



Positive Hotel Feasibility Study Part of City Council Meeting

by Mark R Fuller

A crowd of 12 visitors gathered at City Hall on Tuesday, February 4, for the monthly meeting of the full City Council. Following a short tweaking of the Agenda, the pledge, and the paying of monthly city and utility bills, the night began with a special Mayoral Proclamation in recognition of retiring Airport Commission Chairperson, Mr. Mike Paffel.

Paffel began his work as a member of the Airport Commission in January 1992. Mayor Shoemaker announced, "I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Cumberland to be affixed this 4th day of February, 2005, resolving that the City encourages all residents to join in celebrating and thanking Mike for his outstanding service."

Airport representative Mr. Gary Gannon read a few words about Mike Paffel's tremendous work at the airport and a gift was then presented to Mr. Paffel by the Mayor and Council.

Following the presentation, the Council went into a brief closed session, which was followed by a report from Mr. Michael Linder on his extensive Hotel Market Research and Development Plan he recently completed.

Linder has had a long career in hotel research with over 500 studies completed. Saying he looks at things from a blank slate and as an operator of a hotel himself, he added, "I'm amazed at the potential for business here and the many current cases where visitors come here, but stay somewhere else."

Saying he would be more than willing to, "Sit down with the Council and Mayor to contact potential franchises and investors," he added. "This community

has a need and is worthy of a new hotel."

Mayor Shoemaker thanked Mr. Linder for his comprehensive work and the Council voted to look into the next steps in the process.

The Council then moved into Committee Reports. Alderperson Bill Lusier announced the Finance Committee has begun early discussion into the room tax for a new potential hotel, while the Police Report included a report on the early beginnings of Dog Training for the new K-9 Unit. The utility Report announced the beginning of Well #6 with hopes to have it running by July 1, while adding an Open House for the new shop has not yet been set.

Further reports stated that discussions on revising Heavy Truck Routes are still ongoing, while also announcing the dredging of Library Lake was completed for now and set to resume around April 1.

With this completed, the Council moved into several Agenda items for discussion and vote.

Among other items, the Council approved two Pay Adjustments recommended by the Finance Committee for the Municipal Court Clerk and a city employee who has gained further job qualifications. The Council also approve adoption of the Cumberland Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2025-2030, which was a requirement for potential grant money. They further approved an agreement with EOR, which will provide design options for the city's future park and campground needs.

A Public Safety request led the city to pass a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Turtle Lake Police Department, which will allow the

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Awesome Accomplishment!



Gavin Gores joined some elite company becoming just the 60th player in State history in any division to score 2000 career points. Gores is currently 3rd in the State in scoring with 35.4 points per game and is also 6th in rebounding at 14.2 per game. Gores will attend the University of Wyoming next fall on a basketball scholarship. Pictured left to right are sister Maisen, mom Gale, aunt Andrea, grandma Sally, grandma Emily and Gavin. Congratulations Gavin!

From Classroom to Wrestling Mat: How Joe Hegenbarth Built a Legacy of Connection; An Educator's Lifelong Commitment to Nurturing Potential and Connecting Hearts

By Lydia Svendsen - Staff writer at the UWEC Student Newspaper

Joe Hegenbarth always leaves his door open. Not just to let in the light from the narrow hallway at Dove Healthcare in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, but to extend an unspoken invitation – one he's been offering for over 90 years.

His room sits in the south corner of the rehabilitation and nursing care facility. Upon entrance, a vibrant collage of photos with smiling faces greets visitors.

Inside his modest room, surrounded by crocheted slippers, old wrestling photos, and puzzles pieced together with care, Hegenbarth continues doing what he's done his entire life:

creating connections, one person at a time.

On afternoons when he is not out, you will find Hegenbarth in his toffee-colored armchair. Strands of green yarn run down from his crochet hook, tangling with the tubes of his oxygen tank. He has crocheted slippers for many residents and staff at Dove, using his hobby to create connections within the facility.

Hegenbarth's open-door policy functions as a way to let his shining light out into the world.

"A closed door tells people to stay away," he said, gesturing to the hallway outside his room. "An open

door invites them in."

Although this open-door

nection, kindness, and perseverance.



Joe Hegenbarth with one of the many crocheted slippers he has made for residents and staff at Dove Healthcare in Rice Lake.

approach has defined his time at Dove, it began long before he became a resident at the facility. He spent 35 years as an educator and coach, influencing and nurturing the lives of his students, athletes and peers. He knit them together then in the same way he knits people together now – carefully, methodically, lovingly.

Joe Hegenbarth's legacy isn't measured by championships won or lessons taught – it's characterized by the lives he touched long after the final bell rang. As a math teacher and wrestling coach in Cumberland, Wisconsin, he built more than problem-solvers and athletes; he nurtured generations of students with an unwavering belief in con-

Now, at 92, from a small room in the facility, his open door continues to invite in the same warmth and community he fostered in classrooms and wrestling mats for decades. His story is one of enduring influence – a reminder that the lessons we leave behind often outlast the titles we hold.

From 1959 to 1994, Hegenbarth taught seventh and eighth-grade math at Cumberland School in Barron County, Wisconsin. He founded Cumberland's wrestling program in his first year as a teacher, becoming the head coach in 1972. His legacy of leadership, encouragement and positivity continues, even through his retirement.

Thirty years have passed

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12 year old Lexi Anderson stands in her yard with a welcome home banner signed by hundreds of well wishers. Lexi underwent successful heart transplant surgery on Tuesday January 21st and was home on Wednesday, February 5th. Absolutley amazing! Mom Tamala said on Monday she is doing great!

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Growing Wishes Greehnhouse Owner Addresses Greenhouse Improvements and Concern

By Owner Lucas West

There have been some concerns expressed about the improvements planned for Growing Wishes Greenhouse north of Turtle Lake. We would like to explain what we are doing and try to allay some of these concerns.

Our primary focus is to start a farmers' market at the greenhouse this summer to provide locally grown produce and locally crafted items. There is a need for a farmers' market near Turtle Lake and Cumberland and Lucas, the owner of Growing Wishes Greenhouse, has almost two decades of

experience with farmers' markets. We would also like to put a roof over the bulk mulch bunker with gates to help make it more aesthetically pleasing. We hope to build a small, nice-looking storage shed on the property so we can get rid of the ugly shipping container that we are currently using for storage. We hope to add a second driveway so that there is an entrance and exit as well as slightly enlarging the parking lot to help with traffic and parking concerns. A new larger, more efficient showroom would also help. It will be designed and con-

structed better than the current building.

There have been concerns expressed about chemicals used by the greenhouse and possible contamination of Echo Lake. First, there has never been any kind of chemical spill at the greenhouse while under the current ownership. We use very little fertilizer and how the greenhouses are set up, it would be very difficult to even purposely spill it. Not to mention, fertilizer is too expensive to waste any. We are less likely to have any kind of chemical spill than any of the previous owners. The drainage from the greenhouse area, where fertilizer is used, does NOT

drain towards Echo Lake. One lakeshore property owner fertilizing their lawn would put more fertilizer into a lake than we ever could.

Traffic on 1-3/4 St. and parking are a concern. We are working with Almena township to help improve this. The new driveway and parking area would also help. Traffic on highway 63 at this area has been a problem long before we purchased the business. I would suggest that concerned people should, as we have done, contact the DOT about including a bypass lane for the northbound traffic and a right-hand turn lane

for the southbound traffic. These could fairly easily be included in the upcoming road improvements that are scheduled for the area.

We have not, and do not plan to fill in any wetlands. We are working with people to get a wetland delineation done and after that will work with the DNR for any necessary permits needed for our expansion. The wetland in question drains to the south, going under highway 63 and the snow-

mobile trail into another wetland south of the trail. As mentioned previously, it does not drain into, or even towards, Echo Lake.

In the end we are just a small, local, family-owned business trying to stay competitive and provide the best available products and experience to our customers.

All of this is explained in more detail on the Growing Wishes Greenhouse and Garden Facebook page, and we encourage anyone interested to check there.



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

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

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

Hours: Tues-Sunday: 10am - Close
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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, Feb. 13
Hamburger/cheeseburger, fries, carrots, pears. MS/HS: Beef vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich.
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Friday, Feb. 14
French toast sticks, cheesy ham hash browns, broccoli, applesauce.
MS/HS: Chicken patty.
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Monday, Feb. 17
Hot ham and cheese, chips, carrots, apple-sauce. MS/HS: Cheese quesadilla.
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Tuesday, Feb. 18
Tacos, brown rice, corn fiesta beans, peaches. MS/HS: Hamburger/cheeseburger.
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Wednesday, Feb. 19
Tater tot hot dish, green beans, pears. MS/HS: Walking fajitas.
ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

All meals are served with a variety of 1/2 pint of milk, fresh, frozen and canned fruits and vegetables.
MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO VENDOR AVAILABILITY.

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, FEB. 13: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5:45-9 pm HS Boys Basketball Home vs Hayward • HS Girls BB Home vs Ladysmith •

FRIDAY, FEB. 14: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-9 pm Youth Wrestling Tournament •

SATURDAY, FEB. 15: • 8 am-3 pm HS Wrestling Tournament @ CHS • 8 am-4:30 pm CCE: Barn Board Class • 11 am-1 pm CCE: Pickleball • 7-11 pm Winter Formal •

SUNDAY, FEB. 16: • 1:30-5:30 pm Cumberland Youth Softball Open Gym •

MONDAY, FEB. 17: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-6 pm CCE: Tabata/Barre Exercise Class •

TUESDAY, FEB. 18: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-7:30 pm MS Girls Basketball Home vs Ladysmith • 5:45-9 pm HS Boys Basketball Home @ St. Croix Falls • 5:45-9 pm HS Girls Basketball @ Cameron • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 5-6 pm CCE: Tabata/Barre Exercise Class • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball •

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 if **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.k12wi.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.

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Multiple Special Response Teams Deployed after Gunfire in Washburn County

On February 6th, 2025, at approximately 6:11 pm, Washburn County Dispatch received a 911 call from a resident in Sarona Township. A female resident stated that the residence was her adult son's, and another male party that is bed bound. The female advised that she heard her son yelling at the bed bound male, and the bed bound male repeatedly was yelling for help. The female resident then heard "several popping sounds that sounded like gun shots" inside the residence. The female was able to exit the house at the time and call 911.

Washburn County Deputies along with Wisconsin State Patrol and North Emergency Medical Services were dispatched to the location. Deputies and a trooper began holding a perimeter on the residence, as the Washburn County Special Response Team was activated. Sawyer County, and Burnett County Special Response Teams were also requested to respond.

Numerous attempts were made to make contact with the male suspect inside the residence with no result. After no communication, entry was made by Response Teams. The male suspect was located in the bedroom of the bed bound male. Within reach of the male suspect was a loaded rifle. The male suspect was taken into custody and the bed bound male was not harmed.

The male suspect was arrested and being held with charges pending of Domestic Disorderly Conduct, Reckless Endangering Safety, Possession of THC, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting/Obstruction and Criminal Damage to Property.

All law enforcement were clear from the scene at approximately 12:30 am. Assisting on this incident were North Memorial Emergency Medical, North Memorial Air Care, Burnett County SRT, Sawyer County SRT and Wisconsin State Patrol.

Washburn County Sheriff
Dennis Stuart

Red Barn Theatre Auditions Coming February 15

Auditions for the 2025 Red Barn Theatre season are set for 9:00 am, Saturday, February 15, at the Fine Arts Building at UW-EC, Barron County Campus in Rice Lake. Registration for all shows will run from 9:00-9:30 am. Audition sheets may be submitted in advance by going to <https://form.jotform.com/250044924628053>. (Please note a downloaded headshot is required to complete the online form). Audition forms may also be completed and submitted upon arrival at auditions Saturday morning. (Audition staff will take headshot photos at that time).

Readings for ALL productions will take place from 9:30-10:30 am on the campus stage. At 10:30, additional readings for the three non-musical plays will continue in the choir room while vocal auditions for the musicals will continue on stage until 11:30 am. Dancing auditions for "Legally Blonde" will follow until 12:30 pm. Callback auditions for the musicals will run from 12:30-1:30 pm. Specific details about musical auditions can be found on the website www.redbarntheatre-ricelake.com or Red Barn Theatre Facebook page. Those who cannot attend on Feb 15 are asked to send an email requesting an optional audition process at www.redbarntheatre55@gmail.com

Directors are excited to cast the following shows: "Butterflies Are Free" (May 28-June 7) Comedy-Drama; 2w, 2m

A poignant love story about trust and independence, determined young Don Baker aspires to be a singer-songwriter in Manhattan. Against the wishes of his overprotective mother, he moves into his own apartment and also befriends a free-spirited young actress who lives in the apartment next door.

Directors are Chris Hopkins-Hile and Jeff Hile

"The Psychic" (June 18-June 28) Comedy-Mystery; 2w, 4m

In desperation to make rent, a down on his luck writer puts a sign in his apartment window: Psychic Readings \$25. A number of interesting characters respond.

Director is Roger Sweeney

"Legally Blonde" (July 9-July 19) Musical; 9w, 9m + ensemble

After being dumped by her boyfriend, sorority girl Elle Woods enrolls in Harvard to win him back. Her mission evolves as she discovers her own potential.

Artistic Director is Cathy Jones-Wolf and Musical Director is John Dutmer

"The Savannah Sipping Society" (July 30-August 9) Comedy; 4w

Four unique women need to escape their day-to-day routines and decide to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost through the years.

Director is Terry Wiesner

"Dad's Season Tickets" (August 20-August 30) Musical; 3w, 3m

Who will inherit Frank's treasured season tickets at Lambeau Field? His three daughters employ every trick in the Packers' playbook to convince him who is worthy.

Artistic Director is Bob Rogers and Musical Director is Rachel Elbin.

Meanwhile, RBT season ticket gift certificates are available in

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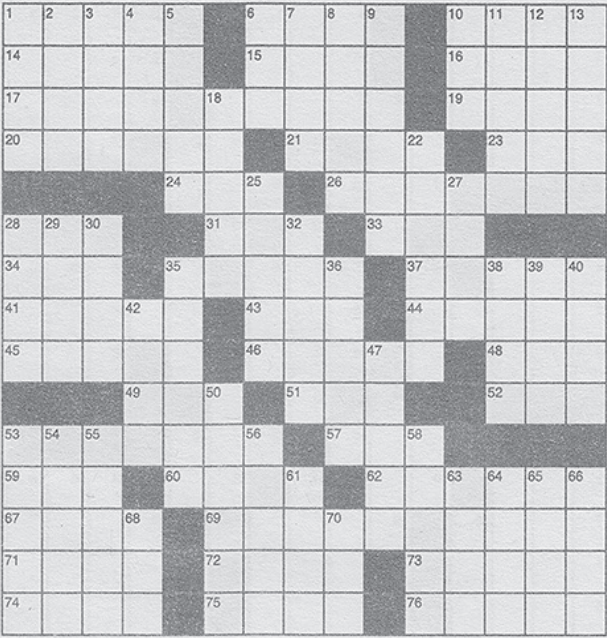
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Single Admission: \$20.00

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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



The small town newspaper business can be quite interesting and sometimes pretty quiet. We joke around here usually in the middle of winter. What are we going to put on the front page? There are weeks when its pretty slow going in the northwoods and trust me, I enjoy some quiet weeks. Photo's are sometimes a little challenging to come up with. Then you have a week like this in the middle of February. We had all sorts of options for front page pictures. Gavin Gores joins the 2,000 point club, young Lexi Anderson comes home after a heart transplant surgery, a super cool story on Joe Hegenbarth, Mike Paffel gets recognized at the City Council meeting, Tiny Friends receives \$10,000 quarterly grant from 50 People and More who Care, the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce hosted the Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest and a crazy photo of a wash out of a culvert between Mud and Long Lake, a very popular fishing destination 30 minutes away. We also held a very nice story that will go in next week's paper that was not time sensitive. Anyway, the old saying goes, when it rains it pours holds true in this business.

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Well the Eagles knocked the Chiefs off their pedestal in a dominating Super Bowl win. The game was actually boring. I turned it off early and went to bed. I'm sure advertisers who spend millions didn't exactly love that either. Speaking of advertisers, there was not one commercial that I found super special. Just ok I would say. I've said this before, why can't we have the game on Saturday? I'm guessing most fans and businesses around the country would like that as well. There is already an extra week off between the championship games and the Super Bowl. Bars and restaurants would be packed, home parties would be more fun as well knowing you didn't have to get up and go to work the next day. This has been talked about before, and I'm sure it will go nowhere, it is the almighty NFL after all, they can pretty much do what they want and the people will tune in.

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It was a fun day on the lake at the 42nd annual State Ice Fishing Contest sponsored by the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce this past Saturday. It was real winter day with snow falling most of the day. There was good food, drinks and fun times by most I'm sure. The prizes were awesome. Thanks to all who make this a great contest. You typically see some characters for sure. Some wild for hats and more. I did see one hat that I must own. It was purple and read, "Just 1 before I die". I'll second that! Have a great week!



Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Wisconsin scientist sees bright future for fusion as well as fission”

MADISON, Wis. – A running joke among physicists (yes, these folks can be funny) is that nuclear fusion for large-scale energy generation is 20 years away from being commercially successful ... and always will be.

Greg Piefer, the founder and chief executive officer of SHINE Technologies in Janesville, wouldn't frown over that punchline. But he's the first to say fusion for other purposes ranging from fighting cancer to national security, and from inspecting industrial components to recycling nuclear waste, comes first and is no laughing matter.

In fact, it's happening now.

Piefer is a UW-Madison College of Engineering product who is bullish about fusion uses today while urging patience over its longer-term energy use. In fact, he advocates more fission energy production until the day comes that fusion revolutionizes how the world is powered.

That calls for definitions: Fusion is the same atomic reaction that powers the sun. It's an emissions-free form of energy generation that works by melding light-weight atoms (deuterium and tritium) to produce sub-atomic particle neutrons, helium and energy. Fission

occurs when the nucleus of an atom splits into two or more smaller nuclei and other particles, producing energy through a controlled process.

With fusion, much of the fuel source is infinite and the energy density is at least 10 million times that of fossil fuels. There are no carbon emissions and the neutrons produced by a reaction are far more useful and valuable than the energy it takes to launch a reaction.

That's where SHINE Technologies comes in. Over time, the company has become a leading source of neutrons used in creating Lutetium-177. If paired with a cancer-seeking molecule, this medical isotope can deliver highly targeted radiation to cancerous cells – killing the cancer but saving healthy cells. The company is also working to produce Molybdenum-99, which deteriorates into Technetium for diagnostic medical tests.

Neutron imaging is another SHINE product. Such imaging provides detailed information about critical aerospace and defense components and equipment, including turbine blades, ammunition and energetic devices. This nondestructive testing technique can identify critical flaws before untimely failures happen.

The latest company breakthrough came in mid-January when SHINE executed a four-year contract with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to help demonstrate controlled “breeding” of tritium, which is a major step toward building fusion power plants in the future. Deuterium can be readily extracted from seawater, but tritium is hard to come by and must be mined in a controlled setting.

“We’re super-happy about where we sit in the fusion ecosystem today,” Piefer said during a recent interview. “We believe we will be the first fusion company to be operationally sustainable and economically viable.”

At the same time, Piefer said, he is “cheering” for other fusion companies to succeed because it will take a collective effort to grasp the Holy Grail of fusion – energy produced on a mass scale.

“Fusion will eventually be the way the world produces most of its energy,” Piefer said. “It will be transformative, and it will solve the carbon problem ... but betting the carbon future of the earth on commercial fusion plants happening soon is not a bet I would make.”

He thinks the fusion energy transition will take decades, meaning that fission is a “good bet” in the meantime because it’s emissions-free, a known technology and capable of producing huge amounts of power at a time when a data-hungry world needs it.

Fusion can also help solve the fission waste problem today, Piefer said, not only for next generation “small module” plants but for older plants that can be recommissioned.

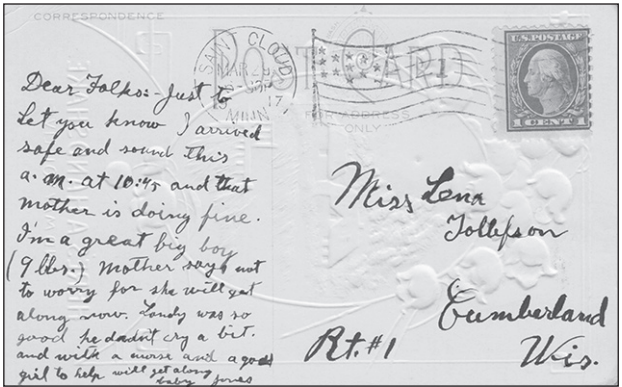
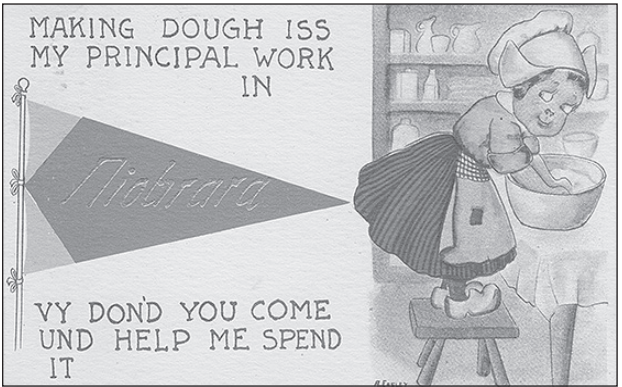
One example is the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania, which is expected to reopen in 2028. The plant’s owner, Constellation Energy, is working with Microsoft to restart the plant and sell its power for use in data centers. That recommissioning is being led by Constellation chief generation officer Bryan Hanson, also a UW-Madison engineering graduate.

Fusion is no joke at SHINE Technologies, but it’s still worth closing with a one-liner: “A neutron walks into a bar and asks, ‘How much for a drink?’ The bartender replies: “For you, no charge!”

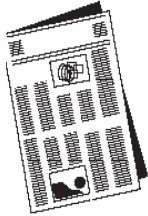
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A Look Back

Can Anyone Help?



Doug Horton, owner of Years Ago Antiques & Collectibles, received a box full of postcards addressed to a Miss Lena Tollefson back in 1912. Lena's father was Lars Jergen Tollefson, and Lena had a son named LeRoy Albert Olson who went on to marry Gloria Poulter. Lena was buried in East Lakeland cemetery in 1976. Does anyone know of any family members that we can pass along these post cards to?



Thank you for reading The Advocate





2025 WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Pre	Snow
2/04	19	-7	0.04	0.6
2/05	06	-7	0.00	0.0
2/06	20	-1	0.11	1.1
2/07	13	-1	0.00	0.0
2/08	17	-3	0.27	0.0
2/09	18	-11	0.13	2.3
2/10	13	-8	0.00	0.0

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

Correction

In last week's article about Robert Pease and Rodney Mettner, I mentioned other Cumberland War heroes like John Talbot, but mistakenly mentioned his missions during WW2 as a gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber at a number too low. Talbot actually was part of an amazing 35 missions during the war, including one in which two engines were shot out and two of his crew were injured. For his remarkable performance, Talbot received the Distinguished Flying Cross following the completion of his missions in Europe. One of many Cumberland heroes!

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Sports

Boys Basketball Wins Twice; In Thick of Conference Race

The Cumberland Beavers Basketball Team rolled to two victories last week to raise their overall record to 13 and 4 on the year, 9 and 3 in the HON. The wins leave the Beavers two games behind the first-place Cameron Comets, with two games against the Comets yet to play. The first of these match-ups comes this Friday night in Cameron, beginning at 7:00 pm.

Cumberland played excellent basketball in beating Barron 70 to 51 and Northwestern, 71-61. The two victories came against teams who defeated the Beavers earlier this year, showing how the team has improved throughout the season.

“We needed to win both games to stay in the race for the Conference Championship. Our players played well defensively in the first half of each game, which was the key to getting the wins,” said Coach Brian Dutton.

Cumberland’s Gavin Gores was outstanding once again in the victory over Barron on Tuesday, February 4. Gores not only poured in 41 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in the contest, but scored the 2,000 point of his career. Only 60 players have scored 2000 points in State history.

Gores did his damage down low, where he has dominated in the Beavers current six game winning streak. He went 17 for 25 from the floor, while hitting all seven of his free throw attempts.

Chayden Berghammer added 12 points and Troy Majewski six. Majewski added a team-high five assists.

On Friday, the Beavers defeated the Northwestern Tigers in another strong performance. The Tigers closed within four points at one point in the second half, but Cumberland retained their poise and finished out a big victory.

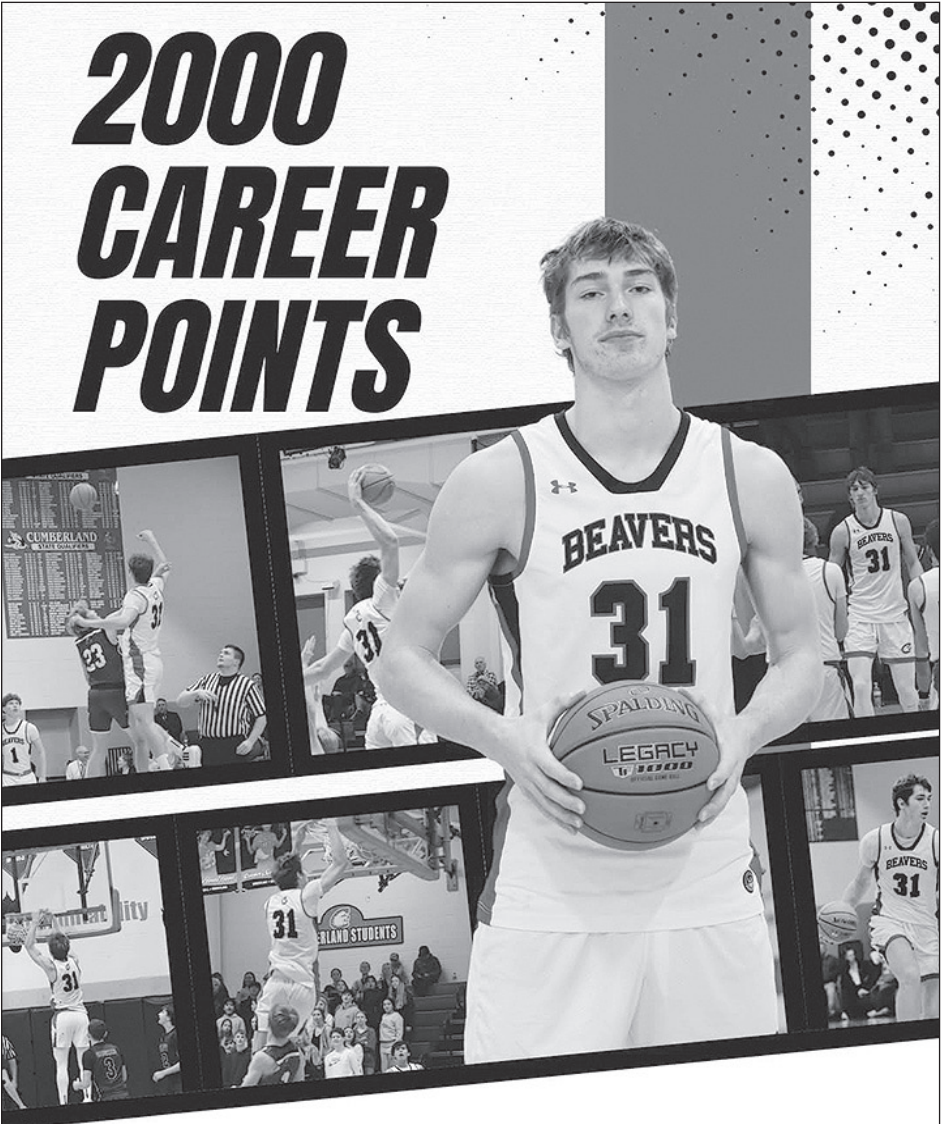
Coach Dutton received double figures from three players, led by Gores 29 points which included several dunks. Troy Majewski added 11 and Jack Richter 10, while Chayden Berghammer scored nine. Uriah Johnson, meanwhile, contributed eight points and eight boards while hitting two of three from beyond the arc.

Defensively, Cumberland held Northwestern to a 36 percent shooting percentage including four for 21 from free point line.

The Beavers played the 4 and 14 Hayward Hurricanes on Tuesday, before heading to Cameron on Friday, which should include a large Cumberland contingent. Next Tuesday, the Beavers head to St. Croix Falls to take on the 5 and 13 St. Croix Falls Saints. The Beavers second game against Cameron will be in Elmer Beran Gymnasium on February 25.

Rare Air!

2000 CAREER POINTS



GAVIN GORES

2024-2025 Season

Congratulations Gavin Gores on becoming just the 60th player in State history to reach the 2000 point club. Gores scored 41 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in leading the Beavers to a big win over Barron last week on the Beavers home floor.

Wrestlers Finish Second at Conference Tournament; Host Regional this Saturday

The Cumberland Beavers finished second to St. Croix Falls at the HON Conference Wrestling Tournament at Northwestern High School last Saturday. The Saints won the Tournament with five individual Championships and 277.5 points, while the Beavers received first place finishes from Braden Johnson and Logan Peterson and scored 209.5 team points.

Johnson’s outstanding season continued as he pinned three straight opponents to raise his record to 38-1 on the year. His only loss of the season came to an Illinois wrestler. The hard-working Sophomore pinned Chetek-Weyerhaeuser’s Jack Olson in 3:20 of the 126-pound

Championship match, dropping Olson’s record to 29-6.

Logan Peterson is another Beaver’s wrestler having an excellent year. He raised his record to 29-8 with two pins and a tech fall. It took him only 58 seconds to take his 157-pound title with a pin of Payton Kelly of St. Croix Falls.

Seconds came from Colin Hagen (16-9) at 106-pounds, Cooper Schramski (25-6) at 132, and Jack Owens (32-6) at 165. Each wrestler won twice, before losing in the day’s final.

Adding thirds were Caleb Hile (27-7), Onesimus West (22-13), and Victor Avila-Gonzalez (6-4).

The Beavers now ready for the beginning of WIAA

Tournament competition. Cumberland will host a Regional on Saturday, with wrestling beginning at 10:00 am. The winner of the Regional will enter Team Sectionals next Tuesday, February 18 in Clear Lake.

Cumberland is a heavy favorite to advance to Tuesday’s Meet, where they would likely face Marathon in the first round. The Beavers are ranked 7th in State Rankings, while Marathon is ranked 9th. The winner of the first round will likely face 5th ranked Stratford to go to Team State.

Individual qualifiers on Saturday will head to Ladysmith the following Saturday for Individual Sectionals.

157 Pound Conference Champ!



Logan Peterson claimed the 157 pound HON Conference Championship with 3 wins at last weekend’s HON meet held at Northwestern. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

126 Pound Conference Champ!



Braden Johnson pinned three straight opponents to run away with the 126 pound title at the HON meet last weekend at Northwestern. Johnson raised his outstanding record to 38-1. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

Boys BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	T	PCT	GB	GP	OVERALL
Cameron	CAMER	11	1	0	.917	-	12	14-4-0
Cumberland	CUMB	9	3	0	.750	2.0	12	13-4-0
Northwestern	NWERN	9	3	0	.750	2.0	12	12-5-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	10	4	0	.714	2.0	14	14-5-0
Barron	BARRON	9	4	0	.692	2.5	13	10-7-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	5	8	0	.385	6.5	13	7-10-0
Hayward	HAY	4	9	0	.308	7.5	13	4-14-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	3	11	0	.214	9.0	14	5-13-0
Ashland	ASHL	2	10	0	.167	9.0	12	3-15-0
Spooner	SPOON	2	11	0	.154	9.5	13	3-15-0

Girls BB Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	STRK	OVERALL
Northwestern	NWERN	14	0	W14	16-4-0
Cameron	CAMER	13	1	W9	17-3-0
Hayward	HAY	8	5	W2	9-10-0
Barron	BARRON	8	6	L1	10-10-0
St. Croix Falls	SCF	6	9	W2	6-15-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	5	5	L3	8-8-5
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	5	8	L1	5-12-1
Spooner	SPOON	3	8	W1	3-12-2
Cumberland	CUMB	3	11	L4	3-16-0
Ashland	ASHL	0	12	L4	2-15-2

Boys Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Amery	Amery	14	7	7	0	0	36	9	16-6-0
Somerset	Smrset	10	7	5	2	0	34	15	15-7-0
Baldwin-Woodville	BWood	10	7	5	2	0	29	15	15-5-1
Regis/Altoona/McDonell	RAM	10	7	5	2	0	34	23	17-4-0
Hayward	Haywrd	6	7	3	4	0	22	21	9-9-1
Ashland	ASHLND	4	7	2	5	0	18	29	3-15-0
Spooner	SPOONR	2	7	1	6	0	11	36	4-15-0
Northwest Icemen	NWest	0	7	0	7	0	8	44	5-16-0

Girls Hockey Standings

Team	Team	PTS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Overall
Central Wisconsin	STORM	8	5	4	1	0	22	3	19-3-0
Hayward Co-Op	CANES	8	6	4	2	0	25	11	17-5-1
Superior Spartans	SPRTNS	6	4	3	1	0	18	5	18-4-0
Black River Falls	TIGERS	4	4	2	2	0	11	6	11-9-2
Northland Pines	EAGLES	4	7	2	5	0	13	35	3-17-0
Medford	MRAIDR	2	4	1	3	0	10	22	1-11-1
Northern Edge	EDGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0-0
Coulee Region	CRG	0	2	0	2	0	0	17	4-15-1

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table



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LUNAR TIMES

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02/14 Fri	> 6:14	12:03	6:34	12:24	07:11	05:31	8:01p	8:10a	1:39a	2:00p	
02/15 Sat	> 6:58	12:48	7:18	1:08	07:10	05:33	9:05p	8:26a	2:20a	2:39p	
02/16 Sun	7:43	1:33	8:03	1:53	07:08	05:34	10:10p	8:41a	2:59a	3:19p	
02/17 Mon	8:28	2:18	8:48	2:38	07:07	05:36	11:15p	8:57a	3:39a	3:59p	
02/18 Tue	9:14	3:03	9:35	3:25	07:05	05:37	NoMoon	9:15a	4:20a	4:42p	

Major = 2 hours / Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Good People Helping To Get Kids Outdoors

Hello friends,
Before I start this week's column I want to apologize in advance for I may not be covering this year's sturgeon spearing, opening weekend. I have one of those nasty viruses and it is kicking my behind. If I can heal in the next 12 hours, I will be living on the ice.
This week's column covers a ton of field work for me going through the month of January and early February and it is a dedication to good people all over the state of Wisconsin doing their best to help kids have outdoor experiences.

Thursday, January 9th
High 33, low 5
I am at the American Legion post in Poynette and we are holding a "lets get this KAMO chapter stronger," meeting. The Lake Wisconsin Chapter of KAMO "Kids And Mentors Outdoors" is in a rebuilding process and this meeting was a very positive start to get the job done. We used facebook to reach out to people and it really helped.

Saturday, January 11th
High 27, low 21
The Meadow Valley Chapter of KAMO which is the New Lisbon area held a kids fishery on Lake Tomah and it was well attended. My job at these fishery's is to help kids to learn how to use tip ups for northern pike and I really enjoy it. In many situations that I have observed, tip ups are put out, but the kids do not learn as much unless they are actually taught. Though all the kids watch when a flag goes up and a youngster try's to catch what is on the other end, I pick a young girl or boy that has not caught a fish on a tip up and talk them through the entire process, including running the auger in some cases.

My good friends at Meadow Valley put up a canvas tent, set up a wood stove, and gave an ice fishing rod to each attendee and overall just did an excellent job of helping area kids to enjoy a day on the ice.
Saturday, January 18th

High 23, low 12
My very good friend Mike Brown is the President of the Coulee Chapter of KAMO as well as the Vice President of all of KAMO. Today I witnessed what Mike can accomplish when he pulled together a large number of adults to help a ton of Lacrosse area kids have a great day on the ice. A tent was set up, I ran the tip ups and gave classes and at least a dozen portable shacks became a small village where KAMO volunteers taught young ice anglers how to fish with a jig pole.
Just like Meadow Valley's fishery, each young fisher person went home with a jig pole and a lot of positive memories.

Wednesday, January 22nd
High 23, low 16
I am the President and cofounder of NOAC which is Necedah Outdoor Adventure Club. In our 25 months of existence we have built a beach in Necedah with a picnic area. We have created an ice skating rink with lights and are currently working on a very cool disk golf course.

NOAC's goals are to create outdoor areas where people can be active and have fun. We have a beach and skate party's where we provide food and music and witnessing what I am seeing In Necedah is very cool. Tonight we had a skate party that was attended by 70 people. We had a campfire with smores and hot cocoa and at the end we gave out a pair of skates in a kids only drawing. I used to be a pretty good hockey player and NOAC has got me back into skating as I maintain the rink.

Wednesday, January 29th
High 27, low 12
The Northood's Chapter of KAMO is out of Florence and their President is Johnny Johnson and Johnny knows how to get the job done as well as everyone else in his chapter. I did not attend this event but today, Northwood's hosted 22 home school



Helping kids to catch their first northern pike on a tip up happens a lot at KAMO fishery's.

children and their moms for a learn to ice fish event. Folks I saw a video of their experience and it would make anyone happy to watch it.

Wednesday, February 5th
High 25, low 3
Last night this virus was kicking my behind but we had a skate party planned and a local food truck "Pig Pen" gave out 80 pulled pork with mac and cheese meals to skaters and their families. I thoroughly enjoyed myself as did at least 90 other people and even did some skating.

When I got home I didn't know if I should call the coroner or an ambulance but as always, the sun still comes up in the morning.

Check out KAMO at www.kamokids.org
Hail to the people that help our youth!
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Melody Taylor goes up strong vs Barron. Photo by Maria Lynch.

Girl's Set to Finish Regular Season

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team dropped three games last week as they saw their record drop to 3 and 16 on the year. The team continues to improve and be competitive in most contests, but have had struggled to get wins. Cumberland continued their season at Luck on Monday and home against St. Croix Falls on Tuesday, before hosting Ladysmith this Thursday at 7:00 pm.
The losses were 58-39 to Barron, 55-39 to Hayward, and 51-42 to Glenwood City.
Senior Kyleigh McLemore had a nice effort in the Barron loss, with 14 points and three rebounds. Her game included two of five from beyond the arc. Raegan Beecroft also played a solid game with nine points and eight boards. The Cumberland Sophomore is averaging 8.2 rebounds per game.
In the other two losses, Cumberland outscored their opponent in the second half in both cases, but slow starts left them unable to catch up. Senior Macy Beecroft and her sister Raegan continue to be the team's leading scorers, with both players averaging just under 10 points per game.
Following this week, the team has only two games left on the regular schedule, a game at Cameron on Tuesday, February 18 and a home game against Chetek-Weyerhaeuser on Thursday, February 20. C/W, 5 and 13 on the year, defeated the Beavers by six points in Chetek back in January.



Macy Beecroft looks to drive to the basket vs Barron. Photo by Maria Lynch.

Sports Calendar
Thursday, Feb 13
Girls BB home vs Ladysmith 5:45
Boys BB home vs Hayward 7:00
Girls Hockey @ Superior 7:00
Friday, Feb 14
Boys BB @ Cameron 7:00
Saturday, Feb 15
Boys Hockey Conference @ Altoona TBD
Wrestling Regional home 10:00
Boys BB @ River Falls 2:00
Tuesday, Feb 18
Girls BB @ Cameron 7:00
Boys BB @ St. Croix Falls 7:00



Caleb Hile celebrates a victory at the HON Conference Meet held at Northwestern. Photo by Kaely Wenzel

Divisional Swim Meet Participants!



These 8 Cumberland students participated in the Divisional Swim Meet in Medford last weekend. They all made significant cuts in time and are finishing their Otters Swim season with a Conference (Tomahawk) and/or Regional (Ashwaubenon) Swim Meet in the next couple of weekends. From left to right: Aiden Donica, Chloe Donica, Makenzie Donica, Lucy Ruppel, Magdalena Maslak, Ruxin Ordway, Adelyn Ordway, and Alex Ruppel.



Calvin Cunningham plays tight defense in the boys win over Barron. Photo by Maria Lynch.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Happy Valentine’s Day!! It’s so nice that we finally got some snow for the kids to play in, even though it’s almost time for it to start melting. This has been such an unusual year – not much snowmobiling or sledding around here up to this point. I certainly hope this snowfall stays round a little while so the kids can do some sliding down hills and stuff.

Did you waste three hours watching the Super Bowl Game? You can probably tell that we did. I have never seen such a terrible Super Bowl Game before in my entire life – and I can tell you that includes many years of Super Bowl Games. The game was so one-sided that it looked like the Eagles were playing the Little Sisters of the Poor. And, both Duane and I were hoping that the Chiefs would win again this year and be the first team to win three in a row. What in the heck happened there? Not even the commercials were worth watching. Maybe I’m just getting old and grumpy – I mean older and grumpier. Hopefully next year the Packers or the Vikings will be in the game and we will have something exciting to watch.

I received a very nice letter from Dorothy Hagen this past week. Dorothy is a native of Cumberland, and it sounds as though we have quite a bit in common – Both born in the old Cumberland Hospital, Scandinavian backgrounds, and even similar political views. Dorothy is living in Tennessee now, and I hope that, when we go to Florida to see our

granddaughter, brother and friend, maybe we can stop and have a cup of coffee with her. Anyway, thank you for the letter, Dorothy. It’s so nice to hear from former Cumberland residents. And, if you happen to come back here to visit, be sure to let me know. I always have coffee, tea, cookies or pie in the house.

I have, in my possession, a book written many years ago by a little girl named Brooklyn. The title of the book is, “The Time I Broke My Wrist. Brooklyn was eight years old when she wrote this book, and she dedicated it to her mom. I had contacted Brooklyn at one time, and she said that she would come and pick the book up – But I haven’t seen her yet. So, if you know Brooklyn, please remind her that the book is here. If she doesn’t want it, I am sure her mom or dad would love to have it.

Wrigley Marsh is on the Rice Lake Middle School ski team, and his last meet was this past Saturday in Brule. I couldn’t go – I was afraid to drive that far with so much snow on the roads, but his dad, Jim, sent me a video of his down-hill run. I was so impressed. Wrigley must have inherited his skiing skills from his mom’s side of the family. I used to like to cross-country ski, but I was never good at it.

I remember one time I decided, on a beautiful winter day, to go over to Timberland Hills and go through the ski trails. Well, it was a work and school day, so I had the entire place to myself – pretty lucky, huh? That’s right – until I hit a patch of ice and, very un-

gracefully, went down. I looked around, made sure no one else had seen how clumsy I was, and was very glad to see that I was alone and no one else witnessed the clumsiness. However, the ski was twisted around in an unusual position, there was pressure on the little bar that holds the ski to the shoe, I couldn’t move to get it right and I could not get the dang ski off. Okay, now I am kind of hoping that another human comes along and helps me up before I freeze to death. That did not happen. I continued struggling, finally got my leg out from under me, was able to release both skis and walked back to the car. From that point on I made sure I was not all alone in the middle of the woods when I went skiing. (I’m glad my grandson does not take after me.)

Alyse and Tru Lehmann, Nate Arnes, Pat Olson, Duane and I had a wonderful breakfast at Hilltop Retreat on Sunday morning. We had such a nice time visiting and enjoying the delicious food. I told Tru to be sure to remind me of her barrel racing competition on Saturday so that I can get there on time. She will be competing for a buckle, you know, so it should be pretty exciting.

After breakfast Duane and I stopped by Pat’s house and sat, relaxed and visited some more. It’s nice, sometimes, to be old and not have to rush helter-skelter to get things done. (One of the very few things nice about being old, I might add.)

I guess I had better run. Stay warm and be careful on the ice. See you next week.

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SENIOR DINING

Thursday, February 13
Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed side salad, garlic bread stick, brownie.

Friday, February 14
Boneless pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, warm cinnamon apples, assorted bread, Sweetheart cherry cake.

Monday, February 17
Beef and mushroom stroganoff over egg noodles, stewed tomatoes, assorted bread, pears.

Tuesday, February 18
Taco baked potato with ground turkey, beans, diced tomatoes, cheese, and sour cream , dinner roll, fresh orange.

Wednesday, February 19
Cabbage rolls (beef, rice, tomato sauce), pickled beets, assorted bread, Cook’s choice cookie.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and \$15.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
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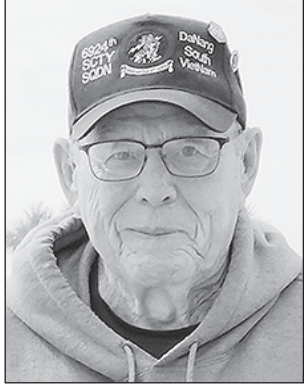
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David J. Husby
David Jon Husby, 80, of Cumberland died January 29, 2025, at Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake. He was born March 10, 1944, in Barron, WI to Norman and Alice (Burns) Husby. He was married in Basel, Switzerland on September 27, 1977, to Katherine Hill.
David was a proud member of the U.S. Air Force and served for 26 years. During his time he was a Vietnamese Linguist, Logistics Officer, and ROTC Recruiter. He would go on to earn a Master's Degree in Logistics. He was active with the 6924th Security Squadron and Prop-

wash Gang.
After retiring, David and Katherine owned and operated the Edgewater Resort in Birchwood. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and the American Legion; a member of the Knights of Columbus. David also volunteered at the Cumberland Hospital. He was also President of the Cumberland Area Senior Center.
He is survived by his wife, Katherine Husby of Cumberland; son, Jon (Joanna) Husby; daughter: Kristina (Scott) Waggoner; grandchildren: Noelle, Isabelle, Wesley, and Chase; brother, Charlie (Kay Rita) Husby, James (Kris) Husby; half-brother; Martin (Vicki) Fankhauser; step-brothers: Richard (Kim) Fankhauser, Tom Fankhauser, and William (Annette) Fankhauser; step-sister, Shirley Behne; sister-in-law, Ruth Fankhauser; nieces, nephews, and many other family and friends. David was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Alice; and step-brother, Norman Jr.

Fankhauser.
Funeral services were held at 11 AM Saturday, February 1, 2025, at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Father Kanna officiating. Burial will be in Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at a later date.
Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

Death Notice
Gary A. Benson
Gary A. Benson, age 65, of Clayton passed away on 2/10/25. Full notice to follow. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Rice Lake, WI— Every February, people across the United States come together to bring awareness to the issue of teen dating violence during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM). Embrace encourages its communities to participate in this annual effort that emphasizes while teen dating violence is a reality, it is preventable through education, ongoing conversations, and community engagement.
The national statistics are sobering and mirror the harm teens experience in Embrace's rural service area of Washburn, Barron, Rusk, and Price counties: 1 in 3 teenagers experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse before adulthood. However, only 33% of those impacted ever tell someone or report the abuse.
“Many teens fear judgment, repercussions, or uncertainty about their relationship. Additionally, abusive behaviors are often hidden, making it challenging for adults to recognize the signs. This is why empowering teens to identify red flags and understand un-

healthy relationship dynamics is so critical,” reported Allie Musolf, Embrace's Domestic Violence Program Coordinator located in Barron County.
“Unfortunately, some groups face higher risks of dating violence. LGBTQ+ youth are disproportionately affected in our rural communities” explained Liza Lane, Embrace's Domestic Violence Program Coordinator based in Washburn County. According to the Urban Institute Justice Policy Center, 43% report experiences of physical dating violence, compared to 29% of heterosexual youth. Half of all transgender and nonbinary individuals report experiencing abusive relationships.
“This heightened risk is often compounded by societal stigma and negative feedback from peers, educators, and even family members, leaving LGBTQ+ youth unsafe. A positive and inclusive school climate can play a vital role in reducing bullying and victimization and promoting safety and respect for all,” said Lane.
This year's TDVAM theme, “Respect That,” encourages

open dialogue about healthy and unhealthy relationships. Parents, teachers, coaches, and community members all have the potential to serve as safe and trusted adults who can initiate these discussions.
Key elements of these educational conversations include identifying the cornerstones of a healthy relationship—trust, respect, and consent.
“Consent is more than just asking for permission; it should be freely given, reversible, informed, enthusiastic, and specific,” explained Lane. “Consent also applies to everyday interactions, such as hugging, holding hands, or any form of physical touch. Equipping teens with the tools to recognize red flags, practice effective communication, and foster healthy relationships creates a safer and more positive future for everyone.”
Remember you are not alone, and it's not your fault. Embrace provides free, confidential advocacy and support. Call 800.924.0556 for assistance. For additional resources, visit loveisrespect.org.

Church Directory

“Blessed Are You”
by Pastor Todd Ahneman
Barronett Lutheran Church

This coming Sunday, many churches will turn to the Gospel of Luke, and hear the words of Jesus healing all who came to him, and of his teaching a great crowd of people as they gathered around him. He began: ‘Blessed are you.....’
We may want to fill in the blanks with the list given to us by St. Matthew: Blessed are the poor in spirit, they that mourn, those who are meek, merciful and pure in heart, and the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted.... Theirs is the Kingdom of God, there they will find relief and joy.
The gospel of Luke gives us a shorter list: Blessed are the poor, Blessed are you who are hungry, Blessed are you who weep now, and Blessed are you who when people hate you, revile you and defame you on account of the Son of Man... Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.
I have no doubt that many of the people hearing the gospel of Luke were poor, many who went hungry, many who mourned the losses of loved ones, many who were hated. These knew they needed a savior, someone who could lift them up and give them hope. Luke's message was to put their trust in Jesus and in his promises.
We now have a glimpse of life in the Kingdom of God, but still have our lives on this side, in a world that will never be perfect in our lifetime. We still know the reality of poverty, and hunger. We well know heartache and pain, and know tears will come as we grieve for family and friends. But in Christ there is something beyond that, a hope for the future that changes everything. Through Christ, our losses are not permanent. We shall find relief; we shall see our loved ones again.
We shall see the love of God for us. Through him we shall find that joy which only comes from God, that joy which shines through tears, and which nothing in life or death can take away. “No one,” said Jesus, “will take your joy from you” (John 16:22). AMEN

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Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of
God, Queen of Heaven and Earth,
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bottom of my heart to succor me
in my necessity (make request).
There are non that can withstand
your power. Oh Mary conceived
without sin, pray for us who have
recourse to thee (three times).
Holy Mary, I place this prayer in
your hands (three times). Say this
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Spring Primary and Sample Ballot
February 18, 2025

Office of the Barron County Clerk
To the Voters of Barron County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring primary election to be held in Barron County on Febru-
ary 18, 2025 at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candi-
dates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are
given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free
photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write
the word “exempt.”**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving
their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the
ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and
cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here.
Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken
into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal
how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or
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A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the
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vidual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer
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Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each of-
fice for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear
on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space
provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line.

When using an electronic ballot marking device to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter
shall touch the screen to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office
for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the
ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided
for a write-in vote.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils an optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall
issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one
voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way,
the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve, so
the marks do not show. The voter shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard
the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling
place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Primary Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
February 18, 2025
Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two
(2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the
municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end
of ballot for initials).

General Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot
or have a question, ask an election
inspector for help (absentee voters:
contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in
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To vote for a name that is not on the
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Vote For 1

☐ Jeff Wright

☐ Brittany Kinser

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Nonpartisan Office
February 18, 2025
for
Barron County

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Town of Arland - Ward 1
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Town of Dwyer - Wards 1-2
Town of Lakeland - Wards 1-2
Town of Maple Grove - Wards 1-2
Town of Maple Plain - Ward 1
Town of Oak Grove - Wards 1-2
Town of Prairie Farm - Wards 1-2
Town of Prairie Lake - Wards 1-2
Town of Rice Lake - Wards 1-4
Town of Sioux Creek - Ward 1
Town of Stanfold - Ward 1
Town of Stanley - Wards 1-4
Town of Sumner - Ward 1
Town of Turtle Lake - Ward 1
Town of Vance Creek - Ward 1
Village of Almena - Ward 1
Village of Cameron - Wards 1-3
Village of Dallas - Ward 1
Village of Haugen - Ward 1
Village of Prairie Farm - Ward 1
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City of Chetek - Wards 1-4
City of Cumberland - Wards 1-5
City of Rice Lake - Wards 1-19

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Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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Certification of Voter Assistance

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Signature of assistor

Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk
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WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS
ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:

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

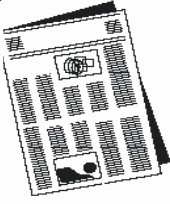
Wisconsin DMV debuts new ‘B’ series of license plates

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will soon debut a new series of license plates that begin with the letter ‘B’. After nearly eight years and 4.7 million letter and number combinations on license plates issued by Wisconsin DMV, all combinations of plates that begin with the letter ‘A’ have been exhausted. “Wisconsin DMV is proud to provide Wisconsin drivers the credentials they need to safely get from point A to point B and now we’re moving from A to B,” DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler said. “Drivers can ‘B’ on the lookout for the new license plates when they begin rolling out statewide this month.” The first batch of ‘B’ plates will begin with BAA and will move through millions of letter and number combinations until all combinations starting with ‘B’ are

issued. Wisconsin DMV estimates that process will take approximately seven years through issuing new plates and automatically replacing very old plates still on the road. Wisconsin license plates currently have seven characters but that wasn’t always the case. Wisconsin plates had six characters until April 2017, when the current format of seven-character license plates beginning with the letter ‘A’ began. The additional character yields about 100 million combinations; the previous six-character license plates yielded about 20 million combinations. The letters ‘I,’ ‘O,’ and ‘Q’ are not included in the combinations because they resemble numbers. Each year, Wisconsin DMV issues more than 600,000 new license plates. Approximately 3.5 million vehicles

have standard Wisconsin plates. Vehicle owners looking to replace their older license plates can be among the first to order the new “B” series online at wisconsin.dmv.gov/vreplate. Wisconsin DMV license plates at a glance: · Wisconsin plates had a set format of six characters since 1986 and reversed from letters to numbers (WRZ-999 to 123-ABC) in 2000. · Wisconsin was the first state to stagger license plate expiration months across all 12 months of the year. This system was implemented beginning in 1946, with plates being issued to expire between June 1946 and May 1947 when people went to renew their 1945 plates. · Those who sign up for DMV’s eNotify receive renewal notification by email or text which includes direct links for convenient online renewal.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



**ORDINANCE #803 Amending 7.05 Bicycles
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
Section 7.05 Bicycles**

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland do ordain as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 7.05 of the Municipal code of the City of Cumberland is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.05 BICYCLES

1. RULES OF OPERATION.

a) Signals: The operator of a bicycle emerging from an alley, driveway or building shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extend across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on such sidewalk or sidewalk area and upon entering the roadway, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on such roadway.

b) Sidewalk. No person shall ride a bicycle on the sidewalk on Second Avenue between Donatelle Street and Water Street.

c) Signs. The Chief of Police may cause signs to be erected on any sidewalk or roadway prohibiting riding bicycles thereon by any person and when such signs are in place, no person shall disobey the same.

d) Right-of-Way. Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and give audible signal overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

e) Care Required. No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon any public street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or alley except in a careful and prudent manner. A person propelling a bicycle should not ride other than astride a permanent or regular seat attached thereto. No bicycle should be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped. No person riding upon any bicycle shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle upon the roadway.

f) Speed. No bicycle shall be ridden upon any public street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or alley at a speed faster than reasonable and proper under traffic conditions at the time and every bicycle shall be operated with due regard for the safety of the operator and other people upon the streets, highways, boulevards, sidewalks and alleys of the city.

g) E-Bikes. In addition to the requirements, restrictions and obligations contained herein, electric bicycles shall be prohibited from riding on any sidewalk within the corporate limits of the City.

2. APPLICATION OF TRAFFIC LAWS. Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway, public street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or alley shall be granted al of the rights and be subject to all duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by laws of this State declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by this chapter applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to the provisions hereof and to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have application.

3. TRAFFIC SIGNALS. Any person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer. Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right, left or "U" turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any such sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

4. EQUIPMENT. No person shall operate a bicycle upon a highway, bicycle lane or way during hours of darkness unless such a bicycle is equipped with, or the operator is wearing a lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front of such bicycle. Such bicycles shall also be equipped with a red reflector that has a diameter of at least 2 inches of surface area on the rear so mounted and maintained as to be visible from all distances from 50 feet to 500 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to, but not in lieu of the red reflector.

5. BRAKES. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the brake wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

6. HOURS; AGE LIMIT. No person under the age of 12 shall operate a bicycle upon any public street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or alley between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

7. RIDING ABREAST. No person shall operate a bicycle upon any public street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or alley abreast of or to the left of another person operating a bicycle except while passing such bicycle.

8. TURNS. Every person riding a bicycle upon any public street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or alley shall turn only at intersections as permitted, signal for all turns and stop at the right-hand side of the street or highway as near as may be to the street curb, pass to the left when passing vehicles or bicycles that are slower moving and on the right side when meeting. No person shall trick ride on any street, highway, boulevard, sidewalk or alley or operate a bicycle without both hands on the handlebars.

9. PENALTY. Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall be subject to a penalty as provided in §25.04 of this Municipal Code.

SECTION TWO: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 4th day of February 2025.

Daniel C. Shoemaker, Mayor

Date Adopted: _____

Date Published: _____

Effective Date: _____

ATTEST:

This ordinance was passed by the Common Council of the City of Cumberland, Barron County, Wisconsin, at a duly noticed and convened regular meeting held on February 4, 2025.

Arlene Frisinger, Clerk
City of Cumberland

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**SECTION 00 11 13
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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, Wisconsin54812 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?PrjType=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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**ORDINANCE #2025-801 BUILDING NUMBERING
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION
8.09 (6) DUTY OF OWNER TO NUMBER.**

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland do ordain as follows:

SECTION ONE: Subsection 8.09(6) of the Municipal code of the City of Cumberland is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.09(6) DUTY OF OWNER TO NUMBER.

There shall be assigned to each house and building located on any street, avenue, alley or highway, its respective number under the uniform system provided for in this section. The owner, occupant or agent shall place or cause to be placed upon each house or building controlled by him the number or numbers assigned under the uniform system provided for in this section as follows:

(a) Such number or numbers shall be placed within 20 days after the assigning of the proper number. The cost of the number (or numbers) shall be paid for by the property owner.

(b) The numbers shall be 4 to 6 inches in height, easily readable with respect to the background and conspicuously placed immediately above, on or at the side of the proper door of each building so that the number can be seen plainly from the street or alley. Whenever any building is situated more than 50 feet from the street or alley line or situated in such a way as to obscure the numbers when viewed from the street or alley, the number of such building shall also be conspicuously displayed at the street or alley line, near the walk, driveway or common entrance to such building and upon the gate, fence, tree, post or other appropriate place so as to be easily discernible from the sidewalk. When a building fronts a street and/or alley on both the front and rear yards, numbers shall be placed on both sides of the building fronting such street and/or alley.

SECTION TWO: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 4 day of February 2025.

Daniel C. Shoemaker, Mayor

Date Adopted: _____

Date Published: _____

Effective Date: _____

ATTEST:

This ordinance was passed by the Common Council of the City of Cumberland, Barron County, Wisconsin, at a duly noticed and convened regular meeting held on _____.

Arlene Frisinger, Clerk

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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LEPC
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMUNITY
RIGHT-TO-KNOW**

Federal Law P.L. 99-499 was enacted in October 1986 by the United States Congress to protect and inform all citizens of the existence of hazardous chemicals that may be manufactured, stored, distributed or used in a community.

Public Law 99-499 is the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986, Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (EPCRA).

Information about these hazardous chemicals and locations is available for public review at the following location between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE
BARRON COUNTY LEPC
1420 STATE HWY 25 NORTH
BARRON, WI 54812

Information available includes lists of facilities reporting, Material Safety Data Sheets, inventory forms of chemicals, emergency response plans and if any are filed, follow-up emergency notices of releases from facilities.

Telephone inquiries as to specific information contained in the files will be accepted.

Copies of the documents may be made at the expense of the requestor and at rates established by Barron County.

Information available is limited to compliance with P.L. 99-499 and does not include all chemicals that may pose a threat to humans, animals or the environment.

Questions related to this notice should be addressed to:

**Emergency Management Director
Barron County Justice Center
1420 State Hwy 25 North,
Barron, WI 54812-3011**

This legal notice is published to inform the general public and complies with Section 324 of P.L. 99-499.

Michael Judy, Director
Office of Emergency Services
Barron County Sheriff's Department

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Foreign Investors Must Report U.S. Agriculture Land Holdings

(Barron, WI) U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Sarah McDonald in Barron County reminds foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their land holdings and transactions to USDA.

The Agriculture Foreign Investment Act (AFIDA) requires foreign investors who buy, sell or hold and interest in U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings and transactions to the USDA. Foreign investors must file AFIDA Report Form FSA-153 wit their FSA County Office in county where the land is located. According to the CFR Title 7 Part 781, any foreign person who holds an interest in U.S. agricultural land is required to report their holdings no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction.

“Failure to file a report or filing a late or inaccurate report can result in penalty with fines up to 25 percent

of the fair market value of the agricultural land,” said McDonald.

Foreign investors should report holdings of agricultural land totaling 10 acres or more used for farming, ranching or timber production, including leaseholds of 10 years. AFIDA reports are also required when there are changes in land use, such as agricultural or nonagricultural use. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is change in the status of ownership.

The information from the AFIDA reports is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress on the effect of foreign land holdings on family farms and rural communities in the United States.

Assistance in completing the FSA-153 report may be obtained from the local county FSA office. For more information regarding AFIDA or FSA programs, contact the Barron County FSA Office at 715-537-5645 ext. 2 or visit farmers.gov.

Most common forms of identification to show at voting polls: Wisconsin DMV’s driver license or ID

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds citizens to check and be sure that they have the proper identification needed to vote in Spring Primary Election (February 18, 2025).

Wisconsin driver licenses or IDs are the most common forms of identification used for voting purposes. A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required to show at the polls. The Wisconsin Elections Commission notes other forms of identification are valid for voting, such as military or student ID cards. To see if a card meets the requirements, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Begin online to see a list

of the required documents that are needed to present at a DMV Customer Service Center in order to obtain identification to show at the polls: wisconsindmv.gov/idecards. A process is available to U.S. citizens, free of charge, to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting if the ID card is not available in time.

DMV offers this service and ID cards for voting purposes free of charge. DMV’s toll-free hotline (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID that can be used to vote.

DMV’s website has a locator to help find the nearest DMV and check wait times (wisconsindmv.gov/cen-ters).

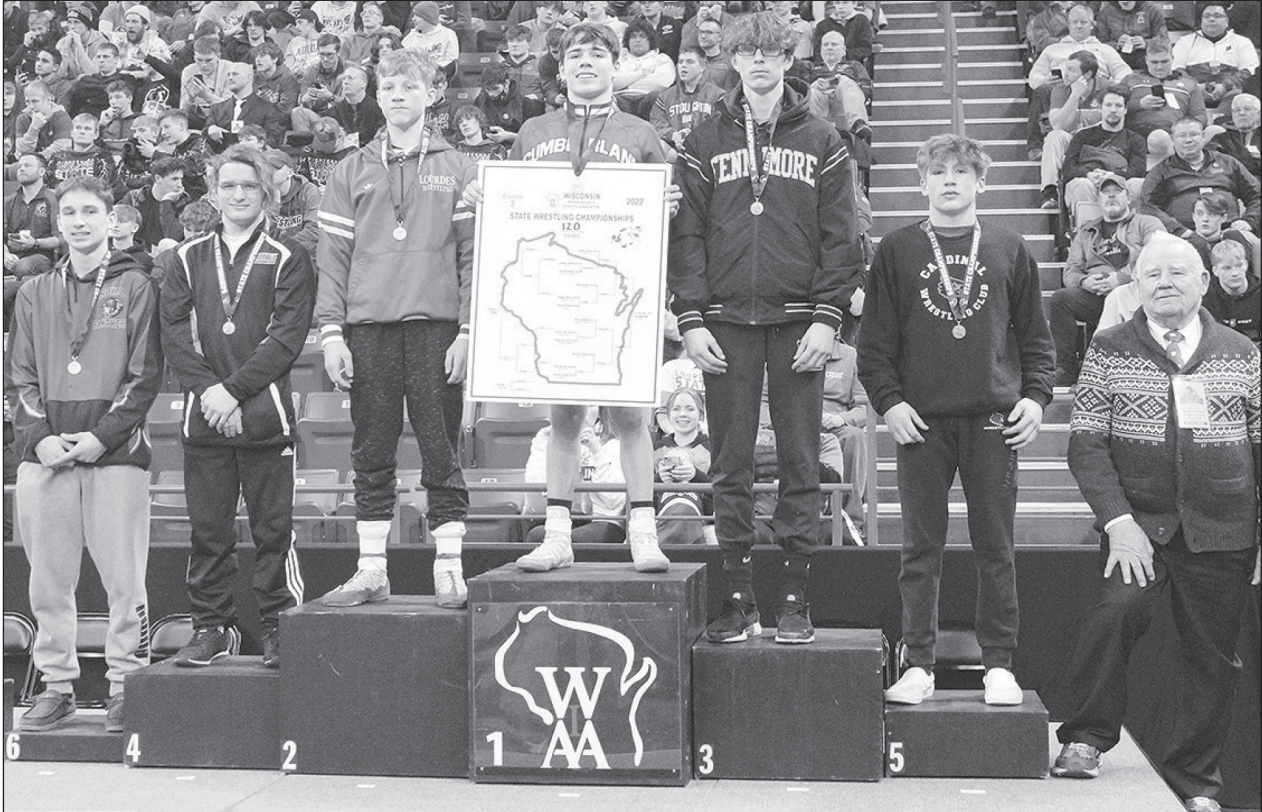
Statewide public notice website

www.wisconsinpublicnotice.org

Non Emergency Phone Numbers:
Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754
Barron County Sheriff 537-3106
Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency

911



Longtime Cumberland Wrestling Coach and Wisconsin Wrestling Hall of Fame member Joe Hegenbarth stands at the right of the podium after presenting Dawson Johnson his State Champion medal at the Kohl Center in Madison in 2022.

Joe Hegenbarth...

since Hegenbarth was a full-time teacher and coach. Still, his role in the community has stayed the same.

“At night, when I go to sleep,” he said, “I always ask myself, ‘Who did I make happier today than they were before?’ That’s my goal. I’ve read a lesson plan every day, just like when I was teaching.”

Nadine Williams, longtime recreation director at Dove, sees his influence on residents and staff as more than positive — retirement hasn’t diminished his impact on the community. Although most residents at the facility are female, he actively seeks out relationships with them, calling them his “sisters.”

“You can tell he has been an educator because he still educates,” Williams said, “He still explains things to people. He still is that person who made him a good teacher, he’s still carrying that with him. That’s just a part of his persona.”

Just two years ago, Hegenbarth was recovering from a heart attack. When he first arrived at the facility, he was on hospice. Even then, he made a point to involve himself in the activities at Dove.

“I don’t think he expected to still be alive at this time,” Williams said. “But it didn’t matter because regardless of what was going to happen to him, he still had a very positive attitude.”

Despite Hegenbarth’s physical limitations, he is what Williams describes as a “math whiz.”

“If you ask him if it was raining on Christmas Eve in 1959, he’ll know,” she said.

Hegenbarth’s affinity for math began when he was 6-years-old. He attended a tiny country school in northwestern Wisconsin; there were only two other students in his grade. He recalls listening to the older students’ math lessons, learning as they learned.

“I knew about finding the volume of a cone and the area of squares in the first grade,” he said. “That was good training for a teacher.”

At 16, Hegenbarth split his time between school and working as a carpenter. The scant wages left a lasting impression on him — he had to work two full hours just to afford his lunch. He realized carpentry wasn’t for him.

Growing up on a farm made the farming career path equally unappealing. Numerous hours hand-milking cows proved tedious for him; he wanted to do something that would bring him joy.

After high school, Hegenbarth could not afford to attend college. Instead, he served in the Korean War, where he considered making a career out of the service. But his childhood of creating things had instilled a deep love of imagination and independence.

He remembers crafting homemade sleds using barrel loops, building stilts to walk on and swinging from

ropes across the length of the barn. In the end, he decided he wanted more freedom in his everyday life.

“I didn’t always like being told what to do,” he said, “I wanted to be creative.”

After leaving the military, Hegenbarth attended Barron County Normal School, a school for training prospective teachers. In 1961, he earned his bachelor’s degree from UW-River Falls.

When he began teaching, he never looked back.

“I never had a day that I didn’t want to be there,” he said. “I taught school almost every day from 1956 until 2006.”

Even after retiring in 1994, Hegenbarth continued his career as a substitute teacher in Barron County. His passion for teaching made him determined to help struggling students understand mathematical principles. This conviction began on Christmas day, 1938.

That year, his family faced a difficult decision when his younger sister was born with a cleft lip. His father made the choice to sell half their dairy herd to fund her surgery, leaving no money for Christmas presents. In what could have been a memory of hardship, their neighbors’ response transformed it into an unforgettable lesson in kindness.

“They brought us all the used stuff they had,” Hegenbarth said. “We had the best Christmas in our life. We never had a Christmas before that or after that like that one.”

It was a formative experience, determining his teaching philosophy and strengthening his desire to help others.

“That’s why I felt the kid that had a hard time in my classroom is the one I would look out for,” he said. “I didn’t have to worry about the intelligent ones. Because if they got it, then I know everybody got it.”

Hegenbarth didn’t let his students use calculators. Instead, he emphasized working out problems mentally, showing them how to play games to find answers.

“This calculator always works,” he said, pointing to his head. “You might not have a calculator otherwise. I never let my students use it for tests.”

While Hegenbarth’s attentive instruction and dedication helped struggling students in his classroom, these same qualities would shape his unexpected journey into coaching.

Despite never having wrestled himself, his methodical mind, with its appreciation for precision, found a home on the wrestling mat.

Chad Olson, who wrestled under Hegenbarth in the 1980s, attributes his former coach’s success to the same methodical approach that made him an effective teacher: Thorough preparation and a gift for building relationships.

“When Joe started the program in 1959,” Olson said, “He had never wrestled a day in his life. When

Cumberland School hired him, he took it upon himself to learn the sport of wrestling. So, he went to the George Martin Hall of Fame Camps, he read books, and he always had people that respected him and wanted to keep his tradition a successful tradition.”

Olson calls Hegenbarth Cumberland wrestling’s Vince Lombardi, noting how both carried themselves with similar professionalism.

“He was old school; he wore a suit and tie every day,” Olson said.

Behind the professional demeanor, Hegenbarth had a passionate coaching style. The wrestling room would echo with his booming voice. He describes himself “getting loud” and “slamming doors” to motivate wrestlers.

Yet these intense moments were always rooted in his deep investment in his wrestlers’ success. He fostered a familial atmosphere within Cumberland wrestling. The program’s doors remained open to alumni, who often returned to work with current wrestlers.

The ongoing connection between past and present generations created a living legacy. The wrestling room became more than just a practice facility — it transformed into a gathering place where multiple generations of Cumberland wrestlers could unite.

Hegenbarth’s influence continues to echo through Cumberland’s hallways, particularly through Reid Olson, Chad Olson’s son and the school’s current head wrestling coach.

In February 2024, the Cumberland School District approved a \$32 million bond referendum to improve the classrooms, cafeteria and wrestling room. The younger Olson wanted to make sure, even through the changes, that Hegenbarth’s legacy stays cemented in the wrestling room.

“Our current one already says the Hegenbarth Wrestling Center,” Olson said, “It says it in the hallway right up front. You can see it, but I’d like it to be a little bit more prominent. I was pretty adamant that every person that walked by was going to know dang well that that was the Hegenbarth Wrestling Center.”

Hegenbarth’s influence extended far beyond his retirement. He remained connected to Cumberland wrestling, attending tournaments and supporting athletes decades after founding the program.

His devotion to his wrestling legacy was particularly evident at the state tournament, where he made arrangements with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association to personally present medals to the younger Olson during his three appearances on the podium.

These ceremonies became especially meaningful during Olson’s final two years of competition, when he

finished as state runner-up both times.

“He grabbed me by the front of the shirt,” Olson said, “Before he put my medal on, he pulled me down and said, ‘Don’t worry, you’re going to win the state title next year.’ And then the next year, of course, I didn’t — I took second place again, and he grabbed me by the front of the shirt the next year and said, ‘Well, don’t worry, you’re the real state champion to me.’”

Today, in his room at Dove, Hegenbarth continues teaching life’s lessons. He still remembers creating a pretend store in the corner of his classroom where math came alive. Leaning back in his chair, he reminisces about working with a particular student who had a difficult time in class.

“I made the mistake of saying,” he said, “‘If I bought an ice cream cone from you, that costs a nickel and I gave you a dime, how much change would you give me back?’ I bet I worked fifteen minutes with her. Finally, she said to me, ‘Mr. Hegenbarth, to you, I’d give the whole dime — anybody else, I’d keep five cents.’”

That simple exchange in the makeshift classroom store created a lasting bond. Decades later, that student’s family asked Hegenbarth to speak at her funeral.

“I gave a little remembrance,” he said. “I said, ‘God created every one of us. The only way we can keep that star shining is if we keep remembering that person.’”

In his quiet moments at Dove, Hegenbarth continues to create a space of warmth and love, believing in the potential of every person who crosses his path. His enduring message is one of legacy through service — the light we kindle in others continues burning long after we’re gone — immortality through the lives we’ve touched.

Even now, his door remains open, just as his heart has been to generations of students and athletes. The invitation never wavers — whether in a classroom, on a wrestling mat or at the end of a dimly lit hallway.

“I say to myself, ‘Make this a happy place,’” he said. “Make this a place where people are worthy and important and have a light that will keep shining forever. When you die, it’s the people you serve that will keep that light burning, until you never die.”

Editor’s note: This story was first written for class – CJ 427: Advanced Reporting and Editing, taught by Professor Pechulana Ngwe Ali in the fall of 2024.



City Council...

two cities to work together on future needs without having to seek permission beforehand, often delaying a much-needed cooperative effort. The Council also confirmed Ordinance 2025-803 which says, “E-Bikes cannot be ridden on city sidewalks,” following several complaints from city residents and ok’d a request from the Police Department to allocate funds from the PD Equipment Fund to purchase much-needed base radios.

A series of Public Works request were next on the docket. Up first was a clarification by the Council, in response to community residents, stating that State Statutes make it illegal for the city to salt or sand private property. This was followed by an extensive discussion and information session on revisions to the City’s Three-Year Street Plan created in 2023.

The first year of Street Plan work was completed, with the exception of some finishing work to be done in early Spring. The next two years (2025 & 2026) will include two difficult areas, Mill Hill and Hines Lakeview Drive. These two project areas involve both Utility and pavement upgrades. Hines is scheduled for 2025, and will replace water lines in critical condition. Mill Hill is moved to 2026, primarily to allow time to pursue grant requests for

the Utility. Design options were discussed, detailing the issues of costs, infrastructure life expectancies and engineering trade-offs. At this time, projected costs for the remainder of the Street Plan are within budgeted amounts. The Council approved the 2025-2026 plan revision with the understanding that additional engineering is required for 2026.

Other topics included discussion on the Streetlight replacement project that will establish 45 new lights, providing much improved lightening for intersections and city sidewalks. Current plans are to do the 45-light scheme next summer, which will save money by coinciding with the DOT street project. The cost will be absorbed over a 10-year period, covered by financial plan projections.

Other Public Works discussion centered on a HWY 63 Watermain Boring project in preparation for the new bridge, the approval of the replacement for Utility Generator #6, a unit that is the city’s most important in making the city run, the passing of a request for establishing PILOT payments, and giving the city’s approval to the Utilities purchase of a digger truck, which was discussed first in January.

Following long discussions and deliberation, the Council adjourned.

Fraud Alert!

By Margo Katterhagen, Barron County Register of Deeds

Victims are being contacted by a real-estate company in reference to their land being contracted for sale. In most of the cases the “seller” is requesting a Quick Sale and wants the documents sent via email, fax or messaging. Other times victims are contacted by neighbors who have observed for sale signs. We do not know why or how the victims are being targeted.

We recommend people sign up for the Property Fraud Alert. It is a free service now being offered by the Register of Deeds to help protect people against property fraud. You can sign up to receive Property

Fraud Alerts from an automated database that monitors activity involving land records filed in your name in the Barron County Register of Deeds Office. You can sign up at www.propertyfraudalert.com or you can sign up for this same free service with the Barron County Register of Deeds office today!

Go to: BarronCountyWI.gov, click the departments tab, scroll down to Register of Deeds, click on the Property Fraud Alert logo on the bottom right-hand side of the page, enter your information on how you’ll be contacted if something is recorded in Barron County.

DNR To Begin Prescribed Burns Across The State

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that fire management crews will begin conducting prescribed burns on DNR properties throughout the state where local conditions can provide a safe and effective burn.

The recent, much-needed precipitation has created conditions that are ideal for burning in certain areas of the state.

Winter burns typically begin with cattail marshes, wetlands and wet prairies. Cattail wildfires can present a control challenge for suppression authorities during the warmer summer months when both dead and live cattails are available to burn. By burning in winter, DNR staff take advantage of ideal ice and snow cover, which reduces the heat and intensity of cattail marsh and barrens burns. Additional windows of opportunity for prescribed burning will continue through spring and open again in late summer and fall (mid-July through November).

Prescribed burns support healthy ecosystems for an abundance of plants and animals in Wisconsin. These burns mimic the benefits historic fire once provided but occur under a safer “prescription” range of weather and fuel conditions (compared to most wildfires). Throughout history, many ecosystems in Wisconsin experienced either periodic natural fire and/or were managed with cultural

fire by First Nation people. These “fire-dependent” plant communities, such as prairies, wetlands and oak or pine barrens/savannas/woodlands developed a tolerance and eventual dependence on periodic fire, and would not be sustained today without prescribed burning.

Winter burns remove dead vegetation buildup and open waterways for migratory fowl and other wildlife. The dead vegetation is reduced to ash, transferring this natural fertilizer back into the soil. Following the burn, hazardous fuels are reduced, foraging and nesting improve in the revitalized vegetation, and the stimulated growth of their root systems enhances their ability to store more carbon. Other benefits of prescribed burns include reducing non-native or invasive plant species and increasing regeneration of important native trees like oak and pine.

Planning for prescribed burns can take weeks or months. DNR staff make the decision to conduct these prescribed burns only when weather and vegetation conditions meet strict standards for safety, smoke management and burn effectiveness. Even after such careful planning, the decision to burn on a specific day is reassessed and approved at the regional scale, and once more by the burn boss, who confirms on-site conditions are as forecasted for a safe burn.

2025 Wisconsin State Ice Fishing Contest



Justin Lindberg of Amery was the lucky winner of the Polaris 570 UTV. Congratulations Justin!



Cory Campbell took home \$1000 with a 9.88 lb Northern Pike.



Shelby and daughter Kiera Fox with the second place Northern Pike.



Andy Nielson took third place with a gorgeous 6.15 lb Brown Trout.



Chilling out waiting for a bite Saturday on Beaver Dam Lake.



Hanging out enjoying a cold beverage on a snowy contest day.

2025 WISCONSIN STATE ICE FISHING CONTEST RESULTS

1. CORY CAMPBELL	9.88	NORTHERN
2. Shelby Fox	6.83	Northern
3. Andy Nielson	6.15	Brown Trout
4. Chris Nielson	5.44	Northern
5. Kevin Christorff	5.26	Northern
6. Damon Barker	4.58	Northern
7. Mitch Ficocello	4.57	Brown Trout
8. Brian Steffan	3.58	LM Bass
9. Chris Nelson	2.99	LM Bass
10. Braxton Brunslick	2.91	Northern
11. Zach Veottcher	2.83	LM Bass
12. Sherman Winlinsky	2.81	LM Bass
13. Marty Lundequam	2.76	Northern

LARGEST PANFISH - .67 CRAPPIE - DAN ROBB



Plenty of people found the going tough as several vehicles and utv's needed a little help.



A large crowd checking raffle tickets at the weigh in.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE BUSINESSES WHO DONATED AWESOME PRIZES AND TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE WISCONSIN STATE ICE FISHING CONTEST. ALSO THANKS TO THE CUMBERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THIS FUN EVENT HAPPEN! SEE YA NEXT YEAR!

Valentine’s Day is said to have been imported to North America in the 19th century by British settlers. Its declared purpose was to celebrate not only romantic love, but friendship and admiration for each other. In Cumberland, the early settlers were always looking for ways to be part of this yearly celebration.

On a Friday night in 1912, the Cumberland School District, fans, and students took an opportunity to provide this celebration of friendship and goodwill to their visitors from the north, the Spooner Basketball Team.

As was customary back then, travel to and from a contest between local schools was generally a two-day trip. Newspaper articles from this time period describe Cumberland teams getting to Rice Lake, by first taking a train to Spooner and then another to their final destination. An overnight stay after the contest was followed by the same trip back to the Island City.

Other stories tell of Cumberland team trips to St. Croix Falls that started with a train ride to Turtle Lake followed by a caboose ride on a freight train to a location close enough to finish their trek on a bobsled. A game was followed by another overnight stay and the same return home.

With this in mind and with the Spooner Boy’s and Girl’s Teams planning a stay at the Hotel Cumberland following a pair of February 9 basketball contests in 1912, school officials, players, and fans decided to make an early Valentine’s memory for their community visitors.

The evening started out with

167 attendees watching a pair of Cumberland victories. The boy’s game saw the Beavers rack up a 35-1 halftime lead on the way to a 66-8 final, while the Cumberland girl’s squad won 5-3 in a game that ended after one half of play. Perhaps in what was the excitement of what was to come that canceled the second half.

The gate for the two games came in at \$30.45, enough to pay for Spooner’s Transportation and hotel rooms and leave a surplus of \$7.25 for Cumberland’s Treasurer of the Association, Ray Anderson.

The evening’s festivities began once the players and other young people in attendance came into the gym, where they were each a Valentine. The goal was for each person to get as many Valentines from the attendees as possible, a contest eventually won by George Kellermann. The rest of the evening was filled with games, cake and ice cream, and an “Interesting talk” by Spooner teacher Toan. The paper would say of the evening, “All had a very pleasant evening and a good time.”

We can assume there were many other celebrations that were part of the actual Valentine’s Day that occurred in the middle of the following week. The Advocate tells of one party at the Rick Stone home on the 14th that, “Was one of the prettiest parties ever given here.”

It might have been a great party, but when it comes to “friendship and admiration,” the one in the Cumberland gymnasium on that Friday night five days earlier, was hard to top.

Vehicles Falling Through Ice; Be Extra Careful On Frozen Waterbodies

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds snowmobilers and ATV/UTV riders that no ice is 100% safe.

DNR wardens report a number of incidents of recreational vehicles going through the ice throughout the state. The DNR’s 2025 fatal crash reporting reflects six fatal off-highway vehicle (OHV) incidents so far this year. Four out of those six incidents involved UTVs going through the ice. There has also been one ice-related snowmobile fatality.

Keep these safety tips in mind when operating recreational vehicles during winter.

Remember UTVs are heavy. They are the heaviest recreational vehicle out on the ice, often being close to 3,000 pounds. This is similar to a car or

truck.

Have a plan in case you do go through the ice.

Roll your window down when traveling on the ice and make sure you can easily open your door – drive slow and turn the radio down so that you can use eyes and ears to watch and hear for potential issues coming up.

Make sure you have life jackets or some other type of floatation for every occupant of the UTV. Recovery for the UTV or other vehicle is the responsibility of the owner/operator. After 30 days, the owner can be fined each day after 30 days.

Recovery rates for the machine can also be very expensive.

This may not be the year to explore new locations – stick to known areas that typically have better ice conditions.

Yikes!



Authorities in Northern Wisconsin are warning residents about a wash out between two lakes and how part of the ice and snowmobile trail is not safe. According to the Washburn County Sheriff’s Office, on February 2nd, a culvert between Little Mud Lake and Long Lake failed. Officials say the washout is around 40 to 50 feet wide and is not passable.

50 People Who Care Winner!



Congratulations to Tiny Friends & More who received the Quarterly grant of \$10,000 from the 50 People Who Care and More. Pictured left to right are: Mark Gargulak, Ellen Clare Sendelbach, Tiny Friends & More Owner Heather Schell, Daughter Carly Friess, Dale Goergen and Laura Schmid-Tyler.

Mike Paffel Recognized for 32 Years of Service!



Mike Paffel was recognized by the City of Cumberland for his exemplary service to the City as a member of the Airport Commission for over 32 years, beginning January of 1992. Mayor Shoemaker caused the seal of the City to be affixed on this 4th day of February 2025. Pictured is Mayor Shoemaker with Mike Paffel.

The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. Local fishing clubs, outfitters and bait shops are the best sources for local current ice conditions.

Never consume alcohol or

drugs before or during your ride.

Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going and when you’ll return home.

Watch for pressure ridges

or ice buckling. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water.

Visit the DNR’s Ice Safety webpage for more information on staying safe on the ice.

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