



42nd Annual Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest This Saturday

This coming Saturday marks the 42nd annual Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest on Beaver Dam Lake. The contest runs from 10 am til 3 pm. This contest is always a great time and there are thousands of dollars in prizes. Winter is long, come spend a day on the lake. Even if you are not an avid fisherman or woman, it just takes one good bite to win a great prize. It's kind of like playing the lottery. You just need to get lucky. If you don't want to fish at all, that's ok too.

There are tons of prizes to be won that you don't have to fish to win, including a Polaris side by side. There will be hot food provided by Northwoods Brew Pub to warm your belly. There will be Chinese raffles with awesome prizes, and there will be a bonfire going to warm up and so much more.

Nominations For CHS Graduate of Achievement Sought

Do you know of a Cumberland Graduate of Achievement? If so, please nominate that graduate. Cumberland High School Graduates of Achievement are named each year at commencement exercises. The deadline for completed nominations is February 28th. Forms with the requirements for nominating a graduate are available from the high school guidance office, superintendent's office,

or on the school's website (<http://www.cumberland.k12.wi.us>) under the "Community" section. A committee of school staff, school board, community, and past recipients serve on the selection committee. The award was initiated in 1998 to demonstrate to the current student body that one can graduate from a small school and achieve significant accomplishments in life.

Water Rescue Training!



The Cumberland Fire Department held water rescue training last week on Kirby Lake. Cumberland Fire Chief Rick Sebens said the department trains every year to stay updated and current on ice water rescue tactics. This year the department did some of the training in the dark. As Rick stated fishermen and snowmobilers dont just fish or ride during daylight hours.

The Story of Nine Purple Hearts and Two Cumberland Area Military Heroes

by Mark Fuller

The men and women of the Cumberland area have never been shy when our Country has asked for their help in times of conflict. Stories are numerous of their heroism.

During WW1, an April, 1918 Advocate, tells of 10 Cumberland men heading to Europe in May. Among them was William Bormann, who had been given a farm exception but made a special request to serve instead. His journey to war came approximately two months after eleven Cumberland area residents were on the SS Tuscania, when it became the first US ship carrying troops to Europe to be sunk by a German U-Boat. Among the casualties was 1914 Cumberland graduate, Homer Anderson. Unfortunately, there were numerous other area fami-

lies who were part of the consequences of the first great war. The John Theese family of Barronett lost two sons while in service, one killed in action and the other dying of the Spanish Flu in France, a devastating disease which later caused the death of their 16-year old daughter at home.

Years later, whether it was Korea or WW2, Cumberland responded. During WW2, numerous Cumberland seniors joined the service missing their own graduations, while Clarence Alfonse and Swede Nelson each quit teaching positions to join our countries war ef-

fort.

Alfonse had taken the 1936 Bloomer Basketball Team to the State Tournament before moving to Sparta where his teams won two Conference Titles each in basketball and football. He quit his teaching job and joined the Navy in 1942, serving for the next four years. The 23-year old Nelson, meanwhile, was teaching in Fall Creek, but resigned his position to enlist. He would eventually write three letters to the headquarters of the Army and President Roosevelt himself, before finally receiving

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It took 21 years but Robert Pease was finally awarded two purple hearts and a bronze star in a belated tribute to his guerilla fighting in World War 2.



Rodney Mettner was honored on August 2, 1953 with a "Rodney Mettner Appreciation Banquet" held at the American Legion. He was honored for his unusual courage and valor. The event was broadcast on WJMC and was attended by US Senator Joe McCarthy.

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\$20 a team and MUST be 21 years and older to play.

FEB. 16: Family Sunday Funday! Come play miniature golf
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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...

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

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City of
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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, Feb. 6
Chicken patty, fries,
green beans, apple-
sauce. MS/HS: 2nd op-
tion: Cheese quesadilla
ES: Jelly sandwich &
string cheese.

Friday, Feb. 7
All meat pizza,
broccoli, applesauce.
MS/HS: Chicken nug-
gets. ES: Jelly sandwich
& string cheese.

Monday, Feb. 10
Popcorn chicken,
mashed potatoes with
gravy, peas.
MS/HS: Chicken patty.
ES: Jelly sandwich &
string cheese.

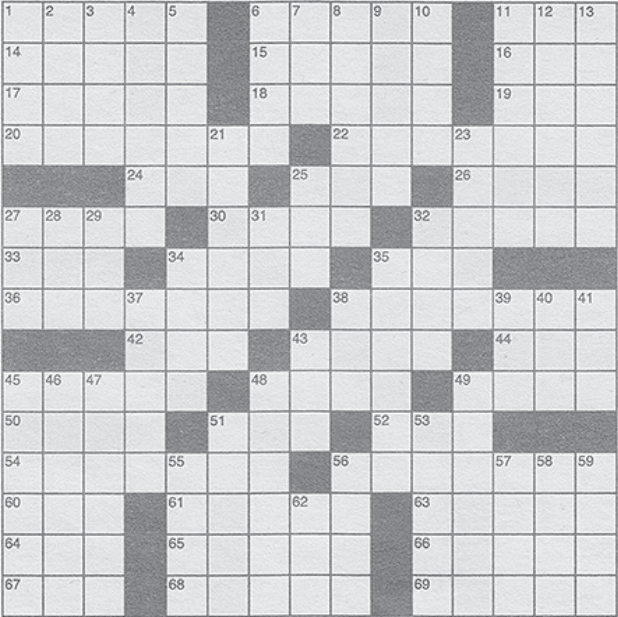
Tuesday, Feb. 11
ES: Chicken patty.
MS/HS: Chicken fajitas,
brown rice, corn, re-
fried beans, applesauce.
ES: Jelly sandwich &
string cheese.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
Beef vegetable soup,
grilled cheese, green
beans, peaches. MS/HS:
(2nd Option) Walking
fajitas. ES: Jelly sandwich
& string cheese.

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ACROSS	43	Spacecraft detachments	DOWN	35	Salt addition
1	Dance	44	Central Intelligence Agency	37	Hike a mountain
6	Abstains from food	45	Louse	38	Record
11	Move away	48	Yoga practicer	39	Winter hazard
14	Love	49	Hawk	40	Goose egg
15	Cubic decimetre	50	Bone	41	Young lady
16	W.C.	51	Flying rodent	43	Cooking vessel
17	Race car	52	Football assoc.	45	Impeach
18	White	54	Cattle house (2 wds.)	46	Decent
19	Genetic code	56	Involving exercise	47	Large rope
20	Their	60	Highs	48	Mr. Doodle
22	Hand warmers	61	Counterfeiter	49	Catchword
24	Central Standard Time	63	Eskimo home	51	Heroic
25	Cause of sickness	64	Visit	53	Frolic
26	Legal document	65	Natural occurrence	55	Not many (2 wds.)
27	Sap	66	Fry lightly	56	Pretentious
30	Earn	67	Make a mistake	57	Color
32	Comforts	68	Overgrown	58	Small particle
33	For	69	Massage	59	Dorm dweller
34	Carbonated drink			62	The ____ (final word)
35	Hotel				
36	Inflamed area				
38	Hostel				
42	Lease				

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Tirzah Zipperer for a 45 minute workout session.
Time: 5:15 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: MS Library (Second level of middle school)
Date Range: 4 Sessions: Mondays, February 3, 17, 24, and March 3 Tabata Workouts
*Notice no class on the 10th
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First off....Thank you, Thank you!

Jerry and I cannot express our gratitude enough to everyone who came together to show their support for us. We want to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to our family and friends, our friends of Barronett, my Wisconsin Tavern League Family, the community and surrounding areas. We were blown out of the water, and are very humbled to know what an amazing area we live in. We truly cannot thank you enough, and we greatly appreciate you!!!!

♥ Sincerely, Kris and Jerry Zappa ♥

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Sudoku Puzzle #4148-D

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Northwoods Notebook: A mid-winter musical interlude

By Larry Werner

I’ve booked all the bands for this summer’s Island City Music series at Tourist Park. The 10-week series is a sampling of the phenomenal talent we have around here — everything from gospel to bluegrass, oldies to three-part harmony.

But you don’t have to wait until summer for a sampling of local musical talent. On Feb. 15, the day after Valentine’s Day, ETC will present “Love Notes,” the annual Cumberland Cabaret, where singers and musicians will put on a talent show consisting of music about love.

Last year’s Love Notes was a wonderful evening of performances by folks from teens to seventies. Travis Thorp, a musician himself, will once again serve as MC. He has been conducting auditions for about a month and reports there are 10 acts at this point.

The Cabaret is not only a great show, it’s affordable. There is no admission charge, but free-will donations are welcomed. So I’m hoping you’ll take your Valentine, or your family, out for a night of love songs at the Cumberland Arts Center at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

Getting back to the summer concert schedule, here is who will be playing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on nine of the 10 Tuesdays at the City Beach:

June 10 — Higher Vision
June 17 — The Double Stops
June 24 — Home Again
July 1 — TBD
July 8 — Balterdash
July 15 — The String-smiths
July 22 — Polk-Barron Street Project
July 29 — Bare Minimum
August 5 — Cool To The Touch
Aug. 12 — Hay River Sisters

I’m waiting to hear from Library director Rob Ankarlo on whether the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library Foundation will be sponsoring a kid-friendly concert on July 1. The library has done this in the past eight years of Island City Music. It’s always a great well-attended event where the kids who come are given books.

I’ve got sponsors for eight of the concerts at this writing, with requests pending for the other two. And I’ve got commitments from businesses and organizations to serve food at eight of the concerts.

And in news related to ETC’s summer concerts, I was delighted to read these words last week in Mayor Dan Shoemaker’s “News from City Hall:”

“Parks and Recreation is completing the Outdoor Recreation Plan, addressing a broad set of topics including a potential band shell at the City Park.”

A band shell?
YES!
Larry Werner’s email is lhwner47@gmail.com.

Local Event to Highlight Vital Respite Care Resources for Family Caregivers & Providers

BARRON, WI - The Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW) will host an informational session on February 11, 2025, to introduce local caregivers and respite providers to essential support services and resources available in their community. The free event will take place from 3:00-3:45 PM at the Aging & Disability Resource Center in Barron.

Attendees will learn about RCAW’s comprehensive support programs, including respite care grants for family caregivers, the Wisconsin Care Registry, and Respite Connections. The session will also cover various training opportunities designed for both caregivers and respite care providers. If you are a family member providing care to a loved one or an individual interested in providing in-home respite care, join us on Feb. 11th to learn more.

This initiative is part of a broader program supported by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in partnership with the State of Wisconsin, aimed at expanding respite care resources for underserved populations, including rural areas of the state.

The event will be held in Room 110 of the Barron County Government Center, located at 335 E. Monroe Ave. in Barron. RSVP on the ADRC website or by calling the number below.

Community members who are unable to attend the informational session but would like help exploring options for care can visit www.adrcconnections.org or call the Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1-888-538-3031.

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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



Anyone who has ever owned a dog can relate with Mark Walters column this week. What a sad story. Mark has always had awesome dogs that go on adventures almost weekly. As I told him earlier today, Ruby had an awesome life, although it was cut short. I have also had at least one lab my entire life, sometimes two. Non of them ever live long enough. Every lab I have owned, has lived to be 12. It's just weird. As I say to Mollie almost everyday, "You are so spoiled". Trust me I call her other things too, she is a lab. My wife Sarah always says that's why we have her. So true. Man's best friend for sure, but just not long enough.

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This Saturday marks the 42nd Annual Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Tournament on Beaver dame Lake. The contest runs from 10 am til 3 pm. There are so many awesome prizes. A side by side, fish shacks, augers, guns, a generator and so much more. Revenue raised from the contest goes towards the 4th of July fireworks show. Come on out and try your luck at catching the big one. Even if you don't fish, there are prizes galore to win and a fun time. There will also be a Luminary Walk on Beaver Dam Lake starting at Louie's on the Lake this Thursday from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Come on down!

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I've been really lucky for the past 20 years that I have owned the Cumberland Advocate and for over 15 years prior to that to have Mark Fuller writing for the paper. Whether it's sports articles or the history of Cumberland and more. He does a great job. I know he loves to write as is evidenced by the two books he has published (by the way you can pick up his latest edition here at the Advocate). This week's article is about two real American Heroes from right here in Cumberland was really really cool! Thanks Fulls! Jess and Deb are great too, I'm very fortunate to have you both here at the Advocate. You do an awesome job! This is not an easy business, thank you both!

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So I know you have all been here. I went to start my tractor this past weekend and the battery was shot. I get it, it's nine years old and needed to be replaced. What I don't get is that you need two people to change the stupid battery. First of all you need a socket wrench with multiple extensions to reach the bolts anchoring the battery to the tractor. Secondly, the nut that spins when racheting the bolt out is under the tractor?! I had to crawl under the tractor to put a wrench on the nut while my buddy Denny ratcheted the bolt out. Are you kidding me? What rocket scientist designed that! I know it's because they want you to bring it to the dealership to get it worked on. Come on Man! Have a great week!

LETTERS

Open letter to Senator Ron Johnson:

To the Editor:

We listened to your interview with Frederica Freyberg of PBS Wisconsin on January 24. You talked about the following points:

1. Federal spending is too high, and you would like to get it under control.

We agree that we need to bring spending down, but we can also increase taxes on the wealthy to see them pay their fair share. The top

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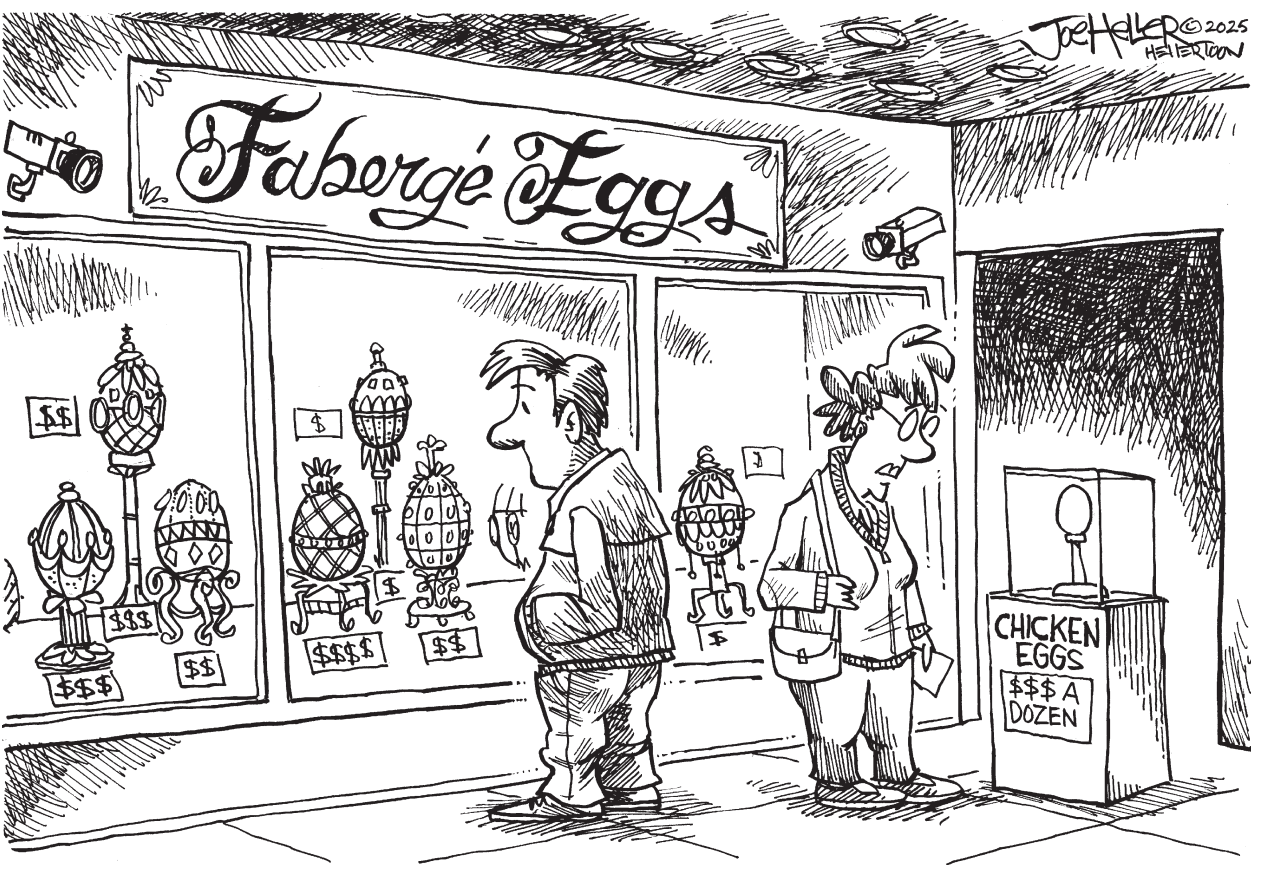
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Federal support for academic R&D helps people, economy in many ways”

MADISON, Wis. — No one should be surprised that President Trump’s post-inaugural “shock and awe” strategy has included reducing the size and scope of federal government. He pledged as much during his campaign and tasked the Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, to undertake it.

At least partly surprising is how quickly the effort extended to pausing a historic federal investment that has improved human health, created new products of all types, launched innovative companies, bolstered national defense and consistently strengthened the American and global economies.

That investment is research and development, which takes place on hundreds of public and private university campuses in Wisconsin and elsewhere.

It’s not hard to understand why Trump wants to rein in R&D spending on campuses, given his views on how they function. He sees many such campuses as bastions of elitism; defenders of diversity, equity and inclusion philosophy; and as citadels of liberal thought. Toss in an occasional seemingly frivolous study on ... say, the mating habits of left-winged dodo birds ... and the picture of a system out

of control emerges for the new president.

Some of that is true, but it’s generally confined to portions of university campuses that wouldn’t know a test tube from a slide rule. Most researchers in fields such as medicine, engineering, physics and computer science are serious, heads-down people who don’t readily get involved in political causes that distract them from their core work.

Moreover, the magic of federal research grants as they have developed over time is their decentralized nature. They are not just concentrated on East or West coast campuses of the type that would irritate the new Trump administration, but across the Heartland, the South and the Great Plains.

The UW-Madison is one of the nation’s leading research universities in terms of receiving federal grants — and leveraging those dollars with private and other external funds that make it possible to move ideas from the lab bench to the marketplace.

It’s not just about Madison, which is the 6th leading federal R&D campus in the country. Every campus in the Universities of Wisconsin receives some federal R&D dollars, as do major private institutions such as the Medical College of

Wisconsin, Marquette University and the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Why? The fundamental approach followed successfully for decades by the National Science Foundation, the National Science Foundation and other federal agencies (Defense chief among them) is to spread the bets.

More researchers attacking core problems can — and often does — lead to more solutions, therapies, cures and inventions. It also attracts private dollars that build upon the core work and help to translate research into economic reality.

“Investing in basic research is one of the biggest competitive advantages we have as a nation across the globe,” said John Neis, managing director of Venture Investors LLC, which has offices in Madison and Ann Arbor, Mich. “If we seriously undermine this kind of research, we will undercut our own economic competitiveness.”

The past and present portfolios of Venture Investors offer dozens of examples of companies involved in cancer detection and treatment, immunotherapy, vaccine development, glaucoma and cataract treatment and more. Those companies all have campus roots, one way or

another. And there are hundreds of other investors just like them, doing the same thing across the country.

Here’s some perspective on what federal R&D spending through universities means in relation to the larger federal budget:

In fiscal year 2023, the federal government spent almost \$60 billion on university R&D on topics ranging from defense to health to agriculture. That represented about 55% of total R&D spending at universities, meaning much of the rest was matched by private dollars. The total federal budget was about \$6.2 trillion that year, meaning university R&D represented about 1% of total spending.

A lot of money, yes; a poor investment, no, not given what it produces in terms of well-being, jobs and economic growth.

Trump may well be justified in dialing back federal spending: the nation has run a deficit every year since 2001 and spending has grown to about 24% of gross domestic product. What’s alarming is that university research seems like a counter-productive place to start.

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A Look Back

10 Years Ago
February 5, 2015

The Cumberland Fire Department responded to a building on fire at 9:47 am, last Friday. The building, is owned by Tom Bonkerude, and is located near the Cumberland City Shop. When the firefighters arrived, smoke was coming out of the eaves. The fire was contained to a relatively small portion of the large building. Some personal property was destroyed and there was damage done to a pick-up truck stored in the building. The fire is believed to be electrical but is still under investigation.

20 Years Ago
February 9, 2005

Carl Proescholdt was the grand prize winner of \$1,000 in the first annual Cumberland High School Band Sweetheart Raffle. Other winners were Linda Wisner, \$500, Mary Ann Ferry, \$500, John Law, \$250 and Anne Bomsness, \$250.

Ole Odden, CHS Sophomore, participated in the Wisconsin High School Cross Country Championship races at the Schwann Center in Spooner. Odden placed 10th.

30 Years Ago
February 8, 1995

Students from the Cumberland High School Band have been chosen

to represent Cumberland at Winona State University’s 17th Annual High School Honor Band Project. Sara Haverly, Jaime Helgeson, Madge Path and Christy Talbot will be among 85 musicians who auditioned.

With practically no discussion, the mayor’s appointment of Katherine MacFarlane to complete the remainder of retired Municipal Judge John Haley. The vote to accept MacFarlane for the position was unanimous.

40 Years Ago
February 6, 1985

Members of the 1985 Red and White Court are: Diane Neby, 1985 Queen Ruby Vick, 1985 King Rick Strub, Colleen Heffernan, Steve Rannallo, Tina Lepak, Curt Johnson, Lisa Soltau, Tim Sirianni, Marianne Ruppel, Jamie Rockow, Liz Murray and Eric Egstad.

50 Years Ago
February 6, 1975

Cumberland Northwest United Educator President Jack Walsh has announced the Cumberland Advocate has been nominated by the local teachers for the 1974 School Bell Award.

Airman Timothy Ristow, Cumberland, has been assigned to Elgin AFB, Florida, following

his graduation with honors from the pavements maintenance specialist course at Sheppard AFB, TX.

60 Years Ago
February 11, 1965

Miss Joan Hoyer, is the Cumberland High School Homemaker of Tomorrow. She won the Betty Crocker award by earning the highest score on a homemaking test administered by Miss Joan Klingbeil, Cumberland schools home economics teacher.

Cumberland Rural Firemen were called to a chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Ellen McNeely, five miles west of the city on Highway 48 at 7:48 pm Sunday. There was little damage reported.

70 Years Ago
February 10, 1955

Frank L. Lampson, Cumberland, was presented last week with a scroll as a token of having completed more than 25 years of representation of the Niagara Fire Insurance Company.

80 Years Ago
February 8, 1945

January was a wintry month this year and in strong contrast to the month of January enjoyed a year ago. The snowfall amounted to 13 1/2 inches, a little more than doubling the total for the

winter to date. Added to the 12 1/2 inches that fell in November and December.

2025					
Date	Hi	Lo	Pre.	Snow	
1/28	32	16	0.0	0.0	
1/29	39	26	0.0	0.0	
1/30	28	18	0.0	0.0	
1/31	44	15	0.0	0.0	
2/1	35	15	0.0	0.0	
2/2	26	17	0.09	0.3	
2/3	36	19	0.19	2.0	

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

Hunter A. Dushinske, 36, Chetek, operating while revoked, \$443.00 and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order, \$642.00. Brooke H. Lipka, 31, Chetek, OWI, \$1,529.00. Ethan M. Amundson, 18, Chetek, operate without carrying a license, \$150.10. Jordan D. Anderson, 20, Clayton, fail/yield right way from stop sign, \$175.30. Shawna M. Beaupre, 25, Rice Lake, speeding, \$250.90. Kaylie A. Beckers, 25, Zimmerman, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Zachary R. Bennin, 32, Hopkins, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Ujwal Bollapally, 28, Menomonie, speeding, \$175.30. Kyle J. Bratvold, 22, Birchwood, speeding, \$200.50. Joshua A. Brown, 29, Spooner, speeding, \$200.50. Benio D. Jesus Colorado-Meija, 25, Stone Lake, speeding, \$200.50. Julien Z. Dalby, 19, Madison, windshields-tinting-critical area, \$175.30. Tucker D. Faschingbauer, 20, Chippewa Falls, speeding, \$200.50. Jacob J. Godin, 25, Clintonville, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Sasha I. Grueneis, 20, West Salem, speeding, \$250.90. Faith K. Hanson, 23, Barron, OWI, \$974.50. Bryan K. Harnish, 59, Boyceville, violate class A Highway weight limits, \$611.70. Amber A. Heitritter, 34, Chippewa Falls, speeding, \$200.50. Theresa L. Kohlmeier, 69, Menomonie, speeding, \$175.30. Eric R. Luoma, 47, Chisago City, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Maple Ridge Farms, Barronett, violate Class A Highway weight limits, \$293.17. Patricia L. McClure, 46, Rice Lake speeding, \$175.30. David L. Mccullough, 43, Springbrook, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Rachelle R. Riedelsperger, 48, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Jacob A. Rubin, 18, Saron, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Gregory C. Rubin, 64, Ladysmith, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Jason L. Shatley, 47, Prairie Farm, speeding, \$200.50. Thomas G. Theilig, 59, Rice Lake, speeding, \$225.70. Tyler W. Waite, 21, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Casey J. Yeske, 23, Chetek, speeding, \$225.70 and failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00.

Complaints

Ronald J. Workman, 79, of Boyceville, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. His court date is scheduled for April 2, 2025. Jesse J. Janson, 34, of Savage, MN., has been charged with operate ATV or UTV without required headgear. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Jesse J. Slayton, 19, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate unregistered snowmobile. His court date is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Michael A. Antonelli, 34, of Ladysmith, has been charged with criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for February 12, 2025.

Robert E. Rosener, 46, of Rogers, MN., has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

Criminal Traffic

Dustin R. Kurscner, 41, of Barron, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 5, 2025. Hope A. Peterson, 20, of Barron, has been charged with hit and run. Her initial appearance is scheduled for February 5, 2025. Sadie I. Mathews, 41, of Cameron, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. Her initial appearance is scheduled for February 5, 2025. Michael J. Palma, 31, of Cameron, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 5, 2025. Tornike Nishnianidze, 37, of Newark, NJ., has been charged with operating a commercial motor vehicle without a license-non-resident. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 12, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Michael A. Petersen, 62, of Barron, has been charged with operate with restricted controlled substance. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 5, 2025. Joey J. Mclemore-Gehring, 30, of Stoughton, has been charged with disorderly conduct, use of a dangerous weapon and criminal damage to property. His initial appearance is scheduled for February 19, 2025. Antonio Puentes, 44, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2025. Ariella M. Corbecky, 33, of St. Paul, MN., has been charged with OWI, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order and operating while revoked. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 5, 2025. Cameron J. Heidemann, 28, of Cameron, has been charged with ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order and operating while revoked. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 5, 2025. Bishar H. Abdulahi, 31, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 7, 2025. Spencer B. Wozniak, 32, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of cocaine/coca. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 11, 2025. Melanie R. Mundt, 32, of Rice Lake, has been charged with battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, resisting or obstructing an officer and theft-movable property. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 11, 2025. Austen M. Matye, 28, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and repeater. His

adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 5, 2025. Nina L. Johnson, 43, of Ladysmith, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 5, 2025.

Steven C. Long, 39, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 12, 2025. Christopher J. Kuhl, 49, of Clear Lake, has been charged with attempting to flee or elude an officer and possession of methamphetamine. On January 21, 2025, at approximately 6:45 pm, a deputy with the Barron County Sheriff's Department made his way down to the Village of Reeve to check a residence located at 163 2nd Ave to see if a vehicle was parked there. The deputy was specifically looking for a black Dodge Dart, which was believed to have been driven by a male, who had an active arrest warrant.

The deputy reports that when he drove to the area, he observed a vehicle matching that description parked in front of the residence, and stayed in the area to surveil the residence and vehicle while waiting for another unit to respond and assist.

While waiting, a dark colored Prius had parked beside the Dodge on the side of the road in front of the residence. The deputy was able to observe one male occupant exit the driver's seat of the Prius, but was unable to see the subject's face due to the lighting and distance. The deputy reports the subject did match the general description for the male. The subject walked up the driveway to a large pole shed and walked around the back of the residence.

The deputy reports that eventually the male subject that had been driving the Prius exited the shed, entered the Dodge, and started the vehicle. The subject then left the Dodge, entered the Prius and started the Prius. Shortly thereafter, he backed away from the residence and started driving eastbound on 2nd Avenue away from the address.

The deputy followed the Prius, but was unable to read the entire license plate of the vehicle. Around the time the deputy caught up to the vehicle, it turned its left turn signal indicating that it was turning into a residence, but the vehicle then went into oncoming lanes prior to making the turn.

The deputy reports he activated his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop, and the Prius continued driving eastbound on 2nd Avenue rather than turning into the residential driveway. The deputy reports he activated his siren, and the vehicle continued not to stop.

The deputy reports the vehicle sped up to approximately 85 miles and hour going eastbound on 2nd Avenue, until it turned northbound on 3rd Street, reaching up to 90 mph. The vehicle continued northbound on 3rd Street passing 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue, and eventually turned eastbound on 4 1/2 with speeds varying between 70 and 80 mph. At that point in time, the deputy reports that another deputy with the same department, had caught up to the pursuit and joined as a secondary vehicle. The vehicle continued traveling eastbound on 4 1/2 Avenue until reaching 4th Street where it turned north.

The vehicle continued north on 4th Street until reaching 6th Avenue, where it turned eastbound. The deputy reports speeds were still well over the speed limit, and were varying between 50 and 70 miles an hour. The vehicle continued eastbound on 6th Avenue until reaching 5th Street, where it turned northbound. The vehicle continued northbound on 5th Street until eventually turning eastbound on 7th Avenue. During that portion of the pursuit, the deputy reports there was no traffic and the vehicle had gone into oncoming lanes several times, and was straddling the centerline for most of the pursuit.

The vehicle continued eastbound on 7th Avenue with speeds up to 75 mph, eventually turning northbound on 6th Street. While northbound on 6th Street, as they approached the intersection with 9th Avenue, the driver had thrown something out of the window with the deputy reports appeared to be a small gem baggie which appeared to contain a white substance. The deputy reports another deputy with the same department later located the object and picked it up. The deputy reports that he heard the other deputy was in a pursuit, and that he was able to follow the pursuit by radio and the Mach Program. The deputy reports reflect the other deputy advised that the suspect threw a baggie out of the window, and asked for someone to look for it. The deputy reports he stopped his squad at the intersection and exited his squad to look for the baggie. The deputy located the baggie, some distance south of the intersection, which he observed contained a quantity of a crystal substance. The deputy estimated the quantity to be 1 to 3 grams of methamphetamine. The deputy reports he photographed the baggie and that before he could collect it, the wind started to blow it down the roadway. The deputy reports he was eventually able to catch the baggie, but that by that time, the substance was gone.

The vehicle continued north on 6th Street until coming to 10 1/2 Avenue, where the vehicle turned westbound. The deputy reports the speeds were in the vicinity of 45 mph at that time. The vehicle continued westbound on 10 1/2 Avenue until reaching 4th Street where the vehicle turned southbound. The deputy reports that the vehicle had crossed the centerline several times and had driven in the wrong lane of travel. The vehicle continued southbound on 4th Street until reaching 9th Avenue, where it turned eastbound. While going eastbound on 9th Avenue, at approximately 8:08 pm, the vehicle struck a deer near 465 9th Avenue. The deputy reports he had to slow down to avoid hitting a deer with his patrol vehicle, which allowed the suspect to gain distance. The vehicle continued going eastbound after striking the deer and had sped up after striking the deer to about 70 mph. The deputy reports he had caught up to the vehicle, it slowed back down to 50 mph.

The vehicle continued eastbound on 9th Avenue until reaching 6th Street, at which point it turned northbound. The vehicle continued northbound on 6th Street until eventually stopping next to another vehicle, which was later identified to belong to the suspect's wife. The vehicle had stopped 1/4 mile south of 10 1/2 Avenue in the middle of 6th Street. The deputy reports reflect after the vehicle had stopped, he another deputy and a sergeant initiated a high risk traffic stop. The deputy reports he ordered the driver out of the vehicle and for him to get on the ground and put his hands behind his back, but that the suspect did not listen. The sergeant deployed his department issued taser at the suspect and they were able to secure the suspect in handcuffs after a short struggle. The deputy reports the suspect had been identified during the pursuit, as he called 911 and identified himself as the defendant, Kuhl. The deputy reports the sergeant searched Kuhl and was later advised that a glass smoking device was located on his person. The sergeant reports that he performed a secondary search of Kuhl and located a glass bulb ended smoking device with a crystalline residue in Kuhl's pocket. The sergeant reports the device appeared to be a meth pipe. The deputy reports EMS were called, as the suspect, amongst other reasons, advised that he had swallowed approximately one eight ball of methamphetamine prior to law enforcement stopping him during the pursuit.

The deputy reports Kuhl was eventually transported to a hospital. The deputy asked Kuhl if he ran because he had meth on him, and Kuhl stated he ran because he had a warrant, and knew he would be going back to prison. The deputy advised Kuhl he would be going through the blood draw process with him due to him stating he had swallowed meth while driving, and Kuhl asked why a blood draw was needed, and stated "I'm telling you I'm on meth".

The deputy reports that at the hospital, another deputy questioned Kuhl. Kuhl advised that he had recently relapsed a couple weeks prior. Kuhl stated that he normally smokes methamphetamine, but also made the comment about using needles for meth. When asked when he first used methamphetamine that day, Kuhl stated it would have been around 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The deputy reports Kuhl's blood was eventually drawn and sent out for further testing. The deputy reports that the pursuit was a total of 19.05 miles long. If convicted for attempting to flee or elude an officer, Kuhl may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than six years or both. For possession of methamphetamine, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than three years and six months or both. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 12, 2025.

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No Criminal Charges Filed in November 2024 Fatal Crash on Highway 8

No criminal charges will be filed in the November 19, 2024, fatal crash that tragically killed a motorist who was attempting to remove a deer carcass from the roadway after striking the deer on U.S. Highway 8 near County Highway KK, in Barron County. Neither of the two drivers who struck the decedent were under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

The crash synopsis provided by the Wisconsin State Patrol Technical Reconstruction Unit is that the vehicle driven by the decedent was traveling eastbound on Highway 8 near County Highway KK when it struck a deer. Another motorist stopped to assist the decedent. A decision was made by the decedent and the assisting motorist to try and remove the deer carcass from the roadway. The decedent and the assisting motorist moved into the roadway as two vehicles traveling eastbound approached on U.S. Highway 8. The decedent attempted to signal his location in the road with a small flashlight. At this location, U.S. Highway 8 is two adjacent lanes traveling eastbound with a right turn lane to County Highway KK southbound, and a single lane westbound with a right turn lane to

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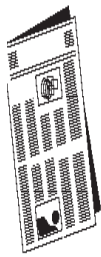
The decedent and the assisting motorist were on the center hash lines of the east bound lanes. A green 1999 GMC Sierra single cab pickup with a snowplow attached to the front was traveling parallel with a silver 2013 Ford Explorer XLT eastbound on U.S. Highway 8. The weather conditions recalled by witnesses indicated a light misting rain with total darkness. The decedent was wearing a black leather jacket, blue jeans, and black cowboy boots. Both drivers of the Explorer and Sierra pickup stated they did not see the decedent in the middle of the road, and upon striking him, believed they struck a deer. Additional statements show that they were able to see the deer in the westbound lane, and two vehicles parked on the eastbound shoulder with hazard lights activated. Both drivers stated they slowed down upon approach. The decedent was initially struck by the Explorer which projected him in front of the Sierra pickup, striking the plow. The decedent sustained fatal injuries and died at the scene.

Barron County District Attorney

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Sports

Wrestling Team Finishes Regular Season with Loss to St. Croix Falls

The Cumberland Wrestling Team prepares for the HON Conference Tournament this week after finishing the regular season with a 44-33 loss to the State's second ranked D2 St. Croix Falls Saints last Thursday in Elmer Beran Gymnasium. The Conference Tournament will be held at Northwestern High School with wrestling beginning at 10:00 am this Saturday. The Beavers are currently ranked seventh in D3. "The dual was a tough fought battle and we came up a little short. We'll get the chance to wrestle them

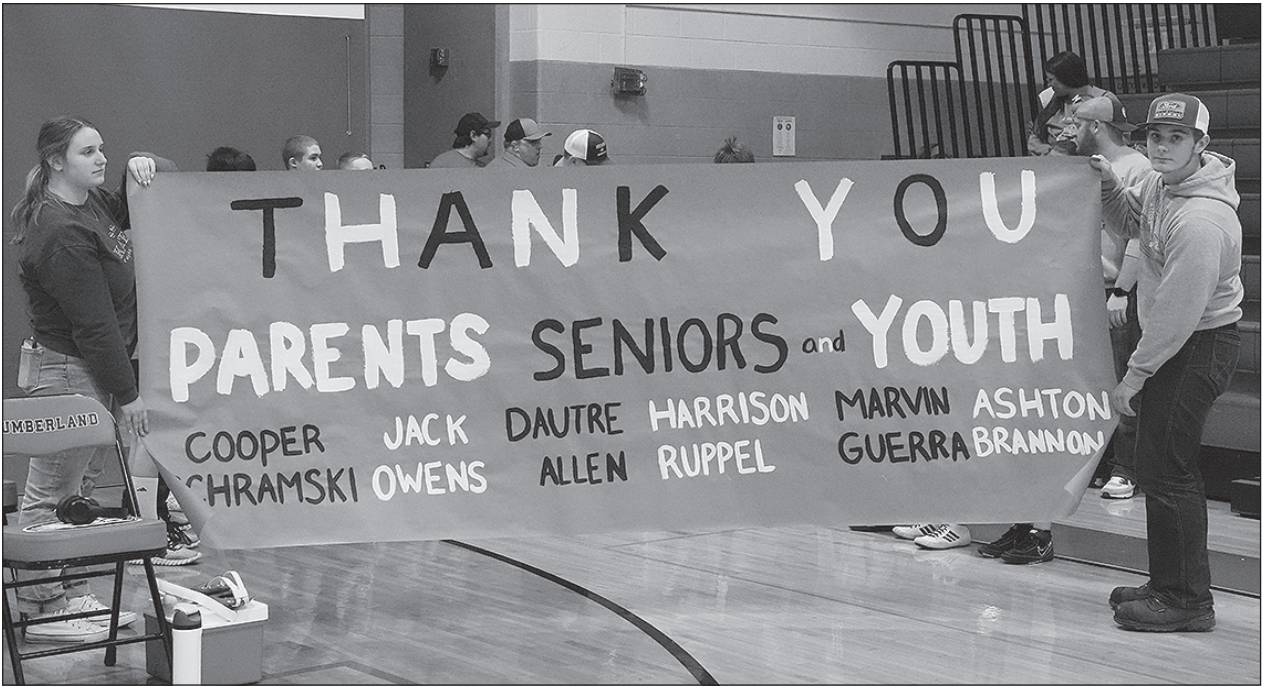
again in Northwestern this weekend. A special thanks to all of the parents, guardians, fans, and youth wrestlers for making the night a great atmosphere to wrestle in," added Coach Reid Olson. Gaining pins for Cumberland on Thursday were Colin Hagen, Braden Johnson, Harrison Ruppel, and Logan Peterson. Cooper Schramski added a Tech fall and Jack Owens a major decision. Neither team had a forfeit with six Saint pins one of the differences in the match.

Beavers Pick up Two Wins to Move to 11 and 4 on the Season

"Both games were similar this week in three respects. First, the boys did not start the games well, but dominated the second half on the defensive end. Second, we began the second halves behind. Third, Jack Richter provided the spark to get the boys going in each contest." Those were the comments of Coach Brian Dutton about two big HON victories over Ashland and Spooner on January 28 and 30 raising the Beavers record to an excellent 11 and 4 on the year. The first victory came over Ashland by a 52-35 score. The Beavers trailed 23-21 at halftime, but held the Oredockers to 13 second half points and a 27 percent shooting percentage in strolling to a 17-point victory. Gavin Gores had a huge second half on his way to a 36-point night. He got help from Richter who came off the bench, adding four steals, two assists, and seven points to the Beavers strong second half performance. Cumberland's 85-54 victory over Spooner last Thursday hardly indicates a struggle, but the Beavers actually trailed 41-34 at intermission. They then outscored the Rails 51-13 in the second half to post another impressive victory. "We still have work to do to improve defensively, but that is what we rely on every night to win games," added Coach Dutton. Gores picked up 30 points and 12 rebounds in the victory without a three-point attempt, while Richter had an even bigger night than Tuesday adding 21 points while hitting an impressive seven treys in 12 attempts. As a team, Cumberland hit 15 of 31 shots from beyond

the arc, while team statistics showed the team with 23 assists. Chayden Berghammer added 10 points and a strong floor game to Cumberland's offensive output, while Troy Majewski had eight points and an excellent night directing the team from his point guard position. Following last week's action, Gavin Gores continues to place third in scoring in the state at 35 points per game and sixth in rebounding at 14.2 per contest. He is one of six seniors in the running for State Player of the Year. With the two victories, Cumberland moved into fourth place in the conference standings at 7 and 3. Cameron at 9 and 1, Barron at 9 and 2, and Northwestern at 8 and 2 are still ahead of the Beavers. Two of those teams are on the team's schedule this week with home games against Barron, which was played Tuesday, and Northwestern this Friday at 7:00 pm. Saturday afternoon at 2:00 pm, Cumberland will head to River Falls to play in the Wisconsin-Minnesota Border Battle, taking on Heritage Christian, a school of 430 students located in Maple Grove, Minnesota. Their team is 13-3 on the season. It all adds up to a challenging, but exciting week for Cumberland players and fans. HON Conference Standings:

- 1.Cameron 9-1
- 2. Barron 9-2
- 3. Northwestern 8-2
- 4. Cumberland 7-3
- 5. Ladysmith 7-4
- 6. C/W 4-7
- 7. Hayward 4-7
- 8. SCF 2-9
- 9. Spooner 2-9
- 10. Ashland 1-9



Six Cumberland Senior wrestlers were honored on parents night before the Beavers took on the Saints. Pictured from left to right are Cooper Schramski, Marvin Guerra, Ashton Brannon, Harrison Ruppel, Jack Owens and DauTre Allen. Photos by Kaely Wenzel.

Thank You Seniors!



Four Seniors helping to lead the Beavers to a record of 11-4 are from left to right Jack Richter, Uriah Johnson, Gavin Gores and Chayden Berghammer. Good luck the rest of the season guys!

Be Careful When Riding ATV/UTVs, Snowmobiles In Winter Conditions

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges the public to be mindful of potentially dangerous winter conditions when operating recreational vehicles, especially on frozen waterbodies. There have already been two fatal UTV crashes and one fatal snowmobile crash in the state this year, with two of those accidents occurring on frozen waterbodies. Frost, ice and fresh snow on winter roads or trails can cause slippery conditions. Remember that ice is nev-

er completely safe under any conditions. The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. Local fishing clubs, outfitters and bait shops are the best sources for local current ice conditions. Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a personal flotation device or a float coat to help you stay afloat and to help slow body heat loss. Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride. Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.

Remember to stay sober, wear proper safety gear and be careful when slowing down and approaching turns. If your winter outing involves travel over a waterbody, remember that every waterbody has its own characteristics. Check if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows, is spring-fed or has currents, which can thin the ice. Here are a few more safety tips to keep in mind when operating recreational vehicles during winter. Remember that ice is nev-

er completely safe under any conditions. The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. Local fishing clubs, outfitters and bait shops are the best sources for local current ice conditions. Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a personal flotation device or a float coat to help you stay afloat and to help slow body heat loss. Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride. Do not travel in unfamiliar areas. Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home. Slow down when traveling at night. Watch for pressure ridges or ice buckling. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water. In addition to these safety tips, the DNR reminds riders to check trail conditions ahead of time by contacting your county forestry and/or parks department, local clubs or viewing Travel Wisconsin's Snow Report.

Sports Calendar
Thursday, Feb 6
Girls BB @ Hayward 7:00
Boys Hockey @ Barron vs Somerset 7:00
Friday, Feb 7
Boys BB home vs N.Western 7:00
Saturday, Feb 8
Wrestling Conf. Tourney @ N. Western 10:00
Girls Hockey @ West Salem 12:00
Boys Hockey @ Barron vs Menomonie 2:00
Boys BB @ River Falls 2:00
Girls BB home vs Glenwood City 7:00
Monday, Feb 10
Girls BB @ Luck 6:30
Tuesday, Feb 11
Girls BB home vs St. Croix Falls 7:00
Boys Hockey Conference Tourney TBD

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Ruby, the Definition of a Tough Dog

Hello friends,

Some of you may remember when my 8-year-old golden retriever Ruby was only 12-weeks-old, her mother took her for a long run and came home without her. For two week's I used every format possible to try and find her and figured she was in the belly of a wolf. On the 14th day I gave an all effort to find her and printed up 24 more signs to give to people and to post on empty cabins.

The last cabin I went to was remote and empty, I put a sign on the door, looked around, yelled out her name and headed to my truck. I felt something, it was Ruby. She was sitting in the woods and staring at me 40-yards away. She had lost about as much weight as she could but she was still alive.

Two years later I was camping and turkey hunting in The Meadow Valley Wildlife Area with Michelle Chiaro, Fire (Ruby's mother), and Ruby. Michelle and I went on an afternoon hunt. I chained Ruby to a tree and left Fire loose. When we returned after dark, both were gone. For 12-days I searched for the pair of golden's, pretty sure that with Ruby dragging a chain and both of them in about as dense of wolf country as you will find that their fate was sealed.

On the 12th night Michelle and I built a camp where the dogs had vanished. We had a classic night like we always did and stayed up extremely late with me yelling out for the pair every 20-minutes. Just before daylight on that early May morning, Michelle woke and said listen. I did and it was animals running through the woods towards our camp.

The chainless yahoo's had made it and Ruby's face was covered with porcupine quills. We held her firmly and one by one yanked the quills with pliers, what an insane experience!

Ruby loved anything to do with water and especially being in a canoe and if there was duck hunting involved, that was the best. Many times over her 8 hunting seasons Ruby spotted the ducks before I did.

On Thursday, January 3rd I arrived home from

the state of Mississippi with Ruby and Red in the back seat of my truck. My windshield was shattered, had a hole clear through it and was covered with plexiglass and duct taped together. A tree had fallen on my 2017 GMC and the damage would be \$17,000. As I write this I have not had a truck for 16 days and will not have one for 2 more weeks.

When I went to shut the lights off in my living room after a challenging 952 mile drive Ruby was licking her stomach and I took a look and it was not good. She had a sore about the size of a half dollar on her belly and I knew it was trouble.

I took Ruby to the vet and was told 2 things, it was a fast growing type of cancer but I was told she thought that there was a solid chance Ruby could be saved, which would take place entirely at my home with medication and love.

Ruby never lost her appetite, will to drink, or her desire to lay outside during the day and watch the world. When she lost the use of her legs I moved her around with a bed sheet underneath of her and she would try to walk.

In reality, the first 12 days were the worst, but then she started perking up, sitting up, wagging her tail and simply put was much more at peace.

On the 16th day, I sent texts to several people in my life that she maybe was getting better and she had a great day outside. On the 16th night I had a KAMO fishery the next morning and at 12:30 I took her out with her bed sheet under her legs and she was happy as a lark. The old girl was wagging her tail and bolted in front of me and went exploring the front yard and pond.

I went to bed confident that just maybe she was going to make it.

I got up at 5:00 a.m. and one of my very best friends was laying on the floor, with a beautiful look on her face and she had gone to heaven.

I love that dog and my guess is that Michelle greeted her and the two of them are now together.



This pic was taken on Ruby's last day. Of the 16 days she was sick, it was her best and it seemed like she was going to make it.



Ruby's favorite pastime other than being pet, was duck hunting, she was the toughest dog that I've ever owned.

Life can be brutal but you have to plow forward!
Sunset

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Girls Getting Fired Up!



The Cumberland Girls Basketball team gets fired up before the start of the HON contest with Cameron.

HON Win!



Jack Richter and the rest of the Beavers played excellent defense last week vs Ashland. The Beavers limited the Oredockers to 13 second half points. Photo by Kyleigh McLemore.

Girl's Basketball Team Drops a Pair of HON Contests; Home this Saturday

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team dropped a pair of HON contests last week, losing to Cameron 63-28 and Northwestern 56-40. The two teams are one and two in the HON standings and have a combined conference record of 24-1, as the Beavers gave a good effort against two strong squads.

The Comets outshot Cumberland 73 to 26 from the floor in their victory over the Beavers, building up a 38-11 lead by halftime. A rash of turnovers against an aggressive Comet defense, made it a tough night offensively.

Senior Macy Beecroft led Cumberland with 13 points, including an excellent three for five from beyond the arc. Sophomore Raegan Beecroft, who continues to improve on a weekly basis, added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The hometown team played much better when they hosted Northwestern last Friday. They had another rough first half, trailing 36-18 at the intermission, but rebounded to outscore the Tigers 22-20 over the games final 18 minutes of play.

Senior Melody Taylor had a nice night for Coach Tim Obr with 10 points and six rebounds. Macy Beecroft added eight points, Kaylee Jackson seven points and three assists, Nautica Ruppel five points, and Raegan Beecroft a team-high 10 rebounds.

Cumberland has an upcoming busy schedule having played Barron on Tuesday, a road game in Hayward on Thursday, and a non-conference home tilt against the Glenwood City Hilltoppers this Saturday in Elmer Beran Gymnasium at 7:00 pm. Monday, the team heads to Luck for a road game and on Tuesday, February 11, Cumberland hosts St. Croix Falls at 7:00.

Following the game against the Saints, Cumberland will only have three games left in the regular season.

Sports Look Back, February 11, 2015

The Cumberland Beavers out-scored the rest of the HON last Saturday to claim the 2015 Conference Wrestling Championship. The Beavers defeated second place Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, 192-183.5, to take the crown. Ladysmith finished third with 178 team points. The exciting day of wrestling was set up as all three of the teams had 6-2 records in dual action heading into Saturday's meet.

The Beavers received individual Championships from Lucas Graf at 113, Drew Rihn at 120, Trey Lundequam at 138, Trystin Adams at 152 and Ben Stone at 220 in taking first place. Max Patraw added second at 132.

Graf had two pins and an 8-1 decision over Spooner's Blake Larson in taking his championship, while Rihn followed Graf's title up by receiving a first round bye, getting a pin, and scoring 6-3 decision over Barron's David Pintens for his title.

After Patraw lost a tough overtime decision to take second at 132, Lundequam breezed to the 138 title, with two pins and a 12-6 decision over Superior's Tyler Lehtikoinen for the Beavers third crown.

Trystin Adams added a fourth Cumberland Championship at 152 with three pins. The talented junior wrestled less than five minutes on the day in becoming the Champion of his weight class.

The final title came from Ben Stone. One of the State's best at 220, Stone pinned each opponent, finishing with Even Holman of Ladysmith, who he disposed of in 2:59. It completed a great performance from the HON Team Champs.

Several other wrestlers helped gain valuable team points on the day. Freshman Kole Adams went 2 and 2 at 195 to gather 14 team points, while senior Joey Mlejnek won three of four matches at 182 to gain 15 team points. Patraw's second place, meanwhile, gave Cumberland 18 team points. These three individuals were keys in helping win the overall title.

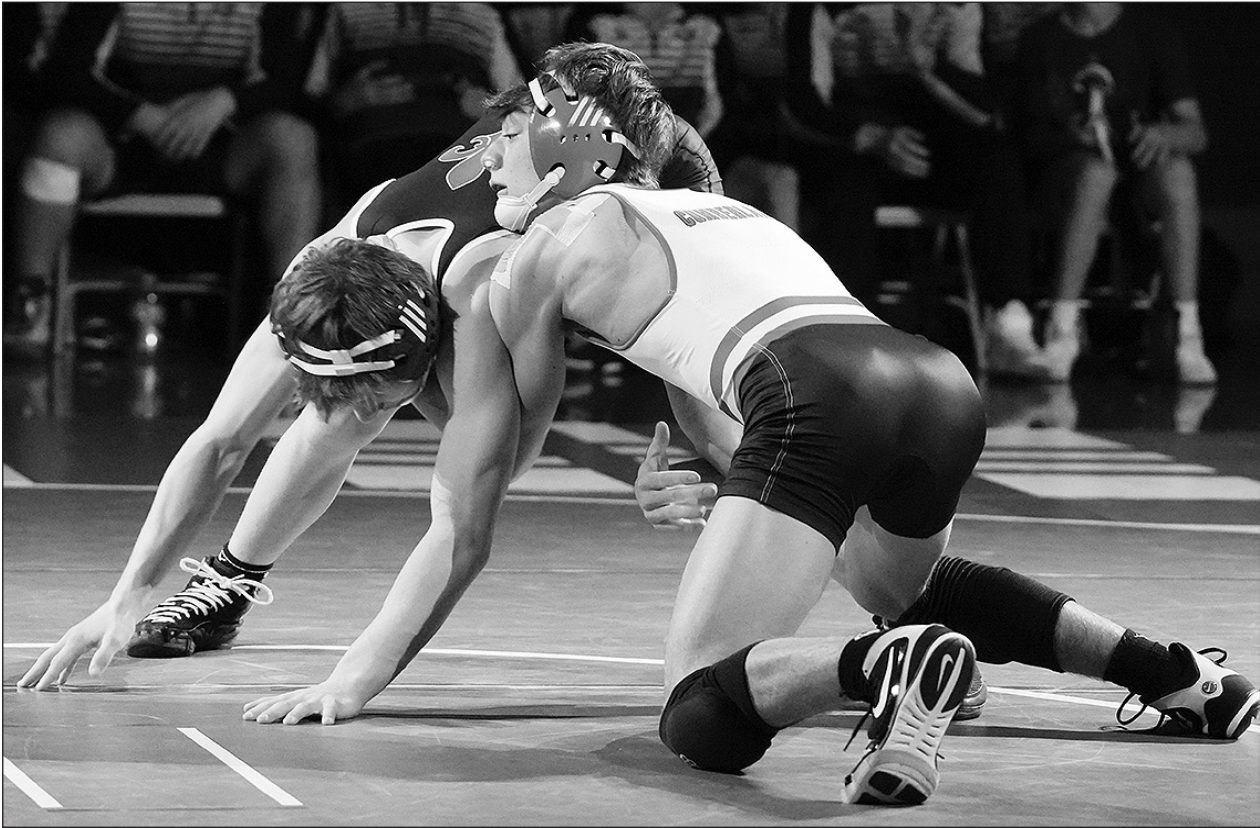
Tough Defense!



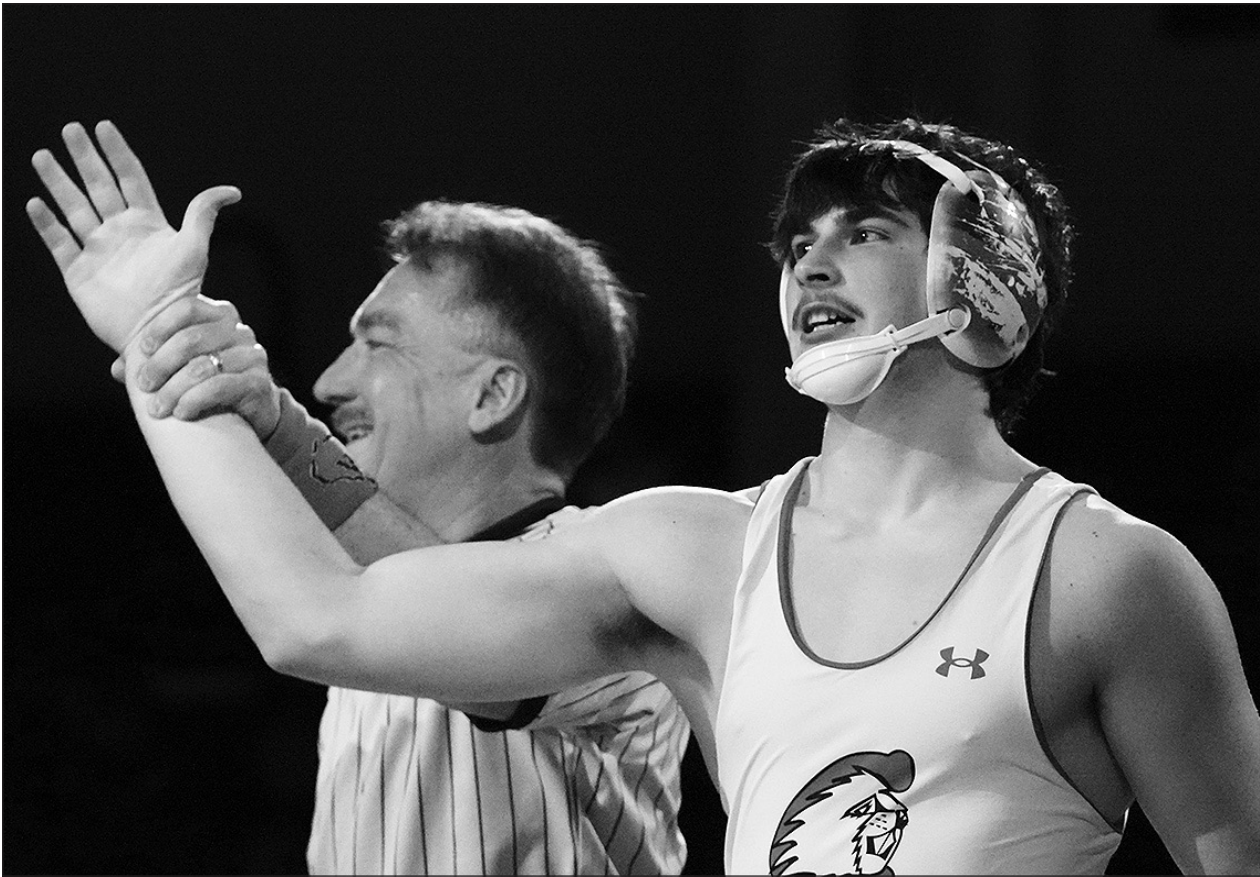
Uriah Johnson and the Beavers made things tough for Ashland last week in the Beavers home win. Cumberland shut down the Ashland offense allowing only 13 points in the second half of the game. Photo by Kyleigh McLemore



Mitchell Monchilovichin in action last Thursday vs St. Croix Falls. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Cooper Schramski on the mat vs St. Croix Falls. Schramski won by Tech Fall. Photo by Kaely Wenzel



Logan Peterson after winning by pin vs St. Croix Falls last Thursday night in Cumberland. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

Girl’s Hockey Co-op Runs Win Streak to Nine with Three Wins

The Hayward Hockey Co-op is on a hot streak, picking up two more wins last week to raise their overall record to 16-5-1. The victories came over Eau Claire 5-0, the Fond du Lac Warbirds 3-1 and the Fox Cities Stars, 4-3. The team has two games left in the regular season before starting WIAA Playoffs in mid-February.

The Hurricanes scored five goals in the first two periods and used strong defense and goaltending to pick up a shut out over Eau Claire to start their week. Reese Sheehan was outstanding once again with two goals and a pair of assists for the winners.

The victory over Fond du Lac was their biggest win, a team that came into last Fridays game with a record of 17 and 4. The Hurricanes outshot the Warbirds 37-13 in the contest as their defense was outstanding.

A successful road trip was completed on Saturday, with a one-goal victory over the Fox Cities Stars, based out of Appleton. The game went to overtime, when Sheehan won the game with her 29th goal of the year. She is also currently second in the state with 23 assists.

After a recent busy schedule, the team only played once this week, a Tuesday match-up against Northland Pines.

Icemen Play One Game; Drop 9-1 Contest to Hayward

The Northwest Icemen’s only game last week came on Thursday and ended with a 9-1 road loss to the Hayward Hurricanes. The Icemen have three games this week to finish-up of the regular season, going into the contests with a record of 5 and 14.

The three games started with a road game on Tuesday against WFLG and continue this Thursday and Saturday with home games against Somerset and Menomonie. Both games are in Barron with Friday’s game starting at 7:00 pm and Saturday’s contest

against Menomonie starting at 2:00.

The 9-8-1 Hurricanes outshot the Icemen 44-19 in their victory. The Icemen’s only score came in period one on an Ethan Peterson goal and assist from David Pond. Amery is in first place in the Middle Border Conference, ahead of three teams tied for second, Somerset, Regis/Altoona/McDonell, and Baldwin-Woodville.

The WIAA Tournament opener will be played on February 18 with pairings to be set by next weekend.

Girls Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Superior Spartans	SPRTNS	6	3	3	0	0	18	3	18-3-0
Central Wisconsin	STORM	6	4	3	1	0	20	3	18-3-0
Hayward Co-Op	CANES	6	5	3	2	0	18	11	16-5-1
Black River Falls	TIGERS	4	4	2	2	0	11	6	10-8-2
Northland Pines	EAGLES	4	6	2	4	0	13	28	3-14-0
Medford	MRAIDR	2	4	1	3	0	10	22	1-9-1
Northern Edge	EDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
Coulee Region	CRG	0	2	0	2	0	0	17	4-13-1

Boys Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Amery	Amery	12	6	6	0	0	33	8	14-6-0
Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Somerset	Smrset	8	6	4	2	0	27	14	14-6-0
Regis/Altoona/McDonell	RAM	8	6	4	2	0	29	20	16-4-0
Baldwin-Woodville	BWood	8	6	4	2	0	22	14	14-5-1
Hayward	Haywrd	6	6	3	3	0	21	14	9-8-1
Ashland	ASHLND	4	6	2	4	0	15	24	2-14-0
Spooner	SPOONR	2	6	1	5	0	10	33	3-14-0
Northwest Icemen	NWest	0	6	0	6	0	7	37	5-13-0

Boys BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	T	PCT	GB	GP	OVERALL
Cameron	CAMER	9	1	0	.900	-	10	12-3-0
Barron	BARRON	9	2	0	.818	0.5	11	10-5-0
Northwestern	NWERN	8	2	0	.800	1.0	10	11-4-0
Cumberland	CUMB	7	3	0	.700	2.0	10	11-4-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	7	4	0	.636	2.5	11	11-5-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	4	7	0	.364	5.5	11	6-9-0
Hayward	HAY	4	7	0	.364	5.5	11	4-12-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	2	9	0	.182	7.5	11	4-11-0
Spooner	SPOON	2	9	0	.182	7.5	11	3-12-0
Ashland	ASHL	1	9	0	.100	8.0	10	2-14-0

Girls BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	OVERALL
Northwestern	NWERN	12	0	W12	14-4-0
Cameron	CAMER	12	1	W8	15-3-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	10	3	L1	13-6-0
Barron	BARRON	7	4	W1	9-8-0
Hayward	HAY	7	5	W1	8-9-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	5	8	W1	5-11-0
St. Croix Falls	SCF	4	9	L1	4-15-0
Cumberland	CUMB	3	9	L2	3-13-0
Spooner	SPOON	2	10	L6	2-13-0
Ashland	ASHL	0	13	L13	1-16-0

Cumberland Mixed-Up Bowling League

2nd Half Team Standings
Cumberland Federal - 18
Cumberland Bus - 17
Pasko’s RPM - 10
Grandma’s Gang - 8
Club Cumberland - 7
3 High Scratch Games

Eric Olson - 245
Mark Peichel - 184
Ryan Mazurek - 184
3 High Scratch Series
Eric Olson - 568
Bryan Tahtinen - 502
Pam Allen - 478

OBITUARIES



David M. Huebner
David Michael Huebner, 76, of Cumberland died Thursday, January 23, 2025 at his home. He was born December 19, 1948 in Shell Lake, WI to Elmer and Frieda (Nagel) Huebner. He was raised in the Cumberland Area. On November 12, 1965, He married Wanda Lee Berglund in Lancaster, MO. Dave owned and operated A-1 septic for many years and was a member of the 49er Union until he passed. He was passionate about a

few things in life, some being deer hunting and Trout fishing, which he reminisced about often, collecting old cars, and wagering a few dollars at the casino here and there. If a Packers, Badgers, or Wild game was on the TV, he was cheering - and you better be too.

Above all, the rough and tough Dave's heart melted in the hands of any of his beloved grandkids and great-grandkids, who will all miss him dearly.

He is survived by his sons, Richard (Connie) Huebner of Spooner, Michael (Jennifer) Huebner of Cumberland, and Brent (Pam Froehlich) Huebner of Cumberland; his grandchildren, Mikey (Ashley) Huebner, Justin (Emma) Huebner, Roslyn (Jake) Bickle, and Alex (Anna) Huebner; great grandchildren, Lydia, Bentley, and Stella; sister-in-law, Jacque (James) Dahlgren of Spooner; dear friend Greta; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Dave was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Huebner; parents; brothers, Ernie, Robert, Lee Huebner; and sisters, Nancy Huebner and Donna Miller.

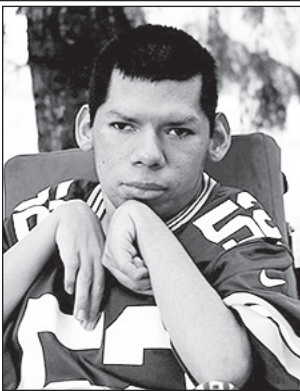
A Celebration of Dave's Life will be held Saturday, February 15, 2025 at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland, with visitation from 10 AM - 11 AM, and a brief service at 11 AM.

Interment Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland.

Honorary Pallbearers are Mikey and Ashley Huebner, Jake and Roz Bickle, Justin and Emma Huebner, and Alex and Anna Huebner.

Further festivities will continue at Dale's Twin Pine Tavern, one of Dave's favorite hang outs, immediately following the burial. The family encourages you to come share memories, a meal, and a drink or a smoke as Dave would.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Joshua D. Bearheart
Joshua Dean Bearheart, 32, of Cumberland passed peacefully February 1, 2025, at Shell Lake Health Care Center. He was born November 30, 1992, in St. Paul MN, to Samantha Bearheart and Larry Larson Jr.

Josh was a huge Green Bay Packers fan! He enjoyed spending time outside, hunting, fishing, wrestling. He loved spending time with animals and WWE wrestling. He also loved wrestling and rough housing with anyone brave enough to challenge him. If there was a movie

with blood and gore, he was immediately a fan! Kill Bill and Charlie's Angels were his favorite movies. It was clear that he was a fan of the blondes because he would say "Hey baby" to every blonde he saw.

Josh was known to pass the time people watching and scheming new ways to scare those around him. His mischievous personality will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his parents, Larry Jr. and Samantha Larson of Cumberland; brothers, Mycal (Marissa) of Danbury, Vinny and Jordan Larson of Webster; sisters: Payton (Jeremy), Avery, Cabrina, Braelynn, and baby M all of Cumberland; his grandparents, Larry Sr and Joy Larson of Webster; his aunt, Penny Bearheart of Cumberland; his uncles, Brian Bearheart Sr. of Webster, Robert (Tania Milton) Bearheart Sr. of Shell Lake, Jason Larson of Eau Claire, and Joshua (Jessica) Larson of Eden

Prairie; his cousins, Brianna, Erin, Brian Jr., Shane, Daryl, Thomas, Trey, Jayce, Parker, and Finley; many nieces, nephews, great aunts, uncles, other family and friends.

Josh was preceded in death by his twin brother, Jared; grandparents, Sammy and Beverly Bearheart; uncles: Duane Bearheart and Chad Larson; and cousin, Robert Bearheart Jr.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at Northern Lakes Community Church, Cumberland with Pastor Matthew Earls officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Pallbearers were Brian Bearheart, Robert Bearheart Sr., Joshua Larson, Jason Larson, Shane De-nottner, Jeremy Trenter, and Jeremy Liljenberg. Honorary pallbearers are Larry Larson Sr., Larry Larson, Jr., Thomas Nelson, Trey Nelson, and Doug Effertz.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

Senior News

By Gloria Lindeman

I am dedicating our column this week to Dave Husby. Sadly he passed away from cancer. He has been our president for quite a few years.

He started as vice-president and then him and I changed places and I talked him in to be president and glad of it. He has done a great job over the years. Its been good working with him. He is always so kind and very diplomatically working out problems that come up. He put in so many hours helping out at the center.

He will be missed tremendously. I will try to fill

his shoes but that's a tough job. I will do my best. We have a good board to work with.

February 5th will be our meeting and at that time we will have a drawing and hand out prizes to all the members who paid their dues for the coming year. We welcome all new members and ones that have been with us for a long time.

Next week I will be writing again on updates that we will be making.

On behalf of the board and all our members sincere sympathy to Katherine and family.

SENIOR DINING

Thursday, Feb. 6
Beef vegetable soup, ham & cheese sandwich, assorted crackers, whipped grape & pecan dessert.

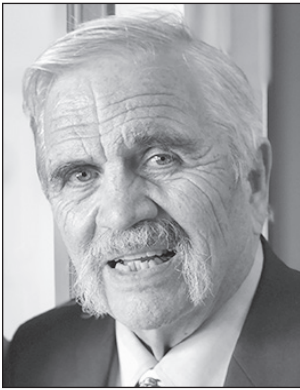
Friday, Feb. 7
Entrée salad with deli meat, hard boiled egg, cheese, veggies, cottage cheese, bread stick, Cook's choice cookie.

Monday, Feb. 10
Sloppy Joe on a whole wheat bun, creamy potato salad, peas and carrots, assorted ice cream.

Tuesday, Feb. 11
Baked chicken, mashed sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, chocolate pudding.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
Beef and bean chili, cheese and crackers, cornbread muffin, Jello with fruit.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes with and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older & \$15.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. (No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.



Dr. John R. Jacobson

Dr. John Raymond Jacobson of Butte, Montana passed away at St. James Hospital on Jan. 15, 2025 after a short illness. He was surrounded by all of his grandchildren, many of his great grandchildren, his daughters and many members of his family and close friends.

John was born on April 27, 1939 in Cumberland, Wisc., the son of Raymond and Marion Jacobson. He was raised and educated in Cumberland where he was active in sports, music and was an Eagle Scout.

John's love of the outdoors and fishing, hunting and skiing was nurtured on adventures with his parents and his brother Lee in the Wisconsin woods. The large extended family, including a pack of cousins, enjoyed wonderful holiday celebrations in Cumberland.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc. in 1961 and then went to Marquette Medical School in Milwaukee, Wisc.

It was in Milwaukee that John met his wife, Judith Helen Haxton. The couple married on Nov. 30, 1963 and

welcomed their first child, Jo Dee, in Milwaukee.

After earning his medical degree from Marquette Medical School in 1966, the family moved to San Francisco, where John completed his internship at St. Mary's Hospital. They welcomed their second child, Eric Lee, in San Francisco.

After completing his internship in 1967, the family moved to Readfield, Maine, where John served in the Public Health Service. They welcomed their third child, Wendy Susan, in Maine.

In 1969, the family moved to the Midwest, closer to extended family, calling White Bear Lake, Minn. home while John completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota, Board Certified, followed by a Fellowship in Gastroenterology at the University of Minnesota, Board Certified.

In 1973 the family moved to Butte, Montana. John practiced medicine at Rocky Mountain Clinic and St. James Hospital until his retirement in 2004.

John was dedicated to his hometown, Cumberland, Wisc. He was honored to be recognized by Cumberland High School as a Graduate of Distinction in 2012 for his many years of leading medical volunteer teams in Honduras, one that included his oldest granddaughter, and helping secure an ambulance for a community there. The Cumberland High School Class of 2012 included John's great nephew Eric Turcott.

The nominating committee may have regretted their choice, however, when John encouraged the graduates to

toss their caps in the air, promising to pay the fine for any and all of the 70 students who took him up on the forbidden action.

John was predeceased by his parents, mother-in-law Leah Haxton, father-in-law Bob Haxton, wife Judy, son Eric, sister-in-law Leah Rae Jamiolkowski and sister-in-law Nancy Jamiolkowski.

John is survived by his brother Lee (Judy) Jacobson, his brother-in-law Dan Jamiolkowski, daughter Jo Dee (Mark) Black, daughter Wendy (Skip) Dobbs, his grandchildren John Robert (Tracy) Holland, Jennifer (Mikey) Burrall, Kaleigh (Amber) Bixler, Megan (Matt) Hart-hun, Abbie (Doug) Peters, Jacob (Elaine) Dobbs, Mason Dobbs and his girlfriend Catalina Conde Ibarra, his great grandchildren Kayson and Lillian Harthun, Gracie and Grady Bixler, Weston and Jackson Peters, Mae Burrall, Brady Holland, Aslan and Aleena Scott, nieces Lori (Randy) Davis, Jennifer (Craig) Turcott, Sarah (Todd) Justice, Molly Lampignano, Amy (Dave) Lund, nephew Jay (Carina) Jacobsen, and many wonderful great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will take place June 30, 2025 in Butte, Montana at Gold Hill Lutheran Church. Wayrynen Richards Funeral Home of Butte, Montana is handling arrangements. <https://www.wayrynen-richards.com/>

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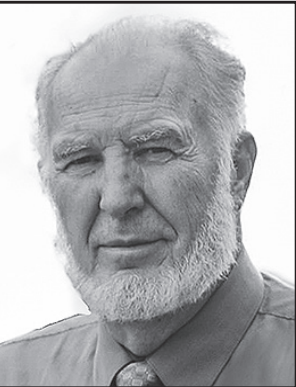
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OBITUARIES



Gerd R. Bents
Gerd Randolph Bents, 83, of Comstock, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2025.
Gerd grew up in the Comstock area and graduated from nearby Cumberland High School. During his summer breaks, he worked on his uncle Ran Kettle's farm in Wildrose, North Dakota.
Gerd served in the U.S. Navy for four years in multiple theaters, flying in carrier-based electronic warfare aircraft.
He married his childhood

sweetheart Connie Bunge in 1964, and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2024.
Gerd owned and operated Bents Motors in Comstock for many years.
He is survived by his wife Connie, sons Eric (wife Marnie) and Stuart, daughters Wendy Beukelman (husband Jerry) and Heidi Deuth (husband Daniel), 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Gerd was preceded in death by granddaughter Anna Deuth.
The memorial service will be held at Cornerstone Christian Church in Spooner, WI, on Feb. 10, 2025, with visitation at 10:00 and service at 11:00.



Patricia "Pat" A. Tyo
Patricia Ann "Pat" Tyo, 89, of Cumberland died at home, January 31, 2025. She was born April 30, 1935 in Crosby, MN to Anton B. and Ethel M. (Yoder) Snyder. She was married in Duluth, MN on February 27, 1954 to Roland Tyo.
She worked at the family owned grocery store which is where she met Rollie. They were just a few days shy of their 71st wedding anniversary. Pat worked as a switchboard operator and later as a licensed baby-sitter and was highly sought after due to

her extraordinary fondness of children.
After retirement Pat and Rollie moved to Tucson, AZ and spent 22 years soaking in the warmth and sunshine. While there, Pat managed as the treasurer of their bowling league, as well as volunteered in their HOA. They eventually felt the tug to return to the north woods to be close to family.
Pat enjoyed collecting all things Disney, especially Mickey Mouse! She dedicated her craft room to her Disney memorabilia. Pat made sure to keep her family and friends warm by knitting them handmade wild-colored treasures.
The past few years, Pat and Rollie could be found waving enthusiastically at the buses full of returning and new students on their way to their first day of the new school year at Cumberland. Her warm, cheerful smile and waving will be certainly missed by more than just her

family. Pat was known for her freely given warm hugs; whether you knew you needed one or not.
She is survived by her husband, Rollie Tyo; six children: Randy Tyo, Jeanne (Frank) Barnaby, Kenneth Tyo, Sheri (Tim) Eimermann, Joni (Keith) Bellamy, and Connie (Bill) Lussier; eight grandchildren: Tim, Aubrey, Zack, Wade, Malorie, Mitchell, Chase, and Courtney; five great grandchildren: James, Emily, Aria, Brooks, and Cooper; siblings: Gary (Christine) Snyder, and Wendy (Buzz) Buczynski, nieces, nephews, and many other dear family and friends. Pat was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Nancy, infant brother, Richard.
Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon Thursday, February 6, 2025 at First Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Schmidt officiating. Visitation will be from 11 AM - Noon Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Pat's family would like to thank the compassionate team at Marshfield Home Health and Hospice for treating her with such tender family level of care.
Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Church Directory

"Giving of Ourselves "
by Pastor Diane Norstad
Trinity Lutheran Church

"I am sure that we honor God more if we gratefully accept the life he gives us with all its blessings, loving it and drinking it to the full . . . than we do if we are insensitive toward the blessings of life and therefore equally insensitive toward pain"
--Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison
Giving to others is a natural outpouring of thankfulness. However, talking about money is uncomfortable. Do we really give our first fruits, the best that we have to offer to God? Do we give generously or just what's comfortable? If we are not giving to the church, or to the poor and needy, as God commands, what does our withholding cost them? What do our finances say about our faith lives? How do we use our money to witness to God's love?
In any conversation, one thing stands clear: we can never out give God. God's blessings are staggering. As we consider how and why we give, it's important to hold the abundance of God before us. And it's important to keep asking the questions. Generous hearts, minds and spirits are what God asks of us. We can give without loving, but we can never love without giving.
Let's take inspiration from the quote by Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer above. He wrote much of his work from prison as he was jailed by Nazis. Even in his worst times he gave by caring for others near him. Giving is essential even when we may feel we have nothing to give. We all have stressors that make us want to hang on tightly to what we have. While we cannot know what will come we CAN know that God is faithful and with us. Life is much more than our financial resources. It is about living a full and generous life. Invest in your faith, in your family, in your friends and share your heart with others. Let go of fear and open your heart to God and others.
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LETTERS

Editor

20% in America increased their wealth over the past 30 years while the rest of us have declined. The highest-earning 1% own 26% of our nation's wealth.

2. Trump pardoned or commuted all the J6 criminals, even those who committed violence on our police officers. Now THAT is a miscarriage of justice! He could've had his people comb through that list of 1500, weeding out those charged with trespass versus those charged with serious crimes. But he said, "Fxcck it" and chose a blanket pardon. And you had "no problem with that" indicating that none of those people is "really a true danger to society." What about the young boy who testified against his father and the father threatened to kill his son? That boy now has to fear for his life from his own father! You claimed that the J6 criminals were treated unfairly "compared to jail time murderers spend in NY." For your information, New York murderers get 20 years to life for murder. Look it up!

Why would Trump do this? Maybe he wants to create a vigilante militia to do his bidding for exacting revenge on his perceived enemies. Is it possible that if they kill someone per Trump's direction, they will be assured of future pardons? Additionally, isn't it ironic that Trump rails against foreign countries who he claims have sent their criminals into our country, then he opened OUR prisons to release those J6 criminals who were convicted by a jury of their peers or who pled guilty.

And we find it hypocritical that you recently introduced the "Thin Blue Line" bill to increase penalties for targeting law enforcement.

And are you looking for a potential future pardon yourself for your involvement in the Fake Elector Scheme of 2020?

3. Trump wants to end Birthright Citizenship which is protected in the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. You said the US is "one of very, very few nations that al-

low it." However, 36 other countries have this as a right. This apparently is another Trump initiative that you are okay with.

4. You like all of Trump's cabinet nominees so far; and you feel Trump should be able to decide who he wants, no matter how unqualified they are. Take talk show host Pete Hegseth for Defense. You saw "no disqualifying factors" in that candidate. What about his alcohol abuse, sexual assault allegations, lack of any real experience; and he paid a woman \$50,000 for her silence about a sexual assault. Would you hire this man to work for your company???

You show more fidelity to this man than you do for your country. Trump has harassed and threatened other Senators and Representatives who have gone against him. Are you afraid to say No to Trump? Maybe you fear him.

Darlene and Matt
Bratager
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 791-29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.

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

Danielle Maxwell-Parker
Clerk
Town of Lakeland
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for Town of Maple Plain will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 393 26th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons

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Holly Nyhus, Clerk
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Barron County Treasurer
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Under Wisconsin State Statute 5.84(1), public tests of the electronic ballot tabulation system will be held to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the February 18, 2025, 2025 Spring Primary votes cast for all offices and on all measures. All tests are open to the public.

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Town of Lakeland
Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
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Jail Sally Port and Professional Visitation Addition
1420 State Highway 25 N
Barron, Wisconsin 54812

Barron County will receive single prime sealed bids for Jail Sally Port and Professional Visitation Addition until 2:00 PM CST local time February 25, 2025 on at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 State Highway 25 N, Barron, Wisconsin 54812 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents, including the Proposal Form, Drawings and Specifications, will be on file at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge Plan Center (Edina); Reed Construction; MN and Milwaukee, WI; Northwest Regional Builders Exchange (Altoona, WI); LaCrosse Builders Exchange; Milwaukee Builders Exchange; Wausau Builders Exchange; Fox Valley Builders Exchange (Appleton, WI); Hurley Builders Exchange (Hurley, WI); Builders Exchange of Rochester (Rochester, MN); Northwest Regional Builders Exchange (Eau Claire, WI); iSqFt Plan Room (St. Paul, MN); online from PlanWell at https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/Secures/PWELL_PrivateList.aspx?PriType=pub.

This project includes: A 2,700 square foot addition for a new vehicle sally port garage and additional professional visitation rooms for the existing jail. The new addition includes structural precast concrete walls, steel framing, and a concrete slab on grade. The project also includes renovation of the existing 1,100 square foot sally port garage to be converted to storage, circulation, and professional visitation rooms. The project includes site modifications, mechanical systems, electrical systems, and security systems associated with the addition and renovation.

American Reprographics Company, 4730 Park Glen Road, St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416 (612) 722-2303, facsimile (612) 722-3745, will provide complete downloadable sets of the Bidding Documents to prospective bidders and subcontractors. The downloads will be available January 30, 2025. A deposit check in the amount of \$25 made out to ARC for each set downloaded via the internet at www.e-arc.com and clicking on the PlanWell icon, then the Public Plan Room icon, select Jail Sally Port and Professional Visitation Addition.

Make proposals on the bid forms supplied in the Project Manual. No oral, telegraphic or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond payable to Barron County in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Performance Bond.

Bids may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the scheduled time of opening bids, without the consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids, and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding.

The Owner requires Substantial Completion of the project on or before January 1, 2026.

Board of Supervisors
Barron County
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In Response to Nick Ricci's Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:
In response to Nick Ricci's letter regarding Biden allowing illegal immigrants to live in the country: According to a New York Times article January 22, 2025; 4 million deporta-

tions occurred during the Biden Administration. The article also says under the previous Trump administration, 1.9 million deportations occurred. The source of these numbers was the

D.H.S. Office of Homeland Security Statistics. I mean no disrespect to Mr. Ricci. He didn't know. This type of information doesn't get much media coverage.

Janice Ahneman
Cumberland, WI

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Military Heroes...

a letter to report to basic training.

There are many others who deserve their story to be told, including John Talbot, who flew six missions over enemy territory during the war, winning the Air Medal with six leaf clusters and a Distinguished Service Cross. I apologize to those many others whose stories are not told in this article.

The stories that are included are those of Rodney Mettner of Barronett and Robert Pease, who grew up south of Comstock. Together they were awarded nine Purple Hearts with Mettner’s chronicle receiving National headlines, while the WW2 story of Robert Pease took 21-years to be heard.

Rodney Grant Mettner: The Korean Conflict -Mark R. Fuller

Rodney Mettner was born on January 21, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mettner in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The family later moved to rural Cumberland near Barronett, where he helped run the family dairy farm.

Mettner graduated from Cumberland High School in 1946, participating in Art Club, Chorus, and FFA, where he was a two-year officer and played on the FFA basketball team.

Although his intentions were to go on to school after graduation, Mettner joined the Army where he fulfilled his enlistment and was discharged. He joined the Army Reserve and attended college in Glendale, California until he was recalled into active duty in 1950.

In September of 1951, he was sent to Korea where he served a year on the front lines, suffering numerous wounds and injuries. He was sent back to the States for hospitalization.

Once his injuries healed, Mettner asked to return to the Asian Continent. His parents believed he was heading to Japan, but he volunteered instead to return to combat in Korea with his buddies.

Now a Master Sergeant, Mettner soon distinguished himself at Punchbowl, Korea in November of 1952 when he led eight men on a reconnaissance patrol deep into enemy territory. There they met severe resistance upon entering an enemy trench.

In the trench, Mettner shot and killed five communist fighters and killed nine more when he rolled a three-pound chunk of TNT into a bunker. As his patrol began to leave they were confronted by machine gun fire where three of group members received serious wounds.

Mettner reorganized his patrol and led their withdrawal as they moved down the hill, while personally carrying the most seriously wounded man on his back to friendly lines.

The Army responded to his actions by saying, “During this action, Sergeant Mettner’s courageous actions resulted in the successful accomplishment of the mission. His outstanding devotion to duty, bravery under enemy fire and superior leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the US Army.”

He returned to the United States in winter of 1952 where he was assigned to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. In the spring of 1953, Mettner was flown to Nevada where he witnessed the firing of the first atomic artillery. He was then discharged from the Army a second time and returned to college at the University of California where he hoped to resume his studies.

During his two tours in Korea, Mettner earned an incredible two Distinguished Service Crosses, four Silver Stars and a Bronze medal with clusters, seven Purple Hearts, plus numerous service awards. He was also awarded the Distinguished Military Service Medal

with a Silver Star, the highest honor given by the Korean government, for his gallantry in action and keen judgement.

On August 2 of 1953, Mettner returned to his hometown, where a “Rodney Mettner Appreciation Banquet” was held by the American Legion for his unusual courage and valor. It was attended by none other than US Senator Joe McCarthy and broadcast by WJMC. Among others in attendance were his parents and his three sisters.

Mettner was later honored in Washington DC and spoke at several sessions of the UN. In his speech at a U.N. celebration in 1953, Rodney expressed his pride in serving in the U.S. Army and further expressed “in seeing the futility and paradox of war, I certainly pledge my support to the cause of preventing war and of making men free.”

Mettner was encouraged to run for Congress, but declined. He continued to serve his country as a civilian, however, and was instrumental in helping revise the Army Manuel on requirements for Commissioned Officers. In 2003, he attended the 50th anniversary of the Korean Armistice where he was honored by Henry Kissinger as an “Ambassador of Peace.”

In 1954, Mettner met and married Janet Jacobs and they took up residency in Southern California, later moving to San Rafael where Rod held a position as partner in California Builders Hardware until his retirement. Mettner and Janet were married 57 years before his passing in 2012, leaving behind his wife and three grown children, Suzanne Frazier, Rodney Mettner, and Roxane Elkin as well as six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

I was able to contact his son Rodney, who still lives in the San Rafael, California area. He would say, “My dad was a great father, intelligent and well-respected. We all miss him!” His dad, Rodney Mettner, was a true Cumberland and American hero in every way.

The Incredible World War 2 Story of Robert “Bob” Pease

by Mark R. Fuller
Robert “Bob” Pease was born in September 1921 to Jack Pease and Pauline Caskey Pease and following a childhood south of Comstock, he joined the army at the age of 19 in July of 1941. He was immediately transferred to the Air Corp where he learned gunnery to become a “Tail Stinger” for the B17 bomber.

Three months after joining the military, he was given an extended tour in the Philippine Islands at the Del Monte Air Base in Mindanao. Just how extended he couldn’t have imagined.

By March of 1942, the success of a large Japanese presence on the Island led to the ousting of US General Douglas McArthur, who gave the famous quote, “I shall return.” Pease said, “I was one of those standing outside the plane who heard General McArthur’s immortal words.”

By April, Bataan fell and under the terms of the unconditional surrender, Pease became one of thousands of prisoners of war. He was sent to the Davao Penal Colony in Mindanao, the largest prison establishment in the country, which the Japanese Army used as their imperial garrison during World War II.

On October 25, 1943, after staying at the camp for 18 months, the 21-year old Pease and inmate Oscar Brown made a break for freedom while on a plowing detail. They escaped their potential captures by hiding in a banana grove next to the compound. Those remaining were put on a rice diet for a number of days as a punishment for the two

men’s escape. The escape brought about the removal of Prison Commander Lt. Uki for which Pease said, “Was good because his replacement was more humane and the work for prisoners eventually became easier.”

The two escapees stayed hidden while the search continued, eventually killing a pig and stealing some rice from a bodega. They both became ill with dysentery and Pease said, “We felt we may die, but it was more honorable to die on the outside”

The two men finally made their way to a Filipino village, where they revealed themselves to a villager. “We had a large price on our heads and had visions of betrayal, torture and beheading, but had to put our trust in someone,” said Pease.

They would eventually hide in the back of a truck with their only weapons, daggers, made from a pair of scissors. Able to avoid Japanese soldiers, they fortunately ran into a group of Filipino patriots who were part of a guerilla fighting force.

Told, “The Japanese are searching for you,” the two men were led on an all-night trip to a sanctuary at the edge of the mountains. After a short rest, they began an almost two-week trek through some of the wildest parts of the country, to a large concentration of guerilla fighters located in the northern part of the Davao Province.

By the time they arrived, both men had contracted malaria and Brown had to be carried part of the way. Upon reaching the headquarters of the compound, Pease said, “I could barely move a muscle and had to be carried into the office of Col. Wendell W. Fertig, the Commander of the fighters. Thankfully the camp had medicine, brought by an Australian Doctor.”

Fertig’s force was one of the great exploits and secrets of the war. Some 400 miles inside enemy territory, its full numbers reached just over 30,000, of which Pease estimated only 60 to 80 were Americans. The rest were Filipino Patriots.

When Pease regained his health, he was made a lieutenant and assigned to the coast watching region, where his duties were to report on Japanese movements and lead a diversionary force in hit-and-run tactics versus the enemy.

“We would attack any troops we ran into and escape back into the jungle.” Pease added. He received wounds during this action, but continued his duties until shortly after US Troops landed in Leyte, Philippines, on October 20, 1944. The Leyte invasion was one of the largest amphibious operations of the war.

Shortly after hearing the news, he headed to Leyte to reconnect with the American landing force. Shortly after arriving, however, he was hit in the head with shrapnel and hospitalized. “This is when real trouble started,” said Pease.

Because of the secrets of the guerilla fighting, no one at the camp believed his story of his past year’s work in the mountains. Thinking he was delusional from his injury and stress, Pease was sent back to America for treatment, winding up in a Psychiatric hospital. There he was given an Honorable Discharge with decorations and battle stars, but without acknowledging his efforts as a Guerilla fighter.

Pease said, “I took up the circumstances of my story with the army, but got nowhere. They said there was no law to correct the situation. We were so far behind the lines that no one kept records, because there was no time for it.” To the Army, he was simply a shell shock case.

He would return home to the Comstock area and marry his wife Eleanor in November of 1948. He would later move to Siren, but never giving up his fight for the

truth. He would eventually get two important sources of help.

First was the 1963 publishing of the book called “They Fought Alone” written by John Keats. It described Lt. Wendell Fertig’s guerilla actions during the war. Keats, who also served in the Philippines, wrote his book featuring Fertig and a handful of Americans, who refused to surrender and did their part in the war effort in a seemingly hopeless effort against the Japanese.

Keats would say in his book, “Each man who served on Mindanao has an adventure well-worth telling and the nation owes each of them a debt it cannot repay.”

BARRONETT NEWS

By Judy Pieper

Happy February!! Just a heads-up for all you guys who want to make a good impression on your sweethearts – Valentine’s Day is coming up fast, next Friday the 14th, to be exact. So, when considering a gift for the light of your life, remember, if it is not something that sparkles or is calorie-laden and full of sugar, it is probably not the gift she is hoping for. Maybe dinner out with dancing afterward would be nice. Just a few suggestions to make your life a little easier. (You can thank me later.)

Suzy and Ryan Lehmann stopped by Heritage/Lake-side in Rice Lake one day last week to visit with Pat Fankhauser. They said that Pat is doing very well and that he would love to have visitors. So --- If you have a couple spare minutes while you are over there, stop by, say hello, and have a cup of coffee with Pat. He likes visiting.

The Cumberland High School FFA traveled to St. Paul this past weekend to attend the “World’s Toughest Rodeo.” (Not sure who decided it was the toughest one out of all the rodeos in the US, but we will go along with it for now.) The kids had a great time watching the cowboys, cowgirls and clowns.

Tru Lehmann, one of the FFA members, was happy to be at the rodeo because that is one sport she truly enjoys. She and her horse, Mojo, will be competing in a buckle series event at Sky-High Ranch in Webster on February 15th. She will be barrel racing in three separate events, trying to win a buckle. Good luck, Tru and Mojo. We hope to be there cheering you on.

Geri Pittman, Pat Olson and I made a split-second decision to have a girls’ day

not repay.” In the book, Robert Pease name was mentioned as one of those guerilla fighters.

His second source of help came from Wisconsin US Representative Alvin O’Konski, who served in the Wisconsin Congress for 30 years. With his help and his his staff, they used the book and information found in the national archives to help tell his story.

Finally, at the age of 44 and 21 years after the fact, the military responded and Pease was awarded his well-deserved two Purple Hearts and a Bronze star in a belated tribute to his guerilla fighting in WW2.

Pease would say of the be-

out last Tuesday. We drove down to Eau Claire and first stop was the Hope Gospel Thrift Shop. Pat and I both found a couple kitchen gadgets that we couldn’t live without, and Geri found a cute basket to organize the stuff a person usually drops on a table as soon as they walk into the house. Then we stopped at Home Goods where we all found things we thought we needed, went to the Mall, stopped at Daily Thread, and then decided it was time for lunch. We naturally headed for Olive Garden and had their soup, salad and bread stick lunch. Pat and Geri are a lot smarter (and more disciplined) than me, and they stopped with that. I, on the other hand, had to have that amazingly wonderful chocolate dessert Olive Garden serves. Loaded with calories, but it was worth every one of them. I’ll just have to walk a lot to wear them all off. We had a great day.

Duane went to breakfast at the Red Brick that morning and, in addition to having a delicious meal, spent a lot of time yakking with the other guys. I think he said that Donna Ness was waiting tables that morning. She is so funny – No matter what you order, she will tell you that she hopes you get what you asked for. Actually, with Deb cooking, the food always comes out perfect.

Well, I didn’t hear if the groundhog saw his shadow or not, so I really don’t know what kind of weather to plan for. You know, of course, that if he did see his shadow we are in for six more weeks of winter. And, good news, if he did not see his shadow, spring will be here in about a month and a half. It’s a win-win situation.

Suzy and Ryan Lehmann hosted a “waffles and ice cream” breakfast at their

lated awards, “I accept these medals, not for myself, but for my many friends and comrades that were left in shallow graves no longer remembered except by a few of us that by some miracle lived to represent them where and when we could.”

Pease himself was happy for the truth to finally come out, but was also honest about his incredible story.

“Trouble is, it’s all so fantastic that some people don’t even believe it now.”

Pease died at age 69 in 1996 and is buried in Saronna, Wisconsin. He died an American hero.

home on Sunday morning to celebrate Tru and Alyse’s birthdays. Tru’s was on January 13th, and Alyse’s is on February 5th. In addition to Alyse and Tru, guests were: Nate Ames, Lucas Ames, Jerry Marsh, Jody Ladd, Lynn Thon, Jamie Anderson, Duane and me. The waffles were delicious and we all had a wonderful time eating too much, wishing the birthday girls a great year, and visiting.

One not so great thing about that day—after all the other guests left, Suzy, Ryan, Duane and I decided to play one game of smear. Well – Suzy and I were having nothing but good luck. The score was: women, 18 – guys, 6. Suddenly the luck changed drastically and the guys couldn’t do anything wrong. They beat us!! We plan to make their lives miserable until the next time we have a chance to play cards – and if they have the sense God gave a washcloth, they might think about making their bids so easily.

Miriah Olson stopped by with a wonderful gift the other day – She brought us the batter for apple-cinnamon muffins. So – Next Sunday, being the second Sunday of the month, is the day we have coffee hour after worship service at Barronett Lutheran, and one of the things we will be having with our coffee is apple-cinnamon muffins. If you are looking for a church, this would be the perfect time to stop in and get to know us a little better. Pastor Todd always has inspiring sermons, and he always throws in a little tidbit of information that most of us do not know about the people or time he is talking about. Come and visit -- we will all be happy to welcome you.

I better run. I’ve been putting off office work way too long, and tax time is coming up fast. See you next time.



42nd Annual Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest

Sponsored by the Cumberland Chamber

Saturday, February 8, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cumberland Municipal Beach on Beaver Dam Lake

(Ice conditions to determine drive-ons)

1ST PRIZE \$1000 CASH
Courtesy of Cumberland Chamber

2ND - Eskimo Sierra Thermal Shelter & Tracking Kit
Courtesy of Ardisam/Eskimo

3RD - ION 8" Alpha Plus Ice Auger
Courtesy of 715 Garage Door Co.

4TH - Gill-Getter Guided Fishing Trip
Courtesy of AAA Sports Shop

5TH - ION Alpha 8" Ice Auger Steel
Courtesy of Ardisam/ION

6TH - Ice Fishing Package
Courtesy of Re/Max Northstar-Island City Branch

7TH - Eskimo Outbreak 350 Shelter
Courtesy of Ardisam/Eskimo

8TH - \$400 Freezer Pak
Courtesy of Louie's Finer Meats

9TH - Aqua-Vu Underwater Camera System
Courtesy of Blain's Farm & Fleet

10TH - Jumbo Jack 1-Man River's Edge Tree Stand
Courtesy of Landmark Concrete

11TH - Interior & Exterior Detailing Package
Courtesy of Thompson Detailing

12TH - \$250 Gift Certificate
Courtesy of Cumberland Boat Dock Storage & Lift

13TH - Weekend Cabin Rental
Courtesy of Mini Mobile Cabins LLC

LARGEST PANFISH - Eskimo 6" Pistol Bit with Bucket and Caddy
Courtesy of Ardisam/Eskimo

KIDS PRIZES - For kids 12 and under who enter a fish! (Limit one entry per ticket) While Supplies Last

GRAND PRIZE: POLARIS RANGER 570

Courtesy of Cumberland Chamber of Commerce

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Day of Contest

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