



Dawson Johnson Wins His Fourth Straight State Wrestling Title: Beavers Head to Team State This Weekend

Cumberland's Dawson Johnson has joined an elite group of wrestlers who have won four straight State Titles following his performance at the State Wrestling Tournament in Madison last weekend. Johnson became only the 27th competitor to achieve the accomplishment since the Tournament began in 1940. Two other wrestlers also finished their careers as four-time Champions before the weekend was over to run the total number to 29.

The work for Johnson and his teammates isn't done yet

as the Beavers head to Team State this Saturday, where they take on #1 ranked Fenimore in the first round of competition beginning at 10:00 am. Johnson will hope to add two more wins to his season record of 58-0 before his graduation in June.

Johnson, who will next take his talents to the University of Minnesota next fall, won three straight matches in recording his 4th Championship. This included two pins and a 7-2 decision over Elliott Biba of

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Nominations for Citizen of the Year Wanted

In preparation for the Annual Cumberland Chamber of Commerce Banquet, to be held April 8, 2024 at The American Legion, we are asking for nominations for Citizen(s) of the Year. This will be one of the highlights of the dinner.

Since 1968 the Chamber has recognized a member of the community as Citizen of the Year for their good deeds and community spirit. The recipients have one thing in common- they have made Cumberland a better place to live.

This year we will have two categories for Citizen(s) of the year.

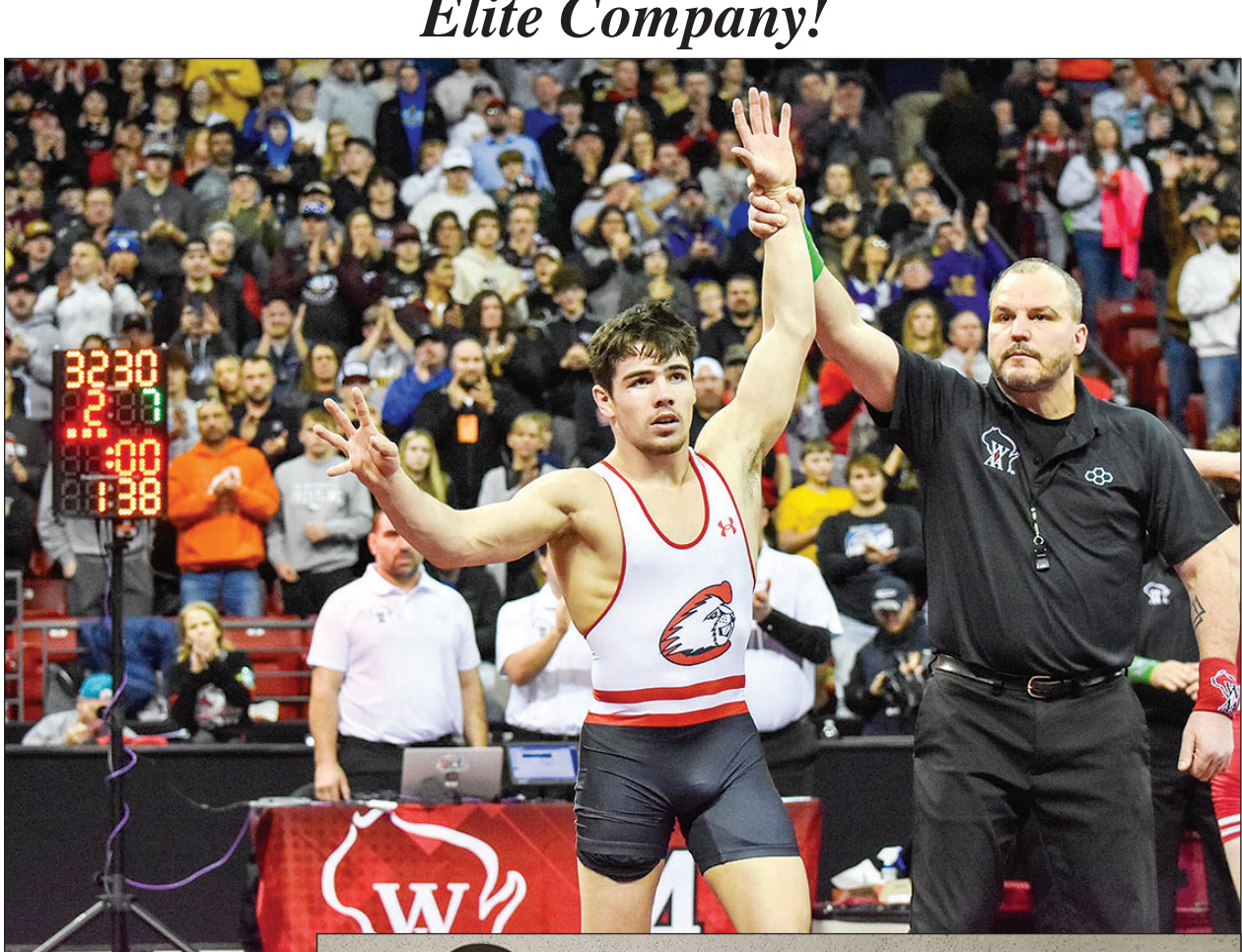
The first is Business. This goes to an individual or couple for outstanding con-

tributions to the business community. Their efforts, accomplishments and leadership have contributed to the economic vitality of Cumberland.

The second category is Civic or Humanitarian. This is a person determined to make our community a better place to live, they could be a representative of the area whose purpose is to help others, have community involvement, ambitions, accomplishments, unique talents, or one who promotes volunteerism.

If you know of a highly suitable individual or couple that you would like to nominate for our Citizen(s) of the Year, please sub-

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Dawson Johnson became just the 27th wrestler in State history to win 4 straight State Championships last Saturday at the Kohl Center in Madison. Congratulations Dawson on an amazing accomplishment. Bottom photo his family is all smiles at the welcome home celebration held on Sunday. Pictured are dad Darren, Dawson, brother Braden who capped a great year with a third place State finish, sister Kaitlin and mom Tonya.



All Time Scoring Leader!



Gavin Gores became the Beavers all time leading scorer last Thursday night when he poured in 41 vs Northwestern. Gores, only a junior passed the late Steve King who held the record with 1371 points. Pictured here Steve King's daughter Jamie King Hunt and Gavin celebrate with a congratulatory cake following the game.

Fire Danger Very High!



Cumberland firefighters were called to 20th Ave near Staples Lake for a grass fire that spread into a wooded area. The Turtle Lake Fire department was called for mutual aid on an extremely windy day. Ashes from a wood burning stove are believed to be the cause. A couple acres were burned. Cumberland was later paged to assist the Turtle Lake Fire Department for a fire in Polk County on County Highway G. The fire was located way off the road in the woods. Because of blow downs from the 2019 storm an extensive mop up needed to be done when the fire was out. Access was difficult limiting firefighters to 4 wheel drive trucks and UTV's. The cause of that fire revealed a vehicle that did not belong there had broken down and the owner was attempting to work on it when it backfired and started some brush on fire. Crews were on scene for over 3 hours. Fire dangers are extremely high all across the state. Avoid burning until conditions improve.

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Auditions for Disney's best dance move! Shows "Beauty and the Beast" will be June 6-9 and 13-15 with rehearsals starting March 25th! If you can't make it or have questions, please email Emilie at emiliespringsteen@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

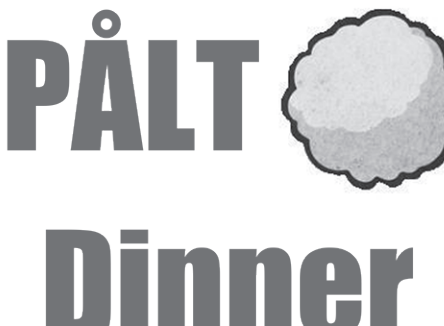
Louie Muench and Son Present Intro to Home Sausage Making at Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

The Thomas St. Angelo Meats on Saturday, March 9 at 10 am. Samples will be served. Register for this program by calling 715-822-2767. Muench of Louie's Finer



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Sunday March 10th, 2024
11:30am - 2:00pm

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Friday: 11am-9pm; Saturday: 11am-9pm
Sunday: 11am - 8pm



Auditions
Sunday March 3, 2024
1-5 PM

Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Cumberland High School Choir Room
Enter through the MS Bus door #E4

\$9,600 Grant Winner!



Congratulations to Paul Bucher and the Cumberland Advocate who was the recipient of the 50 People and More Who Care quarterly grant to help small businesses. Pictured left to right are Barb Lynch, Jan Keehn, Dale Gergen, John Bavier, Sarah Bucher, Cumberland Advocate Owner Paul Bucher, Cumberland Advocate Employee Jess Wackerfuss and E. Dennis Zahrbock. Not Pictured are Cumberland Employee Deb Fox, and Sports/history writer Mark Fuller. If you would like to become a member of the group and help make Cumberland even better go to 50peoplewhocare.org for more details.



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Register for this program by calling 715-822-2767, or emailing cupl@cumberlandpl.org. Limit 50.

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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, February 29
Hot Dogs, Chips, Peas, Mixed Fruit. MS/HS: Chicken Nuggets w/Chips

Friday, March 1
Pizza, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Applesauce. MS/HS: Garlic Cheese Bread

Monday, March 4
Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Fries, Carrots, Peas. MS/HS: Pizza

Tuesday, March 5
Tacos, Brown Rice, Corn, Refried Beans, Mandarin Oranges. MS/HS: Ham & Cheese Sandwich w/chips

Wednesday, March 6
Chicken Drumstick, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches. MS/HS: Walking Tacos

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

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Ruby's Pantry

Saturday, March 2nd
Distribution will be held at Cumberland Fire Hall as a drive through Pantry. Everyone Welcome!
Please do not arrive before 6:30 AM
NO Registration Required
Distribution from 8 to 9:30 AM
Donation is \$25 per share
Cash Preferred - No Checks Please

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

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, February 29: • 6:00 am-7:00 am CCE: TRX @ MS Gym

SATURDAY, March 2: • 10 am - 3 pm HS Wrestling Team State @ Madison 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Pickle Ball @ Elementary School Gym

MONDAY, March 4: ES/MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences • 6:30 pm - 9 pm MS Band & Choir Concert • 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm HS Marching Band/Choir Concert

TUESDAY, March 5: • 5pm - 7 pm MS wrestling Home vs Several HS Gym • 8:00pm - 10:00 pm Adult Volleyball @ ES

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

COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS

Evening Fitness Class

These fitness classes will consist of both:

- *Barre-Style Workouts (A low impact but highly effective exercise routine that combines elements of ballet, pilates, yoga, and strength training.)
- *Tabata-Style Workouts (Comprised of 20 seconds of all-out effort followed by 10 seconds of recovery. Each Tabata consists of 4 different exercises repeated twice lasting 4 minutes with a minute recovery in between each Tabata.)

This workout routine will get your heart rate pumping while sculpting your muscles. Modifications will be provided making this beneficial for a wide range of fitness levels.

*Join NETA (National Exercise Trainer Association) Certified Instructor: Tirzah Zipperer for a 45 minute workout session.
Time: 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: MS Library (Second level of middle school)
Date Range: 5 Sessions: February 13, 15, 20, 22 and 27
Cost: \$35.00 for all 5 classes or \$8.00 per class
Bring: Yoga Mat and light hand weights if own plus a water bottle
To register for this class or for more information contact: Susan Bridger; CCE Director HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403/sbridg@csdmail.com

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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.

Good Luck Wrestlers!



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

How about that! Congratulations to Dawson Johnson on becoming just the 27th wrestler in Wisconsin state history to win four individual wrestling titles. Johnson completed the feat last weekend in Madison with a 7-2 victory in the finals. The University of Minnesota recruit is 58-0 on the year with a trip to team state slated for this weekend in Madison. What an unbelievable accomplishment. Congratulations also goes out to Braden Johnson, Jack Chafer, Jack Owens and Logan Peterson for making it to state! As long as I am talking about high school sports, a big congratulations also goes out to Cumberland basketball player Gavin Gores for breaking the school’s all time scoring record previously held by Steve King. Gores, only a Junior, looks to tack on many more points to his record. Congratulations Gavin!

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The Advocate is the recipient of this quarter’s 50 People & More grant of \$9,600.00. What an awesome thing. The organization has now awarded more than \$150,000 in grants since its inception. One hundred twenty eight people have been a part of this organization who’s only goal is helping Cumberland area businesses thrive. I attended the General Membership Meeting held last Thursday night. It was cool to listen to members talk about how that is the goal. Make Cumberland’s Main Street and surrounding areas stronger. Each member contributes \$100.00 every three months and then votes on who should receive that particular quarterly grant. That’s it! I encourage small businesses to apply. If you don’t succeed at first (most do not) continue to apply at 50peoplewhocare.org. If you or your business would like to become a member of the organization go to the website and fill out the join form. Good stuff!

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Holy cow is this some crazy weather! Record highs to below zero in a matter of hours. Just plain nuts. Then their is the wind. I feel like I’m in the Dakota’s some days. Speaking of the wind, I had something happen out on the lake last Saturday that I hadn’t seen. I was walking off the lake pulling my one man fish shack folded down with all my gear when it literally passed me as I was walking. I had to hold on to it so it didn’t get away. Anyway, pretty crazy!

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Fire dangers are sky high. I know of three fires that various departments were called to on Monday. Don’t burn anything until conditions improve. Don’t pour wood stove ashes out. That has been the cause of at least two fires in the last couple of weeks. Be smart and use common sense.

Have a great week!

Good Luck Wrestlers!

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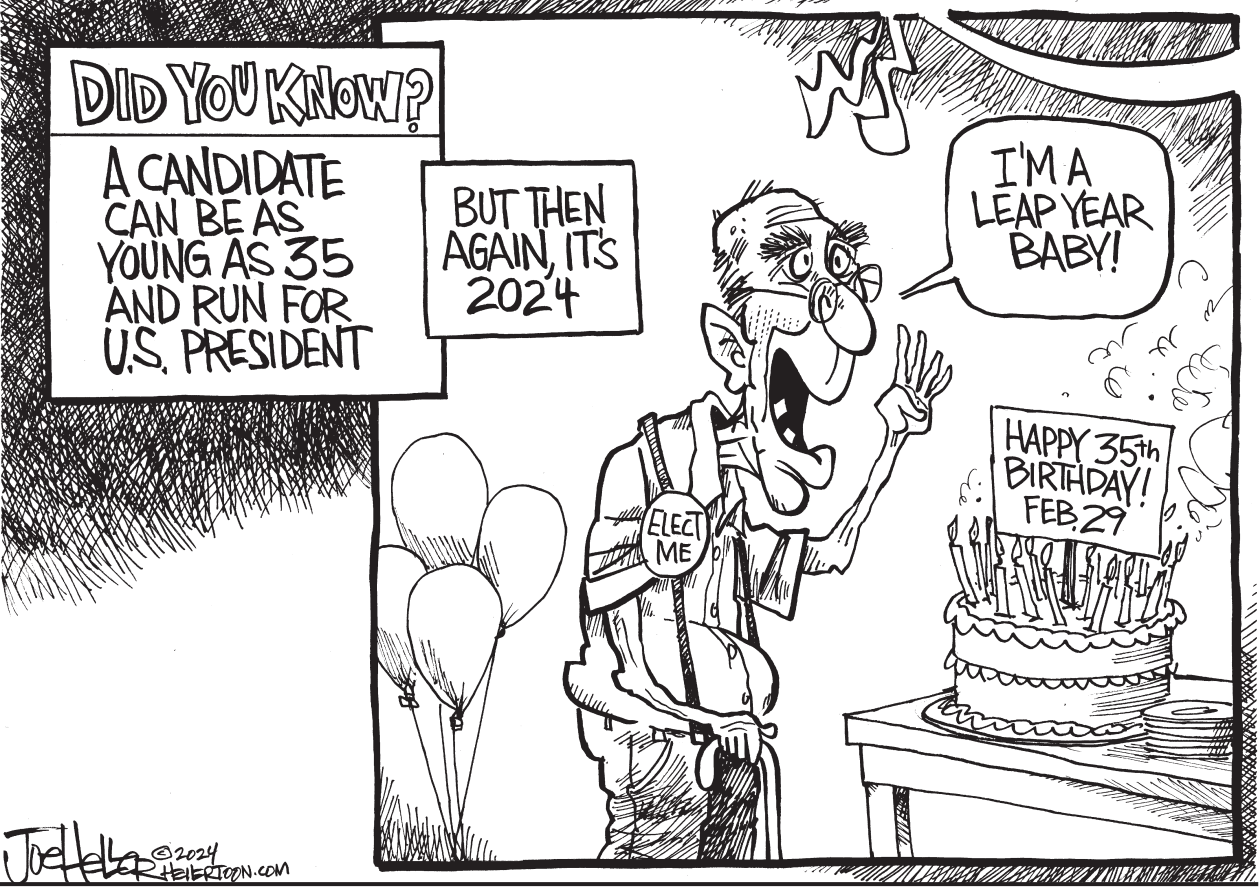
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Weekly deadline is 2:00 p.m. on Friday



Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“How can AI make manufacturing in Wisconsin stronger? Let’s ask AI.”

MADISON, Wis. – One of the more perplexing results from a recent survey conducted for the Wisconsin Manufacturing Report revolved around how manufacturing executives think of artificial intelligence.

The answer was “not much.”

Of the 415 executives polled by the Wisconsin Centers for Manufacturing and Productivity, slightly more than half predicted AI won’t affect businesses like their own and nearly three-quarters said they’ve never used AI – and have no plans to use AI – in their businesses.

Buckley Brinkman, the executive director of WCMP, calls that takeaway “startling” and a “technology blind spot” that could weaken competitiveness, especially among the small- and medium-sized manufacturers who make up the bulk of the network’s manufacturers.

He’s not just wringing his hands, however, but urging more awareness and even creating a video series for manufacturing leaders who might think AI is a fancy plaything for everyone else but them.

Here’s my contribution to Brinkman’s campaign: I asked AI what it “thinks” about itself.

Using ChatGPT4, one

of the popular tools that has burst on the market, I asked: “What sectors/industries in Wisconsin manufacturing are best positioned to benefit from artificial intelligence as a tool?”

Bearing in mind that AI rarely answers the same question precisely the same way due in part to an evolving database, the detailed answer returned in a matter of seconds read like a callout of the state’s largest industries. Here’s a summary:

Food and beverage processing: Wisconsin is known as “America’s Dairyland,” but its food and beverage processing industry is much broader, including meat processing, brewing and specialty foods. AI can transform this sector by optimizing supply chains, improving food safety through better tracking and prediction of contamination risks, and enhancing product quality control.

Industrial machinery and equipment: This sector, which includes the production of engines, turbines, and agricultural machinery, stands to benefit significantly from AI through predictive maintenance, which can reduce downtime and extend equipment life. AI algorithms can ana-

lyze data from machinery sensors to predict failures before they occur.

Automotive components manufacturing: AI can revolutionize this sector through automation of production lines, quality control using machine vision systems, and supply chain optimization.

Medical devices and equipment: The state is home to a robust medical devices sector. AI can aid in designing more effective medical devices, optimizing manufacturing processes for precision and compliance, and managing supply chains more efficiently.

Chemicals and plastics: AI can optimize chemical production processes, reduce energy consumption, and improve safety by predicting hazardous conditions in real-time. In plastics manufacturing, AI can enhance recycling processes and material selection for better product performance.

Paper products manufacturing: As a leading producer of paper products, Wisconsin’s industry can use AI for optimizing production processes, improving energy efficiency, and enhancing quality control through predictive analytics.

Electronics and electrical

equipment: AI can be used to improve product design, automate assembly lines, and ensure quality control through advanced imaging and diagnostic tools.

All this is more easily said by a chatbot than done, of course, but the basic idea is worth investigating by skeptics: AI can help Wisconsin manufacturers be more efficient and productive; better predict maintenance downtime; optimize supply chains; and control quality.

“The technology is easy to use – even for us of a particular age,” said Brinkman, a former manufacturing executive who joined WMCP in 2011. He will lead manufacturers in an AI discussion during the March 18 Wisconsin Technology Summit at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

“Most new applications or tools require significant time and effort to become proficient,” he added. “Generative AI’s interface makes it easy for a new user to master the basics and create output very quickly.”

When it comes to use of AI in manufacturing, it may be a case of old cogs, new tricks.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
February 28, 2014

On Sunday, March 2, the Barron County Sheriff’s Department received a call of a break-in at Cumberland Ace Hardware. Entry was gained by driving through a locked gate around the back of the building and pushing in the back overhead door. Taken was cash and a snowblower. On the same day they received another call from Indianhead Sportshop, advising that the shop had been broken into. The doorknob was gone from the front door and entry had been made. Taken were two guns, ammunition, an ice auger, a checkbook and some energy drinks. The break-ins are still under investigation.

20 Years Ago
March 3, 2004

Gretchen Herman, a 6th Grader at Cumberland Middle School, competed with other students from the northern region of CESA #11 in the district spelling bee on February 25. Gretchen took second place, spelling the word “stiletto” correctly to take her to the state competition.

Congratulations to Barbara Agen of Cumberland who received the 2004 Betty Knutson Memorial Scholarship of \$600 while she attends Chippewa Valley Tech in Eau Claire.

30 Years Ago
March 2, 1994

February Students of the Month are: 8th Graders Rebekah Peterson and Zach Kreger, and 7th Graders Brianne Ordway and Ryan Dayton.

Operation Smile was a special project, begun by Third Grade Teacher Barb Wistreich, which involved all the third grade classes. The children sold buttons to raise money for surgical procedures to help children of Venezuela correct mouth abnormalities. The children raised \$700, which will cover surgery for one child.

40 Years Ago
February 29, 1984

Keith Schlechte was the top Biology student at Cumberland High School for the first semester with 125 point. In second place with 130 points was Cory Pederson, James Beiersdorff took third with 115, fourth was Lou Ann Berglund with 109 points.

A new business is opening in Cumberland this week. Island City Carpet and Decorating. The store is located at 1397 2nd Avenue, in the former Sears Store, and it will feature a complete line of carpet, and other decorating items.

50 Years Ago
February 28, 1974

A fire completely destroyed the mobile home

of the Ronald Nieman family on Monday afternoon. Firemen were called to the scene at 2 pm but the home was completely engulfed in flames. The cause of the fire, which started in the bedroom, is undetermined. No one was injured in the fire.

60 Years Ago
March 5, 1964

Airman Donald D. Jacobson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Jacobson of Cumberland, has been selected for technical training as an air policeman at Lackland A.F.B., Texas. Jacobson is a 1961 graduate of Cumberland High School.

The first big snowstorm of the winter clobbered the state an the Cumberland area on Tuesday and Wednesday. From Tuesday noon until 7 pm on Wednesday, nine inches of snow fell. Schools were closed.

70 Years Ago
March 4, 1954

Cumberland’s new \$240,000 sewage treatment plant, now nearly completed, is expected to go into operation within the next two weeks.

80 Years Ago
March 2, 1944

An upsurge in the number of cases of measles in Cumberland over the last weekend added to absences for other illnesses and other reasons, cut the

Cumberland grade school attendance by one-third of normal, full attendance last Monday. Thirteen homes were quarantined for measles.

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WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
02/20	37	12	0.00
02/21	44	19	0.00
02/22	48	21	0.00
02/23	49	24	0.00
02/24	29	10	0.00
02/25	36	10	0.00
02/26	45	21	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

Shane D. Brekke, 39, Clear Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Tessa R. Carlstrom, 21, Birchwood, speeding, \$175.30. Nathan J. Cleveland, 18, Mikana, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Jonas J. Drill, 21, New Richmond, speeding, \$175.30. Aaron J. Gunder- son, 22, Rice Lake, OWI, \$911.50. Donald D. Hardy, 47, Cumberland, speeding, \$225.70. Sebastian I. Ros- sas, 27, Plainview, MN., operate without a valid li- cense, \$200.50. Madison L. Janczak, 19, Birchwood, fail/yield right/way from stop sign, \$175.30. Scott F. Mancl, 52, Sarona, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Bri- anna S. Marlowe, 28, Cum- berland, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Bai- ley J. Norlander, 20, Rice Lake, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Brenden R. Osgood, 21, Chetek, op- erating while suspended, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without in- surance, \$200.50. Trinh T. Phan, 58, Eau Claire, speeding, \$175.30. Maria Reyes, 64, Almena, operat- ing a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Nicole L. Root, 31, Frederic, re- fuse to take test for intox- ication after arrest, \$50.00. Denis J. Sukys, 57, Barron, operating left of center, \$213.10, hit and run-prop- erty adjacent to highway, \$263.50 and failure of op- erator to notify police of an accident, \$389.50. Morgan P. Vennie, 24, Barron, op- erate motor vehicle without a valid license, \$200.50. James W. Wuorenma, 66, Weyerhaeuser, automo- bile following too closely, \$200.50. Hailey M. Camp- bell, 23, Rice Lake, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Julio C. Mendo- za-Castro, 33, operate with restricted controlled sub- stance, \$1,870.00.

Complaints

Steven D. Eisenhuth, 67, of Rice Lake, has been charged with illegally operate ATV or UTV on/in vicinity of highway. His court date is scheduled for March 20, 2024.

Robert W. Newcomb, 51, of Bloomer, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for March 20, 2024.

James M. Kolb, 31, of Bar- ron, has been charged with possession of marijuana. His court date is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Hannah D. Larson, 18, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct.

His court date is scheduled for July 10, 2024.

Rhodi L. McGath, 56, of Chetek, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court appearance was scheduled for February 19, 2024.

Mitchell A. Krueger, 31, of Rice Lake, has been charged with retail theft. His court date is scheduled for April 17, 2024.

Criminal Traffic

Michael W. Stauner, 29, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with OWI, oper- ating with PAC, operating while revoked, and ignition interlock device tamper- ing/failure to install/violate court order. His court hear- ing is scheduled for May 17, 2024.

Shannon N. Stone, 22, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI, oper- ating with PAC, operating while revoked, and ignition interlock device tamper- ing/failure to install/violate court order. Her initial ap- pearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Criminal Complaints

Derek L. Paulson, 38, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. His ad- journed initial appearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Michael J. Darcy, 33, of Rice Lake, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Brandon M. King, 33, of Cameron, has been charged with disorderly conduct, do- mestic abuse, criminal dam- age to property and posses- sion of THC. His adjourned initial appearance is sched- uled for February 28, 2024.

Austin J. Metcalf, 29, of Weyerhaeuser, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His ad- journed initial appearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Alan J. Brown, 43, of Chet- ek, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. His ad- journed initial appearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Anthony D. Phernetton, 33, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly con- duct and domestic abuse. His adjourned initial appear- ance is scheduled for Febru- ary 28, 2024.

Wyatt K. Matuszak, 22, of Superior, has been charged with OWI and possession of THC. His initial appear- ance is scheduled for May 1, 2024.

Darrick A. Malean, 32, of Barronett, has been charged with possession of THC and possession of drug parapher-

nalialia. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 27, 2024.

Tyler C. Sprague, 19, of Birchwood, has been charged with possession of child pornography. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Andrew V. Weber, 45, of has been charged with pos- session of methamphet- amine, second and subse- quent offense. His adjourned initial appearance is sched- uled for February 28, 2024.

Michael A. Peterson, 61, of Barron, has been charged with possession of metham- phetamine and possession of THC. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Tina M. Cotts, 58, of Chet- ek, has been charged with possession of methamphet- amine. His preliminary hear- ing is scheduled for Febru- ary 27, 2024.

Erin M. Evans, 44, of Cambridge, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of THC. Her ad- journed initial appearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Jamie L. Fisher, 49, of Cambridge, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her ad- journed initial appearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Thomas J. Heldstab, 71, of Rice Lake, has been charged with take and drive vehicle without consent. His ad- journed initial appearance is scheduled for March 7, 2024.

Lindsey M. Pearson, 24, of Balsam Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her ad- journed initial appearance is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

Christopher P. Ray, 62, of Trego, has been charged with OWI. His adjourned initial appearance is sched- uled for February 28, 2024.

Stephen N. Cook, 46, of Dallas, has been charged with operating a motor ve- hicle while under the influ- ence, 5th or 6th offense, possession of methamphet- amine, and violating the condition of the bail/bond in Barron County which pro- hibits the commission of any crime.

On January 4, 2024, at approximately 7:43 pm, a Rice Lake Police Officer conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle he observed leaving Walmart in Rice Lake. The report of the officer indicates that when he initially ob- served the vehicle, it stopped will past the stop sign at the exit from Walmart. His re- port indicates that the ve- hicle was nearly entering the intersection from the exit from Walmart when he ob- served it stop. His report in- dicates that he followed the vehicle going northbound on West Avenue from Walmart and he observed the vehicle

continually weaving within its lane and also traveling on the white fog line.

The report of the officer indicates that he stopped the vehicle, and he identified the male driver as the defendant, Stephen Cook. The officer reports that Cook was the only person in the vehicle. The report of the officer in- dicates that during the course of his contact with Cook, he asked Cook how long he had been sober. Cook indicated since his last court date in Sawyer County, which he was sentenced in Novem- ber 2023. The report of the officer indicates that he was aware that the case in Saw- yer County involved meth- amphetamine. His report also indicates that he asked Cook how he used and Cook indicated that he smoked.

The report of the officer indicates that while he had another officer prepare cita- tions for Cook, he utilized his K9 to conduct a sniff of the vehicle. The officer re- ports that his K9 indicated on the vehicle. When he spoke with Cook concerning the results of the K9 sniff, Cook denied “drugs” being in the car. He also claimed other people had been in his car.

The officer reports that he conducted a search of the ve- hicle and in the rear pocket of the front passenger seat, he located a pop bottle that had been made into what the officer reports to be a bong smoking device. He observe tubing on this device to have a white crystalline resi- due that he suspected to be methamphetamine, based on his training and experience. This device had a metal pipe elbow at the top with a pink liquid within. This item was also located under a large brown camouflage jacket that was hanging on the front seat. The officer also located a butane torch directly next to this item. In addition, an open Gatorade bottle was lo- cated on the front passenger seat that had a pink liquid in it that was consistent with the color of the liquid in the item he located in the rear pocket of the passenger seat.

The report of the officer in- dicates that when he spoke with Cook about the item, Cook claimed that it was not his and that he had given two people a ride the night before. He also claimed that the butane torch was not his and would have belonged to whoever sat in the back seat.

The report of the officer in- dicates that during the course of his conversations with Cook, he observed Cook to be sweating even though the outside temperature was near 25 degrees. The report of the officer indicates that he did not observe Cook to be sweating at all during the initial contact with Cook while he was sitting in his vehicle.

The officer reports that he subsequently administered standardized field sobriety tests to Cook after asking Cook if he would agree to perform them.

The first test that was administered was the horizontal gaze nystag- mus test. During the course of administering the test, the officer ob- served two of six pos- sible clues. These two clues were that cook could not follow a mov- ing object smoothly with both his left and right eye.

The second field sobriety test that was administered was the walk and turn test. During the administration of this test, the officer observed four of eight possible clues. The clues that he observed were that Cook used his arms for balance, stopped while walking during the test, missed his heel-to-toe and had an incorrect number of steps.

The report of the officer indicates that the third field sobriety test he administered was the one leg stand. Dur- ing the administration of this test he observed three of four possible clues. He observed Cook to have to use his arms

to maintain his balance, swaying, and that he had put his foot down.

Each of the above field so- briety tests were demonstrat- ed and explained to Cook, who indicated that he under- stood the instructions for each of the field sobriety tests.

The officer reports that Cook also explained that he been a user of methamphetamine since he was 21 years old and that he had been on probation for approximately a month an a half and was being super- vised out of the Rice Lake of- fice. The officer indicates that he conducted a field test of the white crystalline substance he found in the rear pocket of the passenger seat under- neath the coat, and obtained a positive result for the pres- ence of methamphetamine.

If convicted for operating a motor vehicle while un- der the influence, he may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years or both. For possession of methamphet- amine, he may be fined not more than \$10,000, or im- prisoned for not more than three years and six months or both. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 20, 2024.

Teen Driver’s Recklessness Ends in Felony Homicide Convictions in Barron County Crash

A tragic fatal crash that oc- curred in Barron County in October 2022, has resulted in criminal convictions for Troy Huehn Jr. Two of the passengers in the vehicle succumbed to the injuries they sustained in the crash and passed away. At the time of the incident, Huehn was 16, and is now 18. On February 22, 2024, Huehn appeared for a court hear- ing and was sentenced by the Honorable Judge James Babler.

On October 10, 2022, a Barron County Sheriff’s Deputy was dispatched shortly after 7 pm, to 16 1/2 Avenue near 19 3/4 Street for a report of a one vehicle crash.

Barron County Sheriff Deputies, along with the Cameron Fire Department, LMC Ambulance, Cameron Police Department, Mayo Amulance, WI State Patrol and 2 Life Link Helicopters responded to the scene.

The deputies that arrived at the scene observed a se- verely damaged vehicle, which was later to be de- termined as a Kia Optima, resting upside down in a yard northeast of the inter- section of 16 1/2 Avenue and 19 3/4 Street.

Troy Huehn Jr., was iden- tified as the driver of the ve- hicle. He had sustained only minor injuries and was able to extricate himself from the vehicle.

Law Enforcement spoke with Huehn and Huehn stated that he had been driving because the owner of the vehicle had believed that Huehn had a valid driver’s license, however, he did not. Huehn also stated that he had purposely chosen to drive on back roads to avoid law enforcement.

A 14-year-old female was outside of the vehicle and was being treated at the scene of the crash by emer- gency medical personnel for injuries to her arm. She was transported for medical care and went under surgery for the injuries.

Two other females, one age 14, and one age 15, were still entrapped in the vehicle and were unresponsive. The fire department had to cut the vehicle open to ex- tricate the 15-year-old. The 14-year-old was able to be removed from the vehicle as well, and both females were airlifted to Regions

Hospital for medical care. Both girls later passed away as a result of their injuries.

Huehn told law enforce- ment that he was driving the vehicle westbound on 16 1/2 Avenue. As he approached the railroad tracks and the common bump and dip in the roadway, Huehn said that he accelerated to a speed of 70 miles per hour when he traveled over the tracks and the bump in the road. Huehn said the ve- hicle went airborne, and when it landed, he lost control.

When law enforcement later interviewed the sur- viving passenger of the vehicle, she stated that she noticed that Huehn was in- creasing the speed of the vehicle as they approached the railroad tracks. She said that despite the passengers telling Huehn he was go- ing too fast, he continued driving faster. She saw the speedometer register to 106 miles per hour, just before the vehicle hit the bump. After hitting the bump, the passenger stated that the ve- hicle went airborne and then rolled. She woke up in the grass in extreme pain.

Huehn was charged with 2 counts of Class D Felony 2nd Degree Reckless Homi- cide, 1 count of Class F Fel- ony 2nd Degree Reckless Injury, 2 counts of Class H Felony Knowingly Operate a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid License-Cause Great Bodily Harm. C

On February 22, 2024, Huehn appeared for a sen- tencing hearing regarding the case filed against him. The Honorable Judge James Babler sentenced Huehn on convictions for 2 counts of Class D Felony 2nd Degree Reckless Homicide, 1 count of Class F Felony 2nd De- gree Reckless Injury.

Judge Babler ordered Huehn to serve imposed and stayed sentences on all his convictions with 12 years and six months of proba- tion. Huehn will be required to serve eight months of conditional jail time as a condition of his probation with credit for 10 days al- ready served.

If Huehn’s probation is revoked, he will face the following term of incar- ceration in state prison; five years and six months. That incarceration will be then followed by 10 years of ex- tended supervision.

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Sports

Boys Basketball Team Begins WIAA Tournament Play

The Cumberland Boys Basketball Team began 2024 WIAA Basketball Tournament play on Tuesday night in Cumberland against the Grantsburg Pirates. A victory there will send the Beavers to a second-round game in Unity this Friday at 7:00 pm, with the winner playing Saturday night for the Regional Championship.

“We have a tough initial game as Grantsburg has a big team with some good athletes. We feel when we are healthy and play our game, however, we can beat anyone we meet,” said Head Coach Brian Dutton. Grantsburg will come into the contest at 12 and 11 with a 5th place finish in the Lakeland Conference.

Health has been an issue lately, as starting guard and second leading scorer Chayden Berghammer has been extremely limited in the team’s last three games following an ankle sprain. It didn’t help the team in last week’s two losses which ended regular season play.

The Beavers faced two good teams, falling 79-68 to the 21-3 Bloomer Blackhawks and 75-70 to a 17 and 7 Northwestern Tigers squad. The Beavers finish the regular season at 13 and 11.

Bloomer guard Domanyck Schwarzenberger was the biggest reason for the loss to the Blackhawks as he scorched the Beavers defense for 37 points, hitting seven of nine shots from beyond the arc. Seven rebounds and four assists augmented his outstanding shooting night as he put on an excellent all-around performance.

The Beavers received 26 points from their own outstanding player Gavin Gores, a career-high 20 points from Jack Richter, and eight points each from Troy Majewski and Uriah Johnson. Gores added 14 rebounds, while Majewski had a number of nice assists from his point guard position. Both teams made 13 three-pointers, with Cumberland hitting 13 of 37 and

Bloomer an excellent 13 for 21. Berghammer did not play in the contest.

The Beavers then finished up the regular season last Thursday with an exciting HON finale against the Northwestern Tigers, a game which stayed a close throughout the night.

Cumberland led early on, but an aggressive Tiger defense eventually caused enough turnovers for them to take the lead as the game moved into the second half. Northwestern then hit more shots in the game’s final 90 seconds to take the road victory.

Gavin Gores put on an impressive show throughout evening with outstanding play both inside and out. He helped keep the Beavers within striking distance of the Tigers the entire game. The Cumberland junior ending the evening with 41-points, while hitting seven of 13 from beyond the arc, often against strong defensive pressure. He would add 18 rebounds to his all-around performance.

Unfortunately, with Berghammer’s minutes again limited, the Beavers could not muster enough offense from other positions to take the win. Troy Majewski hit some big shots for the Beavers, but was the only other player in double figures with 14 points. The Beavers could still have won the game had they shot better than their 17 for 31 from the free throw line.

The big highlight of the evening came when Gores broke the Cumberland All-time scoring record formally held by Steve King at 1371 points. Only a junior, Gores looks to set a challenging new record for those that follow before he graduates. He is currently averaging 29.2 PPG entering Tournament play.

“The boys played well last week against two good teams. It was very nice to see Gavin break the scoring record against Northwestern. Now we just hope to be as healthy as possible for the playoffs,” concluded Coach Dutton.

Girls Drop Tournament Opener as Season Comes to an End

The Cumberland Girl’s Basketball Team saw their season come to an end last Tuesday, when they dropped a 60-25 decision to the Shell Lakers in a D4 WIAA Tournament opener in Shell Lake.

Shell Lake took a 34-17 lead into halftime in the contest and outscored Cumberland 26 to eight in the second half to roll to the victory. The Lakers were defeated by Eau Claire Regis 70-33 in the Tournaments second round on Friday night.

Cumberland struggled shooting in the contest going 10 for 56 from the floor, while hitting only two of 22 three-point attempts.

Freshman Raegan Beec-

roft led the team with 11 points and eight rebounds, while Melody Taylor contributed six points and 12 boards. The Red and White battled gamely, but were unable to keep up to a deeper Shell Lake Team. Coach Kim Weber said, “This is a great bunch of young ladies. They worked hard and we saw lots of improvement during the season. We created lots of great memories this season. Senior’s Alora Garibaldi and Lizzie Mathison did a great job of being leaders on and off the court and will be missed.”

The team is traveling to the Gophers versus Iowa game in Minnesota on Wednesday night.

All Time Scoring Leader!



Gavin Gores buries a three pointer to become the Beavers all time leading scorer Thursday night vs Northwestern. Gores had a huge night scoring 41 points and grabbing 18 rebounds. Gores passed Steve King who who had 1371 career points. Congratulations Gavin! Photo by Addison Effertz.



Family and friends react after Gavin Gores broke the all time scoring record at Cumberland High School. Photo by Addison Effertz.



Jack Richter gets around a Northwestern defender Thursday night in Cumberland. The Beavers came up on the short end of a good ball game. Photo by Addison Effertz.



Uriah Johnson puts up a three from the corner Thursday night vs the Tigers. Photo by Addison Effertz.

Sports Calendar

Friday, March 1

Boys BB Regional TBD 7:00

Saturday, March 2

Wrestling Team State Kohl Center 10:00

Boys BB Regional TBD 7:00

Monday, March 4

Boys @ Girls First Track Practice 3:30



An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

Good Times at Tip-Up Pike Jam

Hello friends,
Just when I think my job could not be any more fun, it is. This week's column is all over the map as there is a lot to say and not space to say it. On February 16th, I arrived at The Waters Pier and Pub which is the official headquarters for what I think may be the coolest fisherie in the state. Over the course of 2 days there would be five bands playing on Friday and seven on Saturday on the shores of the Wisconsin River at Stevens Point. On Saturday there is a just tip ups, no electronics, northern pike contest.

On Friday I would be joined by Austin Syvertson who is a very good friend of my daughter Selina's. Austin attended UWSP and was a pitcher on the Pointers baseball team. On Saturday, I would be joined by my long time buddy Doug Cibulka and his daughter Megan who just graduated from the University of Dubuque with a degree as a physician's assistant.

**Saturday, January 17th
High 38, low 5**

You could say that there was frost on the pumpkin this morning. Austin and I slept in my Eskimo "Out-break" ice shack and all liquids, but our minnows froze. The fishing part of Pike Jam starts at 9 and goes until 5, the music runs from 11 until dark. This entire event is festive in nature with hardcore, but casual fisher people coming from far and wide and the mood is electric as every band is really good and the biggest northern pike takes all the money. Last year a young college student fishing next to our gang won the contest with a 32-inch gator and last night Brock (who won last year) and four of his buddies camped on the ice in our area and refused to go to sleep.

The Cibulka's arrived, we entered in the contest and right away Austin caught a 15.5 inch walleye, then I caught a 22.5 inch gator and after sending in a picture with the pike on a yard stick found out that a

33 had already been caught. To add to the crazy part of our day a fella that was fishing about 200-yards from our camp walks over to visit and pretty soon he has a flag. I walked over with him and got my camera ready to take a picture of the fish coming out of the hole. First crazy thing, he is spooled, second my friend has a very large fish on, third, his auger battery was dead and so he had chopped a hole to fish out of, fourth his hole was at best 5-inches, fifth my pal had a great attitude during what would be a 15 minute experience, sixth, we all get a clear look at the monster from the deep and it was at least 20 pounds and just hanging below the hole. Lastly, an attempt was made to pull his "without a doubt contest winner" out of the water and his braided line breaks. I have to give this guy credit, even after his line went limp, he still had a great attitude.

An hour later, I get a flag and it is fight on, my gator is big but not like what my neighbor lost. I catch it and it is 35-inches, giving it a solid chance of winning a contest that still has 6 hours left in it. The fish is let go after photos and the four of us start a pretty good "we got a big one party." Throughout the day we had visitors and everyone was in a celebratory mood.

At 5 we pulled our tip ups and headed in to listen to the last band and find out if the 35 was big enough to win the day. Holy moly was I ever in a super good mood when my good friend Alex Dalnodar, the man who created and runs Tip-Up Pike Jam told me I had taken first place and the winnings netted me a \$1000. As you can well imagine with Doug, Megan and I sleeping on the ice, we had a pretty serious, "we won" party.

Alex is a fulltime musician in the band Dig Deep and they are going on tour yet this winter. Next year's Tip-Up Pike Jam will be on February 14th and 15th, check it out on Facebook and attend this EXTREMELY COOL EVENT!

Sunset



There was live music on Friday and Saturday at Tip-Up Pike Jam and the crowd had a blast.



Mark Walters being awarded the "winnings" at Tip-Up Pike Jam by his good friend Alex Dalnodar who is the host of this incredible event.

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7th Grade Girls Basketball



Kneeling: Kaleigh Bleifus, Grace Flottum, Hailey Paulson, and Jovina Skinner. Standing: Reina Furseeth, Jordyn Olson, Brianna Wells, Maci Anderson, and Andi Otto. The 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball teams finished up their season last week. Both teams worked hard and improved each game!

8th Grade Girls Basketball



(L to R) Abbi Schultz, Lia Piedrahita, Lilly Murphy, Brisa Delgado, Deleya Bleske, Kennedy Campbell, Avery Johnson, and Brilynn Madaul. The girls finished the season 8-2.

ATV/UTV Riders: Wherever You Ride, Ride Safe

Some beautiful weather is in the forecast for the coming week, and ATV/UTV riders around Wisconsin can surely hear the trails calling!

Those looking to get out and ride this weekend are reminded to think smart before they start by following safety best practices and operating responsibly wherever they ride, including on private lands.

Fatal crashes happen on private lands each year, with one fatal UTV crash on private property already in 2024 and six ATV/UTV fatal crashes on private property in 2023.

Over the last five years, 70% of fatal crashes involving operators or passengers under the age of 18 took place on private lands. Lack of helmets, not using seatbelts in UTVs and inexperience are among the top factors in these crashes.

Riders of all ages are encouraged to operate at a safe speed and within their abilities, ensure the operator and all passengers wear helmets and seatbelts and ride sober.

Additionally, Wisconsin law requires ATV and UTV operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, who are at least 12 years old for an ATV (and at least 16 years old for UTV) to complete a safety certification course if riding on public lands, roads or another person's property with permission. Courses can be taken online or in person. A list of approved

safety education classes is available on the DNR Safety Education webpage.

Youth riders are not required to complete an ATV safety course if riding on property owned by their immediate family, but it's still a good idea to take one.

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

Remember, no ice is 100% safe. Warmer than usual winter temperatures have created hazardous ice conditions, and extra caution is necessary.

Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride.

Always wear a DOT-approved helmet.

Always wear a seatbelt in a UTV.

Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.

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

Follow all posted speed limits and regulatory signs.

Double-check before operating on trails.

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

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

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Team Standings

Northwoods Septic - 40
Clear Lake Self Storage - 39
Bowlin Buddies - 36
Dane Arthur Real Estate - 34
Bourbon's - 32
Becker's Trucking - 29
Austad's Super Valu - 29
Four Chops - 13
5 High Scratch Games
Judy Ullom - 221

Patty Lundell - 204
Connie Black - 192
Heidi VanHeuklom - 186
Deanne Moravitz - 170
5 High Scratch Series
Connie Black - 563
Judy Ullom - 508
Patty Lundell - 497
Heidi VanHeuklom - 466
Deanne Moravitz - 463



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THE ADVOCATE



The Wrestling Tradition Remains in Cumberland

By Mark R Fuller

Following a successful weekend in Madison and with wrestling fans looking forward to the Beavers participation in Team State this Saturday, it is a good time to look back on how the sport began in the “Island City.”

It all started in 1959, a year after Joe Hegenbarth first began his career in the the District. Several other area communities, Rice Lake, Spooner and Barron, also began their programs that same school year.

Once he had decided to take over the new offering, Hegenbarth assured the public, “The wrestling that will be taught is not the fake wrestling seen on television. It will be scientifically based with thorough knowledge of holds and releases.” The Beaver Booster added, “Wrestling is a sport where the individual can shine and also where the individual is on his own. Once the wrestler is in the ring, he does not receive any help from his team.”

The first event took place on January 7, 1959, in the new school gymnasium which had opened that fall. Rice Lake would win Cumberland’s first ever match 43-7, but Howard Bents would become part of wrestling history with Cumberland’s first victory, a five-point pin. The Beavers other two points came from a Bob Scharmer tie.

The first team victory would come three weeks later on January 28, when the Beavers defeated Barron 28-23. Leading 25-23 going into the last match, Heavyweight Les Loverude’s decision over his opponent gave Cumberland the win with Bob Ekenstedt, Paul Weimer, and Bents contributing pins.

Things went pretty smoothly that first year with the Beavers taking fourth at the Conference Tournament. The exception was the last dual of the year that was called after five matches when the lights went out in the new gymnasium and could not be fixed.

Loverude would become Cumberland’s first State participant the following year, in 1960-1961, after winning the Unity Sectional. He would drop his first match in Madison by a referees decision, but the tradition had started. The only area State Champion that year was Dave Karpenske of Amery, who would eventually coach the Beavers squad.

Success began to progress at a rapid pace. Loverude would go to State once again his senior year and finish with a 19-1 overall record, with his lone loss coming in Madison. In 1963, Phil Peterson would score Cumberland’s first ever State Tournament

points when he went 2 and 2 during his stay. One of his losses there was to the eventual State Champ. Peterson finished the season at 20-2-1 and ended his career with back to back HON Titles.

Wrestling had become so popular at the school, that an Intramural Wrestling Tournament was held in early March of 1962. Comstock won the Team Tournament, with Barronett second and Section 10 taking third. Among the individual winners was Bob Skinner, who took home the 180-pound weight class.

By the mid-60’s, Ben and John Peterson joined the sport. They would be part of Cumberland first Regional Championship team in 1967. Ben Peterson would be the team MVP that year, while Ric Chartrac had the most pins with 12.

Before their graduation, both Ben and John would have good high school wrestling careers, with Ben going to the State Tournament twice and taking a State runner-up. One of their biggest impacts on wrestling in the Island City, however, would come on the Olympic mats of Munich, Germany in 1972, with the Peterson’s gaining Gold and Silver Medals.

A welcome home was held in Cumberland two weeks after the Olympics in a Comstock hayfield, where thousands of people welcomed home the two local heroes. Governor Patrick Lucey was among those joining the throngs of admirers. Cumberland Wrestling would never be the same and this would be only the beginning of the two brothers involvement here. Now, 42-years later, it is John’s son Justin, who is serving as the Beaver’s successful Head Coach

After coming close, Cumberland’s first Individual State Champion would come in 1980 from Rick Ranallo. His 112-pound Championship would come with a 7-6 win in the finals. He would come from behind to take home the victory, something the Advocate would say was his trademark all season.

Ranallo’s State Championship was followed by Jamie Olson in 1991 and later several others. Chip Erickson would eventually become the Beaver’s first two-time champion, while last Sunday, Cumberland celebrated Dawson Johnson, one of only 29 four-time champions since the Tournament began in 1940.

Soon, that new school where it all started, will give way to its own new building. Some things remain the same, however. Wrestling fans can’t wait, until the next match of a Cumberland wrestler.

Cumberland Participants in Birkie Events

Despite a lack of natural snow this winter, the 50th American Birkebeiner events were held successfully on a 10K man-made snow loop near Cable, WI at Mt. Telemark Village over five days, February 21-25. The events drew thousands of skiers from 49 states and 25 countries. The following are Cumberland- area participants, congratulations to all!

30K Birkebeiner
Matt Bratager- 1:51:29
Patrick Heaney- 2:25:30
Craig Hokanson- Birkie Warrior “Torstein”
Isaac Lundquist- 2:15:42
Jake Lundquist- 2:15:41
Lorne Majewski- 2:34:04
Louis K. Muench- 2:15:19
Nathan Odden- 1:31:08
Andrew Revak- 2:04:46
Kirsten Sandman – Birkie Warrior “Inga”

Todd Sandman- Birkie Warrior “Skjervald” & 20th Birkie Tonja Wick- 2:24:33
20K Kortelopet
Jon Gislasen- 3:06:19
Wesley Hathaway- 1:59:03
Louis E. Muench- 3:43:17
3K Junior Birkie
Elsa Carlson- 30:29
Andrew Foss- 34:21
Skylar Gowin- 29:51
Lydia Gramberg- 51:32
Maggie Hines- 34:24
David Javener- 34:24
Austin Jobe- 23:10
Aydan Jones- 1:12:29
Isaac Kenast- 24:50
Alex Matthew- 23:24
Riley Muench- 23:58
Corbin Rafko- 38:54
Jena Schwarz- 35:32

1.5K Junior Birkie
Adeline Jobe- 13:12
Eve Lundquist- 15:33
Violet Lundquist- 13:12
Riley Majewski
Barnebirkie Fun Run
Emerson Muench, Riley Muench

Welcome Back Celebration!



Cumberland Head Wrestling Coach Justin Peterson talks to the crowd about his State wrestlers at the welcome home celebration Sunday at the Cumberland High School. Pictured from left to right are Dawson Johnson, Braden Johnson, Logan Peterson, Jack Owens, Jack Chafer and Coach Peterson.

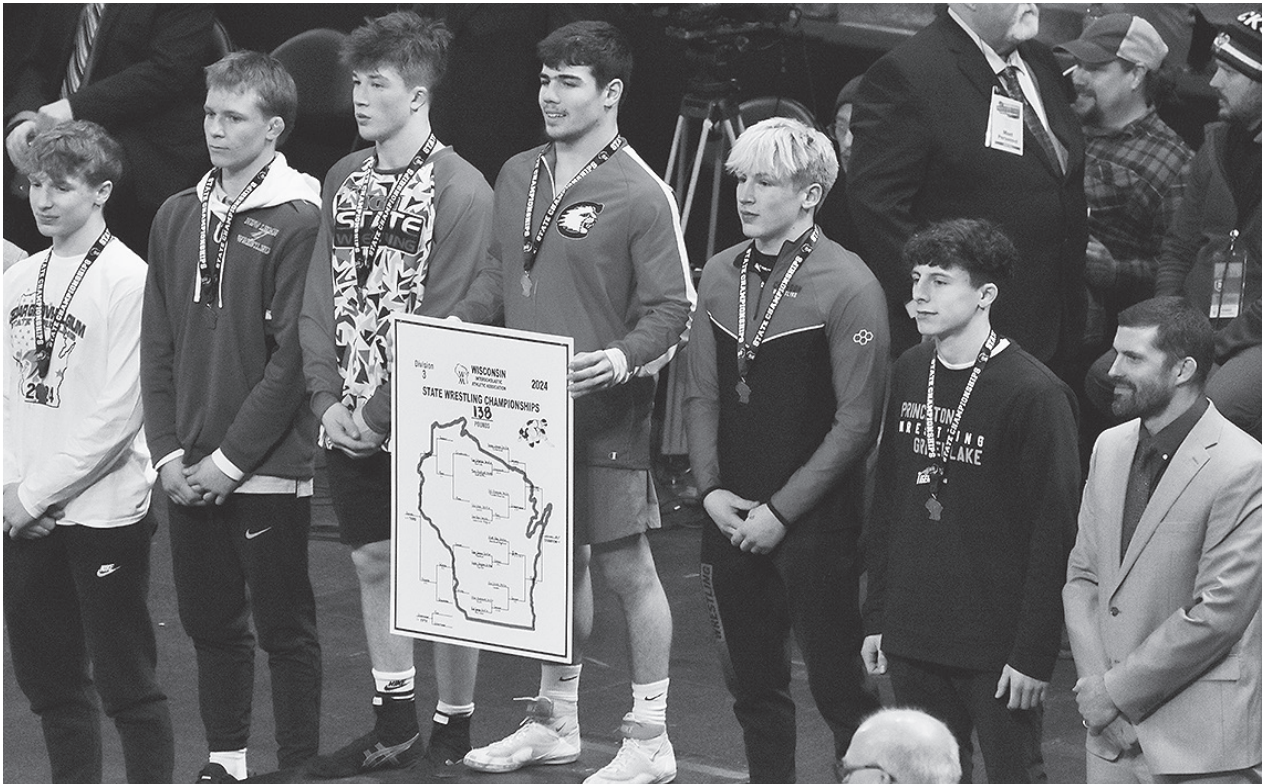
Arriving In Style!



Cumberland State Wrestlers arrive at the High School after a ride in the Fire Truck at Sunday’s welcome home celebration. Congratulations Dawson Johnson, Jack Chafer, Jack Owens , Logan Peterson and Braden Johnson.



Family and friends celebrate in the stands at the Kohl Center in Madison after Dawson Johnson won his 4th State Wrestling Title. Pictured in the center are sister Kaitlin, mom Tonya and dad Darren. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Dawson Johnson proudly stands on the podium after winning the 138 pound Division 3 State Championship. Johnson became just the 27th wrestler in State history to win 4 State Titles. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.

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100 Women Who Care Group

This Barron County group of women was formed with the intention of including women in Barron County who would like to make a difference in the lives of others. It's based off the concept of "100 Who Care Alliance."

A \$100 donation is a generous donation to a nonprofit organization, but the power of many (100) can make the much larger donation more impactful. The group meets every quarter to listen to three different nonprofit organizations and then vote on the recipient. With the goal of 100 active contributing members, the selected charity could potentially walk away from the meeting with a \$10,000 donation.

The quarterly charities are chosen at random from all approved applicants that have applied. Requirements for the charity is that it must operate in Barron County, Wisconsin, and have a 501(c)(3) status. Once a charity is chosen, it may not reapply for two years. If a charity presents, and is not chosen, their name will be returned to the drawing for future quarterly meeting

candidate presentations. All women are invited to join our group. There are no dues, and all that is asked is that you honor your commitment to make a donation of \$100 a quarter to the chosen, voted-upon charity. If you cannot attend the quarterly meeting you can send your vote for a charity to the meeting with another member who is attending, along with your donation, or mail it directly to the charity chosen for the quarter. The Barron County "100 Women Who Care" organization was started in 2019 and to date has granted donations to 15 organizations, totaling \$84,650. In 2023 four charitable organizations received \$18,950. 2023 recipients were: Barron County Special Olympics, Heart Island Family Enrichment Center, Humane Society of Barron County, and the Cumberland Area Friends of Scouting. Stacy Nelson, Volunteer Local Program Manager for Barron County Special Olympics, said: "We're using our award to buy sports uniforms for some new events we've added..

Plus, for the first time, our swimmers will have matching swimsuit covers to keep them warm between events. There's been no budget for any of these items, and we're beyond happy to get this donation!" Shyleygh Iveland, Director of the Humane Society of Barron County, said: "We put the money to good use in our general operating fund, helping us finish the year in the black instead of red!" The number of "100 Women" is certainly not limited to 100, as more members make a greater impact. For the same reason men and organizations are not to be excluded. We currently have a voting membership of around 55. For more information follow this group on Facebook. Search for "100 Women Who Care Barron County WI". Attend a meeting, or send an email to: 100womenwhocare-BarronCountyWI@gmail.com.. If you want to speak to someone, call Brenda Kupferschmidt at 715-419-3129, or Meg Lepak at 715-733-0196.

Senior News

By Gloria Lindeman

I am sorry I didn't write last week to tell you who won our drawing for our membership drive. 1st place was Joyce Flesch, 2nd place was Elizabeth Hodgson, and 3rd place was Monica Glovka. Congratulations to all and a big THANK YOU to everyone who joined our center again this year and we are happy to see some new members too. I know some people don't think they need to join, but if everyone felt that way we would not have a center. Where else can you go to have free

coffee, order a delicious meal for only 8 dollars and visit people. It is especially nice if you live alone. It's nice to get out and meet people and I know cause I live alone and the cooking for one is terrible so it's much nicer to go and join other ones to eat together or just be with other people. Its pretty boring talking to yourself. So for only 15 dollars a year its well worth it. We are looking for people to be on our board. Some of us have been on for ten to twelve years so

we need some new people to join. If you are interested let me know. We will be having an election in April. The only qualification you need is to have an interest in our center. Thanks again to all of you who stop in and to those of you that haven't even been to our center check us out I think you will be pleasantly surprised. Hope I see you at the center and I will try and keep my self motivated to write again next week. If anyone would like me to add to this column come talk to me.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

You probably know that I do not like to brag about my grandkids (okay, so that's not true) but, here goes. Tinille and Alyse are great bakers. I'm sure everyone knows that they got that gene from their Grandma Anita, who baked the best pies in the world. Anyway, I will never buy bagels or sour dough bread again. Alyse has started making her own bagels, and Tinille makes sour dough bread, and they both share with us. Let me tell you, once you have had the home make kind, the stuff you buy is not something you ever want to eat again. I am so glad that both the girls like to share because Duane and I are enjoying the fruits of their labor. Do you remember a few weeks ago I told you about a beautiful, fluffy gray and orange cat who wormed his way into Tina Anderson's basement and then would steal the dog food while everyone was sleeping? Well, she live-trapped it and we called Rambo to ask if it would be okay if we dropped it off at the barn. Rambo said that was fine, and so we took it over there, let it meet Rambo's cat, and when they seemed to be fine with each other, we left it there. Well --- about a week ago it was back in Tina's basement. Now, you have to understand that Rambo lives a couple miles out of town and the cat was in a live trap during the trip so I can't imagine how it could have seen the route we took. Tina borrowed the live trap again, it immediately fell for it, and this time she took it to the SPCA in Spooner where the staff

there told her that it would probably be adopted without a problem. If you are looking for a really nice pet and like cats, go check it out. It is very pretty and seems very friendly. I almost wanted to keep it myself, but we live so close to Tina that I'm sure it would be in her basement most of the time. Geri Pittman came over to the house with lots of books that she thought we might like -- which would be just about anything. I saw one titled "The Lilac Girls," and thought it would be one of those romance things, of which I really am not fond, but read the synopsis anyway. Well, it is about three women from different countries, Germany, the United States and Poland, at the beginning of WWII. It was based on real people -- the doctor from Germany, who I learned to hate very quickly; the social worker from New York, who did everything in her power to help those trying to escape Nazis at that time; and the woman from Poland who was sent to the concentration camp for no apparent reason. I would highly recommend this book. I really should not read books of that type because I get so angry, and this happened 80 years ago, but it's good to remember that those things are not only in the past, they can happen again before people even realize what is going on. Art Adams stopped by Sunday afternoon with two bags of frozen fish for Duane. It's almost like he read Duane's mind -- he had just gone down to the freezer hoping that there would be a package there, but we had used them all. We are so glad that Art likes to catch

fish but does not like to eat them. Works out perfectly for us. Pat Olson and I traveled to Oregon, WI on Friday to visit with Joyce and Jim Trolinger. Jim has not been well, and we thought he might like a visit. Jim Copus was there too, he flew up from Punta Gorda, FL to visit for a couple days. There were lots of people there, so Jim had lots of company. We hope he is feeling better soon. When we got home Friday evening, Duane, Lynn, Kane and Pierce Thon, Geri Pittman and Tina Anderson were at Sal's on 63 having dinner. Pat and I had already eaten, but I walked over and visited with everyone at Sal's for a while anyway. They were just finishing up their dessert, and Pierce very generously shared his cheesecake with me. Duane and I drove up to Two Harbors, MN on Sunday afternoon to visit with Jean and Jack Juntunen. What a beautiful drive!! The view of Lake Superior is amazing -- and the huge ships that haul iron ore were in the harbor. That doesn't usually happen at this time of the year because of the ice, you know. It was a pretty long day -- it takes about an hour and a half to get to Two Harbors and then another half hour to get out to the Juntunen home. We had a great time visiting and told them that it's their turn to travel south now. Hopefully we'll see them again soon. I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. Hope you are enjoying the warm weather, and I hope to see you Wednesday evening for supper and Lenten Service at Barronett Lutheran.

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Friday, March 1
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Monday, March 4
Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Assorted Bread, Pineapple Chunks
Tuesday, March 5
Honey Mustard Chicken, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Green Beans, Assorted Bread, Cinnamon Applesauce.
Wednesday, March 6
Pork Chop w/ Apple Chutney, Seasoned Stuffing, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cranberry Bar.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older & \$10.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. (No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.

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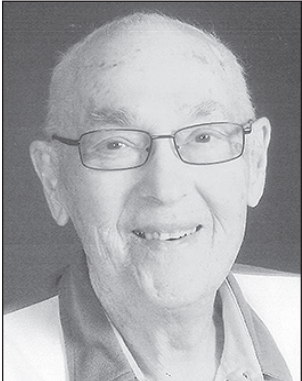
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Scott A. Topper
We are sad to announce the passing of Scott A. Topper of Trego WI. He died at the age of 65 on February 5th, 2024 at home. Scott passed away surrounded by loved ones after a short battle with cancer. Scott is the son of Frank (deceased) and Dorothy Topper of Trego WI. Scott grew up in the rural Comstock area until his teenage years when his parents bought their retirement homestead up north. In 1981 he began working for Carson Builders, spending over 40 years working with people that truly became family. The Carson family

treated him as one of their own and Scott loved them very much. Scott was easy going and loyal. He helped Frank and Dorothy make their homestead the place to visit for all. He had a love for the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and gardening. Family was very important to him, along with his dogs. If there was a wedding, graduation, celebration of any sort, he was there to share his love and support. He was an amazing son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend to all that knew him. His physical presence will be missed by all. Words cannot describe how much. Scott was preceded in death by his father, Frank Topper. He is survived by his mother Dorothy, siblings Sandy Burdick of Trego, Mick (Patty) Topper of Almena, Terry (Christina) Topper of Prairie Farm, Ron (Cheryl) Topper of Trego, the Carson Family, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Lowell A. Wohlk
Lowell August Wohlk, 89, of Almena died on February 5, 2024, at Dove Healthcare. He was born August 26, 1934, in Almena, WI to August and Mathilda (Kunkel) Wohlk. He was married

in Almena, WI on May 12, 1962, to Shirley Westlund who preceded him in death on May 3, 2008. Funeral services will be at 11 AM on Friday, March 1, 2024, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Almena with Pastor Paul Munding. Burial will be at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 AM on Friday, March 1, 2024, at the church. In lieu of flowers, Lowell requested that memorials be gifted to the Barron Area Education Foundation and mailed to PO Box 271 Barron, WI 54812 Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Barbara Stauner
Barbara Stauner, 86, of Rice Lake, passed away January 28th, 2024. She was born on May 30, 1937, in Rice Lake, Wisconsin to Harold and Ethel (Kraimer) Rust. A funeral Mass for Barbara will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Almena. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment Sacred Heart Cemetery.



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“GRACE”
by Pastor Paul Green
Hope Community Church
Back when I was playing hockey there was a game where I wasn’t the best version of myself. I got crushed behind the net of our opponent, and after I picked myself up off the ice I took a bad penalty on the guy who had crushed me. It was so bad that I received a 5-minute major and a 10-minute misconduct penalty. After the game, my coaches had a meeting with me and said they didn’t know if I was going to be able to continue to play on the team because of what I’d done. They asked me to go before my teammates, apologize, and ask them if they would still have me be a part of the team.
Disappointed in myself for what I had done, I stood before my teammates and asked them to forgive me and asked if I could still be a member of the team. They rallied around me, forgave me, and responded with a, “Yes.”
Was I thinking about grace in that moment? All I wanted to do was continue to play hockey. Sure, I knew the definition of grace, but really never put the pieces together of what grace truly was. But now I know that what they did in allowing me to continue to be a part of the team was all about grace. For what I had done, my teammates had every right to say, “If you’re going to be that selfish, we’re going to move on with the season without you!” But, they didn’t.
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ. Ephesians 1:7-9 ESV
Every one of us has acquired some misconduct penalties along the way, we’ve spent a lot of time in the penalty box over the years, and God has every right to say, “I think we’ll move on without you.” But He doesn’t. None of us have the resources to clear the slate, but God had a plan. He not only allows us to continue to be on the team, he went to the penalty box for us, and endured the cross to forgive us of our sins. His grace is greater than all our sins.
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Cumberland Woman's Club History of Genealogy Meeting

The Cumberland Woman's Club was founded on Oct. 4, 1910. On Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Barron Senior Center Bobbi Momchilovich will present a slide presentation of the history of the Cumberland Woman's Club at the March meeting of the Blue Hills Genealogical Society. She will highlight the role the Club played in the history of Cumberland and Barron County. The public is invited to this free program.

The Blue Hills Genealogical Society maintains a Resource Library at 410 E. LaSalle, Suite C. To make an appointment to research the materials, contact Rosella Amundson at 715-537-5760. To donate materials of a genealogical nature,

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NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION) CASE NO. 2024 PR 13

In the Matter of the Estate of Charlotte Jean Romportl, Case No. 2024 PR 13.

An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth June 6, 1943 and date of death February 23, 2023 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2934 13th Street, Barronett, WI 54813. All interested persons waived notice.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 17, 2024.

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

/S/ Deanne E. Alsbury
Registrar in Probate
February 5, 2024

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NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION) CASE NO. 2024 PR 17

In the Matter of the Estate of Lotus V. Nevin, Case No. 2024 PR 17.

A petition for Formal Administration was filed. The court finds the decedent, with date of birth May 8, 1933, and date of death October 12, 2023 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1925 Hines Lakeview Drive, Cumberland, WI 54829.

The Petition can be heard at the Barron County Justice Center County Courthouse 1420 State Hwy 25 N., Barron, WI, Room Courtroom 1 or by Zoom video-see instructions on how to appear remotely, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Reserve Judge J.M. Bitney, on March 11, 2024 at 10:00 am.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 29, 2024.

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

Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgement.

Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

Electronically signed
Judge Maureen Boyle
February 14, 2024

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THANK YOU FOR READING THE ADVOCATE



TYPE A NOTICE

OF REFERENDUM ELECTION

April 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

QUESTION 1: "Use of private funds in election administration. Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?"

QUESTION 2: "Election officials. Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?"

This referendum ballot is a result of 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 78, a copy of which can be viewed or downloaded from the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at <https://elections.wi.gov/memo/certification-referendum-question-and-type-notice-referendum-april-2-2024-spring-election-and-also-on-the-Legislature's-website> at https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/proposals/reg/sen/joint_resolution.

A copy also can be obtained from the office of the county clerk, or the Legislative Documents Room at 1 East Main Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

DONE in the County of Barron
February 21, 2024

Jessica Hodek
Barron County Clerk
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Barron, WI 54812

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VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
- has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued".

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
3. your signature
4. a copy of your photo identification"

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 pm on the fifth day before the election, 03/28/24

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified below for casting an absentee ballot in person. **The first and last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is listed below:**

City of Cumberland	Town of Crystal Lake
Arlene Frisinger	Arlene Frisinger
950 1st Ave	164 22nd Ave
Cumberland WI 54829	Comstock WI 54826
Mar 19 - Mar 29	Mar 19 - Mar 29 by appt.
Mon.-Fri. 8am-4:30pm	715-491-1759

Town of Cumberland	Town of Lakeland
Holly Nyhus	Danielle Maxwell-Parker
1876 7th St	PO Box 28
Cumberland WI 54829	791 29 11/16 Ave.
Mar 19 - Mar 31	Barronett WI 54813
By appt. 715-357-6154	Mar 19 - Mar 29 By appt.
	715-529-2741

Town of Maple Plain	
Danielle Maxwell-Parker	
PO Box 1319 • 393 26th Ave.	
Cumberland WI 54829	
Mar 19 - Mar 29 by appt 715-529-2741	

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is March 19, 2024:

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is indicated above:

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place before the polls close on April 2, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

Jessica Hodek
Barron County Clerk

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NOTICE

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland will meet on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Cumberland City Hall, 950 1st Ave., Cumberland, WI for a regular meeting.

City Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted 24 hours before the meeting.

Arlene Frisinger
City of Cumberland

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NOTICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF David V. Stouffer and Debra A. Stouffer CASE NO. 2024FA000007

The State of Wisconsin, to the person named above respondent:

You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a **Petition** for divorce or legal separation against you.

You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the **Petition** within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at:

Clerk of Court, Barron County Courthouse, 1420 WI-25, Barron, WI 54812 and to: Samuel L. Lawton, P.O. Box 119, 109 Walnut Street, Spooner, WI 54801.

It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment:

If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court.

You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Commissioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

§767.105 Information from Circuit Court Commissioner.

(2) Upon the request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgment or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:

(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with written information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:

1. The procedure for obtaining a judgment or order in the action.
2. The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
3. Community resources and family court counseling services available to assist the parties.
4. The procedure for setting, modifying, and enforcing child support awards, or modifying and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgments or orders.

(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or purchase, with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

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NOTICE

Town of Maple Plain

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for Town of Maple Plain will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.,** at the Town Hall, located at 393 26th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting and on the Town's website, www.townofmapleplain.wi.gov

Danielle Maxwell-Parker
Clerk, Town of Maple Plain

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WRESTLING...

Iowa-Grant/Highland, who suffered only his second loss of the season.

Johnson would say of the weekend, “Winning a fourth title was an unbelievable feeling and I am so grateful to have had so many amazing opportunities that allowed me to reach this goal. I have put a lot of work into this moment and I couldn’t have asked for four better years. It was extremely special to be able to wrestle alongside my brother Braden this winter and I am looking forward to reaching new goals at the next level.” He also thanked all his coaches and teammates, “For helping me along the way.”

Coach Justin Peterson added, “Watching Dawson win his 4th State title was surreal. He was so calm yet so confident. I would have thought there would have been more of a hint of fear or concern from him, but if there were any doubts in his mind, nobody would be able to tell. He was on a mission and you could tell it from every moment in all three of his matches. He stayed offensive, aggressive, and confident the entire tournament.”

Dawson’s Freshman brother established his own strong credentials with a third-place finish at 106-pounds, to run his season record to an outstanding 56-3 mark.

He took a win in the opening round match before dropping a hard-fought 2-0 decision to defending State Champion Blake Underwood of Marathon in a semifinal match. Johnson had given the sophomore wrestler his only loss of the season a week earlier in the Edgar Sectional. Johnson then bounced back by recording a tech fall in the third-place match to claim his spot on the podium.

Senior Jack Chafer became the Beavers third wrestler to claim a podium position in the D3 field with a fifth in the heavyweight division. The senior wrestler went 2 and 2 on the weekend to

move his record to 35-8 on the year after recording a pin and a major decision over Jovan Lopez of Ozaukee for fifth place. It was Chafer’s second consecutive trip to Madison.

Two other Cumberland wrestlers were part of the State Tournament. Sophomore Logan Peterson completed his strong sophomore campaign with a pin in his first match on Thursday, before dropping his next two matches, the first a 2-0 decision to Ashton Meister of Poynette, who finished 4th in the 150-pound weight class. Peterson record on the year moves to 30-10.

The final Cumberland wrestler in Madison was Junior Jack Owens, who finishes the Tournament with an excellent 43-17 record. Owens was pinned by Emerson Moen of Iowa-Grant in his first 165-pound match, who went on to a 3rd place finish.

“It is always fun to finish the season by winning the last match. Braden, Dawson, and Jack Chafer each were able to make that happen and finished strong. One of the hardest things to do in sports is to bounce back and keep winning after a tough loss at a tournament like that. Braden and Chafer showed a lot of courage to come back after their losses and finish on the podium,” added Peterson.

The Beavers look to have recorded the toughest draw in Team State on Saturday with an opening match-up against Fennimore. Fennimore recorded three firsts, a third, and a fourth at the Individual State Championships.

The other two teams in the D3 field are Coleman and Weyauwega-Fremont. The two winners of the semifinal match-ups meet at 3:00 on Saturday in a State Championship clash. “A big thank you to all of our fans and community for supporting our team this year. We will see you in Madison again this Saturday,” concluded Coach Peterson.

School Board Holds February Meeting Following Successful Referendum

by Mark R Fuller

The Cumberland School Board met last Thursday, February 22 in their first meeting since the referendum was passed by the community two days earlier. Following the passing of the Consent Agenda and with no visitors requesting to speak, the Board moved to District Reports.

High School Principal Dan Hopkins represented Athletic Director Lorne Majewski, giving an update on the District’s athletic teams, several of which have completed their winter seasons. During his report, Principal Hopkins recognized the wrestling team for their successes and Seniors Ben Cunningham and Carly McCreary as Cumberland’s nominees to the WIAA as Scholar Athletes.

The Action Items followed and included the approval of the 2024-2025 School Calendar, with the school year beginning on September 3 and ending on June 5. The Board then approved the hiring of Connie Lussier as Middle School Assistant Cross Country Coach and Joshua Anderson as JV Softball Coach.

Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose kicked off the Discussion items by summarizing the referendum results. Saying its approval, “Speaks volumes about the community,” Dr. Rose added that

meetings with our construction management, architect, and finance partners would begin the following week. We will continue to keep our website updated so the community stays informed of the timeline. Dr. Rose concluded, “The referendum is a win for our school, students, and ultimately for the community.”

The Principals then gave updates on their respective schools.

Mr. Hopkins recognized students Jacob Schradle, Ben Cunningham, and O’Malley Thompson for being named to the HON All-Conference Academic Team, while disclosing Schradle is the 2024 graduating class Valedictorian and O’Malley the Salutatorian. He also told of preparations going on for the March 26 ACT Test.

Middle School Principal Colin Green gave an update on PT Conferences and a Concert scheduled for March 4 as well as numerous activities presently going on in the classrooms, while Elementary Principal Abraham Ferguson gave an update on activities planned for Read Across America Week, running from March 2 through the 6th.

With that, the meeting adjourned and the March Board Meeting Scheduled for the 19th.

State Wrestling!



Dawson Johnson claimed his 4th State Championship after beating Elliott Biba of Iowa-Grant/Highland 7-2 in the Championship Match. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Freshman Braden Johnson capped an excellent season claiming 3rd place last weekend at the Kohl Center. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Beaver Senior Jack Chafer made the podium with a 5th place finish in Madison. Chafer went 2-2 at the Kohl Center. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Logan Peterson picked up a pin at State before his season came to an end. The sophomore will be back next year! Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Jack Owens capped a solid season with a trip to State. The Junior will be back next year to help lead the Beavers. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



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.