



News from City Hall

by Dan Shoemaker, Mayor

Major changes were made to the operations of the City of Cumberland in 2024. These changes occurred in the organizational structure of the City, planning processes, and financial management. Additionally, we completed numerous construction and infrastructure projects.

Organizational changes began with the addition of a City Administrator (Randy Reeg) in January. Subsequently, we appointed a new Utility Manager, new Street Department supervisor, hired a new Street Department crew, and a new Zoning Administrator (also serving as the Eagle Point Campground manager).

The Airport Commission has a new chairman, replacing Mike Paffel after 32 years of service on the Commission, and three new commissioners.

2024 saw much improved coordination of project planning between our Public Works and Cumberland Municipal Utility Departments. Joint planning provides better results in both project timing and cost control. Major projects include the DOT Highway 63 resurfacing (2025), DOT Highway 63 Bridge replacement (2026), completion of the \$10 million Waste Treatment upgrades, and the creation of the 2024-2026 City Street Plan.

Improved budget preparation and financial planning produced results. The City once again met the target of limiting the property tax increase to the rate of inflation. Cumberland Municipal Utility is nearing completion of a long-term finance plan. Included in both the City and Utility

plans are capital improvement, and vehicle/equipment plans. TID 9 is now projected to produce a tax surplus generated by disciplined management of infrastructure costs aligned with new construction. The Utility Shop building was completed, the zoning map was updated, and ordinances have been updated.

2025 brings a new list of objectives. Cumberland Police Department will deploy a K-9 unit. Parks & Recreation is completing the Outdoor Recreation Plan, addressing a broad set of topics including integration of a trail system and a potential bandshell at the City Park. Also, Parks & Recreation is pursuing a contract for design improvements at Eagle Point and the Park. Public Works is focused on year two of the Street Plan. The plan encompasses several projects that include utility upgrades in addition to street improvements. The City continues to research possibilities for additional residential and commercial development in TID 9. And ordinance updates will be an on-going process.

Much of what has been done is to create the organization, policies and processes to run an efficient municipality. The projects have been largely directed toward infrastructure restoration. We now are positioned to deal more with quality of life topics such as the public spaces objectives previously noted.

Managing all the changes in 2024 was challenging. However, we have created a solid organization and are producing very good results. I look forward to another productive year.

Individual Income Tax Season Underway

MADISON — The individual income tax filing season began on Monday, January 27, 2025, and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is ready to help taxpayers with their tax preparation and filing needs.

Here's How You File Wisconsin taxpayers have several options for filing their taxes:

1. Direct File. This new,

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Welcome Dr. Onachi Ofoma!



Dr. Onachi Ofoma

Very Happy Heart Day!



12 year old Lexi Anderson in front of her room at Childrens Hospital of Milwaukee. Lexi underwent successful heart transplant surgery last Tuesday, January 21.

Cumberland Girl Blessed With New Heart

In a time when most everything you see and hear is negative, sad or downright awful, it is so awesome to write about some fantastic news.

12 year old Lexi Anderson of Cumberland, who was in need of a new heart, underwent a successful heart transplant surgery at Children's Hospital of Milwaukee last Tuesday, January 21st. The family got the news a heart had been donated on Monday, the 20th.

Lexi was first diagnosed with Restrictive Cardiomyopathy in December of 2023. Restrictive Cardiomyopathy is a rare form of heart failure that is very aggressive and has no cure. The lining of the heart thickens until it can no longer pump blood. She was in need of a new heart and placed on a transplant list.

Fast forward to last Tuesday, when Lexi underwent surgery that started at 3 pm. After transplanting the new heart and doing everything that was needed as part of the surgery, Lexi moved to recovery at 1 am. From this point on, everything has been going extremely well. Lexi's new heart started beating on its own almost immediately. A pacemaker that had been placed in her chest was doing nothing and has now been disconnected.

Last Wednesday, the breathing tube was removed. On Thursday she started sitting up in bed. By Friday she was sitting up and began dressing herself. Saturday she was able to stand up three times and by Sunday she had taken a few steps. On Monday she was up sitting in a chair watching TV. Everyday she is getting stronger and stronger. When talking with her mom Tamala Monday morning, Tamala said she has been such a "little trooper". She has been through so much, she is such a strong little girl. Tamala said she is not sure how long Lexi will be in the hospital. When she is released the family has to be extremely careful to keep Lexi healthy as her immune system is basically zero. As for what the future holds, Tamala said Lexi will be able to lead a normal life. After three months she can go back to gym class and

start playing softball again, a game she loves. She will be able to do everything she wants to do. When asked if the family knows where Lexi's new heart came from, Tamala said no. She and husband Jamie have asked a social worker about potentially meeting the family from whom the donated heart came from. That decision is up to the other family. I know the people of Cumberland and beyond have said many prayers for a complete recovery for Lexi. Lexi, we are behind you 100%!!!! Jamie and Tamala want to say a huge sincere thank you for all the cards, prayers, gifts and more. It means more than you will ever know!

New Physician Dr. Onachi Ofoma to Join Cumberland Healthcare

Cumberland Healthcare is thrilled to announce the addition of Dr. Onachi Ofoma, a board-certified Family Medicine physician with a passion for providing high-quality, patient-centered care. Dr. Ofoma is dedicated to the health and well-being of patients across all age groups. With expertise in Family Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, and Palliative/Hospice Care, she offers comprehensive services that cater to the diverse healthcare needs of her patients.

Dr. Ofoma is passionate about geriatric care, focusing on improving the quality of life for older adults. Recognizing the unique challenges that come with aging, she works diligently to ensure that her senior patients receive the best possible care in a compassionate and respectful manner. Dr. Ofoma provides proactive healthcare with a focus on preventative medicine and bridging gaps in patient care. By early intervention and comprehensive wellness strategies, she aims not only to treat illnesses but to empower patients to maintain long-term health. This initiative aligns with our mission to not just help patients get well, but to support them in staying well through accessible, personalized healthcare solutions. Her patient-centered approach is rooted in the belief that healthcare should be personalized, with strong relationships built through open communication, education, and empathy.

"My passion for medicine drives me to offer the best care possible to my patients, from newborns to seniors," said Dr. Ofoma. "It is an honor to care for people at every stage of life, and I am especially dedicated to understanding the complexities of aging and working to improve the lives of older adults."

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Ofoma to our team," said Emily Dilley, CEO. "As a dedicated family medicine physician specializing in geriatric and palliative/hospice care, she will play a pivotal role in expanding our healthcare offerings and meeting the needs of our community." In addition to her hands-on care, Dr. Ofoma remains committed to staying at the forefront of medical advancements. By continually seeking out opportunities for education, including completing a Fellowship in

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Palliative & Hospice Care and a Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine, Dr. Ofoma ensures that her patients benefit from the latest treatment options available.

Dr. Ofoma's professional affiliations include the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), and the American Medical Association (AMA).

Her medical training includes a degree from the University of Nigeria Faculty of Medicine, Nsuka, followed by a Family Medicine Residency at the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff. She also holds a Master in Business Administration from the University of Texas, San Antonio, alongside specialized fellowships in Palliative & Hospice Care and Geriatric

Medicine from the University of Texas, San Antonio.

For more information about Dr. Onachi Ofoma and the services offered, please visit www.cumberlandhealthcare.com.

About Dr. Onachi Ofoma
Dr. Ofoma is a board-certified Family Medicine physician with specialized expertise in Geriatric Medicine, Emergency Medicine, and Palliative/Hospice Care. Her approach to healthcare emphasizes compassionate, patient-centered care and lifelong learning to provide the best possible treatment for her patients. Patients seeking a primary care physician or specialized services are encouraged to schedule an appointment with Dr. Ofoma at Cumberland Healthcare. Dr. Ofoma will begin seeing patients February 10, 2025. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 715-822-7500.

Genealogy Society Announces First Meeting of 2025

The Blue Hills Genealogical Society will begin its 2025 year with a meeting Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025 at the Barron Senior Center, 12 N. 3rd St., Barron, 3:00 p.m. The meeting is free and open to the public. "We are happy to present a program on how to make a family history video," said president Gloria Dobberfuhr. "This is a wonderful way to preserve the voice of a relative with historical pictures to enhance the interview." A video can be stored on a computer or thumb drive, making it possible to send it to friends and relatives. The Blue Hills Genealogical Society will also accept donated family histories on thumb drives that can then be preserved and used for research at their Resource Library. Now located at 600 Wisconsin, Cameron the Society Resource Library

is open to the public by appointment with lookup chair Rosella Amundson, 715-537-5760. For family history questions and research help, contact Rosella.

Roots Tech 2025, the world's largest genealogy conference, will run March 6-8 and is available free online by registering at www.rootstech.org.

To join the Blue Hills Genealogical Society, go online at www.bhgsbc.org and click on join or join at a monthly meeting.

If you would like to honor an ancestor, the Society sponsors Pioneer and Century certificates for those having a direct line ancestor living in Barron County by 1871 or 100 years ago. Go to the website www.bhgsbc.org for application forms and directions. For questions contact Linda Adams at 715-205-2860.

Armstrong Responds to State of the State Address

MADISON, WI – Gov. Tony Evers presented his annual State of the State Address to the Legislature on January 22. State Rep. Dave Armstrong (R-Rice Lake) attended the speech. "Governor Evers began his speech by announcing that the tax burden on Wisconsin families is the lowest it's been in fifty years," Representative Armstrong said. "That is indeed great news, but I have to smile when the Governor tries to take the credit. If he had had his way with the last state budget, Wisconsin taxes would have gone up \$2 billion! Fortunately for Wisconsin taxpayers, the Republican Legislature has been – and will continue to be – serious about budgeting responsibly and spending within our

means. "There are some issues the Governor raised that definitely need to be addressed. For example, the cost of childcare, which I've been working on for years now, both as a legislator and as Barron County's economic development director. I would like to think there are bipartisan strategies for critical problems like this, and all ideas should be on the table.

"Governor Evers will present his budget proposal to the Legislature next month. That will give us a much better sense of his priorities. I can say right now, though, that the big thing will be to make sure that one-time money isn't used to create or fund ongoing programs that will leave Wisconsin taxpayers on the hook in the future."



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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, JAN. 30: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-7:30 pm MS Girls Basketball Home vs Bloomer • 5:45-9 pm HS Boys Basketball @ Spooner •

FRIDAY, JAN. 31: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5:45-9 pm HS Girls Basketball Home vs Northwestern •

SATURDAY, FEB. 1: • 11 am-1 pm CCE: Pickleball •

SUNDAY, FEB. 2: • 1:30-5:30 pm Cumberland Youth Softball Open Gym •

MONDAY, FEB. 3: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-6 pm CCE: Tabata/Barre Exercise Class • 5-7:30 pm MS Girls Basketball Home vs Chetek-Weyerhaeuser •

TUESDAY, FEB. 4: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5:45-9 pm HS Boys Basketball Home vs Barron • 5:45-9 pm HS Girls Basketball Home vs Barron • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 5-6 pm CCE: Tabata/Barre Exercise Class • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball • 6-8 pm CYVA Parent Meeting (Meeting starts at 6:30) •



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FEB. 15TH: Ice Golf Canceled: Par-Tee-On Putt Putt Golf Tournament in the Isle Event Center. First 36 teams to register at Nezzy's. \$20 a team and MUST be 21 years and older to play.

FEB. 16: Family Sunday Funday! Come play miniature golf from 11 am - 4pm. \$5 per round per person.

Mar. 2nd: Cribbage Tournament. 11 am Register 12 pm Start \$10 to play!

MAR 15TH: **LIVE MUSIC** Shirts and Skins 8 pm
more info to come...

Hours: Tues-Sunday: 10am - Close

Kitchen Hours: Tues-Thurs: 11am-8pm; Friday: 11am-9pm; Saturday: 11am-9pm Sunday: 11am - 8pm

SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, January 30
ES: Lasagna Rollup.
MS/HS: Lasagna with meat, peas, pears. 2nd option: Cheese quesadilla
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Friday, January 31
All meat pizza, broccoli, applesauce.
MS/HS: Chicken nuggets.
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Monday, February 3
Walking BBQ Chicken, Coleslaw, Carrots, Pears. MS/HS: (2nd Option) Chicken Patty
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Tuesday, February 4
Tacos, Brown Rice, Corn, Fiesta Beans, Peaches. MS/HS: (2nd Option) Hamburger/Cheeseburger
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Wednesday, February 5
ES: Chicken Nuggets.
MS/HS: Meatloaf w/Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Peas, Pears. MS/HS: (2nd Option) Grilled Chicken Sandwich.
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

All meals are served with a variety of 1/2 pint of milk, fresh, frozen and canned fruits and vegetables.
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Time: 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: MS Library (Second level of middle school)
Date Range: 4 Sessions: Mondays, February 3, 17, 24, and March 3 Tabata Workouts
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Northwoods Notebook: That strange time five years ago

By Larry Werner

Five years ago, we were packing up for our winter escape — our month or so in Florida. It was our plan to drive east to Michigan for a brief visit with my brother, then head south on I-75, with a stop in Kentucky to see an old friend who was in the last stages of prostate cancer.

From Kentucky, we drove to The Villages, FL, which had been our March refuge for five years previous. While walking and talking in a pool at this retirement community, a woman from Toronto we had met in previous years said her daughter, a nurse, was encouraging her and her husband to come home because a virus called Covid was infecting people in the U.S.

A week later, President Trump declared a national emergency, and we cut our escape short, taking a long, scary ride, staying in motels still open, eating at restaurants not yet closed, arriving in Cumberland for a year of fear and isolation.

It's hard to believe now that during 2020 we spent time indoors with no one other than each other. Not even with our kids and grandkids. We were told that because the virus spread easily among people, and the disease was horrific and often fatal, we should isolate from anyone with whom we didn't reside.

We got back to Cumberland and reconnected with friends by text and email, but didn't go into their homes or have them into ours. We took walks with friends who live along Hines Lakeview Drive — the "fish people" with whom we go for Friday fish — and "zoomed" with the kids and grandkids.

On grandson Leo's April birthday, we did a drive-by celebration, honking our horns while driving past, dropping gifts on the front lawn, as the boy jumped up and down waving to grandparents, aunts and uncles.

We wore masks. Not everyone was so careful. As I walked the streets, a friend would shout sarcastically to me from his car, "Where's your mask?" He, of course, didn't wear one. We heard later that members of his church were praying for him after he contracted a serious case. More than a million Americans died of Covid in 2020.

In that summer, we would get together for long picnic lunches with Al and Lori Bock at Tourist Park, sitting at opposite ends of the picnic table, keeping that six feet of "social distance." We ordered groceries online that were loaded into our cars in the parking lot and washed the food packages before putting them away.

It was a strange time. The kids and grandkids came up for the Fourth of July, and we went back to our apartment in the Cities because we couldn't stay with people who weren't in our "bubble." We took our walks into town and got our lattes to go, drinking them at tables outside at Peter & Annie's. We got our Friday fish to go and got laughed at by fellows at the bar who were OK sitting inside without masks.

Our summer concerts were performed at Augustana Lutheran without an audience and were broadcast on Facebook Live. We watched football games on TV that were played in stadiums without fans.

Ann and I had Thanksgiving dinner in our apartment, setting up the iPad on the dining room table connected by zoom to our son, Zack, at his home, where he ate his. On Christmas, we opened our gifts in front of our tree in Cumberland, connected by laptop to the kids opening gifts in their homes.

Then, vaccines became available, and we scrambled to get appointments for the shots. A friend who was in Texas got an appointment at Cumberland Healthcare and drove 20 hours to get here.

I'll never forget one evening after we and four of the fish friends had been vaccinated, we had them over for dinner. I remember greeting them at the door and saying: "I'm going to say something I haven't said in more than a year: 'Come on in.'"

But we didn't hug. It was a strange time. Larry Werner's email is lhwner47@gmail.com.

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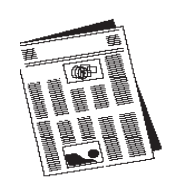
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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



Holy Cow, or should I say what the cluck?! The price of eggs is going silly high. Bird flu is putting a major hurting on chickens. I for one love eggs and eat plenty of them. Not to mention I like cookies, and guess what, need eggs for them too! Better get a couple dozen now as the price is only going to go up!

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Its hard to believe those folks in California now have another problem to deal with. You need water to put out fires. Now after getting some much needed rain, they have to deal with mud slides and toxic ashes. What a giant mess. Makes it really hard to complain about our weather. Good luck out there! With some warm temperatures in our forecast, it looks like the little snow we have is going to take a beating. Hopefully some comes in the future.

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Its the Chiefs and Eagles headed to the big game in two weeks. The Chiefs are looking to become the first team to ever win three straight Super Bowls. It should be an excellent game. A couple little nuggets about the match up. How about the Giants trading Saquan Barkley to the Eagles? He is an absolute monster. He most likely would have been broken the all time single season rushing record if he would have played the last game of the season. It was bad enough the Giants traded him but to a division rival? Ouch! Then there is the Chiefs and Patrick Mahomes. He is already the second winningest quarterback in playoff history and he is only 29 years old. He is 17-3. That’s just plain nuts. What’s more crazy is he isn’t yet half way to Tom Brady’s mark of 35 career playoff wins. How good was Brady!?! Damn good, wow. Anyway, hope it is a great game.

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Congratulations to Gavin Gores being named a finalist for Mr. Basketball in the state of Wisconsin. He is one of six in the running. Good luck Gavin! Have a great week!

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LETTERS

Thank you for Scouting Article!

To the Editor:

Thank you for printing “The Last 100 Years of Scouting”! When growing up in Cumberland, my father (Gordon Toftness) was so proud of the Eagle Scouts he guided along. He would say, “Look at these Eagle Scouts. Many went on to be Doctors, business owners and civic leaders”. My dad is smiling.

Keep up the good work Paul, informing us how our dear town of Cumberland is progressing. I love keeping my finger on the pulse of Cumberland via the Cumberland Advocate. Your service is invaluable to folks who live many miles away.

Robert Toftness
California

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Wisconsin needs to catch its neighbors in venture capital”

MADISON, Wis. – The state gained a new member in its roster of early-stage investors when Mastercraft Ventures was launched this month with a \$2.4 million investment from the larger Badger Fund of Funds, which has invested in five other state-based funds over time.

It’s another welcome underwriting by veteran investor Ken Johnson, who showed confidence in Mastercraft founder and fund manager Mason Cook of Beloit. Cook has been a software entrepreneur and plans to invest in other sectors, as well.

The only problem is Wisconsin still needs a lot more investors like Cook and Johnson, who started Badger Fund of Funds in 2015 with a mix of private and public investment. Others in the Badger family are Rock River Capital Fund, Idea Fund of La Crosse, Gateway Capital Fund, Winnow Fund and Winnebago Seed Fund, all in various stages of activity.

No matter how the numbers are crunched, Wisconsin still lags almost all its Midwest neighbors when it comes to the broad category of early-stage investing. That is generally defined as angel and venture capital, which is money invested in young companies in

their “startup” or emerging growth stages. Such companies are typically in technology sectors such as life sciences, information and advanced manufacturing.

Preliminary figures collected by the Wisconsin Technology Council show about \$290 million in 73 early stage deals in 2024, which was down from 2023 (\$490 million in 107 deals), 2022 (\$640.2 million in 107 deals) and 2021 (\$868.8 million in 140 deals). That trend line matches the U.S. pattern over the same years, but some surrounding states have performed better.

In a report by U.S. News & World Report that compared venture capital to the gross domestic product of the 50 states, Wisconsin ranked 40th. Nearby states ranked between 14th and 38th were Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Iowa.

Dealroom examined 2024 venture capital dollar totals and reported Illinois at \$2.1 billion, Ohio at \$1.1 billion, Minnesota at \$889 million, Michigan at \$654 million, Indiana at \$403 million, Missouri at \$388 million and Iowa at \$205 million. Are some of those states more populous than Wisconsin? Of course. But that’s only part of the story.

Venture capital has been largely a “coastal” game for

decades, with states such as Massachusetts, California, New York and Washington leading the way. Of late, however, states such as Colorado, Nevada, Texas, North Carolina and Utah have crashed the party as investors broadened their search for game-changing technology and managers who could turn innovation into cash.

Two neighbors that stepped up with the help of forward-looking policy-makers are Ohio and Michigan, both of which having created larger “funds of funds” for investing in state-based companies.

In its 2023 report, the Ohio Capital Fund noted it had invested \$139.9 million in other venture capital funds, leveraging \$1.41 billion in private investments across 107 Ohio companies. It reported creation of 3,250 jobs at an average salary of \$107,000 and \$39.2 million in tax revenues. The internal rate of return was also strong.

Venture Michigan Fund I and II have invested \$264.5 million across 56 companies, leveraging \$1.71 billion in total private investment. It has claimed creation of 1,762 jobs with \$128 million in one recent year alone.

It’s not that Wisconsin hasn’t been innovative over time. The 2005 enactment of the Qualified New Busi-

ness Venture program created an enduring tax credit for investors in young companies that meet certain criteria. The Badger Fund of Funds was a step forward, especially with early investments. The 2024 creation of the public-private Wisconsin Investment Fund through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. stands to help as well through a combination of public and private dollars.

What continues to elude Wisconsin, for the most part, are eight- and nine-figure deals that move companies to the next level. That’s what is happening in other Midwest states on a more regular basis, even if the coastal leaders maintain their hefty lead.

As Mastercraft’s Cook said in launching his fund: “The number one reason that startups fail is they run out of money. A startup will typically need to raise multiple rounds of funding before they exit.”

It’s not that Wisconsin has flawed business ideas or bad founders. What’s needed are more funds big enough to help startups and their early investors find a profitable exit door.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
February 4, 2015

The Cumberland Fire Department was called to the Blaine O’Connor residence yesterday on 220th Ave., near Pipe Lake around 5:30 pm for a fully engulfed structure fire. The home is a complete loss. No one was at home at the time of the fire. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

Winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge and moving on to the District Final are: Wyatt Tift, Cora Grunseth, Payton Nyhus, Dallas Buzewicz, Mandy Becker, Ellie Rieper, Anna Ranalolo, Kennan Stowers, Noah Sellent, Nathan Schmidt and Josh Martens.

20 Years Ago
February 2, 2005

Cumberland Shooting Stars made an appearance at Cumberland Memorial Hospital with donated items. Due to the success of the Shooting Stars Benefit walk and the support from the community, Cumberland Shooting Stars was able to provide the hospital with much-needed supplies. A “kid friendly” room was designed with a star border, curtains, wall decor, rocking chair and much more.

30 Years Ago
February 1, 1995

Cumberland Memorial Hospital and Extend-

ed Care Unit, Inc., has achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission of Healthcare Organizations as a result of its demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission’s nationally recognized healthcare standards.

Nine Cumberland fifth graders participated in the 2nd Annual Education Fair in Rice Lake. The children demonstrated how Iroquois Indian Ceremonial masks are made. Students were: Angela Strickland, Nicole White, Krystal Kronebusch, Sarah Colby, Leah Hullinger, Eric Shaw, Jessica Ricci, Katie Conkey and Kristina Hanson.

40 Years Ago
January 30, 1985

Award recipients at last week’s Cumberland Chamber of Commerce annual meeting were: Katherine Robinson, Outstanding Citizen; Paul Nelson, Special Recognition; Dorothy Thorp, Outstanding Citizen-awarded in memory of Bob Thorp; and Al Skinner, Special Recognition.

A chimney fire was reported last Wednesday at the Paul Adascheck residence at 7:45 pm. The blaze was extinguished without incident.

50 Years Ago
January 30, 1975

Patricia Steege, daugh-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Steege, has been named CHS Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. She won the honor by competing with other seniors in the written knowledge and attitude examination in December and is now eligible for state and national honors.

60 Years Ago
February 4, 1965

The Hillcrest Cafe in Cumberland was burglarized sometime Sunday night. Cumberland police reported a quantity of change and cigarettes were taken. The burglary is still under investigation.

The new Board of Directors of the Cumberland Civic Club were announced at the meeting last week. They are: Art Spoolman, Harold Johnson, Al Bratten, Bob Gochanour, Dr. Robert Anderson, Same Hines and Robert Thorp.

70 Years Ago
February 3, 1955

Dog owners in the community were warned this week that there is an outbreak of distemper prevalent now and that they should make every effort to keep their pets confined.

80 Years Ago
February 1, 1945

The Company Store Warehouse burned to the ground last Satur-

day night to bring one of the greatest fire losses the city has experienced in many hears. The loss is set at approximately 24,000, including several hundreds of dollars in damage to adjoining sheds. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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1/23	25	-5	0.01	0.2
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1/26	24	2	0.00	0.00
1/27	28	8	0.00	0.00

Temperature and precipitation readings are taken at **7 a.m.** for the previous 24 hours and are provided by the Cumberland Utility Office.

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Lindy M. Bartels, 40, Barron, OWI, \$2,121.00. Anthony J. Kreier, 37, rice Lake, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Gregory L. Raymond, 48, Bloomer, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Christopher D. Summers, 39, Cameron, OWI, \$1,560.50. Dustin C. White, 27, Menomonie, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Brooklyn A. Adams, 20, Menomonie, minor transporting intoxicants in motor vehicle, \$263.50. Laylah M. Beier, 19, Barron, speeding, \$175.30. Cammi M. Braden, 45, Rice Lake, speeding, \$175.30 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Kevin W. Brady, 66, Farmington, MN., failure to stop at stop sign, \$175.30. Zachariah S. Brown, 22, Exeland, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Ray J.. Coyer, 85, Cameron, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Dale S. Ellingsworth, 53, Rice Lake, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Mark A. Erickson, 62, Cameron, passing in no-passing zone, \$213.10. Hunter J. Ferstenou, 17, Winter, speeding, \$175.30. Karen R. Germanson, 44, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Michael J. Hodges, 60, Huntersville, NC., speeding, \$225.70. Crystal G. Jones, 41, Almena, operator violate red traffic light, \$175.30 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Bridget R. Legore, 52, Rice Lake, operating while suspended, \$200.50 and speeding, \$200.50. Megan D. Magnus, 42, Cameron, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30, operating while suspended, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Madison M. Maifeld, 21, Sumner, IA., speeding, \$200.50. James A. Matthews, LL., 51, Chetek, possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, \$263.50. Angela R. Mcevoy, 46, Ladysmith, passing in no-passing zone, \$213.10 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Tyler J. Melton, 19, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Cody W. Meyer, 35, Clayton, fail/equip vehicle fenders, \$175.30, fail/properly mount vehicle bumpers, \$175.30 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Ethan K. Morlock, 20, Ridgeland, operating left of center, \$213.10. Kirk W. Neilsen, 52, Sand Creek, operate motor vehicle without two headlights, 4162.70. Cody J. Paul, 24, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Brandon E. Phelps, 22, Webster, vehicle passenger failure to wear seat belt, \$10.00. Emily G. Quimby, 20, Chippewa Falls, speeding, \$175.30. Ryan T. Randall-Hoeft, 17, Rice Lake, OWI, \$1,024.50. John D. Ray, 35, Barron, operating while

revoked, \$200.50. Kevin M. Reed, 46, New Richmond, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Isaac S. Schilling, 21, Ridgeland, failure of dealer to transfer title, \$200.50. Jonathan M. Staples, 22, Grantsburg, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Kimberly A. Strand, 37, Wheeler, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Uriel T. Hernandez, 20, Sheldon, operate without a valid license, \$200.50 and operator failure to have passenger seat belted, \$10.00. Benjamin J. Wenger, 20, Almena, windshields-tinting-critical area, \$175.30.

Complaints

Ryanne M. Eagleman, 25, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court date was scheduled for January 21, 2025.

Dylan F. Matsch, 53, of Chetek, has been charged with operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025.

Criminal Traffic

Michael S. Chmielewski, 51, of Minneapolis, MN., has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 12, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Lance C. L'Heureux, 42, of Barron, has been charged with OWI, operate with restricted controlled substance and operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 29, 2025.

Cole J. Robotka, 25, of Hayward, has been charged with operate firearm while intoxicated. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 12, 2025.

Melanie R. Mundt, 32, of Rice Lake, has been charged with criminal damage to property, theft-movable property and disorderly conduct. Her adjourned 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 preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 19, 2025.

Jakob R. Linder, 36, of Lake City, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotic drugs. His arraignment is scheduled for February 29, 2025.

Benjamin D. Blomberg, 26, of Rice Lake, has been charged with manufacture/deliver amphetamine and party to a crime. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 26, 2025.

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Randy E. Kaeder, 62, of Finayson, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of THC. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 19, 2025.

Alexander L. Griffin, 50, of Barron, has been charged with manufacture/deliver amphetamine. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Daniel L. Schultz, 56, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, posess/illegally obtained prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 28, 2025.

Nicole L. Root, 32, of Frederic, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her preliminary hearing was scheduled for January 24, 2025.

Crystal A. Vana, 31, of Hayward, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 29, 2025.

Anthony M. Ninke, 30, of Clayton, has been charged with theft-movable property. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 19, 2025.

Devin C. Baldwin, 29, of Cumberland, has been charged with throw/discharge bodily fluid at public safety worker or prosecutor and repeater. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for January 24, 2025.

Anthony M. Ninke, 30, of Clayton, has been charged with theft-movable property.

A deputy with the Barron County Sheriff's Department reports that on April 6, 2024, he was assigned to investigate a theft complaint from a residence on 7th Avenue in Clayton. The deputy made contact with JKM by phone, and advised him that his son, BDM, went to her property to retrieve her manure spreader, and that when he arrived, he called her and advised that the manure spreader was missing. JKM advised that the spreader had been parked in a pole shed, located on the north side of the farm, and that she did not give anyone permission to take or use the spreader.

JKM indicated t hat it was approximately 20 to 25 years old, but in good shape and in working order. JKM advised the spreader was originally purchased by her late husband.

JKM advised that the spreader would have been stolen within the past week, and sent four photographs of the manure spreader to the deputy.

The deputy responded to the scene, and when he arrived at the pole shed, he observed a set of rear tractor tires, lug type, along with stranded front type tire marks. The deputy reports the rear tire marks were present in the area where the hitch for the spreader would have been located, and then leave the shed onto an old

concrete cow yard. The cow yard had a gate blocking the entrance to Highway K and was chained closed, but not locked. To the north of the gate and west of another shed there was an open area where there used to be a fence. The deputy observed flattened grass in that area leading to the ditch on Highway K.

The deputy made contact with BDM, who advised that he arrived at the farm with his pickup to take the spreader home to spread cow manure when he noticed it was gone. BDM also indicated that the spreader was over 20 years old, but in good condition. He indicated he would use it once a year to spread manure in the spring.

BDM advised that the spreader was missing a bearing on one of the tandem axles, and that the passenger side tires were mismatched. BDM advised that the last time he saw the spreader was approximately one to two weeks prior.

The deputy reports he canvassed the township, and made contact with a male. The male advised that he had been driving to work the previous Tuesday or Wednesday, and believed he saw a manure spreader on 3rd Street, south of 5th Avenue, but did not think much about it since it was spring time. The male indicated it stuck out to him a little bit because the tractor was sitting on the side of the road without an operator, and hooked up to a manure spreader.

The deputy reports on April 10, 2024, he received a voicemail message from BDM indicating BDM knew where the manure spreader was located. The deputy called BDM back, and BDM stated the spreader was sitting behind the barn. This location had previously been identified to the deputy by JKM as being Ninke's residence. BDM advised that his brother, BPM, had purchased a drone and piloted near the address, when he located it sitting in a field. BDM advised BPM flew the drone near the property on April 9.

The detective reports on April 10, 2024, he met with the deputy who explained the circumstances with him. The detective along with the deputy, responded to Ninke's residence, and eventually made contact with him.

The detective reports he explained to Ninke that he was assisting with the investigation of a stolen manure spreader and that Ninke had stated he recently purchased a manure spreader, approximately one month ago.

The detective advised Ninke that they had received an anonymous tip that he had the manure spreader on his property and that Ninke indicated he did have one, and claimed he traded a round baler and \$1,000.00 to a person on Facebook Marketplace for it. Ninke indicated they were not sure who this person was.

The detective reports they eventually walked into a field area, where the manure spreader had been stored. The detective reports that prior to viewing the spreader, the deputy had provided him with the make/model, and described the mismatched tires and other specific characteristics of the

manure spreader.

The detective's report reflect he confronted Ninke regarding his story about obtaining the manure spreader from an unknown person on marketplace, and Ninke again, indicated that he traded a round baler and \$1,000 for the item.

The deputy reports he met with a male who owns a dealership to get a value for the spreader. The deputy reports he provided the male

with six pictures of the spreader taken at the time it was recovered. The male reviewed the photographs and also looked online to compare. The deputy reports the comparables ranged from \$5,500-\$7000.

If convicted for theft-movable property, Ninke may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than six years or both. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 19, 2025.

Terrorist Threats Against Luck Graduation Ceremony Lead To Felony Conviction For Minong Man

The Court has sentenced Mark Denhartog, age 42, of Minong, on convictions of making terrorist threats against the May 2024 graduation ceremony at Luck High School in Luck, WI. Denhartog received multiple felony charges following his arrest after the cancellation of the Luck High School Graduation ceremony on May 17, 2024.

The criminal complaint states that on May 17, 2024, around 5:00 pm, Polk County Law Enforcement responded to the Luck High School graduation ceremony as they had received reports of a father of one of the graduating students threatening to come to the ceremony and shoot up the place.

When officers arrived at the school, they were advised by school officials that a member of the community had received text messages from Denhartog, in which he made threats about coming to the graduation ceremony with a firearm and shooting up the place.

The school officials told the Officers that information had been received indicating that Denhartog had left his residence in Washburn County and had a firearm with him.

The school officials also relayed information stating that during a recent incident when Denhartog had been upset about something he had fired off gunshots into the air, threatened to kill himself, and laid in traffic. The officers were advised that it was believed that due to Denhartog's mental state, he was capable and likely to follow through with a threat like this.

The school administration was discussing if they should cancel the graduation ceremony. It was decided to lock down all entrances to the building except for the main entrance and position law enforcement outside that entrance.

Washburn County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Polk County Sheriff's Department engaged in a search for Denhartog and attempted to obtain more information regarding the situation.

Officers received new information indicating that Denhartog may be in a tan Chevy Equinox with an unknown license plate. At around 5:40 pm, Law Enforcement in Washburn County briefly had contact with Denhartog near a residence in the Minong, WI area, and he was observed placing a rifle inside a tan Chevy Equinox. Denhartog fled the area in the Chevy Equinox and law enforcement

ment was not able to relocate him.

As the Officers continued to prepare at the Luck school, they received additional information that there had been other incidents in the past during which Denhartog had made threats of harming himself and others and getting into a shootout with police.

Polk County Sheriff's Deputies received information from the Wisconsin State Patrol that during the contact with Denhartog, he had made comments about "suicide by cops" and confirmed that he was armed with a rifle.

At that time, Law Enforcement determined that the threat had become far more credible and advised the superintendent to cancel the graduation and have everyone clear out of the area.

Officers stayed on the scene and oversaw the evacuation. After the school had been evacuated a white vehicle with two people inside pulled up to the area. Law enforcement stopped the vehicle and requested that the male passenger identify himself and get out. The male allegedly said something to the effect of "I'm the guy" and "I didn't do anything."

The criminal complaint goes on to describe that the male passenger began putting his hands in his pockets and refusing to comply with law enforcement's commands. Officers drew firearms and eventually, the male complied and was handcuffed.

The male suspect was identified as Mark Denhartog. Denhartog allegedly stated that he left his vehicle at another location because it ran out of gas and the driver of this vehicle had "nothing to do with anything." Denhartog allegedly went on to state that he would not bring a firearm to the school and that he only wanted to watch his child graduate.

The criminal complaint states that it took several officers to move Denhartog into a squad due to his physically resistive behaviors.

Denhartog was transported to the Polk County Jail. Law enforcement in Washburn County ultimately located Denhartog's original vehicle, which allegedly appeared to have been "ditched."

On January 17, 2025, Denhartog was ordered to serve a prison sentence of 18 months of initial incarceration, followed by two years of extended supervision.

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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

Gavin Gores Nominated for Mr. Basketball Award

Since 1982 the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association has awarded the most outstanding senior basketball player in the state the honor of Mr. Basketball. Nominees are determined by a committee of current WBCA Executive Board members and voting for the honor is handled by a panel of WBCA Hall of Fame Coaches.

Among this year's six state finalists is Beavers Senior Gavin Gores. The winner of the award will be announced at the State Basketball Tournament in March.

Boy's Basketball Team Rolls Over Chetek-Weyerhaeuser; Record 9 and 4

The Cumberland Basketball Team picked up another HON victory last Friday with a strong home performance against Chetek-Weyerhaeuser that ended in a 71-47 victory. The Beaver's record improved to 9 and 4 as they prepared for a Tuesday contest against Ashland and this Thursday's game in Spooner. With the Oredockers and Rails both struggling, it sets the Beavers up for another good week heading into a big 5:45 pm home contest against league-leading Barron on Tuesday, February 4.

In the victory over Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, the Beavers used a Gavin Gores three-point basket right before the first-half buzzer to build a 36-21 lead at intermission. Chayden Berghammer added a pair of treys in the first half, while guard Troy Majewski had a strong 18-minutes of point guard play, which would eventually end in a team-leading six assists in the game.

The second half was dominated by Gores, who ended with 39 points. This fol-

lowed his 44-point effort against Ladysmith in the Beavers victory in the previous contest. Over the last two games, Gores had made 32 of 46 shots for 83 points, while contributing 32 rebounds.

Chayden Berghammer had another double-digit scoring night with 16, as the two seniors combined to score 55 of the Beavers 71 points. As a team, Cumberland shot 62 percent from the floor, while displaying solid defense.

"The boys played well in the last two games against two teams in the top half of the HON. What I think we saw was our team beginning to play to their potential, as there were stretches where we clicked on both ends of the court. The challenge for the team now is to prolong those stretches and ultimately play 36 minutes a night of their best ball," said Head Coach Brian Dutton. He complimented Assistant Ryan Zemke for a great week of work, adding "I'm fortunate to have a great staff."

Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team Rolls to a Pair of HON Victories

It was a great week for the Girl's Basketball program, as they defeated two HON opponents by large margins. On Thursday, the team rolled over Spooner 45-24 while on Saturday they traveled to Ashland, where they picked up a 55-26 victory. The Spooner win came over a team that had defeated them 44-33 back in early December, showing how much the team has improved under Tim Obr this winter.

Cumberland built up a 30 to 4 halftime lead vs Spooner in Thursday's contest and coasted to a 21-point victory. The girl's displayed a solid zone defense, while showing the ability on offense to both get to the basket for easy baskets and hit the outside shot.

Senior Macy Beecroft opened up some of those drives by going four for seven from three-point range on her way to an 18-point evening. Sister Raegan Beecroft added nine points and 11 rebounds, while Kyleigh McLemore and Nautica Ruppel added six points each, Ruppel's coming on a pair of baskets from beyond the arc. McLemore had a team-high four as-

sists, while Kaylee Jackson added two assists and some strong ball-handling. The team's strong play continued two-days later, with a big road effort in Ashland.

This time it was Raegan Beecroft who led the way with 22 points. Macy Beecroft added 15 and Kyleigh McLemore 10, while Coach Tim Obr credited Kaylee Jackson and Melody Taylor for leading the defensive effort.

"The girls have really improved and have been working very hard. It seems like almost every game we have a different leading scorer. On defense we switched from man to man to a 1-2-2 trapping zone. The girls have an embraced it and we have been able to slow teams down," added Coach Obr.

The team took their two-game win streak into a Monday match-up versus Cameron and then get ready to host Northwestern in Elmer Beran Gymnasium this Friday night at 7:00 pm. On Tuesday, February 4, the girls host Barron in a varsity doubleheader game which follows the boy's contest.

Cumberland Mixed-Up Bowling League - Week 16

2nd Half Team Standings	Tom Baril - 185
Cumberland Federal - 17	Mark Peichel - 180
Cumberland Bus - 13	Pam Allen - 179
Club Cumberland - 7	3 High Scratch Series
Grandma's Gang - 7	Caroline Baker - 479
Pasko's RPM - 6	Jordan Peichel - 478
3 High Scratch Games	Mark Peichel - 471



Gavin Gores hammers home two of his team leading 39 points in the Beavers win over the Bulldogs last Friday night. Gores was recently named 1 of 6 finalists for the Mr. Basketball Award for the State of Wisconsin. The winner will be announced at the State Tournament in March. Good luck Gavin! Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Kyleigh McLemore helped lead the Beavers to a big win over Spooner last friday night in Cumberland. McLemore had six points in the contest.



Nautica Ruppel lines up and nails a three pointer in the girls big win over the Rails on the Beavers home court.



Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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01/31 Fri	>	6:32	12:19	6:57	12:44	07:30	05:10	8:51a	8:05p	2:21p	1:57a	
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

The Rebirth of a Wetland

Hello friends,

This week's column is my biggest challenge in the 35 years that I have been writing to fit a lot in a small amount of space. Most of you may know that I love The Necedah National Wildlife Refuge as well the adjoining Meadow Valley Wildlife Area and a lot of other connected public lands in northern Juneau County. My hunting camp is located in the area. I moved to Necedah 25 years ago due to this piece of paradise and I probably spend 100-days a year exploring it.

What you may not know is that well over 100-years ago this area had many miles of ditches dug in it for water drainage that controlled the

The Little Yellow River and diminished a vast area of wetlands to straight line ditch's that could drain a 1-inch rainfall in a week rather than dispersing it to the groundwater and wetlands.

One of the problems that this created was that the roads in this area, of which many are gravel, are being destroyed over the long term by hard rains and beaver. There are not many residents in the local townships and so finances for a permanent, maybe forever fix aren't not happening.

Brad Strobel is a wildlife biologist at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and is one of the main people that has a vision to enhance the wetlands. This should/will help mitigate problems from flooding or, at least the frequency "in the project area". They are minimizing the road damage and for the folks that love walking and viewing and hunting, they are creating 14 miles this year and 8 more in the future of wide open trails where there used to be tree choked ditches.

This project is vast and some of the main players include, The Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, Kingston Township, WDNR, Juneau County Hwy Dept as well as Land Conservation Dept and the USFWS. My first day education was with 9 people on teams of 3 each. Our goal was to chart out 800 to 100 foot increments for 14 miles of ditch.

In other words, we would travel 800-feet pound

a pole/marker in the ground, put marker tape in a nearby tree, travel 100-feet, do the same and then travel 800-feet again for what would be 14-miles over 2 days.

One of the challenges we had was that at each mark, we had to cross the ditches and do the same and there were times when we hit some bad ice. In reality for everyone involved it was a very cool way to spend two days.

So here is the plan: the ditches drain the water as they were supposed to for the farmers who all left the area, mainly due to very poor soil quality for most agriculture. The world needs water/wetlands and wildlife, especially ducks need wetlands.

Where the ditches meet the roads, there are or were culverts, beaver and flash rains are destroying them. The plan at phase 1 is to remove the trees for maybe 20-feet on each side of the ditch for the entire project. Next step is to create plugs, every 800-feet, by removing what are called spoils from when the ditches were originally dug, (the banks that are above water) and place them across/in the ditches for what is the natural lay of the land for 100-feet. Then the excavator doing the job will travel 800- more feet and create another 100-foot plug.

What has happened in test projects is that the Little Yellow River meanders through an area close to the ditch but creates vast wetlands and the ditches which will have a version of a ground level dam every 800-feet, will grow sedge grasses and be very easy to cross.

How does this help with the road damage issue? When a 2-inch rain falls, the area that the water flows will be much wider, thus diminishing the current and groundwater is able to slowly replenish.

Many of the roads will be rebuilt and some are currently closed, some sections will be permanently closed. Here is the road plan: existing roads in the project area will be dug up, a layer of rock will be laid, then fabric, then another layer of rock, then fabric with redgranite on top. Currently it is all red granite or sand. This plan should allow water to flow through, instead of over the road.



Excavators are used to remove the trees and place them in the ditches.



The next step after the trees are removed will be to create the plugs. Beautiful hiking/hunting trails are being created due to this project.

Folks, I say amen to the men and women that have the vision to help in so many ways, just think about what you just read, it really is a happy story.

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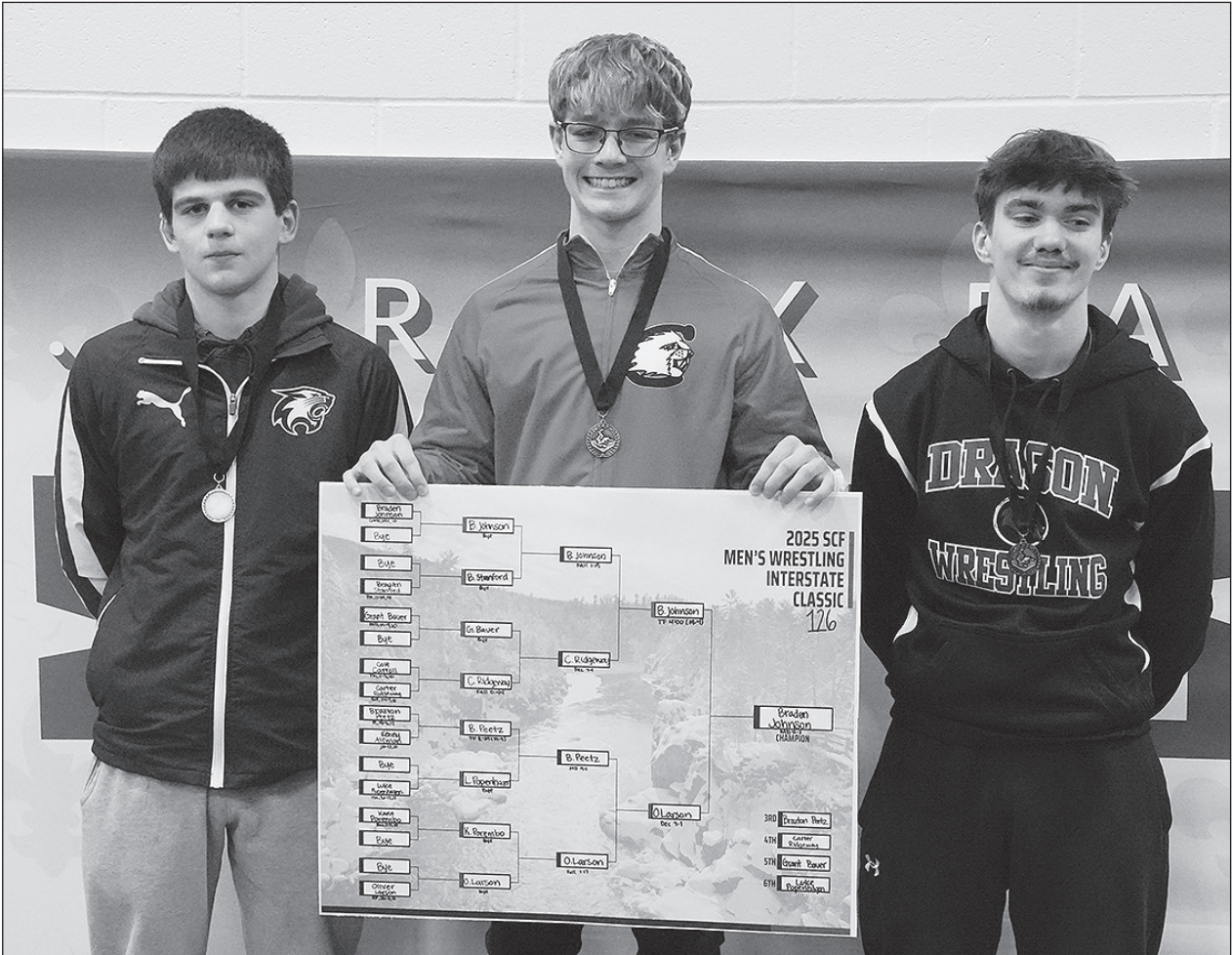
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Tournament Champion!



Braden Johnson claimed the 126 pound championship at last weekends 18 team tournament held in St. Croix Falls. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

Wrestling Team Places Third in St. Croix Falls Tournament

The Cumberland Wrestling Team was busy last week, despite the cancellation of the Ladysmith dual on Tuesday due to the closing of the school because of cold. Opportunities included a third-place finish at the 18-team St. Croix Falls Tournament and two wrestlers, who competed at the JV State Tournament in Wausau.

Braden Johnson continued his outstanding season with the Beavers lone first place finish in St. Croix Falls. The Cumberland Sophomore is currently ranked as the third best D3 wrestler in the State at 126-pounds and has only one loss this year and only four over his two-year career to date.

Two other Cumberland wrestlers, Seniors, Harrison Ruppel and Jack Owens, finished 2nd in St. Croix Falls at 150 and 165 pounds respectively. Thirds went to Colin Hagen at 106 and Logan Peterson at 157. Simon Rodriguez added a fourth. "It was an excellent performance by our young men against good competition from both Minnesota and Wisconsin," said Head Coach Reid Olson.

Cumberland also had four wrestlers compete in the JV portion of the event, where Olson added, "They all wrestled as well as they have all year."

As a team, the Beavers are currently ranked seventh in the State behind first-place Weyauwega-Fremont.

Two JV wrestlers, meanwhile, wrestled in Wausau last weekend at the JV State Tournament. Mitchell Monchilovich and Carter Grinage both finished as runners-up in their weight classes. "They both had great days making the finals," said Coach Olson.

"The wrestlers overcame a lot of adversity this week. We were not at full strength and the team was able to persevere due to their discipline and hard work in the practice room. We are proud of everyone and their dedication to the team and sport thus far in the season, and look forward to kicking off the post-season with the Conference tournament in Northwestern on February 8th," concluded Olson about last week's action.

The Beavers will be back in action this Thursday, January 30, with a home tri-duel against Northwestern and St. Croix Falls. Action starts at 6:00 pm. The Ladysmith match has not been rescheduled at this point.



Colin Hagen picked up a big win at last weekends tournament held in St. Croix Falls. Photo by Kaely Wenzel

Sports Calendar
Thursday, Jan. 30
Wrestling home vs St. Croix Falls 6:00
Boys Hockey @ Hayward 7:00
Boys BB @ Spooner 7:00
Friday, Jan 31
Girls BB home vs N. Western 7:00
Girls Hockey @ Fond du Lac 7:30
Saturday, Feb. 1
Girls Hockey @ Xavier 12:00
Tuesday, Feb. 4
Girls Hockey @ Northland Pines 5:00
Boys BB home vs Barron 5:45
Girls BB home vs Barron 7:00
Boys Hockey @ Siren 7:00

Excellent Showing!



Mitchell Monchilovich (left) and Carter Grinage both had great days at the JV State Tournament held in Wausaw this past weekend. Both wrestlers went 4-1 in a grueling day of wrestling to finish runner up in their respective weight classes. Congratulations guys. We look forward to seeing you two on the Varsity mat in the future!



Victor Avila Gonzalez in control of his man at the 18 team St. Croix Falls Tournament held last Saturday. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

3 Point Challenge!



The Beavers Macy Beecroft eyes a three pointer last Friday night vs Spooner. Beecroft is currently 10th in Division 4 in the annual 3 Point Challenge sponsored by the WIAA. The top two in each division will participate in the 3 Point Challenge on Saturday, March 15th during the girls State Tournament at the Kohl Center in Madison. Good luck Macy, hit a few more threes!

Division 4 Three Point Leaders

RANK ▼	NAME ▼	TEAM ▼	3PM ▼	3PA ▼	3P% ▼
1	Toria Devoe	Belleville	43	90	0.478
2	Sydney Subke	Neillsville	46	102	0.451
3	Haddie Showen	Westfield	40	92	0.435
4	Zoey Siders	Valders	40	96	0.417
5	Magdalen Simon	Abundant Life	37	89	0.416
6	Emily Wiegman	Cuba City	48	118	0.407
7	Anna Fronk	Bangor	47	116	0.405
8	Bailey Olson	Cameron	45	118	0.381
9	Olivia Passehl	Aquinas	46	127	0.362
10	Macy Beecroft	Cumberland	35	97	0.361

Northwest Icemen Fall to Baldwin-Woodville; Four Games Left Before Playoffs

With last week’s cancellations due to cold, the Northwest Icemen could only manage one game last week, which ended in a 7-0 loss to Baldwin-Woodville. The team’s record stands at 4 and 12 with only four games left in the regular season before WIAA Tournament action begins on February 18. Baldwin-Woodville is tied for third-place in the Middle Border behind league-leading Amery. They would

outshoot the Icemen 39-13 in the contest, while scoring multiple goals in each period. It was a well-played game nevertheless, with only three penalties in the entire contest. This week the Icemen head to Hayward on Thursday for a 7:00 pm contest, while next Tuesday, February 4, the team plays WSFLG in Siren, also at 7:00 pm. The icemen defeated WSFLG 2 to 1 back in early January.

Girl’s Hockey Co-Op Wins Twice; Record Excellent 13-5-1

The Girl’s Hockey Co-op, which includes two Cumberland girls, picked up a pair of big victories last week, defeating the USM Wildcats 9-1 and Hudson 5-3. The victories give the team an excellent 13-5-1 record as they prepared for a Tuesday contest in Eau Claire and road games this Friday and Saturday in Fond du Lac and Neenah. Sophomore Olivia Webster had the hat trick in the victory over USM as the team outshot their opponents 39 to 21 in the contest. Webster has 18 goals on the

year. In the win over Hudson, a strong defensive effort held Hudson to 17 shots in the contest. Senior Reese Sheehan had two goals and a pair of assists in the win. Sheehan’s big year has her leading the team with 24 goals and 18 assists for far this winter. Cumberland Freshman Olivia Holzman-Byrne has a pair of assists for the fourth ranked Hurricanes in the most recent State Hockey Polls. The Girl’s WIAA Hockey Regionals begin on February 18.

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	13-5-1
Superior Spartans	SPRTNS	4	2	2	0	0	8	3	15-3-0
Northland Pines	EAGLES	4	5	2	3	0	13	22	3-13-0
Black River Falls	TIGERS	2	3	1	2	0	5	6	9-8-2
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	4-10-1

Boys Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Amery	Amery	10	5	5	0	0	26	3	12-5-0
Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Regis/Altoona/McDonell	RAM	8	5	4	1	0	24	13	14-3-0
Baldwin-Woodville	BWood	8	6	4	2	0	22	14	13-4-1
Somerset	Smrset	6	5	3	2	0	21	14	13-5-0
Hayward	Haywrd	4	5	2	3	0	12	13	7-7-1
Ashland	ASHLND	4	5	2	3	0	15	18	2-12-0
Spooner	SPOONR	2	6	1	5	0	10	33	3-12-0
Northwest Icemen	NWest	0	5	0	5	0	6	28	4-11-0

Boys BB Standings

Opponent	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA	Streak
Barron	7-1	0.875	557	479	8-4	0.667	823	792	5W
Cameron	7-1	0.875	525	397	10-2	0.833	739	549	3W
Northwestern	6-2	0.750	575	492	8-4	0.667	820	724	4W
Cumberland	5-3	0.625	556	477	9-4	0.692	887	754	2W
Ladysmith	5-4	0.556	584	574	8-5	0.615	859	808	3L
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	4-5	0.444	507	576	6-7	0.462	756	798	1L
Hayward	3-6	0.333	607	665	3-10	0.231	848	1011	1W
Spooner	2-6	0.250	501	579	3-9	0.250	734	850	1L

Girls BB Standings

Opponent	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA	W-L-T	PCT	PF	PA	Streak
Northwestern	10-0	1.000	599	354	10-4	0.714	754	548	5W
Cameron	10-1	0.909	756	306	13-2	0.867	1000	479	7W
Ladysmith	8-2	0.800	503	417	11-5	0.688	778	719	1W
Hayward	6-4	0.600	454	340	7-8	0.467	647	579	1L
Barron	6-4	0.600	454	400	9-7	0.562	715	645	1L
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	4-6	0.400	347	511	4-9	0.308	442	658	1L
St. Croix Falls	3-8	0.273	444	580	3-14	0.176	610	917	5L
Cumberland	3-8	0.273	408	496	3-12	0.200	593	742	1L

edeman had one assist each. Mat Vold had a relatively quiet game with 10 saves. Shawano was now all that stood in the way of a gold medal and the Islanders would not be denied, posting a 5-0 shutout win. After a slow first period, this one was all Cumberland. The Islanders led 1-0 after the first period and put the game out of reach with three second period goals.

Cumberland tacked on one more in the third for the final outcome. Troy Melichar led the offense with two goals. Dan Kriedeman, Corey Nugent, and Derrick Zappa also put one behind the Shawano netminder. Joe Wineinger had a pair of assists with single assists going to Jeff Olson, Daniel Goldsmith and Melichar.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Did you watch the football play-offs on Sunday? Duane did – I am not really that into it. Big deal, the Chiefs will be playing against the Lions – Who cares. If the Packers or Vikings are not playing, does it really matter. Actually, according to Garrett Thon and his sons, the only team to watch is the Baltimore Ravens. Where in the heck did that come from? Where did we go wrong when he was growing up? We'll try to do better with Kane and Pierce.

Speaking of sports, do you know why golfers always carry an extra pair of pants in their bag? It's in case they get a hole in one. (Don't feel like you have to laugh at that stupid joke.)

This week, according to the weather people who are right about fifty percent of the time, should be amazingly nice. They said that we can expect our January thaw, and that on Thursday the temperatures are supposed to be in the low 40's. Yea!! You know, of course, that we are almost into February already. Spring is just around the corner, and every year I start hoping for that earlier and earlier.

I'm sure you know that Lexie Anderson has received her new heart. I am so happy to report that she is doing fantastically well and has even exceeded the expectations of her doctors. It's such great news – Keep up the good work Lexie. We are all praying for you.

Morgan Forrestal sent an e-mail asking me to let you know the details of the Shallow Lake Ice Fishing Contest, which was held on January 18th. She wrote: "We had a

wonderful turn-out this year. There was plenty of ice, which was wonderful for everyone! As lucky as we were with great ice, the weather and cold front did not help the fish bite. The Barronett Boys did a WONDERFUL job taking over on ice for their first year of solo running the show. But, despite the cold weather we still had some lucky winners.

Isaac Neitzel won both our on-ice major and minor drawings, and the fish winners were as follows: 1st place northern, Logan Sikorski, 11.34 lb.; 2nd place northern, Jeromy Benson, 7.29 lb.; 1st place bass, Ray Shaurette, 5.97 lb.; 2nd place bass, Dakota McWilliams, 1.93 lb.; 1st place panfish, Bill Linsley, 1.61 lb. crappie; 2nd place panfish, Mason Kegler, .74 lb. perch.

After returning to the center everyone had a wonderful time gathering and chit-chatting, getting their fill of soup, and warming up. It was a wonderful turnout, and we can't wait to see everyone back next year."

Thank you, Morgan. Guess who I had a chance to visit with on Saturday – Dillon, Allie and Melanie Snowbank. I haven't seen the Snowbank family since Dillon and Allie's wedding, so, of course, this was the first time I had met Melanie. I can tell you she is an adorable little girl. Good to see them.

The Barronett Community Center was packed to capacity on Saturday with friends and neighbors attending a fund-raiser for Jerry Zappa. There were all kinds of games to play, prizes to win, and people with whom to visit. It is so wonderful to

live in a community that cares so much about one-another. We all wish Jerry the best of health in the future.

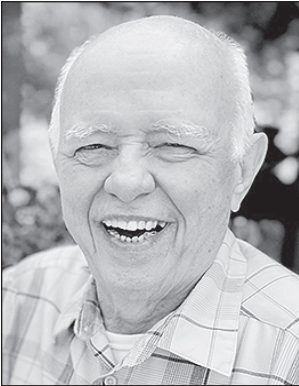
We have such a wonderful family. While we were gone, enjoying the warm weather, Lynn Thon and Tina Anderson came to the house daily to make sure the furnace was working and that our kitty, Matilda, had plenty of food, water and TLC. The one day that it snowed, Jeremy and Miriah Olson stopped by and shoveled the walk for us. Lynn also checked the garage to see that it was warm, and watered the plants out there. We really appreciated everything they did for us – made the trip so much nicer because we didn't have to worry about what was going on back here.

Jeremy and Miriah invited us up to Lakeview for supper last Thursday. The special that night was the Mexican Plate, which I had, and, believe me, it was delicious. We had a great time talking to the Olson's about our trip and about how wonderfully welcoming Jeremy's mom and dad, Jackie and Shaun, had been to us while we were in Texas. I haven't been able to talk Jeremy into gifting Sweet T to Shaun yet, but I'm still working on that.

It's great to go out to eat once in a while, but it's also great to be home and cooking in our own kitchen. A person just doesn't know how much they will miss the kitchen chores until they are not in a place to do them for a while. It's so good to be home.

I better run. I hope you have a wonderful week and that you will be able to get out and enjoy our beautiful weather. See you next time.

OBITUARIES



Lloyd D. Snyder

Lloyd Dean Snyder age 88, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2025. He was born June 6, 1936 in Black Creek, NY to Hubert Aaron Snyder and Annabelle Frances (Ecker) Snyder. He was the oldest of 11 kids: Lloyd, Millie, Alice, Mary Ann, Eddy, Thomas, Linda, Richard, Penny, Kathy and Rosie. He married Rose (Csuti – Brock) Snyder June 18, 1971 in McKinley, WI—and promptly went on their honeymoon to California with their five kids in a station wagon.

Lloyd served in the US Air Force from 1953 to 1958. He was a Korean War Veteran, later stationed in Holland. He was an engineer by trade. Amongst his other accomplishments, he was also a private pilot and owner of Eagle

Aviation and Design Travel Agency, in Cumberland, Wisconsin. He became an officer at Falcon Drill Inc. prior to his retirement, and even after retirement worked at various companies.

Lloyd loved his family and helping others. He was known for his whistling, and his sense of humor. And, as the old saying goes, he never knew a stranger.

He loved to fix things and was always working on a project, like building an airplane or working on a car engine, and he could repair anything. No project was too big for him. Lloyd really enjoyed the Crazy 8 Group and had many stories and adventures he liked to share.

In the past few years, Lloyd suffered with bladder and lung cancer and had a rare form of leukemia – T-Cell Prolymphocytic. Despite his condition, he never let it dull his humor.

He is survived by his wife Rose (Csuti – Brock) Snyder; children, Ron Brock, Cindy Rouzer (Tom), Deb Lyrek (Greg), Summer Snyder, Gayle Strawn (Troy), Donna House (David), Steve Snyder, Randy Snyder (Natalie); and honorary children, Mike and Jenny Young, Roy Peter-

son (Renee) and Todd Bents; grandchildren, Katie Baumann (Kyle), Mike Rouzer (Mandy), Tricia Rouzer (Mark Hanson), Eric Rouzer (Keri), Adam Strawn (Tania), Jenny Raines (Andy Stock), Samantha Warwick (Marc Hauge), Jackie Warwick (Jaimie Fischer), Jessica Rhodes (Don), Mishel House (Stephen Washington), Justin House (Ally Joy), Shawn Brock, Boomer Brock; twenty-three great grandchildren, with two on the way; and nine siblings.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Annabelle Snyder; sons, John Brock, Cecil Brock and Francis Brock; grandson Bryan Brock; daughter-in-law, Joy Brock; son-in-law, John Warwick; and brother, Eddy Snyder.

A private family celebration is being held. A public visitation—but in Lloyd's case, it will be a celebration of a great life—will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland, with a Celebration of Life beginning at 5:00 PM.

Interment Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

tired from teaching in 1998.

Betty was a well-known member of the community in Cumberland and an active member of the Catholic church. With 4 children, Betty's house on 4th Avenue was often bustling with visitors and "Mrs. Walsh" was known as being gracious, if strict, by her children's many childhood friends.

Betty was a caring and devoted wife, best demonstrated by her selfless determination through the near decade of daily support and care she provided to Jack through his long battle and steady decline from dementia. They were happily married for 53 years. In her later years, Betty drove from Cumberland to Florida to spend the Winter, and drove herself home again in the Spring.

She will be interred next to her husband in the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner. Plans for a service are pending.

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Betty A. Walsh

It is with great sadness that after a short illness, long-time Cumberland resident Betty Walsh passed away peacefully on Saturday January 11th, 2025 at the Mayo Clinic in La-crosse, Wisconsin.

Betty was the beloved wife of the late Jack Walsh and will be lovingly remembered by her 4 children, Aggi, Tom, Tim and John, 6 grandchildren, Keegan, Devany, Isabella, Olivia, Pierce and Alexis, and 2 great grandchildren, Jack and Poppy.

Born Betty Ann Krause to immigrant parents in 1935,

Betty grew up in Chicago where she first developed her life-long interests in reading, music and the general pursuit of knowledge. Betty had a younger sister Helen who passed away in 2007. Betty left Chicago in 1953 to pursue a Bachelor's degree at Northern Illinois University where she met Jack Walsh. Jack and Betty were married on August 10th, 1957 in Chicago. They decided to head north to the wilds of Northern Wisconsin first moving to Menomonie, then Ladysmith, and finally settling in Cumberland in 1965 where Betty lived until recently.

Betty went back to college at UW Eau Claire in 1972 to earn her Master's Degree specializing in teaching children with learning disabilities. She taught at Barron Middle School for 10 years, and then moved to Almena teaching 2nd grade for another 13 years. She continued to keep in touch with many of her former pupils and fellow teachers. Betty re-

LETTERS America is Great!

To the Editor:

It is such a travesty that Joe Biden ceased so many people to hope that they could come to America illegally and stay here.

I wish as each one is deported they would be given a Bible, a copy of our constitution and a message "to go home and

make your country great like America".

**Nick Ricci
Cumberland**

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OBITUARIES



Alan H. Martinson
Alan Martinson, 82, of Cumberland, WI, passed away Monday, January 20, at Colorado State Veterans Home at Fitzsimons in Aurora, CO. He went home to God peacefully, surrounded by his daughters, Amy Martinson and Erika Mueller. He joins his wife, Kathleen, who went home to God, April 4, 2005. Alan was also preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Erma Martinson. Along with his daughters, he is survived by his brother, Gary Martinson and sister, Karen Husmoen.

Alan was a veteran of the Vietnam War – Spec. 4, Combat Medic. Coming home from war, he met the love of his life in his physical therapist, Kathleen C. Stehr. The couple married April 12, 1969. Alan and Kathleen farmed in Barron, Wisconsin, managing a 240-acre family farm of dairy cattle, hogs, and sheep. Alan farmed with a keen focus on land conservation and humanely caring for animals. In 1991, he was honored with the Environmental Ethics award for his practices in land preservation and sustainable farming. After farming, Alan stayed connected through hauling milk in Barron County for many years. He turned his focus to caring for our winged wildlife with his numerous birdhouses he’d place throughout the region. Purple Martins and Sandhill Cranes held a special place in his heart. Alan was known for his big heart and kindness, and

he generously gave back through his many years of hospice service after his wife passed. He understood the importance of their mission to provide comfort and what that means to families during the final months of life. Nature, his community and friends, biking, skiing, and his lake property truly gave him much joy and peace, making his life, the perfect life, during his last 30 years. He would often say how blessed and lucky he knew he was for the whole life he had the privilege to live, and he believed everything happened for a reason. Had it not been for the war and getting injured, he’d have never met Kathleen. Had he never met Kathleen, he would have never had his two daughters. Every step and chapter in his life was there for a purpose, and he embraced and accepted every change with an open heart. Throughout his life, Alan was a man of grace, humility, compassion, and service — to his country, his family, his community,

and to God’s creatures. His love, charismatic smile, and his helping hand were always given to anyone who crossed his path — no matter whether the person was a good friend or someone he had just met. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered by all who had the honor of knowing him and his kindness. May we all be a little bit more like Alan. Family and friends are invited to celebrate Alan during a funeral service at Barron Methodist Church, 154 Memorial Drive, Barron, Wisconsin 54812. The service will be held Saturday, February 22 at 1:30 p.m., visitation starting at 12:30p.m. Donations: North American Bluebird Society PO Box 7844 Bloomington, IN 47407 https://www.nabluebirdso-ciety.org/donations-other International Crane Foundation ATTN: Gift Processing PO Box 447 Baraboo, WI 53913 https://savingcranes.org/donate



Ronald “Ron” W. Catlin
Ronald William “Ron” Catlin, age 75, of Comstock passed on Monday, January 20, 2025 at Frederic Nursing and Rehabilitation. He was born December 23, 1949 in Cumberland, WI to Silas “Bill” William and Marie Helen (Hanson) Catlin. Ron was a quiet and simple man who was quick to help in a time of need. He had a lifelong commitment to dairy farming, and enjoyed listening to sports - (primarily the Twins and Vikings, but he could cheer on any team, really!). He enjoyed spending time with his relatives. Ron also loved hearing stories from his buddies, Brian, Big John and Little Charlie. Additionally, he enjoyed snacking on his nightly popcorn, or bowl

of ice cream. He is survived by siblings, Bonnie (Mike) Davison, of Grand Junction, CO, Sherry Prokop, of Hudson, James (Lori) Catlin, of Comstock and Diane (Tim) Johnson, of Amery; sister-in-law, Judy Catlin, of Comstock; nieces and nephews, Chad, Aaron, and Bryan Catlin, Casey (Jenny) Catlin, Kelly (Jacob) Nadeau, and Marissa and Maxwell Johnson; and great nephews, Carson and Cole Catlin. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Silas “Bill” and Marie (Hanson) Catlin; brother, Gene Catlin; and infant sister, Sharon Catlin. The family would like to extend a special thanks to St. Croix Hospice, Deb at Cumberland Oncology, and the Frederic Nursing Home for their care. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday January 25, 2025 at Christ Lutheran Church - Pipe Lake. Honorary pallbearers were Donny Sundvall, Noah Greene, Henry Soldner, Luke Soldner, Brian Hansen, John Soldner, and Colton Jansen. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

Church Directory

“Transformation”
by Deacon Wayne Romsos
Timberland Ringe bu Free Lutheran Church

Years ago “transformer” toys were very popular. One popular toy could change from a fast looking race car into a ferocious looking warrior. What a change by simply folding the figure to quickly becoming something completely different. By now if anyone received such a toy this last Christmas, it may be collecting dust in the toy box or it may be the child’s favorite. The word transform implies that some “thing” has to change from one condition to something quite different. This reminds me of how our lives can be transformed from our sinful nature that is referred to in Matthew 15: 18-19 “But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts-murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, and slander.” Does this not indicate that we need God’s direction over our own hearts? We see in nature that a beautiful Monarch butterfly starts out as a worm and through the natural transformation becomes something quite different than what it was. We also can become transformed like the worm to a butterfly from our sinful nature (from previous Matthew passage) to a new heart as stated in II Corinthians 5-17 “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here.” When our hearts are transformed we will think, speak, and act differently. One well known person in the Bible that was greatly transformed was Saul/Paul when he was on the road to Damascus. He was doing everything he could to help persecute the Christians and through his dramatic experience he became a great apostle for the Lord, enduring many beatings and being imprisoned but never giving up his new nature. Obviously from all the letters that he wrote to the early churches he had experienced the true transformation that we are all looking for today. Be transformed.



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terprises. LLC
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Dated at Barron, Wiscon-
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**Barron County Zoning
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Audrey Kusilek, Chair
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Samantha J Sommerfeld
Barron County Treasurer
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Point guard Troy Majewski dribbles into the front court during the boys big win over Chetek-Weyerhaeuser.



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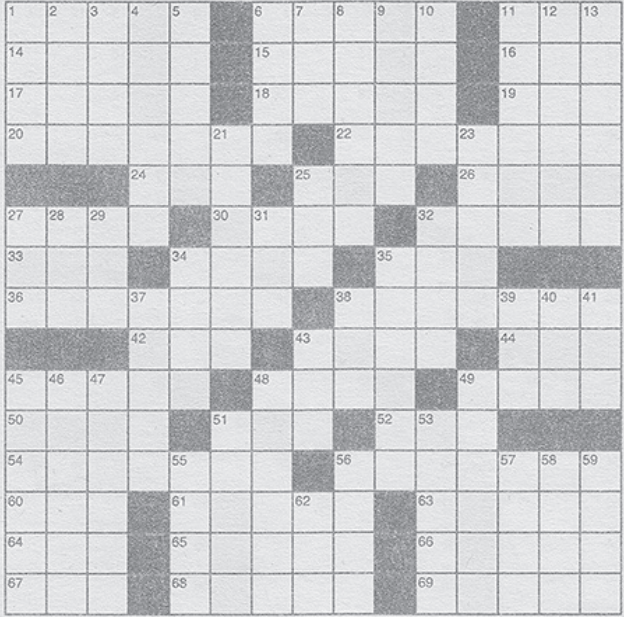
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1934: A Busy Island City January

by Mark R. Fuller

One can only imagine how happy the students of the Island City were when they heard their Christmas vacation would be extended until January 15. One of several projects undertaken by the Civil Works Administration in Cumberland was the repainting of the interior of both city school houses. Twenty men were part of the project and had communicated to the School Board their work would take two additional weeks.

The Civil Works Administration was a short-term New Deal initiative established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to provide immediate employment through public works projects like road construction, bridge repairs, park improvements, and building maintenance. Its aim was to provide winter work for the unemployed during the harsh 1933-1934 time-period.

By 1934, the Depression was taking its toll on Americans. On the basis of the American Federation of Labor estimates, 65 percent of all persons engaged in construction industries were unemployed, 38 percent in service industries, 37 percent in mining, 36 percent in railroads, 27 percent in manufacturing, and 20 percent in trade.

The CWA rules for their projects stated that no one who had an income could be involved nor could more than one person from a family. It was a short-term program that ran for roughly five months, ending in March of 1934. New Deal legislation like this quickly created jobs for millions of unemployed people across the country.

Besides the painting project, a crew of 20 men were busy working on a sewer disposal project on Elm Street, while the lowering of the pumps and a man-hole project on Second street had been completed. Another 40 men had been assigned to the athletic field project, which would eventually become Moser Field.

January found the City Council also busy with their first meeting of the new year. Its focus was on the passage of an ordinance regulating taverns in the city.

It came less than a month after the ratification of the Twenty-First Amendment, repealing the Prohibition era that had run from 1920 until the recent December 5

vote. Among the factors for its repeal was the Federal Government's desperate need for revenue during the on-going depression. With its repeal, the City Fathers needed to establish regulations for the reopening of Cumberland's legal drinking establishments.

Their eventual regulations were quite stringent and applied to any place where liquor was sold. It required closings at 11:00 pm on weekdays and midnight on Saturday. Sale was prohibited on Sundays. A copy of the Ordinance, signed by Mayor George Babcock, ran in the January 4 Advocate saying, "It is the duty of the police to report to the mayor or the name of any persons who in their opinion are habitual drunkards or who are squandering their money or neglecting their businesses or their families."

It didn't take long for a January 18 headline in the Advocate to read, "Tavern Keepers Defy License Committee." Mayor Babcock said he accepted their defial, but it was time, "To find out whether city officials or tavern keepers are in control of the city." One tavern keeper announced he would, "See to it that men of sense were elected to office in the future."

The Advocate would respond to the threat by saying, "Unless the tavern keepers jump down off their high horse and run places the Ordinance contemplates, the tavern in Cumberland will soon be an institution of the past."

Another topic for city officials came following a visit from two individuals from Chicago, an employee from the staff of radio station WLS and a family member of poet and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson. They announced they were seeking, "An all-the-year-around rural retreat for some twenty members of their staff." Their hopes were for, "Cottages and a caretaker who will, make them comfortable, winter or summer."

City resident A. K. Nedvidek was put in charge of the guest and according to the paper, "Did his best to sell them on the idea of locating here." The location that caught their attention the most was the Ebers ten-acre tract on the east shore of Sand Lake.

The Depression threatened the very existence of local businesses. Among those

seeking help to stay afloat was the Hotel Cumberland, who used a January Advocate to ask businesses and residents to send any guest their way. "Tell them to try our hostelry. Ninety-five cents of every dollar goes back into the town. Have you ever come up for a meal now and then and shown you want our business? This is a day of reciprocity."

Despite the hardships for many, there were still many activities available to our residents. Among the events was a Norwegian Whist Card Party at the Legion, a Barron County Checkers Tournament, a Ski Tournament in Almena, and a possible movie at the Zim Zim Theatre where the Marx Brothers Paramount film "Duck Soup" was making its debut.

Another January event to look forward to was the first annual President Roosevelt's Birthday Ball in the Cumberland Gymnasium on January 30. The cost was 50 cents for men and 25 cents for women. Music was provided by the Ken Knutson Orchestra.

Beginning in January of 1934, the Roosevelt Birthday Balls became annual nation-wide fundraising event, first for the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation and then for its successor in 1938, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Occurring annually until his death in 1945, the President would give an address to attendees over the radio at midnight of each ball.

The event were great successes, raising about a million dollars a year (worth approximately \$21 million today). In 1945, the NFIP was able to raise \$18 million dollars (approximately \$280-300 million today) which went to providing care and funding the research on polio that would culminate in the first successful tested vaccine created by Dr. Jonas Salk and released for use on April 12, 1955, exactly ten years after FDR's death.

While all this was going on, the Island City was busy with the activities of a colder than usual winter. Christmas Day had reached a low of minus-36 degrees and a high of minus-six. The week leading into January had five nights of temperatures below zero with four nights -20 or colder.

For two Cumberland residents, August Wolff and Lucy Arntz, the cold was

Oratorical Contest Winner!



The American Legion Oratorical Contest is a speech contest where students write their own 8-10 minute speech on some aspect of The Constitution. Julia O'dour of Cumberland, took 1st place. Her speech was titled, "The Inspiration of the Constitution". Julia will now move on to the District 10 Contest, which will be in Eau Claire on February 15th at the American Legion. Pictured from left to right are Mark Mauer, Americanism Chairman in Barron County, Julia O'dour, and Jerry Townsend, Post Commander of Barron County.

a reminder of events surrounding their wedding, which happened 50 years earlier in 1884.

Residents since the very beginning of the city, they were married in Lyndon Station on a very cold January day. Trains were canceled all over the state for fear the rails "Would snap as the trains passed over them" in temperatures reaching 50 below. This made getting back to Cumberland a difficult task.

With the original Lyndon Station train canceled, they got a ride to Mauston, where they spent their first night of married life in jail. As they would say, "It was not quite as bad as it sounds," for her brother was the Sheriff and they stayed there as his guest.

The next morning, they took a train to Eau Claire where they spent the night with relatives. The following afternoon, after a substantial wait, they boarded another train that took them to Spooner only to find there was no running train to Cumberland. Finally, after another night away from home, a train took the newlyweds back the Island City. It was a story too hard to make up!

Their 50th Anniversary Day, according to the Advocate, "Was a pleasant day" which included a surprise visit from his brother Fred, who came down from Duluth. Following the story of their wedding, "Pleasant" was the least they deserved.

Now, it was time for the Wolffs and other Cumberland residents to see what February had in store.



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4TH - Gill-Getter Guided Fishing Trip
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5TH - ION Alpha 8" Ice Auger Steel
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6TH - Ice Fishing Package
Courtesy of Re/Max Northstar-Island City Branch

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