooms, that one of the rooms never gets above 60 degrees during the winter, we must

use a box stove in another to make it inhabitable, that all of them are short of light, that those who work in these rooms during the fall and spring must either suffer from foul air or open windows and take in the sand and dirt from the street and playground, you can easily see that things are anything but ideal for high school work."

The talk of a new school had been going on since the 1920-21 school year. Operating in a building that opened in January of 1905, recent population growth had led to the construction

of a frame building across Second Street to house grades 1, 2, and 3. The School newspaper would say, "Now every student has a whole seat to themselves."

For the past few years, the city had been dealing with other needs, such as a new sewer system. By 1924, however, building needs could no longer be ignored. The need for changes to the present structure were confirmed in an annual inspection report presented by State School Superintendent John Callahan.

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Taking Core Samples!



Workers were busy Monday at the Hwy 63 bridge taking core samples for the DOT for the upcoming bridge project scheduled for the summer of 2026.

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Health Agency Urges Parents, Caregivers to be Aware of Signs of Self-Harm After School Break; Data show increases in self-harm coincide with returning to school in September and January

As students begin the spring semester, the Department of Health Services (DHS) encourages parents and caregivers to be aware of Wisconsin Emergency Department data from the National Syndromic Surveillance Program that shows young people experience large increases in self-harm injuries at certain times of the year, including when school resumes after the winter holidays.

Self-harming increased among youth by nearly 40% in September 2022 and January 2023 compared to each of the preceding months. While September 2023 showed a smaller spike in self-harming (14% increase from August 2023), it still represents a significant concern. Self-harm refers to intentional actions to hurt oneself. Examples include cutting, hitting, poisoning, or burning. Self-harm may be done to express or lessen emotional pain. While someone who self-harms may not have the intention of suicide, they may be at greater risk of a suicide attempt or dying by suicide if they do not receive help.

“The start and return of school can be stressful for young people and families,” said Paula Tran, State Health Officer and administrator of the DHS Division of Public Health. “Parents, guardians, teachers, mentors, and others can support the young people in their life by knowing the signs of self-harm, talking openly about the struggles youth are facing, and listening to what young people have to say without judgement.”

DHS Recommends Blood Lead Tests for All Children

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends universal blood lead testing for children living in Wisconsin. Universal testing means all children should receive a blood lead test at ages 1 and 2 as well as any child between ages 3 and 5 who has not had a previous test. Children under 6 residing in the city of Milwaukee require additional testing per local health department guidelines.

Childhood lead poisoning remains a serious public health threat, despite significant progress in recent decades. Every year, thousands of children in Wisconsin are poisoned by exposure to lead in their environment. Lead, a toxic metal, can cause irreversible damage to a child’s developing brain, affecting their learning, behavior, and future potential. A simple blood test can detect lead exposure early, allowing parents and health care providers to take crucial steps to protect a child’s health.

“Early detection is key in preventing devastating consequences of lead poisoning,” said DHS Secretary-designee Kirsten Johnson. “A blood test is a quick procedure that can provide invaluable information about a child’s exposure to lead. With early intervention, we can minimize the long-term effects and ensure children reach their full potential.”

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.



Cumberland Area Food Pantry
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PO Box 741 Cumberland.
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Vehicles and ice fishing shacks have been popping up on some lakes. With warm weather ahead, use caution when driving out on the lakes. Ice conditions vary from lake to lake.

DATCP Reminds Producers to Apply for Crop Insurance Premium Rebates for Planting Cover Crops Through January 31

MADISON, Wis. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) remind producers to apply for crop insurance premium rebates. The rebate application is web-based and will be available on DATCP’s website until January 31, 2024, or until program funding is exhausted.

There is \$800,000, or 160,000 acres of coverage, to be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible participants will receive a \$5 per acre rebate on their summer 2024 crop insurance premium for acres that were planted with cover crops in 2023, then planted with an insurable crop in 2024.

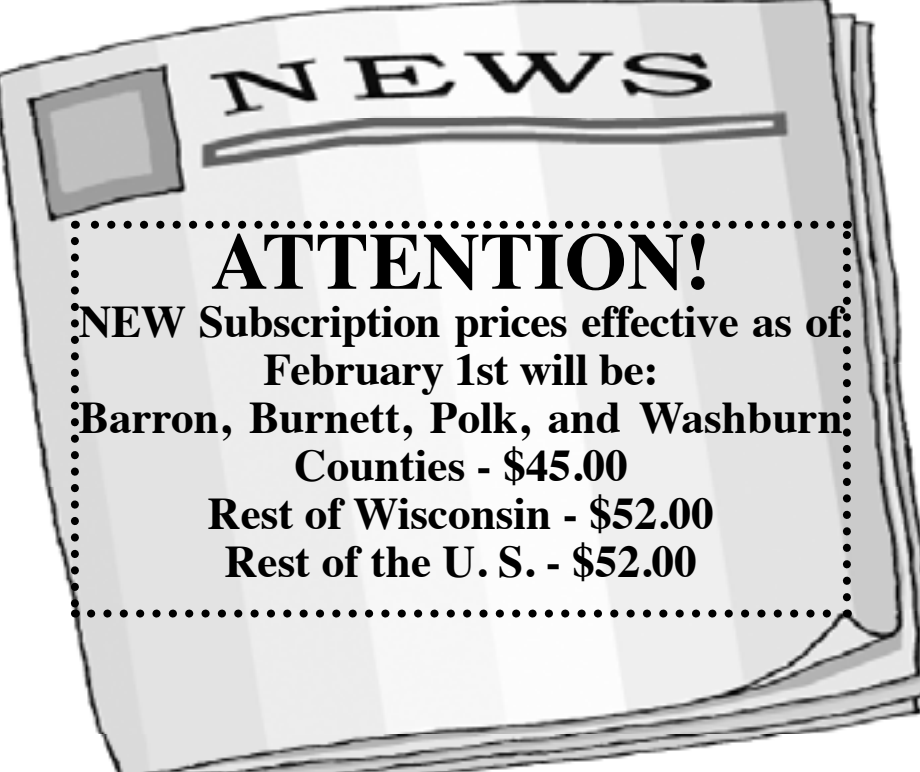
Producers who received state or federal cost-sharing to plant cover crops in 2023 are not eligible for this year’s program. Applicants will need to use their FSA-578 form to complete the application, and there is no limit on acres an applicant can apply for. Applicants should keep seed receipts and planting records, as DATCP may conduct audits to ensure cover crops were planted.

Additional information about eligibility and FAQs can be found on DATCP’s website. Questions about these rebates should be directed to DATCPCC@wisconsin.gov.



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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, January 25
California Burger, Fries, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Peaches.
MS/HS: Garlic Cheese Bread.

Friday, January 26
Pizza, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Applesauce
MS/HS: Chicken Nuggets w/chips

Monday, January 29
Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Fries, Carrots, Pears.
MS/HS: Garlic Cheese Bread

Tuesday, January 30
ES: Chicken Nuggets, Fries, Corn, Pineapple.
MS/HS: Tacos, Brown Rice, Pizza.

Wednesday, January 31
Glazed Drumstick w/ Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Peaches, Peas.
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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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS
Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25: • 5:45pm-9:15pm Boys Basketball @ Barron • 7:00pm - 9:00pm Boys Hockey vs. Somerset @ Barron

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26: • 5:45PM-9:15PM Girls Basketball home vs Chetek/Weyer • 6:00pm - 8:00 pm Wrestling Super Duals @ Superior • 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Boys Hockey @ Oshkosh

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20: • 1:00pm - 3:00 pm Hockey @ Shawno. • 5:45 pm - 9:15pm Boys Basketball @ Spooner

MONDAY, JANUARY 29: • 5:45 - 9:15 pm Girls Basketball @ Spring Valley • 6:00 pm School Board Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30: • 5:45 PM - 9:15 PM Boys Basketball home vs. Cameron • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Boys Hockey vs Hayward @ Barron

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31: • 6:01 PM - 8:01 PM Pickleball @ ES • 4:30 PM - 6:00 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Pat Churchwar .

COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS
WALK THE HALLS
NO COST FOR THIS GREAT EXERCISE
Don't let rainy/snowy weather keep you from your routine!
Come walk the halls of Cumberland HS & MS
Please stop at the High School Office or the Cumberland Fitness Center (High School) to register for this activity before your first walking session.
TIMES: 6:00-7:30 am or 4:00-7:00 pm
Cumberland High School
We ask that all participants adhere to these hours for their safety and the safety of our students.

Cumberland Pickleball for All Seasons
ANY DAY - ALL DAY come and enjoy the Pickleball/All Sport Courts at ISLANDER PARK (at the end of 8th Avenue by the Hockey Arena) Open and ready to use! Bring your own equipment.
WHEN THE WEATHER FORCES YOU INSIDE...
Visit the Cumberland Elementary School (Enter through the Gym doors)
Monday - Friday
Gym Door will be open from 6:30 am - 7:30 am
Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday Afternoon: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Cost: FREE
For more information or to register please contact:
Susan Bridger CCE Director
HS: 715-822-5121 ext: 405/ sbrid@csdmail.com

Dunk the Clunk!



Now that we have had some cold weather, it is time for Dunk the Clunk! It is now time to make your guesses. When will it sink? Tickets can be purchased at the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce Office and at several business around town. Tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00.

Gov. Evers Delivers Radio Address on Expanding Affordable Housing Statewide

Hey there, folks. Governor Tony Evers here.

Expanding access to safe, stable, and affordable housing is a key part of our work to support kids and families, bolster our state’s workforce and economy, and ensure our communities continue to grow and thrive.

Since 2019, through programs at the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority and our Neighborhood Investment Fund, we’ve been proud to help build more than 14,000 affordable

housing units across the state—and counting!

And last summer, I was proud to sign a budget that made the largest investment in affordable housing in our state’s history with a historic \$525 million investment.

This funding, along with a corresponding package of bills I signed last year, will help address the issues we face when it comes to making sure we have housing that is affordable and well-maintained for workers and families across our state.

And these efforts are al-

ready underway!

Last month, I announced two new loan programs created out of this investment, the Restore Main Street and Vacancy-to-Vitality programs, that are now available.

The Restore Main Street Loan Program will help improve housing above commercial spaces while the Vacancy-to-Vitality Loan Program will help cover the costs of converting a vacant commercial building into workforce or senior housing.

More good news came last

month when we announced the rollout of a new federally funded HOME-American Rescue Plan program that will build on our work to provide safe, affordable housing for low-income and housing-insecure households.

These programs and our continued work to expand affordable housing will help us connect the dots between some of the most pressing challenges facing our state and build the future we want for our kids, families, and workforce.

Thank you.

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Northwoods Notebook: A bitter, but beautiful, time by Larry Werner

Our strange, warm, early winter weather came to a below-zero end a couple weeks ago. We went from people playing golf on Christmas Eve to wind-chill warnings from hysterical TV weather people who want us to know precisely how many minutes it takes for frostbite to set in.

After a virtually snow-free November and December, we got a few inches in January.

We had some serious cold over the past couple weeks.

Taking a walk was out of the question, the heavy, puffy coat replaced my ski jacket, and I learned that five years is about what you get out of a battery when the car wouldn’t start after it was parked outside Peter & Annie’s during a long lunch.

Fortunately, my good friend Al Bock had jumper cables, and Pete’s Auto had the right battery for my 2019 jeep. It was kind consolation that the car died in downtown Cumberland rather than on a country road between here and the Twin Cities.

During the cold snap, Ann and I commented often on that great meteorological consolation: The coldest days are the prettiest.

As I’ve mentioned in this space before, we keep an apartment in the Cities and make the trip there and back every week or so. Ann is the health-care advocate for her older sister, who lives in a senior home. Ann fills her sister’s pill case, takes her to doctors, out to lunch and shopping for those all-important cosmetics.

Her sister wouldn’t think of going down to the dining room without her hair done and makeup applied. Daily dinner at the senior home is the highlight of her day, where she sits with the same people at the same table every night.

On our drive back to Cumberland 10 days ago, Ann and I discussed how much prettier it was with a

blanket of snow on the farm fields, with the brilliant sun and blue sky, even though the car thermometer registered below zero.

In our home over the past week or so, I would find myself looking out at the snow-covered lake under blue sky and feel thankful that when Craig Turcott built our home, he installed large windows that bring mid-winter light inside. On days when we’re pretty much confined, that light lifts the spirit.

Other words for consolation are seeing the cloud’s silver lining or seeing the glass half full.

I’ve been accused of being a glass-half-empty guy. After my Vikings score a touchdown, I’ll say something like, “Watch that lousy secondary give it right back.” And Ann will say, “Remember all those games the Vikings came back and won?” And I’ll say, “That was last year.”

My pessimism might be why Lori Bock and I are such good friends. She and I will text each other during Viking games, saying things like, “Can you believe we actually scored?”

The other day Lori said she had been reading a Facebook discussion about heartbreaking Viking losses, like that one 25 years ago when kicker Gary Anderson missed his only field goal of the year, a 38-yard miss that prevented the team from getting into the Super Bowl.

“I’m pretty sure the Vikings hold the record for the most heartbreaking losses,” Lori said.

OK, I admit that I can be a tad negative at times, especially when we’re talking Vikings. But not when it comes to the coldest days of winter, when it might hurt to go outside, but the sky is blue, the sunlight streaming through our living room window, and all is right with the world – even if it’s 30 below.

Larry Werner’s email is lhwner47@gmail.com.

Protect Our Waters From Aquatic Invasive Species This Winter

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and UW-Extension are asking anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin’s lakes and rivers while fishing this winter.

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Aquatic invasive species can crowd out native plants and animals and threaten the quality of boating and fishing in Wisconsin waters.

Curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil are aquatic invasive species that remain hardy under the ice in the winter, giving them an

advantage over our native aquatic plants. The plant-like algae starry stonewort dies back for winter, but its tiny, star-shaped bulbils can be present on plants yanked up through the ice or in the mud that can come up if the bottom is disturbed by augers. Disease and the larvae of invasive snails and mussels can also be present in the water and mud in winter. Because of the possible spread of diseases like Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia that can threaten fish populations, buying minnows from a licensed Wisconsin bait dealer is important. Up to two gallons of water may be kept for minnows provided they will be used on the same waterbody or if no

lake or river water from the fishing site(s) has been added. Dead bait must be preserved in ways that do not require freezing or refrigeration. Visit the DNR’s webpage on bait preservation to learn more. Find more rules regarding bait in the current fishing regulations.

A few minutes of preventative action can help preserve and protect waterways for future generations. Before stepping onto the ice or into a stream this winter, anglers should:

Inspect fishing equipment for attached aquatic plants, animals or mud

Remove all attached plants or animals

Drain all water from buckets, containers and gear

Never move live fish away from a waterbody (fish out of water = dead)

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash

In addition, the DNR encourages anglers to leave fishing gear where it can freeze for eight hours or more, as this will kill most species. Other methods to kill aquatic invasive species hiding in fishing gear are to steam clean the gear or to soak it in either 140° water or a bleach solution (2.44 tablespoons per gallon) for 10 minutes.

To learn more about invasive species and their impacts on Wisconsin’s waters and economy, visit the DNR’s invasive species webpage.



ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT THIS WINTER!

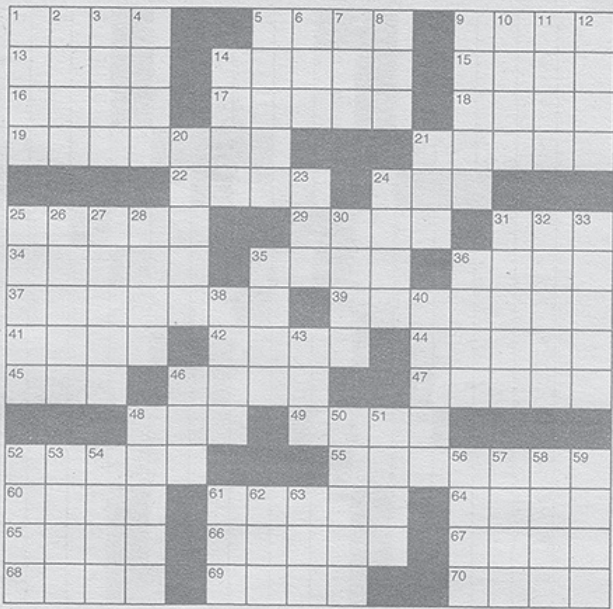
Help the Cumberland Fire Dept. by keeping hydrants clear after snowfalls this winter!

Your help would be appreciated.

Sudoku Puzzle #4147-M

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	5		1				3	
7						4	6	
	9				8		5	7

PUZZLE



ACROSS

1 Slough

5 Chicken house

9 Cavern

13 Feel deep affection for

14 African nation

15 Tel ___ (Israel's capital)

16 Capital of Western Samoa

17 Ceremonies of passage

18 Pry

19 Deliberate

21 Midwestern state denizen

22 Cain killed him

24 Snacked

25 Growl

29 Tides

31 Affirmative gesture

34 Goods

35 Singer Billy

36 Granary

37 Hebrew

39 "Ah shucks!"(2 wds.)

41 France & Germany river

42 Alack's partner

44 Simple

45 Slick

46 Acting (abbr.)

47 Eyed

48 Reporter's question

49 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

52 Divided nation

55 Inability to use words

60 Healing plant

61 Alight

64 Mongolian desert

65 Rope fiber

66 Weapon

67 Opera solo

68 Opp. of yeses

69 Measurement

70 Make over

DOWN

1 Cabbage salad

2 Shoshonean

3 Diabolic

4 Transaction

5 South American country

6 Cereal

7 Only

8 Pop (plr.)

9 Long, skinny boat

10 Assure

11 Permission to enter a foreign country

12 Tied

14 Maggot

20 True's partner

21 ___ A Small World...

23 MGM's Lion

24 Apt

25 People from Switzerland

26 Whining speech

27 Orderly arrangement

28 Hind

30 Prays

31 Zero

32 ___ Oyl (Popeye's girlfriend)

33 Slept

35 Reject

36 Booty

38 Web-like

40 Cain's eldest son

43 Gone by

46 Expression of surprise

48 Cries

50 Dry

51 Fencing sword

52 Genghis ___

53 Tub spread

54 Capital of Italy

56 Seaweed substance

57 Painful

58 Same cite as previous

59 Goodbye !

61 Boxer Muhammad

62 Machine that rotates on the ceiling

63 Business title ending



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Well the first ice fishing contest in the area took place on Sunday, January 21st on Upper Turtle Lake. Travel was limited to 4 wheelers and UTV’s. No vehicles drove on the lake. Reports were there was eight plus inches of ice. With that being said, the annual Barronett Ice Fishing Contest takes place this Saturday on Shallow Lake. The contest runs from 10 am - 3 pm. I know ATV’s have been on the lake, but I’m not sure how much ice is out there. The contest is always a lot of fun. With warmer temperatures in the forecast, bring the whole family for a day of fun. There is always plenty of hot food and drinks to warm you up as well. If ice conditions are iffy for vehicle travel, please be smart and walk or use ATV’s. Hope to see you here! Just a reminder, the Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest is scheduled for February 10th, on Beaver Dam Lake from 10 am to 3 pm.

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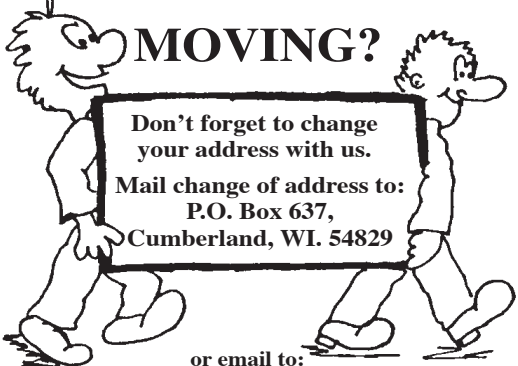
Congratulations to Gavin Gores who became the 12th member of the 1,000 point club in Beaver basketball history. Gores accomplished the feat in only his junior season. Gavin sure looks like he will become the schools all time points scoring leader at some point. We are blessed to have some excellent athletes here in Cumberland. Get on up to the gym. The boys are playing some solid basketball and should be a handful come tournament time.

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There is but one opportunity left to tour the school before the February 20th referendum. The next opportunity is February 6th, at 6 pm. As I have stated before, if you haven’t been able to make previous tours, please try to make the last one. The February 20th referendum is a big one. Go see for yourself the condition of the school.

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Boy the Packers sure had an opportunity to knock out #1 seed San Francisco last Saturday night. The Niner’s didn’t play well. The Packer defense could have had a couple of interceptions and of course their rookie kicker missed a 41 yarder in the 4th quarter that would have been huge. Quarterback Jordan Love also made a few poor throws that led to interceptions as well. As the youngest team to ever make the playoffs, maybe it was expected at some point. I can’t help but root for the Detroit Lions moving forward. Those fans have suffered through many years of awful football teams. The days of looking at the schedule and saying those are two wins are over. The NFC North will be very interesting next year! Have a great week!



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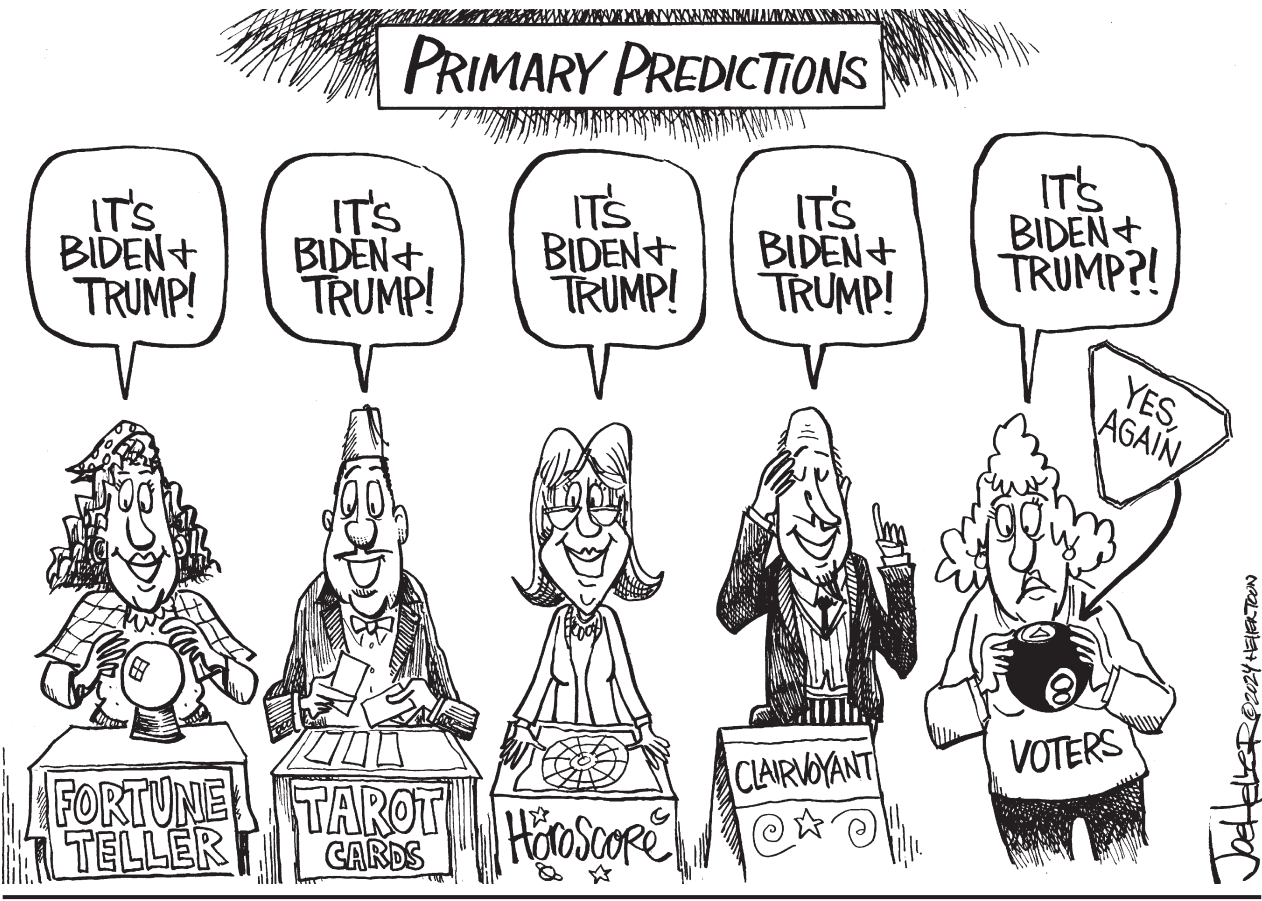
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The editor also reserves the right to edit letters to meet space requirements, clarify, or to avoid obscenity, libel, or invasion of privacy. All letters must bear the handwritten signature of the writer and include the address and phone number(s) for verification purposes.

Poetry and thank you letters are not appropriate. There will be a charge for letters of thank you from individuals and they will be included with the paid notices, not with Letters to the Editor.

Weekly deadline is 2:00 p.m. on Friday





Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“With solid state budget numbers, Wisconsin can compete for growth”

MADISON, Wis. – From red states such as Arizona, Florida and Indiana to blue states such as California, Massachusetts and New York, a common state budget theme is emerging: The post-pandemic spending party is over; a time of sober fiscal management is beginning.

Spared that hangover thus far is Wisconsin, which means the state can be in a better position to compete with its neighbors for economic growth.

About half of all Americans live in states that have reported short-term budget gaps, potential long-term deficits or both, according to analyses by groups such as the Pew Charitable Trusts and Politico. The full extent may be under-reported because some states don’t share a lot of forward-looking fiscal data. While some states have built healthy “rainy day” fund balances, others haven’t tackled the problem of spending more than they collect.

Part of the problem is that some states blew through federal aid almost as fast as it arrived from Washington, D.C., sometimes ignoring structural spending problems that predated the 2020 pandemic. Wisconsin has sidestepped that dilemma – at least, for

now – by amassing a record “rainy day” fund and sizable short-term budget balances.

That was part of the message this week when Revenue Secretary Peter Barca told a meeting of the Wisconsin Technology Council the state has socked away \$1.8 billion in its “rainy day” fund, has a projected \$7 billion balance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and a \$3.9 billion estimated ending balance for the year ending June 30, 2025.

Barca added the state has also retired \$415 million in debt, regained its AAA bond rating for the first time since 1982, and saw general fund tax collections (mainly income, sales and excise taxes) rise by 2.1% over 2022.

That’s a positive start for 2024, especially given that many observers predicted a 2023 recession. Predictions vary for what 2024 holds nationally – more of the same, a soft landing or a bumpy ride for the economy.

Whatever the trend, there will be a long line of suitors to spend Wisconsin’s surplus heading into the next state biennial budget. Wisconsin policymakers should bear in mind that projected balances are precisely that – projected

– and they are single-digit percentages of the total state budget of roughly \$98 billion over two years.

Even if spending pressure mounts, Wisconsin remains in better budgetary shape than two prominent neighbors – Illinois and Minnesota.

In Illinois, deficits are tied in part to the state spending about one-fifth of its general fund dollars on public employee pensions to make up for it being one of the worst-funded (and managed) pension systems in the United States. Wisconsin, in contrast, is one of the best.

Minnesota’s executive budget agency projected the state will have a surplus through fiscal 2025 but face a “structural imbalance” the following two years.

While Wisconsin competes nationally and internationally in many ways, it’s more likely to butt heads with Illinois, Minnesota and other neighbors for talent and company expansion or relocation.

Sometimes, it’s necessary to spend money to make money when it comes to economic development. A current example is a \$7.5 million state proposed state investment to support Wisconsin’s medical “tech hub” application to the federal Economic Development

Administration. If successful, that application could bring \$75 million to the state over time.

Similarly, Wisconsin won two of only 44 national planning grants from the National Science Foundation for “Regional Innovation Engine” hubs between now and 2025. Each of those applications, if successful, could lead to up to \$160 million in support over time. That’s a total of \$320 million to support two anchors of the Wisconsin economy, next-generation agriculture and innovation tied to the nexus of water, energy and advanced manufacturing.

Wisconsin is also a low-cost state for startups, according to a recent survey by Venture Smarter. Minnesota and Illinois are not. There are other advantages to doing business in Wisconsin that could be levered with a little pump-priming, as well.

With a solid budget outlook and once-in-a-decade opportunities at hand, Wisconsin is a good bet for business growth in coming years.

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A Look Back

10 Years Ago
January 29, 2014

January 17, 2014, marked the end of a two-year meat processing training program for William Muench and Louis K. Muench, with Louie’s Finer Meats in Cumberland. Sausage makers, meat industry leaders, University representatives, and Wisconsin State Government officials from across the state gathered to recognize William and Louis and 19 other deserving individuals as a Master Meat Crafter.

Cumberland American Legion Post 98 would like to congratulate Rachel Korntved, Cumberland, for winning the district American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest. The requirements are to write a speech about the United States Constitution with a length of 8 to 10 minutes and four assigned speech topics with a length of 3 to 5 minutes.

20 Years Ago
January 28, 2004

Amber O’Shea Dorn, a student at Cumberland Middle School, was presented with a \$50 savings bond by Steve Thoe, President of Cumberland Federal Bank. Amber won a placement design contest to commemorate the 30th anniversary of senior dining. Her design will be used on placemats at the

Cumberland Senior Center.

30 Years Ago
January 26, 1994

Twelve homeschool students in grades four to eight participated in the Cumberland Area Homeschool Association’s Geography Bee. Jared Lee, the fifth grade homeschool student, won the school level Bee, then took a written qualifying test on January 13. Jared, along with his teacher, is awarded an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C., to participate in the National Geographic Society and its co-sponsors.

40 Years Ago
January 25, 1984

On Saturday, at 6:50 pm, the fire department was called to the Baptist Church parsonage because of an electrical short there. There was no major damage, and the firemen were at the scene for about only a half hour.

Cumberland High School sent two musicians to the Annual Honor Band Clinic in Duluth, MN. Brad Lammers and Karen Howell were among more than 250 high school musicians from northwestern Wisconsin and northeastern Minnesota who attended the event.

50 Years Ago
January 24, 1974

Two attempts by burglars to enter stores early

last Wednesday morning were foiled by “strong” doors. The thieves failed to gain entry in both Schneider Drug and the old Johnson Drug building in downtown Cumberland. The incidents are under investigation.

Thomas H. Burt has been elected assistant cashier and auditor of the Northwestern State Bank at their annual meeting held last week. Burt has been a member of the bank since 1972.

60 Years Ago
January 30, 1964

Special Fifth class Richard Barrows of Cumberland was presented with the Army Commendation medal shortly before his departure from France recently. Barrows, who served in Europe for 31 months, was a member of the Personnel Division of Headquarters, U.S. Army Communications Zone, Europe. He was cited for outstanding meritorious achievement in the performance of duties which contributed significantly to the accomplishment of the mission of the command.

70 Years Ago,
January 28, 1954

The grand prize winner in the CVFD’s fishing contest on Collingwood Lake last Sunday was Art Erickson of Timberland, who received a Martin outboard

motor for his success.

80 Years Ago
January 27, 1944

Wm. Straw lost his barn, 29 cows, a team of horses and 100 chickens by a fire in the early morning hours of Wednesday last week. NO cause for the fire has been determined.

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WINTER!

WEATHER

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1/16	0	-11	0.0	0.00
1/17	4	-6	0.0	0.00
1/18	9	-6	0.0	0.00
1/19	5	-7	trace	trace
1/20	5	-9	0.0	0.00
1/21	9	-4	0.0	0.00
1/22	20	9	0.0	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

John P. Alibania, 25, Barron, speeding, \$200.50. Joseph D. Bertoldi, 57, Rice Lake, speeding, \$250.90 and failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Natalia L. Delmonte, 40, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Thomas O. Fee, 28, Rice Lake, failure/properly maintain tires and rims, \$175.30, operate without a valid license, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Joshua B. Greene, 31, Bruce, speeding, \$175.30 and failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Darah K. Harz, 30, Eau Claire, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Shelby J. Hegna, 30, Chetek, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Delora J. Hills, 58, Rice Lake, speeding, \$175.30. Justin R. Johnson, 47, Cameron, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00 and failure to keep vehicle under control, \$213.10. Taylor M. Johnston, 29, New Richmond, speeding, \$200.50. Jeffrey J. Knecht, 57, Eau Claire, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and operating while suspended, \$200.50. Gavin A. Kraczek, 19, Barron, speeding, \$250.90. Travis L. Livingston, 29, Barron, speeding, \$200.50, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and operating while suspended, \$200.50. Brittany N. Mann, 25, Eau Claire, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Kenneth R. Oftedahl, 49, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Collin D. Schneider, 18, Stanley, speeding, \$200.50. Ashlee L. Stokes-Lystig, 40, Bennett, WI., failure to stop at a stop sign, \$175.30. Brein K. Swieca, 28, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and speeding, \$175.30.

Complaints

Morgan R. Kilty-Morgan, 30, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court date is scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Hannah D. Larson, 18, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court appearance was scheduled for January 16, 2024.

Nicole C. Laveau, 42, of Rice Lake, has been charged with criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court date was scheduled for

January 17, 2024.

Devon J. Osborn, 22, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

Haley M. Wegner, 31, of Johnsbury, IL., has been charged with obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. Her court date is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

Criminal Complaints

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

Jamie A. Ramirez, 24, of Barron, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Landon K. Brekke, 18, of Clear Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Haylee A. Peterson, 20, of Almena, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Brittany A. Byrnes, 32, of Rice Lake, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 31, 2024.

James D. Lusk, 32, of Rice Lake, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse, disorderly conduct, use of a dangerous weapon and resisting or obstructing an officer. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for January 16, 2024.

Bradley L. Jorgenson, 65, of Chetek, has been charged with entry/onto building/construction site/room. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 14, 2024.

Madison R. Giacomini, 23, off Duluth, MN., has been charged with possession of narcotic drugs. She has a bench warrant issued for her arrest.

Blake R. Smith, 33, of Duluth MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of cocaine. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

Ricardo A. Dominguez, 40, of Inver Grove Heights, MN., has been charged with armed robbery, increased penalty for elder person victim, party to a crime, burglary-armed with dangerous weapon, physical abuse of elder person-intentionally cause bodily harm, false imprisonment and use of a dangerous weapon. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Christopher J. Fischer, 43, of Chippewa Falls, has been

charged with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and use or possession with intent to use masking agent. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 21, 2024.

Travis L. Triplett, 48, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

William O. Salisbury, 21, of Weyerhaeuser, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 24, 2024.

John D. Hanson, 73, of Chetek, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence-3rd offense, operating with prohibited alcohol concentration and hit and run-attended vehicle.

A deputy, with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, reports on May 30, 2023, at approximately 6:57 pm, he received notice of a hit and run that occurred at a tavern in Chetek. The caller, S.C.S. advised his vehicle was struck while it was parked in the parking lot. S.C.S. advised the vehicle fled the area and he followed the suspect vehicle. S.C.S. advised the suspect vehicle eventually parked at another tavern in Cameron.

The deputy arrived at the tavern and made contact with S.C.S. When asked if he was able to identify the suspect vehicle and driver, S.C.S. pointed in the direction of a SUV. S.C.S. advised he believed the suspect was the only one inside the vehicle and the suspect had not left the vehicle since he had been following it. S.C.S. advised while following the vehicle, he observed it was "all over the roadway."

The deputy reports he observed minor damage to the driver's side rear portion of S.C.S.'s vehicle. The deputy approached the SUV and observed the driver's side door to be open. The deputy observed the driver of the SUV to match the description provided by S.C.S. The deputy identified the driver as the defendant, Hanson. The deputy observed Hanson's eyes to be glossy and his speech to be slurred. Hanson initially stated he not at the tavern in Chetek and did not back into any vehicle. Hanson advised he had consumed approximately two beers while he was at a party.

The deputy reports he observed minor damage on the right rear bumper of Hanson's vehicle. The deputy noticed a small amount of paint transfer that matched the color of both vehicles. The deputy reports Hanson then admitted to being at the tavern and backing into a vehicle.

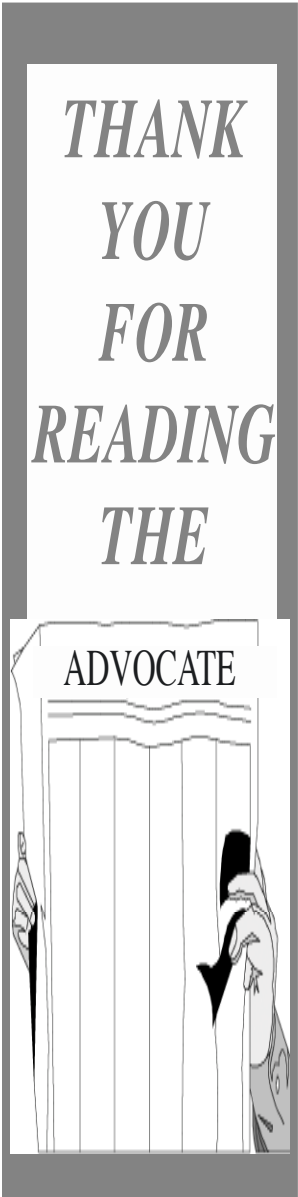
The deputy reports he administered Standardized

Field Sobriety Tests to Hanson. The deputy first administered the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test. The deputy was unable to administer the test as Hanson did not follow instructions. The deputy next administered the Walk and Turn test. The deputy was unable to administer the test as Hanson did not follow instructions again. The deputy next administered the One Leg Stand Test. The deputy reports Hanson initially used the squad for balance and was told not to. Hanson lifted his right foot up in the air approximately four inches then placed it down and said he couldn't do it.

The deputy placed Hanson under arrest for suspected operating while under the influence. Hanson consented to the collection of an evidentiary chemical sample of his blood.

On June 15, 2023, the deputy received the laboratory test with the test result that was obtained and the result was .226 g/100 ml.

If convicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence-3rd offense, Hanson may be fined not less than \$600 nor more than \$2,000 and imprisoned for not more less than 45 days nor more than one year in the county jail. For operating with prohibited alcohol concentration, he may be fined not less than \$600 nor more than \$2,000 or imprisoned for not less than 45 days nor more than one year in the county jail. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 24, 2024.



Two Vehicle Collision Results in One Fatality in St. Croix County

On January 17, 2024, at about 9:26 pm, the St. Croix County Emergency Communication Center received a call reporting a two-vehicle collision in the 1600 block of County Road TT, in the Town of Hammond.

Upon arrival, deputies found a 2013 Volkswagen Passat in the roadway with significant front-end damage, and a 2021 Toyota 4Runner in the ditch. The Toyota 4Runner was traveling eastbound on County Road TT, while the Volkswagen was traveling westbound when the collision took place.

The driver of the 4Runner was a 60 year old male from New Richmond, WI, and his passenger, a 54 year old male from Hammond WI were both treated at the scene and released. Both were wearing seatbelts.

All three occupants of the Volkswagen were transported by ambulance to Regions Hospital. The driver of the

Volkswagon, a 21 year old male from Hammond WI, and a second passenger, a 34 year old male from Bruce WI, suffered injuries. The third passenger, seated in the back seat, was Isaiah K. Barnes, age 26, from Hudson WI. Barnes suffered life-threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased at Regions Hospital. None of the occupants of the Volkswagen were wearing seatbelts.

The initial investigation indicates alcohol may have played a role in the crash.

The St. Croix County Sheriff's Office received assistance from Hammond Police, United Fire Hammond, United Fire Baldwin, Roberts Fire / Rescue, and Baldwin EMS.

This incident marks the first fatality recorded by St. Croix County in 2024.

The crash remains under investigation by the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office.

WisDOT announces 2023 Excellence in Construction Awards; Contractors honored for projects in Dane, Lafayette, Outagamie, Milwaukee, Polk and Racine counties

Six Wisconsin construction companies received Excellence in Construction Awards at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's annual Contractor-Engineer Conference held this week in Wisconsin Dells.

Top winners include an asphalt paving project in Polk County, a concrete paving project in Dane County, a grading project in Outagamie County, a small bridge project in Lafayette County, a large bridge project in Racine County and a large contract project in Milwaukee County.

"We are extremely proud of the work over the past five years to improve more than 7,400 miles of roadway and 1,780 bridges in Wisconsin," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "We continue to make strategic transportation investments in every county across the state and these awards showcase those efforts. In coordination with industry partners, we are working together to enhance safety, mobility and quality of life benefits for everyone."

"We are grateful for the strong working relationships with many skilled contracting firms to help make our transportation system safer and more reliable for millions of people across Wisconsin," Michael Hoelker, director of WisDOT's Bureau of Project Development, said. "The annual Excellence in Construction Awards are an opportunity for us to recognize quality work and embrace innovations that help us save time and money."

Excellence in Asphalt Paving – Monarch Paving, based in Amery, received the award for work on US 63 from the St. Croix County line north to Polk County J. This project rehabilitated just over eight miles of pavement on US 63 and completed major geometric safety improvements at several intersections. Despite tight scheduling expectations, the strong collaboration between contractors helped the project finish two weeks ahead of schedule.

Excellence in Concrete Paving – Trierweiler Construction, located in Marshfield, received the award for work on Blair Street, between Williamson Street and East Washington Avenue in Madison, in Dane County. This project fully reconstructed a portion of Business US 151, a major road in downtown Madison. Concrete paving was a critical schedule item to keep the rest of the project on track, and Trierweiler worked con-

tinuously with project staff to maximize efficiency for all aspects of their work.

Excellence in Grading – Mashuda Construction, Inc., based in Princeton, received the award for work on the WIS 15 expansion, between US 45 in New London and Lily of the Valley Drive in Greenville, in Outagamie County. This two-year project reconstructed 3.6 miles of WIS 15 from two to four lanes. The project required effective communication with businesses and residents as traffic staging had significant impacts to access during construction. Due to this close cooperation, the project made cost effective decisions while keeping the project on schedule.

Excellence in Small Structures – Kraemer North America, located in Plain, received the award for the WIS 23 bridge over the Pecatonica River in Lafayette County. The bridge work replaced the deteriorated superstructure and wingwalls, and added new elements like sidewalks, steel railing, decorative lighting, and a polymer overlay to the bridge deck. The unique geometry and environmental commitments provided challenges for the contractor and project team to overcome, and without all parties working together, this project would not have been as successful.

Excellence in Large Structures – Zenith Tech Inc., located in Waukesha, received the award for the Jefferson Street bridge over the Fox River in Racine County. This project replaced the existing Jefferson Street bridge in the City of Burlington with a new 3-span slab structure, as well as work along the City's scenic riverwalk. Spring flooding and unexpected foundation soil issues threatened to delay the project, but with open communication and close coordination with all stakeholders, the project met the completion date.

Large Contract – Michels Road & Stone Inc., located in Brownsville, received the award for work on the Zoo Interchange North Leg, along US 45 between Swan Boulevard and Burleigh Street, in Milwaukee County. The project expanded nearly two miles of highway from three to four lanes in each direction, as well as reconstructed the North Avenue interchange. The project lasted three full construction seasons, making management of interim traffic patterns critical to the long term success of the project. Michels partnered with the department to deliver this highly complex project on time, on budget, and with minimal public disruption.

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Sports

Boys Basketball Team Picks up Victories Over Ladysmith and Northwestern

It was an excellent week for the Cumberland Beavers as they picked up wins over two teams ahead of them in the Conference standings, defeating Ladysmith 71-65 and Northwestern 79-72.

The Beavers have now won six of their last seven games and have raised their overall mark to 8 and 5, 6 and 3 in the HON. With two beatable teams on their schedule this week, the Barron Bears (4-10) and the Spooner Rails (1-10), the Beavers could well put themselves within striking distance of the current HON leader, Cameron, who they host in Elmer Beran Gymnasium next Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday's victory against Ladysmith, was highlighted by another outstanding performance by Junior Gavin Gores, who scored 39 points in the contest. He was affective inside and out, burying four treys and shooting 16 of 28 from the floor. He was a bad match-up for the Lumberjacks, just as he has been for most opponents this winter.

Gores had a lot of help from Uriah Johnson, who had a strong night which included 17 points, five rebounds, and a pair of assists. "Uriah was solid in every aspect of the game," commented Coach Brian Dutton.

The game also featured Gores 1,000th point as a Cumberland Beaver. He is well on his way to becoming Cumberland's all-time leading scorer before he graduates. "It was a very good team effort," said Dutton.

The Beavers then headed to Northwestern on Friday, which has been annually been a tough place to play for all HON teams. The Beavers accepted the challenge and defeated the Tigers 79-72. "It was very gratifying to see what we have worked on in practice being applied to the game," said Dutton. He added, "The boys did a nice job of handling the Tigers pressure defense, which was the key to the game."

When teams concentrate on stopping Gores inside, it opens up opportunities for the Beavers perimeter payers. Both Chayden Berghammer and Uriah Johnson took advantage of the situation, scoring 21 and 17 points respectively. "Both boys had excellent games," said Coach Dutton. The two players combined to go an excellent 9 for 14 from the three-point line.

Gores led Cumberland with 26 points and 10 rebounds, while Berghammer had a team-high seven assists. Jack Richter added a pair of baskets from beyond the arc, while Sophomore point guard Troy Majewski had another solid game with five points, two assists, and three steals.

Cumberland takes their momentum into a game against Barron this Thursday in Elmer Beran Gymnasium beginning at 7:00 pm. Saturday, Cumberland travels to Spooner for another 7:00 pm start. This will set up next Tuesday's home game against Cameron, one which could push the Beavers closer to the lead in the HON Conference.



Uriah Johnson had a big game to help the Beavers beat the Lunberjacks last week on the Beavers home floor. Johnson had 17 points, 5 rebounds and a pair of assists. Photo by Omalley Thompson.



#12 Jack Richter puts up a tough jumper during the Beavers home court win over Ladysmith. Photo by Omalley Thompson.

Northwest Icemen Drop 8-3 Decision to Amery; Host Somerset in Barron on Thursday

The Northwest Icemen dropped an 8-3 decision to the Amery Warriors in the only game on the schedule last week. The Icemen had the night's first score when Brody Hammann hit the net at the 7:45 mark of the first period, but Amery responded with seven consecutive goals to put the game out of reach. The Icemen were outshot 50 to 14 in the contest.

Amery leads the Middle Border Conference with a 5 and 0 record and are an

excellent 15 and 2 overall. Following Thursday's game against Somerset, the Icemen head to Shawano this Saturday for a game starting at 1:00 pm.

- Middle Border Standings:**
- 1.Amery 5-0 (15-2)
 - 2.Hayward 4-1 (7-7-1)
 - 3.Somerset 2-2 (7-7-2)
 - 4.Baldwin-Woodville 2-2 (4-12-1)
 - 5.Regis/Altoona/Mc-Donell 1-4 (4-10)
 - 6.Northwest Icemen 0-5 (1-12)

Girl's Basketball Team Hosts Chetek-Weyerhaeuser This Friday

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team will be back in action this Friday at 6:00 pm, when they host the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Bulldogs in a HON game on Elmer Beran Court. The ladies had played earlier in the week in Cameron in a contest that was held on Tuesday night.

The youthful Cumberland squad showed some improvement last week, dropping a pair of contests they were in for a good share of the game. They lost 46-34 to the Luck Cardinals and 44-30 to Spooner, coupled around a 73-15 loss to a 12 and 4 Barron Bears team.

Cumberland started slowly against Luck and trailed 21-11 at halftime. Turnovers hurt the team's opportunity to score as the ladies could only manage to get off 35 shots in the contest. Freshman Raegan Beecroft led Cumberland with nine points and seven rebounds, while Lizzie Mathison added seven points and Kaylee Jackson and Alora Garibaldi

five each. Garibaldi added a team-high four assists.

Cumberland could only get off 21 shots against a strong Barron defense on Thursday. Melody Taylor led the Red and White with six points and five boards.

The week ended last Saturday with a 14-point loss to the Spooner Rails. Cumberland trailed 25-14 at half-time and could not catch-up over the game's final 18-minutes of play.

The Beavers shot 24 percent from the floor in the contest, but was seven for 11 from the free throw line. Raegan Beecroft continued her strong progression for Coach Kim Weber, scoring a team-high 11 points and grabbing nine rebounds in the contest. Alora Garibaldi added six points and three assists, while Macy Beecroft and Melody Taylor scored four points each.

Next Monday, January 29, the team host the Northwestern Tigers in another 6:00 pm contest.



Beavers leading scorer Gavin Gores had a huge night pouring in 39 points in the Beavers HON win over Ladysmith. Gores also eclipsed 1,000 career points. Congratulations Gavin!



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**SOLAR TIMES**

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

**LUNAR TIMES**

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01/28 Sun >	6:55	12:45	7:16	1:05	07:35	05:05	8:14p	9:13a	2:18a	2:38p	
01/29 Mon	7:41	1:31	8:00	1:50	07:33	05:06	9:17p	9:29a	2:58a	3:18p	
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F = Full Moon N = New Moon Q = Quarter Moon > = Peak Activity

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

A Very Good Time in the Canoe at Port Washington

Hello friends,
This week's column gives you a bit of reality about my way of earning a living and is also a pretty cool adventure.

Thursday, January 11th
High 34, low 27

The lead up to this experience is important. First, I heard good stories about fishermen catching brown trout in the harbor at Port Washington as well on Lake Michigan itself. Second, my 17-foot Aluma Craft aluminum canoe has a 6 inch tear in its belly that I have been attempting to fix the last few days with my canoe actually in my living room. Third, I am addicted to canoe fishing and do not remember ever paddling a canoe on Lake Michigan in January. Fourth, I had planned on staying 2 days but a monster snowstorm with major wind would knock this plan down to one day. Fifth, I looked on the internet and saw that there were 2 sport shops in Port Washington and that is where I planned on getting the right spoons and crankbaits to paddle troll with.

On my actual drive I would come to reality with the approaching storm and after arriving in Port Washington realize that both shops were apparently closed for the winter. I went to one of those big box stores hoping to find something that looked like a shad as I had been reading that the brown trout were feeding on shad. The closest I could come was a spoon made by DREAMWEAVER and it was called the Silver Alewife. I bought 2 as well as a half dozen crankbaits. I have to admit I did not have a ton of daylight after rigging my canoe with three rod holders mounted on a 2x6, no electronics, and whole bunch of I can do this attitude. I rigged one of the DREAWEAVERS on a spinning rod that would be straight back and put a crankbait on my left and right rods which had planer boards. I left the landing at

1:30 and was really excited. I had paddled maybe 2 minutes and the DREAMWEAVER setup started going bonkers telling me it was fish on. Folks I have to tell you, catching heavy torpedoes in a canoe is close to insane, my trophy started jumping and I could see it was big. A half dozen times I got it close to the net and then it would just take off and be out of sight. I have to admit, I was on my knees, riding out the fight and this fish was stronger than my left wrist. In the end I caught what I would say was a 14-pound brown trout and I felt like a super hero.

Now things started going in a bad direction for me! My trophy kind of got caught in one of my other lines. I figured I would just cut the line and retie it. A big oops as I cut my line and the DREAMWEAVER fell overboard and to the bottom of Lake Michigan. No problem, I have another. I tied that one and I was in a great mood and started paddling out to sea. When I paddled past the lighthouse the wind caught me and started pushing me at a rapid rate to the state of Michigan. This situation was so ugly that I made the decision that if I got a fish on, I would cut my line. Next plan was, stay in the harbor and follow the hundreds of mergansers which are a fish-eating duck and hopefully brown trout would be by the ducks. Well, I have to tell you, I got snagged a lot and this was a time consuming problem.

After about an hour I had a hit on the DREAMWEAVER, but it was gone as soon as it happened. I lost several cranks and then just like that it was fish on with my DREAMWEAVER and once again I felt like I was a superhero as the big brown was jumping and clearing 4 feet with each jump. Unfortunately, bad luck came my way, my line went limp and the brown kept jumping. I think the rocks had done some damage and I was now without a DREAMWEAVER. Not a hit was had on any other lures. I fished un-



This was not an easy picture to take but I sure was in a good mood after catching this brown trout out of my canoe at Port Washington.

til O Dark Thirty, had one heck of a time getting my 62-year-old body out of the canoe and I was in an awesome mood.

On this day I learned how to catch browns on the big pond in January.

If I ever gave ya a tip, remember the spoon I wrote about!

Sunset

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Solid Showing!



The Barron/Chetek/Cumberland co-op Bantam (U14) hockey team placed third in the 10-team Chiller Challenge hosted by Hayward over the weekend. The Grizzlies headed north through blowing snow Friday night, Jan. 12, to pick up a 5-1 win over a Copper Country hockey team out of Hancock, Mich. They then played a solid game while defeating Rice Lake 7-2 on Saturday, but had injury issues while falling 7-4 to Hayward that evening in a physical game. The second period was the deciding factor, when Hayward had a 4-0 edge. The Grizzlies bounced back to defeat an upset-minded Somerset B team 3-1 on Sunday. Pictured are: row one, goalie Chandler Beers; row two (from left), Austin Hornstein, Dawson Brown, Gavin Lehmann, Braydon Roberts, Jack Manor, Mason Fick; row two, coach Mark Bell, Olivia Holzman-Byrne, Lilyja Olson, Everleigh Lathrop, Landry Bell, Austin Andrews, Logan Charron and coach Drew Brown. Roberts led the team with a dozen points on the weekend, including hat tricks over Copper Country and Rice Lake. Lehmann had eight points: four goals and four assists. Defensemen also collected points. Andrews had four assists and Bell also had four points, including a goal and two assists in the 3-1 win over Baldwin. Hayward lost the title game 4-0 to a North Shore team out of Minnesota that didn't allow a goal over four games. Rice Lake beat Menomonie's B team for seventh, 7-2, while Copper Country fell 5-3 to Edgumbe (St. Paul, Minn.) 5-3 in the fifth place contest.

Sports Look Back, January 25, 1984

Hockey Round Up

High School

In spite of a loss to Spooner this week, the skaters of this group are, in the words of the coach, looking up as a team. A trend has become apparent which reflects the good work being done. One can't help but notice that Cumberland is beginning to score and that the defensive work is holding down opposing scores. The scoring in the 5-2 loss to Spooner was by Curt Johnson and Tim Olson. The work in goal was by Tom Lombard.

Bantam

The Bantams are on a roll and giving every evidence of continuing success as the games roll by. They played three this week and won three this week.

Last Tuesday they took on Spooner and came out on the right end of an 8-2

score. Mickey Allen in goal, Mark Schoonveld and Scott Bents were all impressive with Spooner getting only seven shots on goal. Allen stopped five of them. Scoring was by Cory Pederson, Rob Lombard, Jim Ellis, Brent Diesterhaft, Mark Adler and Chris Howell.

On Saturday, Cumberland defeated Dunn County 4-3 with Cory Pederson and Rob Lombard each scoring twice. The defense again was outstanding.

On Sunday, Spooner was again held to two goals while Cumberland scored 10. Cory Pederson got a hat trick, while the defense contributed to the scoring with Mark Schoonveld and Scott Bents each scoring twice. Joe Chadwick chipped in with two and Jim Ellis with one. Rob Lom-

bard and Mike Wurm were impressive for making their lines go and for their passing.

With a 9-2-1 record, the Bantams are now at the top of the Indianhead League and have qualified on their record for a spot in the playoffs. Their first playoff game will be against Chipewewa Falls.

Squirts

Brent Huebner recorded his first shut-out in the only game played by the Squirts this week when Cumberland took Rice Lake 11-0. David Adascheck and David Riebe both scored hat tricks, Isaac Neitzel contributed two, while Ryan Rydberg, Cory Jacobs and Adam Kunkel got one goal. Kunkel, Riebe and Dan Wackerfuss were credited with assists. The coach reported that there

was lots of hustle, good passing and that the defense was tremendous.

Pee wee (B)

Todd Organ and Bucky Bergmann each scored a goal in a losing effort against Dunn County this week, but the coach commented that in this game in the tie with Altoona the entire team was outstanding. The game with Altoona resulted in a 5-5 tie. Jason Lenarz scored two with Bucky Bergmann, John Anderson and Todd Organ each scoring once. With their 10-3-2 record, the "Wisconsin Hockey News" has rated this team as number two in the state behind Wausau and Green Bay West. The latter two teams are tied for first in this rating.

Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Amery	Amery	10	5	5	0	0	32	10	15-2-0
Hayward	Haywrd	8	5	4	1	0	24	11	7-7-1
Somerset	Smrset	5	5	2	2	1	20	12	7-7-2
Baldwin-Woodville	BWood	5	5	2	2	1	14	16	4-12-1
Regis/Altoona/McDonell	RAM	2	5	1	4	0	9	27	4-10-0
Northwest Icemen	NWest	0	5	0	5	0	9	32	1-12-0

Girls BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	L10	OVERALL
St. Croix Falls	SCF	11	0	W11	10-0-0	12-5-0
Barron	BARRON	9	2	L1	8-2-0	12-4-0
Hayward	HAY	8	3	L1	7-3-0	11-6-0
Cameron	CAMER	7	3	W5	7-3-0	9-4-0
Northwestern	NWERN	5	5	W1	5-5-0	5-9-0
Spooner	SPOON	5	6	W3	4-6-0	5-9-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	4	7	W1	3-7-0	8-9-0
Ashland	ASHL	2	8	L4	2-8-0	2-12-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	2	9	L3	2-8-0	4-12-0
Cumberland	CUMB	0	10	L10	0-10-0	0-14-0

Boys BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	OVERALL
Cameron	CAMER	8	1	W3	12-1-0
Northwestern	NWERN	7	2	L1	9-6-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	7	2	W1	11-3-0
Cumberland	CUMB	6	3	W4	8-5-0
Ashland	ASHL	4	5	L2	4-9-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	4	5	W1	6-8-0
Barron	BARRON	3	6	W2	4-10-0
Hayward	HAY	3	6	L1	3-11-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	2	7	L4	3-11-0
Spooner	SPOON	1	8	L2	1-10-0

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 25

Boys BB @ Barron 7:00

Hockey vs Somerset @ Barron 7:00

Friday, Jan. 26

Wrestling @ Superior 6:00

Girls BB home vs Chetek/Wey. 6:00

Hockey @ Oshkosh West 7:00

Saturday, Jan. 27

Boys BB @ Spooner 1:00

Hockey @ Shawano 1:00

Monday, Jan. 29

Girls BB home vs N.Western 6:00

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Boys BB home vs Cameron 7:00

Hockey vs Hayward @ Barron 7:00

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DauTre Allen pictured here in control, had a solid showing placing 3rd in the tough St. Croix Falls Invitational last weekend. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Jack Chafer continued his fine season by placing second at the St. Croix Falls Invitational. Photo by Dakota Morfoot



Gabe Erickson picked up a big pin at 190 pounds at the Beavers home dual vs St. Croix Falls last week. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Noah Hile looks to pin his man last weekend at St. Croix Falls. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.

Wrestlers Lose to St. Croix Falls; Participate in Saints Invitational

The Cumberland Beavers young wrestling team found out why the St. Croix Saints are favored to win their 5th straight HON Title last Thursday night, when the Beavers dropped a 50-21 dual to the Saints in front of a big crowd in Elmer Beran Gymnasium. Wrestling with a full roster, St. Croix Falls wrestlers picked up five pins on the way to their victory, while the Beaver wrestlers will take the lessons learned from the night into their matches for the rest of the season.

Cumberland still had some strong individual performances on the evening. Braden Johnson continued his outstanding freshman year with a 19-5 major decision over Kaiden Hahn, while brother Dawson remained undefeated with a 21-4 tech fall over Isaac Briggs. DauTre Allen had an impressive pin at 175 pounds, while teammate Gabe Erickson had a dominant performance ending in a pin at 190 pounds. The Beavers have a strong squad, it's just that on this night the Saints were better.

Two days later, the Beavers got back into action on Saturday when they headed to St. Croix Falls for their Invitational. The Saints defended their 2023 team title by securing 201.5 points on the day, while Totino Grace, Minnesota was second, Hudson third, and Cumberland fourth with 182.5 points.

Coach Justin Peterson's squad picked up two individual firsts and three seconds in the Tournament, as the Beavers showed well against good competition. The firsts came from Braden Johnson at 106 and Dawson Johnson at 138, while second place finishes came from Harrison Ruppel, Jack Owens, and Jack Chafer.

Braden Johnson raised his overall mark to 33-2 with a bye, two tech falls, and a 11-3 major decision over a Totino Grace wrestler in the finals. Brother Dawson Johnson, meanwhile, re-

mains undefeated at 36-0 with a bye, a victory by injury default, a pin, and a 10-1 major decision over Hudson's J.D. Minder-Broeckaert in the Championship match.

Harrison Ruppel had a very good performance on Saturday to finish second with two pins, a medical forfeit, and a 11-9 overtime loss to Griffin Marko of St. Croix Falls in the Championship match-up. Ruppel had lost to Marko 14-6 only two night earlier and has had a strong junior season with a 28-10 record.

Another junior having a solid season is Jack Owens, who moved his record to 28-9 with another second-place finish. Owens recorded a bye, a pin, and a 17-13 decision, before being pinned by Drake Peterson of St. Croix Falls in the finals.

The Beavers final runner-up was Jack Chafer at 285. Chafer received a bye and pinned two opponents, before being pinned by Dylan Smith of Ogilvie, Minnesota, dropping his overall record to a fine 17-4.

Coach Peterson also received a strong 3rd place finish from DauTre Allen (24-9) at 175 pounds, while Gabe Erickson (21-16) added a 4th at 190. Noah Hile (27-7), meanwhile, was 5th at 120-pounds, going 4 and 1 on the day and losing only in his quarterfinal match-up against River Falls Oliver Larson, who finished 4th.

The JV Tournament on Saturday involved a few younger Cumberland wrestlers, one of which was Graier Corns, who won all four of his matches to take first at 157.

The Beavers regular season schedule is winding down, as after Tuesday's home match, the Beavers only scheduled events remaining events are the Super Duals in Superior this Friday and the Conference Meet in Ladysmith on February 3. The WIAA Regionals begin Tournament wrestling on February 10.

Cumberland Wrestlers Participate in Wisconsin Challenge Series

Five Cumberland Wrestlers competed in the Wisconsin Challenge Varsity Reserve Tournament held in Wausau last Saturday. The competition is intended to accommodate 'sub-varsity' level wrestlers as opposed to varsity level 'competitive' regular varsity wrestlers who have been contributing members of a varsity

squad during the season.

Cumberland participants, who qualified for the event from Regional competitions, included Onesimus West, Colt Miller, Nathan Swint, Conner Burke, and Brody Gilbertson. Burke had the Beavers best finish with a second at 175 following his 3-1 day. Miller also went 3 and 1 to finish third.

Baseball Coaches Clinic February, 3rd

The 42nd annual Northwest Baseball Coaches Clinic will be held at Nezy's Sports Bar in Cumberland on Saturday, February 3. The clinic features outstanding coaches from across the State and includes UW-Whitewater Assistant Coaches Peyton Schneider and Zach Bayreuther, UW-River Falls Head Coach Steve Bartlein, La Crosse Aquinas Head Coach and Wisconsin Hall of Famer Mike Dee, St. Croix Falls Head Coach and 2023 State

Champion Matt Vold, and ABCA Hall of Fame Coach Marty Paulsen.

Registration begins at 8:00 am with the Clinic running from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm with a Social to follow. The cost is \$60, which includes lunch with proceeds going towards the Cumberland High School Athletic Hall of Fame. No pre-registration is necessary.

Questions can be directed towards Mark Fuller at mfull@csdmail.com or 715-790-0109.

Cumberland Mixed up Bowling League

Second Half Standings

Cumberland Federal - 13
Club Cumberland - 13
Corner Bar - 6
Grandma's Gang - 5
Cumberland Bus - 3
3 High Scratch Games
Bob Cifaldi - 219

Blake Cifaldi - 169
Ryan Mazurek - 160
3 High Scratch Series
Bob Cifaldi - 490
Blake Cifaldi - 445
Tommy Youston - 431



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Noesen Presents Barron History Pictures at Genealogy Society Meeting

The Blue Hills Genealogical Society invites you to stroll down Barron's history Thursday, February 1, 2024. Ken Noesen will present a program of historical pictures and postcards of Barron at the Society meeting 3:00 p.m. at the Barron Senior Center, 12 N. 3rd St., Barron. The program is free and open to the public.

The genealogy society has changed its monthly program meetings to the first Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Barron Senior Center. If you would like to become a member of the Society, you may do so at their monthly meetings or online at www.bhgsbc.org.

Anyone interested in family history and Barron County history will enjoy the activities the Society hosts.

The Society maintains a research library at 410 E. LaSalle, Suite C, Barron. If you would like to research your family history there, make reservations with Rosella Amundson at 715-537-5760, rjainwi@charter.net.

If you have an ancestor that lived in Barron County by 1871, you can apply for a Pioneer Certificate sponsored by the Society. If you have an ancestor that lived in Barron County 100 years ago (by 1924), you can ap-

ply for a Century certificate. Contact Linda Adams at 715-205-2860, buzzy@chibardun.net for information on applying for a certificate.

For questions on family history research, contact Rosella Amundson. She is available to look up information for you on your family history questions.

The Society's website is found at www.bhgsbc.org and contains information on events, resources, certificate program, and membership application. For other questions, contact president Gloria Dobberfuhr at 715-637-5579, mgd5579@hotmail.com.

Brass, woodwinds, and strings ensembles featured at Home Grown concert

Northwestern Wisconsin's finest classical musicians will highlight the unique sounds of different types of instruments at the Red Cedar Symphony's fifth annual HomeGrown concert at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake.

Orchestras are comprised of strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion sections, and this concert will feature chamber music ensembles of all except percussion. The Amadeus Mozart quintet, the Red Cedar Woodwind quintet, and Hornutopia will perform music written specifically for strings, woodwinds, and brass, respectively. Hornutopia, a group which is new to this event, includes RCS

conductor and artistic director Adam Bever on French horn, one of several instruments which he plays.

In addition to Bever, Hornutopia performers are Brad Anderson on trumpet, Aleta Anderson on tuba, and Erik Aleks on baritone. The Red Cedar Woodwind Quintet includes Renee Rademaker on flute, Alana Laufman on oboe, RCS personnel director Patty Smith on clarinet, Gail Waldron on French Horn, and Kelli Lester on bassoon; and the Red Cedar Amadeus Quintet features RCS concert master Michael Elling on violin, with RCS President Rob in Fossum on violin, Beth Good on viola, Peter Neal on cello, and guest Patty

Smith on clarinet.

This will be a warm and intimate concert on a midwinter afternoon. No admission will be charged, though freewill donations are gladly accepted. Please join us at 4 p.m. on Feb. 10 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 35 Messenger Street in Rice Lake.

Established in 1983 and housed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, the RCS draws classical musicians from throughout northwestern Wisconsin, including Rice Lake, Osseo, Cumberland, Ladysmith, Spooner, Chetek, Gordon, Trego, Springbrook, Bruce, Hayward, Cable, Winter, Bloomer, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, and Foster. For more information, please visit our website at www.RedCedarSymphony.org.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

The annual meeting of Barronett Lutheran was held this past Sunday morning. There were not too many things to decide on, everything is running so smoothly – and will continue to do so as long as Pastor Todd will stay with us. We all know that we are so lucky to have someone that dedicated serving our church. He not only comes up with inspirational, interesting and educational sermons every Sunday, he also notices things around the church that require maintenance and he fixes them – either single-handedly or with the help of other members of the congregation. I think I can speak for all of the members of our church when I say that we can't thank him enough for his dedication and service.

One of the things we discussed at the meeting was the time for Wednesday evening Lenten services. We decided to have the "soup and sandwich" supper at 5:30 p.m. and the Lenten service at 6:30 p.m. That is a half hour earlier than we were having it up to this point, and if it is not convenient for most people, we will change it back to the 6:00 and 7:00 times. Lent is sneaking up on us rapidly you know – Ash Wednesday is February 14th.

Remember -- This Saturday, January 27, is the date for the Shallow Lake Ice Fishing Contest, which will be hosted by Barronett Civic Club members. The nice, cold weather we have been having lately should have been making plenty of ice – maybe we will be able to drive out to the best fishing spots. Otherwise, of course, die-hard fish-

ermen and women will probably choose to take snowmobiles or even walk on the lake. It really is a great fishing contest and worth getting out on the lake by any means.

And, of course, when everyone gets together at the community center after the contest, it's always a good time. The civic club cooks are among the best in the area, and their "souper" supper is always fantastic. There will also be games and raffles and lots of other fun things going on. I certainly hope you can join us there.

Shirley Overvig called and said that she had an appointment in Cumberland last Tuesday, and asked if we were going to be home so she could stop by. I told her that, of course, if she was planning to stop by, we would certainly be here. She also called Geri Pittman, so Geri came by for a visit too. It was great catching up on everything Shirley has been doing the past few months.

Then, while we ladies were having coffee and talking way too much, another person came to the door. It was Earl Webb, a man who had grown up in our house way back when. Earl is living in Hayward now, but he has stopped by a couple times and it is always a pleasure to see him – especially because he knows ALL of the history of Barronett. Anyway, this time he brought an aerial photograph of Barronett which was taken many, many years ago. When that picture was taken the main road was Old 63, which ran past the cheese

factory. There was a general store between our house and Sal's on 63, and Barronett Lutheran had not been built yet. I am not sure when the picture was taken, but I think the church was built in 1927. I honestly didn't even know that there were aerial photos from that time. I wonder if it is one of those taken from a hot-air balloon instead of a plane. He left the picture with us, so if you want to see what the town looked like from the air in the early 1900's, stop by and I would be glad to show it to you. I think I will have it framed and hang it in the front room.

Duane had a great birthday – it was on January 20th. To start his day off right, we were joined for a waffle and ice cream breakfast by Lynn, Kane and Pierce Thon and Suzy and Ryan Lehmann. Later we drove up to Spooner and picked out some bedroom furniture at our favorite furniture store, Bush and Gilles. (It will be delivered this Thursday.) That evening I took his birthday cake over to Sal's on 63 to share with family and friends while we watched the Packers/49ers game. I don't have to tell you what a great game that was – I wish the Packers would have won, but they certainly made it interesting. I bet that next year they will be even better and we will get to watch them play in the Super Bowl.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. I hope you will join us on Saturday for the ice fishing contest – or the "souper supper," or both. It will be fun!

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Thursday, January 25
BBQ Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, Buttered Beets, Assorted Bread, Almond Bar.

Friday, January 26
Spinach, Sausage, and Cheese Egg Bake, Hashbrowns, Cranberry Orange Muffin and Tomato Juice.

Monday, January 29
Boiled Kielbasa w/Sauerkraut, Boiled Baby Reds, Steamed Corn, Dinner Roll, Ice Cream.

Tuesday, January 30
Creamy Chicken A la King w/ Mixed Vegetables served over a flaky Biscuit, Warm Baked Apples, Fruit Juice.

Wednesday, January 31
Mediterranean Salmon, Chieftain Rice Blend, French Green Beans, Assorted Bread, Banana

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 and \$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. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
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Mary Jo Ann “Jo” Bour

Jo grew close to God and now she is able to spend eternity with God in Heaven. One of the special things we experienced was her holding our hands and she gave us the biggest hand tug when we said how much Jesus loves you and she loves Jesus and how happy you are to see Him eye to eye.

Born June 4, 1958 to Robert “Bob” and Jo Ann “Jo” Bour (Leithauser). She grew up on St Paul’s Eastside’s Fremont Street, attending St. Johns grade school and Harding High School. She

brought her daughter Jamie into the world, and she was the love of her life. In ’95 she married her farmer from North Dakota. Then came her grandchildren Jake and Taylor “mimi” who she was able to spoil on every holiday. Jo spent a lot of time in Cumberland throughout her life as her parents had a place on Kidney Lake since the late ‘70’s. Jo and her husband Tom built a new place on the same lot and moved there in 2017. She was an active member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Almena, WI.

Working in the banking industry her entire life with Commercial State Bank, First Star, American Investors Bank, Jennings State Bank, retiring from Wells Fargo in November of 2022. During her career she developed many loyal, long-lasting relationships which continued right up to the end of her life.

Jo was free-spirited, was a gifted artist, enjoyed nature, taking it all in with her

flowers, hummingbird and oriole feeders. One of her favorite moments was at the Getty in Los Angeles where she was able to view some of her favorite artists’ originals. When vacationing in a warm climate she would always ask if the trip could be extended. There were many bucket list places she did not make to that her family will bring her presence to.

Jo is preceded by her parents Robert “Bob” and Jo Ann “Jo” Bour (Leithauser). Survived by Husband Tom Moch, Daughter Jamie Nelson (Tom), Grandchildren Taylor and Jakob, Sister Tia Clark (Tom), Nieces Katie Haugerud (Adam) Ashley Emig (Andrew) Dana Kasper (Brandon) Grand Nieces Addison, Miriam, Joanna Grand Nephew Robert and her Red Heeler Dodge.

In lieu of flower donations to the Pregnancy Center in Rice Lake, WI or the Scleroderma Foundation on her behalf are preferred. Jo needed transfusions while at

the hospital. If you are able to donate blood it would be appreciated.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Almena, WI with Father Jaynna Kanna officiating. Burial will be in the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Monday, January 29, 2024, at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland and one hour before the service. There will be a rosary held beginning at 6:30 PM.

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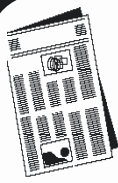


“Cold Snap”

by Pastor Shane Anderson
Augustana Lutheran Church

Last week most of the United States experienced a cold snap in contrast to the unseasonably warm weather we had grown accustomed to. When it gets that cold, I don’t feel much like going out. I would rather curl up in front of the fireplace at night and read a good book. My instinct is to just hunker down and ride it out and enjoy the winter wonderland through the picture window. But I force myself to get outside and do chores like chop wood, shovel snow or go on my morning walk, and afterwards I never regret doing so!

Our faith can sometimes experience a cold snap as well. Those days were we would rather just hunker down in the comfortable routines of life, instead of getting out there and doing the “chores” of faith-pray, read Scripture, attend church and do good works for our neighbor. When you experience a cold snap in your faith, the best thing to do is get out there and live your faith. Pray before meals and before bed. Start and end your day in Scripture. Attend one of the amazing churches we have in Cumberland. And finally, do something, anything to be a blessing to others. And I guarantee, you won’t regret doing any of these things. You’ll find that your spiritual cold snap was nothing more than a flash in the pan and you will be basking in the warmth of the peace that passes all understanding in no time.



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Watch For Signs Of Emerald Ash Borer This Winter

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages property owners to watch for woodpecker damage to their ash trees this winter. If damage is found, property owners should make plans to take action in the spring.
Woodpecker damage, often called “flecking,” happens when birds peck away some of a tree’s bark to access the larvae underneath. Flecking is a common early sign that an ash tree might be infested with emerald ash borer (EAB), an invasive insect. EAB is the most damaging threat to Wisconsin trees, killing more than 99% of the untreated ash trees it infests.
In 2023, EAB was found in three additional northern counties of Wisconsin and is now known to be present in 69 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties. It is a common insect in the southern half of the state and woodpecker damage to ash trees is already widespread. EAB infestations are currently uncommon in most parts of northern Wisconsin, and woodpecker damage will be less abundant.
Landowners who spot woodpecker damage in their woodlot ash trees are encouraged to consult a DNR or consulting forester for management advice.
Property owners who detect an EAB infestation in its early stages — often by looking for woodpecker damage — can take steps to protect their high-value ash trees by treating them with insecticide between mid-April and mid-May. Insecticide treatments are seldom practical or economical for woodlot ash trees.
Insecticide treatment of valuable ash trees is more likely to succeed if the trees have low or moderate levels of woodpecker damage. Now is a good time to make plans for insecticide protection this spring.
Treatments are worth considering statewide. The highest risk of infestation is in communities already known to be infested or within 15 miles of a known infestation. More information on EAB protection can be found on the Wisconsin EAB website.
Treatments are applied every one or two years, depending on the product. Homeowners can apply some types of insecticide products, but a certified professional must apply others. Review the available options before selecting an insecticide and treatment method. Visit the Wisconsin EAB and EAB Information Network websites for more insecticide information.
Property owners should consider a tree’s benefits — including shade, view, wildlife habitat, reduced air conditioner use and increased property value — along with the financial cost of the treatments. Some ash trees are not worth treating due to pre-existing health or structure problems. For those trees, removal and replacement may be better options.
You can search for a certified arborist on the Wisconsin Arborist Association website and the International Society of Arboriculture website. Other businesses that conduct EAB treatments may be found online. Property owners are encouraged to arrange for treatments well in advance.
Flecking usually starts in a tree’s canopy and progresses down the tree over the next few years if the tree is not treated. Other signs and symptoms of EAB infestation include:
Sprouts growing from the base or trunk of the tree.
A thinning canopy with smaller, pale leaves.
Small (one-eighth of an inch), D-shaped exit holes in the bark.
Green beetles crawling on the trunk of ash trees during the summer.
Visit the DNR EAB webpage for more information. Please report a suspected infestation to your area’s DNR forest health specialist if it is present in a community (town, village or city) that does not have a confirmed detection on this map.

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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 - Applicants must have a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent, and experience in diesel mechanics is required. Applicants must have a strong understanding of safety procedures, as well as the ability to perform strenuous physical labor and heavy manual tasks. Applicants must hold a valid driver's license.
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 - Applications and full job description are available at the Cumberland Municipal Utility Office at 1265 2nd Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829, or can be requested by emailing dean@cmutility.com.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LICENSE APPLICATION
We, Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Inc., Trade Name of Cumberland Healthcare, with address at 1705 16th St, in the City of Cumberland, Barron County, Wisconsin, do hereby respectfully apply for a Retail Class C Wine License under Chapter 125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, located at 1705 16th St, of the City of Cumberland, Barron County, Wisconsin.
Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Inc
Office of the City Clerk
Dated: 01/19/2024
Published in the Cumberland Advocate January 24, 2024 WNAJLP

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cumberland School District Board of Education shall be held at 6:00 p.m. for open session on Monday, January 29, 2024, in the middle school commons.

The following is the proposed agenda:
1. Approve vouchers, receipts, and invoices.
2. Recognize delegates, visitors, and donations.
3. Consider approval of open enrollment spaces for the 2024 – 2025 school year.
4. Consider approval of Michael Gideo as Boys' Golf Coach.
5. Consider revision of policy po9575, Indian Policies and Procedures.
6. Hear discussion items and administrator reports.
7. Set meeting dates and events.
A copy of the agenda is posted in the elementary school, middle school, high school, and administration building.

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk
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Shell Lake Man...

climb in between two railroad cars. The deputies checked the railroad cars and the surrounding vicinity, determining that Klopp was inside the facility as they could see him through the glass doors located on the southwest corner of the building.

The criminal complaint states that deputies gave Klopp several commands to unlock the door and exit with his hands above his head, and Klopp could be heard stating, "Why I didn't do anything wrong."

Deputies advised Klopp that if he did not unlock the door they would break the glass to make entry and ultimately one of the deputies deployed his baton, utilizing it to break the glass. One of the deputies reached through the broken glass to unlock the door and the deputies made entry and made contact with Klopp, advising him to get on the ground.

Klopp tensed his arms up and kept stating he didn't do anything wrong. The deputies advised him to place his hands behind his back but Klopp kept tensing his arms. One of the deputies drew a taser and advised Klopp that if he did not put his hands behind his back, he would be tased.

Klopp complied with the deputy's commands and the deputies took Klopp into custody. One of the deputies asked Klopp why he ran. Klopp stated, "A little bit of weed."

The criminal complaint goes on to say that when

asked, Klopp initially stated that he needed medical attention, and then went on to state that he was fine and did not want medical attention.

Klopp was placed in the squad car, and deputies asked Klopp about the marijuana. Klopp sated that he did not know where it was because he was fleeing the vehicle, he tried opening the door and throwing the marijuana out. Klopp went on to state that he did not barricade himself into the railroad facility since he had worked there for the past year and he had the code to gain access to the building.

The deputies searched the SUV and found a green leafy substance scattered throughout it. The deputies collected what they could of the substance and secured it in an evidence bag. The substance was later tested positive for THC and was measured weighing 23 grams.

Two additional complaints have been filed in Washburn County Circuit Court stating that in July and September 2023, the Washburn County Sheriff's Office was conducting narcotics investigations and during those investigations, the Sheriff's Office received information that Klopp was offering methamphetamine for sale.

On two separate occasions, Klopp sold nearly 2 grams of methamphetamine to confidential informants.

Klopp is scheduled to appear in Washburn County Circuit Court on January 22, 2024.

Cumberland Schools...

school had, "A fine spirit and industrious students," the report from his agency concluded, "The electrical gongs don't always work, the assembly of students is very crowded, the third-floor gymnasium is certainly a risk from the standpoint of fire, the basement classrooms certainly ought to be abandoned, and the State is suggesting that a metal vault to safeguard records be provided."

Feeling things had reached the need for a final decision on the topic, Board Clerk W.G. Miller said in the March article; "It seems like the community must face one of two things: It may build a structure that will put us among the most progressive communities in our desire to give our young people a square deal both physically and mentally, or it may keep going with its present hand to mouth system by handicapping every boy and girl in school, giving only mediocre service for a short term of years and must then be junked as practically a total loss."

It was decided the question should be brought to the public at a Special Board Meeting to held on Monday, March 31.

Prior to the meeting, The Advocate covered both sides of the question saying, "The erection of a new building will necessitate a very material increase in the amount which the District must raise by taxation not only until the bonds are paid but for all time. On the other hand, is it not true that healthy bodies and an education will be better insurances for happiness and the success for our children than all the riches the best of us can accumulate? And is it not true that our school buildings in which our children spend so considerable a part of their time have become an actual menace to their health?" With that they left the decision to

the residents of Cumberland.

Held in the auditorium, the event was attended by 350 community members. Board President W. N. Fuller presided over the meeting while Principal Robert Moser went to considerable length discussing current deficiencies. This was followed a number of questions and comments from those in attendance. Judge H. S. Comstock asked a number of pertinent questions which tended to show the necessity of a new building, while E. N. Buzzelli won considerable applause by saying he favored the new building because, "It can easily be paid for by smoking a few less cigars and attending a few less dances."

Following a lengthy discussion, a resolution was presented to those in attendance for a vote. The results gave the Board authorization to take a \$24,500 loan from State Funds (passed 298 to 41) and the issuance of \$47,000 in bonds (passed 296 to 26). It was decided by the community to move forward with a new building.

Less than a year later, February of 1925, Cumberland students moved into their new building in which the Beaver Booster said, "Every student has his own seat 100 percent of the time."

The school newspaper further said about the new gymnasium, "No more will visitors say we play basketball in a chicken coop."

The city tax rate went from \$4.15 per thousand dollars of assessed value to \$5.40. W. G. Miller, Board Clerk, said of the new school, "Anything that will make Cumberland a better town to live in will increase the value of business done. You'll spend the penny for the present and future growth of Cumberland."

1000 Career Points!



Dad Matt Gores pictured at left, and family and friends celebrate as Gavin Gores eclipse 1,000 career points in the Beavers win over Ladysmith. Congratulations Gavin!

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DNR Partners With MADD To Promote Snowmobile Safety This Winter

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) are teaming up to promote a safe snowmobile season and educate Wisconsin residents on the dangers of operating a snowmobile while impaired by alcohol and/or other drugs.

More than 200,000 registered snowmobiles hit Wisconsin's 25,000 miles of groomed trails each winter, making safety an essential part of the ride. In the early months of 2023, there were 16 fatal snowmobile crashes, with 10 involving alcohol.

"Snowmobile-impaired crashes affect families the same way as road vehicle impaired crashes," said Erin Payton, MADD Regional Executive Director. "Unfortunately, snowmobile drivers do not always have the same mindset in operating their sleds sober."

"It's important to remember that operating any type of vehicle while under the influence can cause traumatic injuries and tragic loss of life," said Lt. Jacob Holsclaw, DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Administrator. "In addition, we are seeing the highest age demographic in fatal crashes being over the age of 40. We recommend snowmobile riders of all ages to take a snowmobile safety course, don't outlive their abilities, and perhaps most importantly, don't drink and ride."

The DNR and MADD want to share these safety tips to make snowmobiling a great experience with all recreation explorers:

Don't drive impaired: Alcohol and drugs impair a driver's vision, balance, coordination and reaction time. Don't ride with people who drink and ride!

Take a snowmobile safety training course: Classes on basic snowmobile operation, laws, regulations and safety can help save lives and reduce injuries.

Stay on the trail or stay home: Stay on the trail unless otherwise designated. Know the laws and regulations governing snowmobiling where you ride and where you travel to ride.

Watch the weather and check trail and ice conditions before riding: Don't ride in unsafe weather conditions. Plan your trip and check the trails you'll be riding before departure.

Never ride alone: Always ride with another snowmobile. If one machine is disabled, you have another to get help.

Dress for safety and survival: Always wear a DOT-approved helmet and facemask. Wear layers of clothing to keep warm and dry. Snowmobile suits, bibs, jackets, gloves and mittens should cut the wind, repel water and keep you ventilated.

Slow down: Excessive speed is a factor in many accidents, especially at night. To help avoid accidents, keep your nighttime speed under 40 MPH.

Stay to the right: Almost every trail is a two-way trail. Stay to the far right of the trail, especially on hills and corners.

Obey all trail signs and cross roadways with extreme caution.

Be extra careful when riding on ice-covered lakes and rivers: Avoid riding on lakes and rivers when possible, and wear a life jacket over your outer clothing if you must ride on ice. Stay off ice with moving water near or under it – no ice is 100% safe, but ice in these areas may be thin and weak.

Visit the DNR's Snowmobiling in Wisconsin 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.

About Mothers Against

Drunk Driving

Founded in 1980 by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) is the nation's largest nonprofit working to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking. MADD has helped to save more than 400,000 lives, reduce drunk driving deaths by more than 50 percent and promote designating a non-drinking driver. MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving® calls for law enforcement support, ignition interlocks for all offenders and advanced vehicle technology. MADD has provided supportive services to nearly one million drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors at no charge through local victim advocates and the 24-Hour Victim Help Line 1-877-MADD-HELP. Visit www.madd.org or call 1-877-ASK-MADD.



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