



Cumberland Man Arrested After Badly Assaulting Mother; In Critical Condition

On January 20, 2025, at approximately 9:30 am, The Cumberland Police Department received a call for a welfare check on a Cumberland resident. The complainant stated his



Devin Baldwin
wife called him, he heard screaming, and then the line disconnected. He stated he was unable to reach her via phone after that. Phone contact was established by a law enforcement officer with the female. The female stated her son, Devin Baldwin, had assaulted her and she was badly injured. She stated her son was still inside the residence. The female was able to get herself out of the residence and an awaiting officer guided her safely to an ambulance.

A perimeter around the residence was established and the Barron/Rusk Emergency Response Team (ERT) was requested. There

had been two previous incidents with Devin Baldwin where the Emergency Response Team was needed to take him into custody. He was also recently released from prison after an incident at the residence in 2023. After several attempts to persuade Devin to peacefully exit the residence, ERT entered the residence where they located Devin in the upstairs area of the residence. Devin was uncooperative throughout the entire incident. Devin had to be physically restrained several times. Devin also spit in the face of a Barron County Detective. No other officers were injured during the incident.

Devin Baldwin was transported to the Barron County Jail where he is awaiting formal charges. Cumberland Police Department was assisted by the Barron County Sheriff's Office, Rusk County Sheriff's Office, Cumberland Healthcare Ambulance, and the Barron/Rusk Emergency Response Team.

The female victim was transported to Cumberland Healthcare and then flown to Regions Hospital where she is in critical condition.

Chief Heather Wolfe
Cumberland Police Department

School Board Issues Statement After Superintendent Sentenced

On Jan 10th, 2025, Dr. Barry Rose, Superintendent of Cumberland Schools, entered a plea agreement with Barron County regarding OWI charges filed in July, 2024. He took full responsibility for his mistakes and is currently serving the full penalty determined by the courts. The Cumberland School Board respects the judicial process and this decision.

Since Dr. Rose was initially charged, he has been working within an agreement of professional accountability and standards mandated by the Cumberland School Board with very specific requirements, all of which he continues to fulfill.

The Cumberland School Board and the Cumberland School District does not discriminate in employment practices, specifically respecting Wisconsin stat-

ute 111.335, and will not discriminate against any of our employees. The School Board will continue to monitor and evaluate Dr. Rose in the performance of his duties as Superintendent of Schools.

Throughout his tenure, and specifically for the past seven months, Dr. Rose has continued to serve the students, staff, and members of this District, both skillfully and professionally.

The Cumberland Board of Education is confident in Dr. Rose's ongoing ability to serve this District. We feel his work continues to benefit our community now, and through the high school building project, well into the future.

Eric Stone, Board President
Jennifer Olson Hyatt, Clerk

School Board Holds January Meeting; Early Referendum Update Given

by Mark Fuller

The Cumberland School Board gathered for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14 as seven community members joined in the evenings activities.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the Consent Agenda was passed, and the night began with District Reports.

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3 Hour Standoff!



Emergency Response Teams from both Barron County and Rusk County prepare to make entry into a residence on Jeffery Boulevard Monday morning. Devin Baldwin had badly assaulted his mother and refused to come out of the residence. Entry was made and Baldwin was removed and taken to jail. It was the third time ERT have been called to the residence to arrest Baldwin in the last several years.



Real Estate Taxes Due January 31

Real Estate Taxes are due to your Town, Village or City Treasurer, says Samantha Sommerfeld, Barron County Treasurer. Barron County collects 2024 taxes for the Town of Almena only AND also collects

prior year delinquent taxes for all municipalities. You must send payments to the municipality shown on the tax bill to ensure your payment is received timely. The full amount or the first installment amount must be

received by January 31 to avoid interest and penalty charges.

Electronic payments must be made to the municipality where your property is located. Not all municipalities accept electronic payments

(credit cards & e-checks) so you may have to pay by check. There is also a link on the Barron County Website to get tax information. You can check with your municipal treasurer to con-

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Shallow Lake Ice Fishing Contest!



Just one of many fish pulled through the ice last Saturday at the annual Barronett Ice Fishing Contest held on Shallow Lake. Logan Sikolsku caught the biggest Northern (11.34 lbs) Ray Shaurette the biggest bass (5.97 lbs) and Bill Lindsley the biggest panfish, a crappie (1.61 lbs). Thanks to all who braved the cold and to all the people and businesses who donated prizes. See you next year!

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The collection also features unique household items like a fondue pot, creative crafting tools, and an amazing assortment of games for all ages.

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In October 2022, Jerry had a massive heart attack and was air lifted to Eau Claire. He was out of work for 3 months. Then, in August of 2023, they found a large blockage in his colon that required extensive surgery. Complications required a stent be added in January 2024. More issues arose later in the year and Jerry had emergency surgery and hospitalization through September. Jerry was scheduled to have additional surgery on December 31 to reconnect his intestines and reattach his colon. All these unexpected medical issues and health care costs have caused a large financial strain on the Zappa Family. The “Barronett Friends” hope to help them as they have helped so many in our wonderful community by hosting this fundraiser. Please come support Jerry and Kris.

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Barron County USDA and Go Farm Connect will host an open house for farmers to learn about federal farm programs Jan. 29, 2025 in Barron

Barron, WI - The Barron County United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)—Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)—in partnership with Go Farm Connect, will be hosting an in-office event on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. Staff will introduce farmers to financial and technical resources that can help their farm businesses grow. The event will be held in the Barron County Government Center, Room 110, at 335 E Monroe Ave, Barron, WI 54812 (phone 715-537-5645 ext 2).

Refreshments will be provided, and translation services upon request at registration. Residents of Eau Claire, Polk, Chipewa, and Dunn counties are

also encouraged to attend.

The USDA offers a wide variety of farm loans and programs such as crop insurance, infrastructure cost-shares, and planning tools that benefit farmers and landowners. Matt Hardy and Bonnie Warndahl of Go Farm Connect—and staff from both FSA and NRCS—welcome farmers, no matter how large or small their operations. Beginning farmers are encouraged to attend. Please pre-register for this event at the link below.

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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, January 23

Fish sticks, chips, broccoli, applesauce.

MS/HS: Chicken nuggets.

ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Friday, January 24

NO SCHOOL.

TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

Monday, January 27

ES: Chicken nuggets.

MS/HS: Grilled chicken sandwich, chips, green beans, applesauce.

MS/HS: Flatbread pizza.

ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Tuesday, January 28

Tacos, brown rice, corn fiesta beans, peaches.

MS/HS: Chicken patty.

ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Wednesday, January 29

Hot ham & cheese, fries, carrots, pears. MS/HS: Walking tacos.

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FRIDAY, JAN. 24: • NO SCHOOL - STUDENTS (Staff Development) • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5:45-9 pm Boys Basketball Home vs Chetek •

SATURDAY, JAN. 25: • 10 am-4 pm HS Wrestling @ St. Croix Falls High School • 11 am-1 pm CCE: Pickleball • 12:30- 5:30 pm HS Girls Basketball @ Ashland •

MONDAY, JAN. 27: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 5:45-9 pm HS Girls Basketball Home vs Cameron •

TUESDAY, JAN. 28: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5:45-9 pm HS Boys Basketball Home vs Ashland • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball •

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Northwoods Notebook: Old folks sharing maladies By Larry Werner

One of my teenage granddaughters has requested that when we gather with family, the grandparents not talk on and on about their illnesses, their surgeries, their latest doctor visits.

But that, of course, is what old people do.

A woman who lives in our Twin Cities apartment building said one day when we were sitting around talking about our ailments that she's heard this kind of discussion called the "organ recital" — endless talk about hearts, kidneys and other body parts experiencing problems.

In my case, it's a joint, not an organ, about which I've been in endless discussions with my elderly friends since I made the decision to get a new left knee, which I did on Jan.10.

I've been in constant contact by text with friends who have had the surgery. Our text string has dealt with everything from the medications we take in recovery to the type of physical therapy we're getting to whether we should get a machine for icing our surgically repaired joints to whether we're experiencing bruising and swelling.

I promised a good friend I wouldn't share with my readers the photos of her bruised and swollen extremities that she shared with our digital knee-replacement support group (DKRSG).

Why do we do this?

I've been getting together for years with a group of old men at a coffee shop in Minneapolis. When we're in the Cities, as we are every week or two, I join the boys at Sovereign Grounds. We have two rules for our coffee chats. One is that what we talk about needn't have anything to do with what had been discussed earlier.

The other rule is that each of us can discuss only one physical malady per session.

That second rule is frequently violated.

We don't have that rule for our meetings with friends at Peter & Annie's or Roots. We go from one ailment to another.

"I got a shot for the sciatica in my right leg," I'll say.

"I'm getting one in my neck for shoulder pain," Ann will say.

"You know, my back feels better when I'm walking," says Al.

"Got to get to the chiropractor," Lori will say.

The digital knee conversations were many and varied.

Al and Lori, with intact knee joints, were left out of the conversation. But it included other members of our "fish group" who have had to get new knees. We talked about what the degree of bend should be in a healing knee joint, whether the physical therapy (PT) has to be "pain and torture," as Gary, who has had both knees replaced, terms it.

But whether it has to be painful or not, the members of DKRSG emphasized that the stretches and bends must be done.

For two weeks, a therapist comes to our apartment, teaches me exercises, measures that all-important bend angle and checks on things like bruising and swelling.

In another week, I'll start my therapy at Cumberland Healthcare where, after PT, members of DKRSG can retire to the Harvest Grill for a bite to eat and some of that conversation my granddaughter forbids at her home.

Face it, Paige, just as teenage girls have to talk about boys, clothes and makeup, we old folks have to talk about the parts of our bodies that hurt or don't work.

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

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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



Wowza, minus 26 degrees I had this morning. I hear its the coldest temps we have seen in four years. Minus 26 is darn cold. It's going to start warming up this afternoon. Thank goodness, my wood pile is going down quick and my lab Mollie is driving us nuts being couped up. She needs to run everyday! Trust me! I can only imagine what some folks down south think when they see minus 26 degrees. I can picture their faces “that’s 26 below zero”. Anyway, it was cold.

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I felt absolutely awful Monday morning watching the events take place on Jeffrey Boulevard. You know mom loves her son and he obviously has some serious issues. I can only imagine how hard it would be to turn your own child away. I am praying for a fast recovery for mom!

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I watched the inauguration for President Trump when I got home from work on Monday. I can only imagine the emotions from both sides of the political isle. All I know is, I hope he can make good on some promises, such as ending the war between Ukraine and Russia, securing our borders and bringing the inflation down to name a few. Time will tell.

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This Saturday there is a fundraiser for Jerry and Kris Zappa being held at the Barronett Civic Center. Jerry had some major health issues the past couple of years to say the least. If you all don’t know, Kris has helped so so many people and organizations through various fundraisers for many many years. It’s time to help Kris and Jerry out! Hope you can make it to Barronett this Saturday to help out the Zappa’s!

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Ohio State won the National Championship Monday night taking down Notre Dame. I really had no rooting interest in the game, just wanted a fun game. Ohio State jumped to a big lead but the Irish pushed back late to make it interesting. I heard a few times lately that Ohio State had the best team money could buy. The landscape of college sports has forever changed with NIL, name, image, likeness. If you don’t have strong boosters at todays colleges, your odds of competing at the highest levels are pretty slim. Its all about the money!

Have a great week!



Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Why tariffs have traction, even if economists and others don’t like them”

MADISON, Wis. – President-elect Donald Trump has called tariffs “the most beautiful word in the dictionary,” even if many economists and some business leaders find it more akin to a vulgar term to be avoided in polite company.

The reality is that tariffs – defined most simply as a tax on imported or exported goods – will be a regular part of the national lexicon in the coming months with implications for Wisconsin and well beyond.

Trump campaigned on imposing sizable tariffs on goods from Canada, Mexico and China, especially so on China because of the size of the U.S. trade deficit with that country. His reasons include using money raised by such tariffs to reduce the federal budget deficit, to rekindle American manufacturing and to force Mexico to cooperate on immigration and drug trafficking.

The notion of boosting U.S. manufacturing, especially in sectors such as machinery, boilers, furniture, iron and steel, plastics and vehicles of many types, resonated with some middle-class voters during the fall campaign. Steel is an example with

national security implications, as U.S. production has fallen to 4% of the world total and 12 times less than China.

Many economists don’t like tariffs, however, for reasons that can be supported by history dating back to the time of Alexander Hamilton. The Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930 was aimed at protecting American farmers and industries but is generally blamed today for deepening The Great Depression. Following World War II, the United States adopted a “free trade” stance still largely in place today, but pressure remains to protect certain industries and hold down costs for consumers – who can benefit from cheaper imports.

In Wisconsin, nervousness about tariffs is less about China in some business quarters than it is about Canada and Mexico.

In 2023, Wisconsin exported a total of \$28 billion in goods, accounting for 6.8 percent of the state’s economy and more than 100,000 jobs in the state, according to a recent report by the Badger Institute.

The three countries that bought the most goods from Wisconsin in 2023

were Canada with \$8.5 billion in state exports, Mexico with \$4.3 billion and China with \$1.5 billion, the Badger Institute reported. Also in the top five were Germany at \$959 million and the United Kingdom at \$898 million. Those figures are also cited by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.

The import side of the ledger is similar, with Canada (\$6.26 billion); Mexico (\$6.03 billion); China (\$5.84 billion); Ireland (\$3.62 billion) and Germany (\$2.63 billion) leading the way in 2023 totals.

The worry is that retaliatory tariffs – the essence of a “trade war” – would disrupt the supply chain, especially in manufacturing, by making parts and materials more expensive. Business costs could rise over time and consumers would likely wind up paying more.

“Trade is like water; if it is blocked from flowing in one direction, it will flow in another,” said Kurt Bauer, president and chief executive officer of Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce. In a Jan. 16 conversation, Bauer noted that while WMC’s members may be largely hurt by tariffs, about

one-third support them because they are “tired of being taken advantage of ... by some bad actors. We favor free, fair and reciprocal trade.”

The die is cast for a tariffs debate, and it’s noteworthy that presidents have certain powers to act on their own.

The U.S. Constitution empowers Congress to set import tariffs, but that power has been partially delegated to the president over time for reasons related to national security. The picture is further complicated by the fact the United States is also a member of the World Trade Organization and a player in other trade agreements, which include specific tariff-related commitments.

There could be a lot of negotiation in Washington, D.C., and well beyond before there is broad action on tariffs. In a state such as Wisconsin, which is dependent on manufacturing, agriculture and increasingly technology products, Trump’s “beautiful word” carries some double meanings.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
January 28, 2015

Cumberland Federal Foundation announced a donation of \$50,000 to Cumberland Healthcare Foundation going towards the Oncology Center remodel project at the hospital. Cumberland Healthcare plans on having the oncology center finished later this summer.

20 Years Ago
January 26, 2005

Cumberland High School’s basketball court will soon bear the name of a former player who was both an outstanding athlete and a model citizen. On Monday, January 24, the Cumberland School Board unanimously decided to retire jersey number 22 and name John Schell, who in 1965, led the Cumberland Beavers to the state tournament and was named first team all-state the same year.

The Cumberland School District recently received a \$6,500 donation from 3M Cumberland to enhance three programs. \$2,000 was given to Academic Excellence, which benefits all three schools, \$2,000 was given to Character Educations, and \$2,500 will go towards Cumberland Mentoring Matters.

30 Years Ago
January 25, 1995

Liz Hanson was presented the Cumberland Memorial Hospital & Extended Care Unit Very Special Person/CARING Award. This award is given quarterly to an employee who demonstrates a caring attitude toward patients, co-workers and the community. She is a Housekeeper for the Lakewood Regency Apartments and has been an employee for 17 years.

40 Years Ago
January 23, 1985

Cumberland Police report they are investigating a break-in that occurred early Sunday night at the James Waite residence on Arcade Ave. Someone had entered into the house after breaking out a pane of glass on the front door and took \$200 and an Atari video game. The NAPA Auto Parts store was also broken into. This is under investigation.

Chief Ronald Clausen, of the USN, and son of Mary Germann of Barronett, is retiring from the Navy with 23 years of service at the age of 39.

50 Years Ago
January 23, 1975

The Cumberland Northwest United Educators have named their building representatives. They are Bobbi Momchilovich, Home Economics Teacher; Bob Davis, Sci-

ence Teacher; and Ruth Thorson, English Teacher.

Darlene Sebens was crowned Senior Queen of the Island City Snowmobile Club at coronation ceremonies on Saturday night.

60 Years Ago
January 23, 1965

Last Thursday morning, the official reading at the Cumberland Municipal utility was 34 below zero, which was the coldest reading since a 38 below zero in January of 1951. The coldest official temperature ever recorded here was 52 degrees below zero in February 1936.

Robert Pease of Comstock took part in the annual tribute to the fallen heroes of the Philippines last April when he was chosen to lay the wreath at the Bataan-Corregidor Memorial in Chicago, IL.

70 Years Ago
January 27, 1955

Jane Christensen, Cumberland, is among 1,304 undergraduate students in the U of Wisconsin this year who are receiving University scholarships and awards for outstanding merit and to aid them in efforts to continue their education.

80 Years Ago
January 25, 1945

Thomas Alfonse completed the harvest of ap-

proximately 900 tons of ice from Beaver Dam Lake las Saturday. The job took ten days this year as against an average of about eight days, when weather conditions hampered the work.

I.F. Talbot has served a 27 year connection with the Company Store, to accept a partnership with his brother W.G. Talbot, in his logging and lumbering interests.



2025 WEATHER					
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1/18	35	1	0.00	0.00	
1/19	5	-19	0.00	0.00	
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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Dover E. Ferris, 30, Rice Lake, operating with PAC, \$1,560.50. James R. Green, 41, Spooner, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Joey D. Illa, 26, Rice Lake, operate with restricted controlled substance, \$1,844.00. Gregory L. Raymond, 48, Bloomer, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Gerald M. Shoemaker Jr., 44, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Reece A. Spexet, 26, Spooner, OWI, \$1,617.00. Shannon N. Stone, 23, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$516.00, and OWI, \$1,542.00. Christopher D. Summers, 39, Cameron, OWI, \$1,560.50. Allen J. Bauer, 63, Roberts, speeding, \$175.30. Abdellah Chakouri, 20, Saint Paul, MN., 20, failure to stop at stop sign, \$175.30. Dewar Land Care, LLC., Merrill, violate class A highway limits, \$2,294.50. Peral C. Esparza-Ruvalcaba, 33, Almena, speeding, \$225.70 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Brandon S. Flatoff, 40, Chipewewa Falls, speeding, \$250.90 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Joshua G. Hollander, 37, Cameron, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Sara B. Holmes, 37, Barronett, speeding, \$200.50. Ann T. Kirn, 57, Stillwater, MN., fail/yield right/way from stop sign, \$175.30. Esau Lopez, 43, Hastings, NE., interstate record of duty status, \$263.50. Lucky Cucos Transportation LLC., Hastings, NE., vehicle equipment violations-group 3, \$175.30. Tyler J. Melton, 19, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and speeding, \$200.50. Ali M. Mohamed, 79, Barron, passing vehicle indicating left turn, \$213.10. Kyle D. Nelson, 20, Cameron, failure of operator to notify police of an accident, \$389.50 and inattentive driving, \$187.90. Morgan J. Neuman, 32, Cameron, OWI, \$968.00. Alexandra S. Peterson, 19, Glenwood City, speeding, \$200.50. Sebastian J. Rahm-reichenberger, 33, Barron, fail/maintain steering system, \$175.30, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and operating left of center, \$213.10. Douglas B. Rosendahl, 35, Poplar, speeding, \$200.50. David C. Rowley, 69,

Cottage Grove, MN., speeding, \$225.70. Cole W. Schallock, 31, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Rebecca L. Smallwood, 41, Trego, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Cory S. Stanhope, 31, New Richmond, OWI, \$968.00. Robert J. Thompson, 73, Clayton, speeding, \$175.30. Valleyview Construction Inc., Almena, vehicle equipment violations-group 1, \$238.30. Aidyn J. Vondra, 20, Brodhead, WI., speeding, \$200.50. James R. Vosnos, 48, Duluth, MN., speeding, \$200.50. Isaac J. Williamson, 35, Turtle Lake, OWI, \$968.00. Jesse D. Wintrone, 24, Barron, OWI, \$1,112.50. Dustin L. Wrkus, 20, Superior, speeding, \$250.90. Nadi F. Bedir-Youssef, 54, Rochester, MN., operate without carrying a license, \$150.10.

Complaints

Timoteo Guzman, 49, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for January 29, 2025. Breydan T. Cuper, 19, of Dallas, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for October 22, 2025. Malia R. Hernandez, 18, of Almena, has been charged with underage drinking. Her court date is scheduled for April 23, 2025. Randolph B. Nyhus, 66, of Almena, has been charged with improperly operate ATV or UTV on public property. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Dawson C. Davis, 26, of New Auburn, has been charged with operate UTV without valid safety certificate. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025. James R. Gagner, 64, of Rice Lake, has been charged with deposit or discharge solid waste on public or private property. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Jesse J. Gesler, 24, of Hillsdale, has been charged with ATV-fail to transfer registration. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Garret R. Hegna, 20, of Barron, has been charged with operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Amy J. Mutter, 48, of Cumberland, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court appearance was scheduled for

January 13, 2025. Daniel R. Watts, 35, of Cumberland, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for January 13, 2025. Patrick M. Kelly, 67, of New Auburn, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for March 19, 2025.

Criminal Traffic

David M. Remington, 48, of Eau Claire, has been charged with operating while revoked. His court hearing is scheduled for April 9, 2025. William J. Pugh, 40, of Barron, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 29, 2025. Robert F. Blomquist, 60, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked. His plea hearing is scheduled for March 21, 2025. Kevin E. Kitka, 48, of Cumberland, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His court hearing is scheduled for April 9, 2025. Jolene E. Eagleman, 41, of Cumberland, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. She has a warrant issued for her arrest. Kaleb M. Hoff, 32, of Luck, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His court hearing is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Emma L. Crosby, 26, of Brooklyn Park, MN., has been charged with operating while revoked, and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. She has a warrant issued for her arrest.

Criminal Complaints

MacKenzie R. Thomson, 18, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 29, 2025. Gregg D. Beckley, 61, of Rice Lake, has been charged with unlawful phone use-threaten with obscenity. His court date is scheduled for January 29, 2025. Philip A. Schmitz, 52, of Clayton, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession

of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 29, 2025.

Daniel D. Smothers Jr., 44, of Cameron, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 29, 2025.

Carl A. Reidell, 23, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, carry concealed weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 26, 2025.

Shawn L. Scheffel, 40, of Springbrook, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Jakob R. Linder, 36, of Lake City, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotic drugs. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for January 17, 2025.

Mark A. Ortiz, 38, of Virginia Beach, VA., has been charged with two counts of 1st Degree Child Sexual Assault-sexual contact with a child under the age of 13.

On October 17, 2023, A Rice Lake Investigator was contacted by a social worker from Eau Claire, who was advised that she took a report that a female, V.O., had been sexually assaulted by her biological father approximately seven to eight years ago in Rice Lake. The social worker indicated that she didn't know much detail and that a forensic interview with V.O. was scheduled on October 18, 2023.

The report of the investigator indicates that on October 18, 2023, he went to Eau Claire and took part in an interview with V.O.

During the course of the interview, V.O. disclosed that her biological father, the defendant, Ortiz, had done what she described as sexual stuff to her. When she was asked what happened, she stated that her dad had raped her multiple times. When she was asked to explain what the word "rape" meant to her, she described it as meaning when somebody touches you without permission, or they try to take your clothes off and touch you in places you don't want to be touched. V.O. went on to describe to the investigator what had taken place.

V.O. further disclosed that she was in second

grade at the time, and she believed the incidents took place near the end of the school year for second grade and ended half way through the summer months.

The report of the investigator indicates that he subsequently interviewed V.O.'s mother to see if she could remember where Ortiz may have lived in Rice Lake, where this all took place. V.O.'s mother indicated that Ortiz lived with a female, "R". V.O. also disclosed in her interview, that her father's girlfriend's name was "R". The report of the investigator indicates that on October 23, 2023, he conducted an interview with "R". During the course of that interview, she confirmed that she and Ortiz lived in an apartment in Rice Lake.

The report of the investigator indicates that on or about December 20, 2023, he had contact with personnel from an elementary school in Rice Lake, who confirmed that V.O. attended second grade from th fall of the year 2016, into the spring of the year 2017.

The report of the investigator indicates that on April 9, 2024, he reached out to the current owners of the property. Through this contact, he was able to learn that Ortiz leased an apartment from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017. The investigator was also pro-

vided records that indicated Ortiz moved out of his apartment on August 1, 2017. In his conversations with the property manager, the investigator learned that Ortiz had a young child that lived with him at their apartment, and that the property manager had also been told that Ortiz had moved out without any notice or without any reason.

The report of the investigator indicates that on April 11, 2024, he made contact with the current tenant of the apartment and obtained permission to take photographs of the inside of the apartment. He also confirmed with the new tenants that the only changes that had been made to the apartment, was the installation of new kitchen cabinets. He also learned that the layout of the apartment had not changed.

The report of the investigator indicates that on April 12, 2024, he made contact with V.O.'s mother and showed her the photographs that he had taken of the apartment. His report indicates that V.O.'s mother confirmed that the photographs the investigator obtained of the apartment was the same apartment Ortiz lived in.

If convicted of two counts of 1st Degree Child Sexual Assault-sexual contact with a child under the age of 13, Ortiz may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 60 years. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Frozen road law expands to entire state; Law increases weight limits for log haulers, transport of road salt/sand

Effective Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 12:01 a.m., the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) declares highways are officially frozen statewide and the frozen road law will expand to include the entire state.

The frozen road law allows heavier loads for trucks carrying logs cut crosswise (not including woodchips), and salt and sand for winter maintenance while cold weather allows. The seasonal weight restriction program is one way to protect Wisconsin's investments in roads.

The department maintains an interactive map for seasonal weight restrictions, which shows the frozen

roads boundaries, Class II roads and posted roads.

WisDOT and county highway personnel monitor temperature forecasts, along with frost tubes – liquid-filled devices under pavement – to help determine when roads are adequately frozen to accommodate heavier loads.

More information on overweight permits can be found on the WisDOT oversize/overweight permits webpage. Haulers with specific questions can contact WisDOT's Oversize/Overweight Permits Unit at (608) 266-7320. A recorded message with general information on road restrictions is available by calling (608) 266-8417.

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Emergency 911

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:

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

Sports

Wrestlers Stay Undefeated in Conference; Win Beaver Dam Slam

The Cumberland Wrestling Team continued their strong season last week, by winning a pair of conference matches on Tuesday and then taking first place at their own seven-team Beaver Dam Slam on Friday night. The Beavers have two big days of wrestling this week, having hosted Ladysmith in Elmer Beran Gymnasium on Tuesday night and then heading to St. Croix Falls this Saturday for their Classic Invite.

Last Tuesday, Cumberland defeated Superior 55-22 and Chetek-Weyerhaeuser 49-24. The victory over the Bulldogs was a closer match than the final score indicates with 10 ranked wrestlers participating in the match. The victories put the Beavers HON dual record at 4 and 0 going into Tuesday's Ladysmith match.

On Friday, the Beavers then hosted Boyceville, Luck/Frederic/Grantsburg/Siren, Unity, Eau Claire North, Eau Claire Memorial, and Northwestern in the Beaver Slam. Cumberland won the Tournament with a score of 239, to easily outdistance runner-up Northwestern, who came in

second at 164.

The Beavers had an impressive eight individual champions which included Caleb Hile at 113 pounds, Braden Johnson at 126, Cooper Schramski at 132, Onesimus West at 144, Harrison Ruppel at 150, Logan Peterson at 157, Jack Owens at 165, and DauTre Allen at 175.

Placing second for the Cumberland squad was Colin Hagen at 106, while Carter Grinage, Simon Rodriguez, Colt Miller, and Nathan Swint took thirds. It was an impressive night of wrestling for the state's 7th ranked D3 team.

"It was a great tournament that was run extremely efficiently thanks to all of the help by workers and volunteers. It is always fun wrestling at home and seeing all of the great Beaver wrestling fans come out to support the competitors. A special congratulations to senior wrestlers, Jack Owens and Harrison Ruppel for eclipsing 100 career wins. Their hard work and dedication to the sport is appreciated and very impressive," said Head Coach Reid Olson.

Girl's Basketball Team Suffers Tough Six-Point Loss to Chetek-Weyerhaeuser

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team traveled to Chetek last Friday night, where they came out on the short end of a 45-39 contest to the Bulldogs. The game was close throughout, with Cumberland only trailing 21-19 at halftime.

Senior Melody Taylor led Cumberland with 10 points, while Macy Beecroft and Raegan Beecroft added eight points each. Raegan Beecroft added a team-high

11 rebounds, while Kaylee Jackson dished out three assists.

Cumberland is scheduled to host Spooner in a 7:00 pm game this Thursday night and then will head to Ashland this Saturday afternoon for a make-up contest against the Oredockers. On Monday, January 27, the Beavers host Cameron in a game rescheduled from January 14.

Northwest Icemen Drop 2-1 Contest to Spooner: Host Baldwin-Woodville on Thursday

The Northwest Icemen suffered a 2-1 loss to the Spooner Rails last Friday night, dropping their overall record to 4 and 11 on the season. The team is back in action this Thursday and Friday nights in Barron, with home contests against Baldwin-Woodville at 7:00 pm on Thursday and a Friday night match-up against Moose Lake, Minnesota at 6:00.

Last week's loss to Spooner was a physical affair with

the Icemen taking seven penalties and the Rails six. Each team scored one goal on a power play, while Spooner's even strength score proved to be the difference in the game. The Icemen outshot Spooner 35 to 26 in the contest.

Cumberland Freshman Gavin Lehmann continues to be the team's second leading scorer with seven goals and four assists on the year.

Girl's Hockey Co-op Wins Twice; Record 11-5-1

The Hayward Co-op Hockey Team won two more games last week, to raise their record to an excellent 11-5-1 on the year. The Hurricanes defeated the CFM Sabers out of Chipewewa Falls 3-1 on Thursday and then picked up a nice 4-1 road victory over Hibbing/Chisolm. Minnesota last Saturday.

The win over CFM was a well-played affair with only one penalty called in the entire game. The Hurricanes scored one goal in each period, while goalie Greta

Woelber had 26 saves in the contest.

In Saturday's contest in Hibbing, Hayward broke a 1-1 tie after two periods, with three goals in period three. Woelber was once again the winning netminder as her defense helped hold Hibbing/Chisolm to only 18 shots on goal.

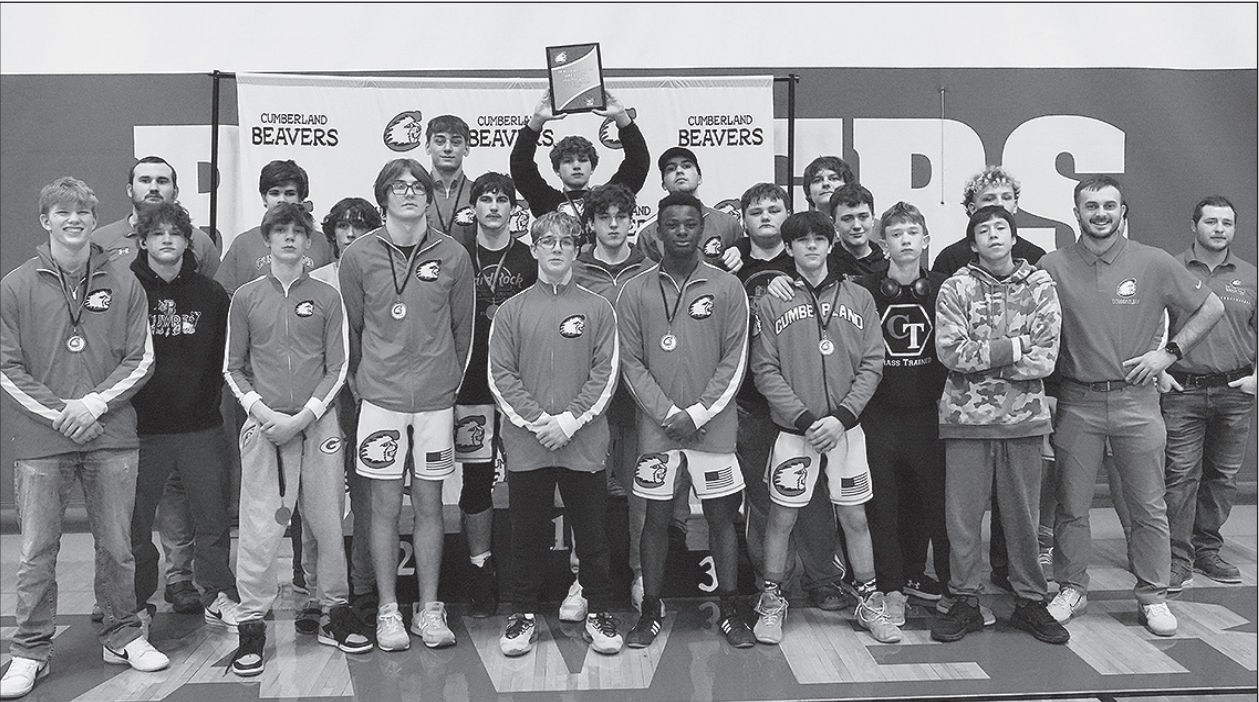
With less than a month left in the regular season, the Hurricanes play the USM Wildcats out of Milwaukee this Friday at 7:00 pm and host Hudson in a 4:00 start this Saturday afternoon.

Cumberland Mixed-Up Bowling League - Week 15

2nd Half Team Standings
Cumberland Federal - 17
Cumberland Bus - 9
Club Cumberland - 6
Pasko's RPM - 5
Grandma's Gang - 3
3 High Scratch Games

Michael Cifaldi - 199
Nolan Scheps - 178
Blake Cifaldi - 172
3 High Scratch Series
Michael Cifaldi - 503
Don Donatell - 463
Joel Cifaldi - 452

Beaver Dam Slam Champs!



The Cumberland Wrestling Team took home first place honors topping six other teams at last weekends Beaver Dam Slam. Congratulations! Photo by Kaely Wenzel

100 Career Wins!



Congratulations to Jack Owens (left) and Harrison Ruppel for going over 100 career wins. The two helped propel Cumberland to the Tournament Championship at last weekend's Beaver Dam Slam. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

4 Time State Champion Honored!



Cumberland Athletic Director Lorne Majewski presents Dawson Johnson a series of plaques honoring the Four Time State Champion last Friday night in Elmer Beran Gymnasium. Johnson now wrestles for the University of Minnesota. Congratulations Dawson and good luck at Minnesota! Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Big Storm in Mississippi

Hello friends,
There is some adversity in this column but all you can do when bad luck hits is do your damage control, take care of business and be happy that you still have a heart beat...

This is the second and last column on a 9-day adventure that I took to Delta National Forest near Rolling Fork, Mississippi where I camped with my brother Tom and took part in a trophy whitetail and hopefully wild boar hunt.

Sunday, December 29th
High 64, low 49

Last night this part of Mississippi was hit by some hard storms and not very far away a tornado did some damage and took someone's life. Tom and I have a regular way we start our day. He sleeps in his toy hauler; I sleep in mine with Ruby and Red. Long before daylight we get up and I leave camp by duck skiff for my hunt and Tom drives to his.

Today would be day 5 of our adventure and on day 1, I passed up 2 bucks that I probably should not have. To harvest a buck here it has to have a 15-inch inside spread or an 18-inch antler. Both bucks were that big, but I was 2 minutes into my first hunt when they came by, and I was not confident.

Tom has seen one shooter but could not get a good shot as these deer spend most of their lives in what the hunters here call thickets and there is no way you can get a shot in a thicket, much less walk through them. Thickets are generally surrounded by massive oak and cypress forests and that is where you have your best shot opportunity.

I have written several times about the very good friends that I have made from the Dustin Hariel deer camp. This gang numbers maybe 25 hunters ranging in age from 6 to 70 and they are the toughest group of people that I have ever met. They are from Poplarville, Mississippi and have a large cabin that is built 8 feet off the ground due to flooding.

Dustin and his gang hunt deer with dog's "beagles" in the morning and hunt in the afternoon, they are strong Christian men and have welcomed Tom and I into their group.

The dog season began on Christmas day which

was my first day on my 7-day license and this year as much as I love every bit of this type of hunting, there were too many hunters.

On average 2 to 3 groups a day would come through wherever Tom and I were hunting and just so it does not sound like I am whining, even the dog hunters felt there were too many dog hunters.

A lot of the groups use beagles as they are slow and methodical, each dog is given a collar with telemetry. One to three hunters run the dogs and the rest of the group scatters out over what might be at least 2 square miles, where they think the deer might run.

Tom and I did this one day and the deer pretty much seemed to stay ahead of the slow moving beagles and no deer were harvested. Like I said I love the dog hunting option and are privileged that we were given the chance to take part in, but next year Tom and I are going to come a week or so later as most dog hunters and every other type of hunter take off the week of the 25th to the 1st.

I said earlier that I do most of my hunting by paddling to it. Much of it in the dark, there is a very large population of flying carp, and it is insane to be paddling in the dark and have one of these monsters from the deep jump and fly by you in the air.

Back to this morning and the storm, I keep my Bar 300 in my truck at night and this morning I went to get it and could not believe that I had left my driver's side window open. I hadn't, during the storm the top section of a tree had fallen and blown over and onto the cab of my truck causing massive damage "\$17,000" to be exact and my windshield had a hole and was shattered, a lot of dents, both door frames were toast and the cab had a new shape.

Tom went on his hunt; I got in my skiff and could not do it. That would be the only hunt I missed, I pulled on my big boy pants and lived large for the next 3 days. My friends from Poplarville picked up plexiglass and lots of Gorilla tape.

The GMC Hotel was a mess with shattered glass everywhere. Pulling my 7000-pound toyhauler I made the 952-mile journey home without being pulled over and the estimated date to get my truck



Mark Walters' good friends from Poplarville, Mississippi were a huge help in getting his truck back on the road for the trip home to Wisconsin.



Tom Walters on the inside of a massive cypress tree.

back is 2/28/25!
This all bites in a very large way, but we are already working on a new plan for next year's hunt!
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Boy's Basketball Team Splits Pair of HON Contest

The Cumberland Beavers will enter Fridays home game against Chetek-Weyerhaeuser with a solid record of 8 and 4 after splitting a pair of games last week. Tuesday's game against Cameron was cancelled due to the weather and will be made up at a later date.

The Beavers dropped an 83-75 contest at Northwestern on Monday, January 13 before rebounding with a strong road effort against Ladysmith on Thursday, January 16 that ended with a 82-64 Cumberland victory. It was the Beavers high-

est point total of the season.

The team continues to get big numbers from Senior Gavin Gores and solid play from Chayden Berghammer, Uriah Johnson, and Troy Majewski among others and will look to make a strong push towards the rest of the season and the WIAA Playoffs as the second half of the season continues.

Following Friday's home contest, the Beavers will be back in action next Tuesday, with another home game against the Ashland Oredockers. Game time is 7:00 pm.

Northwest Baseball Coaches Clinic on February 8

The 42nd Northwest Baseball Coaches Clinic will be held at Nezy's Sports Bar on Saturday, February 8. The cost of \$60 covers the Clinic and afternoon meal and checks should be made out to Cumberland High School. Registration is between 8 and 9 am, with the Clinic running from 9:00 until 3:30 pm.

Speakers include UW-

River Falls Head Baseball Coach Steve Bartlein, along with Wisconsin Hall of Fame Coaches Rob Hamilton from Sun Prairie, Tom Schmitt from Middleton, Marty Paulsen from Fond du Lac, and Bob Johnson from Eau Claire North.

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

Boys Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Amery	Amery	8	4	4	0	0	19	3	10-5-0
Regis/Altoona/McDonell	RAM	8	5	4	1	0	24	13	14-3-0
Somerset	Smrset	6	4	3	1	0	21	7	11-3-0
Baldwin-Woodville	BWood	4	4	2	2	0	10	12	11-4-1
Ashland	ASHLND	4	4	2	2	0	14	16	2-10-0
Hayward	Haywrd	2	4	1	3	0	10	12	6-7-1
Spooner	SPOONR	2	5	1	4	0	8	28	3-10-0
Northwest Icemen	NWest	0	4	0	4	0	6	21	4-10-0

Boys BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	T	PCT	GB	GP	OVERALL
Barron	BARRON	6	1	0	.857	-	7	7-4-0
Barron	BARRON	6	1	0	.857	-	7	7-4-0
Cameron	CAMER	6	1	0	.857	-	7	9-2-0
Cameron	CAMER	6	1	0	.857	-	7	9-2-0
Northwestern	NWERN	5	2	0	.714	1.0	7	7-4-0
Northwestern	NWERN	5	2	0	.714	1.0	7	7-4-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	5	3	0	.625	1.5	8	8-4-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	5	3	0	.625	1.5	8	8-4-0
Cumberland	CUMB	4	3	0	.571	2.0	7	8-4-0
Cumberland	CUMB	4	3	0	.571	2.0	7	8-4-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	3	4	0	.429	3.0	7	5-6-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	3	4	0	.429	3.0	7	5-6-0
Hayward	HAY	2	5	0	.286	4.0	7	2-9-0
Spooner	SPOON	2	5	0	.286	4.0	7	3-8-0
Spooner	SPOON	2	5	0	.286	4.0	7	3-8-0
Hayward	HAY	2	5	0	.286	4.0	7	2-9-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	2	6	0	.250	4.5	8	4-7-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	2	6	0	.250	4.5	8	4-7-0
Ashland	ASHL	1	6	0	.143	5.0	7	2-11-0
Ashland	ASHL	1	6	0	.143	5.0	7	2-11-0

Girls BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	OVERALL
Northwestern	NWERN	9	0	W9	10-4-0
Cameron	CAMER	7	1	W3	10-2-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	7	2	L1	10-5-0
Barron	BARRON	6	3	W3	8-6-0
Hayward	HAY	5	4	W2	6-7-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	4	5	W1	4-8-0
St. Croix Falls	SCF	3	6	L2	3-12-0
Spooner	SPOON	2	7	L3	2-10-0
Cumberland	CUMB	1	7	L7	1-11-0
Ashland	ASHL	0	9	L9	1-12-0

Girls Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Central Wisconsin	STORM	6	4	3	1	0	20	3	16-3-0
Hayward Co-Op	CANES	6	5	3	2	0	18	11	11-5-1
Superior Spartans	SPRTNS	4	2	2	0	0	8	3	14-2-0
Northland Pines	EAGLES	4	5	2	3	0	13	22	3-12-0
Black River Falls	TIGERS	2	3	1	2	0	5	6	8-8-2
Medford	MRAIDR	2	4	1	3	0	10	22	1-8-1
Northern Edge	EDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
Coulee Region	CRG	0	1	0	1	0	0	7	3-10-1

Braving The Cold!



Karl Riebe weighs in a Northern Pike on a chilly day at the Shallow Lake Ice Fishing Contest held on Saturday, January 18th.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 23

Girls BB Home vs Spooner 7:00
Boys Hockey vs B/W @ Barron 7:00

Friday, Jan. 23

Girls Hockey @Hayward vs U S Milwaukee 7:00
Boys BB Home vs C/W 7:00

Saturday, Jan. 25

Wrestling @ St. Croix Falls 10:00
Girls BB @ Ashland 2:00
Girls Hockey @ Hayward vs Hudson 4:00

Monday, Jan. 27

Girls BB Home vs Cameron 7:00

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Girls Hockey @ E.C. 7:00
Boys BB Home vs Ashland 7:00

Pretty Darn Cool!



Cumberland resident and retired Principal Ritchie Narges stands next to his nephew Billy Schrauth, a starting guard on the Notre Dame Football Team. Narges was in Atlanta on Monday night to attend the National Championship game between Notre Dame and Ohio State.

Sports Look Back, January 23, 1985

The Island City Girls lost to conference leader Bloomer 50-40 on Monday. The game was over, for all practical purposes, in the first quarter. The Hawks' size, strength and speed were too much for the local five. The 1-2-2 zone press gave Bloomer an 18-2 lead with three minutes to go. The local five made a small comeback to the end of the quarter with a score of 20-8. The Island City Girl's showed strong character by playing the game as if they had a good chance to win. Cumberland had good performances by Liz Murray, Laurie Sebens and Becky Stone which enabled the girls' to close the margin to 10 points at the end of the buzzer. Leading scorers for the Island City Girls were Shannon Lane with 12 and

Kay Anderson with 10. Rebounding was led by Ruby Vick with eight and Lane, Anderson, and Laurie Sebens with five each. Colleen Heffernan led in recoveries with six and Vick was second with five. Lane led in assists with five and Lisa Soltau was next with three. The Island City Girls broke their three-game losing streak last Thursday by defeating the Spooner Rails, 41-26. The local five came out flat in the first half and only reliable and steady defense allowed the ICG's to go to the locker room with a one-point lead 14-13. The third quarter opened much the same way until Colleen Heffernan connected on two 18-footers. That offensive production seemed to move the ICG's out of neutral.

The offensive spark continued as Cumberland was able to make 20 fourth quarter points to pull away from the Rails, and at the final buzzer, the ICG's wrapped up their fifth win of the season. The leading scorer was Shannon Lane with 15 and Kay Anderson had 12. The 12 points by Kay Anderson enabled her to become the first girl in the history of Island City Girls' basketball to reach the 1,000 point mark. Anderson also led the team in rebounding with 13. Lane was second, pulling down 10. Lisa Soltau led the team in assists with four followed by Barb Behling with three. Ruby Vick, Lane and Behling each gathered three steals.

Sheriff's Report...

Fees Collected		Collected – 2024	2023	2022
Daily Maintenance Fee	\$	21,203.06	\$ 21,210.23	\$ 19,278.21
Booking Fee	\$	1,297.10	\$ 1,606.49	\$ 1,740.32
Nurse Fee		\$807.80	\$ 60.77	\$ 213.69
Tax Refund Intercept Program	\$	19,370.81	\$ 22,667.07	\$ 29,791.21
(Includes collections from inmate accounts for fees sent to WI DOR)				
		Collected – 2021	2020	2019
Daily Maintenance Fee	\$	13,371.63	\$ 18,782.24	\$ 30,704.90
Booking Fee	\$	1,451.13	\$ 658.52	\$ 1,795.51
Nurse Fee		\$ 435.00	\$ 760.47	\$ 1,596.63
Tax Refund Intercept Program	\$	20,434.99	\$ 13,425.94	
(Includes collections from inmate accounts for fees sent to WI DOR)				
Underage Drinking Citations				
2024	37	(includes 1 adult permit/underage drinking)		
2023	44	(includes 2 adult permit/underage drinking)		
2022	32	(includes 2 adult permit/underage drinking)		
2021	135	(includes 5 adult permit/underage drinking)		
2020	111	(includes 23 adult permit/underage drinking)		
2019	99	(includes 38 adult permit/underage drinking)		

Emergency Response Team (ERT)

2024	6 Total Call Outs 4 High Risk Arrest/Barricade Firearms 1 High Risk Search Warrants 1 Other
2023	6 Total Call Outs 3 High Risk Arrest/Barricade Firearms 2 High Risk Search Warrants 1 Suicidal/Barricaded Subject
2022	3 Total Call Outs 1 High Risk Search Warrants 2 Suicidal/Barricaded Subject
2021	14 Total Call Outs 5 High Risk Search Warrant 1 Suicidal/Barricaded Subject with Firearm 8 High Risk Arrest/Barricade Firearms
2020	5 Total Call Outs 2 High Risk Search Warrants 2 Suicidal/Barricaded Persons with Firearms 1 Wooded Search (Rusk County for Missing Persons)
2019	11 Total Call Outs 3 High Risk Search Warrants 1 Judicial Center Security Operations – Jake Patterson Sentencing 1 False “Swatting” Call Out 6 High Risk Arrest/Barricade Firearms

Team consists of 2 Commanders, 9 Entry and 3 Snipers. Members of the team are 8 Sheriff's Department personnel and 6 from Rusk County Sheriff's Department.

Grants 2024

County Law Enforcement	\$26,890	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$18,619
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force		\$5,000 + \$6,000	
COPS Anti-Heroine Task Force		\$10,000	
Safe Ride Program	\$8,000	ALERT Grant Program	\$1,500
2023			
County Law Enforcement	\$25,661	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$18,509
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force		\$5,000	
COPS Anti-Heroine Task Force		\$10,000	
Safe Ride Program	\$3,586.20	ALERT Grant Program	\$1,500
Safer Communities LEA Grant		\$66,137.70	
2022			
County Law Enforcement	\$24,593	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$18,188
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force		\$0	
COPS Anti-Heroine Task Force		\$5,000	
Safe Ride Program	\$4,000	ICAC Cellebrite Grant	\$2,440
Fatal Vision Kits Grant	\$4,545		
2021			
County Law Enforcement	\$24,056	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$16,805
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force		\$7,500	
COPS Anti-Heroine Task Force		\$1,500	
Safe Ride Program	\$3,000	ICAC Cellebrite Grant	\$4,300
2020			
County Law Enforcement	\$21,481	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$14,904
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force		\$15,000	
Safe Ride Program	Cancelled		
BC UVF Decontamination Devices Project		\$58,000	
2019			
County Law Enforcement	\$21,287	County/Tribal Law Enforcement	\$15,074
COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force		\$15,000	
COPS Anti-Heroine Task Force		\$15,000	
Safe Ride Program	\$2,500	Barron County Drug Task Force	\$25,000

Thank you for your time in reading this report and as stated we are looking forward to a safer 2025.

Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald

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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.

School Board Meeting...

Director of Special Education Tami Bowman was first to address the Board, giving an update on the beginning of a Self-Assessment Cycle for the program as required by the State every five-years. A survey will soon be sent to parents of children who have been part of District IEP's to gather feedback on their effectiveness for those involved. Bowman also discussed the successful opportunity that some of her high school students have taken at Northwood Technical College in Rice Lake.

Director of Learning Isaac Lundquist was next, discussing an upcoming professional development opportunity for Staff as well as Initial K-3 screening as part of Act 20, allowing the school to assess early literacy skills for students leading to further reading plans.

High School Principal Dan Hopkins concluded the District Reports by presenting an update on recent athletic activity and announcing the HON Honor/Scholarship Banquet will be held on March 29.

This moved the Board into Action Items, where the Board approved the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$10 million in General Obligation Promissory Notes as the final piece of financing for the \$32.95 million bond referendum passed in February of 2024. The initial \$22.95 financing piece was approved last May. The parameters for this final financing piece were initially established at the December Board Meeting following a presentation

from Debby Brunett, Director from the Baird Financial Group.

The overall mill rate on the \$32.95 million project will come in at \$1.90 per 1,000, which is under the projected referendum amount. Favorable interest rates, meanwhile, will reduce the length of the bond from 25 years to 21 years, which will additionally result in a substantial reduction of interest costs for taxpayers.

Other Action Items included the approval of the 2025-2026 open enrollment spaces for the District, the resignation of Graham Severson from Pep Club Advisor, and the retirement of Janet Holdt from her 5-12 Vocal Music position at the end of the school year. Holdt was thanked for her 10-years in the District and for her many contributions.

The night continued with Discussion Items, starting first with a State required report from Elementary Principal Abe Ferguson on the District's Achievement Gap Reduction program, created by 2015 Wisconsin Acts 53 and 71. As our part of state funding for the project, the Cumberland Elementary School chose to utilize reduced class sizes to help produce best efficiency among students with Ferguson providing the required data analysis needed to rationalize strategies and rationale.

This was followed by a Referendum Pre-Construction update from Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose, which included a report on the January 9 "Page Turn," a process where an in-depth review takes place with all stakeholders involved, con-

firms that all necessary details are captured in the building construction before moving forward.

Dr. Rose further announced that the floor for the new maintenance shed and temporary classroom building was poured on December 30 and construction will proceed with the building ready for occupancy on April 1.

The evening concluded with Administrative Reports.

Each Principal covered the beginnings of school following the Christmas break with the end of the first semester coming soon. Numerous excellent classroom activities were noted, while Colin Green told of several busy activities in the Middle School, which included the January 20 Solo & Ensemble competition, an upcoming evening field trip to the Trollhaugen Outdoor Recreation Area, and an active Ski Club schedule. High School Principal Dan Hopkins discussed the beginnings of Play Practice and an upcoming PowWow at the school on February 21.

Superintendent Rose concluded Administrative Reports by updating those in attendance on the recent Power School Data Breach that happened throughout the Country. Power School is working with urgency to complete their investigation and determine whether PII belonging to our students was included. Information has been posted on the District's Website and Social Media Page.

The Board then went into Closed Session and set the next general meeting for February 25.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

I am writing this on one of the most important days of the year – Inauguration Day, MLK Day, and, most importantly, Duane's Birthday!!

We are just about done with our vacation – We should be home tonight. And, we have had a simply fantastic time.

We said goodbye to Savanna and Ryan and left San Diego last Monday after a wonderful visit. Next we stopped at Salome, Arizona and visited with Duane's brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Sue. From there we traveled to Anson, Texas and spent a few days with Miriah's mother and father-in-law, Jackie and Shaun Olson.

Jackie and Shaun invited us to stay in their home while we were in Anson, and we were so glad that we accepted. They made us feel so welcome – and we were able to visit with Jeremy Olson's horse, Sweet T, too. Jeremy and Shaun both compete in calf roping at rodeos and other competitions, and when Miriah and Jeremy were visiting Shaun and Jackie at Christmas time, they decided to leave Sweet T in Texas so he would get more exercise during the winter. He seems so happy there – and Shaun is so happy to have him – that I think Jeremy should just give that magnificent roping horse to his dad. (Sorry Jeremy, I told them I would try to talk you into it.)

Anyway, on Saturday we went to Glen Rose, Texas to watch – and cheer for – Shaun at a roping competition. He roped three times,

and won once that day. On Sunday he roped four times and won three of them. And, I'm sure Sweet T had a big part of those wins. We had such a good time with the Olson's.

And, now, we are in Missouri. We had a very nice visit with Jay and Marcia Olson in Clinton last night. Marcia, as soon as I called to see if they would be home and have time for a visit, made up a pan of delicious scones. Marcia was at a church meeting when we got to their home, but Jay was home and made us coffee and served the scones. (Such a good host. Must have learned the serving thing at the side of his Mom at the Hill Top while he was growing up.) Marcia got home soon after we arrived, and we had a very nice visit. They are so busy with volunteer work – they had to be at a homeless shelter at 9:30 p.m. to help people with setting up cots and handing out bedding. They are certainly not letting retirement slow them down at all.

Now we are in Boonville, Missouri and we are going to visit with Ken and Cathy Adams for a while and then head home. We have been gone a couple weeks, and have had a wonderful time, but it will be good to get home and get rested up. I will have to bake a birthday cake for Duane a day late, but that will be okay. He doesn't really care when he gets a cake – Just that he does get one.

Inauguration Day is always memorable. I have lived through lots and lots of presidents now – Franklin Roosevelt was president

when I was born – and we have survived them all. We have had mostly good presidents, some great, and some mediocre, but it seems as though nothing changes much. I guess John Kennedy was my personal favorite while he was in office – probably because I was in high school at the time and was impressed with his beautiful wife and cute little kids. My favorite "after-the-fact" president was Jimmy Carter. I'm not sure if he did anything great while he was in office, but I think he did more for the country after he was out of office than any other president.

This time people are either ecstatically happy or extremely unhappy. I will not say how I feel about this president because I know how strong the feelings are on both sides, but I think we all have to wait and see what happens during the next four years.

There was no e-mail from Morgan Forrestal with results from the fishing contest, which was held on Saturday at Shallow Lake, so I will have to get a list of those winners from her before next week. And, of course, the most important thing that happens at the fishing contest is the crowning of the new King and Queen of the Ice. That's the one thing I look forward to every year. I will let you know about all of those things next week.

I am going to run – Going to visit with Ken and Cathy and then head north. Stay warm. I will see you next time.

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SENIOR DINING

Thursday, January 23

Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, apple crisp.

Friday, January 24

Chicken breast with creamy sage sauce over noodles, steamed broccoli, bread stick, peaches, fruit juice.

Monday, January 27

Pulled pork on a bun, peas and pearl onions, creamy coleslaw, almond bar.

Tuesday, January 28

Mediterranean salmon, rice blend mixed vegetables, assorted bread, vanilla pudding.

Wednesday, January 29

Western-style egg bake with peppers, onions, cheese, hash browns, flavored yogurt, muffin, tomato juice.

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 and \$15.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
(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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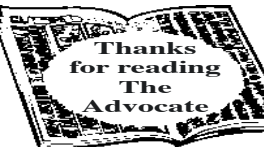
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Obituaries *The Bookworm Sez...*

Ronald W. Catlin

Ronald W Catlin, 75, died January 20, 2025, at Frederic Nursing and Rehabilitation. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Saturday January 25, 2025, at Christ Lutheran Church - Pipe Lake with Pastor Steve Miller officiating. Visitation will be from 10-11 AM. Skinner Funeral Home is serving the family.



The Bookworm Sez...

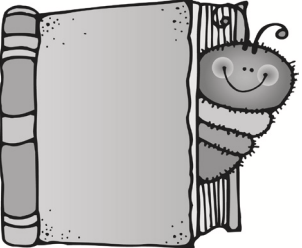
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

This week: *“Witchcraft for Wayward Girls”*

by Grady Hendrix c.2025, Berkley \$30.00 496 pages

So when are you due? Do you want to know now, long before then, or will you wait to see if your baby’s a boy or a girl? Another question: will you buy pink clothes, blue ones or, as in the new book “Witchcraft for Wayward Girls” by Grady Hendrix, will you wait to know witch? She tried to keep her pregnancy under wraps, literally. It was the spring of 1970 and Neva had been wearing elastic girdles around her belly for weeks but hiding her bulge was now impossible; soon, everybody’d know she was a “loose girl” who destroyed her virtue by sleeping with a boy out of wedlock. That wouldn’t do for her

parents, who didn’t want everyone to see the family’s shame, so Neva’s father took her to a Home for Unwed Mothers in Florida and he left without saying goodbye. Then Miss Wellwood, owner of the Home, stripped Neva of her identity. On that day, Neva became “Fern.” Though she was devastated – she just wanted everything normal again – Fern adjusted and even made friends. There was beautiful Rose, who planned on keeping her baby despite her parents’ wishes and Miss Wellwood’s demands; Zinnia, the only “colored” girl at the Home, who was Fern’s voice of reason; and little Holly, barely



fourteen years old, who refused to talk. But one day, Holly did talk, and she told her roommates that she was molested by her preacher since she was eight years old. The preacher would adopt her baby, Holly would be sent home, and probably abused again. Outraged, Fern, Zinnia, and Rose began to conjure a plan. The Home’s bookmobile librarian had just given Fern a book of witchcraft, and Fern devoured everything she read. There was help for Holly there, and revenge for Rose, Fern was sure. And so, on a summer evening, the girls sneaked away to the woods, to a clearing by the trees. It was warm and moonlit, a fine night for casting a

curse... Scary? Eh, not terribly so, but “Witchcraft for Wayward Girls” is definitely edgy, in a V. C. Andrews sort of way, like those kinds of adolescent-girl, witchy-occult paperback books from the ‘70s. Indeed, author Grady Hendrix sets this story directly in that time-frame, which gives it just the right vibe. It has its moments of hair-raising and it can lag a little here and there, but like its forebears from fifty years ago, it’s mostly tame and mostly safe. It’s also quite readable, with a cast of young women on the cusp of adulthood, paying for something that, historically, wouldn’t be shameful soon because feminism and new attitudes were on their way. Readers old enough to remember this time and this enduringly popular novel genre will be flush with nostalgia in this book. Readers too young to remember: welcome to the fold. Be aware of the content,

and “Witchcraft for Wayward Girls” can be enjoyed by any horror-occult fan ages 16 and up. If you’ve been waiting for a book like this, you’re overdue. If you’re in search of something great to take in the car, on vacation, on the tractor, or to the lunchroom, Terri can be reached at bookworm-sez@yahoo.com. Happy Reading!



Church Directory

“God Saves”

by Pastor John Miels
St. Paul Lutheran Church

The passage below cuts straight to the heart of salvation, tearing down human pride, and making it crystal clear: You didn’t save yourself. God did it all. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:8 Grace is GOD’S UNMATCHED FAVOR; YOU DIDN’T EARN THIS! It’s divine power! It means unearned, unstoppable, joyful favor straight from God. This grace is not a paycheck. Not a reward for good behavior. It’s a gift from God’s own heart, His character. You didn’t negotiate for it. He handed it to you because He’s good. “YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED” and the grammatical use is emphatic. Perfect tense: Action completed with permanent results. Passive voice: It happened to you, not by you. It’s God saying, “I saved you. Safe. Forever.” It’s done. You didn’t “contribute” to it. You didn’t “help” make it happen. God saved you because you were helpless. THROUGH FAITH. Faith here is the pipeline, not the power source. Faith is received. It doesn’t achieve. You didn’t manifest salvation through good vibes. Faith, isn’t you climbing up to God. It’s you receiving from the abundance from His outstretched hand. Grace is dropped onto you, and you are covered by His blessings. “NOT OF YOURSELVES” NO EGO. The text is clear, “this did NOT come from you.” Not your goodness. Not your effort or choice. Not your positive self-talk. “GIFT OF GOD” A PURE, FREE, GIFT and the Greek emphasis is something totally free. Not a loan. Not earned. A paycheck, you earn. A gift is just given. No invoices. God’s salvation is so generous, it can’t be bought. It’s priceless. That’s why you can’t brag about it. “NOT OF WORKS” the text hits it again: No works. No deeds. No striving. No SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS. Your church attendance? Great. Your Bible study hours? Impressive. But let’s be real: That’s not why you’re saved. Because you are saved you attend church and bible study. It’s not your performance. Not your rituals. It’s grace, grace, grace. “LEST ANYONE SHOULD BOAST.” NO BRAGGING. You don’t get to act like you deserve salvation. You think you have a resume to give to God why you should be saved? This text says no way! Why? When God saves, HE gets the glory—not you.

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1225 Hwy. 48
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www.cumberlandbaptistchurch.com
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- HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Father Christopher Wojcik, Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.; Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.,
- HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Pastor Paul Green
Phone: 715-822-3586
Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 am
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Matthew Earls, Pastor
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Sunday Morning Service 10:00 am for sermons from the Bible and Contemporary Worship, Children’s Church and nursery during service; Wednesday 5:30 pm AWANA for Children and Youth Impact (returning in Sept.); Online services and calendar of events available at www.northernlakeschurch.com

- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Father Jayanna Kanna
Weekend Mass: Sun., 8:30 am
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Father Jayanna Kanna
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Masses: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
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- ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod (LCMS)
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Vacancy Pastor: Isaac Nicholson
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Phone: 715-822-8690
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Rice Lake, WI.
Hwy. SS 1/2 mi. S. of Cedar Mall
Pastor: Scott Manly
Phone: 715-434-7798
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:15 pm.

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Josiah Hodgett, Lead Pastor
Worship Service: Sundays at 10 am; Kids for Christ: Sundays at 10:30 am, Uturn Student Ministries: Sundays at 6 pm.
SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod (LCMS)
483 7th Avenue, Clayton
Pastor: Rev. Quentin Buechner. Divine Service: Sunday 9 am; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month
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Hwy 48, 9 mi. E. of Cumberland
Pastor John Bergson
Phone: 262-354-4537
Assistant Pastor Gerald Hibbard
Sunday Service: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Coffee & bible Study
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Pastor Diane Norstad
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Cumberland School District

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Lorne Majewski, Athletic Director

1000 8th Avenue

Cumberland, WI 54829

An application can be found on the district website
www.cumberland.k12.wi.us or available at the District
Office.

Deadline: January 24, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS
BARRON COUNTY

Pursuant to Wis. Statute 59.66, I hereby publish a list
of unclaimed funds, filed in my office by the Clerk of
Circuit Court, City of Barron Clerk, City of Barron Light
& Water, City of Chetek Clerk, Town of Bear Lake Clerk
and Town of Clinton Clerk.
Unless the owners call for and prove their ownership
of the money or security within 6 months from the time
of completed publication, I, as Barron County Treasurer,
will take possession or control of the money or security.

Samantha J Sommerfeld
Barron County Treasurer

Clerk of Circuit Court Unclaimed Funds

Name/Address	Amount
Michael Meyer	150.00
2596 1st Ave, New Auburn, WI 54757	
Timothy J Henkel	230.50
7650 Edinborough Way Ste 500, Edina, MN 55435	
Tracie Harper	154.27
19600 Euclid Ave, Euclid, OH 44117	
Makayla L Lewis	200.00
7674 Dunmore Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125	
Adam Nicolet	72.00
402 Graham Ave Ste 305, Eau Claire, WI 54701	
Anna K Rheingans	50.00
2225 10th St, Cumberland, WI 54829	
Shawn M Loomis	25.45
125 1/2 S Wisconsin Ave, Rice Lake, WI 54868	
Hillary A Nester	285.50
330 E Kilbourn Ave Ste 1070, Milwaukee, WI 53202	
Christopher Lee Candler	250.00
125 E LaSalle Ave, Barron, WI 54812	
Anna Ruhl	250.00
1102 W Main St (Lower Apt), Cameron, WI 54822	
Bruc Miller	57.00
1594W Park Rd, Hayward, WI 54843	
Crystal Vanna	110.00
181 2nd Ave Apt C3, Minong, WI 54859	
Leonides Asis De Jesus	100.00
314 River Ave N #1, Prairie Farm, WI 54762	
Joshua Christian Carlstrom	50.00
N122 Brill Rd, Birchwood, WI 54817	
Amber Andres	250.00
85 Lakeview Dr, Chetek, WI 54728	
Terrance L Shipp	250.00
238 1/2 N Main St Apt 1, Rice Lake, WI 54868	
Michelle Isaacs	1,500.00
2654 15th St, Rice Lake, WI 54868	
M Marie Wende	213.10
27 Beagle St, Chetek, WI 54728	
Latoya Brown	152.05
4842 4th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55419	
Jordan H Harelstad	30.06
671 Railroad Ave, Chetek, WI 54728	
Rene Itehua Acahua	126.00
1471 Berdan St Trlr 40, Cumberland, WI 54829	
Jerid D Putzke	32.79
917 Scribner St, Spooner, WI 54801	
Fidel R Rodriguez	25.76
1332 Grove St #1A, Cumberland, WI 54829	
Zachary Veitch	57.00
423 Hatten Ave Apt 328, Rice Lake, WI 54868	

City of Barron Clerk Unclaimed Funds

Name/Address	Amount
Jackson Friederich	36.00
320 W LaSalle Ave Apt 1, Barron, WI 54812	
Jamie Blandon Ramirez	76.00
136 S 4th St, Barron WI, 54812	

City of Barron Light & Water Unclaimed Funds

Name/Address	Amount
N&M Custom Homes	30.00
1956 15th St, Rice Lake, WI 54868	
Chris Spring	22.03
1601 18 1/2 St, Barron, WI 54812	

City of Chetek Clerk Unclaimed Funds

Name/Address	Amount
Tracy Roe	75.00
2162 5th Ave, Chetek, WI 54728	

Town of Bear Lake Clerk Unclaimed Funds

Name/Address	Amount
Paul Luedtke	55.71
1254 25th Ave, Cumberland, WI 54829	

Town of Clinton Clerk Unclaimed Funds

Name/Address	Amount
Rolf Baumann	36.44
Dorfstr 32 5054 Kirchleerau Switzerland 00000	
Jake Bickle & Roslyn Huebner	52.71

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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 quali-
fied 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 applica-
tion 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 ab-
sentee ballot by mail is Feb. 13, 2025:**

*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 re-
garding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absen-
tee ballot.
**Special absentee voting application provisions apply to
electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hos-
pitalized, or serving as 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 for casting an absentee ballot in person.

City of Cumberland	Town of Crystal Lake
Arlene Frisinger	Arlene Frisinger
950 1st Ave	164 22nd Ave
Cumstock WI 54829	Comstock WI 54826
Feb 4 - Feb 14 Mon-Fri	Feb 4 - Feb 14 by appt
8 am- 4:30 pm	715-491-1759

Town of Cumberland	Town of Lakeland
Holly Nyhus	Danielle Maxwell-Parker
902 20th Ave	PO Box 28, 791-29 11/16 Ave
Cumberland WI 54829	Barronett WI 54813
Feb 4 - Feb 16 by appt	Feb 4 - Feb 14 by appt
715-357-6154	715-529-2741

Town of Maple Plain	
Danielle Maxwell-Parker	
PO Box 1319, 393 26th Ave	
Cumberland WI 54829	
Feb 4 - Feb 14 by appt	715-529-2741

**The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's
office is Feb. 4, 2025:**

**The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's
office is listed by municipality 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 or counting location before the polls close
on February 18, 2025. Any ballots received after the polls
close will not be counted.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SS
COUNTY OF BARRON

TO WHOM IT MAY CON-
CERN:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby
given to all persons in the
County of Barron, Wiscon-
sin, that the Barron County
Zoning Committee will con-
sider at public hearing on
**Wednesday, February
5, 2025, at 12:35 p.m.** in
Room 2106 of the Barron
County Government Center,
335 E. Monroe Ave., Barron,
Wisconsin, the following re-
quest relative to a proposal
to vary the terms of the Bar-
ron County Land Use Ordi-
nance as follows:
Requests a lot variance to
reduce the lot access width
to a proposed new lot from
66 feet to 20 feet for prop-
erty described as SE-SW
ex CSM 39/161, consisting
of 32.839 acres, located in
Section 20, T35N, R13W,
Town of Cumberland.
The Zoning Committee re-
serves the right to view the
property and may convene
in executive session prior to
rendering a decision.
Property owner: Friess En-
terprises. LLC
Applicant: Charlie Carlson
All persons interested are
invited to attend said hear-
ing and be heard.
Dated at Barron, Wiscon-
sin, this 22nd day of Janu-
ary, 2025.

Barron County Zoning
Committee

Audrey Kusilek, Chair

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NOTICE

Self Storage Group

2000 US Hwy 8

St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

Public Auction Tuesday
January 28, 2025
Cumberland Mini Stor-
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Cumberland, WI
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Christine Awonopay CL13

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CUMBERLAND BOARD
OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Regular Board Meeting
Middle School Commons,
6:00 p.m. Open Session

Present: Board – Gideo, Hy-
att, Skinner & Stone
Absent: Rieper
Administration - Rose, Fer-
guson, Green & Hopkins
President Stone an-
nounced that this was a le-
gally and properly noticed
meeting.
Pledge of Allegiance was
recited.
1. Motion was made by
Gideo, seconded by Hyatt,
to approve items a-e on the
Consent Agenda as pre-
sented. All voting aye, mo-
tion carried.
2. a. Lorne Majewski, Ath-
letic update
b. Isaac Lundquist, Cur-
riculum update
3. Motion was made by
Hyatt, seconded by Gideo,
to approve policies 0164,
2340, 3120.08, 5200, 5330,
5430, 5460, 5505, 5610,
5771, 6110, 6112, 6114,
6325, 7310, 7540.05, 8395,
8500, 8510, 8531, 8550,
8640, 8680. All voting aye,
motion carried.
4. Motion was made by
Gideo, seconded by Skin-
ner, to approve the School
Safety Drills. All voting aye,
motion carried.
5. Motion was made by
Hyatt, seconded by Skinner,
to approve John Anderson's
resignation as Assistant
Baseball Coach. All voting
aye, motion carried.
6. Motion was made by
Skinner, seconded by Hyatt,
to approve John Peterson
as High School Head Base-
ball Coach. All voting aye,
motion carried.
7. Heard various discus-
sion items, administrative
reports, and noted meet-
ings/events..
Having no further busi-
ness to conduct, motion was
made to adjourn by Skin-
ner, seconded by Gideo. All
voting aye, motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at
7:02 p.m.

Jennifer Hyatt

Cumberland School
District Clerk

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Non Emergency Phone Numbers:

Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754

Barron County Sheriff 537-3106

Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency

911

Statewide public notice website
www.wisconsinpublicnotice.org

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.

Take Action To Protect Our Waters From Aquatic Invasive Species This Winter

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species while fishing this winter.

Even in harsh winter conditions, anglers can transport aquatic invasive species and fish diseases from one lake or river to another by emptying water from bait buckets and fish containers. When we add lake or river water to these containers, diseases such as viral hemorrhagic septicemia or critters like tiny spiny water fleas and zebra mussel larvae may be along for the ride.

That's why you should drain

lake or river, and dispose of any worms in a closed container in the trash.

Minnows can only be purchased from a licensed Wisconsin bait dealer. No other fish can be held in the minnow container, and dead bait must be preserved in ways that do not require freezing or refrigeration.

Before leaving your fishing spots, remove any mud or plant material clinging to gear, including sleds used to haul supplies. Some invasive aquatic plants flourish under the ice, like curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil. Invasive critters like the spiny wa-

ter flea larvae hide in the mud, and zebra mussels often hitch rides on plants.

Before and after you drop your line, protect our fishing future by doing your part to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Remember to:

Inspect all fishing equipment for attached aquatic plants, animals or mud.

Remove all attached plants or animals.

Drain all water from buckets and containers.

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

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

