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2024 Year In Review January-June

January

(3) Cumberland Healthcare announces the appointment of Emily Dilley as its new Chief Executive Officer. With an extensive background in healthcare leadership and a proven track record of strategic growth, Emily is poised to lead Cumberland Healthcare to new heights in the ever-evolving healthcare landscape.



New Cumberland Healthcare CEO Emily Dilly

(10) The Cumberland Municipal Utility announces the promotion of Jordan Peichel to the position of Utility Manager. Jordan, who has been at the utility for the past six years, will take over for Dean Bergstrom who is set to leave the position in April. Jordan has been a generation operator but has helped out in all other departments as well. Jordan will officially assume the position on April 26th.

(17) The City of Cumberland is pleased to introduce new City Administrator Randy Reeg to the community. Randy comes to Cumberland after serving the City of Thorp in the same capacity from 2005 to 2018 and the City of Mauston from 2018 to 2023.

(24) Congratulations to Gavin Gores on scoring over 1,000 career points. Gavin, a junior, achieved this milestone vs. Ladysmith during the Beavers win over the Lumberjacks. Gavin is the 12th member of the 1000 point club led by Steve King with 1,371 career points.

(31) Cumberland Synergy Cooperative Store had some major excitement this past week when it was learned that someone had won a million dollars as part of the Power Ball lottery. John Marske, from Cumberland was the lucky winner. John usually doesn't play the lottery often, and only purchased one ticket. The Synergy Store will also benefit as they will receive \$20,000 for selling the winning ticket.

February

(7) The winter of crazy weather just keeps rolling on. Near record high temperatures have been almost a daily occurrence. We have had absolutely no snow and there is none in the forecast. With that being said, it was almost inevitable that the Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest would have to be canceled. This is the first time in 40 years the contest was canceled.

(14) The Cumberland Beaver Wrestling team advanced to the State Tournament as a team after defeating Stratford 41-27 in the Cadott Sectional. It is only the second

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Foggy Work!



Workers from Northwest Builders pour concrete at the soon to be maintenance building Monday morning as the start of the \$32.5 million dollar school referendum project begins. The new maintenance building will act as a temporary learning center for the current west wing of the current high school as the building project progresses.

Multiple Mailboxes Destroyed; Two males Taken into Custody

On Thursday, December 26, 2024, just after 3:00 p.m., the Barron County 911 center started to receive calls of mailboxes being damaged, burned and destroyed at several locations in the northern part of the county.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Department along with the WI State Patrol started to patrol the area and took six complaints of mail and mailboxes being lit on fire

and destroyed. A possible plate and description of the truck was given out and due to the location of the incidents, the dispatch center notified Washburn County to check the area.

Just after 4:00 p.m., the Washburn County Sheriff's Office and a WI State Patrol Trooper stopped a possible suspect vehicle near Shell Lake. A subsequent investigation led to the arrest of a 17 year old male from Web-

ster and a 15 year old from Cambridge, MN. Several items of evidence were recovered in the vehicle including mail and packages removed from the mailboxes. Information is being forwarded to the US Postal Inspector for any possible charges from their department.

William Johnson, 17 of Webster is being held in the Barron County Jail on several counts of Arson and is awaiting formal charges by the

Barron County District Attorney's Office next week. The 15 year old is being referred to Barron County Health and Human Services for charges of Party to the Crime of Arson.

This case remains under investigation along with several other similar cases in Barron County and surrounding counties.

Per Chris Fitzgerald,
Barron County Sheriff

Cumberland 100 Years Ago: New Year's 2025

by Mark R Fuller

The years seem to pass by in excessive rapidity, and it seems unbelievable that the year 1924 came and went a century ago. This week, we watch another 100 years of Island City history pass before our eyes as we celebrate the first day of 2025.

1924 had provided more of the growth that has led to

the United States we know today.

Edgar Hoover became director of the FBI, first established in 1908 to investigate corruption in government. His goal in 1924 was to restructure and expand the agency to meet the growing needs of the federal government.

He would hold the position until 1972, heavily involved in bootlegging, which included the illegal manufacture, transport, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages during the Prohibition period, which ran from 1920-1933. This led his agency into a long fight against Al Capone, the most

visible mobster during this time frame.

The year also saw 16 countries and 258 athletes come together in Chamonix, France, for the first Winter Olympics, while school students gained access to their first spiral bound notebooks. The month of No-

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Library Column

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

The Magic of Isaiah
Saturday, January 11 | 11 am

It's comedy and magic rolled into one! Come to the magical beginning of our Winter Reading Challenge - Game On!

Winter Reading – Game on!

January 11- February 15
Every time you stop in to check out your materials, fill out an entry slip to be eligible for prizes. One entry per day per library card. Go to cumberlandpl.org to see the list of prizes.

Let's Play Chess Resumes on January 8 | 3:30 pm Join us upstairs for pizza, instruction if needed and opponents to play against. All ages welcome!

Papier Mâché Houses with Angela Nelli Satur-

days, January 18 & 25
Sessions are from 9:30 am -10:30 am or 11 am - noon Sign up for a one, one hour session on both Saturdays. You must attend both to finish your project. Adults and children 8+ or those accompanied by an adult are all welcome. Registration required. Please call 715-822-2767.

A Few of My Favorite Medicinal Plants Monday, January 20 | Noon
Presentation by Lisa LeCuyer Kofakis, master herbalist and owner of Silver Creek Herbs in Turtle Lake.

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland
1305 2nd Ave. Cumberland, WI, 715-822-2767, cupl@cumberlandpl.org

The Magic of Isaiah at Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

To launch this year's winter reading program, the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland will host a free

magic show! Join us Saturday, January 11 at 11 am with local favorite Isaiah Foster. It's comedy and magic rolled into one!

Cumberland Elementary School Christmas Concert!



On Friday, December 20th, the Cumberland Elementary School students put on an outstanding school Christmas Concert.

CATA hosts discussion on becoming a Ice Age Trail Community

Cumberland Area Trails Alliance (CATA) is hosting a discussion to take place on Wednesday January 8th from 5 to 6 pm at the Thomas St Angelo Public Library Community Room. Sue Greenway, president of the Superior Lobe Chapter of the Ice Age Trail will give an overview of the purpose and process. CATA is proposing

that we proceed partnering with Barronett as the trail is nearby both of our communities. A trail community is a partnership between the Ice Age Trail Alliance, area businesses, civic groups, municipalities or villages and schools to promote awareness of the Ice Age Trail and activities on the trail. All are welcome.



WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS
ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:

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

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Donation \$25 per Share
Cash Preferred - No Checks Please

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✓ 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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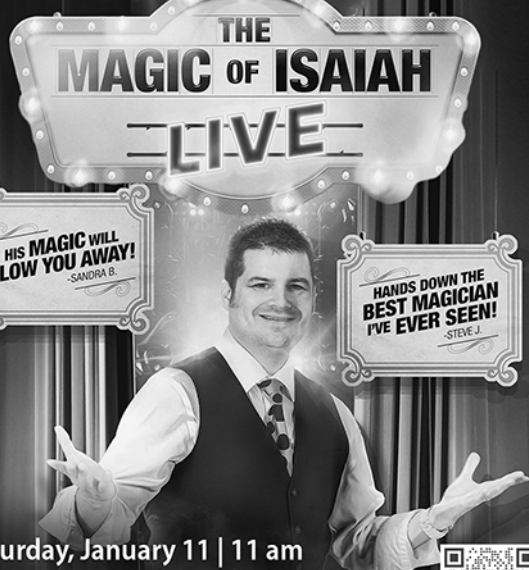
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-STEVE J.

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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, January 2
Chicken patty, fries, green beans, applesauce. MS/HS: Cheese quesadilla. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Friday, January 3
All meat pizza, broccoli, applesauce. MS/HS: Chicken nuggets. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Monday, January 6
Chicken wrap, chips, carrots, mixed fruit. MS/HS: Cheese quesadilla. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Tuesday, January 7
Tacos, brown rice, corn, fiesta beans, peaches. MS/HS: Hamburger/ Cheeseburger. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Wednesday, January 8
Chicken noodle soup, dinner roll, green beans, peaches. MS/HS: Walking tacos. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 3: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball •
SATURDAY, JAN. 4: • 11 am - 1 pm CCE: Pickleball •
MONDAY, JAN. 6: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball •
4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping •
TUESDAY, JAN. 7: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball •
4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping •
6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball •

Weight & Wellness: Follow Us on This 8-Week Wellness Program
Facilitated by Mary Ricci

"WEIGH LESS, LIVE MORE!" This program focuses on how to make better choices while still enjoying foods you love! You will receive monthly food plans, grocery lists, recipes, and more!
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The book includes numerous pictures and stories on events and people from the settling and developing of the Island City. Included are stories during the two World Wars, early Christmas celebrations, the Church and our early settlers, the courting of 3M, the Con Men and Women of early Cumberland and much more!

Mark R. Fuller

Historical photo of Island City street scene with shops and vintage cars.

Sudoku Puzzle #4152-M

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Northwoods Notebook: May '25 be a better year By Larry Werner

It seems every year about this time, someone says we're glad the year is over. Good riddance, 2024, and bring on a better '25. It's the annual right of pessimistic passage.

And there were certainly a lot of bad things about 2024. We were forced to endure one of the nastiest presidential campaigns ever, candidate commercials that caused me to mute the sound when they assaulted us on the television screen. Globally, the nightly news told us in grisly detail about thousands of deaths in the Israel-Hamas war, the war in Ukraine and a few others.

Locally, we lost some friends, Bobbi Momchilovich, retired educator and civic activist, and Kristina Knutson Young, with whom I loved to chat outside her home on Grove Street on my walk to and from coffee, long-time dentist and hot pepper MC Jerry Tempesta and more.

But there were good things happening here in '24. Some would cite one of the warmest, least snowy winters in history, even if it wasn't great for ice fishing or snowmobiling. We were able to travel without worrying about ice, snow and polar temps.

It was a good year for the arts.

In February, Travis Thorp was the emcee for the Cumberland Cabaret, a show of local talent that hadn't happened for several years at the Cumberland Arts Center. The Ruppel Family Theater was filled for the event, which featured young and old singers offering love songs on the weekend before Valentine's Day.

I'll never forget Kevin and Beth McClain doing their version of Sonny & Cher's "I Got You Babe," complete with Beth's tossing back locks of her black wig the way Cher used to with her long hair.

At that event, Ann and I loved dancing to the song "Old Love," done by Jim and Mary McCracken, who had been told by Dave Evenson it was "our song," the one we danced to at our wedding 29 years before, and could they do it?

In March, Courtney Shallock, the high school's drama adviser, put on another great play, a comedy called "Something Rotten" that filled the house, as her plays always do. That play was followed in June by the blockbuster, "Beauty and the Beast," the Disney classic that was, perhaps, the most successful event in ETC's 35-year history.

It was the first production by our new theater director Emilie Springsteen, who succeeded the retiring Mike Clay. Emilie performed for years in ETC Children's Theater and now gets to direct on the stage where she spent so much time as a youth.

During the winter of 2024, ETC folks were working to move our Island City Music series from the downtown back-alley parking lot to Tourist Park. We needed a stage and got one from Augustana Lutheran Church, which had an outdoor platform it hadn't used in years.

Dave Evenson and John Westin hauled it to the beach one rainy day and planted it next to the pavilion from which vendors served food on summer Tuesdays. The first concert was preceded by Celebration of the Arts, ETC's annual art and craft fair. Attendance at the Tuesday concerts exceeded audiences at the Library Lake events during the previous seven summers, and those coming to hear the music included many in boats docked on the Tourist Park shore.

We had record attendance at the 57th annual Community Choir Christmas Concert and filled the house for the second annual Home Again/Hay River Sisters Christmas Concert.

It was a good year for business, also as several new businesses opened and some changed hands. Of course, thousands attended Cumberland's Fourth of July festival and our annual tribute to a root vegetable that used to be grown here. Threatening weather pushed the fireworks from July 4 to the 5th, the first time ever they weren't held

on Independence Day. The weather was generally good for the Baga Fest music and food extravaganza.

On the personal front, age is catching up with this old man. Two surgeries down and one to go in kicking off the new year. Here's hoping that I'll return to my daily walk on the new knee I'm getting Jan. 6.

Now, here's my big wish for 2025: a bandstand at the beach.

Virtually every town in northwest Wisconsin has an outdoor place for music. Cumberland doesn't have a bandshell, and no town has more musical talent than we have. Shell Lake has that big bandshell at its beach, Rice Lake one where that town's concerts are held on Tuesdays, Luck a lovely gazebo in its city park, and little Frederic has two — one on the lake and one next to its arts center. Even the tiny burg of Deer Park south of Amery has one.

Amery has a lovely bandshell.

Yes, we do have that stage we got from Augustana. But it's more of a deck than a stage. A friend who sits on Tuesdays up the hill near Lake Street said he can't even see the band.

ETC proposed conducting a fund-raiser to build one. But the City Council said no structures should be built until the five-year outdoor recreation plan is completed.

I'm confident we could raise the money to build a place for music at the beach.

So that's my wish for 2025. That, and peace on earth.

Larry Werner's email is lh-werner47@gmail.com.

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29 Airfoil length

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36 Expression of surprise

37 American Federation of Teachers (abbr.)

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51 An amusing play

53 Gone With the Wind's Mr. Butler

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60 Resort hotel

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66 Seed bread

Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



I’m sitting in my office Sunday morning doing some year in review photo’s and some of our high school athletes keep popping up. I’ve said this before, we have had some exceptional athletes the last several years. Just this past year, Dawson Johnson won his 4th straight State Wrestling title, Gavin Gores blew past 1,000 career points on his way to becoming the schools all time scoring leader and being named All State, and Andie Otto captured the schools first ever State Championship in track and field winning the 300 meter hurdles. Dawson is now wrestling at the University of Minnesota, Gavin signed to play basketball at the University of Wyoming and Andie is running track at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse. Pretty dang awesome!

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Well the New year is just about here. I try not to make any New Years Resolutions, because I never follow them. I am hoping to exercise a bit more in the coming year. It’s crazy as I get older, how fast I can pack on a few pounds in the ol belly when I get lazy and don’t walk on a regular basis. My diet doesn’t help me much either. I try to eat a little better but have a hard time saying no to a good meal or tasty snack. I’m going to try. Good luck to you if you start a New Years Resolution.

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What is up with this stupid crazy weather? As you know it was horribly foggy the past several days. Driving at night was miserable. Speaking of driving, I was in Hayward last Friday and was amazed at how many people did not have their lights on. I just shake my head. Most vehicles have day time running lights but that is not good enough when its pea soup out there! Turn your lights on!

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My son Isaac and his fiance were here this past weekend to celebrate Christmas and just to get together. Isaac and Kali were at her grandparents on Christmas so they came up here the following weekend. It’s really strange not to have any family around on Christmas. We have a very small family to begin with and with my parents now both gone, the house was very quiet. Anyways, it was awesome to get to see those two. A September wedding is creeping closer. I couldn’t be happier.____

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The Vikes beat the Packers Sunday afternoon to set up a huge game next weekend vs the Detroit Lions. The winner secures the NFC North title and more importantly, the #1 seed heading into the playoffs. The Packers made a late surge as they did in the first meeting, but came up short. Looks like the Packers will most likely head east to play the Eagles in a first round playoff match up. It could change, but looks probable. It should



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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Books for the break: Wisconsin authors worth a good read”

MADISON, Wis. – Perhaps you overlooked a gift for your favorite aunt or uncle. Or maybe the mid-week timing of the holidays has granted you more time to kick back and enjoy the season. Whatever your reason, I can recommend four books bound together by Wisconsin history – and, in one case, a touch of sadness.

Wisconsin gerrymandering: The fight for permanent maps and why it matters (Little Creek Press). Here’s where the melancholy enters. Authored by the late state Sen. Tim Cullen, who died just before Christmas, the book examines why major political parties feel compelled to redraw legislative maps when the once-a-decade opportunity arises – and how there’s an alternative approach just next door.

Janesville native Cullen had something rare in today’s politics, which was a reputation for being bipartisan. He was a Democrat and majority leader in the state Senate for five years, but also served a stint as Republican Tommy Thompson’s health and social services secretary before spending about 20 years in private business.

His book argues that gerrymandering, the act of manipulating political boundaries for electoral advantage, is nearly as old as the republic

itself but a distortion of representative democracy. “The reality is that gerrymandering is the abuse of power. Which ever political party has total control in a state can’t help themselves,” Cullen wrote.

Citing Wisconsin’s 2011 remap and efforts to return to fairer maps, Cullen argued Wisconsin should turn the decennial process over to a non-partisan commission. That would be much like the system in Iowa. Even his own party opposed the Iowa approach in the past, but perhaps Cullen’s passing will spark a re-examination.

Mission to Oslo: Dancing with the queen, dealmaking with the Russians, shaping history (Little Creek Press). Written by another veteran of the Wisconsin Legislature, former Assembly Speaker Tom Loftus, this book details the challenges of serving as a U.S. ambassador – even when the nation is a friendly one such as Norway. In keeping with the wry wit of Sun Prairie native Loftus, it also details perks, quirks and odd formalities that come with the job.

In a sense, “Mission to Oslo” is a textbook for every generation of ambassadors, including those who may soon be dispatched worldwide by President-elect Trump. Dust-ups and crisis can surface even in hospitable settings such as Norway,

which in the late 1990s was tested by the still-menacing presence of post-Communist Russia.

The Russian nuclear fleet lay just beyond the border in Murmansk, Russia’s only ice-free port on the Atlantic Ocean. The base was a nuclear contamination accident waiting to happen. Loftus had a front seat for that threat as well as debates over the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and turmoil in the nearby Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) as they slowly emerged from Soviet domination.

Lesson for incoming Bahamian ambassador and ex-football star Herschel Walker and others: It may not be all sunshine and beaches once you’re posted.

The Politics of Resentment: Rural consciousness in Wisconsin and the rise of Scott Walker (University of Chicago Press). Published in 2016, this book by UW-Madison Professor Katherine J. Cramer took on renewed significance with Trump’s 2024 election victory in Wisconsin.

To this day, especially in liberal bastions such as Madison, some people still can’t believe Trump carried the state. Cramer’s well-researched book may help them understand, as she described an enduring rural political mindset and resentment of the “liberal elite.” As she

wrote eight-plus years ago, rural voters don’t always believe politicians will respect the values of their communities and allocate a fair share of resources.

Touching base recently with Cramer, she noted: “Since then, the sense among many rural people that they aren’t getting their fair share of attention, resources and respect has remained relevant to politics in Wisconsin and across the United States. But the other part of ‘The Politics of Resentment’ – the use of these sentiments by politicians – has become an even bigger part of the story.”

Wisconsin – Where they row: A history of varsity rowing at the University of Wisconsin (University of Wisconsin Press). In the age of transfer portals and “name-image-likeness” deals in big-time college sports, this illustrated history of varsity rowing at Wisconsin may be an antidote for those who have come to believe it’s all about the money. Author and former varsity swimmer Bradley F. Taylor, also a state business figure, leaves readers with the sense that many people compete in intercollegiate athletics for the fun of it. There’s still open, blue water in college sports.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago January 7, 2015

The Cumberland Fire Department was called out to the on Vesely and Christine Thompson home located on Spring Lake at 2:00 am last week. Upon arrival, firefighters found heavy smoke puring out of the house. Brutal cold temperatures made an already bad situation worse. Freeze-up from the extreme cold was a problem. Fortunately, no one was injured during the fire. Cumberland called the Almena Fire Department for assistance. Firefighters remained on scene for 12 hours. At this time, the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

20 Years Ago January 5, 2005

On January 5, Cumberland native Miriam (Hed-back) Scott will reach a milestone in her life; her 100th birthday. She was born in Cumberland in 1905 and graduated from Cumberland High School.

Two area businesses were broken into early Monday morning. At Skiddies Tavern, the cash register had been pried open and cash was missing, and two poker slot machines had been accessed at well. NAPA Auto Parts was also burglarized. The register

was opened, and the cash drawers were empty. This is still under investigation.

30 Years Ago January 4, 1995

The Cumberland City Council tabled Mayor Bud Samlaska’s choice for appointment at municipal judge to replace the retiring John Haley. Samlaska has offered the name of Kathryn Mac Farlane to be the new judge. Mac Farlane is the new attorney who recently opened a practice in Cumberland.

Navy Lt. Thomas F. McCann, son of Thomas and Lois McCann of Cumberland, recently returned from a six month deployment to the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas and Persian Gulf. McCann was one of 5,000 Sailors and Marines who completed the 51,000 mile voyage aboard USS George Washington.

40 Years Ago January 2, 1985

The Wisconsin Land Conservation Association recently presented V. Gordon Greener with a special service award, recognizing his 18 years with the Barron County Soil and Water Conservation District. Greener has also served as the president and vice presi-

dent of the West Central Land Conservation Association.

50 Years Ago January 2, 1975

Freshman David Miller collected 227 insects over the past summer and fall to lead all CHS students for the 1974-75 school year. According to instructor Jack Walsh, Miller’s collection was the largest number of insects ever turned in by a student in his 18 years of teaching.

Work on the United Methodist Church is progressing at its new location on 10th Avenue on Cumberland’s southside. The church should hopefully be finished next month.

60 Years Ago January 7, 1965

Mrs. George Ficocello of Cumberland, for the fourth consecutive year, was named Avon’s highest sales lady. Her sales were the highest for anyone representative in the state for 1964 an among the top five for the past five years.

70 Years Ago January 6, 1955

Andy Ricci reported to local authorities last week that his Community Standard Building had been broken into during the night of December 28-29.

An undetermined amount of money was taken from the cash register. This is under investigation.

80 Years Ago January 4, 1945

A fire threatened the Emerson School west of Cumberland on Wednesday afternoon, but the blaze was extinguished without any damage. The chimney had started to burn but it was quickly controlled.

Thanks for reading The Advocate

2024 WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
12/24	30	23	-
12/25	28	24	-
12/26	26	24	-
12/27	34	25	0.02
12/28	38	34	0.78
12/29	37	26	0.03
12/30	36	26	-

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

Tyrone A. Foster, 41, Barron, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Jordyn R. Huehn, 30, Cameron, OWI, \$1,560.50. Mikal A. Robinson II., 35, Rice Lake, OWI, \$1,711.50. Garrett L. Thomas, 35, Prairie Farm, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Ryan P. Gau, 34, Woodbury, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Dakota S. Harrison, 26, Barron, speeding, \$200.50. Nicholas R. Janofsky, 45, Findlay, OH., speeding, \$200.50. Michael A. Matusewic, 66, Hurley, speeding, \$175.30. Donald J. Padilla-Nellsen, 35, Almena, speeding, \$250.90.

Complaints

William E. Niles, Sr., 49, of Ladysmith, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025.

Michelle P. Homesky, 24, of Cumberland, has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court date is scheduled for January 8, 2025.

Tristan R. Anderson, 22, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court date is scheduled for January 15, 2025.

Samuel E. Borgen, 19, of Cameron, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Deanna M. Allen, 35, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court date is scheduled for January 15, 2025.

Nicholas L. Mahrle, 30, of Chetek, has been charged with operate ATV or UTV with PAC. His court date is scheduled for April 9, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Cole L. Fisher, 38, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 8, 2025.

John M. Llamas, 30, of Barron, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 8, 2025.

Laif J.Bever, 21, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and party to a crime. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Dominic E. Demille, 20, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and party to a crime. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Jaden J. Adkins, 19, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct, party to a crime and carry or display facsimile firearm. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for December 26, 2024.

Nathan J. Viellieux, 36, of Cumberland, has been charged with OWI and operating while revoked. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

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Sudoku Solution #4152-M

James E. Everett, 55, of Birchwood, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse and theft-movable property. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 2, 2025.

Theodore H. Edwards, 24, of Cumberland, has been charged with two counts of fourth degree sexual assault.

An officer, with the Cumberland Police Department, reports on December 22, 2024, at approximately 9:30 pm, he was on duty when Barron County Dispatch advised that a female individual, called in reference to a sexual assault that occurred in the City of Cumberland. The officer reports he responded and made contact with three individuals.

The officer reports he spoke with one of the individuals, K.M.D., about what happened. K.M.D. stated that she met the other two individuals through the defendant, Edwards. K.M.D. stated that the two individuals were living with Edwards.

K.M.D. stated that she and Edwards have been friends for approximately four years. K.M.D. stated that she and her fiance, along with the minor child they have in common, went to Edward’s trailer home and were staying over because K.M.D. was helping wrap Christmas presents.

K.M.D. stated that she went outside and was helping Edwards get things out of a vehicle. K.M.D. stated Edwards came up from behind her and grabbed her from behind, put his arms around her, and groped her underneath her shirt. K.M.D. turned her around and grabbed her by the neck. K.M.D. stated she told Edwards “no” three times. K.M.D. stated that afer this happened, she grabbed some bags from the vehicle and went back into the house.

K.M.D. stated that later that night at approximately 8:00 pm, she and Edwards were having a cigarette in Edwards Truck. K.M.D. stated Edwards kissed her on her lips. K.M.D. stated Edwards then slid his hand over to her, lifted her shirt up and felt her up again. K.M.D. stated she told Edwards “no” three times.

The officer reports he viewed a message that Edwards sent to K.M.D. the message read: “Hey, if it makes you feel better, I am sexually frustrated too.” While speaking with K.M.D., the officer reports he observed red marks on K.M.D.’s neck and while taking pictures of K.M.D.’s neck, he observed two slight dark spots on her neck.

The officer reports he went to the residence where he spoke with Edwards, who denied knowing K.M.D.’s real name.

The officer reports that when he explained to Edwards that he was under investigation for sexual assault, Edwards stated, “I think I know what happened. I brushed past K.M.D.”

If convicted for two counts of fourth degree sexual assault, Edwards may be fined not more than \$10,000 for each count or imprisoned for not more than nine months for each count or both. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 2, 2025.

Water Rescue at Pokegama Boat Landing

On Wednesday, December 25, 2024, at 6:54 p.m., the Barron County Sheriff’s Department 911 center received a call of two people and a UTV that went through the ice near the Pokegama Boat Landing east of Chetek.

Deputies from the Barron County Sheriff’s Depart-

ment along with the Chetek Police Department, Chetek EMS and Chetek Fire Department all responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, both people that were in the water had been helped out of the water by a family that was ice fishing near the area. One male subject, 25 from

Cumberland 100 Years Ago...

vember, meanwhile, included the very first Macy’s Day Parade and a Presidential election. In the election, Cal Coolidge became our 35th President, defeating among others, Wisconsin Senator Robert LaFollette, who only carried one state, his own.

Cumberland residents, meanwhile, were able to follow these events rather normally through November, but December 1924 brought a gloominess over the city, when three major fires broke out.

The first and worst of the events, of which the Advocate said, “The likes of which Cumberland has never seen,” occurred on Sunday, December 21, when a fire broke out in the basement of the Jeffery building, destroying much of the block. The fire raged for five hours.

The first floor of the 1916 building housed Jeffery Furniture, Hopkins Drug Store, and Greengard’s Clothing Store, while the second floor included Dr. Waite’s Dental Offices, Dr. Clara Conrad’s Chiropractic Office, and the Telephone Exchange, whose loss temporarily paralyzed service. It was thought the fire start-

ed from faulty wiring. Mr. Jeffery said the building, “Probably could not be replaced today for twenty-five thousand dollars.”

Two families living in the building thankfully escaped, but Mrs. George Gaerth of the adjoining Gaerth Bakery died of heart failure as she and her husband were moving supplies from their building.

The businesses soon found temporary homes which saw the Telephone Exchange move into the Marino Building, Dr. Waite move above the Zim Zim Theatre, and Dr. Hopkins move into the Cumberland Auto Company. The Advocate would say of the Telephone Company, “Telephone users certainly appreciate the speed with which the work was done. One never appreciates the phone until there is none to use.”

Less than a week later, both the Mariotta and Pease buildings went up in flames, the fire starting around the furnace pipes in the first mentioned store. The Pease building housed the John Wearne family and the City Meat Market and suffered a heavy loss, while W. C. Jeffery suffered yet another

Chetek, was treated and released at the scene and the driver of the UTV, a 53 year old male from Chetek, was transported to LMC with non-life threatening injuries.

Special thanks to the family that assisted in rescuing these two people and all the responders who left their families on Christmas to help others,

as they do each and every day of the year.

The Barron County Sheriff’s Department Recreational Division is handling this crash.

With warmer temps this week, please check ice conditions even if you are familiar with the lake.

Per Chris Fitzgerald, Barron County Sheriff

misfortune, as he lost all his restaurant fixtures in the same building. V. H. Nedi-vek, who occupied the flat above the store, was able to get most of his household goods out without damage.

If this wasn’t enough, the Commercial Hotel suffered a similar fate a couple days later when a blaze broke out on their roof. The Advocate would say of the incident, “This is the third fire and now the superstitious ought to be satisfied.”

If the fires weren’t bad enough, the same paper carried a headline on City taxes as Mayor Kuenzli defended the 1925 tax levies saying, ‘They are absolutely unavoidable.’ Advocate Editor R. B. Hart led the fight saying expenses for schools, the library, and city government could be lessened, while Board President W. N. Fuller maintained that the board had looked closely at the \$12,000 taxes needed for school purposes.

Despite the problems, the city enjoyed a blessed Christmas and looked forward to a new beginning in 1925.

It was time to continue following the exploits of former Beaver Steve Algeo,

who was a key figure on the University of Marquette Basketball Team. The Milwaukee Journal would say of him after his six-point effort in a 22-11 loss to Millikin College, “Algeo is small wiry youth who has natural basketball instinct and is going to get better with every start. He was the only one to penetrate the opponents defense.”

Bowling Teams were also back in action after a short break and the City Ice Rink had been prepared and would begin operations on January 11. All the city asked was for, “People who use the rink to please not throw matches, paper, etc., on the ice and by all means refrain from punching holes in it.”

Yes, it was a good start to a new year. The only one who might argue was Lew Thomas, who the Advocate said, “Is shivering on the streets these days without an overcoat as his was swiped on Saturday night at the Hotel Cumberland.” One can only hope there were some good after-Christmas sales on overcoats at the Company Store!

2024 DMV by the numbers; Wisconsin DMV served nearly 2.3 million customers in person, added innovations

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) conducted nearly 2.3 million* transactions at its 80 DMV Customer Service Centers across the state in 2024 and millions more completed their DMV tasks conveniently online.

In addition, DMV provided:

- 922,374 vehicle registrations/titles
- 928,163 driver licenses and IDs (new, renewals, replacements, etc.)
- 288,340 Knowledge Tests to new drivers
- 110,746 Skills Tests with DMV driving examiners
- 240,970 answers to customer emails

With the convenience of having nearly all Wisconsin DMV tasks available online, 30,421 renewed their driver license online and 35,655 requested a copy of their driver record. This

year, Wisconsin DMV also developed new innovations to serve more customers, help first responders, and deliver new products and new services.

“As a state agency, it’s our responsibility to meet the diverse needs of our customers. We’ve added many innovative and self-service options that are convenient and easy to use,” DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler said. “Behind this customer-service focus is the work of our DMV team members across the state. Their dedication allows us to deliver timely, accurate and professional assistance that sets an industry standard for DMV service.”

Wisconsin DMV’s innovations this year include:

- Allocating \$6 million to provide free driver training courses to nearly 10,000 low-income students through Wisconsin’s

new Driver Education Grant Program. Many new drivers start their journey at wisconsindmv.gov/teen-driver and find a nearby driver training school with the interactive map that launched this year.

- Delivering new EV/hybrid stickers to nearly 168,000 electric and hybrid vehicles as required by a new law. Lost stickers can be easily replaced online at wisconsindmv.gov/sticker.

- Adding emergency contact information to 50,000+ residents’ records so law enforcement can contact a family member or other loved one more quickly in the event of an emergency. Residents can add their information conveniently online at wisconsindmv.gov/emergencycontact.

- Other, popular new features in 2024 include: Three new special

license plates, Spay and Neuter, Suicide Prevention and the Crane Foundation, plates join DMV’s current offering of 63 specialty plates (wisconsindmv.gov/specialplates).

- Two new, centralized emissions testing facilities opened in Milwaukee. A self-serve option using kiosks were also added through the Vehicle Inspection Maintenance Program at these sites.

- One new Motorists’ Handbook has been updated to deliver driver information that is clear, understandable and easy to read.

The countdown to 2025 and more Wisconsin DMV innovations has begun. We look forward to serving millions more customers in the year to come.

* These are the preliminary numbers through December 12 with more customers yet to be served this year.

Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness

(Rough Guidelines for New Clear Ice Only)

2" or less
STAY OFF!!

4 Inches
Ice Fishing

5 Inches
Snowmobile or ATV

8-12 Inches
Car or Small Pickup

12-15 Inches
Medium Truck

Support your friends and neighbors!

SHOP CUMBERLAND!

Non Emergency Phone Numbers:

Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754

Barron County Sheriff 537-3106

Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency 911

Sports

Wrestling Team Participates in Northern Badger Tournament

The Cumberland Wrestling Team took their annual trip to River Falls last week as they participated in the Northern Badger Tournament on December 27 and 28. The Team performed well, taking fourth overall behind St. Croix Central, St. Croix Falls and Freedom. “The Northern Badger is a great tournament and our team competed extremely well over a long two days. We are proud of how they represented the school and community,” said Coach Reid Olson.

The top performance by a Beaver wrestler was a first-place finish by Sophomore Braden Johnson, who raised his overall record to 17-0 on the year. He wrestled five matches, scoring three pins, a tech fall, and a 7-1 decision over Cale Quaintance of Marathon in the finals, dropping his record to 20 and 2. “Braden Johnson had a great tournament capping it off with an impressive win in the finals, as he dominated throughout the two days,” said Coach Olson.

The Beavers also had excellent efforts from two other wrestlers, who finished as runner-ups. Jack Owens (13-3) and Logan Peterson (14-3) each lost in the finals, but had strong Tournaments.

Boy’s Defeat St. Croix Central in Holiday Consolation Game

The Cumberland Boy’s Basketball Team got back into action following the Christmas Break, with a pair of contests in a Holiday Tournament in Rice Lake last week, dropping a 67-60 game to Tomah in the opener, before rallying to take a 75-60 Consolation victory over St. Croix Central last Friday night. The two games give the Beavers a 6-2 record going into a contest against Somerset in Cumberland this Friday night at 7:00 pm.

In the loss to Tomah, the two teams stayed close throughout as the largest lead by either team was a 10-point Timberwolves cushion with two minutes to play. The two teams were only separated by a point at halftime, with Tomah leading 27-26.

Trailing 59-49, Gavin Gores scored six straight Cumberland points to cut the deficit to 59-55 with 1:09 to play. A Chayden Berghammer three-pointer with 13 seconds remaining cut the lead to 63-60, but four Tomah three throws in the final thirteen seconds led to seven-point Beaver loss.

Full court pressure by the Timberwolves created enough turnovers to make a difference in the contest. The Beavers were also hurt by fouls, which put the Timberwolves in the bonus with over seven minutes to

Owens went 5 and 1 losing only to Taden Hollendorf of Baldwin-Woodville 16-3, while Peterson was 4 and 1 in the Tournament, losing by a tech fall to Freedom’s Murphy Beyer in the finals. “They both had impressive showings and along with Braden gave us our most wrestlers in the finals since 2006,” added Olson.

The next best finish by a Cumberland wrestler was Cooper Schramski (15-4) who finished fifth with a record of 5 and 2 over the two days in River Falls. His two loses included a 7-6 loss to Brady Gallagher of De Pere and tech fall to 132-pound Champion Brady Gesler.

Other strong showings included 6th place finishes from DauTre Allen (6-4) and Harrison Ruppel (13-8) and a 7th from Caleb Hile (14-4). Ruppel was busy, wrestling nine matches and going 6 and 3 over the two days.

There is little rest before the Beavers head back into action on January 3 and 4 at the Clash National Duals in La Crosse. Thursday, January 9, Cumberland travels to Barron for a dual against the Bears. The Beavers continue to be ranked 6th in the current Wisconsin Grappler D3 poll

play in both halves. They finished 21 for 30 from the line in the contest.

Gavin Gores scored almost his average with 34 points, but was only 12 for 31 from the floor in the game, including two of 13 from three-point land. He scored 12 of his points in the last three minutes of the game, each of which was from the free throw line or near the basket. He added 14 rebounds and several assists. Chayden Berghammer scored 12 points as Cumberland’s only other player in double figures.

The Beavers bounced back with a nice 15-point victory the following night against St. Croix Central.

The Beavers were very solid from behind the arc, going eight for thirteen, including a perfect four for four from Berghammer. Gores had another big night going 11 for 22 from the floor and 14 for 17 from the free throw line for 38 points. He added nine rebounds, playing a key role in Cumberland’s sixth win. Berghammer’s strong effort included 18 points, while point guard Troy Majewski led the team in assists.

Following’s Fridays home contest against Somerset, the Beavers head back into HON play when they host Hayward on Tuesday January 7 at 7:00 pm.



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Previewing the World of Sports in 2025

By Mark R Fuller

Cumberland Advocate Sports Writer and annual prognosticator Mark Fuller has once again looked into his crystal ball and has come up with predictions for the world of sports in the coming year. Despite being inaccurate more than he is correct, we hope you enjoy this look at what might be ahead. Happy New Year everyone!

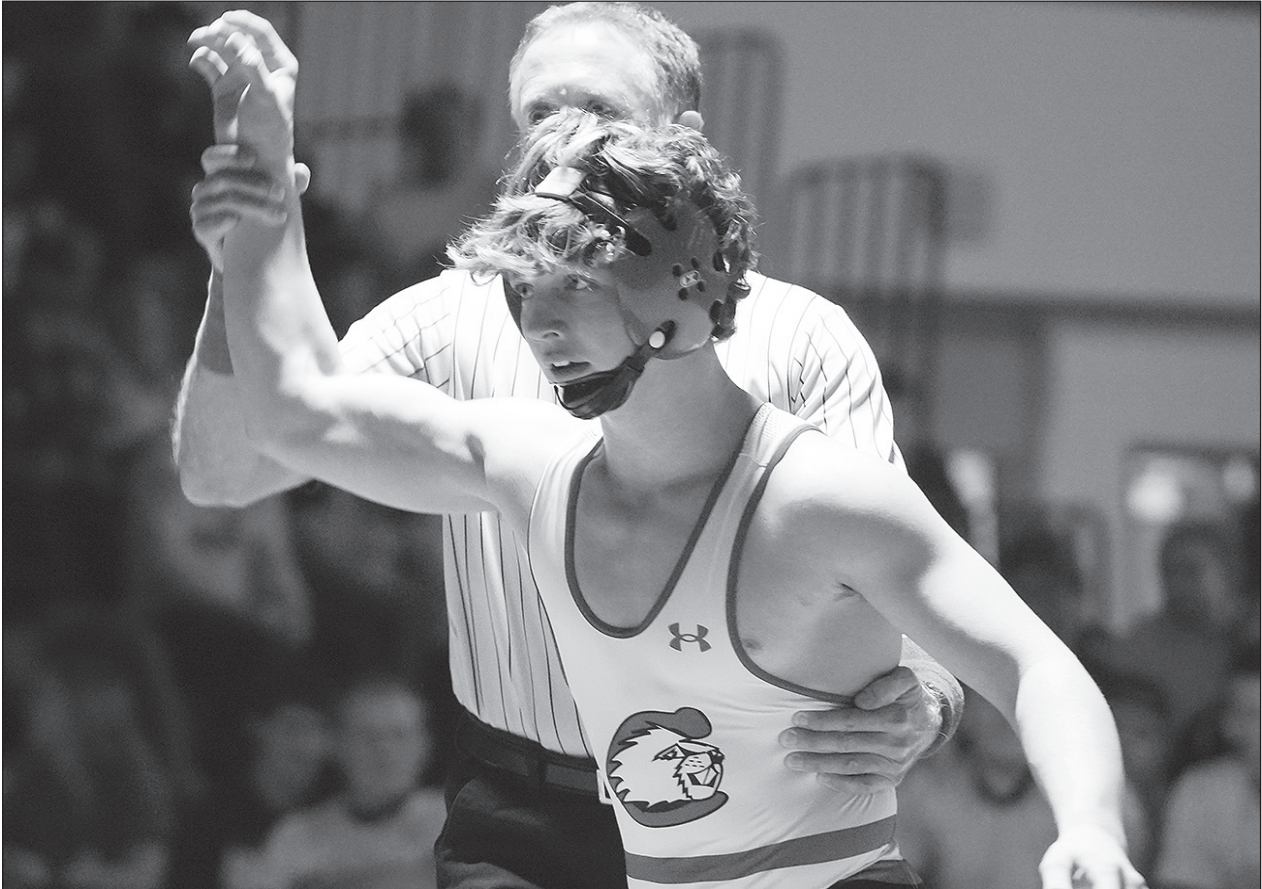
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Oregon defeats Georgia to win the College Football Playoffs and become Na-

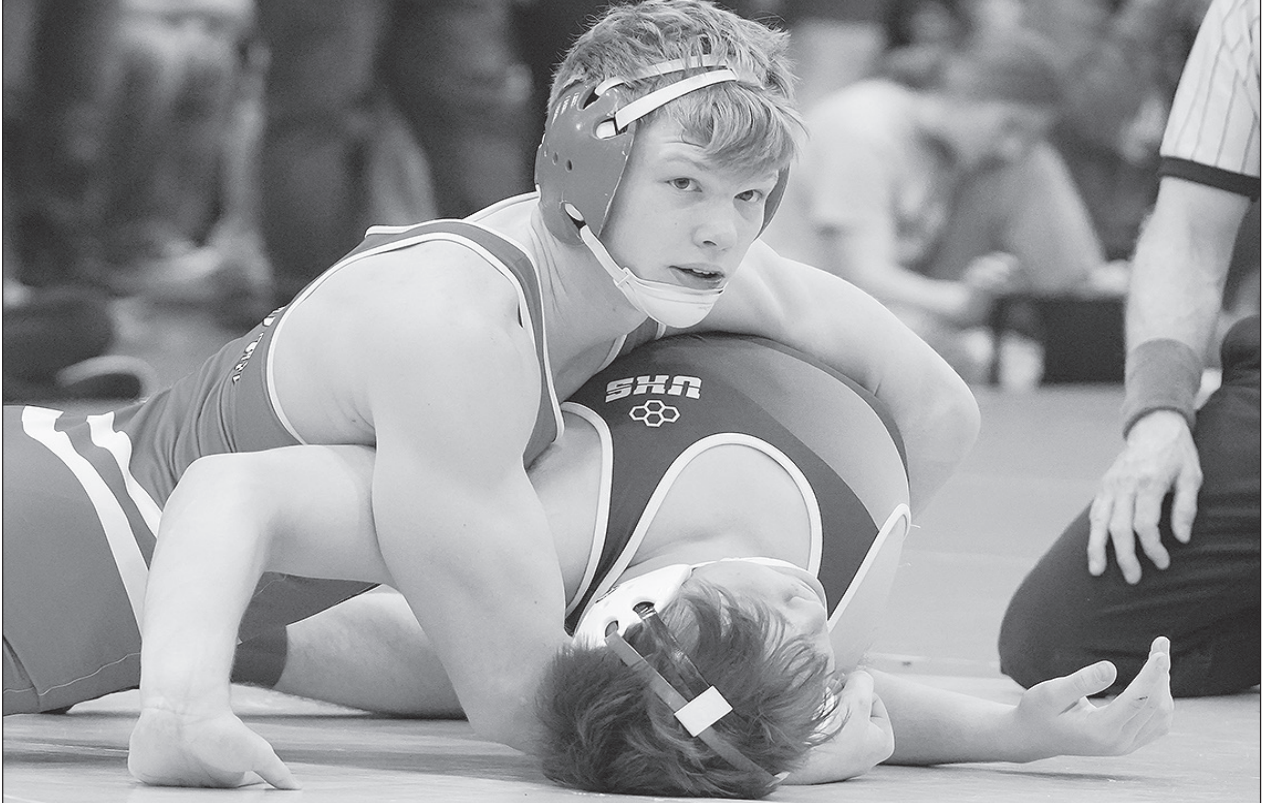
tional Champion. Following the contest, the NCAA announces the selection of next year’s field will simply be the 12 teams who have spent the most NIL money. Semifinal-loser Texas, who led the NCAA in 2024 spending at \$22.3 million, announces it will double its spending next year. Deion Sanders son Shedeur, who was the highest paid individual this year at \$5.1 million, will soon have his one-year salary surpassed

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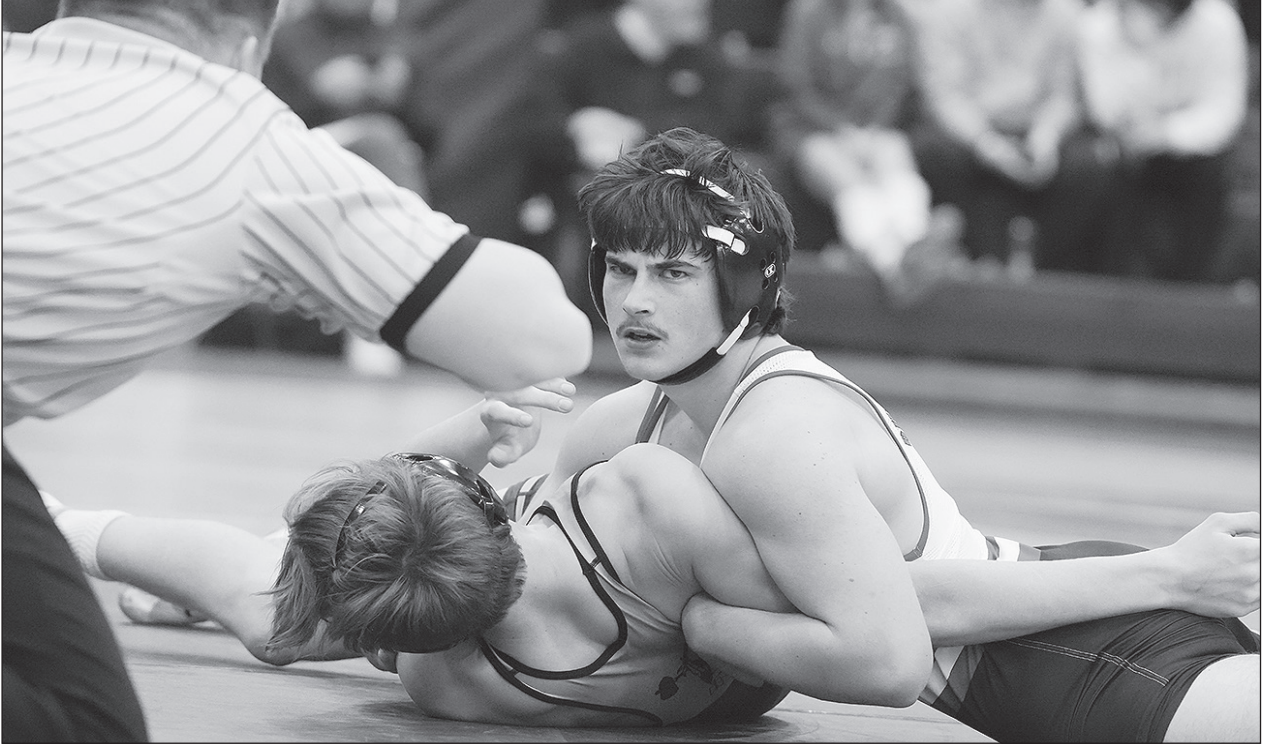
Northern Badger Champ!



Braden Johnson ran his record to a perfect 17-0 in claiming the 126 pound chamionship at the Northern Badger Tournament held in River Falls last weekend. Photo by Kaely Wenzel



165 pounder Jack Owens went 5-1 at River Falls to finish runner up. Owens owns a fine 13-3 record. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Logan Peterson had a strong showing in River Falls. Peterson went 4-1 to finish second. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Caleb Hile ran his record to 14-4 with a solid showing at 113 pounds in River Falls. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



SOLAR TIMES

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LUNAR TIMES

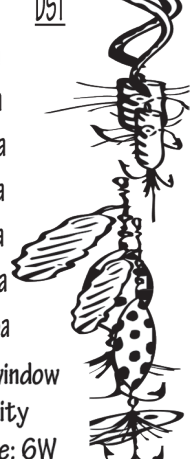


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01/03 Fri	7:57	1:44	8:22	2:09	07:49	04:34	10:26a	9:02p	3:38p	3:13a	
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Major = 2 hours/Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window

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

DST will have * in it if it is in effect that day Calibrated for Time Zone: 6W





An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

KAMO's "Joe Hunt" as good as it Gets!

Hello friends,
Back in December of 2006 I wrote in this very same column about my thought that here in Wisconsin, we should have a multichapter organization that helps to get kids into the outdoors. Sixty days later the process began to create what would be called KAMO "Kids And Mentors Outdoors" www.kamokids.org. We have 6 chapters in Wisconsin and in a years' time a lot of memories are created in many forms of outdoor activities.

Joe Stecker Kochanski was one of our earlier mentors and was a good and brilliant man. Joe managed Buckhorn and Roche a Cri state parks and was my sanity when things would get over my head for this undertaking.

Joe was also one of the early birds on starting what we call "The Joe" which is a Learn to Hunt for whitetail deer. We stay at the Mackenzie Environmental Education Center in Poynette "my hometown" and out of the 19 young hunters a half dozen hunt the property and the rest on private land. Joe passed away and it was an enormous loss for everyone that knew him.

**Saturday, December 7th
High 40, low 31**

This year I am going to write about several of our helpers as well as some of the kid's stories. This project starts in September with Learn to Hunt paperwork for kids and mentors as well land acquisition for the hunt and it is a bigger job than you may think. Kevin Seymour who was a year younger than me at PHS is our Huntmaster and Kevin is basically flawless, and I am sure, very happy when The Joe is over, in short, he does lots of paperwork.

As of dark today we had 10 deer on the pole and a heck of a bunch of stories. Bennett Reifsnider who is from our Dodge County Chapter of KAMO had a forkhorn smelling the ladder on his stand, but his father Chad made sure Bennett was well aware that

this buck would live another day as no bucks were allowed to be taken on the property they were hunting. Bob Brodeur was also a year younger than me and a very good friend. Bob and his wife Linda, who was in the same class as me, with the help of his son Josh and grandson Jameson are our land acquisition and bull work people. Bob is also the President of the Lake Wisconsin Chapter of KAMO, without Bob, The Joe would be in big trouble.

Another young hunter, 10-year-old Wyatt Jensen was hunting with his father Noah this afternoon, these 2 are part of The Lake Wisconsin Chapter of KAMO. Wyatt made an excellent shot on a mature 8-pointer and after some hard tracking the father son team had Wyatt's buck.

Patti and Jeff Rouse, Rick Miotke, Mike Curtis and Marie Curtis, these good people are all part of my youth in some way and they order and cook the food for this 3 day, 60 person event.

A full breakfast is served at 5:00 am and their operation is flawless.

Greg Wagner is the President of The Baraboo River Chapter of KAMO and runs our bingo games on Saturday night. Greg could run a casino as far as I am concerned, and the evening is topped by a young hunter winning a Remington 243 with a scope. The funds for the rifle come from the Frontier Bar and the Poynette American Legion. Young Bennett Reifsnider who passed the buck, won the rifle, the families luck continues as last year his sister Kenzie won the rifle that she used this year.

The following day we put four more deer on the pole. Mike Bassette is from the Dodge County Chapter which is very strong and our newest, about 4 years old. Mike was mentoring 13-year-old Ryan Fischbach and on Sunday morning Mike videoed Ryan harvesting his first buck and that concluded another great Joe Hunt.

In closing I want to add that the Lake Wisconsin



The KAMO gang that helped, mentored and hunted for this year's "Joe Hunt".



Noah Jensen made an excellent shot on this beautiful buck.

sin Chapter is creating some strong energy and on January 9th at 6:00 pm, at The American Legion Hall in Poynette they will be holding a meeting with some solid ideas and young minds as well Bob's. I will be there, and the plan is to make this chapter stronger with a few more events and one on ones.

Hope to see you on the 9th!

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Cumberland freshman Gavin Lehmann has been on a hot streak scoring 5 goals recently to help the Icemen pick up a pair of wins.

Take Down!



Cooper Schramski takes his man to the mat this past weekend in River Falls. Schramski took 5th place and ran his record to 15-4 on the season at 132 pounds. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

Northwest Icemen Busy During Christmas Break

The Northwest Icemen were back in action last week, playing in the Rice Lake Holiday Tournament held on December 27 and 28. The team continues to show improvement as they defeated Medford 8 to 2 before dropping a close 3-2 decision to the Rice Lake Warriors on Saturday. The Icemen's record stands at 2 and 7, but they have won two of their last three contests going into this week's action.

The team dominated the ice in their victory over Medford. Cumberland Freshman Gavin Lehmann

scored two goals in the contest, giving him five on the season as his role on the team continues to expand.

The team gave Rice Lake a good run in Saturday's finale as they took a one goal loss. The Warriors outshot the Icemen 27-23 in winning their third game of the season.

The Icemen will get back into action this weekend with home contest against DC Everest Friday night at 7:00 and against Shawano/Bonduel on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm. Everest is 8 and 5 and Shawano/Bonduel 6 and 4 on the season.

Hayward Co-op Hockey Wins Two and Loses One in De Pere

The Hayward Co-op Hockey Team traveled to De Pere last week where they played three of games in a Christmas Tournament. The team lost to Eau Claire 2-1 and defeated Black River Falls 4-0 on Friday and then won a 5-2 game against Chippewa Falls/Menomonic on Saturday. The team is 7-3-1 on the year with their next game scheduled for Friday, January 3 in Baldwin.

In the Eau Claire loss, the Hurricanes outshot their opponents 34-20, but came out on the short end of the

scoreboard. Each team scored one goal on a power play.

The team bounced back with a shutout of Black River Falls later in the day. Reese Sheehan had two goals and an assist for the winners.

The Hayward Co-op finished up the Tournament with a 5-3 victory on Saturday. The team broke a 3-3 tie after two periods with two third period scores, the first on a penalty shot and the second into an open net.

Sports Calendar

Friday, Jan. 3

Wrestling @ La Crosse TBD

Girls BB home vs Grantsburg 5:45

Boys BB home vs Somerset 7:00

Hockey vs DC Everest @ Barron 7:00

Girls Hockey vs River Falls @ Baldwin 7:00

Saturday, Jan 5

Wrestling @ La Crosse TBD

Hockey vs Shawano @ Barron 1:00

Monday, Jan. 7

Boys BB @ Hayward 7:00

Girls BB home vs Spring Valley 7:00

Sports Look Back, January 7, 2015

The Cumberland Beavers Wrestling squad finished third in Division 2 at the Northern Badger Wrestling Tournament held in River Falls last week. Fourteen teams competed in the Division, with Spring Valley/Elmwood running away with the team title with 316.5 points. Chetek/Weyerhaeuser finished second with 176 points, while the Beavers scored 158 points

to come in third. A highlight was First Place overall finish for the Beavers undefeated 220 pound wrestler Ben Stone. The senior, wrestling in a bracket with over 20 wrestlers, received a bye in round one before two pins and a major decision put him into the Championship match against Spring Valley/Elmwood's Ethan Hofacker. Stone then pinned

the once beaten Hofacker in 3:53 on his way to the impressive title. Stone is now 20 and 0 on the year. Two other Cumberland wrestlers grabbed impressive third place finishes in the two day tournament. Trey Lundequam (18-2) took third at 132, while Trystin Adams (19-1) took third at 160. Both wrestlers went 4 and 1 in the tournament.

Two other Cumberland wrestlers finished in the top ten. Lucas Graf went 4 and 2 to finish 9th, while Drew Rihn was 3 and 3 to finish 10th. The Beavers finished 8th overall in the tournament, while Boyceville finished third, Clear Lake fifth, and Luck/Frederic/Grantsburg sixth.

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Team Standings
Big Bear Express - 14
Austad's Super Valu - 14
Becker's Trucking - 11
Spare Time - 9
Northwoods Septic - 7
Bowlin' Buddies- 6
Clear Lake Self Storage- 6
Dane Arthur Real Estate-5
5 High Scratch Games
Patty Lundell - 184

Sheila LaBlanc - 183
Sam Larson - 180
Donna Berquam - 173
Shannon Bents - 163
Danielle Vadnais - 163
5 High Scratch Series
Patty Lundell - 517
Sheila LaBlanc - 503
Donna Berquam - 463
Polly Henke - 438
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Week # 17

1st Place

Gary Ebensperger 11*

2nd Place

Mary Schwanke 11*

3rd Place

Ron Theese 11*

WINNERS!

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Hello again – It’s January 2025 and I have finally decided on how I want to change myself this year. Don’t hold me to it, but I will try to be a little more organized – especially with the paperwork for the adult family homes. My grandson, Garrett, does payroll for me on occasion, and the last time he did it he mentioned that my desk left a lot to be desired in the neatness category. And, one other thing, I will try to make more nutritious meals. We eat way too much junk in this house, and it really should change. Duane will probably not agree, but I will try anyway.

Did you mark January 18th on your calendar to remind you that is the day of the 38th Annual Shallow Lake Ice Fishing Contest? Morgan Forrestal e-mailed me to give me some of the details. The contest will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be lots of prizes, great food and drinks on the lake. Following the ice fishing contest, Civic Club members will be serving their soup supper at the community center starting at about 3 p.m. There will be free beer from 3:00 until 3:30 and more games and prizes. It is always a fun night for the entire family, and we hope to see you there.

Pat Olson and I drove down to Oregon, WI on Saturday to spend some time with Jim Copus and his family before Jim had to head back to Florida for the winter. We stopped by Joyce Trolinger’s house for a visit before heading to Jim’s. She is doing just great, spending lots of time with her grandchild-

dren and her dog. While we were at Joyce’s, Sue Meier stopped by so we were able to catch up on all the stuff she has been doing this winter too.

Joyce came with us when we went to Jim’s and visited with his grandson, Josh, and family, and then went to Denise and Kevin’s and visited with the rest of the family. It was such a nice way to spend the day. We left there at about 3:30 and had smooth sailing all the way to Bloomer where we ran into horrendous fog. I don’t think I drove faster than 50 mph the rest of the way home. Such unusual weather for the end of December.

On Sunday morning Duane and I had breakfast at Hilltop Retreat with Jerry Marsh, Jodi Ladd, Art Adams and Pat Olson. (Delicious, as usual.) Art’s wife, Jill, and the kids were not able to be with us because they were at a Christmas party at Judy Scharmer’s house, having lots of fun and eating lots of good food.

It is so nice, isn’t it, to be finished with the hustle and bustle of getting ready for, and celebrating, Christmas. I really love everything about it, but I am so glad to be able to sit back and relax without thinking about all the stuff there is left to do. We always have way too many baked goodies around here at this time of year, so I got smart this time and put a lot of it in a big box and took it to Oregon when Pat and I went down there. It probably did not all get eaten, but I really don’t care. I’ll let

Denise figure out how to get rid of it.

Jim and Summer Marsh and family were among the thousands of Viking fans at the game on Sunday afternoon. Lynn Thon, Duane and I watched it from the comfort of her couch. We looked for the Marsh family every time the crowd was scanned, but never once could see them. The game was fantastic though – Especially toward the end when the Packers came so close to winning. Lynn and I were cheering for the Packers – Duane was naturally cheering for the Vikings – but I am glad the Vikings won. Even though they have been to the play-offs on several occasions, they have never won a Superbowl. I am just hoping that this will be the year for them to come out as winners. (Sorry Jerry, but Jodi and Duane do deserve one Superbowl to brag about in their lifetime.)

Do you know what was written on the sweatshirts the coaches and others on the Packer side-lines were wearing? It was driving me crazy – the writing looked like chicken-scratching, and no one would stand still long enough to make out the words. If you know what it was, and why they were wearing them, please give me a call and let me know. I think I was spending more time trying to decipher the shirts than I watching the game.

I’m going to get going. I hope you had a great New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day, and that this will be a healthy and happy year for you. See you next time.

OBITUARIES



Gary A. Williamson
Gary Allen Williamson, 80 of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska died on August 4, 2024. Gary was born on May 30, 1944 to Lula (Dinger) Williamson and Walter Williamson in Lisbon, North Dakota. He was married to Eldora

Mae Koenig at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Almena, Wisconsin on December 6, 1969.

Gary is survived by his daughter Tracie Creamer of Elkhorn, Nebraska; granddaughters Tori (Brett) Walker of Elkhorn, Nebraska; Jillian Svenningsen of Fremont, Nebraska; grandson Bailyan Williamson, and granddaughters Azlynn, Maryn, Korbyn, and Remingtonn Williamson of Council Bluffs, Iowa; great grandchildren Emery and Elise Walker of Elkhorn, Nebraska; and siblings; Curtis (Artith) Williamson; Clyde (Peggy) Williamson; and many nieces and neph-

ews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Lula; wife Eldora; son Adam; and his siblings Howard Williamson, Ruby (Bob) McRitchie, and Lyle (Rose) Williamson.

Burial will be on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at noon at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in rural Almena. A potluck celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Almena with additional fellowship to follow at 3 p.m. at Spare Time in Turtle Lake.

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Local Living Well Program Empowers Adults to Take Control of Chronic Health Conditions

Adults of all ages with ongoing health challenges now have an opportunity to learn valuable self-management skills through the Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop offered by the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Barron & Rusk Counties (ADRC). This six-week program offers practical tools to help adults better navigate their health journey.

“A chronic condition is any medical diagnosis you manage on an ongoing basis. Whether you’re living with arthritis, anxiety, chronic pain, heart disease or another condition, this course provides critical

strategies to improve your quality of life,” explained Alisa Lammers, Health Promotions Coordinator for the ADRC. Research shows participants can reduce emergency room visits by up to 27% by applying the techniques learned in the workshop.

The six week comprehensive program covers a wide range of topics, including:

- Stress management & relaxation techniques
- Effective communication with medical providers and family
- Practical health management skills
- Short term goal setting
- Problem solving

□ And more!

The next session is scheduled: Mondays, January 27 – March 3, 2025 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Registration required by January 20th. Suggested donation \$10. To register or for more information, visit www.adrcconnections.org/ registrations or contact Alisa Lammers at the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 715-537-6225 or alisa.lammers@co.barron.wi.us

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Monday, January 6
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Tuesday, January 7
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Wednesday, January 8
Swedish meatballs over egg noodles, California vegetables, assorted bread, berry crisp.

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OBITUARIES



Roger H. Anderson
Roger H. Anderson, age 86, of Cumberland, WI, passed away December 25, 2024. Preceded in death by wife, Janet; and sister, Janet Tangen. Survived by children, Gary (Teresa) and Julie; grandchildren, Madeleine and Molly; sister, Judy Johnson; best friend, Diane Ericksen; nieces, nephews, other family and friends. A celebration of Roger's life will be Friday, January 3, 2025, 12:30 P.M. at Bradshaw Celebration of Life Center, 2800 Curve Crest Boulevard, Stillwater, MN. Family will

receive friends following the service. Private interment Union Cemetery, Maplewood, MN. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Barron County Humane Society or American Heart Association. Arrangements with Bradshaw Funeral and Cremation Services, 651-439-5511.



Carol A. (Lillie) Hause
Carol Ann (Lillie) Hause, born June 13, 1948 passed away to her eternal life, with family around her, on December 26th, 2024.

Growing up she lived in Cumberland, and later moved to Rice Lake where she graduated in 1966. She married James Peterson in October 1967, and they had a daughter, Bobette "Bobi" (Tim) Nelson in 1968. They divorced in 1972. She later married Marvin Kraczek in 1975 and had five kids, Melissa (Mark) Gresning, Aaron (Lee) Kraczek, Timothy (Amber) Kraczek, Jeffrey (Chrissy) Kraczek and Shawn Kraczek. They farmed the family farm in Strickland together until 1993, when they divorced. She met her husband, Pat in 1994 and they married in 1995. They had a good life, residing in Barron for most of their marriage. She loved gardening, flowers, playing cards, fishing, and most of all, her dear family. Carol is survived by her husband, Pat Hause; five kids; three stepchildren, Missy (Roger) LeRoy, Brian (Anne) Hause, and Jeremy (Missy) Hause; 20 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Betty Ricci; brothers, Johnny, Fred,

and Dick Lillie; and her twin, Gerald, who she shared a very special bond with; beloved mother-in-law, Ann; and one granddaughter. A Celebration of Carol's Life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland with a luncheon to follow. Visitation one hour prior. Interment St. Anthony Cemetery. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family. **John E. Wanner** John Edgar Wanner, 83, retired social worker of Chicago, Beverly Shores, Indiana and Edgewater, Maryland, passed away December 18, 2024, at Northwest Health-Porter Hospital in Valparaiso, Indiana. Born and raised on a farm outside Almena, John graduated from Cumberland High School and was the first born of four children. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Augsburg University in Minneapolis, MN., and his Master's in Social Work from the University of Chicago.

It was while at the University of Chicago that he fell in love with the city and never left. John spent the majority of his career in mental health providing support and education to youth and teens at Riv-eredge Hospital in Forest Park. It was there that he met his core group of lifelong friends and a beautiful occupational therapist named Jean, who he married in 1980. Family and friends were the focus of John's life. He was the supportive and loving father of Jason Brent (Melissa) and the late Mark John Wanner. "Papa John" was a devoted and proud grandpa to his three grandchildren, Blake John, Katherine Ann, and Grant Jason, who worshiped and adored him. He was a dedicated friend, an engaging conversationalist, an avid reader (he joined a five-year course on the Great Classics at the University of Chicago), and never missed his news shows. Over the past 18 years, John enjoyed splitting his time between his home in Beverly Shores and his home two blocks from his son's family in Edgewater, Maryland. John immersed himself in book

studies and mens' groups at his churches in Indiana and Maryland. Fellow church members cherished his friendship and admired how he lived out his many values: compassion for others, love of family, and country, and his utmost integrity. Loving and devoted husband and life partner of 44 years to Jean Wanner (nee Nosker), brother of George (Connie) and Jim (Louise) Wanner, and the late Jeanne (Dennis) Morreim, son of the late Edgar J. and Irene M. (nee Neby) Wanner. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to support the training of mental health professionals at the University of Chicago-Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice (School Scholarship and Student Support Fund). (https://alumni-andfriends.uchicago.edu/s/giving) Memorial gathering and visitation with family and friends was held on Monday, December 30th. Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com

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by Pastor Paul Green
Hope Community Church

I love the Christmas season, the lights, the music, the family gatherings, the hustle and bustle. But then Christmas Eve arrives, and I'm reminded to slow down and reflect on why we celebrate Christmas. We celebrate Christmas, because our God isn't a God of this far away place, He's the God who is active in our lives, the God who loved us so much that He sent His son, Jesus, Immanuel, God with us, to bring us back into a right relationship with Him. He is the God who lives in us through His Holy Spirit when we trust in Jesus as our Savior. The gift of salvation is by grace through faith for all who believe. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." The Christmas story changed the world. Immanuel, Jesus, changed our relationship with God, but it should also change our relationship with each other. Our actions and reactions toward people should change. A kind word can change a person's day, a smile can change a person's perspective and give them hope. Doing something for someone, expecting nothing in return, can change a heart. These actions are easy things to do that can change people who can change the world. As we begin this New Year, I pray we are transformed by the reason we celebrate Christmas. I pray we are able to live out the life Jesus asked us to live as followers of His. And, may this year be a year of loving God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength, and loving others as Jesus loved us!

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Almena, WI.
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Year in Review...

time in school history that the Beavers have made it as a team. Wrestlers going to the state tournament are: Noah Hile, Caleb Hile, Marvin Vasquez, Colt Miller, Billy Williams, Boaz West, Conner Burke, Harrison Ruppel, Dau-Tre Allen, Brody Gilbertson, Jack Owens, Gabe Erickson, Greir Corns, Mitchell Momchilovich, Onesimus West, Braden Johnson, Jack Chafer, Dawson Johnson, Logan Peterson, Cooper Schramski, Nelson Vasquez, Jake Gilbertson, Jaden Eagleman, Carter Grinage, Simon Rodriguez, Rock West and Tyson Peterson.

(21) The \$32.95 Million Dollar Bond Referendum for the Cumberland High School passed. Voters passed the referendum 957-696.

(28) Dawson Johnson became just the 27th wrestler in state history to win four straight State Championships.



Dawson Johnson celebrates his 4th straight State Championship.

March

(6)The Cumberland Regional Trails Group will hold a meeting on March 11. Members of this group include community residents as well as rural residents, representatives of the school, the city, the hospital the lake district and the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce.

(27) Congratulations to Gavin Gores for being named to the 2024 All State Basketball Team. Gores averaged 28.6 points per game for the Beavers.



Gavin Gores was named to the 2024 All State Basketball Team.

April

(3) On Monday, April 1, the Polk County Sheriff’s Department reported their deputies were involved in a high speed chase with a stolen truck out of Minnesota headed into Barron County. The chase came to an end at Highway 63 and 22nd Street in Cumberland when the driver stopped and gave up. Aaron McNamara from Forest Lake, MN was taken into custody without incident.

(10) Sam Donatelle and Kris Zappa were honored at the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Sam Donatelle was awarded for Citizen of the Year, and Kris Zappa was awarded Humanitarian Citizen of the Year.



Sam Donatelle (left) was presented the award for 2024 Citizen of the Year by Ron Ruppel.



Kris Zappa (left) was presented the award for the 2024 Humanitarian Citizen of the Year Award by Jasmine Newhouse.

Cumberland Senior Dawson Johnson continued his outstanding wrestling career by taking first at the High School Nationals, which were held last weekend in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He earned All-American status as well as claiming a National Title.

(17) As part of the final phase of Cumberland Healthcare’s building project, some sections of the old hospital property is set for demolition over the next few months.

May

(1) Lake Country Dairy is celebrating its win of seven medals at the World Championship Cheese Contest. Lake Country Dairy has been consistently recognized for its excellence in Parmesan cheesemaking, having both swept the class at the 2022 World Championship Cheese Contest and won the class at the 2023 U.S. Championship Cheese Contest.

(22) Jacob Schradle was the 2024 CHS Valedictorian and Omalley Thompson was the 2024 CHS Salutatorian.



Jacob Schradle was the CHS 2024 Valedictorian.



Omalley Thompson was the CHS 2024 Salutatorian.

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary Upcoming Event

Program: Little Explorers
Topic: Hibernation
Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025
Location: Hunt Hill Nature Center, Sarona, WI
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Program Fee: Free, but donations are appreciated.
Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged. Limit: 35 people

Hunt Hill Nature Center will be hosting a Little Explorers program on Saturday, January 11, 2025. This is a children’s program series happening on one Saturday of each month except July and December. This month’s topic is hibernation! The outdoors is so cold, how do the animals survive?

Join Hunt Hill for an exciting morning of stories, crafts, songs, and nature activities geared towards 3–6 year olds; but all ages are welcome! Guardians must stay for the duration of the program. Depending on the weather, we will be outside for a portion of this program. Please dress appropriately to be inside and outside in the weather. Meet at the lower level of the Richard Grand Recreation Hall to discover hibernation. Participants will learn why hibernation is important and get hands-on by making their own playdough to create hibernating animals and habitats.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged by Friday, January 10. The program is free, but donations are

appreciated. If you register ahead of time, you must register yourself and your child(ren). For more information or to register, visit www.hunt-hill.org or call 715-635-6543. Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature preserve and learning center. You can find out more about Hunt Hill and its programs at www.hunthill.org or by calling 715-635-6543.

(29) Andie Otto, Cumberland Senior, will head to the State Track Meet in La Crosse this weekend in three events following the Cameron Sectional action last week. Otto took first in the long jump with a new school record leap of 17-08 and third in both the 100 and 300 meter hurdle events.

June

(5) Andie Otto won the Division 3 300 Meter Hurdles Title last weekend at the State Championship held on the campus of UW La Crosse. Otto came from behind to just edge out Mariah Thill of Turtle Lake/Clayton in a thrilling race. Andie became the first State Champion in Track & Field in Cumberland School history.



Andie Otto won the State Championship in the Division 3 300 Meter Hurdles held at the campus of UW La Crosse.

(12) The Cumberland Baseball Team celebrated a Sectional Title and a trip to the State Tournament last Tuesday night beating St. Croix Falls 3-2 and Mondovi 9-1. A win would send them to the State Championship game.

(19) On June 12, Shell Lake Police, Washburn County Sheriff’s Department, Shell Lake Fire Department, North Memorial Ambulance and Shell Lake First Responders responded to Shell Lake Beach for a report of a person that was potentially drowning. A 19-year-old male had been in distress, had gone under and did not come back up.

(26) The 14th annual Taste in Cumberland was held at the Cumberland Golf Course. The annual fundraiser for Boys and Girls Club of Barron County raises money for a good cause.

Following a lengthy investigation into missing woman in Rice Lake, the case has come to a horrible end. The woman went missing on May 13. On May 14, her remains were found in a dumpster.

The second annual Back the Blue fundraiser was a huge success. \$29,000 was raised for the Cumberland Police Department.



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