



Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest Cancelled; Indoor Contest To Take It's Place

The winter of crazy weather just keeps rolling on. Near record high temperatures have been almost a daily occurrence. We have absolutely no snow and there is none in the forecast. There looks like to be a good chance of rain at the end of the week. With that being said, it was almost inevitable that the Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce scheduled for Saturday, February 10th, would have to be canceled. Well after a special Chamber of Commerce meeting last Wednesday night, the decision was made to indeed cancel the contest. This is the first time in over 40 years the contest was canceled. It was a decision no one wanted to make but it was the right thing to do.

The Cumberland Fire Department was kind enough to send a couple of guys to go check out the ice conditions in the area of the contest prior to the Chamber meeting. The guys tested the ice in several locations and found the ice varied from as little as five inches up to around 11 inches. With the extended warm weather, it was a no brainer. With that being said all is not lost.

The Chamber of Commerce has decided to put on a HUGE Indoor Ice Fishing Contest at the Legion from 10 am to 3 pm this Saturday, February 10th. All of the fantastic prizes donated by so many generous businesses will be given away. There

will be well over \$20,000 worth of prizes given away including a brand new Polaris side by side. There will be hourly drawings for major prizes not to mention over 150 additional prizes. Northwoods Brew Pub will be on hand to cater the event. There will be lots of tasty food and drinks. There will be kids and adult games all day long including Bean Bags, a putting event, casting event and more. There will be Chinese raffles with guns and other awesome prizes. There will be a 50/50 drawing and overall just a fun packed day.

Proceeds from the contest go to help fund the Fourth of July Fireworks. Plus the Legion enjoys the benefits as well. It should be a great time to get out and have some fun. Come on out and catch a fish to win one of the 13 major prizes. You never know what you will catch!

Also in conjunction with the Ice Fishing Contest, the annual Luminary Event will take place on Thursday night, February 8th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Once again adjustments were needed as the ice is just not safe. This years course will go from Louie's on the Lake down around Eagle Point and back. You can walk or bike. There will be a bon fire near Louie's on the Lake and free hot chocolate and cookies will also be available. Make the most of our crazy warm weather and get out and have a little fun!

Notice City of Cumberland Residents

The Department of Natural Resources has implemented an "SSO Rule" (Sanitary Sewer Overflow). The rule deletions, amendments and additions are contained in chapters NR 110, 205, 208 and 210. Starting date of August 1, 2013 all SSO's Treatment Plant Overflows, and basement backups will be published in the Cumberland Advocate newspaper. This is implemented to keep the public safe and knowledgeable about the possible impact the overflow may have on human health and the City's natural resources.

Due to a plugged sewer main, a backup occurred

at Washington Street and 4th Avenue on January 29, 2024. Within an hour of being notified of the overflow from manhole #67, the sewer main was jetted. Once this process was complete, wastewater totaling approximately 1000 gallons overflowed into Collingwood Lake. We are unsure at this point what caused the blockage.

Any other questions or concerns, please contact me at 715-822-2951.

**Katie Goin, Operations Supervisor
Wastewater Department
City of Cumberland**

Graduates of Achievement Wanted

Do you know of a Cumberland Graduate of Achievement? If so, please nominate that graduate. Cumberland High School Graduates of Achievement are named each year at

commencement exercises. The deadline for completed nominations is February 29th. Forms with the requirements for nominating a graduate are available from

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Checking The Ice!



Cumberland Firefighters Sean Schullo (left) and Greg Weaver check ice conditions on Beaver Dam Lake. Unfortunately ice conditions have deteriorated to the point that the Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest had to be cancelled. An Indoor Ice Fishing Contest will take its place at the Legion this Saturday from 10am til 3pm. Thousands of dollars in prizes will be up for grabs. Make plans to attend and "catch the big one!"



An ariel view of the ice on Beaver Dam Lake. Photo by Marty Peters

Five Charged After Fatal 2023 Motorcycle Crash

Brett A. Hrdlicka, 31, of Rice Lake, has been charged with obstructing an officer and felony bail jumping.

Bailey A. Basham, 31, of Rice Lake, Dustin M. Puig, 32, of Cumberland, and Ashley R. Walton, 28, of Rice Lake, are all charged with misdemeanor offenses.

Tyler J. Baker, 32, of Rice Lake, has been charged with hit and run-resulting in death, and obstructing an officer, repeater.

An officer with the Barron County Sheriff's Depart-

ment reports that on August 19, 2023, at approximately 10:17 pm, she, along with another officer of the same department, was advised by dispatch that there had been a call regarding a motorcycle crash near 1979 22nd Street/County Highway M. Dispatch advised that mutual aid from the Rice Lake Police Department was requested, and she and the other officer responded.

The officer reports, that while en route, she observed two motorcycles pulled over

on Orchard Beach Lane. The motorcycles were near the intersection of Orchard Beach Lane and Bundy Avenue. The officer reports she passed another motorcycle pulled over near the intersection of Orchard Beach Lane and Montanis Avenue. All three motorcycles were headed westbound on Orchard Beach Lane.

The officer positioned her squad car on the north side of the crash scene, and observed a motorcycle in the middle of the road, and a

male subject laying on his back in the middle of the road. The officer observed a large amount of blood in the roadway, and on the male subject. Paramedics arrived at the same time the officer did, and she assisted the Rice Lake Fire Department and paramedics with first aid and getting the subject onto a cot.

The officer reports that upon exiting his patrol vehicle he observed one crashed motorcycle on the roadway.

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Community Tour and Meeting!



A crowd of approximately 25 community members attended Mondays community meeting and building tour ahead of the February 20th referendum. Here Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose gave a look at what changes a new school would bring to the District.

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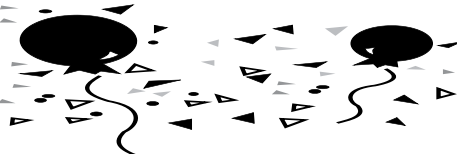
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Sunday: 11am - 8pm

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Friday, February 9
Pizza, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Applesauce.
MS/HS: Sloppy Joes w/Chips

Monday, February 12
ES: Chicken Patty
MS/HS: Chicken, Fries, Green Beans,
Peaches.

Tuesday, February 13
Cheese Omelet, French Toast Sticks, Sausage
Patty, Carrots, Pears.
MS/HS: Pizza

Wednesday, February 14
Cheese Quesadilla, Refried Beans, Brown Rice,
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shop and office building as soon as it received commission authorization.

The utility stated it needed to construct the new building this winter and spring to meet a contractual deadline to vacate the existing shop and old storage buildings located at 1700 Industrial Ave by May 31st, 2024. The total cost of the project is \$1,254,000. The utility stated the electric utility will pay 80 percent of the cost and the water utility will pay 20 percent of the cost based on the amount of space each utility will occupy. The utility will find the project with cash on hand, including \$600,000 in proceeds from the sale of 1700 Industrial Ave.

and diarrhea, tend to spike in the winter.

“By using this tool, Wisconsinites can help other people in their community from getting sick and help prevent outbreaks,” said Paula Tran, State Health Officer and Administrator of the Division of Public Health. “Ingesting contaminated food and water may cause just a little stomach upset for some, for others it can lead to hospitalization and be life threatening. We’re asking people - when you’re feeling sick, report it quick.”

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FRIDAY, February 9: • 5:45PM-9:15PM Girls Basketball Home vs. Ladysmith

SATURDAY, February 10: • 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Wrestling @ Ladysmith • 5:45 pm - 9:15pm Boys Basketball Home vs. Ashland • 8:00am - 1:00 pm Youth Boys BB Tournament Home.

MONDAY, February 12: 5:45 pm - 9:15 pm • Girls Basketball @ Shell Lake. • 4:30pm - 6:30 pm Choose Fit/Pat Chuchwar

TUESDAY, February 13:•HS Wrestling Team Sectional @ Cadott •5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Girls Basketball @ Spring Valley •5:45pm - 9:15pm Boys Bball Home vs. Hayward

WEDNESDAY, February 14: • 6:01 PM - 8:01 PM Pickleball @ ES • 4:30 PM - 6:00 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Pat Chuchwar .

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Susan Bridger CCE Director
HS: 715-822-5121 ext: 405/ sbbrid@csmail.com

Northwoods Notebook: Cabaret producer grew up in Creative Cumberland by Larry Werner

The upcoming Cumberland Cabaret, “Love Notes,” is a labor of love for a local guy who grew up performing on the ETC stage and at other venues around town, moved to the Cities for several years, then returned a few years ago with his wife and two children.

The showcase of local talent happens at 7 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Cumberland Arts Center. It’s being produced by Travis Thorp.

“ETC has always been dedicated to developing the existing creative energy in our community, and there is no shortage of talent – It’s pretty amazing,” Thorp said one day last week. “I wanted to keep that spirit alive and re-establish Cumberland Cabaret as an opportunity for local musicians to get onto a stage, try something new, and showcase this talent. This will be a show audiences and performers alike can look forward to year after year.”

The cabaret used to be an annual winter event but hasn’t happened for several years. It is a variety show with singers and musicians playing a song for two each. After Thorp joined the ETC board of directors last year, he was asked to resurrect the event, and he agreed. He’s assembled a cast of more than a dozen singers and musicians for the show.

There is no admission charge, but goodwill donations to the arts council will be collected. Thorp put out a call for talent several weeks ago, and the talent responded. He’s pretty excited about this variety show in the Ruppel

Family Theater.

Travis is the son of Diane and Roger Thorp, both of whom have been involved with ETC. Diane has acted in and directed many plays and served on the board. Roger is a current board member who manages the arts center. Their son grew up performing in a band called “Trees on the Moon” with guitarist/singer Dustin DeGulier, who will perform Saturday. DeGulier and Thorp, a bass player, joined the local band Paisan & The Family Brass in 2011.

Thorp has played with Manfred Schonauer’s Pipe Dream Blues Machine in the summer concert series, Island City Music. And he tried out new songs in the Cabaret years ago.

“I was also fortunate to participate in multiple theater productions at ETC, whether it was on the stage, in the pit, or even sometimes directing,” he said. “I am very grateful for those experiences.”

Several years ago, he left Cumberland.

“After living in Minneapolis, getting married to Jenny (Prytz) Thorp, also from Cumberland, and having two children together, we moved back to our hometown so she could run the family business, Camp Brigadoon,” he said. “I got a job doing IT at Cumberland Healthcare, where I still work today.”

Then he got involved with ETC as a board member and will now be producing an event on the stage where he appeared as a youth.

“Growing up here, ETC gave me a lot of opportunities to explore the arts,” he said.

“These days, now as an ETC board member, I try to look for ways to ensure my children get to grow up with a strong creative presence in our community, just like I had.”

Here is the lineup of singers and musicians who will be performing love songs a few days before Valentine’s Day in the 2024 edition of Cumberland Cabaret:

Jimmy Tempesta
Jim & Mary McCracken
Phil Warner
Beth & Kevin McClain
Emilie Springsteen
Liza Carlson
Oshun Bever
Jason Streitz (of J Streitz & The Long Odds)
Dustin DeGulier
Raya Madison & Dena Schmidt (FoxyFire)
Julie Odour
Nadia Benson
Indira Rodriguez
Jennifer & Bruce Wozniak
Laura Lindquist
Producer Travis Thorp

says: “Get ready for a night of romance as our community’s gifted musicians take the stage for Cumberland Cabaret: LOVE NOTES — a talent showcase dedicated to love songs. In the spirit of Valentine’s Day, our local performers will be delivering soulful renditions of classic, contemporary and even original love songs. Bring your family, friends or that special someone, and immerse yourselves in the magic of live music — an experience that promises to make this a perfect date night to remember.”

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

“Love Notes” Producer



Travis and Jenny Thorp moved back to Cumberland with their two daughters after living in Minneapolis. Travis is producing “Cumberland Cabaret: Love Notes” at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the arts center.

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5 Out loud
10 Surrender
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15 “Hungry ____” (children’s game)
16 Musical composition
17 Women’s magazine
18 Hoard
19 Let
20 Thick soup
22 Taurus star cluster
24 Island nation
26 Explosive
27 Volleyball protectors
31 Author of “Faust”
36 Not (prefix)
37 Gives off
39 Read over
40 Lawyer (abbr.)
42 Open grassy area
44 After eight
45 Belief
47 Several feet

49 Build up
50 Marrow
52 Early spring flower
54 Mommy
56 Don
57 Smock
61 Pearls
64 Soft drink
65 Electronic communication
67 Small particle
69 Movie star
70 Protein part, with ‘acid’
71 Glum
72 Underdone
73 Popular Key
74 Green Gables dweller

DOWN

1 Compass point
2 Snaky fish
3 Money (German)
4 Painter Georgia ____
5 Expression of surprise
6 Transparency
7 Opaque gem
8 Defeat unexpectedly
9 Measuring medicine
10 Strap
11 Fencing sword
12 Asks repeatedly for payment
13 Eastern Time
21 Clean up a spill
23 On top
25 Clogs
27 Gift
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29 Make a record of
30 Cook vegetables
32 Billion years
33 Tribulation

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41 Shekel
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46 Interbreeding population within a species
48 Obstacle
51 Cover Girl’s competitor
53 Potato brand
55 Mother
57 Musical repeat
58 Scent
59 Dale
60 Den
62 Night time “sun”
63 Take by surprise
64 Title of respect
66 W.C.
68 Be



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Well the Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest scheduled for this Saturday, on Beaver Dam Lake had to be cancelled. Truly is hard to believe. It is another in the long line of winter casualties. It is hard to think we could be in February and have no snow and little ice. Crazy stuff. Hope you can make plans to attend the Indoor Ice Fishing Contest scheduled for the same time slot this Saturday at the Legion from 10 am to 3 pm. Should be a fun day.

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This Sunday the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers will take the field in Las Vegas to see who will claim the Vince Lombardi Trophy. There are some fun story lines. Patrick Mahomes looking for his 3rd title and Brock Purdy, the last pick in the draft a few years back doing a battle at the quarterback position. Travis Kelce and his Mega famous girlfriend Taylor Swift. Sure hope she can make it to Vegas in time for the game after a concert in Japan. I'm pretty sure you can bet on how many times they show her during the course of the game. You literally can bet on about anything. Anyway I hope its a close fun game. One other thought is it sure would be nice if they played the big game on Saturday evening. It would be great for bars and restaurants, plus nobody has to get up and go to work or school the next morning. Same goes for the National Championship game in college football. Monday night game, really? Don't get it!

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Tournament time is here or fast approaching for our high school athletes. We have some awfully good talent in town. Check out the sports calendar and pick out a game or match to come watch. The kids really like a full gym. Tournament time is a lot of fun. Come and grab some popcorn and support our athletes!

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Also taking place this Saturday at the ETC Theater is a fun night of great music. Cumberland Cabaret "Love Notes" starts at 7 pm. The show is being produced by Travis Thorp and features several excellent musicians. The show in conjunction with Valentines Day will feature renditions of classic, contemporary and original love songs. Go out and have a bite to eat with that special someone then hit the theater. It's sure to be a great night. Have a great week!

LETTERS

Vote Yes

To the Editor:

As a Cumberland Graduate, retired community businessman, and grandparent, I would like to encourage residents to vote YES on the upcoming referendum election on February 20, 2024.

We have failing and outdated building mechanical systems that need to be replaced. It is much more cost efficient to update educational areas at the same time. Let's do it before building and costs and possibly interest rates increase further. Remember that if interest rates go down, bond refinancing is possible.

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tion will best accommodate both college bound and job bound technical education students. Remember, this referendum is mostly about failing systems and quality education for all students.

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VOTE YES February, 20th.

Steve Thoe
Cumberland

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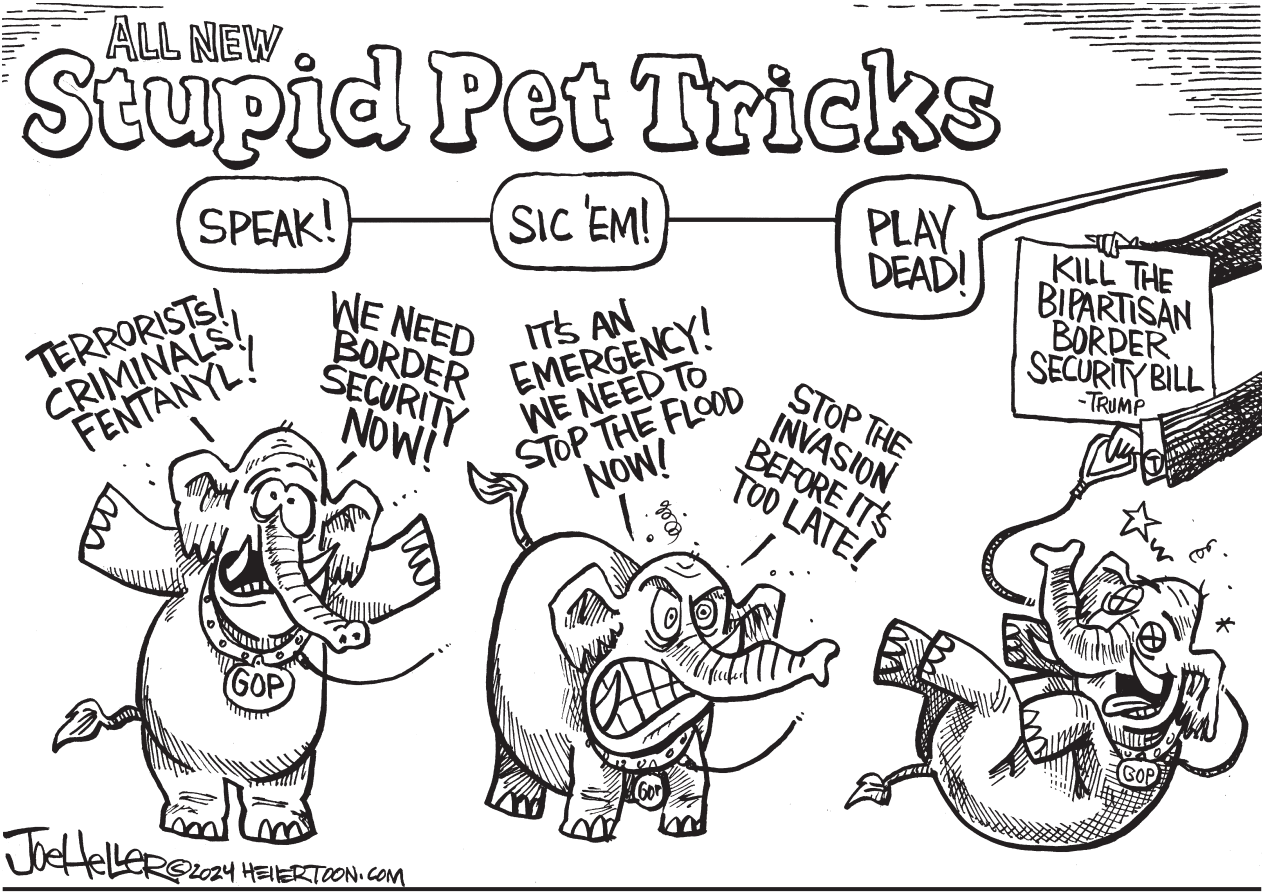
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Combination of ills keep health care in Wisconsin on the ‘watch’ list”

MADISON, Wis. – Health care in Wisconsin is suffering from a serious case of “long COVID.” Not so much the disease itself, although it’s on the rise again, but how the lingering effects of the pandemic are challenging systems that deliver care.

Burnout and retirements have taken their toll on the workforce, hospital admission rates haven’t fully recovered from pandemic lows, costs have risen, reimbursements are generally stagnant and public policy hasn’t kept up with the changed reality.

The challenges appear most critical in rural Wisconsin, where the combination of older populations and lower incomes have made a tough situation even worse.

That’s part of what happened this month in western Wisconsin, where the announced closing of two Hospital Sisters Health Systems facilities as well as the related Prevea Health physician network has shocked the Chippewa Valley community.

More than 1,400 people at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire and St. Joseph’s Hospital in Chippewa Falls will be out of work by the time the closings conclude in April. By

then if not before, thousands of people won’t have access to health care from hospitals that had been a part of the community for 135 years. For example, Sacred Heart alone delivers about 700 babies per year.

Gov. Tony Evers expressed his dismay over the closings and the lack of advance notice to HSHS and Prevea employees. During his State of the State speech, Evers also announced creation of a Governor’s Task Force on the Healthcare Workforce to address ways to recruit and retain healthcare workers in Wisconsin, especially nurses.

Evers has repeatedly asked why the Legislature won’t approve expansion of the Medicaid program in Wisconsin, which 40 states have done in recent years – including all of Wisconsin’s neighbors.

Medicaid is a joint federal-state program that helps cover medical costs for some people with limited income. All states must follow general federal rules, but each state runs its own program. This means eligibility requirements and benefits can vary from state to state.

Republicans such as Assembly Speaker Robin

Vos oppose expansion of Medicaid (called Badger-Care Plus in Wisconsin), saying most poor citizens are already covered in other ways – including Obamacare, which enrolls about 221,000 people in Wisconsin. He argues accepting more federal dollars would eventually increase spending in what is already one of the state’s biggest budget lines.

Healthcare system stress is not just confined to Wisconsin, however, and the lack of Medicaid expansion is not the only issue.

In the Chippewa Valley, a task force that includes a mix of business, healthcare, government and education leaders is asking what to do next close to home within the context of a broader national issue.

In addition to “long COVID” symptoms such as workforce shortages, contributing factors include hospitals not getting reimbursed for actual costs, for-profit competition to non-profit hospitals through specialty care centers, and even practices such as “white bagging.”

White-bagging is a drug distribution model that critics claim undermines hospital patient safety protections by allowing insurers, rather than the patient’s pharmacist and healthcare pro-

vider, to determine when, where, and how drugs are purchased, prepared and administered.

Eric Borgerding, president of the Wisconsin Hospital Association, recently told WEAU-TV in Eau Claire that the “payer mix” for the HSHS hospitals was poor, with about two-thirds coming from government sources that don’t even cover the basic cost of care.

Wisconsin is not alone in seeing such pressure, especially on smaller hospitals and healthcare systems that must deliver critical care but don’t always get enough revenue to provide it. More than 600 rural U.S. hospitals are at risk of closing soon, according to the Center for Healthcare Quality & Payment Reform. Nine rural hospitals closed in 2023, the center recently reported.

Health care is an intensely complicated industry that must strike a balance between providing quality care and making enough money to be around for the long run. It is tempting to point specific fingers of blame, but comprehensive solutions are rarely that easy.

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A Look Back

10 Years Ago February 12, 2014

Cumberland Athletic Director Mark Fuller received Wisconsin’s Baseball Man of the Year Award in Madison at the Hall of Fame and Honors Banquet. He is the only man to win the award twice. Past winners include Bob Uecker, Bud Selig, and Mark Anastassio, among others.

Margo Hotchkiss of Cumberland was the winner of \$1,000 cash after winning the 2014 Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest held on Beaver Dam Lake. The winning northern pike weighed in at 5lbs, 13 oz.

20 Years Ago February 11, 2004

On behalf of the 3M Wisconsin Community Relations Council and the 3M Foundations-Cumberland, they presented a check of \$4,000. These funds are in support of the Academic Excellence and Asset Building Programs. The funds this year will support the mentoring programs and programs for academic improvements throughout the Cumberland School District.

Teams from the University of Wisconsin-Superior placed fourth and fifth in the Durst Memorial Mock Trial Tournament held recently at UW Superior. Amy Tripp of Cumberland

was recognized as an Outstanding Attorney during the competition.

30 Years Ago February 9, 1994

Starathon ‘94 Telethon for Cerebral Palsy topped last year’s nationwide total with a figure of \$25,527,612! The 16th annual Telethon was broadcast January 29 locally on WEAU TV 13. United Cerebral Palsy of West Central Wisconsin, this area’s UCP affiliate, raised a total of \$112,055! This is the largest amount ever raised in this area for United Cerebral Palsy. Cumberland took part in the Telethon by sponsoring a phone center. \$1,415 was raised through this effort.

40 Years Ago February 8, 1984

A fire apparently originating from a fluorescent overhead light, brought the Cumberland Fire Department to the Farmers Union Co-op early Saturday morning around 6:40 am. The fire burned a hole in the ceiling and did damage to the building between the ceiling and the roof. The damage was mostly water damage and there were no injuries during the fire.

Four Cumberland Junior High School students are set to advance in the Math Counts Competition, a nationwide junior high math

program. The students are Scott Bents, Shawn Thomas, Will Cordes and Paul Wickre.

50 Years Ago February 7, 1974

The new board of directors of the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday of last week to elect their officers for the coming year. Named to head the group was Gary Stevens, Cumberland Advocate employee for the past 13 years. Elected vice-president was Hoyt Johnson Jr. Art Pederson was re-elected treasurer and Mike Klich was named as the new secretary. Other board members include L.M. (Bud) Tappan, Bob Skinner, Don Nelson, Kendall Pieper, and Mickey Ritchie.

60 Years Ago February 13, 1964

Cumberland High School Good Citizen of 1963-64 is Miss Mary Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Erickson of Cumberland. Erickson has been active in choir, glee club, GAA, pep club, student council and is an honor student.

70 Years Ago February 11, 1954

Cumberland and the midwest have been basking in a phoney spring for the past wee, with daily high readings over the thawing mark. No complaints have

been forthcoming on the pleasant weather, with the exception that it has a tendency toward inducement of spring fever.

80 Years Ago February 10, 1944

Joseph Kuchenmeister, mortician and furniture dealer, sold his business building to the General Refrigeration Co., of Thorp. He will dispose of his furniture stock and will rent the south half of the second floor of the building for his mortuary stock.



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Sports

Wrestlers Finish Second at Conference Tournament; Regionals are Saturday

The Cumberland Beavers and St. Croix Falls Saints dominated last Saturday’s HON Tournament. Team-wise, the Saints defeated the Beavers 279.5 to 249.5 with Hayward/Northwood a distant third with 167 points. Individually, St. Croix Falls took home five titles and the Beavers three. Now the two teams split with the WIAA Tournament beginning on Saturday, as St. Croix Falls will wrestle in D2, while Cumberland heads to Lady-smith as the favorite in the D3 field there.

Taking home HON individual titles for Coach Justin Peterson last Saturday were Braden Johnson (42-2) at 106, Dawson Johnson (45-0) at 138, and DauTre Allen (33-9) at 175. Second place finishes came from Caleb Hile (32-15) at 113, Noah Hile (33-9) at 120, Mitchell Monchilovich (23-19) at 126, Logan Peterson (20-7) at 150, and Harrison Ruppel (35-12) at 157.

Braden Johnson received two byes to start his road towards a championship and then finished things with a pin and major decision. He has had a tremendous freshman campaign. Brother Dawson, remained undefeated on the year and put a capper on his unbelievable career within the HON, by finishing with a bye, two pins, and a tech fall to become Cumberland’s second first place finisher.

DauTre Allen continued his excellent season by receiving a bye, grabbing a pin, and then earning his title with two hard-earned decisions, at 6-3 and 5-3. “I was very proud of all our kids and certainly the work

of these three Champions,” said Coach Peterson.

Five other Beavers came close to their own title. The closest was Logan Peterson, who wrestled a strong Championship match before losing a tough 5-4 decision to Alex Hoff of St. Croix Falls, who raised his record to 29 and 7 on the season. Harrison Ruppel, who has also had an outstanding winter, wrestled well before dropping the 157-pound title to Griffin Marko (29-1) of St. Croix Falls, by a 7-3 score. Caleb Hile pinned two opponents before dropping a 3-0 decision to Dominic Viebrock of the Saints in his final match, while brother Noah lost a 7-1 decision to Chet-ek-Weyerhaeuser/Prairie Farm’s undefeated wrestler Brady Gesler. Mitchell Monchilovich, meanwhile, took the Beavers final runner-up position with a nice day of wrestling which included a pair of pins.

In the JV portion of the Tournament, Graier Corns won his two matches at 157 pounds, to take first place.

With a very strong regular season behind them, the Beavers next goal is to win Saturday’s Regional to advance to next Tuesday’s Team Sectional in Cadott. There, Stratford would be the Beavers likely match-up. Cumberland is currently ranked 8th in D3 and Stratford 4th.

“Our kids have worked very hard and I’m proud of what they’ve accomplished this winter. I look forward to the Tournament and what happens next,” said Coach Peterson.

Sports Look Back, February 16, 1964

The Cumberland Beavers overcame a determined bid for an upset by the Bloomer Blackhawks Friday night as they rolled to their 12th consecutive win 74 to 52. Early in the ball game the Hawks, who were rated special mention in the Big Sixteen, kept up a blistering pace as they traded bucket for bucket with Cumberland, and on the strength of the fine shooting of Schmidt found themselves only one point behind at the end of the first quarter 17 to 16.

In the second quarter the Beavers started to control the boards with some excellent rebounding by John Schell and they set up some good shots as John Jacobson and Rog Peterson moved the Beavers out in front to a 40 to 27 halftime lead.

But Bloomer charged back in the third quarter and cut six points off the Cumberland lead with a slow, deliberate attack. The Beavers then moved into a full-court-press which effectively stymied the Hawks but the Beavers were still outscored by three points in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter it was all Schell as the nifty junior

drew foul after foul and he contributed eleven of his sixteen free throws in this period. This has to be one of Schell’s best games of his career as he not only contributed 30 points, with 16 out of 21 free throws, but he also snared rebounds to lead in both departments. Peterson dropped in seven baskets for 14 points in the first half to account for all of his scoring and he also had 11 rebounds. Jacobson had another productive night as the speedy forward had 19 points. Helbig and O’Dell played a steady game and set up several buckets on some sharp passing.

The “B” team won their 10th game of the season as they whipped the Bloomer “B” squad 51 to 38.

The Beavers who are rated 15th in the state, will have to be more than a little determined if they are to keep their record unblemished. Cumberland is now only one of about nine schools still unbeaten in Wisconsin, but with a three-game lead on its nearest contender they can assure themselves of a title tie for the HON Championship by beating Chetek this Friday.



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GO BEAVERS!

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

Conference Champs!



175 pound HON Champion DauTre Allen. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



106 pound HON Champion Braden Johnson. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



138 pound HON Champion Dawson Johnson. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

Something about Selina

Hello friends,
Ever since December 15th, my life has pretty much been on the same track and that is/was spending time with my daughter Selina before she moved to Missoula, Montana. First it was graduation, then it was Christmas, followed by a ten-day trip to Mississippi where we camped and hunted deer and hogs. Next it was moving her from Stevens Point, a simple going away party and this last week, loading up my truck and 12-foot trailer and moving her to Missoula where she is now a biologist (as of Monday) for the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

My run with Selina started back in 2000 and this week I am going to write about some of my incredible memories. When I realized that I was going to be a father, I used to slow dance with Selina's mother and talk to Selina, sounds crazy, but I did this with regularity. When Selina was born, she was breached, which meant things became serious during her birth. As soon as she was born, she looked at me and smiled, that is how Selina got the name "Goof" which I use almost daily.

I am an outdoor writer and live off the land as much as possible and this also includes hobby farming on a large scale. By the age of 3 months, I carried Selina everywhere that I was working such as planting trees, gardening, cattle, and firewood work I would set her down and have my golden retrievers stay with her.

Without trying I turned Selina into a person that loves to canoe. When she was 2 years and 4 months old, I took her on the Chippewa flowage in early May. I had purchased a small kids paddle for her and tied her on a rope so that if she fell in, I could pull her back into the canoe. It was cold, Selina fell in the "Big Chip" while paddling and I pulled her back to the canoe. Selina started crying and I figured it was because she was cold. She then told me it was because she had lost her paddle and that was why she was crying. We retrieved the paddle, built a camp, and dried her out.

I was extremely active as a single parent with Selina's schooling. When she started kindergarten,

I took her on her first day, introduced myself to her teacher and from then on for the next five years, volunteered in her class once a week teaching the kid's outdoor stuff. When the kids were too old for my lessons, I started KAMO. Some of my favorite experiences were being her mentor for spelling bees and speeches as well as DECA which she went to Nationals for as a junior and senior. I would cook supper, Selina would study in her room and then give her presentation to me, she could handle constructive criticism.

Bear hunting. Selina hunted black bear in northern Juneau County at the age of 10, 13 and 15. When she was 10, we hunted 19 nights and on two occasions we had a huge sow come in with 1.5 year old cubs which are legal to harvest and do not go into the den with their mother at that age. The sow was huge and presented very easy shots, Selina passed on her and I agreed with her decision. When Selina was 15, after hundreds of hours running baits and sitting in stands, she harvested a beautiful bear and all was perfect in our world.

When Selina was just starting her freshmen year in high school I set her up at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge as a volunteer and it soon became known that she could do both manual labor and brain work on the computer. That winter Selina told me that she was going to become a biologist and someday be a refuge manager, the course of that plan started then and never deviated.

I have been "low income" my entire career as a writer but do just fine. I told Selina that she needed to think of scholarships both local and national as a part time job and to apply and to do it right. The proudest night of my life was during her senior year at the "Honors Banquet" Selina was awarded \$22,000.00 in local scholarships and the majority of the donors said it was because of her activities in clubs and volunteering. Selina graduated from UWSP with no debt and two majors.

This one was a tough pill for me to swallow but she was correct. Selina told me when she was 15 that if she was going to be ahead of the pack, she



Selina Walters at 4 months of age with her pups Star and Pearl!



Mark Walters and Selina enjoying a great day on a Canadian fishing trip back in 2016.

was going to have to intern every summer in college. That is exactly what she did, which meant that she did not come home. Selina's interning is what got her the job she now has.

So we move to the present, I put 3000, miles on my truck, met Selina's coworkers and the following day started the drive home well aware that the best 22 years of my life had just passed.

As much as that is true, the young biologist can legally hunt as a Montana resident after 6 months. Her father loves to hunt elk and even if he does not get a tag, he can always camp and sit with his daughter in the Rocky Mountains this fall.

You did good Goof!
Love dad!

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Brody Chartraw and the rest of the Icemen are looking forward to Tournament time!

Playdowns!



Cumberland faced some tough competition when they took on Barron/Chetek in the state playdowns hosted at the Cumberland Ice Arena on Saturday, February 3. In the end, Spooner came out on top, beating out Barron/Chetek for the first berth. Barron/Chetek will still compete at state, taking the second berth. The Burnett Blizzard fell to Barron Chetek in the first game, 5-2. Cumberland fell to Barron-Chetek, 16-5, and Spooner topped Barron Chetek in game 3, 8-4. Cumberland travels to Altoona this weekend for another tournament.

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Barron County Sheriff 537-3106
Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

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Northwest Icemen Conclude Regular Season on Thursday Against Amery

The Northwest Icemen conclude the regular season part of their schedule this week as they prepare for the WIAA Tournaments which begin on either February 15 or 16. The Icemen will open up WIAA D1 play against Eau Claire Memorial in Eau Claire once the date has been chosen.

Last week, the Icemen dropped decisions to Hayward and Black River Falls, after defeating an Oshkosh Team late in January in a game not previously part of their schedule.

The 10-7 victory over Oshkosh came on an eastern swing of the state. It was an offensive shootout, which saw the Icemen rally from a

4-1 deficit to victory. David Pond of Barron had a hat trick in the win.

Last Tuesday, the team headed to Hayward, where the Hurricanes took an 8-1 victory. The Icemen were outshot 33-14 in the loss.

Finally, last Friday, a road trip to Black River Falls ended in a 9-1 defeat. The Tigers had two power play goals and one short-handed goal in their victory.

The Icemen's last regular season contest comes in Barron this Thursday in a 7:00 pm contest against Amery. The Warriors are 20 and 2 overall and are atop the Middle Border Conference standings.

Girls BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	L10	OVERALL
St. Croix Falls	SCF	15	0	W15	10-0-0	16-5-0
Barron	BARRON	11	4	W1	6-4-0	14-7-0
Cameron	CAMER	11	4	L1	9-1-0	14-5-0
Hayward	HAY	11	4	W2	7-3-0	14-7-0
Northwestern	NWERN	10	5	W6	7-3-0	11-9-0
Ashland	ASHL	5	10	W2	4-6-0	5-14-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	5	10	L2	3-7-0	9-12-0
Spooner	SPOON	5	10	L4	3-7-0	5-13-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	2	13	L7	1-9-0	4-16-0
Cumberland	CUMB	0	15	L15	0-10-0	0-19-0

Boys BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	OVERALL
Cameron	CAMER	12	1	W7	17-1-0
Northwestern	NWERN	11	2	W4	13-6-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	11	2	W5	15-4-0
Cumberland	CUMB	8	5	W1	10-7-0
Ashland	ASHL	5	8	L3	5-12-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	5	8	L2	7-11-0
Barron	BARRON	4	9	L3	5-13-0
Hayward	HAY	4	9	L1	4-15-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	3	10	L1	4-14-0
Spooner	SPOON	2	11	W1	2-14-0

Tough Loss!



Cumberland's Gavin Gores looks to pass during the boys hard fought loss to HON leader Cameron last week in Cumberland. Photo by Maria Lynch.



Uriah Johnson inbounds to Troy Majewski under heavy pressure during the boys loss to the Comets on the Beavers home floor. Photo by Maria Lynch.

Boy's Basketball Team Wins One and Loses one; Record 10 and 7

The Cumberland Boy's Basketball Team split a pair of conference games last week, moving their record to 10 and 7 on the year. The team was back in action on Monday with a non-conference tilt against Amery, before going to St. Croix Falls this Thursday and hosting Ashland on Saturday night, with the game time set at 7:00 pm.

The team's loss came against the HON leading Cameron Comets last Tuesday, by a 68-62 score.

After quickly falling behind 7-0 less than two minutes into the contest and 18-7 at one point, the Beavers rallied to a 40-37 deficit by halftime. The game would go back and forth after intermission, with the Beavers finally tying things up at 59-59 with eight minutes to play. Unfortunately, a technical on the Beavers following the basket, quickly put the Comets back in front 61-59.

Cumberland would trail from this point forward, although staying within a basket during much of this time frame. Cameron even missed several one-and-ones at the end of the contest giving the Beavers a chance to close the gap, but the Comets hung on for a six-point victory.

The Beavers struggled with turnovers for part of the game and shot only one free throw in the contest. They would shoot 35 three-pointers, hitting 15. Tyson Lucas and Carter Cherney combined to score 48 of Cameron's 68 points, hitting 19 of their 24 shots.

Gavin Gores led Cumberland with 31 points and hit seven of 14 three-point attempts. Chayden Berghammer had a nice game with 19 points, including five of 10 trey attempts. Uriah Johnson and Jack Richter added six points each.

The Beavers got back into the win column on Friday with a nice 67-57 victory over Chetek-Weyerhaeuser in Chetek. The Bulldogs could not stop Gavin Gores, who had a game-high 38 points on a 14 for 27 shooting night, which included four treys. Gores added 12 rebounds and two assist in an excellent all-around effort.

Berghammer also continued his strong play with 15 points and 10 rebounds. He was an excellent nine for 10 from the charity stripe as the Beavers were 20 for 27 on their foul shots. Uriah Johnson added nine points as the three Juniors scored 62 of Cumberland's 67 points. It was a nice win over a team that beat them earlier in the year.

Following Saturday's Ashland game, Cumberland only has four games left on the regular season schedule. It begins Tuesday, February 13, with a home contest against the Hayward Hurricanes.

Girl's Lose Heartbreaker to Ashland During a Three-Game Week

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team played three games last week, dropping a 75-39 decision to Northwestern on Monday, a 69-29 match-up against the Conference leading St. Croix Falls Saints on Thursday, and then suffering a tough 50-47 defeat at the hands of the Ashland Oredockers on Saturday. Following a game at Hayward on Tuesday, the girls will get some much-deserved rest before a 6:00 pm home game this Friday, against the Ladysmith Lumberjills.

The team has showed the ability to score more points of late and it almost led to a victory last Saturday in the three-point loss to Ashland. "I am very proud of these girls. They play with so much heart. We got into some foul trouble, but battled the entire game and just ran out of time. We have improved so much and lost to them in Cumberland the first time around by 20 points," said Coach Kim Weber about her team.

Cumberland trailed 25-21 at halftime and the game stayed close throughout. Part of the reason was a strong showing from the outside by Macy Beecroft and Lizzie Mathison, who each hit four three-pointers in the contest for a game-total of 12 points. This coupled with the strong inside play of Raegan Beecroft, who took scoring honors for the Red and White with 14 points, led to a contest that went down to the wire. Two Cumberland starters, Alora Garibaldi and Melody Taylor fouled out, with Garibaldi dishing out a number of assist before exiting.

In the two losses earlier in the week, the team fell behind early-on and could not catch up.

Northwestern put five girls in double-figures in their victory over the Beavers. Raegan Beecroft led the way for Cumberland with 11 points, while Melody Taylor and Lizzie Mathison added nine each.

The St. Croix Falls victory kept them undefeated in HON play at 16 and 0. They built up a 43-9 halftime lead and cruised to the win. Macy Beecroft had eight points and Alora Garibaldi seven for Coach Weber in the loss. Garibaldi added a team-high eight rebounds in the contest.

Cumberland hopes their improved play can lead to a victory in one of their next few games. Ladysmith comes to Elmer Beran Gymnasium this Friday at 4 and 16, while the Shell Lake Lakers are on the schedule on Monday, February 12 in Shell Lake. Tuesday the 13th, Cumberland travels to Spring Valley to take on a 5 and 15 Cardinal squad. The team is poised to take home a victory in the near future.

Cumberland Mixed-Up League

Second Half Standings

Club Cumberland - 17	Bob Cifaldi - 164
Cumberland Federal - 13	Jordan Peichel - 161
Corner Bar - 12	3 High Scratch Series
Cumberland Bus - 11	Jordan Peichel - 459
Grandma's Gang - 7	Pam Allen - 447
3 High Scratch Games	Tom Baril - 428
Pam Allen - 169	

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling

Team Standings
Bowlin Buddies - 29
Dane Arthur Real Estate-27
Clear Lake Self Storage-27
Northwoods Septic - 27
Becker's Trucking - 25
Austad's Super Valu - 18
Bourbon's - 18
Four Chops - 9
5 High Scratch Games
Brenda Levine - 225
Shannon Bents - 202
Judy Ullom - 202
Heidi VanHeuklom - 201
Patty Lundell - 200
5 High Scratch Series
Heidi VanHeuklom - 549
Patty Lundell - 548
Brenda Levine - 529
Judy Ullom - 528
Shannon Bents - 503

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Sports Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 8

Boys BB @ St. Croix Falls 7:00

Hockey vs Amery @ Barron 7:00

Friday, Feb. 9

Girls BB home vs Ladysmith 6:00

Saturday, Feb 10

Wrestling Regional @ Ladysmith 8:00

Boys BB home vs Ashland 7:00

Monday, Feb. 12

Girls BB @ Shell Lake 7:15

Tuesday, Feb. 13

Wrestling Team Sectional @ Cadott TBD

Girls BB @ Spring Valley 5:30

Boys BB home vs Hayward 7:00

Hockey Regional vs E.C. Memorial @ Hobbs 7:00



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February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Every February, people across the United States join together in a national effort to bring awareness to teen dating violence. Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) is a critical opportunity to let people know that while teen dating violence does happen, it can be prevented through ongoing conversation. This year's theme for TDVAM is "Love Like That." Selected by the Love is Respect Youth Council, "Love Like That," illuminates what "that" means regarding healthy and unhealthy relationships. We know that love is more than a feeling; no matter how you define it, it's essential to ensure you're on the same page with your partner about the definitions and boundaries of your relationship. Teens and young adults express their love for one another in many ways, which differ from person to person or community. All expressions of love are valid. However, the essential aspect of "Love Like That" calls on us all to create a world of positive actions to express and show healthy love in various ways.

Conversations about healthy and unhealthy relationships are not only important to have at home but also in schools and public locations, where teenagers often gather. A safe adult who could start these conversations may be a parent, teacher, coach, community member, or another adult who wants to help prevent teen dating violence. A focus on educating teens prop-

erly can reduce the rate of teen dating violence across the country by promoting healthy behaviors and stopping violence before it begins. Conversations about safe teen dating should involve identifying what is important in a relationship, including trust, respect, and how to give consent. Consent is asking permission to do something. It is freely given, reversible, informed, enthusiastic, and specific. By giving teens the appropriate tools to be successful in their relationships, identify red flags, and use effective communication, we are creating a positive and safe future for them and others.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQ-IA+) youth are more likely to experience virtual, physical, emotional, and sexual violence. For example, 43% of LGBTQIA+ youth have reported being survivors of physical dating violence in comparison to 29% of heterosexual youth and 1 in 2 trans and nonbinary people will experience an abusive relationship. Youth may experience negative feedback from peers, educators, family, and society due to sexual orientation or gender identity. This creates an unsafe feeling for youth in all aspects of life, including school. A school's positive emotional message and climate toward LGBTQIA+ youth is an important factor in mitigating bullying and other victimization tactics. Everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or gender expression de-

serves a safe and healthy relationship.

1 in 3 teenagers will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse before adulthood, and that statistic is based on reported cases. Only 33% of teens who have experienced violence have ever told anyone. Some teenagers may have a lack of confidence or even a fear of what will happen if they tell or question their relationship. It is not always possible for an adult to recognize dating violence, even if they are well informed on the warning signs to watch for. A teenager may be dating someone who behaves differently around parents and educators, making the abuse more difficult to identify. This is why it's important for teens to learn warning signs or "red flags" of an unhealthy relationship themselves, so they can identify and put an end to them.

Interested in showing your support in a simple way? Wear orange on Tuesday, February 6th to raise awareness for TDVAM. Feel free to share your photos on social media with hashtags #Love-LikeThat #TDVAM24 #embracewi.

If you or someone you know is experiencing intimate partner violence or sexual assault, you are not alone and it's not your fault. Embrace is here to help. Contact Embrace for free, confidential advocacy and support at 1.800.924.0556 or text at 715.532.6976. For additional resources and information about teen dating violence visit teendvmonth.org and loveisrespect.org.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching – Next Wednesday, in fact. Just thought I would give you a heads-up so you can try to beat Duane out of his "World's Best Husband" award this year. Good luck – I doubt that will happen.

Next Wednesday is also Ash Wednesday. Lenten services at Barronett Lutheran will be every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. There will be a lunch prior to service starting at 5:30.

Bonnie Fogelberg emailed a few more things about the ice fishing contest that was held last week. So --- other winners were – Bill Carothers, who won the Ardisam Ion; Deb Rahn won the WSSCO Buddy Heater, Beaver Dam tip-ups and thermal mittens; Mike Rich was first place for the "Board" raffle and took the Ace Hardware stackable tool chest and tools; Diane Ladd took second and collected the Ardisam insulated pop-up fish house; Peg Thompson was the lucky dice winner and gathered up the WSSCO Yeti cooler.

Major prize winners were: Gerald Meyer, 3rd, won \$50.00; Mike Hegelberger, 2nd, won \$125.00; and the first prize of \$250.00 was won by Bonnie Fogelberg.

Bonnie said that, once again, the Civic Club members appreciate all the donations from businesses and individuals. A shout out to Shell Lake State Bank for covering all the fish winners this year, and to everyone who purchased a ticket!! She said that they hope that next year brings enough ice to make it bigger and better.

Geri Pittman and I had a great time last Tuesday and Wednesday visiting with Sue Meier in

Monroe. We stopped by to visit with Rachel and Gregg Seffrood, and they were both doing great. Rachel had knee replacement surgery about a week ago, and already she was up and walking around – almost without limping. Isn't it amazing what doctors can do now? It hasn't been that long ago that there would have been nothing they could have done for a bad knee.

After we left Rachel's house, we went to the Monroe Square and shopped at some neat little shops. I found a couple things I thought family members would like, and I found a Hummel for myself. It's the little guy with binoculars and a rifle, looking off in the distance, and a little rabbit is sitting right by his feet looking up at him. I have a quite a few Hummels, and it's surprising how much the price that I pay for them has dropped. I paid about half as much for this one as I have paid for others, and they all have the same mark on the bottom. I think they only appeal to us senior citizens now.

That evening we met Sue's daughter, Cindy, at Pancho and Lefty's for supper. One of my favorite places – Almost wouldn't seem like a trip to Monroe without at least one meal there.

Before we left for home on Thursday, Burt Hefty, Sue's brother, stopped by for a while. We had a really great time, but it's great to be home again. We told Sue we would be back in the summer so we can do more of the outdoor things. Sue sent some homemade chocolate chip cookies home with us, so Duane had a feast fit for a king.

Richard Pieper, Duane

and I went shopping at Amundson's Appliance on Saturday, and Richard bought a new refrigerator and stove. It will be delivered on Wednesday, and he is very excited about it – naturally.

The Red Raiders, one of the Barron County Special Olympic Teams, will be playing a game at Cameron High School this Wednesday evening. Richard is one of the players on the team, and we told him that we would be there to cheer him on. After this there will be one more tournament for the Red Raiders to see if they will be going to State.

Tru Lehmann, Geri Pittman, Duane and I went to Hilltop Retreat for breakfast after church Sunday morning. Pat Olson was there and sat with us and visited for a while, and the Culver family stopped to say hello as they were leaving. Rose and Lloyd Snyder were there with about twenty family members, and I had a chance to visit with Rose for a short time. Justin and crew did their usual fantastic job cooking, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Are you going to watch the Super Bowl this Sunday? Duane is interested in it, but all I want to see are the commercials. If the Packers or Vikings are not playing, I really don't care who wins.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather – I know we can still get some winter, but it doesn't seem as though that is going to happen now. Have a great week.

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Friday, February 9

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Monday, February 12

No Meals served due to kitchen move.

Tuesday, February 13

No Meals served due to kitchen move.

Wednesday, February 14

Baked Fish, w/ Tarter, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Assorted Bread, Angel Food Cake w/ Berries.



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 E. Zappa
Mary Elizabeth Zappa, 105, of Cumberland died Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Care and Rehab-Cumberland. She was born August 21, 1918, in Cumberland, WI to Pasquale and Jennie (Zappa) Monno. She graduated from Cumberland High School in 1937 and was married in Cumberland on October 14, 1939, to Anthony R. Zappa. She worked for the box factory for several years, then 3M for over three decades making sandpaper belts. She was very active in her church (including being named St. Anthony's Pax Christi Nominee), and was named "Island

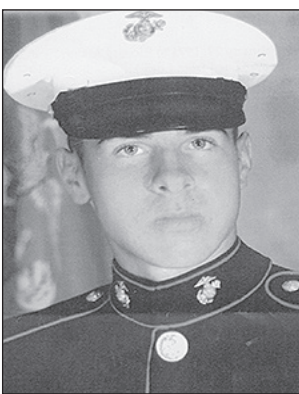
City Woman of the Year" in 2007 at the age of 88.
She loved to knit, crochet, macrame, hardanger, cook, garden and can, quilt, and play bridge, but truly loved spending quality time with her family, particularly for the holidays.
She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Anthony on March 31, 2003; seven brothers: Anthony (Elfreda), James (Netta), Joe (Georgeina), Raymond (Maxine), Pat, Sam (Carol), and John; 5 sisters: Jennie (Mario) Ranelli, Betty (Herb) Korf, Lucy (Dick) Kaiser, Ann (Herb) Brusletten, Josephine (Jack) Calder; and granddaughter, Gina.
She is survived by her daughter, Joyce Baribeau of Rice Lake, and son, Dennis Zappa of Cumberland; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; sister, Cecelia (Edward) Sikorski of Minneapolis, MN; sister-in-law, Janet Monno; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.
Funeral services will be

held at 11:00 am on Friday, February 9, 2024, at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Father Tom Thompson officiating and burial to follow at St. Anthony Cemetery. Pallbearers are Tony J. Zappa, Kristi Zappa, Mark Baribeau, Greg Baribeau, Chad Baribeau, and Kevin Baribeau. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland and for 1 hour before the Mass.
Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Nancy L. Carlisle
Nancy Louise Carlisle (nee Nelli), age 79, died peacefully on January 21, 2024 at Elder Homestead in Hopkins, Minnesota following a long

battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and end stage dementia.
Nancy is survived by her son Chris (Stacy), two grandchildren, Jim and Emily, her sisters Susan (Al) and Diane (Kevin) and brothers Mike and Steven (Glenda). She is preceded in death by her parents and sister.
Nancy was born in Amery, Wisconsin on January 20, 1945 to Nilo and Edith Nelli. The Nellis were a loving family; she was the second child of six children and grew up in Cumberland Wisconsin. Nancy graduated from Cumberland High School in 1963 and St. Mary's School of Nursing (now St. Catherine) in 1966. She moved to the Lenox neighborhood of St. Louis Park in 1977, where she made friends and lived for over 40 years. She enjoyed her family and friends, a good cup of coffee and lively conversation.
She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She will be missed by many.
A service and celebration of life will be held with her family and friends in Cumberland this summer. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the MS Society.



Jason J. Anderson
Jason John Anderson, 52, of Tomah, passed away peacefully January 8, 2024 with his wife Kim, his mother Juanita Strenke and his sister, Kim Broyer by his side.
Jason was born on February 27, 1971 to Richard Anderson and Juanita (Allen) Strenke. He graduated from Luck High School in 1989. After high school Jason joined the Marine Corps and spent time in San Diego, CA., and Japan. Upon leaving the military Jason enjoyed the work he did for many years at Tire Experts in Milltown. In 2005, he moved to Tomah and worked for 13 years at the VA Medical Center.
Jason married Kim Anderson on June 14th, 2014. Jason

and Kim enjoyed spending time with their dogs and birds over the years. Jason was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, Nascar and spent much of his free time watching sports.
Jason battled cancer for the last five years but continued to be positive throughout. He was a loving husband, son, brother, uncle and friend to all who knew him.
Jason is survived by his wife Kim; mother Juanita Strenke; brothers Kevin Anderson and Keith Anderson; sisters Jodi Anderson and Kim Broyer (Steve); step-brother Rick Strenke (Jolene) and many nieces and nephews.
Jason is preceded in death by his father Richard Anderson, infant brother John Anderson, stepfather LeRoy Strenke and uncle Herbert Allen.
He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him.
Burial with full military honors will be held at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery in Spooner at a later date. The Torkelson Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are available at www.torkelson-funeralhome.com



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“Sin is Serious”
by Pastor Jared Andrea
Cumberland Baptist Church

And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire (Mk. 9:43).

We live in a day that sin is not taken seriously. It’s often downplayed, excused, renamed, ignored, mythologized, and even celebrated. We ought to take sin seriously. Jesus did. Why is He so serious about sin? Because if our sin is not dealt with, it leads “...to hell, to the unquenchable fire.” If we do not “cut off” sin, then we will be “cut off” from God and will be punished by Him forever. Sin is serious.

How, then, can we cut off sin? We, in and of ourselves, can’t. In fact, if left to ourselves, we wouldn’t even have the desire to cut off sin. The only way we’ll take sin seriously is by faith in Jesus Christ. He took sin seriously for His people which led Him to die on the cross for them. He was cut off, forsaken, by His Father on the cross as He willingly received the punishment for their sins. Those who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus’ and His finished work are His people. By faith in Jesus, they have new, Spiritual, and eternal life the very moment they trust in Him. They will never perish, they will never go to hell. Those that have new life take their sin seriously because they see what their sin cost. They see their crucified Savior, Jesus, who was pierced for their transgressions. They don’t desire to sin against Him who died for their sake. Although they still sin, they hate their sin and want to get rid of it. By faith in Jesus and by the power of the Spirit who raised Him from the dead, they now can and must cut off sin in their lives until the day that sin will be no more. We can be assured that we have eternal life in Christ only if we are, by faith in Him, cutting off sin in this life. Those who trust in Jesus are no longer enslaved to sin’s power. It no longer has dominion over them because Christ has overcome sin for them. Sin is serious, but grace abounds to cut it off!

Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness (Rom. 6:13).

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**Rob Ankarlo, Library Director**
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DMV offers information on obtaining an ID for voting

Ahead of the Wisconsin Primary on Tuesday, February 20, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds voters how to obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting.

Valid identification for voting purposes includes a driver license, identification card, military or student ID card, etc. There is no separate "voter ID." A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes. Anyone unsure if their identification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website to check.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

Town of Cumberland

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the regular monthly board meeting for the Town of Cumberland will be held **Monday, February 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Town of Cumberland

Holly Nyhus, Clerk

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.

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

Danielle Maxwell-Parker,
Town Clerk

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

UNITED FUND OF CUMBERLAND

The annual meeting for the United Fund of Cumberland, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 5 p.m.** at Cumberland Federal Bank Cumberland, Wisconsin

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NOTICE

Eclipse Self Storage, LLC 1130 Charrie Lane, Cumberland, WI will auction the contents of a storage unit rented by Katherine R Ostlie. The contents are briefly and generally described as: Level, tree stand, stick ladder, compound bow, arrows, Coleman cooler, pool sticks, chairs, folding table, mattresses, step ladder, step stool, circular saw, weed whip, miscellaneous items . Auction runs 2/13/2024 - 2/23/2024. See auction details at storage-treasures.com

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NOTICE OF CAUCUS

LAKELAND SANITARY DISTRICT # 1

Lakeland Sanitary District #1 Barronett, Wisconsin, will be holding their caucus for the office of Secretary on Wednesday, **February 21st, 2024** at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Lakeland Township Town Hall in Barronett. Immediately after the caucus, the Sanitary District will hold their regular monthly meeting.

Kristine Strom, Secretary
Lakeland Sanitary District #1

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CUMBERLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Regular Board Meeting

Middle School Commons, 6:00 p.m. Open Session

Present: Board – Gideo, Hyatt, Rieper, Skinner & Stone
Administration - Rose, Ferguson, Green & Hopkins

President Stone announced that this was a legally and properly noticed meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Rieper, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
 - Jamie Shaffer, Curriculum update
 - Tami Bowman, Special Education update
 - Lorne Majewski, Athletic update
 - Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Gideo, to approve policies 0100, 0142.1, 0144.3, 0144.5, 0164, 0164.1, 0164.2, 0165.1, 0165.2, 0175, 1421, 1623, 1630.01, 2210, 2340, 2521, 3121, 3123, 3139, 3215, 3430.01, 4121, 4123, 4139, 4215, 4430.01, 5113, 5200, 5215, 5223, 5330, 5340, 5410, 5505, 5512, 5517, 5530, 5771, 6236, 6610, 6630, 7250.01, 7434, 7440, 7440.01, 7540.08, 8146, 8310, 8405, 8420, 8450, 8500, 8510, 8531, 8600, 8800, 8802, 8913, 9210, 9211. All voting aye, motion carried.
 - Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve School Safety Drills. All voting aye, motion carried.
 - Motion was made by Rieper, seconded by Skinner, to approve David Stone's resignation as Co-Head Boys' Soccer Coach. Stone abstained, all others voting aye, motion carried.
 - Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Darcy Hyland's resignation as Special Education Aide. All voting aye, motion carried.
 - Heard various discussion items, administrative reports, and noted meetings/events.
- Having no further business to conduct, motion was made to adjourn by Rieper, seconded by Gideo. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Jennifer Hyatt, District Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Electronic Ballot Tabulation

Under Wisconsin State Statute 5.84(1), public tests of the electronic ballot tabulation system will be held to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the **February 20, 2024** Primary Election votes cast for all offices and on all measures. All tests are open to the public.

City of Cumberland
Monday, February 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m
Municipal Administrative Building
950 1st Avenue, Cumberland, WI
Arlene Frisinger, Clerk
715-822-2752

Town of Crystal Lake
Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
Town Hall
1876 Hwy. 63, Comstock, WI
Arlene Frisinger, Clerk-Treasurer
715-822-8039

Town of Cumberland
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.
Town Hall
902 20th Avenue, Cumberland, WI
Holly Nyhus, Clerk
715-357-6154

Town of Lakeland
Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall
791 29 11/16 Avenue, Barronett, WI
Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk
715-529-2741

Town of Maple Plain
Monday, February 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
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393 26th Avenue, Cumberland, WI
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Barron County Sheriff 537-3106

Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency 911

Fatal Motorcycle Crash...

dent, including the fatal portion after receiving an email from the medical examiner confirming that C.W.K. was deceased.

The deputy reports that on August 20, 2023, she received a voicemail to call other parties concerning this case. One of the parties was a male, who stated that he heard that in addition to C.W.K., and the five other subjects were also at the crash when it happened. The deputy reports that she spoke to an individual named L.L.K., who is C.W.K.'s sister, who stated that she spoke with one of the male's earlier in the day and he told L.L.K. that wasn't involved in the crash at all. Due to the inconsistencies and stories coming from multiple parties, the deputy decided to make contact with the neighbors.

The deputy made contact with a couple. The couple advised that there were definitely two motorcycles that left together, and possibly one after them. The female stated that she was sure she saw two people on each motorcycle, and that one of them was female.

The homeowner where Baker's motorcycle had landed was not home. The deputy reports the neighbors across the road said that the homeowners would be gone all weekend, and didn't even know about the damage to his yard.

The deputy then responded to the residence at Patrick Street. She also asked the two other officers to meet her there.

Upon arrival, a female was outside and the deputy asked the female where she was when everything happened. The female asked what the deputy meant. The deputy asked the female how the female found out about the crash, and she said that her friend called her and that she then drove to the location. The female stated it was then that she called 911 after driving her car there. The female stated that her motorcycle was in the garage when the incident happened.

The deputy asked the female which bike was hers of inconsistencies with the motorcycle plates. The female stated that she hadn't switched the plate yet, and went inside to retrieve the paperwork showing her registration.

The deputy reports that the two motorcycles from the previous night were still parked in the garage and visible and that Baker was sitting in the garage with his foot up on a chair, and another female was also in the garage.

The deputy reports that when she spoke with Baker again, who stated more than once that he rode on the back with his friend form the scene, and wasn't aware of any other motorcycles with them. The deputy informed Baker and the female that an eye witness saw two motorcycles leave the scene together, with two parties on each of the motorcycles and one of them being female. The deputy explained to the female that they had her 911 call recording of her saying she had to go pick her bike up, and she denied it. The deputy reiterated that it was recorded, and the female said she must have just said it on impulse.

The deputy asked Baker to explain what happened again, and he said that as soon as he crashed, he got up and saw the other unknown bike across the road.

Baker explained that he and C.W.K. had turned off of 48 south onto M, and the unknown motorcycle that crashed, had turned onto M behind them coming from 48, as if coming from Birchwood area.

The deputy reports that when the officer questioned Baker again regarding the other motorcycle that fled the scene, he stated that when they pulled into the garage,"I honestly don't think there was another bike in there."

The deputy reports at that time, the officer pulled the female aside and advised that she had broke down crying and stated she didn't want to go to jail.

The deputy reports she then told Baker that the female had pretty much admitted to being present and asked him again who was all there, and Baker admitted that the female and the other male where on the female's bike. The deputy asked Baker who was driving, and Baker stated the male was, and when she asked why everyone fled the scene instead of helping out, and leaving their friend there to die, the female yelled out it wouldn't have mattered anyway.

The deputy reports that on August 21, 2023, he responded to a residence to meet with a male who was the unidentified motorcycle rider who was present during the crash.

The male started out by advising that he went to a tavern, to have a couple of beers. He stated that after some time he decided to leave and head to the female's house, who is a mutual friend of his, along with Baker and C.W.K. The male stated that Baker, C.W.K. and another male left prior to him. The male stated he caught up to the motorcycles near the intersection of County Highway C and M and he was in the rear of the group. He estimated he was approximately 40 to 50 feet behind the others.

The male stated that while traveling southbound on County Highway M, he observed large amount of sparks coming from one of the motorcycles and witness a motorcycle laying on the road, at which time he also layed his bike down in the roadway to avoid hitting the other motorcycle. The male stated that after crashing his motorcycle, he immediately went to C.W.K. who he saw was what he described as snoring, and performed a head tilt procedure to attempt to keep C.W.K.s airway open. The male stated that he then had Baker take over the head tilt at which time he panicked and left the scene.

The deputy asked the male what caused him to finally reports his involvement, and he stated that he went to the hospital that day for road rash, and he had a conversation with his father who advised him he needed to report being involved.

The deputy asked the male if he observed any swerving from the other bikes, or anything that would have caused the crash. The male stated that he did not observe any swerving or did not observe any animals run across the roadway.

If convicted for hit and run resulting death, Baker may be fined not more than \$100,000 or imprisoned not more than 25 years or both. For obstructing an officer, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than nine months or both. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 21, 2024.

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Former Advocate Editor R.B. Hart and His Cars

by Mark R. Fuller (Along with R. B. Hart)

We've likely all had trouble with a car or two, leading to one of the stories of our past. Such was the case for former Advocate Editor and Cumberland Mayor, R. B. Hart, who describes his story in a November 13, 1924 newspaper entitled, "Introducing Mary Ann." He refers to himself as "editor" in this first-person account of a bad day with a new car.

"The head of the editor of this sheet is bowed in shame and he has been resting since last Friday night on the small of his back nursing a badly bruised leg. The story runs something like this:

Last Thursday, Lizzie, the Advocate jitney whose exploits have been heralded quite frequently in these columns, was traded for a brand-new Oldsmobile Coupe. The editor was quite proud of the skill he has acquired in manipulating Lizzie, so chuck full of conceit, he started off Friday morning with C.E. Chubb and "Dad" Porter on a business trip to Turtle Lake at the wheel of his new car.

It seems that the push buttons and pedals on the new contraption did not operate in just the same way as they do on a Ford and the editor consequently had more or less difficulty in getting a line on the new combination, but he made Turtle Lake all right and about supper time, after considerable maneuvering, got the new car headed home with the only trouble being that the accelerator kept sticking.

In spite of this, he made

the grades all right and everything went merrily until they got to the corner this side of Almena, which they met a car on the curve. The ditch was full of snow and this driver thoughtlessly got too close to the edge. Some of the passengers called his attention to the danger, but instead of stepping on the gas and making the top of the hill, he slowed up and stalled putting me into the ditch.

A Ford came along and tried to pull it out, but as neither had traction, the results were negative. A farmer then kindly consented to hitch up his team to pull the car out. This was the editor's first experience of being pulled out by horsepower and it was rather humiliating that it should occur the first day he attempted to drive a real automobile.

When the party reached Cumberland, Chubb suggested that he be permitted to drive the car into the garage but the editor waved him aside with scorn. Before going home, the editor decided to put sole alcohol in the radiator and for that purpose he drove into the White Eagle oil station. The accelerator stuck as usual and the connections between the editor's head and feet seemed to be out of order, for the car didn't stop just right, but he then had presence of mind enough to swing out into the street again and make another attempt which proved successful.

It is somewhat difficult to get in and out of the editor's garage and he had de-

cided to use an empty stall in John Olson's garage, which he had offered. The accelerator kept sticking and the editor killed the engine twice getting up to the garage. By that time, he was really somewhat flustered, but nevertheless started the engine up again. This time the engine didn't stall, but instead went right through the garage, knocking out the back wall entirely with the car stopping with the hind wheels still on the garage floor.

Then the editor went for help. It was decided to back the car into the garage. Although there was a jump of about six inches for the front wheels.

The first attempt was almost successful, but the car hung on the brink and the editor jumped in front to give it a little push when the wheels slipped off striking the editor just above the knee crushing the muscles of the front part of his leg. The doctor said "Go to bed and stay there," and his advice was followed, not so much by choice, but from necessity for the leg is still absolutely of no use.

Still the editor was fortunate. There was no damage to the car and the leg is not

broken. Further, if the accident had happened in the other stall of the garage, there would have been something of a smashup for there is a drop of at least four feet back of this stall.

Something like four years ago, the editor attempting to drive the lizzie into the same garage, landed in the garden. Is the thing hoodooed so far as the editor is concerned?

The account ought not to close without a tribute to Lizzie. She was a faithful beast, who showed us many beautiful things in this part of the world. Few of her class could go by her. She had run probably 20,000 miles, yet was full of pep, although her outward appearance showed many signs of age.

The new car is named Mary Ann, Mary, because we expected to have a lot of fun with her and Ann because it goes naturally with Mary. Although the start has not been propitious so far as the editor is concerned, he hopes for a more-happy ending."

There was no follow-up to the rest of Mr. Hart's experience with Mary Ann!



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